

The Messenger

Accomplishments in the Past Year from the Priest-in-Charge

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Friends,

It has been a year since our bishop and vestry invited me to lead St Paul's into our common future. What have we accomplished in that time? Here is a list compiled by the vestry last January, together with some updates:

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS—We relocated the altar, with the vestry personally funding most of the project. We shut down the condemned stove and fire suppression system and have begun plans for a new kitchen to be completed, we hope, this year. We rebuilt our boilers; re-roofed the school building; cleaned up the grounds; repainted the parking lot; installed new garage doors; and painted the interior lobbies.

COMMUNICATIONS—We revived the monthly parish newsletter, *The Messenger*, through Azim Mayadas' efforts and created an electronic version. Town hall meetings and questionnaires have facilitated communication with the congregation. The congregation has raised expectations regarding transparency in response to the vestry's sharing more information. We made fundamental changes in how the parish is run: more strategic and direct decisions, more delegated responsibilities, and more accountability.

FINANCE—We increased our operating income through creative ideas regarding raising revenue; we rented the rectory to our Presbyterian tenants; with help from Issie Cherevko, we generated grants from the diocese to rebuild our heating system.

MUSIC—The choir sang for extraordinary Christmas and Easter celebrations, including a "best-ever" (choir members' assessment) *Mozart Requiem*. Small Voices, the children's choir under Kelli Estes' direction, now sings once a month with an attendance of 20 kids, doubling the size of our music program. We are moving to a "year-round music at every service" format.

YOUTH—Marian Acquah and her teachers maintained a successful church school and Kai Alston's youth group (SPY) continued. We had strong kids' involvement in "Halloween Heresy" and the Christmas pageant.

STEWARDSHIP—Ina Martinez and her committee conducted a successful Stewardship campaign with energy and verve; and we discovered areas for future growth.

PASTORAL CARE—We invited Fr Stephen Rozelle to join the parish; he brings great energy and is overseeing pastoral and hospital visitations. We revived the ministry of Ethel Sands with birthday card mailing—see Karalenne Gayle's photo & e-mail on her recent visit to Ethel on Page 2—and, with Janice Walker's pastoral visitors, provide monthly visits to all homebound parishioners. Ginnie Hofmann designed a wonderful Christmas card for the parish and an Easter card was sent to everyone.

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Ethel Sands - A Living Legend!

Karalenne Gayle's Photo & E-Mail of July 17, 2010

An Anecdote from Another Time and Age

In 1991, while heading St. Paul's stewardship campaign that fall, I had to attend the annual November conference of the *National Guild of Community Schools of the Arts* in my capacity as its Managing Director. Before leaving, I reminded Ethel that she should call me in Los Angeles as soon as we exceeded 200 pledges.

Lo and behold! One morning I was awakened in the wee hours at my hotel by Ethel's unmistakable voice at the other end of the line saying without ado, "Ay-zim, Ay-zim, we've done it! We've gotten 203 pledges already!!" "Ethel," I said, "D'you know what time it's here in L.A.?" Dead silence, which I broke by admitting sleepily but happily, "Well done—you're an absolute gem!"

- Azim Mayadas



I VISITED WITH ETHEL SANDS FOR LUNCH to complete the St. Paul's Church cards for parishioners with birthdays during the week of July 25 (many, many thanks to **Katharine LeMée** who coordinates Ethel's birthday card mission.)

Ethel remains very much in charge of her "church work," just as she did for so many years as Clerk of St. Paul's Church, writing each card and addressing each envelope with a devotion and perfection that is her hallmark style!

Ethel is full of fun, up to the minute with St. Paul's "news" and remains interested in the world and the people around her, whether it's the national news or the comings and goings of the darling, little children who are her downstairs neighbors.

To be remembered by St. Paul's parishioners brings a special smile to Ethel's face—as when I told her that I had just run into **Hugh & Daphne Hall** in Shoprite (to buy a surprise dessert for Ethel!) and they asked me to give Ethel their love.

Besides continuing to crochet (she crocheted the little dog in the photo,) to paint, to draw and do word puzzles, with the assistance of one of her long-time home-care aides, Ethel is very, very slowly relearning how to walk down the stairs of her 2nd-floor apartment. She told me that her biggest motivation is to be able to make it back to St. Paul's Church one Sunday! Meanwhile, she remains ever so grateful that her new friend, **Father Stephen**, regularly brings her communion and a chat.

I encourage those who know Ethel to stop by, even if only for a half-hour visit. Ethel's gratitude is unlike any I've experienced before!

Blessings to all!

*Messenger
Folders*

Important all-year components of our communication and marketing have been those two stalwarts who've made up the team that ensures the delivery of snail-mail newsletters to people who don't have access to the Internet: they are Ruth Herrick and Merle Fenderson.

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MARKETING—Deacon Jane Ellis' skills in marketing and publicity have led to increased visibility; an Easter poster made by Beverly Baker helped generate a congregation of 100 for our first Easter Vigil. We produced a newspaper advertisement, with unexpected success—eight new contacts.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES—The associate vestry, headed by Stanley Lokko, has been revived. Fundraisers have led to good fellowship and the beginnings of a new kitchen. Peg Slaven revived the church fair.

LITURGY—We added a Saturday 5:00 pm Eucharist and increased weekly Sunday and Easter attendance.

We have had a really good year all around—and *we have just begun!*

Warmly,



August Birthdays

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| 8/01 Celestine Senior | 8/10 Christopher Anderson | 8/18 Merle Fenderson |
| 8/01 Robert Cameron | 8/10 Deborah Cloud | 8/19 Alonso Shiroon |
| 8/01 Maurice Joseph | 8/13 Barbara Hemink | 8/24 Barbara Forste |
| 8/02 Yvette Bailey | 8/15 Nathaniel Nelson | 8/26 Beverly Lannaman |
| 8/04 Theodore Dwight | 8/16 Carl Smith | 8/27 Marian Acquah |
| 8/04 Lydia Near Kasper | 8/16 Gloria Huggins | 8/28 Rachel DiGiovanni |
| 8/05 Catherine Garrison | 8/16 Cecil Oberbeck | 8/28 Bruce Nelson |
| 8/08 Sheena Stanislaus | 8/17 Julian Herbert | 8/28 Jamilya Mason |
| 8/09 Beverly Baker | 8/18 Charles Dietsch | 8/29 Joseph Hill |
| | | 8/30 Janet Burr |

We Have a New Warden

WITH THE RESIGNATION OF **ISSIE CHEREVKO**, the Vestry, at its regular monthly meeting on July 20, 2010, elected unanimously one of its longstanding members, **Patrick O'Neil**, as Issie's replacement.

Pat will be filling out a term originally held by **Ina Martinez** that ends in December 2010; thus he is eligible for re-election.

*Trip to the
Hoboken
Shelter*

Please bring food to the kitchen on Sunday, August the 8th, no later than 5:30pm. This program is offered on the 2nd Sunday of each month. As always, food and volunteers are needed, especially drivers! This is an important ministry—please be a part of it!

—Gary Mason

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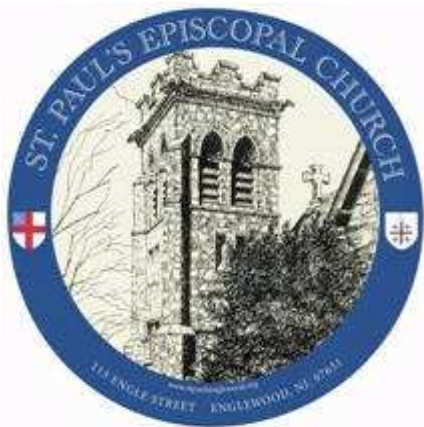
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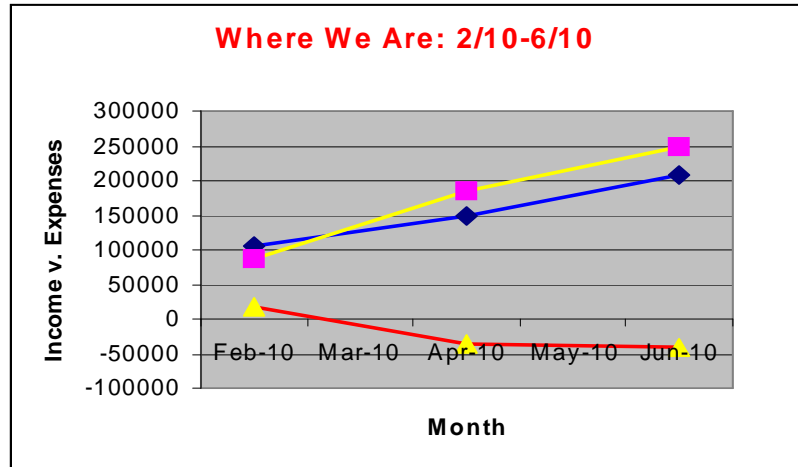
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Where We Are by Bill Payne, Treasurer

AS OF JUNE 30, 2010, year-to-date income was \$207,051, \$811 above the budgeted \$206,240. The year-to-date expenses as of June 30 were \$249,313, \$12,763 above the budgeted \$236,550. The deficit for June was \$6,193; *the deficit thus far for 2010 is \$42,262* (see graph below, marking Income with ♦, Expenses with ■ and Net Income/Deficit with ▲.)

The value of the Endowment Fund is \$959,258 as of June 30.



Open Invitation

We welcome receiving items of topical interest to St. Paul's parishioners. We would prefer that they be e-mailed to the Parish Office at the address shown on the left. Otherwise, they may be snail-mailed to our street address for the attention of the Parish Administrator, and for ease of return of manuscripts not accepted for publication a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) should be enclosed. *The deadline each month is the 20th.*

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