

St. John's Episcopal Church, Niantic  
Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2008  
January 25, 2009 - 11:30 AM

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayers – Mother Rogers
2. Presentation of the Voting Membership list - Parish Clerk
3. Minutes of 2007 Annual Parish Meeting – January 27, 2008
4. Presentation of the 2008 Annual Reports
  - A. Orally Reviewed
    - The Rector's Report & Report of Official Acts
    - The Deacon's Report
    - The Senior Warden's Report
    - The Junior Warden's Report
    - The Christian Education Director's Report
    - The Organist/Choirmaster's Report
    - The Junior Choir Director's Report
  - B. Reports by Title
    - Annual Capital Campaign Report (inserted 1/26/09)
    - Long-Range Planning Committee Report
    - Journey to Adulthood Program Report
    - Education for Ministry (EFM) Report
    - St. John's "Prayer Sister's" Report
    - Prayer Shawl / Knitters Guild Report
    - Pastoral Care Team Report
    - Lay Eucharist Minister's Report
    - Outreach Commission Report
    - Golf Tournament Report
    - Carnival Report
    - St. Francis Gardening Guild Report
    - Altar Guild Report
    - Guild of the Christ Child Report
    - Health Team Ministry Report
    - Website Report
    - Publicity Team Report
    - Card Ministry Report
    - Report of Delegation to Deanery & Convention
    - ECW Report (inserted 1/26/09)
5. Recognition of the Laity for Christian Service

6. 2008 Financial Reports & 2009 Operating Budget

- A. Narrative of Financial Actions & Stewardship Committee Report
- B. Consolidated Statement of Accounts, Funds & Endowments
- C. Memorial Fund
- D. Memorial Garden Fund
- E. J2A Fundraising Fund (J2A Pilgrimage and YAC Mission Trip)
- F. Capital Fund
- G. Capital Campaign Fund
- H. Episcopal Churchwomen's (ECW) Fund
- I. Transitional Fund
- J. Deacon's Fund
- K. Pre-Paid Pledges
- L. Operating Fund Reserve
- M. Office Equipment Sinking Fund
- N. Isaiah Prison Ministry Fund
- O. St. John's Discretionary Fund
- P. St. John's Organ Endowment Fund
- Q. St. John's Unrestricted Endowment Fund
- R. Summary of 2009 Operating Budget
- S. 2008 Operating Budget, Year End 2008, 2009 Operating Budget

7. Report of the Nominating Committee for Officer & Vestry Elections:

Sr. Warden: Carol Adams  
Jr. Warden: Richard Miller  
Treasurer: Annette Hall  
Parish Clerk: Kimberly Blake

Vestry (3 year term): Jonathan French  
Paul Szwed  
Rebecca Boyd Whittico

Vestry (1 year term): Timothy Shaw

Delegates to Diocesan Convention                      Robert Jennings  
And Deanery:    Richard Hall

Alternates to Convention & Deanery:                      Joseph Legg  
Linda Jennings

Nominations from the floor, if any

Returning Vestry members are: Vic Vicari, Polly DeSanto, Kimberly Blake,  
Harold Clarke, Linda Ferguson

8. Other New/Old Business

9. Adjournment, Closing Prayer & Blessing

**St. John's Episcopal Church, Niantic, CT  
Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 1/27/08**

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayers: In presence of 58 people, Parish Clerk Lisa Baxter called the Annual Parish meeting to order at 11:20 a.m. This was followed by opening prayers delivered by Mother Rogers.
2. Presentation of the Voting Membership list: The roll of parish members consisting of names entered in the Parish Registry was presented by the Clerk. A motion was made to accept the roll of members. It was seconded and the motion was carried.
3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, January 21, 2007: A motion was made by Dick Miller to accept the Minutes as printed. The motion was seconded by Polly DeSanto and motion was carried.
4. Presentation of the 2007 Annual Reports

A. Orally Reviewed

- The Rector's Report and Report of Official Acts: Mother Rogers reviewed the Rector's Report as printed in the 2007 Annual Report. After the report was given, a few clarifications were made on the calculation of # of members contributing financially, and of # of liturgies.

A motion was made by Gina Lincoln to accept the Rector's Report and the Report of Official Acts. The motion was seconded, and motion was carried.

- The Deacon's Report: The Deacon's Report was reviewed as printed in the 2007 Annual Report. No questions were asked.
- The Senior Warden's Report: Carol Adams was absent. Mother Rogers requested the Parish to read her report. There were no questions asked.
- The Junior Warden's Report: Dick Miller highlighted areas from his 2007 report. He noted that work had been completed in the parking area, on the new handicap accessible sidewalk, and several trees removed. Additionally, the church entered into a roof maintenance contract, a final design was chosen for the work needed on the building, and quotes are being gathered. Dick also thanked all those who helped with clean up of the grounds and church this past year. A question was asked regarding the right of way issue, and Dick reported that this issue was resolved.

A motion was made by Joan Fairlie to accept the Deacon's Report, Senior Warden's Report, and Junior Warden's Report. The motion was seconded by Christie Hayes, and motion was carried.

- The Christian Education Director's Report: Susan Worgul reported that it was another successful year with the children being very engaged, and a teaching team approach being used. Susan noted that she will be recruiting new teachers as several are moving onto other ministries in the

upcoming year. She mentioned that the Anniversary picnic for Father Merrill and Mother Rogers was a great experience for all the children to be involved in. She also thanked the parents and teachers for their hard work and support. There were no questions asked.

A motion was made by Vic Vicari to accept the Christian Education Director's Report. The motion was seconded by Bev Shepardson, and motion was carried.

- The Junior Choir Report: Sue Worgul reported that it was a great year. She thanked parents, Sr. choir members, and Janice Nykyforchyn, and June Cordeau for all their help. She noted that they are always looking for new children to join. There were no questions asked.

A motion was made by Dick Miller to accept the Junior Choir Report. The motion was seconded, and motion was carried.

- The Organist/Choirmaster's Report: John Anthony reviewed the 2007 report. He noted that in the fall of 2008 St. John's will celebrate the organ's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on All Saints Day. Also, major maintenance work is planned in the upcoming year. The cost will be paid for out of the Organ Endowment Fund. There were no questions asked.

A motion was made by Christie Hayes to accept the Organist/Choirmaster's Report. Polly DeSanto seconded, and motion was carried.

#### B. Reports by Title

- Long-Range Planning Committee Report
- Journey to Adulthood Program Report
- Education for Ministry (EFM) Report
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- Prayer Shawl/Knitters Guild Report
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Mother Rogers asked all present to read the reports and to accept the reports by Title. The motion was seconded. Discussions were held regarding the Building Design and the process, and the motion carried.

5. Recognition of the Laity: Mother Rogers began by commenting that this portion of the meeting is dedicated to recognizing people who have been active in many ways within the parish. She thanked Elizabeth Kimble for setting up St. John's new website.

The outgoing Vestry members were also recognized and thanked for their service: Joan Fairlie, Kirsten Babbin, and Ralph Napiany.

Annette Hall thanked everyone in the Parish for their support and prayers during the past year.

## 6. 2007 Financial Reports

- A. Narrative of Financial Actions and Stewardship Committee Report: Annette Hall, Treasurer, started her report by noting the importance of pledging. She also noted that we had a reduction in # of families pledging. Annette clarified the difference in pledge income and other offerings.
- B. Consolidated Statement of Accounts, Funds, and Endowments: Annette explained the report and the purpose of the various accounts.
- C. Memorial Fund: Annette reviewed the list of gifts to this fund and how they were used. She noted purchases from these funds need Vestry approval.
- D. Memorial Garden Fund: No activity to report.
- E. Journey to Adulthood (J2A) Fund: Annette reported that the funds in this account are used for the pilgrimage. She noted that the parish, fundraising, and parents each contribute 1/3 toward the cost of the pilgrimage trips. The parish overall contributes \$2,500 to this fund each year.
- F. Capital Fund: Annette reported that this fund is used for larger purchases and items lasting 10 years or longer. Office Equipment and architect fees were purchased out of this fund in the past year.
- G. Capital Campaign Fund: Annette noted that this account was set up in 2006 to meet the building needs determined in the Long Range Plan. She mentioned a Capital Drive is forthcoming and donations have already started coming in.
- H. ECW Fund: Annette reported that a small donation was received this past year.
- I. Transitional Fund: Annette noted that this fund is used as a sweep account for start up funds related to fundraising events, or other purposes.
- J. Deacon's Fund: Annette noted that no activity was held this past year.
- K. Pre-Paid Pledges for 2008: Annette explained that this fund shows the pledges that are paid one year in advance. Annette noted that the transfer of four 2007 pre-paid pledges transferred to the operating account are shown under Expenses and under Revenue the 2008 pre-paid pledges received are reported.

- L. Operating Fund Reserve: Annette reported that a transfer of \$8,905 was made to operating fund due to all pledges not being satisfied. These funds bring the fund balance to \$21,737.
- M. Office Equipment Sinking Fund: Annette explained that this new fund was created to cover replacement costs for office equipment (i.e. computers, printers, etc.).
- N. St. John's Discretionary Fund: Annette reported that the balance noted on the report is through December 15<sup>th</sup>. Further funds were expended by end of December based on the needs of the parish and community.
- O. St. John's Organ Endowment Fund: Annette reported that there were no new donations or expenses during the past year.
- P. St. John's Unrestricted Endowment Fund: Annette reported the value balance and noted donations totaling \$6,000 were received in March and April 2007.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report of the Accounts, Funds, and Endowments. The motion was seconded and motion carried.

- Q. 2007 Operating Budget: Annette pointed out that column headings in the budget were changed to make the report more comprehensive.

Under Revenue she explained the large increase in line item 3100 (Loose Plate and Seasonal Offerings) and how this is directly related to new accounting rules on how the church accounts for donations and pledges. She also noted that \$8,905 instead of \$15,000 was transferred from the Operating Reserve Account. This was based on receipts of an additional \$7,000 more than budgeted and expenses slightly lower than budgeted. She also explained the expected receipt of \$12,000 budgeted in 2008 from short term disability insurance to cover cost of supply clergy.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's 2007 End of Year Operating Budget Report. The motion was seconded and motion carried.

- R. Summary of 2008 Operating Budget: Annette highlighted a few areas of her summary. Salaries were increased by 3% based on Diocese recommendation. Although our Liability Insurance expense is decreasing by 5%, line item 5430 (Repairs/Minor Improvements) was increased by 50% due to necessary repairs and improvements that have been identified. Line item 5440 (Equipment/Furniture) has been increased drastically to cover computer replacement. Annette pointed out that a sinking fund for such purposes of equipment replacement was established by the Vestry and \$500 per year will be transferred to the fund. Also, under line item 5514 (Copier Service Contract) there is an increase due to a new copier lease contract. As a result other savings are expected as more copying will be done in house instead of outsourcing at a higher cost. She also noted that an increase of 10% in our Outreach line items has been budgeted.

Overall total revenue and expenses were increased by 5%. Annette anticipates not needing to transfer any funds from the Operating Reserves account. She also reported on the most up to date pledge

information and noted that there were 17 new families pledging and an overall net increase of 11 new pledges resulting in an increase in pledge income over the previous year.

Jeff Worgul made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Summary of 2008 Operating Budget. The motion was seconded by Margaret Howard and motion carried.

### **THE RECTOR'S REPORT 2008**

This past year was unlike any I have spent in my ordained life in that when it began I was disabled, and still recovering from the spinal surgery I had in October 2007. I spent January through April assisting Mother Joan Phelps to the extent I could, attending services and Vestry meetings, going to physical therapy appointments, and working on feeling better and stronger. Although the Bishop explored the possibility of disability retirement, in the end I felt I had to try to return to full-time work, and worked to make that happen. It feels great to be back, and it has taken me awhile to reconnect. Some days I feel like I'm still catching up on things I missed out on during that extended absence. My recovery has been "partial" at best. I am still waiting for more nerves to regenerate along the back of my hand and down my fingers. Most days have their fair share of pain, dysfunction and frustration, but returning to work gives me hope, and a sense of usefulness. For the opportunity to work and for your many prayers I am deeply grateful. I always give thanks for you in my prayers It's important for me to say up front that I owe our Wardens Carol Adams and Dick Miller the biggest loudest "THANK YOU" I can muster. These two servants of St. John's lifted their game up several notches to lead the parish during my extended absence. They worked hard to coordinate ministry, schedules and liturgies with Liz Shaw, the Vestry, other staff and Mother Phelps. Joanie brought the gift of her presence, a great sense of humor and organization, and a tireless passion for working with young people to her time among us. We were so blessed she could step in when needed, and our J2A class was blessed by her being part of the team on Pilgrimage this past summer.

The year was marked by several highlights which are written about in much deeper detail in other parts of this report. In short they are: the J2a pilgrimage in July; beginning to implement St. John's Long Range Plan; and completing a Feasibility Study and final stages of preparation for our Capital Campaign 2009-2012. In March I facilitated the Seabury Deanery's Lenten Quiet Day by bringing a canvas labyrinth to the Parish hall for a day of education and quiet reflection. In April it meant a great deal to me to return to some familiar patterns of worship and preaching in Holy Week and Easter. The spring was spent planning for and funding the J2A pilgrimage to Borderlands Ranch in South Dakota. Susie Steady organized a hugely successful (and fun) Silent Auction which was enjoyed by all and raised significant funds for the trip. In May and early June we were treated to hear from three groups of graduating seniors as Youth Sunday preachers. I know I was deeply moved not only by the variety of gifts and their dreams for their future, but also by their witness to their faith and the place St. John's has had in the formation of their character.

In June and July we worked hard on our fundraisers the Tag Sale and Carnival which involved many volunteer hours from many members of the parish and were very successful. We also coordinated with Dale Bateman, our campaign consultant from Kirby-Smith, to conduct a feasibility study before our upcoming capital campaign. A capital campaign steering committee was formed which consists of: Joe Legg, Brian Steady, Carol Adams, Dick Miller and myself. Again Carol Adams, and the members of this committee arranged the interviews and schedule. Mr. Bateman submitted his report to the Vestry in

early September and informed us that the parish enthusiastically supports a campaign at this time. The Vestry then voted to go forward with it.

While Carol has been busy with organizing us Dick Miller has now spent literally hundreds of hours meeting with contractors and engineers, gathering information, quotes and proposed courses of action to enable us to repair the problems in our buildings. In good weather and bad, rain, or freezing cold you'll often find Dick up on the roof or slogging through the snow, meeting with contractors at all kinds of hours. Again, to Dick, our deepest thanks. Dick and Joe Legg now co-chair the Building Committee which is working to fine tune the quotes and dig a little deeper into the causes of our problems and their solutions. Our prayers continue for this committee and its important work.

This year Vestry liaisons to all of the areas of our ministry (Service, Worship, Education, Evangelism, Pastoral Care and Stewardship) were appointed and began to either report to the Vestry about on-going activity, or began to organize their areas from the ground-up . Two areas we worked hard to get going were the Adult Education team – and the adult forums – and the Evangelism Team which has developed a design for a Greeters ministry to begin at St. John's. It's been exciting and satisfying to see hopes and dreams for our future take flesh and feed us as a community of faith. I give thanks for the people who have worked hard on some of these efforts: Linda Ferguson, Kim Blake, Polly DeSanto, Peg O'Brien and Joan Fairlie. We hope for even greater connection and mutual support between the ministry teams/committees and the Vestry in the months ahead. Also, the effort to open up our ministry teams and guilds had a huge boost in our most recent "Ministry Fair" held in mid-November.

We are blessed by a very dedicated and skilled staff. I deeply enjoy all that God asks me to share with John Anthony, Liz Shaw and Sue Worgul. They work hard to offer their very best in serving you and the many visitors and seekers that come through our doors. God moves powerfully through them and in them. In all things I have worked to be a helpful overseer and partner in the many ministries we have been given by God, ministries which you and I share. Perhaps more than ever my physical limitations are teaching me to share, delegate and ask for more help. It is all good, because all of it, even my disability, is from God. St John's will become a stronger parish the more deeply we share the Lord's work, each offering our gifts, appreciating and depending on one another, and equipping ourselves to be God's people in the world.

As I thought about our future, and the many challenges and opportunities God lays before us as his people, these spiritual "markings" came to mind  
God asks us to be kind to and love one another

to have compassion and patience  
to love more, and judge less  
to listen well, with open minds, for God speaks to us through each other  
to mark each day with some moment/act of adoration and praise to God,  
to pray for those who suffer  
to protect the powerless and serve the poor  
to shine our light in the world's darkness  
to offer our best to God and to each other.

In Christ,

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The Rev. E. Page Rogers



## Report of Official Acts – 2008

### **Baptisms**

<b>Children</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Adults</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Confirmations</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Reception in Episcopal Church</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Marriages &amp; Blessings of Civil Marriages</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Burials / Committals &amp; Memorial Services</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Communicants transferred out</b>	
<b>To other parishes</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Baptized Communicants transferred in</b>	
<b>From other parishes</b>	<b>7</b>

### **Liturgies**

<b>Holy Communions</b>	
<b>Sundays</b>	<b>104</b>
<b>Weekdays</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>Private (shut-ins &amp; hospital)</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Other Liturgical Services</b>	
<b>TOTAL LITURGIES</b>	<b>204</b>
<b>Total Attendance Sat &amp; Sun</b>	<b>7,067</b>
<b>Average Sunday Attendance (8 &amp; 10)</b>	<b>135</b>
<b>Total number of Holy Communions (Sat/Sun)</b>	<b>6610</b>
<b>TOTAL ATTENDANCE AT ALL LITURGIES</b>	<b>9,226</b>

### **Congregation**

<b>Numbers of individuals in Parish</b>	<b>452</b>
<b>Number of Active members</b>	<b>300</b>
<b>Who contributed financially (in 2008)</b>	<b>279</b>
<b>Heads of Households</b>	<b>204</b>
<b>Children under 16 (active &amp; inactive)</b>	<b>141</b>

(The above census data on the “Congregation” was gathered from the church’s census keeping computer software program, “Automated Church Systems”)

## **The Deacon’s Report 2008**

It’s hard to believe that 2008 is already gone. It is said that when you are twenty years old life goes by at twenty miles an hour. When you are thirty life goes by at thirty miles an hour. Well at sixty-ish life indeed does go by at sixty-ish miles an hour!  
It has been a busy year, gone by all too soon.

My role as deacon here at St. John’s is spiritually rewarding, deeply satisfying and it is with great joy that I serve with Mother Rogers and our priest associates, Rev. Ralph Merrill, Rev. Joan Phelps and Rev. Valerie Dixon.

Our liturgical life here at St. John’s is very rich. The Eucharist will always be the center of our spiritual and communal life in God and we meet Him in a very special way at the Table. Thank you to those called to this ministry of service at the altar as crucifers, servers, acolytes, chalice bearers and lectors. You are dedicated and bring your best to the altar. It is a blessing to serve with you.  
Deke Adams and I had the privilege and fun of training seven new acolytes this year. We learned how to serve as acolytes and had a great pizza filled day. Look for these new faces and thank them for their service.

Each Tuesday, after meeting with Mother Page, I visit folks who are at home, hospital or in convalescent home. I spend time with them and often bring the Eucharist, the Healing Presence of God, that we may be fed spiritually and celebrate our lives together in God.

I continue to work with our LEM’s, (Lay Eucharistic Ministers). This ministry continues to grow slowly but steadily. The trained and licensed Eucharistic Ministers carry the Body and Blood of Christ to those who are home bound. The LEM’s leave just before the end of the service on Sunday morning and the church service doesn’t end until it is completed at the parishioner’s home. If you cannot come to church because of illness or debility please call the church office and request a LEM visit.

I also continue as a member of the Outreach Commission. The Commission functions throughout the year by serving food at the New London Soup Kitchen, providing support for Care’N Share, assisting in prison ministry by donating bibles to York Correctional institution, providing resources to others in prison ministry, and donating money and goods to the Haiti Project. This year we hosted the fourth annual Golf Tournament. All money raised goes to charity. It was decided in 2008 that our 2009 tournament will be “kicked up a notch” and we will host an 18 hole tournament at a near by golf course with hopes of raising more money for charity and having a good time doing it. We thank Beverly Shepardson for her four years of tireless service in creating, leading and growing our tournament for charity. Bev will remain a team member but will hand the reigns of leadership to Neil Demers. We

welcome and support Neil as new team leader and are excited about the new ideas he brings to this ministry.

I continue to meet once a month with St. John's Pastoral Care Team. Mother Rogers and I are available to them at all times. Our team is composed of compassionate and wise people who are called by God and trained here at St. John's to serve this parish. They are assigned people to visit either for short term or long term as the parishioner's need or circumstances allow. If you have need of a short or long term Pastoral Care visitor please call the office or speak to Mother Rogers or me.

I am also a member of our wonderful Health Team. Although I am not a health care professional they do tolerate me and I am wholly inspired by their compassion and no nonsense approach to meetings. They work quietly and competently bringing important information to us in Forums and with the library of books on health found in the narthex. Please check it out! They also keep track of our blood pressure once a month so we may stay healthy. Please notice the little bottles of hand disinfectant in the pews. They are a gift from our Health Team! Please use them.

Prayer is an important and powerful part of my life and I so enjoy being a member of the Sisters of Prayer. This prayerful group intercedes every day of the week for our needs. There is a locked box with paper and pencil available on the table near the Slype for prayer requests. The box is checked every Sunday and the prayer requests are sent to the prayer team. All requests are confidential. You can be sure your need is being expressed only to God through the Sisters of Prayer.

It has been a wonderful eight years (yes eight!) here at St. John's. Our life together has been astounding and I have grown as a Christian as you have touched me with your understanding, love and grace during my good times and my bad times. Even in times of sadness, especially when we loose one of our Church family members through death, God's joy finds a way into our hearts. We rejoice in the happy times, picnics, carnivals, golf tournaments, tag sales, and all the opportunities we have to gather as a church family to celebrate life together in God!

I am so blessed to be part of this loving community.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Dianne Warley, Deacon

### **Senior Warden's Report 2008**

The year 2008 began under the guidance of The Reverend Joan Phelps as Mother Rogers was dealing with several health issues. We are forever grateful for the guidance and assistance of Reverend Phelps. We thank Father Merrill for his continued and gracious willingness to assist and serve and to Deacon, Dianne Warley for her constant service to St. John's.

Many thanks to all of our Vestry Members and to Kirsten Babbin, Joan Fairlie and Ralph Napiany, whose terms were completed in January of 2008. February welcomed three new Vestry Members, Polly DeSanto, Peg O'Brien and Vic Vicari.

On January 9, 2008, the Capital Campaign Committee met with Dale Bateman, Consultant, of Kirby-Smith Associates, to review the Long Range Plan for St. John's. The three part plan included a renovation/expansion project, necessary building repairs and replacement of funds used from the Endowment Fund. Mr. Bateman was pleased with the plan for our future and expressed many positive comments.

May brought the full time return of Mother Rogers. She managed to jump right in at a very busy time. We are grateful for her return and wish her continued good health.

On June 1, 2008, we had a well attended Forum on the Future Plan for St. John's. We put our hard hats on, and our three point plan was presented. June and July were busy months preparing for our Feasibility Study, sending letters to our parishioners, dressing bulletin boards, attending meetings and making interview appointments with our parish family. The Feasibility Study was begun in mid-July, interviews were conducted, questionnaires were sent out, and the study was completed in August. The findings of the study were shared with the Vestry in late August and with the parish on September 14, 2008. Mr. Bateman recommended we move forward with a financially responsible campaign to take place in the early spring of 2009. The Vestry approved his suggestion and meetings began in October to prepare for the campaign.

Through out the year our Vestry Members have worked on facilitating the six major areas of our Long Range Plan (the SWEEPS model in The Story of Our Mission). A Long Range Plan Report will be found under separate cover.

Due to some concerns during our Carnival in 2007; and after much investigation and help from Sandy Clarke, a change was made and a new 2008 contract was signed with Bruce Bowdoin of Bowdoin Amusements for our July Carnival. A special thanks to Sandy Clarke and Brian Steady and to all our parishioners who assisted in this venture.

Many thanks to Linda Ferguson who, for the second year in a row, was chairwoman of our July Tag Sale. Our thanks to Brian Steady and Carolyn and Dick Miller for picking up many of the tag sale donations and to all who were involved in the tag sale during those very warm months. In August, the Vestry served at the New London Meal Center with the help of some of our parishioners.

Special thanks to all of the "behind the scenes" people who work on the many ministries we have through St. John's Church. Thanks to Susan Steady who sees that all of our kitchen supplies are available, to Jeff Worgul who changes the beautiful banners in the sanctuary, to Joan Fairlie who compiles the Time and Talent Sheets, to Dick Hall and Dick Miller who see that our weekly trash is picked up, to Sherry Young who folds the weekly bulletins, and to Jeff MacKay who mows our lawns and saves us many dollars.

Thanks to Dick Miller who is there to handle any problems and to Liz Shaw who is always there for me. I know there are many people to thank so forgive me for not mentioning each of you. How true the saying is.... "It takes a village".

Thank you and God bless you all.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Adams, Senior Warden

## **Junior Warden Report, 2008**

My friends, 2008 was a busy year.

Necessary minor maintenance repairs continued this past year on the Church and grounds. We held Spring and Fall cleanups, and thanks to many of you, we continue to have beautiful grounds. Periodically, I scheduled clean ups inside the church and Parish Hall.

For safety reasons, we had four trees taken down on Rogers Field and limbs removed from trees on St. John's Green. We had trees removed by Southeastern Tree Service at the Northeast corner of our property and Main Street.

Ongoing maintenance and repairs to the building include repairing and replacing fluorescent fixtures in the Parish Hall, replacing bulbs in emergency and exit lights, replacing water damaged ceiling tiles, and repairing toilets.

We contracted with Mystic Air Quality to conduct an Air Quality Analysis of all the areas in the building. Their report has been reviewed by the Vestry and the Building Committee and is part of the St. John's Long Range Plan.

An ice storm last winter caused water damage to the ceiling in the Rector's and Parish Offices. We have since contracted with a new roofing contractor, Jim Darling. He is maintaining the flat roof over the classrooms, the Parish hall and the Church Offices. He inspects the roof several times a year and initially spent many hours repairing the chimney in the Rector's office and repairing and re-caulking the flashing on our roofs. Jim repaired a leak in the Parish Hall roof membrane, which was the cause of a Christmas Eve leak in the upper and lower hallways of the Parish Hall.

The Rector and I recently met with Jim Darling to remove the outside paneling on the windows on the East side of the Parish Hall wing (the Nursery and the Guild Room as well as the windows above them). As a result, replacement of these windows will be our first order of business. They are rotten and that is where a good deal of the mold is coming from.

I continue to serve as an ex-officio member on all church committees, and Carol Adams and I meet weekly with Mother Rogers.

A special thank you to Dick Hall for his willing assistance during the year. Once again it has been a great pleasure to work with our Senior Warden, Carol Adams.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard A. Miller, Junior Warden

## **Christian Education Report 2008**

The program for Christian Education at St. John's in the year 2008 continued to spiritually nourish our children and youth, and also offered many opportunities for Christian enrichment for all of our adults. Our steadfast dedication to our children's education in the Episcopal faith begins each

Sunday with their attendance and participation at worship, and follows with classes and related activities led by an enthusiastic and unfailing team of twenty-three teachers and aides. Our adult parishioners throughout the year have enjoyed a wide variety of informative programs, guest speakers and Pastoral series leading to a closer relationship with our Lord. A summary of Christian Education at St. John's in 2008:

From January through June, 2008, the winter and spring term of the 2007-2008 Church School year continued with 69 children attending classes from preschool through twelfth grade. During this program year, classes were grouped as preschool, then kindergarten through second, third and fourth, fifth and sixth, Rite-13 (seventh and eighth), Journey to Adulthood (ninth and tenth) and Young Adults in the Church (YACS) in eleventh and twelfth. This grouping appropriately arranged both the numbers of children, and also the new class that will move forward as Rite-13 students in September, 2008. Teachers in Preschool through sixth continued team-teaching using the The Episcopal Children's Curriculum, Cross Year, and David C. Cook in the youngest classes. Class attendance remained very good. The children enjoyed the different styles of each teacher on the team, and two teachers were present always. All teachers have had Safe Church training and recertification as required. Parents have been more than helpful during special programs and activities, and we are very grateful for their assistance. In addition to classes, special activities during the second half of the 2007-2008 program year included: The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, hosted by the Rite-13 class, Overnight Lock-ins, Spring Clean-up, serving at the soup kitchen, Rite-13 Liturgy celebrating the Passage of Childhood, J2A Silent Auction Fundraiser, Preparation for Holy Communion, Good Friday Children's program, Easter egg hunt, Youth Sunday, Sundaes Sunday, and the annual picnic. We also must mention the graduation in June of seven of our young adults, who, together with six other students a grade below, formed St. John's first Rite-13 class in 2003. We were all privileged to hear their graduation addresses as they shared with us their plans and remembrances of growing up as part of St. John's parish family. Also, in July, six members of our current J2A class made their pilgrimage to the Black Hills of South Dakota to renew and nourish their spiritual relationship with God, and to learn about the culture of the Lakota and Dakota peoples. Their insights and memories were presented after summer vacation. For a more complete summary of the Rite-13 and J2A classes and activities, please see their separate report.

Homecoming Sunday at St. John's took place on September 7, 2008, signifying the beginning of the new 2008 - 2009 Church School year. Our teachers for this program year are Jamie MacKay, Janice Nykyforchyn and Evamarie Cooper in Preschool; Joan Demers, Jennifer Salerno and Karen Welsh in Kindergarten and First; Pat Aldrich, June Cordeau and Amanda Zawacki in Second and Third; Lisa Bragaw, Deb MacDonnell, Anna Anderson and Jonathan French in Fourth and Fifth; Susan Steady and Bob Jennings in Rite-13 (Sixth and Seventh); Julie Williams, Harry Clarke and Dick Miller in Journey to Adulthood (Eighth and Ninth); and Woody Babbins, Hugh Blake and Annette Hall in Young Adults in the Church. Our dedicated aides are Lisa Baxter and Lisa Johansen. This year the ECC curriculum is in the Shell Year, and the children's special focus will be on Baptism during the spring term. Our sixth and seventh grade class this year has formed the newest Rite-13 class, now embarking on their Journey to Adulthood.

In addition to classes and discussions, students have participated in many special activities during the fall term. Included among these: acolyte training, student lock-ins, fall clean-up, All Saint's luncheon, Advent Wreath workshop, volunteering at Community Soup Kitchen, assisting with the Basket Bazaar and Ministry Fair, Children's Christmas Crafting and Caroling Program, and the Children's Christmas Pageant. It should also be noted that nine students participate in St. John's Junior

Choir, 19 of our students serve as acolytes, and many of our young people have become Junior Ushers. We are so grateful for all of the adults at St. John's who encourage, mentor and lovingly teach our children.

In 2008, the program for Adult Christian Education at St. John's offered many opportunities for growth through informative forums and structured courses. Adult forums, which are presented during the children's classes, welcomed guest speakers to St. John's and also kept parishioners abreast of renovation and church maintenance plans. To further develop our adult forums, an Adult Education Committee was formed in July, 2008, led by Joan Fairlie, Polly DeSanto, Peg O'Brien and Sandy Clarke. Topics valuable and timely were suggested and presented in adult forums throughout the fall of 2008. Additional Lenten and Bible studies met for six weeks. Included among the forums and courses presented in 2008:

- "A Journey in the Psalms for Sundays in Lent," a Wednesday Lenten Bible Series given by Rev. Babbin, Rev. Phelps, Rev. Merrill, Dcn. Warley, and Rev. Rogers;
- "Foundations of the Christian Faith," course study by Mother Rogers;
- "Tools for the Lenten Journey," Three Sunday Lenten discussions, Mother Rogers;
- "St. John's Renovation and Construction Plans," by Long Range Planning Committee and St. John's Vestry;
- "Your Environmental Road Trip (YERT)," by Mark Dixon and Company;
- "Protecting Yourself from MRSA," forum by Kris Magnussen, RNC, MSN;
- "Photography and Remembrances of Pilgrimage to Black Hills, SD," by J2A pilgrims;
- "Learning About Islam," three part video series, J. Fairlie, P. Desanto, and P. O'Brien.

In addition, six adults continued their studies in the EFM (Education For Ministry) program on Wednesday evenings throughout the program year. This program is mentored by Joan Fairlie and Mary-Lou Brockett-Devine. Please see their separate report. We are grateful to all of our parishioners and guests who were a part of the Christian Education program in 2008.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Worgul, Christian Ed. Director

### **The Organist / Choirmaster's Report 2008**

We have completed another year of meaningful and, I hope, fulfilling music ministry at St. John's. Both the junior and the senior choir have contributed their time and musical talent to singing praise to

God and adding beauty to our worship services. In addition, wonderful instrumentalists have added extra beauty to our Sunday services. Finally, as we celebrate the TWENTIETH anniversary of our incomparable Charles Fisk tracker organ, we all have much to be thankful for.

The Senior Choir activities:

We sang at the 10am services on Sundays from September through June 8: the day of the parish picnic. We sang for special services on: Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. We sang at 8am and 10am on Easter and at 10:30pm on Christmas Eve. I played the following additional services: Easter Vigil, Thanksgiving morning, 4:30pm on Christmas Eve and on Christmas morning.

Stephen Lyons, trumpeter and Joan Winters, violinist, performed beautiful music at various services throughout the year.

The senior choir celebrated birthdays regularly throughout the year. On Dec. 21 we sang Christmas carols for several older members of the St. John's family. Joan Fairlie ably organized these events.

The senior choir enjoyed our annual picnic at the beautiful home of Joan and Chester Fairlie on August 10th.

Margaret Howard once again hosted our wonderful Christmas party on December 21. This year it was an icy night for driving.

We enjoyed a choir breakfast between the two services on Easter.

The choir continues to send get-well and sympathy cards to people in need. We volunteered at the New London Meal Center on two Sundays during the year.

We continue to appreciate the talents of some high school singers in the senior choir. These young people give all of us hope for the choir of the future. We just need more of them. We always would welcome new members of any age in the senior choir.

Bob DeSanto continues to serve as our official choir photographer. This year he produced an especially beautiful updated photo of the senior choir.

Elma Frysinger gives so many hours of service as my substitute and as our choir librarian and robe coordinator. More and more she has notified the choir of special announcements by email. I appreciate her faithfulness and hard work more than she or anyone knows.

I engaged in the following activities during 2008:

On February 24, I played a recital with my brother James along with trumpet and strings at his church: St. John's, Glyndon, MD, where they have a beautiful Taylor and Boody tracker organ.

On October 19 I took part along with many members of our senior choir in a concert of organ and choral music at the Second Congregational Church in New London. This was designated an Organ Spectacular Concert and was part of the AGO celebration of 2008-09 as the International Year of the Organ.

On Halloween I played a recital of scary music at Harkness Chapel, Connecticut College.  
I continue to serve as a member of the Diocesan Music and Liturgy Commission.  
I continued as President of the CT Early Music Society.  
I continued to serve on the board of the Eastern CT Symphony Orchestra.  
I continue to teach full time at Connecticut College and serve as College Organist.

As always, I am very grateful to our clergy: Page, Ralph, Dianne and Joan; to Susan Worgul and Janice Nykyforchyn who do such a wonderful job with our junior choir; and to Liz Shaw and all others who work so hard to support music at St. John's.

Once again, I am thankful for every junior and senior choir member and to their families who make their faithful participation in rehearsals and services possible--not only when it is convenient, but EVERY SUNDAY! I know that it represents great loyalty and sometimes sacrifice.

I thank all in the congregation who support music at St. John's: those who attend concerts; those who applaud postludes; those who greet and thank the choir at coffee hour after a special anthem! This year we are planning some special concerts in celebration of the anniversary of the Fisk Organ.

We always need to be reminded of the reason for our musical ministry: J. S. Bach wrote it on many of his musical scores: Soli Deo Gloria, or: To God Alone be Glory!

Respectfully submitted,  
John Anthony, Organist/Choirmaster

### **Junior Choir Director's Report 2008**

The children of St. John's Junior Choir had a joyful, musical year, singing at twenty-one Services throughout 2008. Although our group is small, the children always look forward to learning lovely new anthems, and lifting their voices in praise. Every child in the Junior Choir is to be commended for their faithfulness and enthusiasm, especially on those coldest Sundays when 9:10 practices seem much too early!

Our Junior Choir members in 2008 included Ian and Megan Aldrich, Megan Cordeau, Hannah Schonenberg, Julia Zawacki, and our newest member, Caroline French. We are grateful to Tammy Faircloth, Amy Bleasdale and Christine Nykyforchyn who step over from Senior Choir to help us out. Thank you, all!

Special anthems were chosen this year for the services on Palm Sunday, Easter and Youth Sunday. In addition, we were honored to sing at Baptisms in January and on All Saints' Sunday in November. I was incredibly proud of the choir for the beautiful anthems sung at the Service of Lessons and Carols, and especially proud at the Children's Christmas Eve Service, when we sang two beautiful anthems, "The Ukrainian Bell Carol" and "Sing Noel". Thank you to all of our choir members and their parents, who faithfully brought them, and also for attending those special extra practices so that we would sing perfectly!

We're looking forward to singing many new choral works for St. John's in 2009, and encourage any child who likes to sing to join this wonderful group. At this time, St. John's has so many young boys who have

wonderful voices and would make an incredible addition to the Junior Choir. Two of our vocalists will be graduating this year, so we're hopeful that some new students will join our group!

I would like to thank Mrs. June Cordeau, who is helpful and supportive in every way, and Mrs. Janice Nykyforchyn, our amazing choir mother, who remembers every detail that makes us perfect! And to Dr. John Anthony, we thank you especially for taking your important time to help us prepare and sound wonderful!

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Worgul, Junior Choir Director

**Annual Capital Campaign Report 2008**  
"Our Faith Takes Another Step"

After input from the congregation and prayerful consideration and discernment by the Vestry and the Long Range Planning Committee, 2008 brought a three point plan for St. John's to our congregation. The plan consists of:

- a building expansion/renovation plan
- a necessary maintenance repair list and
- replacement of the borrowed money from the Endowment Fund to pay for the new church roof in 2004.

A Feasibility Study took place in the summer of 2008 by Dale Bateman of Kirby-Smith Associates which was completed in the fall of 2008. The study found that 84% of the respondents would personally and financially be supportive of a Capital Funds Campaign to accomplish our Long Rang Plan goals listed above. The study found the respondents were generally united to accomplish and complete the necessary maintenance goals and the replacement of the Endowment Fund money. They were less understanding and enthusiastic about building a new extension to the slype. There was great interest in handicapped accessibility; however that part of the plan was included in the expansion of the slype.

Based on the Feasibility Study, the Vestry voted to move forward in faith with a three year Capital Campaign to accomplish the necessary repair list and replacement of the Endowment Fund. Depending on the success of the Capital Campaign, consideration will be given to the expansion of the slype and handicapped accessibility. The Building Committee has been meeting bi-monthly to prioritize a list of necessary repairs for St. John's.

The Capital Campaign Committee met with Mr. Bateman in October of 2008 to follow his direction for a properly managed campaign. Under his direction we set up a Steering Committee and six Sub-Committees for a responsible and successful fund raising campaign. The Steering Committee met on December 15, 2008 with Bill and Gen Sutton of Kirby-Smith Associates to set up timeline for our Capital Campaign. On January 11, 2009 the Steering Committee and the Chairmen and Chairwomen of the Sub-Committees met for a four hour, training session with our Kirby-Smith Consultants to prepare for the campaign.

Thank you to the many who have offered their time and talent to support our Long Range Plan and the ministries of St. John's with this very important undertaking. It has been a long time coming and we are

excited to finally be moving forward. At this time the committees are underway and are working hard on a successful campaign. You will be hearing much more regarding our campaign in the coming year. We invite you to a greater ownership of our church. We need the involvement of all of you, so please contact Mother Rogers, the Wardens or any Sub-Committee Chairmen or Chairwomen to offer your assistance, your time and talents.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Adams, Sr. Warden

### **Long Range Plan Report, 2008**

I extend my sincere appreciation to the Vestry Members and to those Committee Members who have worked on implementing the parish goals of 2007 and 2008 for St. John's Church. We continue to work toward some goals, some have been unattainable and some have been realized and instituted. Our Long Range Plan for 2008 included the following areas:

#### **SERVICE**

1. **Enhance intergenerational ministry (e.g., develop an active presence in Senior Centers).**

Although there is some interaction with Senior Facilities, more focus is needed in this area.

2. **Sponsor a Habitat for Humanity "house in a box" on St. John's Green.**

Habitat for Humanity has received a monetary donation from St. John's for the year 2008. The project for a "house in a box" has not been initiated to date.

3. **Revive Episcopal Church Women (ECW) at St. John's that allows working women to attend.**

We thank Amanda Zawacki for organizing and reviving the Episcopal Churchwomen's Organization (ECW) within St. John's. The ECW organized a baby shower with gifts donated to the Child and Family Agency in honor of Pat King. They also organized and worked at a bake sale in November of 2008.

4. **Church school to adopt an impoverished child.**

This goal has not been met to date.

The 2007 goal of a Thanksgiving Day Meal was very successful. The Thanksgiving Day Meal for 2008 did not take place.

We continue to financially support the St. James Homeless Hospitality Shelter.

Our ties with Care and Share have been strengthened through food donations collected and delivered to Care and Share for the year 2008.

#### **WORSHIP**

1. **Provide annual review training sessions for all Ushers, Acolytes, Lectors and Ministers of Communion.**

An annual review training and new training for acolytes took place in September of 2008. A group of Junior Ushers continues to serve the parish on the second Sunday of each month. Young people serve our parish as ushers, occasional readers and adult choir members both on Youth Sunday and throughout the year.

In November of 2007 we were blessed to have six Lay Eucharistic Ministers complete their training and they have been administering communion to shut-ins.

**2. Explore different types of services such as Folk Mass, High Mass and contemporize service.**

Much discussion has taken place regarding different types of services as well as all of the areas below listed under Worship. We are looking for a chairperson and committee to work on suggestion numbers 2 through number 7 so that we can see some of these suggestions materialize in the year 2009. If you feel called to this important ministry, please contact Mother Rogers or Carol Adams, Senior Warden.

**3. Consider having only one service on summer Sundays at 9:00 AM.**

**4. Explore a hymn sing under a tent in the summer.**

**5. Schedule Rite 1 seasonally during Lent and Advent.**

**6. Organize and participate in more ecumenical /interfaith services with area churches.**

**7. Offer a Ministry of Healing.**

The goals of 2007 for improving the sound system for the hearing impaired and installing a moveable closure at the center of the communion rail have not been realized at this time.

## **EDUCATION**

**1. Explore the possibility that education classes for all ages occur between services (i.e. 9-10 AM).**

There have been no changes regarding this goal.

**2. Develop a year- long program for Adult Forums and interest related groups such as book discussion groups.**

Thanks to Joan Fairlie a schedule of Sunday Adult Forums has been coordinated for the year 2008. Joan also organized a well attended and informative Ministries Fair in November. The Health Committee continues to set up Health Forums twice a year and two of our parishioners faithfully guide the Wednesday evening EFM classes.

In 2007 a space needs analysis was completed to consider the need for an appropriate physical environment for youth and adult education, meetings and nursery service. Architectural plans were completed and were reviewed by our Vestry and parishioners. The plan for future renovations may be considered as we move forward with a Capital Campaign.

The J2A program has been strengthened by a youth pilgrimage in 2007 and 2008. Additional young people and teachers have become involved in this program.

## **EVANGELISM**

**1. Develop a plan to increase the use of St. John's Green and Roger's Field for church, community, and private activities (plays, Concerts, receptions).**

St. John's Green has been used for the Summer Carnival around Celebrate East Lyme Day, the annual Halloween Costume Contest, Blessing of The Animals and parking for the Christmas Light Parade, Niantic Bay Triathlon and the Niantic Bay Marathon. Several of our parishioners are looking into other projects to increase the use of the Green.

**2. Erect more "Episcopal Church Welcomes You" signs in the community and surrounding areas.**

Signs have been purchased and will be erected.

**3. Create a special course for new members as an orientation to the church.**

A course, "Foundations of the Christian Faith", is offered to new members and to all parishioners. Please see Mother Rogers if you are interested in this course.

**4. Investigate strategies to maintain participation of our 18-30 year old parishioners.**

St. John's is looking for someone in this age group to developing programs that meet the spiritual needs of this age group.

**5. Investigate interest in a St. John's logo.**

There has been discussion and interest regarding a logo. A logo may be developed in 2009. All suggestions are welcomed.

**6. Install a sign with removable letters for the front lawn of The Green to announce upcoming events.**

There has been much discussion regarding an appropriate sign, however, a decision has not been made at this time. The years 2007 and 2008 saw an active Evangelism Team. In conjunction with the Property Team, some modifications to our building and property were realized in making our grounds more handicapped accessible. Further plans are contingent upon the financing of our Capital Campaign.

A communications system for publicity has been developed and utilized.

We are currently looking for a "Parish Life Coordinator" to organize and coordinate social activities such as pot luck suppers, activities, picnics and the like.

We discussed the initiative adopted by the 2000 General Convention which calls the Episcopal Church to double its size by the year 2020. We hope to increase by five additional families in the year 2009. Thanks to Kim Blake, a Greeter Program has been developed with training to begin soon. Mother Rogers has also been in conversation with the local Welcome Wagon Organization to include information regarding St. John's in a packet distributed to new comers to the area.

## **PASTORAL CARE**

**1. Provide health information, instruction, and additional equipment through the Health Team.**

The Health Team provided speakers for two Forums in 2008. The health topics were, Organ Donation and Infection. This team continues to provide monthly blood pressure screenings on the first Sunday of each month. Wheelchairs and walkers are also available for loan and health related books are available at the church entrance.

**2. Investigate new ways to provide Parish members with support for those with an ailing family member.**

The Sisters of Prayer are providing spiritual support in praying for those in need of prayer as well as the "care givers" of those in need. Thanks to Linda Tomkins, a Pastoral Care Meal Assistance Program has been set up and many parishioners and families have received meals. This program provides meals made and delivered by our parishioners to others in need during an event of serious illness or bereavement.

The Pastoral Team has increased in size over the years 2007 and 2008.

A plan to contact people who have stopped attending St. John's has not been formulated at this time.

## **STEWARDSHIP**

**1. Develop a program of planned maintenance and upgrade for our facilities and property.**

Funds have been approved in our 2009 budget to allow greater attention to maintain our facilities and property. The Capital Campaign will enable us to make the necessary repairs and upgrades to our building.

**2. Develop a calendar of fundraising events that are fun and innovative to raise funds and increase fellowship within St. John's.**

More focus is needed in this area to reach this goal in 2009.

The Stewardship Committee has developed guidelines for an Endowment Committee which are in the process of approval.

The Vestry has worked hard to meet the challenges of the Long Range Plan but it takes an interested and working congregation to see these goals materialize. We invite each of you to become involved in working toward the goals of the Long Range Plan and to serve Our Lord in the mission of St. John's Church.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Adams, Senior Warden

### **Journey to Adulthood 2008**

The Journey to Adulthood (J2A) program began its' 6<sup>th</sup> year at St. John's this past September and continues to grow and prosper. We had a very busy and exciting 2008!

The very first class of J2A had five students graduating from high school last June. We wished Godspeed to Veronica Anderson, Porcia Bennett, Stephen Kimble, Christine Napiany and Christopher Worgul as they step out into the world to pursue their education and dreams. Our enrollment of approximately 26 students in the three groups keeps our leaders busy. Many thanks to the adults, past and present, who have stepped forward to assist our young people with their spiritual formation and growth during these important years. The Rite 13 group, six students, (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade) is led by Susan Steady and Bob Jennings. The J2A group, eight students (9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade) is led by Harry Clarke, Julie Williams and Richard Miller. The Young Adults in the Church, YAC's, twelve students (11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade) is led by Annette Hall, Woody Babbin and Hugh Blake. Kudos to them and to retired leaders Tim Groome, Doris Johnson and Elizabeth Kimble for all their hard work and dedication to our youth. A special thank you goes to Annette Hall, who has stepped down as J2A Program Coordinator, having served in that capacity since the program was begun at St. John's five years ago. Without her vision and leadership this program would not have the strength it does today.

Our young people continue their tradition of service to others in a myriad of ways: Preparing and serving at the New London Community Meal Center (Soup Kitchen) two to three times a year. Organizing and running the annual CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Walk, held on April 27<sup>th</sup>. On February 3<sup>rd</sup> they raised \$383.00 for the Souper Bowl of Caring, a nationwide movement of youth groups fighting local hunger. They also actively participate in our Church community by serving as ushers and on the altar, in the junior and senior choir, helping with the spring and fall cleanups, assisting the younger children at the Good Friday Program for Kids on March 21<sup>st</sup> and in the nursery, preparing and serving the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (Rite 13 youth), and serving as waiters/waitresses at the Basket Bazaar in November. The extent of their involvement in the Church speaks volumes about the success of the Journey to Adulthood program and the commitment of their leaders.

In anticipation of the J2A class pilgrimage in July there were several fundraisers held during the year. Susan Steady, the J2A parents and teachers organized and ran a Silent Auction on May 3<sup>rd</sup> that included many donations from parishioners, local businesses and sports memorabilia from Mike Riccio Sports. Judy Cook, Molly Schonenberg and Liz Shaw organized food preparation and serving for the event. Leslie Candlish performed a concert that night also. During the Niantic Light Parade in December the youth sold hot chocolate and received donations from cars parking on our Green. With the able

assistance of Dick Miller, Harry Clarke and Janice Bleasdale they built birdhouses, painted by Jan, and sold them at the Silent Auction and other church functions. Eva-Marie Cooper organized a sale of custom made handbags. These fundraising activities generated \$9,201.00 towards the cost of this year's pilgrimage and left "seed" money for the 2010 pilgrimage.

The young adults also continue their tradition of having "lock-ins", with each group planning their activities, supper and movies. In March the J2A class, led by Harry Clarke held a lock-in to finish a quilt which they had designed and sewn (with oversight, training and equipment provided by Janice Bleasdale!) to be presented to Annette Hall, who had been recovering from cancer treatments. They also worked on the birdhouses for the auction and watched the movie *Amazing Grace*. The Rite 13 class also held a lock-in during the winter. On March 9<sup>th</sup> all groups attended a special session to listen to speakers from the Alliance for Living talk on living with HIV/AIDS. It was a very informative class for our young people.

From July 11<sup>th</sup> to July 19<sup>th</sup> six members of the J2A class went on a pilgrimage to South Dakota, staying at Borderlands Ranch and Spiritual Education Center in the Black Hills.

There they learned from Rev. Linda Kramer about the history, culture and spirituality of the Lakota people and traveled to several important places in the Lakota tradition. Reverend Joan Phelps, and leaders Harry Clarke, Tim Groome and Gina Lincoln chaperoned the trip. On September 21<sup>st</sup> the class spoke to the parish about the pilgrimage during the sermon, followed by a slide presentation during coffee hour. They have also sold 2009 calendars of their pilgrimage as a fundraiser.

Rite 13 ceremonies for those youth turning 13 have been held twice this year and we anticipate the same again this year. The YAC group is in need of adult mentors in order for them to be able to assume their adult responsibilities within the Church. Please consider donating a few hours a month to one of our young people. Speak with the YAC leaders for further information. There is also a continuing need for more leaders to help with our classes.

Please keep all our young people and their leaders in your prayers during this important and challenging time in their lives.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gina B. Lincoln

### **Education for Ministry (EFM) 2008**

EFM is a program for all Christians who wish to enrich and deepen their understanding of their faith, and who enjoy spending time with a fun-loving community of people interested in exploring new and old ideas surrounding our faith. EFM is a program of theological education-at-a-distance developed by the School of Theology of the University of the South at Sewanee.

September 2008 was the start of year eight for St. John's EFM group, which meets on Wednesday evenings through the academic year. The program encourages students to study Scripture, church history, and theology and to bring that material into dialogue with the events of their every day lives. The 34-week course is run like a one-room schoolhouse. Students sign up for one year at a time covering the following subjects --Year One: The Old Testament, Year Two: New Testament, Year

Three: Church History, and Year Four: Theological Choices. This year we have students studying three of the four years. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are available for interested students.

In 2008, EFM reached out to the church and the community by holding an open house for church members to see what an EFM meeting is like, creating a Beer basket for the basket raffle, and volunteering at the NL Meal Center. We ended the 2007-2008 academic year with a dinner and Eucharist along with a reunion with other EfM graduates.

New first-year students will be welcomed in the fall, and the group is also looking forward to the return of other 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> year students who have begun their journeys previously.

For more information about this program locally, contact one of the mentors - Joan Fairlie and Mary-Lou Brockett-Devine, or Mother Rogers. Current students are: Lisa Bragaw, Ronnie Borys, Dick Hall, Bob Jennings, Dick Miller, and Laura Vicari.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Fairlie and Mary-Lou Brockett-Devine



### **St. John's "Prayer Sisters" Report 2008**

The Prayer Sisters are a group of St. John's women who are called by God to offer intercessory prayers for individuals every day of the week. In addition, we meet monthly nine months of the year and have an active telephone tree. Currently there are fourteen dedicated members of our prayer group. The sisters are: Carol Adams, Rives Boardman, Ronnie Borys, Jane Darling, Linda Ferguson, Judy Kaan, Bonnie Legg, Alphonsine Mwizerwa, Margaret O'Brien, Alice Sailer, Bev Shepardson, Linda Tomkins, Dianne Warley and Sherry Young.

The purpose of the *Prayer Sisters* group is to unite together in prayer for the special needs of our community, both for the life of our parish and for individual needs. Anyone having specific requests for prayers is encouraged to place the request in the "Prayer Request Box" located in the church or speak with one of the sisters. Each day these requests are held in prayer. If possible, please notify us of any changes or updates to your prayer request. All requests are kept in confidence.

New members are always welcome. If anyone feels the Holy Spirit is leading them to join our group, please see Mother Rogers or one of the members.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret O'Brien

### **Prayer Shawl Guild 2008**

St. John's Prayer Shawl Guild has been very busy this year and continues to gain new members who knit or crochet. The shawls are created for parishioners and friends of the church and given in a time of grief or illness and bring hope to those in times of trouble.

During the year, members of the Guild brought a large collection of our shawls to the Pastoral Care Department at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital for distribution to patients in need. Some of you may have seen the group picture that was in the L&M newsletter. Thank you to Deacon Dianne who replenishes the supply at the hospital as needed. We receive many thank you notes during the year, but of special note this year was one from a patient at L&M who received one of our shawls. She was visiting the area from out of town, was hospitalized, received one of our shawls and sent us a thank you note using our St. John's web site to reach the office.

In December a box of handmade hats and scarves was mailed to the Seamens Institute in New York City to support their Christmas at Sea project. Mariners from far and wide benefit from our handmade items. We will continue to mail these items all during the year not just at Christmas.

Thanks to the St. John's Health Team, a supply of white yarn was donated to the Shawl Guild so members could make shawls for brides and shawls and blankets for newly baptized St. John's babies. The Guild meets at 7 PM on the first Monday of each month (except January, February, July & August) at a member's home. We meet on the third Monday at 1 PM (except July and August) at the Twin Haven Housing Community Room in East Lyme where we encourage residents of the complex to join us. Please join us at any of meetings if you feel the urge to learn or relearn how to knit or crochet. Patterns and instructions can be provided. If you cannot attend a meeting, feel free to create any of these items at home.

This year I assembled a notebook which contains patterns we have collected through the years. If you haven't received your notebook yet, see me because I have one for everyone. This year we hope to have our items on display in the church entryway so parishioners can see the items we create.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn Miller

### **Pastoral Care Report 2008**

Our Pastoral Care Team here at St. John's continues to minister with love, compassion and a good sense of humor.

There are seven members of the team and all have been trained in pastoral care. All seven are now actively teamed with a fellow parishioner.

The team meets once a month with Mother Rogers and Deacon Warley for:

- Continuing education.
- Mutual support.
- For community.

The Pastoral Care Team is a natural extension of the pastoral ministries of Mother Rogers and Deacon Warley. Nine visitors are more effective than two. Each share deeply in our common life together and more than once have walked to the gates of heaven with their fellow parishioner. There are long-term visits and short-term visits depending on the parishioners need.

ALL information is confidential. We respect each other because we recognize that each of us is made in the image of God.

We are called to provide God's love through support during tough times. At all times we are called to minister the joy that only God can give because joy is rooted in hope.

The Team has ministered to many parishioners over the years. It is not always easy because life has pain as well as joy but this ministry is deeply satisfying and each person called by God is compassionate and wise and supported by other team members.

We hope to grow again in the near future and wait upon God to send us his people.

If you are in need or know of someone in our parish who is in need of a pastoral visitor please call the office or speak to Mother Rogers or Deacon Warley.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Dianne Warley, Deacon

### **Lay Eucharist Ministers Report 2008**

The Lay Eucharistic Ministry (LEM), begun last year, is moving slowly ahead. Six people have been trained and licensed to carry the Body and Blood of Christ to those who are unable to participate in services here at the church. The LEM's leave the altar just before the end of the service on Sunday morning and the church service does not end until it is completed at the parishioner's home.

If you cannot come to church because of illness, debility or being homebound let the Church come to you. There is no need for you to prepare anything. It is simply time for you to receive. You are a part of the Body of Christ here at St. John's.

Please call the office and request a LEM visit.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Dianne Warley, Deacon

### **Outreach Commission Report, 2008**

During the course of this year the Outreach Commission and members of St. John's Church provided support to the following places: York Women's Prison, The New London Community Meal Center, St. Vincent's School and Hospital for handicapped children in Port a Prince, Haiti, and Care and Share of East Lyme. The annual Golf tournament supported the New London Meal Center, Habitat for

Humanity, and Care & Share. Funding in the Outreach Budget also provided money for KERF (Karen Emergency Refugee Fund), Theological Education, and to the Deanery.

#### YORK WOMEN'S PRISON

For our fifth year, the Outreach Commission has supported the teaching ministry of The Rev. Valerie Dixon, coordinator of the Chrysalis Program at York Women's Prison. Cases of English and Spanish Bibles were purchased for use at York (for \$1000). \$900 supported Rev. Dixon's ministry. Beginning in 2009, Valerie's work will be based out of St. John's.

Four of St. John's parish members served as prayer partners (spiritual mentors and friends for women in the Chrysalis Program). For more information about the prayer partner ministry, contact Rev. Valerie Dixon (860-691-1522).

In November 2008 the Outreach Commission prepared fruit baskets and baked desserts for the Kairos team of women who provide a 4-day spiritual retreat for 50-60 women at York. This was the twelfth year that St. John's supported this ministry.

The possibility of future outreach opportunities exist with York through the Story Book Project and Chrysalis Program. For more information about the Story Book Project, contact Rev. Dianne Warley, Deacon, (860-388-2138).

#### THE NEW LONDON MEAL CENTER

The Outreach Commission continues to support our yearlong commitment to the New London Meal Center. On the third Sunday of each month, our parishioners prepare and serve approximately 150 - 200 hot meals. Two preparers, six to seven servers and several shoppers give their time monthly with a minimum of 1½ hours and a maximum of 2¼ hours needed from each volunteer. Our YAC, J2-A, and Rite 13 youth have been active in preparing wonderful meals, especially this past November and December.

A special thanks to Susan Steady and Brian Steady who purchased all the food, beverages, and supplies needed for this ministry each month (\$3600 allocated for the year). Thanks as well to the St. John's groups that have assisted with this ministry: EFM, Vestry, Ushers, Senior Choir, the YAC, J2 A and Rite 13 Youth groups, and all the individual parish members from both the 8 o'clock and 10 o'clock services who have volunteered their time to prepare, serve and clean up. For more information, contact Christie Hayes (860) 739-0345.

#### ST. VINCENT'S, HAITI

This was our seventh year contributing to St. Vincent's School and Hospital for handicapped children in Port a Prince, Haiti. This year, the greatest need was for money, and parishioners gave generously. For more information contact Bonnie Legg (860) 739-4579.

#### MEETING DATES AND TIMES

The Outreach Commission usually meets monthly, on the third Monday of the month at 7:30 PM except January, July and August. The Commission is in need of a leader at this time. If you are at all interested, please let the church office know (739-2324).

Anyone interested in any program, attending a meeting or with a new Outreach idea is welcome at anytime.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christie Hayes, Member

### **St. John's Annual Golf Tournament 2008**

Thanks to the members of our golf committee St. John's Fourth Annual Golf Tournament was a success. \$1,946.13 was raised for Outreach. The Homeless Hospitality Shelter of New London, New London Meal Center, Habitat for Humanity of SE CT, and Care & Share of East Lyme each benefited from our profit.

Our committee, (Dianne Warley, Mark & Liz Shaw, Carolyn Miller, Alice Sailer and Bev Shepardson), looks forward to expanding the tournament next year under the leadership of Neal Demers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beverly Shepardson

### **Carnival Annual Report 2008**

The year 2008 was a brand new beginning for the Carnival at St. John's. This is the first of what we hope will be many years of doing business with Bowdoin Amusements. Bruce Bowdoin and his family approached St. John's in late January of 2008 and asked for an interview. The Carnival Committee met with him and we signed a contract on the spot pending the results of the reference check, which was pristine. This was a very well organized and family oriented organization and we are most happy that we moved forward with this particular company. The year 2008 will go down in history as being one of the hottest years on record for the Carnival. For the first 3 nights, Wednesday through Friday it was too hot for even the locals to come out. We kept telling Bruce "just wait, Celebrate East Lyme will bring the people out". He trusted us, and we were right. We ended up, after expenses, and with practically no business the first 3 nights, making a profit of a little over \$5000.00!! The crowds were incredible for Celebrate East Lyme. The Bowdoin's were a wonderful company to work with. We quickly signed a contract for 2009. I must report, they were also eager to come back, loving both the people at St. John's and the shoreline in the summer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Clarke Co-Chair Carnival Committee

### **St. Francis Gardening Guild 2008**

2008 was a year of growth for St. Francis' Gardening Guild. We welcomed Alexandra French and Gina Lincoln to our team and five additional volunteers have signed up to be part of the 2009 team. Thank you to all of our gardeners, past, present, and future, whose efforts contribute to the beauty of our gardens.

We usually kick off our season by planting pansies out front for Easter, but the combination of an early Easter and frozen earth thwarted our traditional plan. This year we planted colorful tulips and daffodils in urns by the front door and as the ground thawed these bulbs were planted in the ground.

We planted a number of low maintenance perennials in late Spring, including Bee Balm, Black Eyed Susan and Sedum. These taller plants were planted at the back of the flower beds and Germander, a low growing evergreen, was planted at the front. Because Germander is an evergreen, it provides excellent structure and color around the front of the church even in the winter. Our plan is to continue to add to the perennials next year and to use annuals sparingly.

During the summer, members of the team selected a week or two during which they would oversee the trimming and weeding of the gardens. This schedule worked well for the team and we had full coverage during the entire growing season. In addition to deadheading and trimming, many bags of mulch were spread.

Although the beds around the front of the church are the most visible, many different gardens encircle our church. Rik Wells planted and maintained the planter box under the sign near the street. The Knockout roses and butterfly bushes which were planted near the split rail fence last year came through their first winter and were beautiful all summer. The Memorial Garden had beautiful Hydrangeas and daisies which bloomed well into early Fall. Please take a few minutes to admire this garden if you haven't done so. It is a sacred space and is truly beautiful.

Thanks to all members of St. Francis' Gardening Guild for helping to make our church grounds a welcoming place. If you are interested in joining our team, we would love to have you. Please contact any group member!

Respectfully submitted,  
Judith R. Cook

### **Altar Guild Report 2008**

To all our Altar Guild members. Thank you for your dedicated service:

Carol Adams	Doris Johnson
Lisa Baxter	Carolyn Juhnevicz
Ruth Beckwith	Betty Lincoln
Ronnie Borys	Jamie Mackay
Lisa Bragaw	Peg O'Brien
Joan Burnham	Alice Sailer
Bev Shepardson	

Special thanks also go to Ruth Beckwith who went above and beyond her scheduled duties and to Deke Adams for his help "behind the scenes".

We encourage new members to join us in sharing in this very special ministry. We work in teams of two on a rotating basis caring for the altar, the sanctuary and the sacristy. Some of our responsibilities include preparation for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Sundays, Wednesdays and Special Services, cleaning of brass and

silver items, maintenance of candles and caring for linens. Please talk with Bev Shepardson or Carol Adams for more information if you feel called to join us.

The Altar Guild continues to honor the call to serve at our Lord's Table.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Adams & Bev Shepardson, Co-Directors

### **Guild of the Christ Child 2008**

The guild of the Christ Child is a registration of those who are the very young (birth to three years). These early years belong more exclusively to the home than do any later years. Children are naturally inquisitive and ask many questions. Therefore, parents are extremely important in assisting the church in its task of providing answers. Guild material is mailed to the home at specified times over this three year period to help parents answer these children's questions. The child is remembered at the first three anniversaries of his/her Holy Baptism.

At present there are nineteen children enrolled in the Guild. We are happy to have welcomed into the Guild in 2008: Jordan Giovanni-Richard Bennett, Madeline Patricia King, Allie Catherine Kondash, Benjamin Richard Quagan, Erica Danielle Land

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Wiseman

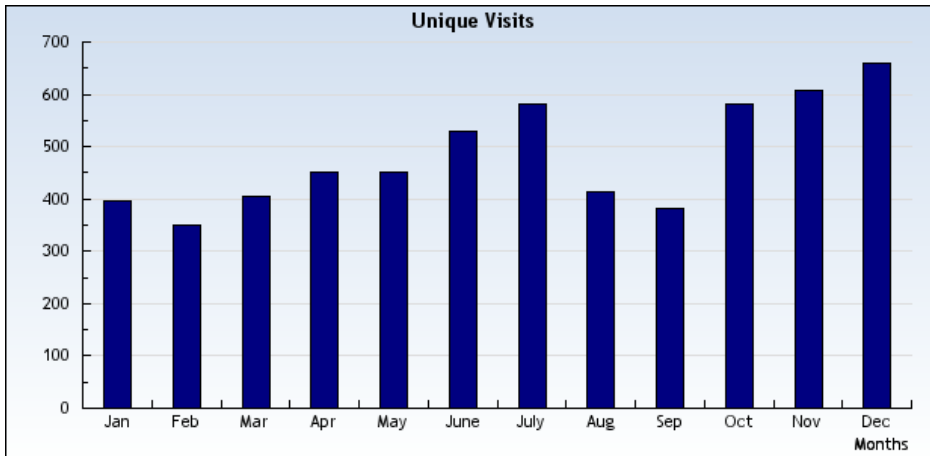
### **Health Team Annual Report 2008**

The Health Team at St. John's continues to grow. We have added another new member this year, Lisa Bragaw, and will also add Joyce Chappell when she returns from the sunny south in April. We had one very successful forum on C-Diff, VRE, and MRSA. The speaker was Kris Magnussen RN. It was a very informative and well attended forum. This is the first year the Health Team put together a basket for the Basket Bazaar. It appeared to be a hit with the people who bought tickets. Once again the pews have been stocked with Purell® and people seem to be happy to have that to use. The team hosted coffee hour the day of the forum and will be holding another forum in early spring. The topic will be announced at a later date. We continue to have Blood Pressure screenings the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month after each service. Lisa has designed hand-washing reminder signs also to be placed in all of the rest-rooms. All the members of the Health Team continue to welcome any new ideas that parish members might have for ways in which we might better serve you. Feel free to suggest ideas to any of us, or even drop at note in the office.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Clarke RN

**Website Report, 2008**  
**www.saintjohnsniantic.org**

2008 has been a productive year for St. John’s website. As you can observe from the graph listed below. In the last twelve months, we have received numerous visitors who are viewing many of the diverse web pages of this web site. This analysis summarizes multiple page views of an individual visitor into **unique visits!** <sup>1</sup>



Below is a table of 2007 & 2008 statistics, in number of visitors to the pages:

<u>Web Page</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
<b>Main-HOME</b>	551	2947
<b>Weekly Bulletin</b>	222	1003
<b>Church History</b>	163	793
<b>Announcements</b>	147	755
<b>News/ Calendar</b>	128	739
<b>Staff</b>	117	723
<b>Links</b>	93	515
<b>Long Range</b>	59	494
<b>Planning</b>		
<b>Directions</b>	56	414

<sup>1</sup> A visitor is counted only when bringing up at least one page and taking no longer than 30 minutes between individual pages.

We continue to use 1&1 to host our website, at a cost of \$59.88 per year. Our domain name already paid for and registered until 2016.

The Content and features of our church website contain the basics: St. John's name and Affiliation, street and mailing address, contact information, service times, clergy/staff, office hours, history, Sunday bulletin, news, calendar and links to other websites. Also, the site will continue to offer comprehensive information about 'most' of what is happening around St. John's Church, such as current ministries, a welcoming introduction to those searching for a church in our area.

Any individual who is interested in participating in the Website team is welcome. Help is needed in all areas of the web design phase. Editing, proofing, adding and modifying contents of St. Johns numerous ministries and testing the latest web pages that will soon go live in the New Year. In addition, we welcome and encourage comments and suggestions to improve the web site and provide the parishioners with the information they need.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Kimble

### **Publicity Ministry Annual Report 2008**

This year was a year of change for the Publicity Ministry. We previously had been able to develop a good working list of web sites, radio stations, TV stations, newspapers and other areas that were happy to list our events if their dead-lines were met.

We have frequently seen people come to the events that they have seen listed in the various venues mentioned above so it appears the effort is very worth-while.

With the St. John's, Diocesan and Mystic Country web sites being maintained now on a regular basis even people coming into town for just a week-end can find us and know about our events.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Clarke

### **Card Ministry Report 2008**

The Card Ministry is a quiet "behind the scenes" Ministry. The greeting card list very often comes from a list generated by the Rector, the Deacon, from the list of Prayers of the People, or word of mouth and sometimes all of these ways. Whenever a Parish Member hears of someone who has lost a loved one or is not feeling well and could use a little cheering up the name can be added to the list.

Cards are also sent at Christmas time.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Clarke, Chairperson

### **Report of Delegation to Deanery & Convention 2008**

The Deanery continues its support for prison ministries through support of efforts within York Prison and for various "halfway" houses.

Several people from the Deanery went on a second mission trip to Ecuador and assisted the Diocese of Central Ecuador (Bp Ramos) in the repair of a church camp/center. Additional trips are contemplated.

The Deanery continues to meet monthly and schedule joint projects throughout the year, including Quiet Days, Lay Eucharistic Minister Training, etc.

**Diocesan Convention:**

The convention was held again in October, in the Cathedral. A full report of proceedings, the full text of the resolutions and the bishop's address is available at <http://www.ctdiocese.org>.

The diocese also addressed the following resolutions:

- 1.) Minimum salary for clergy. Passed after debate.
- 2.) Diocesan Budget. Passed, no debate.
- 3.) Financial support for seminarians/resolution for General Convention. Passed, no debate.
- 4.) Establish the Connecticut Public Policy Network. Passed, no debate.
- 5.) On issues to come before state legislature. Debated, two amendments proposed, both defeated. Original passed.
- 6.) Moderating diocesan asking to account for "building outreach." Defeated, after debate.
- 7.) On providing resources to fund human services. Defeated after debate.
- 8.) On imploring the bishop to allow clergy to exercise pastoral care in officiating at services of holy matrimony for same sex couples: Passed after extensive debate. Hand vote, called by president. Challenged. Vote then counted. Passed 174 to 132.

**Bishop Smith's retirement:**

Bp Smith announced his intention to retire in 2010. Accordingly, the next Diocesan Convention will include election of the next Diocesan Bishop. Presently committees are meeting to work on selection of candidates and for the transition. More information is available on the website.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Hall, Delegate

**ECW Report (inserted) 2008**

The St John's Episcopal Church Women (ECW). Is reorganized and up and running. We had our first organizational meetings on April 14, 2008 with an enthusiastic group that had lively discussions on the future of St. John's ECW.

Our first event was an extremely successful baby shower with the gifts donated to Child and Family Services. The much needed gifts were distributed by Child and Family among their young mothers program and in house day care.

ECW again ran the bake sale at the Veteran's day bazaar. This is our only planned fund raiser for the year. The money raised will be used to host other events for the women of St. John's.

Under the direction of Judy Acker, United Thanks Offering (UTO) boxes were made available to the parish. This collection, for the awareness of the abundance of God's blessings, is joined with others and 100% of the collected offerings are granted through the Episcopal Church Center in New York City.

Watch the bulletin for upcoming news and events from St. John's ECW. It is a great way to get together with other women from St. John's and all our events are intended to provide outreach to our community or through our church.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amanda DeSanto-Zawacki

### **Treasurer's Report 2008**

“For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God.”

Romans 8:14

### **Operating Budget 2008**

We ended 2008 in better financial shape than originally anticipated. We thought we were going to need to transfer about \$1,000 from our Operating Reserve Fund to our Operating Budget for 2008. Instead, we ended with a surplus of \$15,000. The surplus came from several sources. Most notably, we received \$4,000 from outstanding 2007 pledges. We also exceeded our expected income in line 3100 Loose Plate & Seasonal Offerings. We anticipated \$10,500 but received \$24,200. Beginning in 2008, we changed the way we record donations, which caused this account to increase substantially. Before this year, we did not separate pledged donations from non-pledged donations. Beginning in 2008, only money donated that was pledged is included in 3200 Pledges, while all other income is included in 3100 Loose Plate & Seasonal Offerings.

Eighty-two percent of our income comes from pledges. We received 97% of the 2008 pledged income, which is \$8,500 short. Fortunately, we had a surplus in the areas outlined above, which helped to cover this deficit.

With the \$15,000 surplus from the Operating Budget, we are able to replenish our Operating Fund Reserve and add to the Capital Campaign Fund. We transferred \$8,000 to the Operating Fund Reserve, which brought the balance of that fund back to \$30,000. The remaining \$7,000 has been put towards our Capital Campaign Fund. That money will help pay for expenses incurred during the startup of the campaign.

From October of 2007 through April of 2008, our Rector Rev'd Page Rogers was on disability leave. (Welcome back Page!) During her absence, Rev'd Joan Phelps filled in. (Thanks Joan!) At the time we set the 2008 budget, we did not know how long the disability would continue and we underestimated both the income (line item 3730) and corresponding expense (supply clergy line item 5180). Therefore, in 2008, the supply clergy account was overspent by \$7,000 and the Disability Reimbursement Income was \$6,000 more than we anticipated.

The total amount of Disability Reimbursement Income (\$18,571) was received in 2008, but the corresponding expenses for supply clergy were paid out of both the 2007 budget (3 months) and the 2008 budget (4 months). The total cost for supply clergy coverage during those seven months was \$19,635.

Our electric bill for 2008 was a pleasant surprise. The cost of electricity during 2008 was 71% of budget, resulting in a savings of about \$5,300. We attribute this to changing our carrier from CL&P to Glacial Energy. We exceeded our budget for discretionary spending in 2008. There were more people needing help

this winter than we anticipated, so the vestry authorized an increase of \$1,000 (line item 5680) in order for our Rector to help the needy with food, gas, clothing, medicine, and rent.

## **Fund Accounts**

This year, the J2A youth and their leaders went on a Pilgrimage which cost about \$16,000. Despite that expenditure, the balance in the J2A Fundraising Fund has actually increased slightly. This is due in part, to the successful fundraising that the J2A youth and adults have done. The Auction netted \$6,000 and the sales of handbags, calendars, birdhouses, chico bags, etc. has raised almost \$2,000. Another \$1,000 was raised selling pancakes and hot chocolate. Including the money that the YACs have raised for their own Mission trip, there is a balance of \$10,500 in the fund.

During 2008, we joyfully received \$21,000 for the Capital Campaign Fund. Out of that money, we were able to pay our consultant \$7,500. The balance in the Capital Campaign Fund is \$27,400.

We have a new Fund called the "Isaiah Prison Ministry Fund," which is fully funded by a prison ministry source, called *A Sacred Place*. This fund is used by Rev'd Valerie Dixon for her prison ministry, which is independent of the operating Expenses of St. John's. St. John's will be doing the bookkeeping for these funds for Valerie.

## **Financial Stewardship 2009**

Our stewardship goal for 2009 is \$253,000. To date we have received \$241,019. This is \$7,700 less than the amount pledged for 2008. This fall, we received pledges from 105 people / families. This is down from the 112 we received last year. We have 4 new pledging units. Three people have moved away. We are still hoping to receive pledges for 2009. The annual pledges range from \$52 to almost \$14,000. Our average pledge is \$2295, or \$44 per week. This is an increase over last year. The median (middle) pledge is \$1,500. Thanks to everyone who has pledged! Thanks especially to the 2009 Stewardship Committee: Rev. Page Rogers, Judy Acker, Bob Jennings, Peg O'Brien, Chester Fairlie, and Kim Blake.

## **Operating Budget 2009**

Keeping in mind the upcoming Capital Campaign Drive and the current economic climate, the 2009 budget is actually 1% less than the 2008 budget. The vestry has been diligent in making sure we kept our operating expenses for 2009 the same as 2008 wherever possible. In recognition of the difficult financial times that some of our parishioners are experiencing, and despite the fact that the diocese is recommending a 4% increase in salaries for church staff for 2009, St. John's staff increases will be kept at 2%. The basic needs, such as food and medicine, of the local community have increased recently, so Mission & Outreach has been increased to meet this need. The two categories which directly support local hunger have been increased, the Soup Kitchen and the Discretionary Fund. Off ice expenses have increased so that line item has been increased to reflect increased costs.

In order to meet the expenses, there are two transfers in the budget. The first transfer is for \$3,350 from the Organ Endowment Fund (Line Item 3830). This money will be used to cover the cost of Organ Maintenance and enhance our Music Programs and Concerts. The other transfer is for \$2,925 from our Operating Reserve to help cover the other expenses.

Respectfully submitted,  
Annette Hall

Parish Treasurer

**St. John's Episcopal Church  
Consolidated Statement of Accounts December 31, 2008**

<b>Fund Description</b>	12/31/2008	12/15/2008	12/31/2008	12/31/2008	(Statement Date)	
	Chelsea Groton General Fund	Chelsea Groton Discretionary Fund	D&B Endowment Organ	D&B Endowment Unrestricted	(Institution) Totals	
Operating Fund 2008	0.00				\$	-
Operating Fund Reserve	30,000.00				\$	30,000
Memorial Fund	11,718.71				\$	11,719
Memorial Garden Fund	2,514.77				\$	2,515
J2A Fund	10,680.12				\$	10,680
Capital Fund	1,659.00				\$	1,659
Capital Campaign Fund	27,394.58				\$	27,395
ECW Fund	712.00				\$	712
Transitional Fund	1,779.59				\$	1,780
Deacon's Fund	0.00				\$	0
Equipment Fund	500.00				\$	500
Pre-Paid Pledges	968.00				\$	968
Isaiah Prison Ministry Fund	25,500.00				\$	25,500
St. John's Discretionary Fund	0.00	\$ 397			\$	397
Endowments Holding Fund	305.00		\$ 31,157	\$ 10,880	\$	42,342
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>113,731.77</b>	<b>\$ 397</b>	<b>\$ 31,157</b>	<b>\$ 10,880</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>156,166</b>
<b>12/31/08 Bank Statement</b>	<b>81,612.42</b>					
December EFT for January	5,902.59					
Deposits Not Cleared	34,656.85					
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>122,171.86</b>					
Less Checks not Cleared	8,440.09					
<b>Account Balance 12/31/08</b>	<b>113,731.77</b>					

**St. John's Episcopal Church  
As of December 31, 2008**

**MEMORIAL FUND**

Balance as of December 31, 2007 \$ 11,929

Income

<u>                    </u> IMO P. Herr	\$	225	
<u>                    </u> IMO Patricia Cobrielle	\$	150	
<u>                    </u> IMO Vennell	\$	10	June
<u>                    </u> IMO J Stadnick	\$	50	Sept
<u>                    </u> IMO S Borys	\$	75	Oct
<u>                    </u> IMO Erin Perry & Rose	\$	150	Nov
<u>                    </u> IMO Borys	\$	25	
<u>                    </u> IMO Benson	\$	100	Nov
	\$	785	

Expenses

Flags	\$	249	
Books of Common Prayer	\$	-	
Burses & Crosses	\$	211	
Advent Banner	\$	400	Nov & Dec
	\$	136	Dec
	\$	995	

**Current Balance \$ 11,719**

**MEMORIAL GARDEN FUND**

Balance as of December 31, 2007 \$ 2,246

Income

Donations for Burial in Mem. Garden	\$	475
	\$	475

Expenses

Plaques	\$	176	inc Dec
Flowers	\$	-	
Garden Tools	\$	31	Nov
	\$	207	

**Current Balance \$ 2,515**

**J2A FUNDRAISING FUND**

Balance as of December 31, 2007 \$ 9,906

**J2A PILGRIMAGE**

Income

Parental Commitments Pilgrimage	\$	3,750
Donation	\$	550

Pancake Supper	\$	461	
Handbags	\$	1,660	
Bazaar/Calendar Sales	\$	1,249	Nov & Dec
Auction	\$	7,087	
Transfer from Op Budget 2008	\$	2,500	
Light Parade choc & parking	\$	454	Dec
J2A Pilgrimage Donations	\$	1,050	Aug & Oct
	\$	18,761	

Expenses

J2A Pilgrimage Borderland Ranch	\$	5,500	
J2A Pilgrimage Flights	\$	7,462	
Pilgrimage vans, gas, food, etc	\$	2,991	
Fund Raising Costs (Calendars)	\$	394	Nov
Handbags Expense	\$	523	
Auction Expenses / Sports Payoff	\$	1,056	
J2A Bags for Fund Raising	\$	267	Nov&Dec
	\$	18,194	

**Pilgrimage Subtotal** \$ 10,473

**YAC MISSION TRIP**

Income

YAC Torte Sales	\$	467	
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Expenses

YAC Torte Cost	\$	260	
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**Mission Trip Subtotal** \$ 207

**Current Balance** \$ 10,680

**CAPITAL FUND**

Balance as of December 31, 2007 \$ 1,659

Income

Donation	\$	-	
	\$	-	

Expenses

Purchases	\$	0	
	\$	0	

**Current Balance** \$ 1,659

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND**

Balance as of December 31, 2007 \$ 7,019

Income

Donation July, 2008	\$	8,000	
Donation August, 2008	\$	2,000	
Donations December, 2008	\$	11,000	
Transfer from 2008 Operating Fund	\$	7,086	
	\$	28,086	

<u>Expenses</u>			
	Dale Bateman	\$	2,500
		\$	2,500
	Stamps	\$	210
	Dale Bateman	\$	2,500
		\$	7,710
<b>Current Balance</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>27,395</b>

### ECW FUND

Balance as of December 31, 2007		\$	459
<u>Income</u>			
	Donations	\$	8
	Bake Sale Bazaar	\$	245
		\$	253
<u>Expenses</u>			
	Other	\$	-
		\$	-
<b>Current Balance</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>712</b>

### TRANSITIONAL FUND

Balance as of December 31, 2007		\$	1,645
	Restricted: Educational Gift (\$6,000 from 2002)	\$	1,255
<u>Income</u>			
	Fund Raiser "Bank"	\$	550
	Crop Walk	\$	332
	African Team Ministry	\$	617
	Military Prayer Book	\$	6
	Credit Card Usage Error Dec	\$	17
	Discretionary Fund	\$	638
	2008 background checks reserve	\$	700
		\$	2,860
<u>Expenses</u>			
	Educational Gift	\$	171
	Fund Raiser "Bank"	\$	550
	Crop Walk	\$	332
	African Team Ministry	\$	617
	Credit Card Usage Error Dec	\$	17
	Discretionary Fund	\$	597
	Discretionary Fund Op Bud Reim	\$	41
	Transfer to Operating Budget 3624	\$	400
		\$	2,726
<b>Current Balance</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>1,780</b>
	Restricted: Educational Gift	\$	1,084

**DEACON'S FUND**

Balance as of December 31, 2007		\$	150
<u>Income</u>			
	Gifts	\$	-
		\$	-
<u>Expenses</u>			
	Other	\$	150
		\$	150
<b>Current Balance</b>		\$	<b>0</b>

**PRE-PAID PLEDGES**

Balance as of December 31, 2007		\$	9,361
<u>Income</u>			
	Pre-Paid 2009 Pledges	\$	968
		\$	968
<u>Expenses</u>			
	Transfer to 2008 Operating Budget	\$	9,361
		\$	9,361
<b>Current Balance</b>		\$	<b>968</b>

**OPERATING FUND RESERVE**

Balance as of December 31, 2007		\$	21,737
<u>Income</u>			
	Transfer from 2008 Operating Budget	\$	8,263
		\$	8,263
<u>Expenses</u>			
	Transfer to 2008 Operating Budget	\$	-
<b>Current Balance</b>		\$	<b>30,000</b>

**OFFICE EQUIPMENT SINKING FUND**

Balance as of December 31, 2007		\$0
<u>Income</u>		
	Transfer from 2008 Operating Budget	\$ 500
		\$ 500
<u>Expenses</u>		
	Transfer to Operating Budget	\$ -
		\$ -

**Current Balance** **\$500**

**ISIAH PRISON MINISTRY FUND**

Balance as of December 31, 2007 \$ -

Income

Transfer from St. James Preston	\$ 25,000
Donation from St. John's (5654)	\$ 500
	\$ 25,500

Expenses

Housing	\$ -
Pension Assessment	\$ -
	\$ -

**Current Balance** **\$ 25,500**

**St. John's Episcopal Church  
As of December 15, 2008**

**DISCRETIONARY FUND**

Balance as of December 15, 2007 \$ 1,452

Income

Donations Dec 2007	\$ 555
Transfer & donation 7/14th	\$ 800
Transfer Nov	\$ 700
Transfer Dec	\$ 1,000
	\$ 3,055

Expenses

Jan 15th 5 people	\$ 600
Feb 15th	\$ -
Mar 15th - 1 person	\$ 25
April 15th - 3 people	\$ 664
May 15th - 3 people	\$ 280
June 15th	\$ -
July 15th - 3 people	\$ 493
Aug	\$ -
Sept - 2 people	\$ 87
Oct - 1 person	\$ 50
Nov 4 people:rent,food,bus,car	\$ 839
Dec 2 mos rent	\$ 1,072
	\$ -
	\$ 4,110

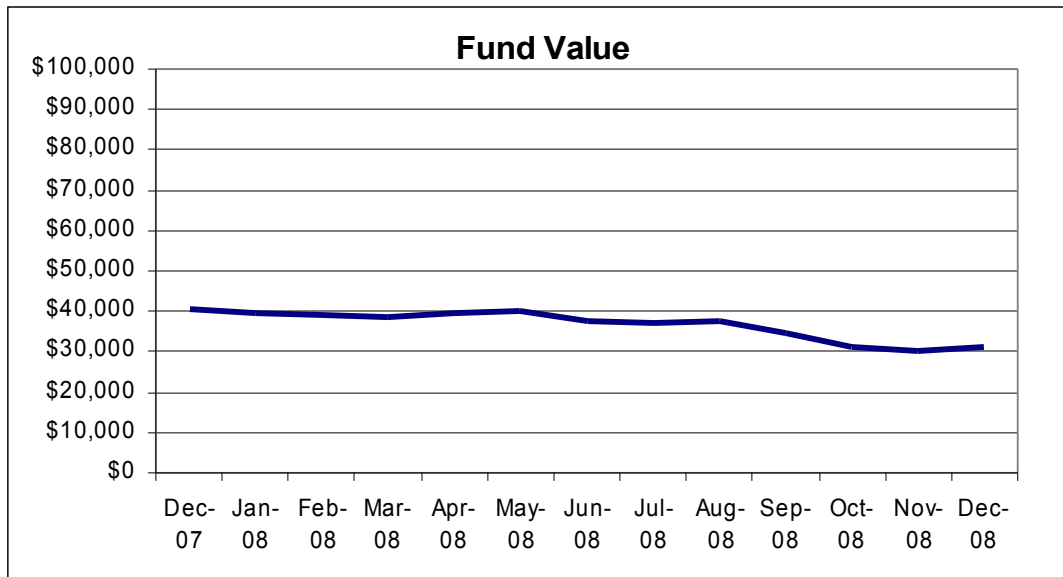
**Current Balance** **\$ 397**

## ORGAN FUND BALANCE SUMMARY

	Contributions	Withdrawals	Gains/(Loss)	Value
<i>December 31, 2007</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$ 40,500.32
<i>January 31, 2008</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$934.61)	\$39,565.71
<i>February 29, 2008</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$481.72)	\$39,083.99
<i>March 31, 2008</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$436.73)	\$38,647.26
<i>April 30, 2008</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,148.36	\$39,795.62
<i>May 31, 2008</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$167.79	\$39,963.41
<i>June 30, 2008</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,152.69)	\$37,810.72
<i>July 31, 2008</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$435.51)	\$37,375.21
<i>August 31, 2008</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$85.79	\$37,461.00
<i>September 30, 2008</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,795.88)	\$34,665.12
<i>October 31, 2008</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$3,652.89)	\$31,012.23
<i>November 30, 2008</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,045.78)	\$29,966.45
<i>December 31, 2008</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,190.82	<b>\$31,157.27</b>
	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	-\$9,343.05	

## FUND ALLOCATION SUMMARY

Category	Percentage	Amount
Equity	37%	\$11,547.18
Fixed	63%	\$19,610.09
Money		
Market	0%	\$0.00
Social		
Responsibility	0%	\$0.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$31,157.27</b>



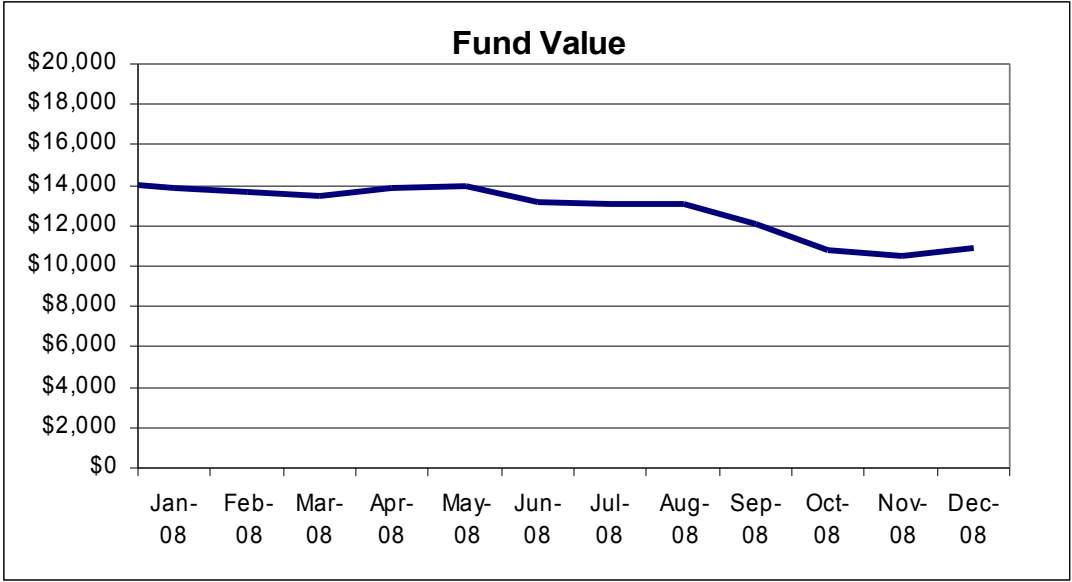


## FUND BALANCE SUMMARY

	Contributions	Withdrawals	Gains/(Loss)	Value
				\$14,142.7
<i>December 31, 2007</i>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
January 31, 2008	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$326.38)	\$13,816.32
February 29, 2008	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$168.21)	\$13,648.11
March 31, 2008	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$152.51)	\$13,495.60
April 30, 2008	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$401.01	\$13,896.61
May 31, 2008	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$58.59	\$13,955.20
June 30, 2008	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$751.73)	\$13,203.47
July 31, 2008	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$152.08)	\$13,051.39
August 31, 2008	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29.96	\$13,081.35
September 30, 2008	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$976.32)	\$12,105.03
October 31, 2008	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,275.58)	\$10,829.45
November 30, 2008	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$365.18)	\$10,464.27
December 31, 2008	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$415.82	<b>\$10,880.09</b>
	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$3,262.61)	

## FUND ALLOCATION SUMMARY

Category	Percentage	Amount
Equity	37%	\$4,032.27
Fixed	63%	\$6,847.82
Money Market	0%	\$0.00
Social Responsibility	0%	\$0.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$10,880.09</b>



**INCOME**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>2008 Budget</u>	<u>2009 Budget</u>	<u>Percent Increase</u>	<u>Per B</u>
3100	Loose Plate & Seasonal Offerings	\$ 10,500	\$ 23,000	119%	
3200	Pledges	\$ 248,752	\$ 241,019	-3%	
		\$			
3300	Interest & Investment Income	200	\$ 200	0%	
3400	Fundraising Activities	\$ 15,400	\$ 14,400	-6%	
		\$			
3500	Use of Church Building	2,950	\$ 2,950	0%	
		\$			
3600	Special Purpose Offerings	5,850	\$ 5,850	0%	
			\$		
3700	Other Income	\$ 12,000	-	-100%	
		\$			
3800	Transfers	937	\$ 6,275	570%	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$ 296,589</b>	<b>\$ 293,694</b>	<b>-1%</b>	

**EXPENSES**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>2008 Budget</u>	<u>2009 Budget</u>	<u>Percent Increase</u>	<u>Per B</u>
5100	Salaries	\$ 147,524	\$ 148,424	1%	
5200	Benefits	\$ 27,531	\$ 28,848	5%	
5300	Utilities	\$ 16,070	\$ 11,227	-30%	
5400	Property	\$ 23,001	\$ 22,542	-2%	
5500	Parish Programs	\$ 29,154	\$ 28,935	-1%	
5600	Mission & Outreach	\$ 51,859	\$ 52,318	1%	
		\$			
5700	Fundraising Activity Expenses	1,450	\$ 1,400	-3%	
5800	Capital Expenses				
5900	Other Expenses				
6000	Transfers from General Fund				
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 296,589</b>	<b>\$ 293,694</b>	<b>-1%</b>	

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
**2008 Operating Budget and Estimated Year End**  
**2009 Operating Budget**

**INCOME**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>2008 Budget</u>	<u>2008 Actual</u>	<u>2009 Budget</u>	<u>Percent Increase</u>
3100	Loose Plate & Seasonal Offerings	\$ 10,500	\$ 24,206	\$ 23,000	119%
		\$248,752	\$240,273	\$241,019	-3%
3220	Previous Year's Pledges		\$ 3,919		
3300	Interest & Investment Income				
3310	General Fund Checking Account Interest	\$ 200	\$ 209	\$ 200	0%
3400	Fundraising Activities				
3410	Summer Carnival	\$ 7,000	\$ 5,398	\$ 6,000	-14%
3420	Holiday Bazaar	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,964	\$ 3,000	0%
3430	Tag Sale	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,406	\$ 2,000	0%
3440	Flea Market on Green	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3450	Golf Tournament	\$ 3,400	\$ 2,694	\$ 3,400	0%
3500	Use of Church Building				
3520	AA	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	0%
3530	Other	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,745	\$ 1,750	0%
3600	Special Purpose Offerings				
3610	Designated Gifts Inside the Parish	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3620	Outreach Beyond The Parish Community	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
3621	Thanksgiving Day Meal	\$ 400	\$ -	\$ 400	0%
3622	Ep. Fund for Relief & Development	\$ 300	\$ 518	\$ 300	0%
3623	United Thank Offering	\$ 450	\$ -	\$ 450	0%
3624	Theological Education	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	0%
3625	Souper Bowl Sunday Offering	\$ 400	\$ 383	\$ 400	0%
3626	Other	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ 0	

	\$	\$		
3630 Local Outreach	-	-		
	\$	\$	\$	
3640 Flower Fund	3,200	3,569	3,200	0%
		\$		
3650 Concert Revenue	\$ 600	-	\$ 600	0%
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3700 Other Income				
	\$	\$		
3710 Other Donations	-	-		
3720	\$			
Misc	-			
	\$	\$	\$	
3730 Reim Supply Clergy / ShortTerm Disability	12,000	18,571	-	-100%
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3800 Transfers				
		\$	\$	
3810 Transfer from Operating Reserve	\$ 937	-	2,925	212%
3820 Transfer from Transitional Fund (3624)		\$ 400		
			\$	
3830 Transfer from Organ Endowment Fund			3,350	
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<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$296,589</b>	<b>\$308,505</b>	<b>\$293,694</b>	<b>-1%</b>

**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
**2008 Operating Budget and Estimated Year End**  
**2009 Operating Budget**

**EXPENSES**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>2008 Budget</u>	<u>2008 Actual</u>	<u>2009 Budget</u>	<u>Percent Increase</u>
5100	Salaries				
	5110 Clergy Salary				
		\$	\$	\$	
	5111 Salary	54,248	54,598	55,333	2%
		\$	\$	\$	
	5112 Continuing Education Allowance	1,000	\$ 756	1,000	0%
		\$	\$	\$	
	5113 Housing/Utility Allowance	22,998	22,998	23,458	2%
		\$	\$	\$	
	5114 Social Security Allowance	7,810	7,810	7,966	2%
		\$	\$	\$	
	5115 Mileage/Prof. Exp. Allowance	5,135	4,991	5,238	2%
		\$	\$	\$	
	5120 Administrative Assistant	19,089	18,355	19,471	2%
	5121 Mileage/Expenses	\$ 50	\$ 153	\$ 100	100%
		\$	\$	\$	
	5130 Organist	19,392	19,392	19,780	2%
		\$	\$	\$	
	5140 Religious Education Director	4,860	4,860	4,957	2%
		\$	\$	\$	
	5150 Junior Choir Director	2,412	2,412	2,460	2%
		\$	\$	\$	
	5160 Sexton	5,400	5,533	5,508	2%
		\$	\$	\$	
	5170 Parish Bookkeeper	-	-	-	
		\$	\$	\$	
	5180 Supply Clergy	4,000	11,221	2,000	-50%
		\$	\$	\$	
	5190 Deacon Mileage/Prof. Exp. Allowance	1,130	\$ 368	1,153	2%
		\$	\$	\$	
5200	Benefits				
	5210 FICA	\$ 3,917	\$ 4,456	\$ 3,991	2%
		\$	\$	\$	
	5220 Life/Health Insurance	8,304	8,304	9,060	9%
		\$	\$	\$	
	5230 Church Pension Fund Assessment	15,310	15,310	15,796	3%
		\$	\$	\$	
5300	Utilities				
		\$	\$	\$	
	5310 Electric	15,143	10,762	10,300	-32%
	5320 Water	\$ 927	\$ 456	\$ 927	0%
		\$	\$	\$	
5400	Property				
	5410 Property/Liability Insurance	\$	\$	\$	-4%

	10,441	10,032	10,032	
5420 Grounds/Building Maintenance				
	\$	\$	\$	
5421 Lawn/Snow Removal	2,100	1,865	2,100	0%
5422 Kitchen Supplies	\$ 300	\$ 277	\$ 275	-8%
5423 Janitorial Supplies	\$ 300	\$ 136	\$ 275	-8%
		\$		
5424 St. Francis Gardening Guild	\$ 400	-	\$ 400	0%
5425 Security System	\$ 400	\$ 390	\$ 400	0%
	\$	\$	\$	
5430 Repairs/Minor Improvements	6,000	4,834	6,000	0%
5435 Annual Roof Inspection	\$ 560	\$ 560	\$ 560	0%
	\$	\$	\$	
5440 Equipment/Furniture	2,000	1,336	2,000	0%
5450 Office Equipment Sinking Fund	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	0%

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5500 Parish Programs

5510 Office Expenses				
	\$	\$	\$	
5511 Postage	1,000	\$ 848	1,000	0%
	\$	\$	\$	
5512 Telephone	2,730	3,128	2,730	0%
		\$		
5513 Computer Software Support	\$ 50	-	\$ 50	0%
	\$	\$	\$	
5514 Copier Service Contract	2,424	2,626	2,424	0%
	\$	\$	\$	
5515 Office Supplies	2,100	3,475	2,581	23%
	\$	\$	\$	
5516 Financial Audit	1,000	1,000	1,000	0%
	\$	\$	\$	
5517 Payroll Services	1,250	1,335	\$ 800	-36%
5520 Christian Education - Children's				
	\$	\$	\$	
5521 Sunday School	2,767	2,176	2,767	0%
	\$	\$	\$	
5522 J2A Pilgrimage	2,500	2,500	2,500	0%
5523 J2A Program	\$ 750	\$ 585	\$ 750	0%
5524 Background Checks for Volunteers	\$ 700	\$ 700	\$ 350	-50%
5530 Adult Education				
5531 Programs & Supplies	\$ 500	\$ 371	\$ 500	0%
		\$		
5532 Parish Library	\$ 150	-	\$ 150	0%
5540 Worship & Altar Expenses				
5541 Altar Guild	\$ 850	\$ 785	\$ 850	0%
	\$	\$	\$	
5542 Flower Fund	3,200	2,430	3,200	0%
5543 Lectionary Inserts & Bulletins	\$ 850	\$ 633	\$ 850	0%
5550 Music & Choir				
5551 Supply Organists	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 700	17%
5552 Music & Vestments	\$ 425	\$ 61	\$ 425	0%
5553 Organ & Maintenance	\$ 850	\$ 302	\$ 850	0%
5554 Musicians for Worship Services	\$	\$ 675	\$	0%

		1,000		1,000	
		\$	\$	\$	
5555	Concerts	1,500	-	1,500	0%
5556	Junior Choir Music	\$ 193	\$ 286	\$ 193	0%
5560	Stewardship Program	\$ 250	\$ 262	\$ 250	0%
		\$	\$	\$	
5570	Sunday Nursery Care	1,375	1,238	1,375	0%
5580	Guild of the Christ Child	\$ 100	\$ 21	\$ 100	0%
		\$	\$	\$	
5590	Sisters of Prayer	\$ 40	-	\$ 40	0%
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5600	Mission & Outreach				
		\$	\$	\$	
5610	Diocesan Pledge	34,084	34,080	33,018	-3%
5620	Special Purpose Offerings				
			\$		
5621	Thanksgiving Day Meal	\$ 400	-	\$ 400	0%
5622	Ep. Fund for Relief & Development	\$ 300	\$ 518	\$ 300	0%
			\$		
5623	United Thank Offering	\$ 450	-	\$ 450	0%
5624	Theological Education	\$ 500	\$ 900	\$ 500	0%
5625	Souper Bowl Sunday Offering	\$ 400	\$ 383	\$ 400	0%
5626	Other	\$ 0	\$ 87	\$ 0	0%
5627	Bishop's Discretionary Fund		\$ 361		
5630	Evangelism				
		\$	\$	\$	
5631	Parish Hospitality	1,500	1,214	1,000	-33%
				\$	
5632	Advertisement	\$ 800	\$ 487	1,400	75%
			\$		
5633	Church Website	\$ 50	-	\$ 50	0%
			\$		
5640	Parish Development	\$ 450	-	\$ 450	0%
5650	Missionary/Outreach Programs				
		\$	\$	\$	
5651	New London Soup Kitchen Meals	3,675	4,157	4,100	12%
5652	K.E.R.F.	\$ 450	\$ 450	\$ 450	0%
5653	Care & Share of East Lyme	\$ 100	\$ 90	\$ 100	0%
		\$	\$	\$	
5654	York Women's Prison	1,900	1,508	1,900	0%
5655	Homeless Hospitality Center	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600	0%
5656	N. L. Meal Center Donation	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600	0%
5657	Friends of St. Vincent	\$ 275	\$ 275	\$ 275	0%
5658	Habitat for Humanity	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600	0%
5659	Care & Share of East Lyme	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600	0%
		\$	\$	\$	
5660	Pastoral Care Team	\$ 275	-	\$ 275	0%
5670	Health Team Ministry	\$ 400	\$ 148	\$ 400	0%
		\$	\$	\$	
5680	Discretionary Fund	2,250	3,250	3,250	44%
		\$	\$	\$	
5690	Seabury Deanery	1,200	1,200	1,200	0%

5700	Fundraising Activity Expenses					
	5710 Summer Carnival	\$ 500	\$ 516	\$ 500	0%	
		\$		\$		
	5720 Holiday Bazaar	-	\$ 268	-		
			\$	\$		
	5730 Tag Sale	\$ 50	-	-	-100%	
			\$			
	5740 Flea Market on Green	\$ 0	-	\$ 0	0%	
	5750 Golf Tournament	\$ 900	\$ 513	\$ 900	0%	
5800	Capital Expenses					
	5810 Major Repairs/Improvements					
	5820 Equipment/Furniture					
5900	Other Expenses			\$		
	5910 Bank Charges			-		
	5920		\$	\$		
	Misc		1,654	-		
6000	Transfers from General Fund to					
	6100 St. John's Capital Funds			\$		
				-		
	6200 St. John's Organ Endowment Fund			\$		
				-		
	6300 St. John's Unrestricted Endowment Fund			\$		
			\$	\$		
	6400 St. John's Operating Reserve		8,263	-		
			\$	\$		
	6500 St. John's Capital Campaign Fund		7,086	-		
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$296,589</b>	<b>\$308,505</b>	<b>\$293,694</b>	<b>-1%</b>	