

Annual Report of the Treasurer - 2009

The economy in our area started 2009 in full recession. This, coupled with Mother Diane's stroke in November, 2008 caused the Vestry to look closely at the budget to ensure the financial health of our church. The 2009 budget was set at 80% of the 2008 budget revenues. We started the year with a little over \$5,000 in operating funds, which was less than one week's worth of expenses. Steps were taken to reduce operating expenses quickly and yet keep us afloat.

Through the generosity of you, our members, we have emerged from 2009 in a strong financial position. While our pledge income was down by \$60,000 from 2008, our regular givers provided \$36,000 more than in 2008. Our personnel costs dropped by \$65,000 from 2008 and we refinanced our mortgage, saving \$4,500.

Total operating income through December was \$458.2K. This is \$89.2K higher than budget. Pledges, Regular Giving and Loose Plate collections have all come in higher than budgeted for the year. This was offset by year to date expenses of \$359.5K which is only \$9.2K better than budget. We received our final Church Pension Fund disability check in December. This \$46.9K was used appropriately in providing Pastoral Care services to our congregation.

The strength of your giving and the prudent oversight on spending has allowed us to start restoring elements of our basic programs. Music, worship, parish life, education and outreach are the cornerstones of our congregation and we will continue to expand our capabilities in each of those areas where we believe we are in a position to sustain them on an ongoing basis.

The continued strong giving by our congregation has allowed us to close out the year with a strong balance sheet that will cover more than 2 months of operating expenses. We will be maintaining approximately \$64K of operating funds throughout 2010 as a reserve, and there are additional funds that can be allocated to our programs, including Worship, Christian Formation, Parish Life and Outreach. Now that we have the money, there are also significant maintenance issues to address in 2010.

We are in a sound financial position and will strive to maintain that going forward.