

REPORTS TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

For the Year 2010

February 13, 2011

11:30 a.m.



St. Peter's Church

**121 Church Street. Phoenixville, PA 19460
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St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Annual Meeting – February 13, 2011

11:30 AM

AGENDA

Opening Prayer Father Koshy Mathews

Meeting Called to Order

Appoint Secretary of Meeting

Minutes of 2010 Annual Meeting

Presentation of Candidates Gary Russell
 Vestry
 Deanery and Convention Delegates

Rector's Report Fr. Koshy

Capital Campaign Report Mike Logar

Accounting Warden Report Retta Sparano

Stewardship Report Gary Russell

Adjournment

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Annual Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2010

The meeting convened at 11:40 AM. Following Prayer, Father Koshy Mathews led the business of the meeting.

Attending: Fr. Koshy, current 8 vestry members, 45 members of the congregation.

Minutes: The minutes from the 2009 annual meeting were approved as written.

Introduction of Candidates: Senior Warden Mike Logar noted that there are currently three vestry vacancies, each for a three-year term. He then introduced the vestry candidates, Anne Andrews, who agreed to run again after a one-year term, Cindy Hammaker, and Clem Young. Both Geoffrey Scott and Henry Young agreed to be Deanery and Convention delegates. There being no additional nominations from the floor, all candidates were elected by acclamation.

Report of the Rector: Fr. Koshy opened by saying, "All is well at St. Peter's Church," and referred to the balanced budget, new members, outreach activities, and the Youth Group as examples of our shared faith and his confidence in our future together. He discussed St. Peter's identity and its call as a worshipping and witnessing community. Through worship we form our faith. Through education, we inform our faith. He noted that St. Peter's offers Christian education for all age groups, from Children's Chapel, Church School, Rite 13, Journey to Adulthood, and Young Adults in Church. In addition, this year six youth are preparing for confirmation in June 2010. Through witnessing, we are acting out our faith both locally and globally. We give 1% of our annual budget to Millennium Development Goals for El Salvador. A group of parishioners made a second mission trip to El Salvador in 2009. Fr. Koshy recognized the efforts behind the Jim and June Henry Food Pantry, noting Barbara Rocchi's eleven years of dedicated service in the past and John Bisbing's current leadership. He also noted Julie Scott and Betty Heyser's efforts in soliciting corporate and community donations.

Fr. Koshy thanked the vestry for their work in 2009 and gave special thanks to the two retiring members. He recognized Marty Bloem's valuable contributions in the areas of Partners for Sacred Places, Worship, and Music, including the recruitment of our new Director of Music, Nicholas Lodico. Marty is now treasurer for the Capital Campaign. Fr. Koshy also expressed his "ever-growing" appreciation of Mike Logar's contributions during his six years on the Vestry, three of which as Senior Warden. Mike's leadership skills and enthusiasm helped make the vestry a very productive one. He now is leading the Capital Campaign. Both were presented with prayer books as a token of thanks.

Property Report: Property Warden Gary Russell reviewed repairs to the heating system over the past year, most of which have been completed for \$15,000, with an additional \$7,500 to be expensed in 2010. He also reviewed other property projects completed in 2009 at a cost of \$26,000. He recognized the new sexton Maria Yanez for her good work during 2009; former sexton Rick Morris retired in 2009.

Finance Report: Accounting Warden Retta Sparano reviewed the vestry and parish commitments of 2009. The vestry passed a balanced budget for 2009, designated 1% of the budget (\$2,000 each) for mission and Millennium Development Goals, designated \$11,784 to the deanery and diocese, and minimally increased staff compensation. In addition to pledge, the parish supported various areas through fundraising and special donations. These areas included the operating budget, mission trips, outreach/pantry, Rector's discretionary fund, and heating/electrical repairs. Other accomplishments include extending the use of our building to community groups, making no withdrawals from savings, and the passing of a balanced budget for 2010. For the first time in years, the new budget does not include a separate fundraising line to cover operating expenses. Retta concluded by thanking Mike Logar for bringing his expertise in the business world to his work at St. Peter's so that we are in good shape going forward.

Stewardship Report: Vestry member Geoff Scott reviewed the 2009 stewardship campaign, which the vestry undertook because of its importance to the parish. The vestry also has committed to lead the next stewardship campaign. In terms of Stewardship as Faithful Service, Geoff noted that St. Peter's is graced with faithful people working in 25 different active ministries and committees. In terms of Stewardship as Faithful Pledging, Geoff pointed out that our financial stewardship continues to be strong despite the uncertain economic times; 2010 pledge results showed an increase over 2009. For 2010, we have 70 pledge units for a total of \$206,123, with 28 units increasing their pledge for \$12,773 and 8 new units for \$14,690.

Senior Warden Report: Mike Logar reviewed the highlights of 2009, including the launching of the Capital Campaign *Building Momentum: Renewing and Restoring St. Peter's*, a significant event in the history of the church. The campaign's goal is to raise \$720,000 to stabilize, restore and enhance our physical building, which has throughout its history served as an important community hub. To date, advanced gifts have raised over \$400,000 in commitments. Commitment Sunday is March 7, 2010, a day on which teams of volunteers will visit parishioners to discuss the Capital Campaign. We are fortunate to have as our campaign consultant Richard MacIntyre, who offers unique gifts and professionalism in addition to his resume of over 100 successful capital campaigns. Mike named the Capital Campaign's Executive Committee, pointing out that we also are fortunate in this area because passionate, competent leadership has been shown to be crucial for success in any capital campaign. Mike then outlined the approved campaign projects and their associated costs, and discussed the process by which they were determined. Mike concluded by sharing the "Live to Give" principle: when we reach out to others in need, God will make sure that our needs are supplied.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting closed with prayer and adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Tackett

The Report of the Rector - 2010

A Grateful Church: *“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul and do not forget all his benefits.” Ps. 103:1-2*

2010 was a time of receiving great blessings from God and a period of internal growth in deeper relationship. I witnessed a stronger sense of purpose and meaning in our being together as a faith community. We coalesced in committing ourselves more deeply as an inviting and welcoming church, a faith-forming-informing community of worship, and in a sending and serving mission oriented community. We thank God for all of His blessings.

An Inviting and Welcoming Church: *“They (disciples to be) said to him, ‘Rabbi, where are we staying?’ He (Jesus) said to them, ‘Come and see.’*

We continue to be an inviting and welcoming church. The New Member Ministry Committee (NMM) is at the forefront in keeping our church a place where visitors are greeted and welcomed at the door and slowly socialized into full-fledged members of our parish. The vestry, seeing the need for us to be more proactive in growing our church, formed the Growth Committee (GC) with the charge to identify and remove any impediments within the church that hamper growth and to introduce new steps and initiatives that will bring more people to our doors. In 2010, both NMM and GC worked together in organizing community-wide events: an open house on our Patronal Day in June, and Blessing of the Animals liturgy in October. It is very gratifying to hear new members remark on what attracted them to our church was our friendliness, and concern for each other, in the community and our service in the world.

A Faith-Forming-Informing Community: *“One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.” Ps.2:4*

Worship continues to be central to our being a faith community. As the rector of small church, I draw from the advice and counsel of our Worship Committee, chaired by Carol Russell and formed by representatives from the worship related ministries. It reflects most adequately how our corporate worship forms and informs our faith and helps us express our reverence to and faith in God.

With the arrival of Nick Lodico as the choir master and organist at the beginning of 2010, our Sunday morning worship services have been transformed, and have become more engaged and lively. Nick’s energy, enthusiasm, and passion for music are contagious, and he has brought vibrancy to our choirs and to the music ministry in general at St. Peter’s.

The beauty of our church with its stained-glass windows and gothic architecture provides worshippers the needed space for the solemnity they seek in coming into our church. To have our century old monument continue to serve us and the coming generations was the goal of the Capital Campaign started last year. With 85% of the goal already achieved in pledges and funds received, it was a huge success. As we hope to reach 100% participation of our membership and the attainment of some of the promising matching grants, the Campaign leadership headed by Mike Logar is optimistic about reaching our goal.

Faith formation also takes place through Children’s Chapel, Church School, Rite-13, Journey to Adulthood (J2A), and Young Adults in Church (YAC). Lisa Schiavone, who designed the Children’s Chapel Program and trained several volunteer facilitators, handed this responsibility to the able hands of Mark Hammaker in the fall. Our church school program is led by Anne Andrews with the help of a few experienced and dedicated volunteer teachers. Under the leadership of Katie Druckenmiller and Gary Russell, and a number of volunteers, our youth group and other programs for our young parishioners are thriving. One of the highlights this year was the confirmation of six of our young people by Bishop Edward Lee. Following their confirmation, they went on a service trip to Appalachia for a week in the summer.

A Mission Oriented Church: *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind. To let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” Lk. 4*

Our identity as a mission oriented church is further evidenced by our witness in serving the weak, vulnerable and the marginalized in our community through our in-reach and outreach ministries. Under the leadership of Cindy Hammaker we now have a group of volunteers, called Helping Hands, who serve individuals and families under stress due to hospitalization, new birth, or change in circumstances. Several families have been served by this group of volunteers in 2010 and we thank them for their compassion and willingness to help.

We now offer breakfast to the clients who come to collect groceries from our pantry. John Bisbing continues to provide the leadership for the pantry operation and we thank you John. Thanks also to Geoff and Julie Scott for their passion and hard work in taking our pantry operations to a new level and for putting it on a stronger financial position. In addition to serving our neighborhood community through our pantry, we are also helping several local and regional organizations financially, or by providing them with our church facilities for their use.

We continued to support the efforts of reducing extreme global poverty in half by the year 2015 through contributing to Millennium Development Goals. For the third year in a row, we sent missionaries to El Salvador, where they helped a very poor rural Episcopal faith community build their first church. Emil Brunner has observed: *“The Church exists by mission, just as fire exists by burning. Where there is no mission, there is no church.”* To seek and save the lost, heal the sick, and to preach the good news of God in Christ, and to proclaim the inauguration of the Kingdom of God are the priorities of a mission oriented church.

I am deeply grateful to God for:

- Rev. David Hyatt, who serves as Assisting Clergy, for his devotion to seeing St. Peter’s as a successful church. A lot of what he does is under the radar and so goes unnoticed. His passion and pastoral gifts, as well as his inspiring and thoughtful preaching and commitment to justice, are integral components of his leadership that have touched us all.
- Rev. Raymond Atlee for his faithful participation in our worship services during the first half of the year. We pray for his health as he is now residing at Cathedral Village.
- Judy Dougherty, whom many of you don’t see in the church, is an integral part of parish life, and I thank her for all that she does for the smooth running of our parish office. She has managed the day-to-day office responsibilities as well as printing the bulletins, the *NET*, and other parish-wide communications and beginning now some accounting responsibilities
- Nick Lodico, who joined us at the beginning of the year and has begun a vigorous and ambitious music program at St. Peter’s, is a gifted and passionate musician and leader.
- Deacon Joe Dietz, who joined us in Advent, is someone familiar to and loved by many of us from his previous years of ministry with us. Deacon Joe not only helps assist at our worship services but also will help us in Pantry and outreach ministries.

I want to thank each and every one of you in the Vestry for your love for and dedication to the church and its future. My special thanks to members who are retiring this year:

To Beverly Burkhardt: Since I have been at St. Peter’s, Beverly has provided leadership and served as vestry liaison for the Worship and Pastoral Care Committees. She has served as Worship Assistant, Lay Eucharistic Minister, Chalice Bearer, and Deanery and Convention Delegate. In the vestry, Beverly served as the voice of conscience for the vulnerable and the weak in society. We are grateful to Beverly for her leadership.

To Retta Sparano: for her faithful and consistent leadership in the vestry, serving as Accounting Warden. Retta has applied her gift of organization, accounting skills, common sense, wisdom and knowledge about the history of our church and community, being passionate about St. Peter’s. Besides

serving in the Vestry, Retta participates as a choir member, Worship Committee member, Liturgical Coordinator, and now Sabbatical Committee Chair Person. We are tremendously grateful to Retta.

It is my fervent prayer and hope that all the many collective accomplishments which are expressed in the reports that follow will be seen and understood as God's mission among us. It is exciting to notice, even to marvel, how the Holy Spirit has first led us to have a vision and now guiding us to action. God has blessed us with an abundance of capable leaders. We would not have been able to accomplish any of these gains without their love, dedication and hard work. Thanks be to God.

Faithfully,

Koshy

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Annual Report of the Senior Warden - 2010

Bev Burkhardt and Retta Sparano have been very important members of the Vestry over the last six years whose terms end February, 13, 2011. Bev served as the liaison to the Pastoral Care Committee and her acumen in pastoral issues and personal relationships was a valued asset in creating and maintaining effective programs for our parishioners. Retta has served as Accounting Warden for these six years. Her impact on St Peter's goes far beyond the financial aspects of her function, which themselves were very demanding and time consuming. Beyond the numbers, her hard work and complete dedication inspired each of us, while her quiet leadership reached across the whole spectrum of vestry endeavor. We will miss these two very important contributors and remain confident that their faithful work at St. Peter's will continue.

The vestry continued several goals from 2009 and added several for 2010. We made significant progress in the area of pastoral care with the establishment of a Helping Hands program under the direction of Cindy Hammaker. This group of people provides meals and other services to those in immediate need such as families with a new baby and folks who are ill or recovering from injury or medical procedures. We did increase church membership to some degree, but we must do more to create and maintain the kind of spiritual feeding that keeps the doors open and the pews full. We need more work on building an effective and stable stewardship effort as well as replacing Retta's considerable skills in the Accounting Warden position. Finally, we did create a "family room" in the Smith Fellowship Room, for which we have planned a TV monitor and sound to enable viewing and listening to the worship service.

One of our most important challenges going forward is to continue cultivating new lay leadership in our parish. As in any volunteer organization, we have a very dedicated core group of individuals who are carrying a major share of the work assisting the Rector to fulfill our mission. Even though we are all "busy", there is no joy that matches doing God's work, sharing your time and talent to enable our worship and program. Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Russell, Senior Warden

Accounting Warden's Financial Report - 2010

As our visibility in the community increases, we are opening our doors to many organizations to use our facility. Although, this raises some overhead costs, we have received some donations to help defray a portion of that additional cost.

We began and ended 2010 with a positive balance and no withdrawals from our savings. Vestry once again approved budget support of \$1,000 towards the El Salvador mission trip, and \$2,000 towards reducing global poverty through the Millennium Development Goals. We continue to honor our pledge and assessment to the Diocese. Our neighbor, The Clinic, was the recipient of our annual Advent Giving Tree through generous donations from parishioners.

A balanced budget is always the optimal way to start a new year. Planning includes using historical data as well as anticipated increases for the coming year. Although the vestry carefully reviewed every line in the operating budget for 2011, we are faced with a deficit. Very minimal wage increase and elevated health insurance along with adjusting Easter and Christmas expected income, and increased utilities have impacted the bottom line. If all pledges are met this next year, combined with a positive opening balance, we can end the year in the black. Your Vestry is committed to careful monthly review and will cut costs wherever possible.

2011 Approved Budget	
Income	
Pledge	\$202,726
Open Plate *	15,000
Easter & Christmas	5,000
Miscellaneous	2,625
Total	\$225,351
Expenses	
Diocesan Giving	\$ 13,649
Payroll-Benefits-Supply Staff	158,862
Worship	6,950
Administration	14,365
Ministries **	6,500
Property	37,800
Total	\$238,126
Income minus Expense	\$ (12,775)

* Open plate includes giving dollars that are not pledged.

** Ministries includes \$2K for Millennium Development Goals and \$1K for mission trips.

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St. Peter's Financial Statement

	2010 Budget	2010 Actual
Income		
Open Plate	10,500	14,742
Pledge	203,623	197,594
Easter & Christmas	7,050	4,334
Mission Trips		16,602
Outreach/Food Pantry		13,527
Rector's Fund		4,410
Youth Group		4,586
Special Donations		3,830
Miscellaneous	1,700	6,212
TOTAL	222,873	265,837
Expenses		
Diocesan giving	11,949	12,367
Personnel	150,238	148,750
Administration	12,365	14,337
Worship	5,550	8,016
Ministries	7,750	11,454
Outreach/Pantry		9,622
Mission Trip		14,136
Rector's Fund		4,410
Property	37,500	41,151
Miscellaneous	500	1,107
Sub-total	225,352	269,288
Income minus expense	(2,479)	(3,451)
Reimburse from capital campaign For feasibility study		\$11,550
Interest earned		135
Employee Pension Contribution		693
TOTAL	(2,479)	8,926
Account balances as of 12/31/10		
Checking	\$30,018	
Money Market savings	\$46,402	
Vanguard money market	\$ 1,408	
Certificates of Deposit	\$11,549	
Youth Group Savings	\$ 2,875	
Mission Trip Savings	\$ 3,231	

Respectfully submitted,

Retta Sparano
Accounting Warden

Parish Statistics - 2010

Weddings [1] Richard Edwin Morse and Betty Candice Jones

Baptisms [11] Autumn Genevieve Bisbing, Abigail Davison Szerenyi
Emily Elizabeth Tashjian, Kenneth James Henry
Seamus Michael Sutter, Carrie Lyn Wanish
Owen Armand Kandle, Max Zachary Neiber
Trey John Warkala, Clara Famous De Prado
Ian Christopher Ibach

Burials [1] Suzanne Ryan

Confirmed [7] John Truman Andrews, Donald Lee Brock, Jr.
Brittney Alexandria Rennie, Rosalyn Charlotte Roberts
Jacob Phillip Schaefer, William Stanford Tackett, Carrie Lyn Wanish

Received [1] Betty Candice Jones

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows [1] John R. Newman, Jr.

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Acolyte Report - 2010

The following young people have faithfully served as acolytes this year: Ryan Wier, D.J. Brock, Kunal Hivale, Charlotte Roberts, Adam Schaefer, Jacob Schaefer, Brittanie Rennie, Brandon Rennie, Jake Vargo, Sarah Hammaker, and Thomas Hammaker. One adult also served as Crucifer. Three former acolytes who are now attending college, Matt Wier, Dan Hammaker, and Sarah Schaefer served at the Christmas Eve services. The goals for the upcoming year are the recruitment of new acolytes as well as training for all current and new acolytes. Deacon Joe Dietz has offered to help with this. We are very grateful to have him work with our young people. If any young person, as well as any adults who feel called to serve are invited to speak with Fr. Koshy, Deacon Joe or Vernet Spence-Brown.

Respectfully submitted
Vernet Spence-Brown,

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Altar Guild Report - 2010

As Directress of the Altar Guild, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Altar Guild for their wonderful work all year. Our altar looks great every week because of you!

When you come to church, everything looks and sounds great. That doesn't just happen. Many hands

have been working behind the scene to make your worship experience what it is. The Altar Guild is one of those groups. Every week and more often as Holidays and special events dictate, they make our altar beautiful. There are four teams. Each team has a dedicated week and one team that has two weeks. Many weeks, those “teams” consist of one person doing it alone due to a shortage of volunteers.

Those teams consist of:

Week one: Pat Howse, Kathy Sullens and JoAnn Arnold

Week two: Erica Logar and Andrea Alling

Week three: Anne Andrews

Weeks four and five: Rebekah Ray and Sue Meadows

Dave Meadows – Honorary Member

Altar Guild places the bread and wine “the elements” in the back to be carried to the altar by parish members for communion. We polish the candleholders “torches” that the acolytes carry and wash the silver used for the service weekly. Other brass is done on a rotating schedule. Replacing the candles is also an integral part of the job that we do. This gets done on an as needed basis. Linens and vestments are cleaned and repaired as needed.

One of the more noticeable functions is changing the frontal with the worship season. The frontal is the lovely colored cloth that hangs down over the front of the altar and is seen by everyone. Many of these have been donated by parishioners or their families over the years.

As with any group, we are always in need of a few more volunteers. Men and women and young adults are welcome. We offer on the job training. If you are looking for a way to become involved and “give back”, consider joining our group. There are no meetings to attend and the time commitment is not generally more than an hour per week once a month. Serving at God’s table is both rewarding and a privilege you should consider.

Thank you all!

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Meadows, Altar Guild Directress

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Capital Campaign Committee Report - 2010

We have been truly blessed over the last year with the generous response of the members of St. Peter’s to the Capital Campaign. During the worst economic downturn in a generation, our campaign has not faltered. We are thankful to God and to the courage of our parishioners to make pledges and to faithfully follow through on them. Historically, St. Peter’s has always “been there” when times are rough and now is no exception. In addition, we are thankful for the support of our community neighbors in the form of foundation grants and other gifts from the private and public sector. As we go forward to year two of the campaign, we will step forward in faith and confidence that God has big plans for our church. We will be thankful and we will work together to make this vision a reality.

Financial Update

At the close of year one of our three-year Capital Campaign to Renew and Restore St. Peter’s, there is good news and much progress to report. The financial goal of the campaign is to raise \$720,000 in pledges from the current congregation, previous members of the congregation, and community

members, along with grants from local and national organizations. The funding will be used to repair and improve the property and facilities of our historic church. To date, we have received **76 pledges**, totaling a pledge amount of **\$602,847**. We currently are at **83%** of the campaign goal. We are short of the goal of 100% participation from every member of the church, but are confident we will achieve that goal over the course of the next two years.

Project Update

The projects included in the Capital Campaign fall into four major categories: Crucial Infrastructure Needs, Stained Glass Window Preservation, Providing Building Accessibility, and Upgrading the Existing Restrooms and Creating a New Restroom. The construction committee actively engaged throughout 2010 with architects and contractors. Project plans were vetted and we are ready to move forward with major projects in 2011. In addition, the following projects completed during the course of the year:

Project	Expense
Main Flat roof and two smaller flat roofs replaced and insulated	\$43,355
New heating zones installed, extensive repairs to heating system	\$19,004
Architectural design and blueprints including construction documents	\$8,650
Main chimney re-pointed and sealed	\$6,556
New ceiling fans in the nave and building-wide electrical evaluation	\$5,190
Total Expenses	\$82,755

Projects targeted in 2011 include:

Project	Expense
Stained Glass Windows – Phase I	\$50,000
Building-wide update of electrical systems	\$48,405
Renovate existing bathroom and construct new ADA bathroom	\$33,940
Repair emergency exits and improve storm water management system	\$20,300
Install zoned heating in Smith Fellowship Room	\$5,000
Total projected expenses	\$157,645

Based on current cash-flow projections, several other projects including universal access ramps and stained glass windows phases II and III will not begin until 2012.

Looking Ahead to 2011

The Capital Campaign Committee continues to work towards our financial goal. The team will look to our congregation in hopes of reaching our 100% participation goal. We will also look at prospective members of our community who may be supportive of our vision. Additionally, we will continue to approach organizations that might support our campaign in the form of grants.

We sincerely thank all who are participating at every level. We also thank the Capital Campaign Committee for your dedicated and ongoing service to the campaign. Together we will make history!

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Logar, Campaign Chair
 Gary Russell, Assistant Chair
 Katie Druckenmiller, Assistant Chair

Counters Report - 2010

A big thank you to all of the volunteer members of our count teams. The end of 2010 brought a change to the counters group. After over 10 years of commitment to this group, Jan Weir went into counters retirement. She will be missed. We have commitments from two additional parishioners to become counters. Vivek Hivale will take Jan's place on the 4th Sunday and Lynn Schaeffer will cover open weeks.

We have 5 count teams of 2, with each team taking one week per month. The Counters are responsible for counting and recording the weekly monetary contributions after the 10 o'clock Sunday service and depositing them to a night deposit drop at a local bank. If you are good with handling checks and money, accurate and can spare roughly about one hour of time per month, please contact me by phone or email if you are willing to take on this ministry.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNTERS: 'DONATING 101' (to make our job easier)

- Many of our parishioners chose to donate once or twice per month. If you are one of those people, please note that it is not necessary to divide your donation into each of the envelopes supplied for the month. You can merely place your entire donation into one of your white pledge envelopes and you will get credit for the full amount. You will still be meeting your pledge commitment but on a bi-weekly or monthly basis.
- You should still utilize the monthly special envelopes for Rectors Fund, Outreach, Food Pantry or others as these are counted and listed separately to make sure your donation is targeted to the activity you select.

Dave Meadows, Counter's Chair [home: 610-933-0189; cell: 610-930-6866; pipliner@aol.com]

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Growth Committee - 2010

"The Growth Committee exists to explore all avenues of church growth through collaboration with other ministries, raising community awareness, and extending a welcoming hand to our neighbors."

In keeping with our mission this year the Growth committee has worked in concert with other committees and ministries in an effort to grow membership, our outreach and presence in the local community, and to also leverage our church assets like our beautiful building and our music and choir.

Working with New Member ministry, Growth hosted two open houses; a Strawberry Festival and "Blessing of the Animals." The later event was very successful and the committee will plan to hold this event again in 2011. Working with Youth Group the committee has established a formal liaison with our neighbors at St. Peter's place. Our liaison, Cindy Hammaker has arranged for several gatherings between the J2A class and members of the residence.

In December, Growth supported the choir by advertising the very well attended "Advent: Lessons & Carols" which promises to be an annual event. The Committee worked to enhance communication in the parish with the streaming of our weekly sermons and the installment of the "Sermon" blog on the parish web site; and will be hosting two "Listening Groups" this Spring to foster communication between the parish and the Vestry.

Growth Committee objectives for 2011 include establishing an annual Craft festival in the Fall, exploring the possibility of holding a First Friday coffee house and to expand the promotion of parish events in the community.

Anne Andrews

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Lectors and Chalicists - 2010

The Lectors are responsible for reading the 1st and 2nd Scripture lessons, the Psalm and the Prayers of the People, every Sunday at both services. At the 8 am service, one person does all the readings for the week, and there is usually a 6-week rotation. At the 10 am service, there are 24 people available, so we use 3 people each week and each person reads once every 5-8 weeks. We are always happy to have more people join us, especially youth and those who are looking to increase their participation in the church. Please contact me if you would like to become involved in this.

Chalicists assist the clergy, especially during Communion when they hold the chalice. This position requires some training, to help in the presentation of the Sacrament. With the addition of Deacon Joe Dietz to assist in the service, the chalicists do not have to serve as frequently as in the past. For the 8 am service we currently have 3 people who rotate this position, and in the 10 am service there are 6 people who share the role. Please talk to Fr. Koshy Mathews if you are interested in joining this very important ministry.

Marty Bloem

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Mission - 2010

The July 2010 mission to El Salvador was a great success in accomplishing our goals of serving the poor and forging meaningful relationships with Cristosal and the El Salvadorans. There were 14 missionaries on this third mission to El Salvador and our purpose and presence was all the more palpable. We are now received with joyous hugs and sad, tearful goodbyes because our relationships have grown with the people and our faces are familiar, warm and friendly. We are treated as family: it is a beautiful thing and difficult to put fully into words. This is the impact that St. Peters has made. We are bringing joy and hope to people who we normally would never know unless we made our great efforts to unite with them in solidarity. How did we have this impact?...by caring, and being interested and engaged in their lives.

Our work was in a different region this year, - the San Miguel area. The task was to start the building of a Anglican church pavilion structure on a designated plot of land on a hill in the village. We moved huge boulders and endured extreme heat but what we accomplished was amazing. We literally laid the foundation for the building to be completed later that summer. After our work was over, we had a beautiful service and Eucharist with the people from the village as Koshy and the priest of the village, Padre Manuel, led the service. After the service, we exchanged hugs with the people and there was much love and gratitude in their eyes - a very moving experience. We also visited an orphanage,

learned about a church based program for the disabled and visited some museums to further understand the lives of the people. A highlight of the trip this year was conversing with Noah Bullock, the new director of Cristosal. Noah is passionate about fighting the issues contributing to poverty in El Salvador which he believes involves empowering the poor by educating them about their civil rights and encouraging them to be their own advocates. The missionaries agree with Noah's and Cristosal's philosophies and are committed to giving assistance to facilitate Cristosal's mission. So you can see the great impact that St. Peter's has made in making a positive difference in the lives of those struggling in the world.

The costs for the 2010 trip came to \$516 per missionary (down from a baseline of \$1100) after all other incomes were applied. The missionaries were very appreciative of the parish's participation in the citrus sale, spaghetti dinner and other donations which greatly lowered the financial burden. Actually, without this support the trip really would not have been feasible. In this way, it is really all of St. Peter's who were missionaries and those who went on the trip were St. Peter's ambassadors.

This great mission is quite an accomplishment and I'd say that the Holy Spirit is guiding us to continue with our mission there. St. Peter's has another El Salvador mission slated for the week of July 10th, 2011. Fifteen missionaries are presently committed to going - most are returning missionaries but some are new. We look forward to working together again in 2011 to continue to do great things. Thank you all for your continued support!

Cindy Hammaker

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Music at St. Peter's - 2010

Music at St. Peter's has been busy reorganizing and reenergizing in the past year. The adult choir, in particular, has expanded its attention outside of weekly worship.

In addition to providing special music at the 10:00 AM service, the choir has taken an active role in the life of the Deanery and Diocese. We were fortunate to host two festival services (Feast of the Ascension and a Festival of Lessons and Carols for Advent) that combined churches not only from the local deanery (St. James', All Saints', and Church of the Holy Spirit) but also included Trinity Lutheran Church, Perkasio. A great deal of work was put into each of these events including a soup and salad dinner for our visitors. Through this effort, St. Peter's Music program showcased the warmth and hospitality of our Church.

The Adult Choir packed our bags and hit the road, visiting All Saints' Church in Norristown combining with other Deanery Choirs for the installation of their new Rector in October. We also traveled to Trinity Lutheran Church and joined forces to present their annual Christmas concert and dinner, *Christmas at Fifth and Chestnut*.

While the Adult Choir was busy enriching our worship, a Treble Choir was reorganized. This group has sung at most of the family services throughout the year and was featured at the Annual Blessing of the Animals. In Advent, choristers of the Treble Choir were formally installed, including one chosen to be the Head Chorister. The group uses a study compiled through the Royal School of Church Music, *Voice for Life*. This study program combines singing with music education. Five models are established to teach the choristers everything from using the voice (basic singing) to music theory and belonging to a choir/choir in context (leadership roles of choristers in the choir and larger community).

In another aspect of our music program, the organ at St. Peter's was evaluated, and some basic maintenance and repair tasks were performed. Within the coming year, we will receive an outline of proposed maintenance and upkeep to preserve the instrument for future decades.

2010 saw a great deal of change and building for the music program at St. Peter's, but our plans have not stopped there. Special music is being planned for a Community Lenten Service that will be held on April 6, 2011. On Ascension Day, choirs from deanery churches will gather once again to offer special music. The highlight of the choir year will be our trip to sing at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in New York City where we will combine with Trinity Lutheran Church-Perkasie, First UCC-Quakertown, and the Valley Choral Society-Pennsburg.

The Adult Choir meets on Sundays from 8:30AM until 9:45AM and sings for the 10:00AM service weekly. The Treble Choir meetings for an hour after Sunday School and Coffee Hour (normally 11:45AM-12:45PM). If you or someone you know is interested in participating in the Music Ministry at St. Peter's please contact Organist and Choirmaster, Nick Lodico (NLodico@gmail.com) for more information.

Nick Lodico

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New Member Ministry - 2010

The New Member Ministry continues to meet monthly on Saturday morning at the church. Our mission is to welcome visitors through our greeters and to shepherd newer members in getting involved and feeling a part of St. Peter's.

- ❖ Two open houses were co-hosted with the Growth Committee: a Strawberry Social in honor of St. Peter's Feast Day on June 6, 2010 and a Blessing of the Animals on October 3, 2010. Both events were promoted within the community.
- ❖ John Burkhardt works diligently with the *Pottstown Mercury* to make sure that articles featuring events at St. Peter's appear weekly in the Religion News in Brief column. In addition, he arranged for a feature article on the stained glass window restoration, which appeared on March 21, 2010 in the *Mercury*.
- ❖ St. Peter's entry under the church listings in *The Phoenix* has been reinstated.
- ❖ Our team of greeters keeps a look out for new faces and makes sure that everyone receives a welcome bag and a follow up note after they visit us.
- ❖ The New Member welcome reception was held on April 18, 2010 to welcome our newest members
- ❖ Cards were sent to newcomers who were not seen at church over the summer months.
- ❖ The committee provided greeters for the first annual Festival of Lessons and Carols for Advent on November 28, 2010. St. Peter's brochures were handed out to all who attended.
- ❖ A new banner promoting our Christmas services was purchased and installed.
- ❖ Christmas cards and a schedule of Christmas worship times were sent to our recent visitors.
- ❖ NMM members volunteer to coordinate "Who's Who?" articles which appear in the NET. These profiles feature both newcomers and established parishioners.
- ❖ Plans for spring 2010 include two new member mixers.

We welcome new ideas for the continued success of our mission. We are always looking for new members of our New Member committee. Please consider joining us as a committee member or a

greeter.

Current members of the New Member Ministry include Georgette Druckenmiller, Judi Hans, Koshy Mathews, John Burkhardt, Vernet Spence-Brown, Lisa Scott, Pat Howse, and Mary Tackett. We thank Natalie Famous De Prado, who recently resigned, for her faithful service to the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Judi Hans, Georgette Druckenmiller, Co-Chairs; *Mary Tackett*, Recorder

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Outreach Committee - 2010

2010 has been a transformational year for St. Peter's Outreach Ministry. We are serving an increasing number of clients and the support we receive has expanded considerably beyond our own core of St. Peter's volunteers. A few highlights:

Recent History

Basics: We have been able to sustain and enhance current donations of time and treasure to ensure service to our returning and new clients on the bimonthly (every other Saturday morning) schedule. An average of 90-120 food bags are provided to clients (families and individuals) twice per month, with higher numbers during April (Easter), November (Thanksgiving), and December (Christmas).

Holidays: The 2010 Thanksgiving Pantry distributed holiday food packages including turkeys to families and individuals. The 2010 Christmas Pantry distributed food packages including hams to families and individuals – all told, ~1,000 lbs of ham. We also distributed \$25 gift cards to ~75% of our clients.

New and Re-Newed Initiatives

Breakfast Ministry: A new initiative was started for pantry clients in June 2010. We now provide a hot breakfast for our pantry clients prior to the receipt of their food distribution on pantry days. This is a time for the hospitality volunteers to not only provide a hot meal but to sit with the clients for fellowship and to provide a listening ear.

Re-Newed Initiatives: This includes support by direct financial contributions to area charities including St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter, Orion, Women's Resource, Soup Kitchen, Outreach Giving Campaign, and The Clinic.

Effort Contribution and Financial Support

The Food Pantry is 100% supported by the community - it has no ongoing committed financial backing. Significant efforts and monetary contributions have been made by St. Peter's Episcopal Church parishioners and others in the community interested in the success of the Food Pantry. We have also initiated considerable efforts to engage local businesses, organizations and churches to support the Food Pantry through food drives or monetary contributions. For 2010, the monetary donations from these groups amounted to \$9,500. Highlights include:

- The Vineyard Community Church is providing significant support to our new Breakfast Ministry;
- We have had some large money donations from parishioners and area businesses including a \$1,000 grant from IBM;
- The United States Post Office Food Drive provides food donations each May plus;
- Local Boy and Girl Scout Troops have collected almost 3,000 cans of food for our Thanksgiving Pantry;

Numerous food drives have been initiated by local businesses, organizations and churches that result from requests made by our volunteers. In 2010, we have had 14 food drives in November and December (compared to 6 from 2009)

Near Term News

We have submitted a grant application to the Smith Charitable Trust - announcement of grants approved will be in March 2011. The minimum distribution amount from the Smith Charitable Trust is \$5,000 so if we are approved we will have a significant contribution to our coffers.

We are in the process of re-organizing our Pantry space to better serve our clients and we have purchased storage racks and a new refrigerator.

Thank You Everyone from the St. Peter's Community Who Have Supported Our Outreach Ministry Efforts! Stay-Tuned for Other Great News in 2011!

Respectfully submitted,
Geoffrey Scott

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Pastoral Care Committee - 2010

The Pastoral Care Committee tries to keep our shut-ins connected to our St. Peter's Family through Pastoral and Eucharistic visits. In this way we try to fulfill their spiritual needs. Flowers were brought to each shut-in at Easter. Baskets with all kinds of goodies were delivered at Christmas. Members of the Pastoral Care team include Koshy and Susan Mathews, Joanne Arnold, Todd Jackson, Clem Young, Megan Druckenmiller, and Bev Burkhardt, Chair. As an extension of this ministry, Fr. Koshy and Bev celebrate Holy Eucharist at Sanatoga Manor monthly.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly E. Burkhardt

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Prayer Chain Annual Report - 2010

The Prayer Chain group was initiated twelve years ago to strengthen our spiritual community through unified prayers and to offer supportive prayers for those in need. Our current members include: Fr. Koshy, Rev. Joe Dietz, Beverly Burkhardt, Georgette Druckenmiller, Megan Druckenmiller, Liz Fifer, Ron Gaugler, Joyce Paster, Bea Quaintance (Prayer Chain custodian), Retta Sparano, Carol Russell, and two previous members of St. Peter's continuing in our prayer ministry, MaryAnn and Bill Lawrence.

The Prayer Chain group continues to pray daily that God's love, guidance and healing powers are bestowed upon His people who have requested intercessory prayers for special intentions. Many of

these needful prayers are long-term issues, and the list is updated weekly, as well as with urgent requests when needed. As of 2010, we received prayer requests for the following:

- 52 - healing/surgery/health related requests
- 7 - prayers for travel mercies
- 2 - prayers for military personnel
- 12 - prayers for the departed
- 6 - miscellaneous issues
- 27 - prayers of thanksgiving

Respectfully submitted,
Bea Quaintance

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Property Committee - 2010

Lynn Schaefer has served as our Kitchen Coordinator for the past ten years. During this time she became certified by Chester County as a Food Manager which enabled St. Peter's to continue inviting outside guests such as the soup kitchen to utilize our facilities for their community work. Her dedication to the task and her fellow parishioners was manifest in the beautifully displayed and delicious luncheons served on many a special occasion, as well as crowd pleasing coffee hours every week during those ten years. Thanks Lynn for all you have done. Hopefully you will consult once in a while and help keep those great luncheons coming our way.

We had a very productive work day on September 25 which included about 25 volunteers and accomplished a great deal. The entire choir turned out to do a major cleaning in the St. Margaret's Hall for a long overdue thorough cleaning and repair. Dust and debris was cleaned from the high ledges and lights over the choir and altar areas. The kitchen was given a major cleaning by a team of ladies, along with some de-cluttering. Pews were repaired and the exterior of the building enjoyed some annual maintenance, as well as repairs to the garage. Thanks to all who volunteered that day and worked so hard to accomplish so much. A topper for the day was a delicious lunch of home made sloppy joes cooked and served by Retta Sparano. Thanks Retta for taking care of us, it was the perfect ending.

We appreciate the efforts of Steven De Prado, Ryan Sutter and John Russell who gave the kitchen a much needed coat of new paint to go along with the cleaning of the cabinets. Thanks to everyone who has helped maintain our building as well as those who decorated the church for Christmas. It takes many hands to keep our church building a place to be proud of.

Gary Russell

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Stewardship - 2010

During the last several years, we have not had a formal stewardship committee and the vestry has taken on this responsibility.

Parishioners were invited in October to a Latin theme festival featuring colorful decorations, Latin music and delicious food with a very creative time, talent and treasure decorum supplied by Anne Andrews. Thanks also to Sarah Ohanesian, Ron Druckenmiller, Karen Martz and Vernet Spence-Brown who shared their personal faith experience with the parish during Sunday services in October.

The budget planning process includes estimating income and expenses for the coming year:

- Income includes pledge, open plate (monies received other than pledge), special giving for Easter and Christmas, and other miscellaneous sources
- Major expense categories are:
 - Diocesan Giving, to include pledge, assessment and Deanery offering
 - Wages and Benefits for staff
 - Worship
 - Administration
 - Ministries
 - Property

During 2010 we as a parish achieved the challenging task of conducting a successful capital campaign while maintaining our pledge income year over year. Pledges made in 2010 for the 2011 budget year were virtually at the same level, a testament to the faithful giving of our parishioners.

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Total # pledge cards returned:	70	73
Total dollars pledged:	\$ 203,623	\$ 202,726
# pledges same as previous year:		32
# pledges increased		18
# new pledges		12
# pledges decreased		11

Let us pray and work together to be faithful to the work of our church in worship and mission. Thanks to all who contribute to our parish life and work.

Your Stewardship Committee,
St. Peter's Vestry

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Sunday Church School - 2010

St. Peter's enjoys a vibrant Sunday Church School (SCS) program where almost twenty of our parish children, ages four through twelve, come together each Sunday to learn from a group of dedicated teachers. Classes are conducted following communion at the 10:00 AM service and are divided by grade levels; pre-K & K; 1st through 3rd; and 4th through 6th.

The SCS program continues to use the curriculum, *Living the Good News*, a liturgically-based program that follows the weekly Gospel teaching and also includes instruction on bible fundamentals. Special projects are also included in our program with the intention of reinforcing the basic Christian concept of loving our neighbors by Outreach and Inreach. Since our last annual meeting these projects included a collection drive of used linens, toys and treats to benefit the Chester County SPCA, a bake sale to support the United Nations (mosquito) BedNets program and a project related to Earth Day ~ last Spring the children installed a butterfly garden on the church grounds. SCS also supports various parish

Inreach efforts such as a food collection for the pantry and sending handmade cards for various holidays to the members of our parish who are unable to attend church. Once again, the children participated in the annual St. Peter's Christmas pageant where Mary and Joseph, shepherds, angels, kings and manger animals told the story of the birth of Jesus.

Plans to clean and refurbish the SCS classrooms are underway this year to ensure a happy and healthy learning environment for our beautiful children.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Andrews

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Usher's Report - 2010

We currently have 13 Ushers each serving once in a 6 week rotation. Additional volunteers (male and female) are encouraged to step forward in order to spread out the schedule especially during church seasons that have multiple services scheduled back to back. (i.e. Christmas, Easter) and when special services are held (i.e. Advent Lessons and Carols, Ascension Day).

The duties of an Usher are light and straight forward:

1. Assist members of the congregation find seating as necessary.
2. After the service has started and late comers are seated, take a count of the congregation which will be brought forward by the Oblationers, at the offertory.
3. Take up the collection.
4. Guide the congregation to communion.
5. After the service, remove all bulletins, etc. left in the pews, place books in racks.
6. When necessary, close all windows and doors.

All those interested in participating please contact me (johnnewman.ir@comcast.net / 610-495-55395).

John Newman

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Women of St. Peter's - 2010

We enjoyed brunch together at the Columbia Bar and Grill in May and a pool party at the home of Pat Howse in August. There was a cookie exchange in December.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rebekah Ray

Worship Committee - 2010

Mission Statement: To Create an enhanced worship experience for all

The Worship Committee is formed by representatives of the following groups: Clergy, Organist/Choir Director, Choir, Acolytes, Altar Guild, Ushers, Lectors and Children's Chapel.

Mr. Nick Lodico is our Organist/Choir Director and has implemented many wonderful programs for our congregation to include Advent Lessons & Carols, guest musicians at Christmas and other special occasions as well as a creative variety of beautiful choir anthems. Our choir has enjoyed performing in additional programs in area churches. We now have a Treble Choir to enhance our worship and give our young people the opportunity to enjoy music and understand more clearly the concept of stewardship. Our Children's Chapel, under the direction of Mark Hammaker, gives our three-six year olds the opportunity to hear God's word in a joyful and fun experience each Sunday. Our young people contribute to Sunday services by being acolytes and reading the lessons, and are faithful to the task. The all inclusive bulletin that details every step of our worship service is a welcoming tool to those who are visiting and not familiar with our traditions. Each week the previous Sunday's sermon is available on the church website: www.saintpeterschurch.net.

Worship Committee meetings are the first Wednesday of each month, new members are always welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Russell

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Youth Group - 2010

St. Peter's Youth Group continued to be a thriving ministry in 2010. Three classes within the Journey 2 Adulthood program finished their first year and continued their second year in 2010. These three classes include the Rite 13 class (6th, 7th, and 8th graders), the J2A Class (9th and 10th graders) and the YAC class (11th and 12th graders). There are approximately 20-25 youth and seven leaders at each meeting. The youth group meets every other Sunday evening for games, lessons, dinner and fun. If you happen to come to church on a Sunday evening during Youth Group, you will surely be excited by the incredible energy exuded by the youth of our congregation.

In addition to class, the youth participate in fellowship, fundraising and service activities. The youth participated in a service trip to Appalachia during the summer of 2010, along with helping in the pantry and visiting St. Peter's Place. There were a few fundraising projects, including the Yankee Candle sale and the homemade candy sale at Christmas.

The Youth Group continues to thrive and we look forward to welcoming new families!

Katie Druckenmiller

2011 Vestry Candidates

Tracy Parker

My husband, Rob and I joined St. Peter's in September 2009. We have lived in the Phoenixville area since October 2002. We have two children, Katherine Grace (9) and Colin Preston (6).

I earned my BA in Political Science from Denison University in May 1994 and my Masters in Social Work with a concentration in Children and Adolescents from Catholic University of America in May 1998. After receiving my MSW, I worked in the areas of therapeutic foster care and residential care with emotionally and behaviorally disturbed adolescents. After four years of work in these two areas, I made the decision to then change my focus and work with children and adults with special needs. For nearly eight years, I was the Executive Director of REDI Inc. in the King of Prussia area in which I oversaw the Early Intervention Program for birth to three year olds with special needs in Montgomery County; an adults program in the Norristown area providing job placement and GED programming; and an afterschool program in Philadelphia serving children ages 5 to 14 years old. At this time, I am the Director of Programming for Gamut Early Intervention Services, a behavioral company providing services to children who exhibit signs of Autism Spectrum Disorder and/or Developmental Delays in Montgomery and Bucks County. I also volunteer at my children's schools and currently serve as Vice President of the Home and School Association at the Phoenixville Area Kindergarten Center. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my family (including Bella, our Mini Labradoodle), playing tennis, exercising and gardening.

My vision for the church is to further our partnership with the Phoenixville community and continue helping families in need. I am committed to the openness and value the opportunity to help St. Peter's grow and become even more vibrant and engaged with the community.

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Rebekah Ray

Charlotte and I have been attending St. Peter's for over three years, drawn here by the various outreach missions of the church, and the meaningful worship and sense of friendly community. My religious background was very diverse while attending congregational, Mennonite and Episcopal churches as well as working for Quaker institutions and meetings. When Charlotte was twelve we began to look for a church with enough young people for an active youth group and found this at St. Peter's.

My family includes Terry Roberts, my husband of almost nineteen years, Charlotte (aged sixteen) and Aaron (aged twenty-nine), who lives in New York City. My mother and most of my other family lives in Arizona. I am the oldest of four and my father was in the Navy, so we moved often. I went to nine schools before college! I received a B. A. in philosophy and English Literature from Nyack College (with a minor in Bible). I received a Masters in Library Science from the State University of New York at Albany. I have been a librarian in several states as well as Scotland and South Africa. I have also owned an independent book store in Phoenixville and a bed and breakfast. I recently finished a certification program for K-12 School Library Media Specialist, mostly to update my technology skills. When the right job opens within a reasonable commuting distance I will be going back to library management work.

My involvement in St. Peter's includes singing in the choir, serving as a leader of the Rite 13 Youth group, monthly Altar Guild, coordinating the "Women of St Peters", food pickup for the Food Pantry and

the Good Samaritan Shelter.

My vision for St. Peter's Church is that we continue to create a spiritual community, identifying the challenges our members and neighbors face, and create opportunities to address those concerns. In addition, I see us investigating various old and new ways to communicate our welcome to the wider community.

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Gary Russell

My name is Gary Russell, and I currently serve on the vestry as your Senior Warden and Property Warden. As a member of St. Peter's since 1976, I have seen many changes here in our church, most of them positive. Some of the people active in our church today I first knew as babies or very young children. These same youngsters have grown up to become active members, contributing with a new vigor and armed with technology that I never knew. So it is fascinating for me to be engaged in discussion of current topics that sound an awful lot like some of the same problems we grappled with back then, 25 years ago (today they are called "issues"). I suppose that's a benefit of longevity, to witness life occurring in cycles.

That is why I believe strongly in developing the young people in our Sunday School and Youth Group, our leaders of tomorrow. These cycles prove the absolute necessity for us to continuously invite new members to participate actively in planning the life of our church - to bring fresh ideas and perspectives of today's life realities which are so different than they were 25 or even 10 years ago. It is my privilege to serve on the vestry and continue to encourage your involvement in our parish whether sharing your talents on the vestry or on a committee in the church. We will all benefit from your knowledge, experience and unique gifts. Thank you for the opportunity to serve Him who loves each of us so much.