

Christ the King Episcopal Church

Annual Meeting — January 10, 2010

Mission Statement

Christ the King Episcopal Church welcomes all people, wherever they are on their spiritual journey. We seek to grow in love for God and our human family, to look for the face of Christ in all whom we meet and to promote justice and peace in the world.

Rector's Report

Our parish goals, which were identified during the search process, and affirmed at the last several annual meetings, include: evangelism (meaning growth in membership and diversity), attracting more youth and children, deepening our outreach (social justice and service to those in need) and spiritual growth.

I invite you to reflect on how we are doing as a community with these goals as we move into a new year. I invite you to give thanks for the areas in which there has been growth and pray for discernment as to how God may be calling us to stretch and grow in the coming year.

For my part, I am grateful for our new members and for the community's warmth and hospitality in welcoming them. Their unique gifts and perspectives have already added to and changed our community and will no doubt continue to do so. I am grateful to see more children in our midst—we had enough children to start a second Sunday school class. I am praying that with God's help, we will continue building up our programs for children and youth. I am thankful for the vision of justice and peace that informs our outreach to a broken world, and amazed at the generosity and hard work of Christ the King and our friends in the wider community that sustain our outreach.

Despite the cuts we had to make in our budget for 2009, we were able to continue and even expand our core outreach ministries. We held a weeklong day camp for area migrant children, as well as other children from the community. The Food Pantry grew in the number of people served, programs and funding this year. And we continued our Community Lunch Program and our fundraising efforts for Holy Cross Monastery's after school and scholarship programs for AIDS orphans in Grahamstown, South Africa. Thanks to everyone for all the effort that went into each of these ministries! (For more detail on these and other outreach efforts, see the separate report on Outreach).

My prayer for this coming year is that we will continue to listen for God's call to us, in the voices of friends and strangers, in the Word of God, in the events and circumstances of our lives, and in the silence of our hearts. God is always in our midst, inviting us to be renewed and transformed. God is always ready to do more than we could ask or imagine, to make God's dream for us and for the world a reality. "Behold, I am about to do a new thing, do you not perceive it?" Help us, O Lord, to listen for your voice, and to do your will in all that we undertake.

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve as your rector. I am grateful for our wonderful staff (Ferris Cook, Ines Fernandez and Andre Fernandez, Jim Ruff and Danny Young); our wonderful new deacon, the Rev. Deacon Robin Beveridge; our priest associates, the Rev. David Bronson and the Rev. Gregg Wood, and all of you, who serve God in so many ways in our midst. May God bless you!

Alison+

Parish Statistics

Active baptized members: 167

Average Sunday attendance: 79

Baptisms: 3 (Ryan Moxham, Victor Scoppa and Hannah Chapin)

Marriages: 3 (Diane Nadler and Alison Byrd, Lovisa Dennis and Chris Devier)

Burials: 7 (Cecile Weyant, Helen Whiteley, David Greenberg, Tim Grenda, Marian Smit, Jean Sullivan and Edith Kahmke).

Sunday Eucharists: 91

Newcomers this year: Leon Bush, Daniel Crocker, Peter del Rio and Elaine Young, the Hommel family (Vicky, Mike, Leah and baby Logan), the Kelly-Scoppa family (Stephanie, Augie, Renee and Victor), the LaFiandra family (Paul, Cheryl, Victoria, Isabel and Christine), the Pape-Laucalla family (Alethea, Jane and Bobby), the Puffer family (Ed, Kathy, Abigail and Meredith), the Chapins (Alison, Gabe and Hannah), the Kaminsky family (Helen, Joel, Emily and Ted), Thea Harvey, Elizabeth Smith, Mercedes Miranda, Colleen Burnett, Joey Redavid, Frank Miller, the Tolomeo family (Jennifer, Dwayne and Olivia). Richard Kollath, The Rev. Elizabeth Broyles, James Kelly and Matt Kelly officially joined.

2009 Deacon's Report

I have spent much of this year getting to know many of you. What a pleasure it has been! I have served on the Worship Committee with the many ministers who make our shared worship here at Christ the King so beautiful. I have also served with the Pastoral Care Committee. In addition to my liturgical role, I have done a bit of preaching, usually focusing on some aspect of servant ministry, such as the Seamen's Church Institute and Rural Migrant Ministry. I attended the RMM walk in June, and was part of the CTK summer camp staff, serving kids from the Gil farm, local children, and our own parishioners. I have started a knitting ministry that meets monthly to make prayer shawls for parishioners and others outside our parish, and scarves for the Seamen's Church Institute. In my role as a deacon of the Diocese, I attended the Diocesan Convention, the Mid-Hudson Regional Council, the Deacon's Convention, and am serving on the Diocesan Deacon's Committee, which along with priests and lay members, works with Bishop Sisk on matters related to the life and service of deacons in our diocese. I continue my daily work in the city of Newburgh, where I work as a School Nurse Teacher (and undercover deacon!) I would like to thank all of you, especially Alison, for making me feel so welcome.

Warden's Report

As a brief explanation for those who are not sure what a vestry is or does I would offer the following thoughts. In 2009 the vestry consisted of 2 wardens, 7 vestry members and our priest Alison Quin. Pat Boyer participates in our meetings as Treasurer. The members were as follows; Wardens, Tim Sweeney and Wendy Blair. Vestry members Andy Lutz, Elaine Orman, Rod Basten, Ryan Basten, Nick Ciallelo, Kathy Friend, Pam Flam, and Jim Sullivan. I think I can speak for the vestry when I say we consist of a diverse and well balanced group of individuals that bring many unique and valuable talents to the table. As an organization your vestry was a very involved and engaged group. I can't think of a time during the year when called upon that individuals didn't respond with energy and enthusiasm. Vestry responsibilities are to work closely with Clergy, develop and implement a budget, monitor and be good stewards of our buildings and grounds, be leaders in reaching out to and welcoming new parishioners and to plan and implement long range goals. All of this is done in concert with Reverend Quin, our treasurer Pat Boyer, and church formed committees.

2009 was an interesting year for the vestry at Christ the King. We met 9 times during the year with a recess through the summer. We faced some challenges in 2009, one of which we have not experienced for several years. Due to economic conditions we struggled through the year from a budgetary standpoint. I'm happy to say through hard work, faith and prayer our parish reached year end having met our goals. I am particularly proud that in spite of unsure economic times we maintained much of our outreach support as part of our mission. We were fortunate to grow as a parish in numbers, had some timely fundraisers and several special donations that helped sustain us through the year. I'm also pleased to say as a Parish we have stepped up from a pledging perspective and our outlook for 2010 is bright.

We welcome everyone at Christ the King. 2010 will be a year of growth for us as parish and individuals. If you have questions regarding committees, outreach, or parish life in general, please feel free to speak with any vestry member or Clergy. Have a great 2010.

Tim Sweeney, Senior Warden

Christian Education at CTK

Children

Beth Vargas and Margie Menard continue to do a great job with our older children in Sunday school. This fall, they have been studying heroes of the Bible. We had enough children to start a second class for younger children (K-3rd grade). One of the rooms off Timmerman has been set up as a Godly Play classroom. Godly Play is a Montessori-based curriculum designed to encourage the natural curiosity and imagination of young children, as well as nurturing their spirituality. Kathy Puffer and Stephanie Kelly are teaching this group, with help from Linda Fitzpatrick. THANKS to all of you for helping us to build up our children's program.

Youth

Our youth group has not met formally this year because we are down to two members after the class of 2009 went to college! Nevertheless, our young people continue to serve in various ways, as acolytes, helping at parish suppers and parish clean up days etc. A highlight this year was Flannery Silva's art show which raised money for art students in Mexico.

This summer, rising youth group members together with returning college students are planning a mission trip to the Appalachian region of Kentucky. We will stay at St. Timothy's Outreach Center in Irvine, and work on repairing homes for low-income residents, while learning about Appalachian culture, and deepening our relationship with God. The trip will take place July 11th-17th. If you are interested in going, or would like to help with fundraisers, please speak to the Rector.

Adults

There were a number of Christian education/spiritual formation opportunities for adults this year.

- In January, the Rev. Bill Doggett led a four day worship workshop which led to some lively conversations and inspired Pam Flam to create a beautiful quilted altar frontal with prayer pockets.
- During Lent, we discussed the 8 principles of Progressive Christianity from the Center for Progressive Christianity, and participated in a study of the book, "The Year of Living Biblically," by A. J. Jacobs, with several other area churches.
- Food for the Journey led by the Rev. Elizabeth Broyles was a yearlong monthly program for those seeking spiritual deepening. Elizabeth brought Br. Bede over from Holy Cross Monastery to offer a workshop on the Jesus prayer.
- In the fall, there was a multi-church bible study that met on Wednesday evenings to study the Gospel of Luke. This group will continue with the book of Acts – all are welcome to join on Wednesdays at 7pm, at the Rondout Methodist Church, starting Jan. 13th.
- This fall, there was a Quiet Day called "Praying with the Saints," which was a time of silent prayer, interspersed with chant and sharing.
- For those interested in a more intensive course, there is an Education for Ministry class at Holy Cross Monastery that meets each Wednesday. This four year course combines the study of Scripture, church history and theology with prayer, worship, reflection and mutual support.
- An inquirer's course will be offered starting in February for newcomers and those who want to explore or deepen their faith. Please speak to the Rector if you are interested.

Alison Quin+

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Outreach

Outreach to those in need takes many forms at CTK. In the past, we have set aside \$10,000 in our budget for distribution to a wide variety of organizations, in addition to supporting our main outreach ministries, the Food Pantry, Rural and Migrant Ministry and the Holy Cross scholarship and after school program for AIDS orphans in South Africa. This year, we had to cut the budget, so we decided to focus our energy and fundraising efforts on our core ministries, rather than giving smaller gifts to a large number of organizations. We raised a total of \$10,425 for outreach, in addition to supporting our Food Pantry.

Rondout Valley Food Pantry

The RVFP continued to serve clients each Tuesday and Thursday from 8 to 10 AM. A total of 434 people were served in 2009, 255 adults and 179 children. On average, each household was served monthly, with a four days' supply of food. Our budget in 2009 was approximately \$30,000. \$12,000 came from grants: \$4000 from Episcopal Charities, \$8000 from Vassar Collage Community Grant. We received an additional \$7000 from Mid-Hudson Regional Food Bank. The remaining funds came from our partner churches (Marbletown Reformed, Rondout Methodist, Kripplebush Methodist and High Falls Community), from individuals, fundraisers and local businesses. In addition, food was donated by many individuals and area groups, including fresh and frozen food from local growers. For the first time in some years, we were able to distribute Christmas Food Baskets in addition to our Thanksgiving Baskets and Annual Toy Drive. Thanks to all who help make this ministry possible.

AIDS Orphans in South Africa

We continued to support Holy Cross Monastery's after school program and scholarship fund for AIDS orphans in Grahamstown, South Africa. We held a second quilt show at the church (see Casey Kurtti's report below) and a fundraising dinner at Holy Cross Monastery. Together, these raised almost \$6000, the same amount we were able to donate last year. Many thanks to all who contributed their time and talent to these efforts. Holy Cross is starting a school this year, for K-3rd grade. CTK is raising funds for a play ground for the school. If you would like to contribute or participate in fundraising for this program, please speak to Casey Kurtti.

The Quilt Show

This year's Not Your Grandmother's Quilt Show was bittersweet for us because our fearless leader Pam Flam was heading off to her new home in Martha's Vineyard. In honor of that, we sewed like crazy to produce new work and work that would be on sale to raise funds for our South African brothers and sisters. Once again the church was wrapped Christo-style in quilts and community members were stunned by the work-including Bidty B*tch quilts, Christ the King quilts, community and master quilters, and even a quilter from Japan!! At the end of the day, we had raised around \$4,000.00 ! This year we may be taking our show on the road... to Martha's Vineyard where Pam is organizing a quilt show. In addition this winter we will be busy making quilts for a new house that will be opening in Newburgh for homeless women (Ecclesia House, see above report). If you are interested in helping with that project contact ckurtti@yahoo.com. Sew on sista ...

Summer Camp

The idea to host a summer camp for area migrant children was planted when Richard Witt (the director of Rural and Migrant Ministry) came to CTK as a guest preacher and told us that St. John's in Monticello has been hosting a camp for the last few years. The obstacles at first seemed insurmountable (transportation, food, activities, staffing, funding etc.), but one by one, God opened doors for us, and we were able to host the camp during the last week of August. It was open to all children in the community, and in the end, we had 8 from the Gill Farm and 30 others from the community. We received funding from a harp concert organized by our music director, Jim Ruff; a grant from the Mid-Hudson Executive Committee of the Diocese of New York, a gift from a local business owner, a donation from our Food Pantry, and a number of individual contributions. Many people came together to make the camp happen, both CTK members and members of the wider community. We are hoping to do it again this summer! Please speak to the rector if you would like to help.

Ecclesia House

Together with St. John's Episcopal Church in Kingston and St. Andrew's in New Paltz, we held a chili cook-off in October to raise funds for Ecclesia House, a transitional residence for 14 homeless women in Newburgh. Brother James Dowd at Holy Cross Monastery is active in Ecclesia Ministries and brought the project to our attention through the Ulster County clergy group.

Episcopal Charities

We held a special collection for Episcopal Charities, the outreach arm of the Diocese of New York. Episcopal Charities supports basic human needs programs and other social justice initiatives throughout the diocese. Our own Food Pantry normally applies for a grant from EC, though this year, we had enough funds from other sources that we decided not to apply, given that finances are tight throughout the diocese.

Heifer Project

We collected funds for the Heifer Project through Lenten mite boxes. Heifer is an international program that purchases farm animals for poor families in developing countries. The animals provide food and a source of income for these families.

Rural and Migrant Ministry

CTK reached out to the migrant families in our midst in a variety of ways: through a welcome dinner at the Gill Farm shortly after the workers arrived, collection and distribution of hygiene kits, an ice cream social at the end of the summer, a blanket and coat collection in the fall. Several CTK members also attended Farmworker Advocacy Day, organized by Rural and Migrant Ministry, a state wide ecumenical organization founded by the Diocese of New York. The purpose of the day was to advocate for the passage of legislation to secure basic workers' rights for farmworkers, such as a guaranteed day off, overtime pay and safe working conditions. We also participated in two postcard campaigns, one to state legislators urging the passage of this legislation, and one to federal legislators calling for comprehensive immigration reform to prevent abuse of illegal workers and separation of families.

Pastoral Care

A subset of pastoral care team is preparing a program, to be presented in three parts, on "Death and Dying" as a Lenten series. It's is being designed to provide practical information and more importantly, open the dialog about our own deaths and planning for it. For many, this is an extremely sensitive, almost taboo, topic and we want to change that. While gathering and preparing, this committee, along with our Rector, Mother Alison, want to provide solid information about end-of-life issues, which include: practical health care concerns, legal issues and directives, standard funeral practices and cost, the home burial movement and memorial societies. Lastly, we'll tie this information together in context of our Christian theology and beliefs. We envision our program to bring light to a traditionally dark subject; to help start the difficult conversations we need to have with our families and friends; to reduce our own fears and anxieties by providing information and other resource materials; and probably most importantly, how we can bring honor and dignity to the last stages of our lives in the same way we honor the birth process. As a culture, and perhaps from our own unspoken fears, we tend push this subject to the far corners of our minds, with the subtle hope we'll never have to deal with it. The results of avoidance make us susceptible to arguments within our families over care, last wishes and unnecessary health care and funeral expenses. Instead, as a faith community, we gather together for mutual support and knowledge. The Lenten and Easter season seem to be the perfect place to start these discussions and present this program, as we prepare for our Lord's resurrection. Watch for more details in coming weeks.

Steve Schunk

Worship

Acolytes & LEMs

In looking back on this past year, there were many volunteer changes on the Server, Acolyte and LEM team, which were accommodated with minimal fuss and distraction.

First, the 8 AM contingent lost many long-time, selfless and dedicated people, the primary being Al Hoffman who was always there, not only to Serve or LEM, or sometimes both, but was always there to step in as was needed. Sometimes this included starting the morning coffee, and sometimes even rousing the Rector! Paul Kimmerling stepped down as a Server and LEM to pursue other ministries. Che Durand's relocation back to NYC was also a loss. While these changes thinned our ranks for the early service, we know that God provides, and so we've welcomed Leon Bush as a new Server and LEM; and James Kelley as a Server who both stepped forward to join us. Also, some of the usual 10 AM LEMs are volunteering to serve at the 8 AM – with special thanks to Kathy Friend and Linda Fitzpatrick.

At the later, 10 AM service, we've been blessed with the addition of many new, young servers, after losing only one teenager, Mercedes Case, a high school senior last year, who started her freshman year in college this past September. We certainly miss her warm smile, selfless demeanor and years of dedicated service. We've been blessed with the addition of the vibrant energy in the Scopa family – Augie, Renee and Victor; and we also welcome another new young server, Angela Curcio. Continuing their service this year are: Sebastian Vargas, Maureen Hogan, Enzo Britel, Hadly Dapuzio-Kilpert and Benito Vargas. So our 10 AM service usually has a full complement of Acolytes. Help and direction for the Acolytes is provided from our experienced, adult veterans, Lourd Basten, Linda Fitzpatrick and Ed Fielding.

I note these changes to our LEMs – which is the abbreviation for Licensed Eucharistic Ministers, formerly called Chalice Bearers, who assist at the altar by serving the chalice at the communion. Last year we lost Che (LeChance) Durand, Garnette Arledge and Al Hoffman due to relocations outside of the local area; and Paul Kimmerling who is training for a new ministry. We miss them and acknowledge their service. Continuing are: Lourd Basten, Rod Basten, Ed Fielding, Linda Fitzpatrick, Kathy Friend, Mary Polhemus, David Schnabel and me. Leon Bush is a new LEM.

My responsibilities primarily include Server and LEM scheduling, and I work with the other liturgical ministries: Readers and Greeters, the Altar Guild and Coffee Hour. Together, Kathy Friend, Judy Sullivan, Lourd Basten, Ferris Cook and I complete our initial assignments for our respective ministries and then put it all together on the Lay Rota Calendar.

Under the leadership of Mother Alison, and along with the Worship Committee, we review and discuss liturgical “flow,” for our regular Sunday services and those special seasons. This review examines those areas that work perfectly and those that may need attention for better coordination or other simple improvements. The Servers and LEMs usually meet as a group twice a year for training and practice as we introduce new customs, rehearse them and review and correct any existing problem areas.

There's always room at the table, for those interested in serving. New families with children or teenagers, or adults interested in serving, please let us know, as we're happy to have you join us. In my view, being an Acolyte helps educate the children and youth in our parish family to the Episcopal liturgy, and it provides a wonderful opportunity to be “of service.” which is the definition of that role – to serve and assist the Priest. Adults help set that example.

This year, here at our annual meeting, I'm making two requests: the first is a call for other Acolytes who might be interested in serving as a Thurifer to step forward. The second is to start thinking ahead towards this September for a new coordinator, when I hope to be hand over the reins to someone else.

To all the Servers and LEMs, thank you for your loving and generous contribution in service, to enrich our worship and liturgy; and to those here, please join with me in a moment of appreciation!

Steve Schunk

Altar Guild

There are many activities that happen behind-the-scenes to help glorify the Eucharist every Sunday morning. Among these are duties of the persons who volunteer to serve on the Altar Guild. They make sure the elements are always ready for the priest to use for the next communion service. Although quite simple by nature, the tasks of the Altar Guild have great importance because their accomplishment allows the priest to concentrate on the spiritual aspects of the Eucharist.

At present, we are fortunate to have the following parishioners serving on the Altar Guild: Lourd Basten (10 o'clock coordinator), Judy Sullivan (8 o'clock coordinator), Rod Basten, Guy Kosonen, Joan Trowbridge, Charlotte Gray, Anneke Arnold, Tammy Basten, Margie Menard, Jane Wood, Betty Young, Holly Young, Linda Young, David Schnabel, Connie Bartle, Evie Stokes, Grace Terwilliger and Bev Yochman. New members are always welcome.

Thank you all for your service to God and to your Christ The King family.

Lourd Basten

Greeters

Greeters serve at the 10am Sunday services and at the Easter and Christmas services and other special occasions throughout the year including concerts and funerals. We are the friendly faces that greet you when you arrive at services, collect the offerings and keep things moving through Communion. We help ensure that newcomers feel welcome at Christ the King. We are also there to provide assistance if needed. Currently 18 individuals share this important Ministry of the Welcome, and we are always ready to train additional people who feel called to be a member of this vital part of our worship experience. Please see Kathy Friend if you want to join this ministry.

Lectors

In Acts 8:30-31, Philip asked the Ethiopian, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?"

Lectors participate in a very special way during our services by communicating the Good News in a way that helps the Congregation understand the word of God. All who are called to this ministry find it a meaningful experience. Lectors participate at both of our Sunday services and at other services throughout the year. Training sessions are occasionally held and include such things as understanding the significance of the text and presentation skills. Many thanks to the 26 parishioners who have answered the call to serve as Lectors. If you are interested in becoming a Lector at the 8am service, please contact Judy Sullivan. For those wishing to read at the 10am service, please see Kathy Friend.

Music

Despite challenges to our numbers due to illness and the call of family, the Christ the King choir continued in 2009 to strive to provide quality sacred music for weekly worship, especially in expressing the chanted psalms and anthems. We were grateful for the singer "ringers" from the community who were able to join forces with us for special services: Hanna Schunk-Hastings, Celine Sigmen, Peter Walker, Mary Polhemus, Casey Blair, Drew Minter, Leslie Ford, Jim Sullivan, and Ryan Basten. We presented festival choral services throughout Holy Week, on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter; Victoria's *Requiem* for four voices enhanced a memorable prayer service led by Mother Allison and Fr. Alan Ford on All Saints' Day; during Advent we sang both a special evensong and the Lessons and Carols service, with support from flutist Judy Sullivan and oboist Ann Churukian; and music provided a moving Christmas Eve service, especially the musical prelude featuring contributions by recorder player Vahe Keukjian, sopranos Jane Wood and Hannah Schunk-Hockings, pianist Dan Young and Drew Minter and James Ruff on wire and gut harps. A particular highlight was the special music for our own feast day of Christ the King on November 22nd, at which the choir performed Charles Villiers Stanford's triumphant *Te Deum* in B flat major, accompanied by the Huguenot Brass Quintet. On July 5th, our first Harps for Whole Communities benefit concert took place, raising \$800 for Christ the King's new summer camp. The large numbers in attendance at many of these special events testify to the growing following the music program is earning in the larger community.

I would like to thank our organist Dan Young and the small central core of choir members for their dedication to bringing this ministry of music to life. Their weekly rehearsal attendance and personal preparation despite many other commitments are what make this enhancement of our services possible. In pursuit of ever higher quality, a first ever Choir Committee meeting is planned to discuss our continued development. One of the items under discussion will be the recruiting of new members of the community. Won't you consider lending your voice to our worship?

James Ruff, Director of Music

Stewardship

The 2010 Stewardship Campaign kicked-off Sept 20 with the meeting of the committee members: Jim Sullivan, Elbert Rogers, Barbara Scanlan, Mary Polhemus, Tim Sharpe; Dinner Committee: Tom Edwards, Laurel Sweeney, Nick Ciallelo and Casey Kurtti. We agreed on the theme of Abundant Harvest. We asked Parishioners to share their stories of what the Church means to them at short Sunday Stewardship Minutes during the 8 & 10 o'clock services. The committee also prepared for the Annual Dinner on Nov 7th which included a short reception, a skit by the Christ the King Players, and a wonderful pasta dinner attended by over 80 people. The goal for the annual campaign was to achieve 100% participation in the pledge drive. We encouraged parishioners to consider the great work of the church and give at a level that is appropriate for them. The Pledge Cards were initially distributed in October, and we had follow-up letters mailed out to those not returned on Oct 26th and again on Nov 11th. As of Jan. 4th, we have 83 pledge cards returned (83%) with a pledge amount of \$137,612.

Jeff DaPuzzo

Buildings and Grounds

The care of CTK's physical plant and grounds is handled mostly by volunteers who step up to do whatever is needed. Members of the Property Committee include: Guy Kosonen, Tim Sharpe, Rod Basten, Ed Fielding, and Tim Sweeney as vestry liaison. These persons distinguish themselves because they are among the very few persons in the congregation that have enough courage to enter the church basement! On-going tasks around the grounds are handled by dedicated people who volunteer their time to help. Lourd Basten keeps the lawn mowed every week during the summer months. Rod Basten and Tim Sharpe continue replacing light bulbs (some of them are very high in the air, did you notice?) Little by little, the bulbs are being replaced by energy efficient ones that use much less electricity. We are also looking into a solar electric system for the future. A proposal is being created for us to consider. Tim relocated the sound system controls to the rear of the church so adjustments can be made during the service, if necessary.

Our spring and fall clean-up days are always a flurry with adults and kids doing good work and having fun at the same time. Particular thanks go to the Vargas family, Stephanie Kelly and family, Ryan and John Ryan, and Holly Lutz for all their help with raking leaves. Thanks, also, goes to Jessica and Drew for placing all the lawn edge markers to guide the snowplow. Guy Kosonen and his back-pack wind machine helped to make quick work of yard clean-up last spring. Thanks, everyone, and many thanks to John Hogan for cutting down dead trees. During this past year, many projects have been completed. Rod Basten cast a new concrete cover for the water well pit. Ed Fielding painted lines in the parking lot to assist us placing our cars in an efficient way. Tim Sharpe made an access door for the propane tank area at the food pantry. He also made a caution barricade for the well cover to protect it from the snowplow and, this summer, installed a new built in, energy efficient, air conditioner in the rectory. Jim Blair dismantled the propane tank cover behind the church kitchen so new replacement tanks could be installed.

Our entrance area was beautified with new plantings donated by Bruce Davenport, designed and planted by Angela Garnier. The part you can't see is an automatic sprinkling system to keep the area lovely. Leon Bush will donate his expertise to replace the damaged sheet rock in the sacristy as a result of water infiltration last winter. The Vestry just approved an expense to have the rectory roof totally replaced. G & G Contracting (George Gaydos, known to many CTKer's) has received a signed contract and will be doing the work soon. Three people in our midst also need particular thanks for their on-going service to the church.

Ferris Cook coordinates many repairs and works hard to keep the Property Committee aware of work to be done. Our church always looks good on the inside because Ines Fernandez and her son Andre Fernandez work hard to keep the floors spotless, many times having to work around all the activity that happens at CTK. Thank you Ferris, Ines and Andre for all the background work you do.

A few jobs waiting in the wings are to repair the rotted wood on the storage shed doors, repair the many casement windows that do not close properly, replace carpet with tile in the nursery and sacristy, reorganize the table/chair storage closet in the narthex, refinish the choir loft steps, and cut the ivy on the church exterior back to ground level for a fresh start.

If you notice anything that needs attention or have a particular skill to offer, please communicate with anyone on the Property Committee who might be in church on Sunday mornings. We are also available by telephone or e-mail by referencing the parish directory.

Rod Basten

The Office

The office has had another busy year! We have more 12-step meetings and outside groups using our space than ever before. Once a month the Rondout Food Coop uses the space to sort their food, AA uses the space for a district meeting, and the community has been using our space for various large meetings.

Thanks to Steve Schunk and Doug Rackow for maintaining our website. We now have the ability to print the monthly newsletter—The Herald—directly from the website by clicking on “News & Calendar” which will bring up three choices: Calendar, Lay Rota, and Newsletter. By going to “Newsletter” you will find at the top of the page the option to [Click here to print a PDF version of the Newsletter](#). We mail out paper newsletters to anyone who wants one, but if you want to switch to viewing the newsletter online, please let the office know.

We keep a file of “Parishioners' Dates” which includes birthdays, anniversaries, and memorial dates to include in our Prayers of the People. When you have a chance, check the list to be sure we have all of your significant dates, and let us know if you have a new email address or phone number so that our parish list is always up-to-date. Between weekly service bulletins and the newsletter there are many small jobs to do: bulletins to fold, newsletters to label and stamp, and parish lists to collate and staple. If you would like to volunteer to help keep our house in order, please speak to Ferris Cook.

Clergy:

The Rev. Alison Quin, *Rector*
The Rev. Deacon Robin Beveridge, *Deacon*
The Rev. David Bronson, *Assisting Priest*
The Rev. Gregg Wood, *Assisting Priest*

Wardens:

Tim Sweeney — Wendy Blair

Vestry:

Rod Basten, Jim Sullivan, Kathy Friend, Nicholas Ciallelo, Andy Lutz, Elaine Orman, Ryan Basten

Treasurer:

Pat Boyer

Director of Music:

James Ruff

Organist

Dan Young

Lay Leaders:

Altar Guild: Evelyn Stokes, Lourd Basten
Building Committee: Rod Basten, Tim Sharpe
Community Lunch: Tana Miller
Evangelism: Elbert Rogers
Flower Guild: Barbara Jean Weyant
Greeters: Kathy Friend
Hospitality: (chair needed)
Lectors: Kathy Friend, Judy Sullivan
LEMS & Acolytes: Steve Schunk
Pastoral Care: Steve Schunk
Rondout Valley Food Pantry: Grace Terwilliger, Rita Beil
Stewardship: Jeff DaPuzzo
Sunday School Teachers: Linda Fitzpatrick, Margie Menard,
Beth Vargas, Stephanie Kelly, Kathy Puffer
Worship: David Schnabel

Administrative Assistant:

Ferris Cook

Sextons:

Ines and Andre Fernandez