

Annual Report for the year 2009
Christ Episcopal Church
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Rector's Report

Dear People of Christ Church

As I review the 2009 newsletters, reports, and calendar of events for 2009, I can only say, "WOW!! What a year!" I cannot thank any one particular person. I would rather reiterate my salutation – Dear people of Christ Church – because you have been so dear, so supportive, so helpful in so many ways. And the way this past year went, I think the best metaphor to me is the computer prize drawing. Apparently, the Regional Chamber of Commerce and the computer company Global Technology Services (GTS) kept trying to inform Bill Jarvis and me that we had won this prize. We kept putting them off because we thought it was some kind of marketing gag. Through a series of peculiar events, the representatives from the Regional Chamber and GTS finally sat down with Bill Jarvis and me to explain what we won, how we won and what that meant. However, it was such a surprise for me that it took some convincing before I would believe it. In many ways, that idea of surprise came up throughout the year.

Some of the other surprises that we had were hosting the Mayor of Winchester, England (and I mean we had to host the mayor and his wife) at the Apple Blossom parade as well as have The Rt. Rev. Peter James Lee here for his final visitation the same weekend. Also, the amazing turnout and support for our mission trips to Bani and around the area of Winchester. Of course, we enjoyed the opportunity to host the SINGGG music camp for children and youth around Winchester followed up by another showing and hosting of the Music Arts and Drama Camp kids from Shrine Mont. With the risk to take on a new dimension of outreach to the homeless through the WATTS program, many of you came forward to help make that happen. We had the wonderful turnout from around the diocese for the Episcopal Church Women's Annual meeting which was not expected to be so well attended. Add in a couple of feet of snow, an organist on sabbatical, and your wonderful care for Ann Ritonia and her family upon the death of Ann's father, and you get a lot of chances for ministry to each other, to the community around Winchester and to the world at large.

Perhaps it was fitting for us to end the year by hosting the Garcia family into the new year. Your generosity, the help from bishops and Senators and your prayers to get the Garcia's here was incredible. The family got to see snow, practice their sledding and their English, and deepen a relationship between our two communities which I do not think could have happened any other way. Now we will go and be hosted in August 2010 by the Garcias in Bani on our mission trip. When things needed to happen, often at the last minute, you helped to make it happen.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the staff of Christ Church for their dedication and service to the parish. Many of you are not aware of how much this staff does to serve you. The effort and commitment of Sue Correll and Jim Laster to make sure that the Kriewalds could have a sabbatical is amazing. The care and support you find in Marsha Baden, Eugenia Bean, Sue Correll, Bill Jarvis, Jim Kriewald, Tuffy Whitaker, Margery Wingenbach, Helen Zearth to help Christ Church be the witness of faith in its many ministries should not be taken for granted. Ann Ritonia with her energy and enthusiasm has brought about new ministries and helped me with other parts of parish life so we can serve you and help you to serve each other. I also want to hold up your Vestry who has been spectacular in serving and leading you during this year. They have had to deal with everything from learning about bell tower architecture to capital campaigns to aspects of worship and outreach development. Greg Hutchinson has been invaluable to me when I needed advice and feedback. The Vestry has been a great example of leadership to the parish.

Obviously, I could go on for several more pages. Fortunately, I do not need to. This annual report has much of the witness of the body of the faithful here at Christ Church. I do not claim that it is fully comprehensive, but I hope that it gives you a good idea of who we are and where we are going. It has been a challenging year and a growing year. Thank you for being among the faithful who serve our Lord Jesus Christ through Christ Church.

Assistant's Report

What an amazing year it has been at Christ Church. I have seen God at work in so many ways. My goal this year has been to empower the people of Christ Church to seek Christ and make Christ known by encouraging, supporting, caring and loving members of our community as we walk the road of our living faith together. It has been a profound privilege to be part of the life of Christ Church and I look forward to the surprises that God has in store for us in the coming year. In the past year our journey has included the following activities: Women's Bible Study (see pg 5), Women's Spirituality (see pg 5), youth activities (see pg 4), and Family activities.

We also had new events and initiatives this year. On February 21st a group of 40 women journeyed to the National Cathedral for a private tour followed by a luncheon in Washington D.C. The day was a great success. A trip is being planned for 2010 to the National Gallery to look at sacred art in the city.

Another initiative of Christ Church to engage the young adults in our community is Third Place. In September, Melissa Chavez and I journeyed to State College, PA to look into a unique Young Adult Ministry for Young Professionals

("20-30 Somethings"). Ray Oldenburg in his book The Great Good Place calls one's "first place" the home and those that one lives with. The "second place" is the workplace, where people actually spend most of their time, "third places" are "anchors of community life that foster and facilitate broader, more creative interaction. We at Christ Church understand that finding that "third place," a place that is welcoming and comfortable for both new and old friends, is not always easy to find. This is especially true when you are new to a community, or just starting out on your own. "3rd Place" gatherings are intentional meetings where graduate students, young professional -"20-30 Somethings" - can congregare to make new friends and build new relationships without the pressures of having to join a church or group. All gatherings are informal. "3rd Place" had its inaugural event in October and continues to meet every other month. Members of "3rd Place" take turns hosting each event.

Pastoral Care is an important part of my ministry and takes place in a variety of ways including hospital visits, home visits, spiritual direction, grief counseling, marriage preparation and prayer and laying on of hands for members of Christ Church. This year with the development of the Lay Eucharistic Visitor program, I worked with LEVs in training, scheduling and coordinating visits, and conducting follow-up visits to ensure the needs of our parishioners are being met. One of the most exciting initiatives in regards to pastoral care that has come about this year is our prayer shawl ministry. Its root began as a discussion in our spirituality group and resulted in an exciting ministry of prayer, sharing and care. Led by Sara Bicking, Kay Keely and Nancy Brown, a group of over 25 knitters gathers twice a month to make prayer shawls and blankets for those in need of prayer. Instruction for new members, as well as amazing fellowship, are hallmarks of this new ministry.

Worship continues to be an important part of my work at Christ Church, and I am privileged to share with Webster in preaching and leading worship at Christ Church, Westminster Canterbury, and the occasional ecumenical around town as well. Worship at Christ Church continues to be life giving and spirit filled.

Continuing Education such as my participation in the Diocesan Fresh Start Program as well as opportunities to study allow me to grow and strengthen the skills that God has given me. This year I had the opportunity to attend a number of preaching workshops at the National Pastors Convention. Additionally, personal study through membership in the Alban Institute with the materials they provide and clergy gathering to read and reflect on scripture and other readings continue to enrich my priestly ministry. Continuing Education strengthens the skills I need in order to better serve my brothers and sisters in Christ.

As part of my work with the Diocese, I chair the Commission on South Africa Partnership and work with members of the Episcopal Church Women on spiritual issues. This work gives me a broader understanding of how God is working in the world. It also strengthens and gives me a unique perspective of the world that I can share with the people of Christ Church. Christ calls us to look beyond ourselves and this year I had the opportunity to do just that. I planned, coordinated, prepared and worked with the members of our church who went on the Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic. Our work was meaningful, not only to those we served but to each of us that was changed by this amazing experience. New and lasting friendships were formed. This was demonstrated by the visit of Father Tony Garcia and his family to Winchester. None of this would have been possible without the incredible generosity of the people of Christ Church, for which I am most grateful.

As part of my own personal spiritual growth and development this past year, I sought spiritual direction on a monthly basis as well as participated in two 3-day personal retreats. One was a self directed silent retreat and the second was focused on discerning the soul of Leadership, led by Ruth Haley Barton. I also participated in the fall clergy retreat led by the brothers from the Society of St. John the Evangelist. This year I hope to schedule 2 personal retreats and continue my spiritual practice of daily prayer and meditation.

2009 has been extremely fulfilling on so many levels, but it has not been without its challenges, especially as I experienced the loss of my beloved father. Your love, care, support and prayers during this difficult time will always be remembered. It was one example of what makes Christ Church so special. I look forward to our continued work together, seeking Christ and Making Christ's love known. "May the spirit of Christ be our hope through the day, be our guard through the night and our companion on the way."

Ann

Wardens Report

Christ Church has experienced a year of impressive growth in its programs. Our participation in WATTS as a host church was nothing short of special. The volunteers in WATTS were many, and, as you talk to them, you know they had a good experience. Our guests in the WATTS program were sheltered in a week that saw record snowfalls, and our volunteers reported that they, as volunteers, benefited in tangible and intangible ways. The same was true for our members who participated this summer in the Dominican Republic mission.

Thinking about the year just past, I give thanks for the fact that our Church has such a rich offering of programs, including "The Journey to Adulthood" for our youth in grades 6 to 12, the new group for young professionals who are 20 and 30 something years of age, the newly re-organized Men's Group with a renewed emphasis on spiritual growth, OWLS (for

“older, wiser laity”) and the list goes on and on. All of these spring into existence and grow because many of you step forward to offer your time and talents.

For the year ahead, we have a budget that is lean but structured to support our many programs. Additionally, this year, we will undertake a capital fund drive to address our capital needs, including the Bell Tower restoration that is outside the scope of our annual budget. The Vestry chose as our capital fund consultant, the Episcopal Church Foundation, which is an independent lay-led organization and a successor to the group we hired some ten or twelve years ago, when we last did a capital fund drive.

Greg Hutchinson, Sr. Warden

Committee and Program Reports

Christian Education Programs

Children and Youth

Pre-K-5th Grade Programs

Our Church School classes for ages 2½-3 year olds through grade 5 continue to use the “All Things New” curriculum. It is a foundation curriculum which is Episcopal, Bible-grounded and can be easily adapted to the needs and learning styles of each class. Since the curriculum is divided into four age-appropriate levels, our classes are organized into two-year age increments where our goal is to have two teachers in each level. Next Fall, we will look to divide two of the larger classes into one class per grade level through the mid-elementary grades. This Spring, teachers will review the curriculum to ensure that the one we use is the most effective one for our children. Part of the program for children ages 2½-7 is the music segment led each Sunday by Marsha Baden during the first fifteen minutes of Church School. For our parishioners who are still too young for the Alleluia Singers, it provides an opportunity to raise their voices in song and learn to sing together occasionally in front of the congregation as the Cherub choir.

Throughout the year a variety of programs supported our Sunday morning classes. Once again the young children of the parish enjoyed a fun, spooky Halloween party provided by the youth. At the Feast of All Saints, classes through grade 5 took part in a scavenger hunt to learn about the lives of some historical and a few more contemporary saints and how their faith was acted out in their remarkable lives with God’s help. During Advent we enjoyed the making of ornaments for the Jesse Tree that stands in the Church School Commons. It was decorated by the Rite 13 class to remind us of the Old Testament ancestors of Jesus. St. Nicholas and St. Lucy visited with the children on the Sundays closest to their feast days to remind us of their commitment to share God’s love and the light of Christ with others as we prepare for Christmas. (The activity for the fourth Sunday of Advent was replaced by helping our neighbors dig out of the snow!) Advent becomes Christmas for our Church Schoolers with the annual pageant. Youth took on the speaking parts, younger children filled out the cast of angels, shepherds, Magi and animals, and our Cherub and Alleluia Singers added their special dimensions. Many thanks to Sue Correll and Cheryl Crowell as music and pageant directors, and to the countless parents for all their support to make it happen.

As we begin Lent, the Church School is supporting earthquake relief in Haiti, through Episcopal Relief and Development, with the Mite Box offering. Our ingathering will be the Sunday after Easter. Again this year we will also plan to undertake a second mission project in support of the mission to the Dominican Republic late in the summer. Changes are in store for the weekly Lenten program. Everyone is invited to meet on Friday evenings from 6-7:30 for a simple soup and sandwich potluck dinner followed by a game night. Our special inter-age program during the Church School hour on Palm Sunday will highlight the stories traditionally associated with Holy Week (the entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, the washing of disciples’ feet, etc.) through a series of interactive centers.

There’s more for our children during and after the Church School classes. Our nursery is open from 9:15 through the end of the 10:30 sanctuary service and welcomes our youngest parishioners, infants through age 2. Our nursery staffer, Connie Mitchell, is assisted by parent volunteers every week. Our Children’s Chapel, like the nursery, is available year round as an alternative to the first part of the 10:30 service. Children whose parents elect to have them attend hear the same lesson as the adults do during the Liturgy of the Word but at an age-appropriate level with a simple plan of worship and space for more wiggle and giggle in their worship activities. The Chapel is led by a rotating team of parent volunteers who always welcome extra hands.

As summer approaches we are already well underway with plans for this year’s Vacation Bible School. We will join our friends at Grace Lutheran Church down the street from July 12-16th. The joy of VBS comes from the shared outreach that we

offer to the children of both our parishes and to the children of the entire community. For many of those children, VBS is the only opportunity they have to know the love and security of learning and playing in a Christian setting. Our shared VBS is the largest children's outreach for the Lutheran Synod in this part of the state and certainly a very large one for the Diocese of Virginia. Plan now to have your children, grandchildren, neighbors, and visiting cousins be a part of this year's fun and worship! Vacation Bible School, like all other forms of outreach, needs support from the entire parish. Look for information on how you can be a part coming out just after Easter. Registration will begin the Sunday after Apple Blossom.

Opportunities abound to teach, assist in ways large and small, and to lend prayer and material support for any of these activities. Parents are particularly encouraged to join in to assist with nursery, Children's Chapel, Vacation Bible School, and on many other occasions. Everyone has a gift to share some way, briefly or long-term, with the many activities throughout the year. If your gift lies in working with children and youth, contact Margery Wingenbach who will be happy to help you become part of our team. Come join in!

Point of contact: Margery Wingenbach

6th – 12th Grade Programs

Our Journey to Adulthood (J2A) Program continues to grow with enrollment doubling from last year. The Journey to Adulthood curriculum is now fully implemented for youth. Our 6-7th grade class is designated Rite 13 and we have two Journey to Adulthood segment for grades 8-9 and 10-12 this year. At the completion of this level, our youth will plan and complete a pilgrimage and seek confirmation. Ultimately the 10-12 grade level will use the part of the program called Young Adults in the Church (YAC). Each class is led by teams of teachers who rotate leading the Sunday morning classes and assist in the extended activities that take place at other times of the month.

We had many highlights over the past year. Our dedicated teaching staff had the opportunity to participate in a retreat at Meadow Kirk retreat center in Middleburg. The day was spent studying scripture, in prayer and connecting with God in unique ways. Our Rite 13 Students had a great year and had the opportunity to look at friendship in light of our faith during a weekend retreat to Caroline Furnace. At the conclusion of the year we said goodbye to our 7th graders who moved to the 8th-9th grade level, and we welcomed the new class to Rite 13 with an end of the year dinner. In April students travelled to New York City and practiced some of the team-work and community building skills learned in the first part of the year as they negotiated the city pretty much on their own. Some of the youth also had the opportunity to serve dinner at the Salvation Army this year as well. All of the age groups participated in fundraising events for our mission trip to the Dominican Republic.

In 2010, Journey to Adulthood will participate in a Pilgrimage to Ireland as well as the Urban Excursion for 8th graders. Our older youth will have the opportunity to participate in a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Our year began and ended with First Night and a lock in at the Church.

Other youth ministries:

Summer Wacky Wednesday Program: We had fun together in our Wacky Wednesday programs from our trips to the beach, Hershey park, horseback riding, the water park and more.

Mission Possible Camp: This year was the first year of "Mission Possible," a local day camp for our younger members to instill in them a heart for mission and show them a tangible way of making Christ known by taking care of the least of our brothers and sisters. Our work together included crafts, painting migrant worker quarters, singing to veterans, preparing lunch for the men's mission and caring for creation on the Appalachian trail. Our young people learned that serving others is part of who we are called to be as God's children. In 2010 the goal is to expand Mission Possible to include 6-9th grades and keep kids connected throughout the summer.

"Wednesdays Live:" In the fall of 2009, a new initiative was offered, "Wednesdays Live". Each Wednesday night young people in grades 6-12 are invited to gather for fun, games and age appropriate discussion on a variety of topics. Since its debut in September, Wednesdays Live continues to grow and is led by Dave and Melissa Chavez and Rev Ann.

Point of contact: Ann Ritonia

Adult Programs

This past year the clergy tried to offer a broader range of Christian formation opportunities for adults. Some of these were based on previous offerings, and others were new. Overall, the response from the parish was positive.

The Adult Sunday Forums were consistently attended by at least 15 to 20 people a Sunday with larger numbers joining us in the Spring. We had guest speakers such as Diocesan Staff to explain their service to the diocese as well as classes taught by other clergy and parishioners on the basics of our worship and our language.

Point of contact: Webster Gibson

The Men's Group also went through a process of discerning its future ministry. Their conversation led them to explore a program called "Men Step-Up" which is a monthly one hour program inviting any men in the parish or community to come and share conversation and fellowship in faith as we seek to get to know each other in a time when so many people do not know each other. This new program began in January 2010 and will pick up again in March.

Point of contact: Chris Ferguson

Women's Bible Study: This year over forty women of Christ Church have gathered weekly to study scripture and share fellowship. Our studies for 2009 included Bible 101, The Gospel of Mark and the Gospel of John, and Bad Girls of the Bible. In Advent a study of Mary was included with special music provided by Melissa and David Chavez and some of our talented high school musicians. For 2010 Bible study will continue with the addition of a couple's bible study in the fall.

Women's Spirituality: Women's spirituality and group spiritual direction were reintroduced to the Women of Christ Church in 2009. Each Month approximately ten women met to support each other's spiritual growth. Together we explored the spiritual disciplines using Richard Foster's Classic book "Celebrating the Disciplines" as well as seeing how God was working in our lives. This fall we used Kathleen Norris's "Amazing Grace" as a jumping off point to discuss the presence of God. In the fall a group of us went on retreat to Shrine Mont and re-discovered the power of prayer as an instrument to draw us closer to God.

Point of contact: Ann Ritonia

Lent and Advent brought out our love of pot-luck suppers and fellowship. Lent used the title "EAT, PRAY, LOVE", from a popular book as a description our Family Lenten program. We shared a meal and discovered different aspects of prayer as a family and as individuals. We focused on different aspects of prayer and how prayer shapes our community through food, fellowship, creativity and play. The Advent programs explored symbolism in the cinema and how those symbols speak to us in our faith journey. The selections for the adult evenings included the movies "The Natural", "Forrest Gump," and "A Beautiful Mind." The children enjoyed the movie "Up" and even tried to make the furniture float.

Family Ministry The parish continued to offer opportunities for families to gather. From the parish picnic to our Lent and Advent programs as well as our Annual Halloween party and Advent wreath and soup supper event, all ages found ways to learn, play, and serve. We also had the opportunity to celebrate the graduation of our high school Seniors with a baccalaureate Eucharist and reception in June.

As these and other programs continue and develop, we hope that you join us on our faith journey.

Point of contact: Webster Gibson, Ann Ritonia, Margery Wingenbach

Communications Committee

The first of the year began with the new Church Directory. A parish survey was taken to try and identify how parishioners communicate; whether by e-mail, or regular mail. The majority of families have e-mail, and about 120 new families were added to the e-angelus list. The goal was to be environmentally friendly by reducing our mailing burden.

After a lightning strike in May, repairs were needed for the telephone system and sound system. Telephone repairs were accomplished with the new computer system in mind. Phil Sargent is working on improvements to the sound system, including improvements to reception and balance during church services and recordings. This must happen before we are ready to add hearing assistance. Hearing assistance is being discussed for the near future.

Winning a new computer system has allowed lots of upgrades to our current system. New hardware and software are still being installed, including Wi-Fi access to the Fairfax Room.

Point of contact: Mary Lauer

ECW Annual Meeting

For the first time in 50 years, Christ Church hosted the Diocese of Virginia Episcopal Church Women's Annual Meeting. This event brought women from the Northern Neck and Richmond and Northern Virginia to the beautiful Shenandoah Valley in October. This was the first meeting with Bishop Shannon Johnston as our Diocesan Bishop and also the first opportunity for many to meet and hear the Diocesan Canon to the Ordinary, The Rev. Susan Goff. A great deal of effort went into the preparation of this event with the meeting, the meal and the worship on the part of our co-chairs, Martha Griffin and Martha Roberson. Also thanks to Nancy Mitchell, Kay Whitworth, and all of the women (and men) who helped to make this event be such a success. We also thank the women of St. Paul's on-the-Hill for their gracious help providing the breakfast. Shrine Mont donated the coffee and Tuffy Whitaker made sure things were set up. The clergy, Vestry and committee chairs would like to offer a big THANK YOU to all of you for your help with this opportunity to host the diocese. Next year's meeting will be at St. George's Episcopal Church in Fredericksburg.

Outreach

Do you feel a personal desire to reach out to others in need? If so, consider being a part of Christ Church's outreach effort. Outreach is a wonderful way to have your faith take on new meaning in your daily life. At Christ Church, Outreach tries to focus its energies on local, national and international needs. While we do meet once a month, most participating members tend to center their energies on specific projects where they feel an important commitment. We always strive to involve as many parishioners as we can in hands-on-ways. This past year, we continued our Angel Tree Ministry in December, our Relay for Life team to support the American Cancer Association, our work to help refurbish the Migrant Worker Camp and our support of food and finances to CCAP. We have also had wonderful success this year with increased support for our Salvation Army Dinner program.

We also saw two new efforts in our outreach to the community.

WATTS: Christ Church began its work as a host church for the new Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter (WATTS) program. This helps the homeless in the coldest time of the year by providing a place for them to sleep and get a meal. The support from parishioners has been overwhelming.

Mission Trip to Bani: The other is our mission trip which is a combined effort of adults and youth in a mission trip to Bani. A group of 13 Christ Church members, including 5 youth, travelled to the town of Bani in the Dominican Republic for a week-long Vacation Bible School in two churches. The teachers and VBS curriculum were provided by the churches, and our group was responsible for crafts and supplies, games, and music and drama. We worked closely with Father Ramon Antonio Garcia (Padre Tony), the rector of the churches, and his wife and children. Although it was difficult to keep track of exactly how many children attended the VBS at each church, on the final day we estimated over 300 children. We were able to host a "fiesta" for them with singing, crafts, and refreshments, and each child left with a "goodie bag" of scissors, crayons and glue (donated by members of Chris Church) to use at home.

These are examples of ways we serve our neighbor through Outreach. If you have a desire to "make Christ know" through quiet personal efforts consider joining Outreach.

Point of contact: Bill Endorf, Webster Gibson, Ann Ritonia

Parish Life

Parish Life focuses on actively caring for and nurturing all of our Christ Church family. Many parishioners contribute to this goal by hosting weekly coffee hours after our Sunday Services, planning special functions such as receptions and dinners, as well as organizing the annual Pancake Supper, Lenten Dinners, and the Parish Picnic. Parish Life coordinates the receptions after funerals held here at Christ Church as means of offering comfort to the family. There is a very supportive committee in place that helps to organize these receptions. Our Coffee Hour committee works along these same lines and hopes to involve more of the Parish families in hosting these weekly gatherings. We encourage more of our families to join in and participate.

Other parts of Parish Life are the Newcomers that strive to welcome and incorporate newcomers into the church family. This committee attempts to achieve this goal by providing weekly greeters to meet visitors after our Sunday services, as well as hosting teas, tours and gatherings to orient newcomers to Christ Church and ways to be involved. The OWLS, or "Older, Wiser Laity," seeks to nurture the more senior members of the congregation with activities here and at Westminster-Canterbury.

Point of contact: Nancy Mitchell, Mary Margaret Applin

Parish Nurse

Because I always make an annual report to the Vestry at the end of the calendar year, this will be an interim report.

This year has been exciting because of all of the opportunities that have been presented to me.

- I taught 30 student nurses in two semesters about parish nursing during their Community Nursing Class.
- I was able to participate all seven nights with our WATTS guests to evaluate their health. The last evening Dr. Jim Laidlaw came and assessed three individuals who had serious health problems. Thank you. I did assessments each night and tried to do some health education. It seemed to be well received.
- Throughout the year I continued to take CD recordings of our Sunday services with the weekly church bulletin to six individuals who cannot come to church.
- I have continued to visit about 20 persons each week.
- I have collaborated with Sarah Bicking on the prayer shawls. This has been very exciting to see how overwhelmed the people are as they receive a special prayer shawl just for them.
- I have continued to assist Sharon Lower and Sue Jones with the prayer chain names. We initiated a special part in the Sunday Prayers of the People for those who have asked to be taken off the list, but have not yet fully recovered. We call these prayers for continuing recovery.
- I continue to write for the Angelus and educate through bulletin boards etc. through the church.
- We had another successful health fair with Grace Lutheran in October.
- I help with the healing service the third Wednesday of each month.
- I continue to serve on several community committees on behalf of parish nurses to include: Teen Pregnancy Prevention Taskforce, Council Against Domestic Violence, Parish Nurse Coalition, Diocesan Chair for the Parish Nurse Committee, Liaison to the National Church Health Ministry.

As I finish my 13th year next month I am happy to announce that Jennie Knoll is going to take the parish nurse training. I am delighted to be working with her. Thanks to the vestry, clergy, and parishioners for making this year another special year.

Sincerely,

Helen Zebarth, Parish Nurse

Point of contact: Helen Zebarth

Pastoral Care

Much of the emphasis this past year for pastoral care has been its efforts to provide tangible signs of compassion to those who are sick or not able to get around or may feel isolated from the community. The Lay Eucharistic Visitation program and the "Knit Unto Others" ministries are two results of that effort. At the same time we also continue with the food collection and the prayer chain ministries so that people are fed and prayed for, whether we know them personally or not. Please be sure to thank Lucia Thomas and Pam Lamborne for their work with the Tea Time/Evening Stitchers who concluded their ministry this year. At the same time, Pastoral Care is never done. Also, it is not only something for clergy or the committee to do. We know that many of you provide pastoral care to each other. It is that great Christian witness to the world of sharing Christ's love and fellowship. The clergy and Helen Zebarth, the parish nurse, would like to thank all of you who help to pastor to each other around the parish.

Point of contact: Webster Gibson, Ann Ritonia

Food Bank

Members of the congregation bring non-perishable food to church each week. Volunteers regularly deliver it to the Salvation Army or CCAP (Congregational Community Action Project).

Point of contact: Lucia Thomas

The Prayer Shawl Ministry:

Christ Episcopal Church began a prayer shawl ministry in the Fall of 2009. The Christ Church Prayer Shawl Ministry – Knit Unto Others – meets twice monthly to combine prayer, love, and friendship while stitching shawls and blankets for those in need of comfort and God's healing in body and spirit. We want this to be an intergenerational and inter-denominational endeavor ...and men, women, and teens are welcome!

This is our mission statement: "Shawls ... made for centuries - universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles..." (quote from Janet

Bristow, 1998). Some of us have had the privilege of being “uplifted and affirmed” by the gift of a prayer shawl when facing an illness or family death, and we wanted to provide this same comfort to others in our church and community.

Many blessings are knitted into every shawl. The knitter begins each shawl with prayers, and intentions are continued throughout the creation of the shawl. When the shawl is completed it is offered a final blessing during a service of Holy Eucharist. The group meets the first Monday of each month from 7:00-8:30 P.M. and the third Tuesday of each month from 2:00-4:00 P.M. in the parlors of Christ Church Old Rectory on Boscawen Street.

Point of contact: Sara Bicking, Nancy Brown, Kay Keely

Lay Eucharistic Visitation Program

Christ Church implemented the Lay Eucharistic Visitor program this year. Its purpose is to provide a sacramental connection between the Sunday morning worship community and those parishioners who are not able to be at services because of illness or other restrictions. The “prayer of sending” summarizes much of the pastoral intent of the program when the celebrant invites the LEVs forward to receive the communion kit following the Eucharist:

“Celebrant: We send to those who cannot be with us the Sacrament of Christ’s loving presence.

People: May the prayers of all of us go with you as you share in the communion.”

The LEVs then go directly from the service to take communion to the people. It offers a bridge or a connection between the Sunday morning worshipping community and those not able to be there. We currently have 10 LEVs with Kay Keely scheduling them. It is a special pastoral ministry involving special training and licensing with the clergy and the Diocese. LEVs are sent out mostly from the 10:30am service to people in the hospitals, nursing homes or parishioners’ homes.

Point of contact: Webster Gibson, Ann Ritonia

Prayer Chain

The Prayer Chain is a community of individuals who commit themselves to pray on a daily basis for specific needs of church members. There are two prayer lists which the prayer chain uses. The prayer list found in the Sunday bulletin includes names of people for whom the entire parish community are invited to pray. Sharon Lower helps to coordinate names being added or removed from this list as people make their requests. The other list is a “quiet list” for people who seek to have prayers, but not in the public way of the Sunday bulletin. This list is coordinated by Sue Jones who originally set up this program. The prayer chain maintains a strong sense of confidentiality out of respect for the wishes of those not wanting their names published to the greater community. The Prayer Chain also seeks ways to educate and promote various ways of prayer to the parish community. If you would ever like to include names of friends or family on the prayer chain’s list, please contact Sharon Lower, Helen Zearth or one of the clergy.

Point of contact: Sharon Lower, Helen Zearth, Ann Ritonia, Webster Gibson

Properties Committee

The mission of the Properties Committee is to exercise good stewardship of our place of worship by maintaining and preserving the physical facilities for current and future generations so that they may continue to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In 2009 we accomplished many projects, both small and large. Among them were:

- Completed study and began work on Bell Tower restoration including water management;
 - * Pre-bid meeting held and proposals reviewed prior to selection of General Contractor
- Presentations to parish on the restoration project by Doug Reed and by the Properties Committee;
- Programmable thermostats installed in several buildings;
- Repairs performed on windows of the Old Rectory; windows on Parish Hall & Rectory repainted;
- Baden Center interior repainted;
- New door installed in Parish Hall Boscawen Street entrance;
- Modifications made to the HVAC system in the Smith Building for ground floor rooms;
- Main church pocket door lock repaired;
- Replaced incandescent bulbs with energy efficient bulbs;
- Humidity control experiment performed in Fairfax Room; new humidifier installed;
- Mildewed lockers in Fairfax basement removed;
- Repairs made to telephone and sound systems, steam valve after lightning strike in May;
- Sunday School office moved to Commons area;
- Shelving installed in Commons closet;
- Repairs in progress to Fairfax Room window frames;

- Modifications made to Smith Building downspouts to improve water management.

An unexpected surprise came in April when we learned that Christ Church won a technology “makeover,” including a new computer server, two laptops, 11 workstations, hardware, software, and a year of free high-speed Internet service. The church won a contest held during the Small Business Server 2008 Technology Makeover Event Series in the Mid-Atlantic region. Global Technology Services (GTS), which is based in Winchester, joined the Top of Virginia Regional Chamber to bring the event to the area. Starting in September, GTS began to install the new computers and network equipment. This work will be completed in 2010.

The Bell Tower Sub-committee made a presentation to the Vestry at its November meeting, laying out the case for the restoration of the Tower, the correction of the water drainage problem, and the associated costs and the consequences of delaying the much-needed work. Subsequently, the Vestry voted to move ahead with the projects in order to prevent any further deterioration of our building. Work began in January with the erection of the scaffolding and, as of this writing, the work is focused on the interior of the Tower due to the inclement weather.

At the request of the Vestry, the Parish Facilities Coordinator and a few committee members identified and sought cost estimates for other physical needs in our plant. One of those needs is crucial and immediate: a new roof for our Parish Hall. The constant leaks through the rubber membrane roof have caused interior damage to the ceiling tiles and carpeting in the Sunday School rooms and the Commons. The Vestry, with the help of the Property and Finance committees will look at ways rectify this problem this coming Spring in order to avoid increased damage and costlier repairs if we defer maintenance.

The Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging vacated the Baden Center on January 30, 2009. The interior was cleaned and repainted in September to spruce it up. The Vestry has been considering how best to use that space to further our mission here at Christ Church. Currently it is in use six evenings a week by AA groups.

Winchester City Fire Department employees were given a complete tour of all the buildings for familiarization.

Expenses through November were \$52,064 versus a budget of \$64,404. As of this writing, end-of-year expense figures were not available.

Members of the committee include Gene Babb, James Baden, Bill Jarvis, Martha Griffin, Kevin Kennedy, Carolyn Lewis, Clyde Pressley, Wilborn Roberson, Phil Sargent, Sandy White and Roger Zebarth. We extend special thanks to Clyde Pressley for his years of service, as he retired from the committee in November. We will also miss long-time member and friend, Teresa Massie, whose contributions to this parish and to this committee were limitless. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 pm in the Smith Building conference room. Feel free to join us if you would like to help with this ministry!

Point of contact: Pam McKinley, James Baden

Stewardship

We used a different approach to our fall Stewardship campaign using the “Note Writing Campaign.” Francis Caldwell, the Director of Development and Stewardship for the Diocese of Virginia, led a group of 42 people from the parish in a discussion on a theology of stewardship. Greg Hutchinson, the chairman of the Stewardship Committee then invited each person in the group to write approximately seven notes to seven people in the parish. The notes gave a personal testimony of stewardship in connection with Christ Church and an invitation to join in continuing to support Christ Church’s ministries by giving of our treasure. The clergy and Wardens also sent out letters talking about the hopes and plans for the future of Christ Church and the importance for individuals to give to God and Christ Church as stewards of our time, talent, and our treasure. The parish responded well with giving this year. We had 191 pledges come back totaling \$487,281.20. We would like to thank all of those who helped with the campaign this year.

Point of contact: Greg Hutchinson

Treasurer and Finance Committee Report

Last year, the Vestry took a serious leap of faith by approving a deficit budget. Let’s reflect on that for a moment. The Christ Church budget was drafted knowing that we probably would have expenses more than the faithful giving of our Parishioners. The challenge was presented and you stepped forward to meet it head on. Thank you.

Everybody stepped up to do their part. Not only were measures taken to reduce our expenses, like the energy audit, but more importantly, you met or exceed your pledges and that helped us, tremendously. We covered the deficit and were able to carry money forward to help with the 2010 budget.

Pledging this year is fairly strong. We have 191 pledging units, a little lower, but about the same as last year. We have 69 pledging units who increased their pledges by about 10% and 19 units who decreased their pledges by an average of 32%. However, those decreases were offset by 20 new pledges.

Does all this mean that we have a balanced budget, no, it does not.

The 2010 budget has a deficit, but the good news is, it is only 1% or \$6,700. This is much better than last year when we were looking at a \$26,000 deficit. Economic times have not improved enough that we have surplus funds. The challenge is still there for Christ Church.

This year's budget is very lean. Programming has been kept at what we consider to be minimal funding. To bridge any gaps in the funding, you will see more fund raisers or requests for assistance in funding programs and we hope you will support those programs.

2010 is bringing a lot of activity to Christ Church: New Programs; New Missions; Repairs and alterations to our buildings; An energy of life at Christ Church. Your gift of treasure as well as your time and talents help the new and established ministries of Christ Church happen. As you hear and learn more about these ministries, please remember that we do them as a community which means all are invited to participate and give. That is the sign of a vibrant parish which engages challenges, cares for each other, and becomes a beacon of Christ's light to the world.

Thank you for making 2009 a successful year.

Point of contact: Tuck White, Treasurer, Patty Barns and Bruce Trant

Worship

Much of the worship experience at Christ Church centers around Sunday Morning services. Our worship is also much broader at Christ Church. We have services during the week for the parish community and for those beyond the parish such as those with special needs.

This past year, Dr. Jim Kriewald took a sabbatical to Africa for 8 months. We were fortunate to have Sue Correll and Dr. James Laster fill in to keep the music programs going and growing in the church. Members of the choir and other guest parishioners also graciously offered their assistance when needed. Because of Sue, Jim Laster and others, we continued to sing a joyful noise to the Lord. Thank you Jim and Sue for serving Jim Kriewald and Christ Church so faithfully.

While we frequently associate worship with sitting in the pews, there are also ways to serve during worship. Often times, these opportunities provide new perspectives and experiences which help to deepen one's experience and understanding about worship. The ministries listed below are some of those ways to serve in our worship. All of these ministries provide instruction to make sure everyone, novice to experienced, understand what to do as we seek to serve God through our worship.

Please be sure to thank the people who help with the behind the scenes work in setting up our worship: James Baden, Barbara Laidlaw, Conrad Koneczny, Martha Roberson, Jim Kriewald, Sue Correll, Jim Laster.

Point of contact: The Rev. Webster Gibson, The Rev. Ann Ritonia

Choir

Adult Choir

What a year this has been! The Kriewalds were so fortunate to be able to spend eight months in Kenya, Africa, and return and find a music program that was in better shape than it was when they left. This is an incredible testimony to the superb leadership of Sue Correll, Dr. Jim Laster, and the devoted and talented singers who week after week continue to give abundantly to this congregation through their music ministry. Thank you, all of you, for what you did, to make their trip

possible. Thank you, all of you, for what you did, to make the worship life at Christ Church continue without noticeable change, except perhaps for the better.

It is wonderful to be back amongst you all! It is great to be part of this program and be working with such a supportive Vestry, clergy, and other support staff, Eugenia, Tuffy, Bill, Helen, and Margery.

Christ Church now supports five (5) choirs. There is a choir for the tiniest of tots, thanks to the skills of Marsha Baden. Here children learn that singing is fun and not to be afraid to stand up in front of all those folks in "the big church." Marsha teaches them how to make their first musical sounds and to love doing it in front of people. What a tremendous feeder program she provides for the next group, the Alleluia Singers, for children in grades 2-8.

Sue Correll's report will tell you about what happens to those children and also what is available for the young girls of high-school age, the Cantamus.

A not-so-secret secret: We have some plans for those wonderful young unchanged boy's voices that are in the Alleluia Singers. Sue is working hard with them as their voices soar to the heavens with beautiful tones that shine in the finest cathedrals. We are seeing what we can do about that. (Remember, for now it is just a secret!)

The Adult Choir is a group of 30 high-school, college, and older adult singers. There are professional section leader/soloists for each section. The choir sings at all major Sunday services and major services within the church year that do not fall on a Sunday (Holy Week, etc.). It is comprised of 30 of the most dedicated people that can be found on this earth. While the average attendance in Episcopal Church choirs around the country is 12, our average attendance is 25. On a recent Sunday when most of the downtown churches had cancelled because of a weekend snowstorm, we had 23 in the choir. One had driven 27 miles north on Interstate 81, one drove from Herndon, and one drove from the other side of Paris Mountain, first coming from a small community nestled in the foothills of the mountain. Many live in Frederick County. Several walked a good ways to make it to church.

The choir is a very dedicated group of people. Not only did they stay dedicated while we were away but they have remained dedicated when we returned. Their spirituality level is as high as their love for music. The intellectual conversations before choir are often quite astounding. The choir is a social group as well as musical and members do enjoy each other's company. They perform music from the 6th-century through today, from monophonic chant through multi-part a cappella writing.

A smaller group called the Christ Church Schola has been formed out of the Adult Choir. The nature of the Schola is to perform literature that might not usually have a chance to be heard, usually because of the resources required.

Musicians at Christ Church see themselves as part of the larger ministry program. They are not isolated from the big picture. They also work with the youth ministry. They work with the WATTS program, as coffee hour hosts and hostesses, on the Vestry, as LEM's, as organizers for Walk for Life groups, as workers for mission trips to the DR and to other places, working with the Salvation Army, the Shelter (now the Laurel Center) -- and the list goes on and on. Choir people are involved both in the church and generally in the community.

Everyone is invited, encouraged, and welcome to join in the music ministry of our congregation. There is a spot for you. We want to grow in every area. We want to grow with our children's choirs. We want to grow with our teenagers, and yes, we want volunteer adults in our Adult Choir too! Don't say, "they don't need me!" That just isn't true. We have openings in absolutely every section, today. There is room for you!

Point of contact: Jim Kriewald

Children and Youth Choirs

Alleluia Singers Choir: All children and youth in grades 2 – 8 are invited to be members of The Alleluia Singers. We rehearse on Sunday mornings, 8:45 – 9:30 am, following the Sunday school schedule, September - June. We sing for worship each month and on Christmas Eve, Palm Sunday and Easter Day. The emphasis in this choir is learning to share our talents that God has given us in service to our church. Anthems are chosen to correspond with seasons and Sundays of the Christian church year. These anthems reflect the readings of the day including Psalms, Old and New Testament and the Gospel lessons. We also participate and join other churches in the downtown procession and blessing of the palms on Palm Sunday.

This choir began with 7 members in Sept. 2007 and has grown to include 26 children/youth. We have Saturday choir celebrations/parties in September, December and March.

There is also information provided to choir families about other singing opportunities for our children in the Diocese and in the community. The children of Christ Church comprised 14% of the children that participated in the community music and art camp, SINGGG (Sing God's Glory), in July 2009. SINGGG 2009 was held at Christ Church with many Christ Church members volunteering as teachers, assistants and staff.

Children are recognized each spring for their participation and contribution to our church. Choir parents and families are an integral part of the success in this choir. They support the choir in many and various ways. Children are welcome to join our choir throughout the year.

In June, we sponsored and performed the musical, "Are We Almost There?" This was an intergenerational event with preschoolers to OWLS participating. We followed our performance with a potluck dinner.

Cantamus: Cantamus (Latin for "We Sing") is a singing ensemble for girls in grades 6 – 12. This choir sings two or three times during the year, and rehearsals are held several times before we sing for worship. We welcome new members at anytime.

Visions for Children and Youth Music Ministry:

- Purchase choir chimes and/or handbells in order to provide other opportunities, especially for our children, to be involved in the worship life of Christ Church through music.
- Participation in other aspects of worship through cantoring, leadership of the Psalms, introducing new hymns, and choral responses.

Point of contact: Sue Correll

Cherub Choir

The youngest Sunday school students (Pre-K through 1st Grade) begin each class with piano music and song. On special Sundays, the children lift their voices in song at the 10:30 service. There is no previous knowledge of music required. The program is very child friendly. It is intended to promote a love for singing to God, be it in the group of children, or in front of the church. The director, Marsha Baden, even uses her puppeteering skills to help the children enjoy their time of singing.

Point of contact: Marsha Baden

Acolytes

Acolyting is a ministry lived out by youth from 4th grade through 12th. This ministry provides a wonderful opportunity for youth to experience worship through roles as leaders and servers. It also encourages their participation and service in the worship of God. They lead the procession, serve at the communion table, and respond to clergy requests for supplies and help during the services. On a typical Sunday, we have four acolytes at the 10:30 AM service: one crucifer (in white alb), one gospeller, and two torch bearers (in red cassock and white surplice). We currently have 17 acolytes who help with this ministry. As they go through training and gain experience, they also help to teach the next generation of acolytes. While their charge is to be invisible during worship, their ministry is essential for the life of our worship. This past year had a wonderful turnout of support for the acolyte training from the acolytes and their parents. We appreciate all that the parents do to help the youth serve the parish in the acolyte ministry. Because of the large number of graduates over the past two years, we could use more acolytes to help in this ministry. If you have questions, please ask the clergy or the points of contact listed below.

Point of contact: James Baden, Teresa Jacobsen

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild at Christ Episcopal Church has 66 dedicated members. The duties of the Altar Guild ladies are to prepare the altar for all communion services on Sundays at the main altar in the sanctuary and on Wednesdays in the Pilgrim's Chapel.

The Altar Guild also prepares for special services including wedding and funerals and any other special services that are scheduled. We clean and polish the silver on the altar monthly. The flowers on the altar and the handling of the linens are also duties of the Guild. The cleaning of the glass globes on the chandeliers in the sanctuary and the brass on the altar rail, lectern and pulpit continue to be a contribution on Keep Day.

Since our last report we have lost three very important members of the Altar Guild. Sharron White passed away in June of 2009 and was active until her death. Nora Garber, after many years of service resigned from the Altar Guild in January 2010. Teresa Massie passed away in January 2010, and was active until her death. These ladies always served with dedication and will be greatly missed.

New members are needed and welcome. If you would be interested in knowing more about the time commitment for Altar Guild member, please contact Sylvia Petrie at 662-7924.

Point of contact: Sylvia Petrie, Pam McKinley

LEMS/Intercessors/Lectors

Lector: The lay person who reads the scripture in the church services.

Intercessor: The lay person who leads the people in the prayers.

Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM): The person who helps with the distribution of the wine at Holy Communion and may also read one of the lessons in the service.

Currently, we have 30 LEMs and 18 Lectors/Intercessors who serve between the 8 AM and 10:30 AM services. Some of these people also serve at the Wednesday noon service of Holy Eucharist. All of these lay ministries require training which is offered on occasion during the year. The ministries of lector and intercessor are available to both adults and youth. The LEM also requires some additional training for licensing with the diocese. These ministries serve the parish at the Sunday, weekday and seasonal services.

One area of these ministries that needs more people to serve is the Intercessor at the 8 AM service. For those of you who may be interested, please contact Conrad Koneczny.

Point of contact: Conrad Koneczny

Ushers

The ushers help to greet people inside the church, provide service bulletins and assist people with finding a place to sit. There are 24 ushers who serve among the various services. Two ushers are assigned for the 8am service, and 4 at the 10:30 am service. During the service, they collect and present the offertory, set the communion rail and direct parishioners during the distribution of the communion. They also help to clean up after church and secure the building. The ushers also serve at most other parish worship events such as funerals, services of Holy Week and Christmas, and Evensong if needed. If you are interested in serving as an usher, please contact James Baden. We wish to thank the ushers for their dedication to this ministry.

Point of contact: James Baden

Monday Evening Service

The Special Needs Service happens in the main sanctuary at 6:30 PM on the 2nd Monday of each month. Christ Church continues through its sixth year offering the special worship service for people with developmental disabilities, their families, friends and all interested others. Open to everyone who would like to participate, this outreach ministry was created to fill a void in our community. Often times, people with developmental disabilities are not comfortable worshiping at our traditional services. What has evolved is a service that is structured to meet the needs of people with developmental disabilities. The monthly service provides a relaxed and informal atmosphere with the repetitive structure favored by the attendees. Each service includes a lesson through a story or brief narration, prayers, the celebration of birthdays, and a sharing of the peace. Following each service, everyone is invited for refreshments in the Tilford Room. This gathering offers a special time for the participants to enjoy interacting further with parishioners and amongst themselves.

Point of contact: Martha Roberson, Conrad Koneczny

Marie Cooper Fund

As was mentioned in the 2009 Annual Report, The Marie S. Cooper Trust Fund is a perpetual Testamentary Trust established under the will of Nancy O. Cooper, who died on March 3, 1967, as a memorial to her late mother, Marie S. Cooper. Under the terms of the will F. & M. Bank of Winchester (now B.B. & T.) was named as Administrator of the trust and one-half of the net income is “paid to the Vestry of Christ Episcopal Church ---to be divided equally between home missions and foreign missions---“for constructive work, not for back debts.”

The Committee is composed of twelve members of the congregation appointed by the Rector, who serve for terms of three years, and are subject to reappointment. Their goal is to effectively distribute the funds for worthwhile projects, while conforming to the terms of the trust, and the wishes of the grantor. Recommendations are submitted to the Vestry for their approval.

During the year 2009, the Committee allocated a total amount of \$ 30,100: \$19,500 for domestic beneficiaries; \$10,600 for foreign activities. The domestic activities include: final payment of \$ 5,000 on a pledge toward the new Chapel at Westminster-Canterbury; \$ 6,000 on a pledge to The Laurel Center (formerly the Shelter for Abused Women); \$ 5,000 for the new C-CAP facility;\$ 500 to the new Chapel at Roslyn in honor of Bishop Lee; and \$ 3,000 for the newly established WATTS program sponsored by the local churches. The foreign activities were: \$ 3,500 for the Dominican Republic Mission Trip: \$ 3,000 for Father Tony Garcia and his family to visit Christ Church and better explain the need for and benefits of our annual mission trip; \$ 3,500 for the Diocesan Commission for the South Africa Partnership; and \$ 600 to sponsor students at a Vietnamese orphanage.

Point of contact: John Waller

The Treasure Box

The Treasure Box celebrated 50 years of continuous service to the community in November 2009 with a lovely luncheon for volunteers who have served over the years. Prizes were even awarded to some ladies for most parking tickets, most “swiffering” done, longest service, etc.! It was a wonderful milestone and a tribute to the perseverance of our volunteers.

Last year, faced with even more competition, we were able to return **\$16,395** in profits to the following organizations, which were voted upon by the volunteers: ADAPT (Adult Day Activity Program Team), C-CAP, Faith In Action, Fremont Street Nursery, Habitat for Humanity, Healthy Families, Salvation Army, ARC of Northern Shenandoah Valley, The Laurel Center, the Winchester Day Nursery and Christ Church. Our steadfast mission is to continue to serve our community.

We accept donations during hours of business on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturday mornings of clothing, household items, linens, glassware, pictures/framed art, decorative objects, “smalls,” jewelry, books and magazines. We DO NOT accept: large appliances, computers & accessories, furniture, firearms, underwear, prescription glasses, personal hygiene items, cosmetics/bath products (unless unopened), or medications.

Please join us! Requirements: smiling face and ability to “swiffer.” Benefits: getting to know a great group of gals! Shifts: 10 am – 1 pm or 1 pm – 4 pm on Wednesdays and Fridays, or 10 am – 1 pm on Saturdays. Positions: marker, cashier or sales assistant. You always work with a buddy, so you never have to feel alone. Please call Sara Bicking, scheduler, at 540-635-4452 if you’d like to give it a go! We’d be happy to welcome you and show you the ropes.

Point of contact: Pam DeBergh, Pam McKinley