

# St. Thomas Episcopal Church



***2010***

Annual Meeting: January 9, 2011

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## **AGENDA**

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1. Opening Prayer - Fr. Jeremiah Day
2. Call to Order
3. Presentation of the Annual Report
4. Annual Budget
5. Election of New Vestry Members  
Chairman of the Nomination Committee.
6. Questions and Discussion
7. Announcement of New Vestry Members
8. Close

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## Minutes of the Annual Meeting: Sunday, January 10, 2010

After the prayer by Fr. Jeremiah Day, the meeting was turned over to Sr. Warden, Camilla Turner.

Minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting were reviewed by all attending. Jamie King moved to accept the minutes as read; Tom Finta seconded the motion. Minutes were accepted as written.

Camilla Turner presented the three Vestry nominees and asked that they be accepted as members of the Vestry since there were only three vacancies to fill. A show of hands confirmed their appointment. They are Caroline Bliss, Larry Gracie and George Robinson.

Fr. Jeremiah Day thanked the three outgoing Vestry members, Pat Webster, Mary Anne Kingsley and Camilla Turner for their dedicated service over the past three years.

Budget—The proposed 2010 budget was presented by Jim Berry; questions were asked and answered. Jamie King moved for a show of appreciation for Jim Berry and Mary Anne Kingsley for their work on the budget. Motion was seconded by Tom Finta and approved by all attending.

Fr. Jeremiah Day asked if there were any additions or corrections to the committee reports;

Senior Warden—The Rev. Daniel Weisner presided as Supply Priest in March when Fr. Day was absent for a family emergency.

Junior Warden—no additions.

Christian Formation—Pat Webster asked for a new chairperson beginning May 2010; also thanked all committee members for their work.

Altar Guild—Marian Day thanked all who worked this year; also requested new members (especially some men).

Stewardship—Dick AhKao complimented Marilyn Ryen (Stewardship Chair) for acquiring the largest dollar amount and most number of pledges on record.

Building—Pat Webster thanked the committee and fund raisers for their hard work on the kitchen project.

Outreach—Kathy Bates added that there were 57 tags on the Christmas Tree that were filled.

ECW—Ellie Finta added that money was donated for Christmas baskets for the needy. Kathy Bates prepared them.

Men's Fellowship—No additions.

Choir—George Robinson added that the Christmas Eve Program was the best ever.

Pastoral Care—No additions.

Ushers/Greeters—No additions.

Chalice Bearers and Lay Readers—Fr. Day reminded all that worship is a corporate ministry at the Altar and it takes a great deal of work to make the service go smoothly.

Audit—Ed Bliss requested a new chairperson.

Evangelism—No additions.

Finance—Mary Anne Kingsley added that the Reserve Funds is a separate report and will be posted on the bulletin board. \$641 was collected for the discretionary fund from the one dollar loose plate collections. Wally Umbach is assistant treasurer. Fr. Day explained that “restricted funds” were things such as “memorial funds”. Tom Finta inquired about the increased Diocesan pledge. Fr. Day explained that as members of the Diocese we are supposed to give 10 percent and we are not there yet.

Rector’s Report—No additions.

Oktoberfest—Ray Orndorff provided: Gross: \$3922.10; Net: \$742.74; \$371.37 to Fishes and Loaves, additional donations onsite were over \$700 for Fishes and Loaves.

Pat Webster expressed gratitude to Fr. Jeremiah Day for his leadership and grace.

George Robinson moved to adjourn. Seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Camilla Turner, Senior Warden.

## **Senior Warden Report**

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Every year at St. Thomas is marked by distinctly different events which mark the church year in our memories. This year we started off with the largest budget that we have ever worked with in spite of the general economic conditions in the country. We lost two of our stalwart parishioners, Wolf Umbach and Bill Creel, and we added the Braswells to our rolls as one of the youngest couples St. Thomas has seen in a long time. We had beautiful weather for Croakerfest and Horrible weather for the Spirit of Christmas. We welcomed the Wickershams the Moores the Feldmans and the Coxes to the parish and we journeyed to Kinston for our last Kinston Indians game (the Indians have departed for greener pastures). We also went to hear The Messiah and have dinner in New Bern in December. There was the usual Seder dinner on Maundy Thursday and Rib Night and Pot Lucks and the Church Picnic. We celebrated Fourth of July at Lou Mac Park and Thanksgiving at the Ecumenical Service at St. Peters. The choir had resurgence under the leadership of Dee Sage and the Organ “button pushers” got some relief with Tatiana at the piano and the Clavinova. Christmas was celebrated with the Methodists hosting the early service and St. Thomas hosting the late Eucharist on Christmas Eve. The Altar Guild continues to make our church beautiful—never more so than at Christmas. Their job is a quiet, behind the scenes gift of love to our parish.

The men’s group and the ECW pitched in to replace the parish hall heating and air conditioning system and the Methodist Church reworked the drainage system abutting our northern property line which has much improved the appearance and we hope the drainage on our north side. The Outreach Committee continued in their outstanding work in distributing aide to the local community (see their report). I want to mention here that there is a much larger amount of money and effort expended in this church in doing good works than appears in the bottom line budget of the church. We sometimes forget that the discretionary fund, which does not show in our budget line, accumulates and disperses funds at the discretion of the Rector. This year that fund may well be larger then all of the funds dispersed by the outreach committee.

I want to extend my personal thanks to the departing Vestry members, Dot Dunford who has been our clerk, and Ross Kingsley, and also to our long-time Treasurer MaryAnne Kingsley. MaryAnne will be replaced by Wally Umbach as Treasurer and she will be assisted by Beth Grimm who will be our bookkeeper. Dot will be relieved by Elaine Creel as the Clerk of the Vestry.

I want to express my appreciation for the cooperation of all of you during my term as the senior warden for 2010. Your eager participation makes the job a lot easier. It has been a pleasure serving for and with you in this capacity over the last year. Next year will be my last year in my vestry term and I hope to assist the new vestry members in making 2011 a memorable year.

Peace

Jim

## **Junior Warden’s Report**

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Let me begin by thanking you all for allowing me to serve as your Junior Warden. It was a privilege to be the Peoples Warden.

Maintenance and repairs are either planned for or the result of some unforeseen circumstance that must be dealt with immediately. When the heating/air conditioning system failed in the Parish Hall immediate action was necessary. We chose to have installed a new and more efficient unit. It has improved heating in the offices

wonderfully. The ceiling in the church is a problem that we have only talked about. First we must stop all leaks in the roof. Recently Paul Sykes tested the sheetrock and wood under the sheetrock for dampness around the skylights. The instrument gave readings that indicated all was very dry. The mold was cleaned off and now we will check again after the next severe rain storm. It may be that the mold is in the paint from a leak the occurred years ago. We may be able to begin work on the ceiling if there are no leaks to contend with.

We need to consider some exterior concerns soon. Painting of all trim and facia is needed. We have some "bad" wood as well. I might suggest that it would be a wise investment to have the wood surfaces covered with vinyl or aluminum. The exposed wood on the Church is not all treated and does not last very long in this area as some of you have discovered at your own homes. It may be economically preferable in the long term to cover these surfaces.

Lastly, I am suggesting that we should be looking after the Church Grounds ourselves. We just need to pledge some time to work together. Perhaps two hours twice during the growing season. It really wouldn't be a great burden and it would save money which might be spent in more church appropriate ways.

I thank all of you who during this past year gave of your time and talents to make repairs and modifications to our facilities where needed. Please continue to be helpful when and where you are able.

Be Blessed,

George

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## Altar Guild

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St. Thomas is very blessed to have a dedicated group known as the Altar Guild. Our members prepare the church for worship, pray for our church family and support our rector in his leading of worship. We hope that you all appreciate their behind the scene efforts in preparing of our corporate worship.

Altar Guild Members

Janet Adkins	Laura Adnostak	Mary Beth Berry
Jane Bliss	Marge Dales	Marian Day
Carolyn Engel	Linda Fauvell	Ellie Finta
Susan King	MaryAnne Kingsley	Pat Mahlstedt
Dee Sage	Charlotte Schenk	Wendy Seward
	Jane Sharpe	

We welcome Judy Wickersham, Jim and Dottie Moore as new members to this important guild.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Day & Mary Beth Berry

## **Stewardship**

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This year the Stewardship Committee selected a theme of “Help His Light to Shine”. We heard personal testimonies from some of our committed parishioners during the four week stewardship campaign, which included a rendition from two itinerant monks. In total St. Thomas received 78 pledge cards totaling \$167019 this results in an average pledge of \$2141. The total pledge figures although down from last year were still very good considering the current economic conditions. Thanks to all who helped in this years campaign.

## **Outreach Committee**

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2010 OUTREACH MEMBERS WERE: KATHY BATES, JOANNE CUSKLEY (SECRETARY), CAROLYN ENGEL (CHAIR), ROBERTA JONES , PEGGY KING , CHARLOTTE SCHENCK, CONNIE SCHMIDT, SUE AND GARY WILLIAMS AND JEAN WHITE; VESTRY LIAISONS WERE JACKIE WALL AND CAROLINE BLISS (WHO TOOK OVER IN APRIL).

THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS WERE SUPPORTED, BOTH FINANCIALLY AND/OR HANDS ON, BY OUTREACH:

CAMPS SEAGULL AND SEAFARER: A REWARDING YEAR, BECAUSE WE EXPERIENCED “A FIRST”: SOME OF “OUR” COUNTY CHILDREN ATTENDED EASTER BREAK AND SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS. WE ALSO ENJOY A CLOSER WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CAMPS.

CHILDREN’S THEATRE WORKSHOP: WE RENEWED OUR SUPPORT OF CTW THIS YEAR; ALSO SPONSORED THE ATTENDANCE FOR TWO OF “OUR” KIDS.

COASTAL WOMEN’S SHELTER: THE FOCUS REMAINS WITHIN PAMLICO COUNTY. A NEW SERVICE THIS YEAR WAS PROVIDING REFRESHMENTS TO THE TUESDAY EVENING SUPPORT GROUP. FOOD PANTRY CONTINUES. FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE AS NEEDS ARISE.

EPISCOPAL FARMWORKERS MINISTRY: THE SHOWER BAG PROJECT CONTINUES; THE CONGREGATION FILLED 96 BAGS, WHICH WERE TAKEN TO NEWTON GROVE ALONG WITH 20 BAGS OF CLOTHING. WE ALSO CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO EXPAND THIS MINISTRY TO OTHER CHURCHES IN THE DIOCESE; AN OUTREACH MEMBER ATTENDED THE AUGUST ECW DIOCESAN MEETING TO PROMOTE THE SHOWER BAGS; THIS RESULTED IN AT LEAST TWO MORE COMMITTED CHURCHES. OUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT INCLUDES THEIR GENERAL AND BUILDING FUNDS.

FISHES AND LOAVES: A FOOD AND CASH COLLECTION DRIVE WAS HELD IN MAY; A CASH DONATION WAS GIVEN IN FALL.

GIRLS ON THE RUN: THIS NEW COUNTY PROGRAM IS EXPANDING RAPIDLY AND WE WERE ABLE TO INCREASE OUR SUPPORT TO THEM THIS YEAR.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, HEARTWORKS, HOPE, HOSPICE: SUPPORTED FINANCIALLY AND HANDS ON (EITHER BY OUTREACH OR CONGREGATION MEMBERS)

INTERFAITH REFUGEE MINISTRY: FAMILIES CONTINUE TO ARRIVE IN THE NEW BERN AREA, STILL MOSTLY FROM MYANMAR . OUR HELP HAS BEEN LIMITED TO FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

PAMLICO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT: AN OUTREACH MEMBER WORKS CLOSLY WITH PCHD (ALSO HOPE, CWS) TO IDENTIFY FAMILIES IN NEED WHICH WE SUPPORT DIRECTLY THROUGH THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

EASTER (FOOD) BASKETS: 11 FAMILIES; BASKETS ALSO INCLUDED EXTRA FOOD FOR LUNCHES DURING THE SCHOOL BREAK.

BACK TO SCHOOL: 17 CHILDREN RECEIVED CLOTHING AND SOME SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS: 17 FAMILIES

SHARE OUR CHRISTMAS: FOOD BASKETS WERE A JOINT PROJECT WITH ECW; EXTRA FOOD WAS GIVEN TO ASSIST WITH CHILDREN BEING HOME DURING THE SCHOOL BREAK. 18 FAMILIES, WHICH INCLUDED 47 CHILDREN, WERE HELPED. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE GIVING TREE; ALL 55 TAGS WERE TAKEN FOR 28 CHILDREN FROM 13 FAMILIES.

**BUDGET:**

THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE HAS TWO SOURCES OF INCOME, THE VESTRY ALLOTTED AND RESTRICTED OUTREACH.; RESTRICTED OUTREACH IS FUNDED SOLELY BY DIRECT DONATIONS FROM THE CONGREGATION; THIS FUND HAS BEEN SPLIT INTO TWO DESIGNATED CATAGORIES, THE FUEL FUND AND LOCAL OUTREACH. WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED THIS YEAR WITH GENEROUS DONATIONS FROM WITHIN THE CONGREGATION WHICH HAS ENABLED US TO DO SO MUCH MORE; WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL.

RESTRICTED OUTREACH/ LOCAL OUTREACH :	1/1/10 BAL	\$563.36
	INCOME	\$3700
	EXPENSES	\$1911.37
	EOY BAL	\$2351.99

FUEL FUND: EARMARKED PRIMARILY FOR CWS	1/1/10 BAL	\$483.66
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HOPE AND PCHD FAMILIES	INCOME	\$733.
	EXPENSES	\$851.23
	EOY BAL	\$265.43

VESTRY ALLOTTED FUNDS: \$4500

DISBURSEMENTS:	VESTRY	LOCAL OUTREACH
EPISCOPAL FARMWORKERS ...	\$1000	\$39.74
EASTER BASKETS.....	300	68.07
HEARTWORKS.....	400	
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY...	300	
CWS.....	400	
CAMP SUPPORT (SPONSORING)		127.54
EPISCOPAL R &D (HAITI)	300	
KATRINA RECIPIENT...	300	

INTERFAITH REFUGEE...	200	200
BACK TO SCHOOL...	400	226.02
GIRLS ON THE RUN	150	150
THANKSGIVING.....	307.55	
SHARE OUR CHRISTMAS	451.50	
HOPE		400
CHILDREN'S THEATRE		100
HOSPICE.....		200
FISHES AND LOAVES		400
TOTALS	\$4509.05	\$1911.37

2011 BEGINS WITH NEW LEADERSHIP; JEAN WHITE WILL BE OUR NEW CHAIR; ROBERTA JONES , SECRETARY. A PERSONAL THANKS TO JOANNE CUSKLEY WHO HAS SERVED AS OUR SECRETARY FOR 8 YEARS. THANK YOU TO THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE AND ST. THOMAS FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING AS YOUR OUTREACH CHAIR; IT HAS BEEN BOTH FULFILLING AND REWARDING.

KUDOS GO TO THE CONGREGATION FOR THEIR UNSTINTING SUPPORT IN COUNTLESS WAYS THAT HAVE MADE OUR WORK EASIER AND LIGHTER. WE HAVE GREAT LEADERSHIP IN THE COMING YEAR, AND WE WILL CONTINUE DOING GOOD THINGS IN THE FUTURE.

CAROLYN ENGEL, CHAIR

### Episcopal Church Women

Officers : Pres. Ellie Finta Vice Pres. Molly Grubb Treasurer Mary Anne Kingsley Secretary Sue Williams

Our year started off with a retreat titled Cultivating a Healthy Mind, Body, and Spirit with Yoga presented by Cheryl McFadden, Susan Koepp, and the Rev. Pat Thomas. Several young women from the community attended with us.

Our Advent Retreat with Katerina Whitley's presentation of the Women of the Bible was very moving. Lunch was served with this big event.

Our community Tour of Homes co sponsored with members of Oriental's History Museum was a huge success.

We held a Brunch Meeting for our members as well as a Pool party in August. Also the closet in the Greenhouse got a cleaning.

Ev Pfeifer was remembered by our congregation and many from the community. Her vigil was held at the women's club.

Committees served in these numerous ways throughout the year at St. Thomas.

Lenten Suppers Kitchen Cleanup Kitchen Supplies Calling List United thank Offering Church Periodical Club Receptions Christmas Baskets Relay for Life Sunshine Martha's Circle Hostess Camperships Historian Tour of Homes Advent Retreat

Much was accomplished through these activities. Martha Circle arranged to have 41 meals prepared and delivered to those in our congregation who are ill. Many other meals were taken which were not reported or

canvased.

Donations were given to Relay for Life, Children's Theatre Workshop, Christmas Food Baskets, HOPE Clinic, Hospice of Pamlico County, Rector's Discretionary Fund, Camp Trinity and Winterlight Scholarships, Thompson Child and Family Focus, Support a Child in the Dominican Republic

Ellie

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR ECW**

For the Year ending 12/31/2010

ECW started 2010 with a beginning Checking Account balance of \$6,637. This included the income from the 2009 Tour of homes and the 2009 Style Show. Of this amount, \$2,000 from the Style Show proceeds was designated for ECW's Money Market Fund which was started several years ago as the "New Kitchen Fund". By 2008 there was over \$11,000 in this Kitchen fund and \$10,000 was given to the Church towards the refurbished kitchen.

Since then the Kitchen Fund has been renamed the Capital Fund, and is to be used for Capital projects of the Parish. In 2010 ECW donated \$2,000 towards the new heating and air conditioning system.

Also in 2010, \$3,000 from the ECW Checking Account was placed in the Money Market account to be used as the new ECW Board will recommend.

Other activity in the Checking Account for 2010:

Ways and Means income for 2010 included \$3,124 which was ECW's share of the Tour of Home income, \$384 from the Pancake Supper and an additional \$94 from the 2009 Style Show

ECW disbursements added \$400 to the Outreach Committee's Christmas food baskets project; awarded a \$200 Campership to a Parish child, and made a \$300 contribution to the Diocese Campership Fund. Support in the amount of \$350 was donated for a Child in the Dominican Republic. Other ECW Outreach in our Parish and Community is listed in the ECW President's Annual Report.

Balances in the ECW Accounts as of 12/31/2010-

Checking Account:	\$1975	
Money Market:	\$4401	
Certificate of Deposit:	\$500	-This a Diocese required Account

MaryAnne Kingsley

## Choir Annual Report

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The year 2010 proved to be a rewarding year for the choir. Members included Mary Beth Berry, Jim Berry, Ed Bliss, Marian Day, MaryAnne Kingsley, Jim Moore, George Robinson, Marilyn Robinson, Bill Sage, Connie Schmidt, Wally Umbach, Jackie Wall, Judy Wickersham, Dave Wickersham, and me. Pete Parham, playing the trumpet, joined us on Palm Sunday and Tatiana Greene played the piano and Clavinova during December.

Planning music for the 10:30 a.m. service begins with Mary Beth Berry, Marian Day and me working together to choose hymns. I have only recently joined the music-picking team and am truly impressed with the work that goes into accomplishing this and also humbled by Mary Beth's and Marian's dedication to this effort over the years. After we pick the hymns we decide what the choir will sing, what goes in the weekly service program and what is programmed in our accompanying instruments—the Allen, Clavinova, or Synthia. A “music planner” has been developed to aid us in the process of keeping track of all aspects of the music program.

During the choir's “summer break” we were blessed with a variety of talents. The summer program featured Dick AhKao on the Clavinova, the Wednesday Night Praise Singers, Rolayne Schwendy singing duets with Marian Day and Pete Parham, Pete Parham playing the trumpet, Pure Treble (an all-female quartet), the Pamlico Community Band Brass Ensemble with Reba Tiller as accompanist, soloist Jim Edwards of the Gideon's, Inc., the Choir Quartet singing a Pamlico Chorale selection, Bill and Dee Sage singing a duet, Kim Kingsley (daughter of Ross and MaryAnne Kingsley), and Jim Moore singing solos. Mary Duffie joined us as accompanist upon occasion. Choir members also participated in the Community Choir at the annual Croaker Festival community service at Lou Mac Park.

In September, we started off the choir season with flutist Tara Howard-North and accompanist, Reba Tiller, who delighted us with selections from Massenet, Bach and Mozart. In December, Marian put together our Christmas music and a very talented pianist, Tatiana Greene, joined us playing at practices and during several services.

Our special thanks to Reba Tiller, Mary Duffie and Bette Welch for accompanying us either in person or by recording music.

Accomplishments of 2010 included: establishing an annual schedule for 2010-2011 with full choir participation September to Pentecost; expanding our repertoire with the help of guest accompanists who played or recorded music for us; having a summer program for the months the choir was on break; processing and recessing as a group; and purchasing choir crosses to be worn with ribbons that match the color of the liturgical seasons.

Our goals for 2011 are to grow in number and to continue reaching for higher levels of performance.

We begin and end our singing season with get-togethers and thank the Wickersham's and Berry's for hosting those gatherings this year. My heart felt thanks to all who have made the St. Thomas choir possible and a special thank you to Marian for all the extra choir duties she has performed. It has been a joy coordinating our efforts.

Dee Sage

## Pastoral Care Committee

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The Pastoral Care Committee meets monthly to help with concerns of our Parish. Prayer lists are kept up to date and visits are made. Hot meals are delivered to parishioners upon a return from the hospital or that kind of thing. The meals are handled through the Martha Circle. It's important for parishioners to let Fr. Jeremiah or a member of pastoral care when help would be welcome.

Every other month a luncheon or Christmas tea have been provided through Pastoral Care.. Sigrid Overcash and Jean White were both responsible for preparing the lunches for Lunch and Learn. These have been much appreciated by members of the community, however due to a decline in committee membership, the luncheons have been discontinued.

We welcome new members to our committee. New plans are underway for the next year. Contact Fr. Jeremiah, Ellie Finta, Susan King, Elaine Creel, Kathy Bates, or Jerome Parker if you'd like further information.

Thanks, Ellie

## Ushers & Greeters

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Submitted by Dick AhKao, C.E.O. Ushers and Greeters

This year we salute with pride 22 Ushers and 24 Greeters whose service to our church for 12 months was outstanding. Our 2010 Ushers and Greeters were:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
January	George Link and Cecil Sykes	Gary and Sue Williams
February	Rolayne Schwendy and Dodge Hickman	Jackie Wall and Lorraine Weeks
March	Susan and Jamie King	Connie Hickman and Nancy Inger
April	John Allison and Dick AhKao	Camilla Turner and Linda King
May	George Robinson and Ray Orndorf	Rolayne and Glen Schwendy
June	Volunteers	Charlotte and George Schenck
July	Bill Sage and Gary Williams	Bill and Dee Sage
August	Ed Bliss and Chuck Bonner	Mary Ann and Ross Kingsley
September	Tom Finta and Camilla Turner	Carolyn Schock and June Carpenter
October	David Opgrand and George Schenck	Tom and Ellie Finta
November	Bob and Ginny Goodwin	Jane Bliss and Jean AhKao
December	Wendy and Eugene Seward	Sue and John Allison

On December 5, 2010 distinguished service awards were presented to the following ushers:

George Link, Cecil Sykes, Susan King, Jamie King, Gary Williams, Tom Finta, Camilla Turner, Bob and Ginny Goodwin.

Father Jeremiah Day closed with a most gracious set of remarks praising the ushers and greeters for their service throughout the 2010 year followed by a closing prayer.

Thank you ushers and greeters, your service to our church is appreciated.

## **Evangelism Report**

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As chairman of this committee for the past five years I have had the pleasure of working with a most outstanding group of outstanding members, namely: Jackie Wall. Nancy Inger, Cecil Sykes, Jean AhKao, Ross Kingsley, Linda King, Mary Anne Kingsley and Ray Orndorff New Members on board starting now and for 2011 are David

Wickersham and Angi Diamond.

Along with handing out over 200 loaves of bread to our visitors over the past 5 years, our committee has hosted several “new comers dinners” at their homes that have contributed to the growth of new parishioners. Your Evangelism Committee have been ambassadors of good will for St. Thomas Episcopal church and have done an excellent job in hosting the dinner parties for the following new members: Stephen and Christine Lochner; Annette and Jim

Schneider; John Zeren and Barbara Stockton; Hal and Yvonne Larson; Dodge and Connie Hickman; Judy and David Wickersham; Ron and Angi Diamond; Chase and Christine Braswell; David and Jean White, Molly and Jerry Grubb; Ray Orndorf; Sarah and Steve Kenney; Marcia Webster; Dorothy and James Moore; Patrick and Cheryl McFadden.

We will continue hosting these welcome dinners in 2011 that will hopefully “make our church grow”.

Jean Ahkao has given outstanding service to the Evangelism Committee in the role of secretary, getting out the minutes of each meeting to our members and the vestry.

We are constantly communicating to those parishioners who we notice have been missing from our Sunday worship services by sending them “we miss you” card notes signed by our vestry members and rector. Jackie Wall has taken charge of this task over the years. She has done a wonderful job.

The committee and rector have sponsored and conducted the successful homecoming events during the past two years in the month of November . In 2009 there were 90 responses to the invitations sent and in 2010 there were 113 responses to the invitations mailed out. The average attendance at our homecoming was 65.

Other social/spiritual activities that the Evangelism committee has conducted hoping to “ make our church grow” during the past year were: a). baseball/buffet at the Kingston Indians b) pool party held at the Minnesott Golf and Country Club c) The Messiah concert/ dinner event in New Bern d) the Spirit of Christmas Angel prayer tree at our church.

The committee also rewrote the new ‘Parish Brochure’ on our church and its services and distributed them through out Oriental and the county and the visitors center.

All in all it has been a busy and pretty good year.

Respectfully submitted,

The Evangelism Committee 2010

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## **Treasurer’s Report**

For the Year ending 12/31/2010

Offerings Pledged and Unpledged, totaled \$181,730 missing the Budget by \$4,270. The Loose Offerings are placed in two accounts: All weekly loose one dollar bills and change, plus the all the loose offerings on Fifth Sundays are placed in the Rector's Discretionary Fund totaling \$515 in 2010. The Operating Fund receives the remaining loose currency. This totaled \$1,622.

Designated gifts and payments for restricted funds include Memorials, Columbarium site purchase, Capital Fund and Building Fund, or for transmittal to outside Funds and Organizations such as Thompson Child and Family Focus. This amounted to \$36,917. Disbursements from these Restricted Funds amounted to \$36,079. These are unbudgeted funds.

Operating Expenses exceeded/were under Budget by \$8. The replacement of the heating and air conditioning units for the Parish Hall and Offices was an un-budgeted item, and the \$5,182 cost was funded entirely by restricted gifts from the ECW and Men's Group.

The Church and Green House Mortgage balance at year end was \$63,637, a decrease of \$8,177 from last year.

There are currently three Bank Accounts: The Primary Checking account, Money Market #1 for those accounts that have limited activity during the year including the Columbarium and Memorial funds and Money Market #2 for the Building Fund.

Maryanne Kingsley, 2010 Treasurer

*The Treasurer sits on the Finance and Budget Committees only in an advisory capacity.*

## Report of the 2010 Audit Committee

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December 10, 2010

St. Thomas Vestry

The Committee to audit St. Thomas for the year 2009 met on 12/10/10. In attendance were Wally Umbach, Mary Ann Kingsley, Dodge Hickman, Jamie King and Ed Bliss.

We are not accountants, but a committee of lay persons. We believe the vestry is the ruling body of the church and we must therefore tie the financials into the governing structure.

Our process was to first compare the monthly financial status reported to the vestry. We checked all available month end vestry reports, corresponding treasurer reports, and bank statements. All were deemed to be connected and appropriate. This we feel validated the vestry has the opportunity to review monthly financial activity. Since the reported balances were in agreement with bank generated end of month statements, we felt satisfied church management and financial management were linked.

We next selected 10 weeks throughout the year at random intervals and checked all transactions during each audited week. We compared deposits to weekly collection sheets as prepared by Mary Beth Berry. We looked at all checks written. We examined payee and amount, for vestry authorization and/or budget item. We did not find any discrepancies.

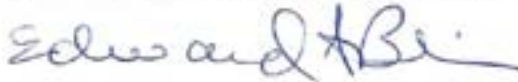
St. Thomas also has other organizations such as Men's Association, ECW and Pastor Discretionary Fund.

The men's association fund has an account value in the neighbor of \$4000. At the monthly meeting of the organization, a treasure's report is reviewed and approved. Receipts are generated by contributions from the membership and various fund raisers. Expenditure's are approved by the organization's board of directors. During 2009 the major receipt came from selling Hot Dogs, and Hamburgers during the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration in Oriental, A \$600 donation was giving to the church's general fund in on 12/31/09

ECW is the church's women's organization. The ECW fund balance at the end of 2009 was \$9400. This compares to \$4700 at the end of 2008. Major receipts were from a Style Show (\$3000) a Parade of Homes event (\$4000) and individual contributions from several parishioners (\$3000). In additions to normal expenditures for Outreach, kids to Camp Trinity, misc. church needs ECW donated \$3000 to the kitchen upgrade project during 2009. Expenditure's are authorized by the ECW Board.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund. This expenditure is generally in the range of \$2000 - \$4000 annually. Receipts are from individual contributions and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday loose plate collections. Funds are dispersed to the Pastor via the Treasure. Pastor maintains the activity via a Quicken Computer Program.

Ed Bliss



cc Dodge Hickman  
Wally Umbach  
Mary Ann Kingsley  
Jamie King

## **2011 Operating Budget Worksheet**

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## **Rector's Report**

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Dear Family in Christ,

I am very happy to report; once again the work of the Church here at St. Thomas is not being done by the officials of the Church, i.e., Rector, Wardens and Vestry. It is by the Laity or Laos, the people of God (in Greek, laos tou theou, or in Latin, populus Dei to make it sound more learned). It's not that your leadership doesn't work hard. You will find those folks at church several times a week in addition to worship. The reality is that the Work of the church is accomplished daily by individual believers.

I refer you to the Catechism as a refresher on what is our work as the Laos.

Q. What is the ministry of the laity?

A. The ministry of lay persons is to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever they may be and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church.

Q. What is the duty of all Christians?

A. The duty of all Christians is to follow Christ; to come together week by week for corporate worship; and to work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom of God.

It has also been said that "Worship is the first work of the Church," and "Stewardship is everything we do with everything we have after we say 'I believe.'"

You, my sisters and brothers in Christ and our leadership do all the above. "Let us not grow weary in well doing." <sup>1</sup> Since we all "fall short of the glory of God," <sup>2</sup> there is always room for improvement in each of us personally and corporately. Even after being with you for so long I am constantly amazed at the fruit of your labors and the imagination you bring to God's call. Since this portion of the Annual Report is to be on my activities I simply want to tell you how much you encourage, support, sometimes goad, and always facilitate my ability to do what God has called me to do. You are a blessing and a big factor in how Holy Spirit brings out the best in me. Thank you all.

I especially appreciate all the chairs and organizers for another year's great work. Some of these are nearly full time positions. Each is fulfilled with fulltime passion. All of our committees could use more members. Many of you serve on more than one committee. Thank you to all the members. There are very few hours of the day or night that your activity is not evidenced to the community.

This Christmas marked 20 years of ordained ministry for me with more than half of that spent at St. Thomas. My professional development study of Family Systems continues at Virginia Seminary where I have finished two years and a third of the three-year course. I finish in May 2011. Jim Berry as Senior Warden continues as an invaluable aide to my ministry and the ministry of St. Thomas as a whole. He is only the most recent of outstanding Wardens including George Robinson who now serves as Junior Warden. They, and your entire Vestry, deserve a great round of applause.

Locally I continue to be active with other pastors in supporting community worship and ministry. I began the community Lenten series in Bayboro with Ashes and Holy Eucharist. I also organized and preached the community Thanksgiving service held at St. Peters RC. St. Thomas provided the bulletins and printing. We have achieved a new and more streamlined cooperation between the Oriental churches in the area of Discretionary Funds. The new process involves an interview/intake person for needs outside our individual churches. I hope we will better serve those who are deserving, saving funds from those who "work" the system. I continue as a member of the Rotary Club. The Domestic Violence Task Force of Pamlico County that I have been a part of since 2000 has ceased to function and is in a dormant mode at present. In November I was Spiritual Director for a Cursillo weekend. In Nov. and Dec. I took a few Monday evenings to join Marian in rehearsing and singing

with the Craven Messiah Chorus in December.

I call your attention to our paid staff. Beth Grim in the office, without whom I'd be much more disorganized than I am. Beth is also taking over the bookkeeping job from MaryAnne Kingsley who is retiring. And, Wendy Seward, who cleans God's house and our working spaces. You may not see them in action, but they make a mighty contribution.

As an additional administrative note, the Vestry replaced the oldest of our computers with an Apple iMac that runs both Windows and Mac OS. We are migrating away from Microsoft Publisher to Adobe InDesign as our publishing program.

We have gained several new families this year and I welcome them. They have come on board and immediately taken a place among the worship and ministries found here. I hope you will not only welcome them, but also engage them in the full life of the parish. Some I know are already serving on committees. As a reminder to all communicants, committees are open to participation without invitation. Please invite yourself where Holy Spirit leads.

The choir continues under the administration (she does not wish to be called "Director") of Dee Sage with the assistance of Marian Day and Mary Beth Berry. A wonderful addition is Tatiana Greene who adds her keyboard talents to our worship experience.

Many recognized our portion of the joint services with Oriental United Methodist Church for the late Sung Candlemass and Eucharist, as outstanding for its music.

And now for some numbers:

	2010	2009	
Discretionary Fund distributed	\$6,402	\$6,903	*
Eucharist Worship Sunday	97	85	
Weekday	50	46	
Daily Office Worship Sunday	6	14	
Weekday	34	34	
Vigil & Burial Office	3	2	
Home Communion and other	38	37	
Total attendance	5646	5881	
Easter Day & Vigil	162	154	
Christmas	100	101	
Communicants	179	175	**

\*Two recent generous gifts bring the current balance to \$9,500

\*\*Includes some of our regular out of town folks.

(What has become my annual close has not changed. It continues to be my highest goal for St. Thomas and all within our community.)

Lastly, it is my desire that by your understanding of the love of God and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit that you be in love and charity with your neighbors; that you experience the joy and wonder of God in all his works, and that you continue to form your mind after the mind of Christ. As each of us strives to achieve this level of spiritual maturity, I pray that you will find your place in the life and worship of St. Thomas. It is because you serve on the committees, and give of your treasure that St. Thomas has a ministry and exists in this community. It is up to each of us to strengthen our church family by our attendance, bringing new members and volunteering for the many jobs that must be done. When one of us is absent, we are all diminished.

God's peace be with you,  
Fr. Jeremiah C. Day+  
Nov '99-Jan '11

- 1 Gal. 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.  
2Th. 3:13 But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.
- 2 Rom. 3:23

## **By-laws of St. Thomas Episcopal Church**

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### **Article I Name**

Section 1. The official name of this church is St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Oriental, North Carolina.

### **Article II Purpose and Accession to the Constitution and Canons of the National and Diocesan Church**

Section 1. As the Body of Christ our mission is to worship and serve God by creating and sustaining a spirit-filled community that enables all people to know and love Jesus Christ as Savior; to be an outward and visible sign, sacrament, an instrument of the now living and risen Christ guided by the Holy Spirit; and a Eucharistically centered family rooted in God's Word and guided by the Holy Spirit. As a parish family, Christ calls us to grow spiritually, to share our life of faith with others, and to make known Christ's redeeming love and Word through all that we think, say, and do.

Section 2. St. Thomas Episcopal Church accedes to the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America and to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of East Carolina.

### **Article III Members**

Section 1. Members of St. Thomas Episcopal Church are those persons who have been confirmed or received by the appropriate authority in St. Thomas Episcopal Church, or whose canonical Letter of Transfer has been received.

Section 2. Voting members of St. Thomas Episcopal Church are those persons who have met the qualifications of communicant in good standing

Section 3. It shall be the responsibility of the Rector to maintain an accurate record of communicants in good standing, and to report on that record annually.

### **Article IV Officers**

Section 1. Officers of the parish will be a Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Clerk, and Treasurer. They shall be elected according to the canons of the national and diocesan church, and fulfill the responsibilities outlined therein. To those officers and members of the Vestry shall be entrusted the general affairs of the church.

Section 2. The congregation shall elect nine persons to the Vestry, three each year for staggered three-year terms. No retiring member shall be eligible for re-election until a period of one year has elapsed following the expiration of that person's term on the Vestry except that those appointed during the past year to fill un-expired terms of one year or less, be made eligible for election to a full term, and the term of those so elected shall be for three years.

Section 3. Only the nominating committee, which shall consist of only one retiring Vestry member plus two parish members at large shall present the slate of not more than two candidates for each vacancy. The slate shall be compiled by the nominating committee and completed no less than 10 days prior to the Annual Meeting and presented to the congregation no later than the Sunday before the Annual Meeting.

It is acceptable to suggest yourself to the nominating committee.

There may be no nominations from the floor at the annual meeting.

- Section 4. Election to the Vestry shall be decided by a majority of qualified votes cast. For a ballot to be valid the members must cast votes for the full number of vacancies. Members so elected will be seated at the next regular vestry meeting following their election, or at the vestry retreat, whichever is sooner. Wardens, Treasurer and Clerk will be elected and installed at this meeting. Retiring members of the vestry are invited to attend the vestry retreat. The New vestry will be introduced to the parish on the Sunday following the return from the vestry retreat and will be asked to re affirm the declaration and promise to which they ascribed on assuming office.
- Section 5. In addition to members as outlined above there shall be a youth member appointed by the Rector on the advice of the Youth Director to serve a one year term. He or she shall be no less than 16 years of age and no more than 20 on the day of appointment.

#### **Article V Annual Meeting**

- Section 1. The annual meeting of the parish of St. Thomas Episcopal Church shall be on the first Sunday following Epiphany. One month's notice of the meeting will be published in the weekly parish bulletin. Notice will also be given in the parish newsletter (The Moorings) immediately preceding the meeting.
- Section 2. The annual meeting may be postponed by the Rector or, in the Rectors absence, the Senior Warden in the event of special circumstances such as inclement weather, illness, etc., such meeting to occur within 60 days.

#### **Article VI Vestry**

- Section 1. The Vestry shall fulfill the duties and obligations as required by the national and diocesan church canons.
- Section 2. Regular meetings of the Vestry are to be held on the second Tuesday of each month unless otherwise ordered by a majority of the Vestry. All meetings of the Vestry are open to the congregation. The Vestry may hold additional meetings as necessary for the conduct of their business. Vestry members are expected to attend all retreats and vestry meetings. Repeated absences from regular vestry meetings without cause may result in the removal of the vestry member from the vestry upon the unanimous vote of all other vestry members
- Section 3. In the absence of the Rector or Minister-in-Charge, or if there be none, the Wardens shall preside at all meetings of the Vestry or congregation in order of their official seniority.
- Section 4. The Vestry shall adopt rules and regulations for the necessary transaction of business.
- Section 5. Officers of the Parish who are not elected members (Treasurer and Clerk) shall be ex-officio members of the Vestry as well as the Deanery representative and any other member of major Diocesan Councils and Committees with right of seat and voice but no vote.

#### **Article VII Committees**

- Section 1. The Vestry may establish standing and temporary committees as they deem necessary for the conduct of their business.
- Section 2. The Vestry shall define the duties and purpose of all standing and temporary committees.
- Section 3. All members of St. Thomas are eligible to be members of committees. The Rector and Senior Warden shall be ex officio members. The Vestry shall approve the chairperson.

Section 4. If necessary, committees may appoint sub-committees within their jurisdiction without further reference to the Vestry.

### **Article VIII Parliamentary Authority**

Section 1. The most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern parish and Vestry meetings in all cases where there is no inconsistency with these by-laws, any special rules of order adopted by the parish, or the national or diocesan canons.

### **Article IX Amendment of By-Laws**

Section 1. These by-laws may be amended by no less than two-thirds vote of the Vestry.

Approved by Vestry at regular November meeting(1995) and at Annual Meeting January 1996.

Revised by Vestry at Annual retreat in January 2000 to come in line with Diocesan and National Canon.

Revision to Article VII following Vestry retreat Jan 2002 to generalize the functions of Committees so they may be varied from time to time without conflict with By-Laws. Wording approved by Vestry vote 12 March 2002.

Revision to Article IV, Section 4: Officers, and Article V, Section I: Annual Meeting voted and approved at Vestry Retreat Jan. 25, 2010.

Revision to Article VI, Section 2: Vestry voted and approved Vestry meeting May 11, 2010.