

St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

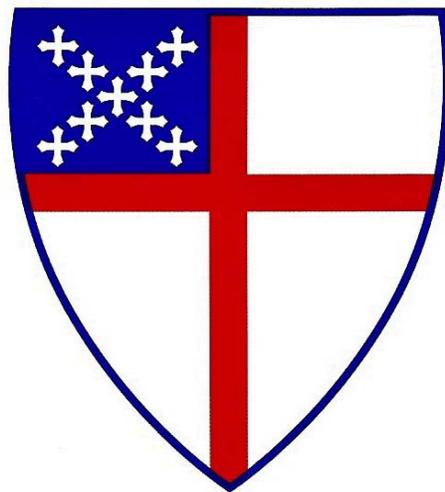
Florissant, Missouri

1957-2017

60 Years Celebration

Summary of history of the last 10 years

2008—2017



St. Barnabas...A place to call home.

Then. Now. Always.

In June 2009, Mike Dobbs wrote in the Salter:

“We have put our full trust in Fathers Emery and Michael, and in return they have encouraged us, pointed out our strengths, and prepared us for a new period in our spiritual journey. As good shepherds, they have shown concern and nurturing to the whole flock and to individual sheep that have become tangled in the brambles. They are both part of God’s many blessings for our parish. We also are blessed by Dave and Dennis, our Wardens, who have been living and breathing concern for our needs essentially 24 hours per day, seven days a week. Their leadership has been calm, serious, and founded upon a rock of stability.”

Overall Summary of the Last 10 Years 2008– 2017

St. Barnabas experienced many changes in the 10 years since the 50th Anniversary was celebrated. The most notable of the changes was the Reverend Richard Tudor retired after 19 years at St. Barnabas in June of 2008. The St. Barnabas Congregation went without a minister for 22 months, while going through the search process for a new minister.

During that time St. Barnabas was blessed with having several support clergy—The Reverends Michael Randolph, Emery Washington, Warren Crews, Peter Van Horne, and John Good who all helped guide the congregation through this transition period. The Vestry chose to use the process of Interim Priest/Search Committee option that was presented by the diocese. Because of budget restraints, the Vestry also decided to use clergy support staff in place of an Interim Priest. All of the priests were wonderful and helped keep the congregation in tack. Sadly, all but two of these priests have passed away since that time.

Jim Howe was named Search Committee Chairman and with the Search Committee held 165 meetings to find a new priest for St. Barnabas. First the committee sent out surveys to the congregation, interviewed congregation members, and completed the church profile. They created a new Mission Statement for the church and reviewed many profiles of potential candidates that matched up with our church profile. After candidate evaluations, a list was sent to Canon Smith to invite the candidates to consider the opportunity. The Vestry made their selection after vetting several candidates, phone interviews, committee visits to candidates' churches, then home and church dinners with the Vestry for interviews. After the Vestry selection, Bishop Smith approved the selection of the Reverend Renee L. Fenner.

Mission Statement

Our vision for St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church is to build and to sustain a vibrant and diverse community centered around common worship, fellowship, service and education. The mission of St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church, a parish for all people, is to extend God's gracious love and hospitality to each other and to the community by providing worship that inspires, opportunities for service and growth on life's journey, and a sacred place in the heart of Florissant where people can find wholeness and strength.

In March of 2010, the Reverend Renee L. Fenner started at St. Barnabas. She is the 4th Rector of St. Barnabas' Church. Her first mass was on Palm Sunday, March 28, 2010. Rev. Renee's official installation was on Thursday, June 24, 2010, the fifth anniversary of her priestly ordination.

The "new" building addition was named Tudor Hall, when Reverend Tudor retired. He had been instrumental in getting the addition completed after he arrived at St. Barnabas.

John Palmer continued as the Treasurer for the 10 year period. He has been Treasurer for over 25 years with a few years off for good behavior.

Diana Howarth has been the Altar Guild Coordinator for the 10 year period with help from assistants Faith Miller and Carol Stout. Diana took a sabbatical for a few months in 2011.

General Summary (con't.)

Choir/Organist:

Leah Milton continued as choir director for the 10 year period.

Cindy Vantine resigned as Organist in August 2016. Cindy had been the organist for over 34 years. Cindy also directed the Children's Choir from 2008– 2015. Leah Milton played the service music on the piano for a short time, then Cameron Graham volunteered to play the service music on the organ. Cameron was officially hired in December, 2016 as organist and choir accompanist.

Christian Education:

Clark Burton continued as the Adult Sunday School Coordinator for the 10 year period.

Elizabeth Heckman resigned as Christian Education Coordinator in October of 2012. Lynn Grames became the Coordinator.

Sunday School and Youth Group became inactive 2015 since the majority of youth attending the church went off to college.

Worship Committee:

Rev. Renee created the Worship Committee to help plan all liturgical events. The committee includes leaders of Music, Altar Guild, Ushers, Lectors, Worship leaders, and Acolytes.

Continued combined services with Lutheran Church of the Living Christ during Advent and Lent. This program started under the Reverend Richard Tudor's time at St. Barnabas. Rev. Renee invited St. Rose Philippine Duchesne Roman Catholic Church to the program.

Rev. Renee added several services and events. Friday Stations of the Cross during Lent; an All Saints Litany for All Saints' Sunday in November to recognize members and loved ones who passed during the year; "Friends and Family" Sunday in the Fall encouraging members to bring new people to the church; and additional Bible Study classes.

"Opportunity Sunday" was added to attract and recruit members for various church ministries. "Faith and Film" was also added to the calendars with members meeting at Rev. Renee's home for fellowship and discussion of various films and Christian messages contained in them.

"Blessing of the Animals" service continued in October for all 10 years.

General:

Dennis Haefner became the Sexton after David Smith became Sexton Emeritus and passed away in March of 2012.

Amy Waller, beloved church secretary, passed away in June, 2011. Current secretary, Marlene Martens, started in 2012.

The Columbarium was completed, thanks to Wayne and Sylvia Robbins in October of 2008. These next 10 years, the Columbarium began to fill. The congregation was aging and St. Barnabas buried several long time members of the church in this 10 year period, including some of the original founding members. Some members moved out of the area to be near family and some of the National Church issues also added to a loss in membership during these 10 years.

The Rector's Christmas Party changed to a "Holiday Christmas Party" at the church when St. Barnabas was between rectors. The Holiday Christmas party continued through 2012 and then in 2013 changed to a "Holiday Brunch" after Eucharist. A kilt wearing St. Nick visits during the brunch (Michael Boyd).

General Summary (con't.)

Mission/Outreach is important to the St. Barnabas congregation. These were some of the outreach projects:

Birthday parties at the Juvenile Detention Center through the Episcopal City Mission (ECM) (volunteers—Harry Goff, Rev. Renee, Terri Denicke, Mike Dobbs, David Daniels, Carrie Weisgerber, Arbie Hollenberg, and Jim Hollenberg).

Monthly collection of food and donations for T.E.A.M. and Diocesan Hunger Fund.

Provided Cornerstone Chorale rehearsal space and meal preparation during four years.

Provided space for Narcotics Anonymous, Al-Anon, Hawthorne Players, Life Line Screening, and a Girl Scouts Troop.

“Fill the Ford” at Dierbergs to help T.E.A.M. started in 2013.

“Trunk or Treat” for Halloween started in 2015.

Samaritan’s Purse Christmas Boxes.

UTO Collection twice a year (spear headed by the ECW).

Adopt a Family at Christmas started in 2014.

ECW

ECW continued to be very active these 10 years—fundraising was a major focus to help the church and outreach programs. Many fund raising activities, Scrapbook Crop Day, Chili Cook-off, Vendor Sales, Bocce Ball Tournament, jewelry egg, bakery, candy sales, and several raffles.

ECW’s outreach programs include: Quiet Circle, United Thank Offering collection, Church Operating Fund, Grace Hill Mitten tree, Room at the Inn, Juvenile Detention, Crisis Nursery, Samaritan’s Purse, Women’s Safe House, Church Periodical Club, Miles of Pennies, TEAM, ENS, Deaconess Anne House, Meals on Wheels, Diocesan Hunger Fund, Episcopal City Mission, and Dress for Success.

Karen Birr became the President of the Diocese of Missouri ECW in October of 2006. She was elected ECW Province V President in 2013 and re-elected in 2016.

Men’s Club

The Men’s Club remained active most of the 10 years, continuing with St. Patrick’s Day Dinners and the Mother’s Day breakfasts. (The Men’s Club was unable to have the St. Patrick’s Day dinner in 2016. In 2017 the dinner was held by the Men’s Club with support by the Dollar Dish Group.) Scholarship awards were made to high school seniors when there were candidates.

Youth Group:

4th of July Concession Stand continued for the 10 years. Harry Ragland helped make this happen with his snow-cone machine. The Youth Group used this as a fund raiser during the years it was active.

Other Activities:

Fundraising became a necessity in this ten year period. St. Barnabas operated on deficit budgets for most of the ten years. Trivia Nights, Sock Hops, and Flea Market sales were added to the regular fundraisers: Holiday Dinner, Bake Sale and Book Sale, and Pancake Supper.

Another fundraiser was Scrip Sales that continued through the 10 years, but it was decided in 2016 to discontinue ordering additional scrip and selling off the balance of the inventory in 2017. The total raised in these 10 years was \$15,866. Terri Denicke and Harry Goff managed this activity selling scrip every Sunday.

Dollar Dish Group continued for the 10 years with dinners being held in members’ homes.

Gourmet Group continued for the 10 years—dinners at members’ homes or restaurants.

Father’s Day Breakfasts and Friday Lunches all continued through 2017. As membership declines, some events may need to be eliminated in the future.

St. Barnabas Timeline 2008—2017

1/27/2008	The Rev. Richard Tudor announces his retirement
2/21/2008	Joseph Reagan passed away, long time member of St. Barnabas
3/31/2008	Opal Frazer, former member of St. Barnabas passed away
5/17/2008	The Rev. Richard Tudor's final worship service
6/1/2008	The Rev. Richard Tudor officially retires
8/24/2008	Jim Howe is selected as the Search Committee Chairman
10/19/2008	The Columbarium dedication
2/4/2009	Mildred (Ritchey) Walker passed away—original founding member
2/7/2009	Memorial Service for Norma Good (The Rev. John Good's wife)
5/2009	Mary Anselmo selected as Diocese of Missouri ECW "Honored Woman" at the 46th Triennial Meeting.
7/19/2009	Lorraine Bosch passed away—long time member of St. Barnabas
10/7/2009	William Ross passed away—long time member of St. Barnabas
2/17/2010	Henry Jaegar passed away (member since 1958)
3/28/2010	The Rev. Renee Fenner served her first Sunday Service—Palm Sunday
4/17/2010	Lynn Siegel passed away— Head of Altar Guild and choir member many years
6/24/2010	The Rev. Renee Fenner official Installation as Rector of St. Barnabas
7/23/2010	Lorraine Horton passed away—ECW member, mother of Deb Palmer and Grandmother of Dusty Hassler
9/2/2010	Art Bauer passed away—long time member. Husband of Priscilla Bauer.
9/12/2010	First Opportunity Sunday - encourage members to sign up for various ministries
10/17/2010	First Friends and Family Sunday
12/2010	Dave Smith retires as Sexton
12/22/2010	Alfred Paige passed away—husband of Rita Collins-Page
1/20/2011	Mary Conant passed away—long time church member
6/12/2011	Olivia Dalton passed away—long time member of St. Barnabas
6/23/2011	Amy Walling, beloved church secretary—passed away after a long fight with cancer
7/30/2011	Celestine "Sally" Reed passed away in Arkansas—long time church member
11/2011	Cindy Vantine nominated for Diocese of Missouri ECW's—Distinguished Woman "whose life in the secular community reflects her Christian Values"
2/20/2012	Judy Skinker passed away—dedicated, long time hard working church member
3/19/2012	David Smith, Sexton of St. Barnabas since 1992 (20 years), passed away
3/28/2012	Ken Hoppe, long time Head Usher, passed away
5/9/2012	David Barkley—former member of St. Barnabas passed away in Lenexa, KS
5/21/2012	Marlene Martens starts as Church Secretary
6/10/2012	Celebration of Cindy Vantine's 30 years of service as St. Barnabas' Organist
7/8/2012	Trudy Morrow—former member of St. Barnabas passed away in Kirkwood, Mo.

St. Barnabas Timeline 2008—2017(con't.)

7/14/2012	Buddy Moreno, long-time St. Barnabas member celebrates 100th year birthday at Delmar Gardens. The Four Mustaches performed at the party.
1/15/2013	Joseph Bosch passed away—long time church member
4/2013	Youth Group furnishes a bedroom at Deaconess Anne House's Opening
4/2013	New stoves for church kitchen donated by Judy Skinker's family
4/13/2013	Karen Birr elected President of Provence V of the ECW
5/20/2013	Lou Murphy passed away— husband of Cam Murphy
6/8/2013	First Fill the Ford w/ Food and Drink at Dierbergs for T.E.A.M. food pantry
8/18/2013	The Rev. John Good passed away - 2nd Rector of St. Barnabas
9/4/2013	Jeanne Schier passed away—long time member
9/15/2013	Becky (Good) Hess passed away—daughter of The Rev. John and Norma Good
11/18/2013	Robert Toolen passed away—long time member and husband of Terry Toolen
12/31/2013	Merle Blundell passed away—new church member
3/6/2013	Jyll Harbison passed away— former church member and Vestry Clerk
9/27/2014	First Sock Hop Fundraiser with the "Hot Flashes" performing
10/27/2014	Friends and Family Day—membership drive. 5000 post cards mailed to community
11/2014	First Adopt a Family for Christmas Outreach
1/3/2015	Betty Callies passed away—long time church member
2/25/2015	Rhoda Sutton, former member, passed away
4/17/2015	Janet Smith passed away—long time church member
4/18/2015	Tony Bertolino passed away—long time church member
4/25/2015	First Annual Trivia Night
10/1/2015	Faith Miller passed away—long time church member
10/6/2015	Roland Dickens passed away—long time church member
10/31/2015	First Trunk or Treat for community
11/29/2015	Carlos "Buddy" Moreno passed away—long time church member
4/2/2016	Jill Stafford passed away—long time church member
8/2016	Cindy Vantine resigns as Organist after 34 years
8/19/2016	Brian Clark passed away—former church member
9/14/2016	T.E.A.M. honors St. Barnabas for supporting the food pantry
11/7/2016	First Election Eve Prayer Service
12/1/2016	Cameron Graham is hired as the organist, Chuck and Lana Maggart's grandson
12/18/2016	Lana and Chuck Maggart celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary
2/17/2017	Chuck Maggart passed away— long time member and Head Usher
2/22/2017	Terry Ford passed away in Louisville, KY.—former long time parishioner, former Junior Warden, Altar Guild, and Pastoral Care Committee member.



Reverend Richard Tudor retires effective June 1, 2008, his last service was May 18th. Celebration of Rich Tudor's 19 years as rector was held on May 17th.

2008 Vestry Members

David Sinclair, Senior Warden

Dennis Haefner, Junior Warden

Jay Burnham

Diana Howarth

Terri Denicke

Margaret Nwaobasi

Mike Dobbs

Wayne Robbins

Harry Goff

These Vestry members lead St. Barnabas after Father Tudor retired in June, 2008.

Rich's message in the April 2008 Salter, showing his guidance for St. Barnabas' transition to a new era:

"I have laid out a rationale in this article for the church as a foundation of meaning in order to discuss my goals for St. Barnabas' as I prepare to retire. Obviously, there are things that I feel need to be accomplished before I leave. The most important thing will be to have leadership in place who can assure the continued operation of the parish. I believe that we have such leadership in place in the persons of David Sinclair, the Senior Warden; Dennis Haefner, the Junior Warden; John Palmer, the Treasurer, and the members of the vestry. They are all committed to the continued functioning of St. Barnabas' according to the high standards which the congregation has come to expect. It will be the responsibility of parish leadership to ensure that the pastoral needs of the membership continue to be met.

To that end, it is my intention to reform the Pastoral Care Committee which functioned so well ten years ago when I was away for nine months in Germany. This committee of four or five individuals will visit hospitals and nursing homes and, hopefully, and do

other such visitation as will be necessary to ensure that members are not isolated from the congregation.

The maintenance of the parish buildings and grounds will continue to be a great concern. Fortunately, St. Barnabas' has several parishioners who are willing to give of their time to ensure that needed maintenance is done promptly. I have made up a list of projects which need completed before I leave in May. Chief among these is the air conditioning compressor which serves the worship area. It is currently not functioning at full capacity and this issue will need to be addressed soon.

It is my belief that St. Barnabas' has an extremely knowledgeable and committed group of liturgists who are capable of leading and assisting in worship. It is my intent to thoroughly brief these individuals on their responsibilities in order to ensure that Sunday worship is able to proceed as smoothly and as meaningfully as possible.

The parish secretary in a church without a rector finds herself called upon increasingly to answer questions and coordinate the weekday operation of the church. Before I leave, it is my hope that I will have anticipated all the possible questions which Amy will be asked and will have provided her with the necessary answers. She will need a great deal of support and encouragement from the congregation. Obviously, I could go on and on about the everyday things that need to be done in order for the parish to run smoothly and efficiently. I will not attempt in this article to make an exhaustive list. However, there is one more thing which needs to be said. It will be imperative for the entire membership to continue to support the parish not only financially but with their frequent presence at worship on Sundays and other occasions. It is always a fear when a rector leaves that attendance will decline. Nothing is more discouraging to parish leadership! I am confident that the people of this parish love St. Barnabas' as much as I do. Please show your love and concern by your attendance on Sundays. If the worship life of St. Barnabas' is strong, that fact alone will do much to lessen many problems! What I desire above all other concerns is for St. Barnabas' in the future to be able to continue its important work of being a "sacred canopy" for its people!"

Father Tudor's guidance helped the congregation to keep things running smoothly as we started our search for a new minister.

2008 (con't..)

The final budget approved by the vestry for the 2008 year was \$180,936. This was a balanced budget, with a surplus of \$8,851. St. Barnabas was able to continue with all the same programs for the remainder of 2008. The parish was committed to working together and to ensure not to lose any parishioners. The final numbers for 2008 ended with a surplus for operating of \$48,832 and an overall surplus of \$44,096.

The Vestry held a special meeting on Wednesday, April 2, with Canon Smith from the Offices of the Bishop to discuss the steps in a search for a new rector.

The process began.

The Vestry selected Jim Howe for the Search Committee Chairman in August. In September the rest of the committee was selected:

Jim Howe, Chairman

Teri Burnham	Debbie Haefner
Rita Chapman	Dustin Hassler
Terri Denicke	Lana Maggart
Harry Goff	Faith Miller
Ron Grames	

The Rev. Emery Washington made himself available to St. Barnabas' through Jan. 1st, 2009. This gave the congregation a strong continuity in clergy, by an excellent preacher.

On 2008 Easter Sunday, the acolytes and liturgists wore new vestments, thanks to the Altar Guild fund and a donation from the ECW that made purchasing the new vestments possible. Diana Howarth and Harry Goff oversaw this project, selecting a traditional Anglican style.

Christian Education:

Vacation Bible School was held on July 26 under the guidance of Elizabeth Heckman, Christian Education Coordinator.

Wayne Robbins oversaw the redesign for a columbarium in the semi-enclosed area between the two buildings. It was dedicated on October 19th, with Reverend Richard Tudor officiating.

ECW:

ECW officers for the 2007-2008 program year were President, Mary Anselmo
Treasurer, Sylvia Robbins
Corresponding Secretary, Karen Birr,
Devotions, Andrea Bogue
Recording Secretary, Terry Toolen.

Karen Birr was President of the Diocese of Missouri ECW

Outreach:

ECM Birthday Parties
Samaritan's Purse Christmas Boxes

Youth Group joined with three other parishes, St. Stephens' Ferguson, Transfiguration Church in Lake St. Louis, and Trinity St. Charles to make the I-70 Episcopal Youth Movement.

On November 8th the St. Barnabas' Youth Group and approximately 10 other church members refurbished a room at the Gateway Homeless Shelter for Women in November, for a cost of approximately \$700 in outreach.

Parish Picnic—September 7th.

Mike Dobbs took over the responsibility for the Salter, with Teri Burnham editing.

Christmas Party was held in Tudor Hall on December 13th.

Births/Baptisms:

Samuel Robert Tudor, grandson of Rev. Richard and Liz Tudor, was baptized on 4/13/2008. (born 1/27/2008)

Carter Rees Brown, grandson of Debbie and Dennis Haefner, was baptized on 9/21/2008/. (born 6/5/2008)

Chikezie Sean Okafor, son of Chudi and Uju Okafor, godson of Dr. Sam Nwaobasi. Was born in 11/24/2008

Deaths:

Joseph Reagan, long time member of St. Barnabas, and active in Men's Club and usher, passed away on 2/21/2008.

Opal Frazer, former member of St. Barnabas, passed away on 3/31/2008.

2009

Vestry Members

David Sinclair, Senior Warden

Dennis Haefner, Junior Warden

Clark Burton Diana Howarth

Terri Denicke Cam Murphy

Mike Dobbs Debbie Palmer

Harry Goff,

Convention Delegates:

Mary Anselmo Mike Dobbs

Finances ended the year with a surplus for operating of \$70,694 and an overall surplus of \$65,337.

Search Committee finished analyzing the survey's received from the parish. New Mission statement sent to Canon Smith for review. In May received initial candidate names to consider. In December visitations to candidate churches.

New computers, server, office software and Servant Keeper software for church record management was purchased. Major benefit was networking the copier.

The wall between the Sanctuary and Narthex was replaced, not a permanent before then. Ed Manton was hired to complete this project. Several rectangle tables in Tudor Hall were replaced with lighter plastic tables.

Christian Education :

Vacation Bible School was held on Saturday, July 11th.

Clark Burton with the Rev. Emery Washington's assistance held confirmation classes for Ana Chapman, Hillary Chapman, Meri Grames and Kelsey Sinclair. The girls were confirmed on 11/9/2009.

Outreach:

Tip Health Care in Tudor Hall for vaccine drive.

ECW:

Mary Anselmo received the ECW of Missouri 46th Triennial Meeting "Honored Woman" award.

Men's Club:

Scholarship awarded to Ryden Grames.

Youth Group:

Signed up to Adopt -A- Highway (New Halls Ferry Rd). Youth Group held a successful lock-in at Doubletree Hotel in Chesterfield. Youth Group made \$370 for Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

Other Activities:

Judy Skinker started an Evening Prayer and Bible Study. Bill Wardle continued to plan senior trips.

Our former rector, the Rev. Dr. Richard B. Tudor, wrote an article which was published in The Living Church on March 22nd. Using the information he gathered during his research of St. Barnabas' history, and his experiences as a priest for 38 years, Rich describes the growth of the Episcopal Church in the Midwest during the 1950s and 1960s. This growth slowed down in the 1970s, and new church starts have continued to decline.

Chris Heckman became an Eagle Scout on 5/23/2009, after completing a community project at St. Barnabas. The Project was a bench around the tree in the circle drive.

Births/Baptisms:

Rosalyn Lee Ragland daughter of Harry and Gwen Ragland., was born on January 1st 2009.

Baptism of Chikezie Sean, son of Uju and Chudi Okafor on 3/22/2009. A "coffee hour" with Nigerian food and music topped the event.

Deaths:

On February 7, 2009 a Memorial Service and Inurnment Service for Norma Good, wife of the Rev. John Good, 2nd Rector of St. Barnabas. First inurnment in columbarium.

Mildred Walker, also known to some as Mildred Ritchey, passed away on February 4, 2009. She was one of the founding members of St. Barnabas' Church.

Lorraine Bosch, long time member of St. Barnabas passed away on 7/19/2009.

William Ross, a strong leader and supporter of St. Barnabas, passed away unexpectedly on October 7, 2009. Bill had been a St. Barnabas church member for over 50 years. He was active in Vestry and in his later years a regular on the Saturday Morning Maintenance Crew.

Bill Ross

O FATHER of all, we pray to thee for those we love, but now no longer see. Grant them thy peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and in thy loving wisdom and almighty power work in them the good purpose of thy perfect will. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

“ As several members of our Church had gathered at Bill’s house on Wednesday morning, October 7th in total shock and disbelief, Fr. Tudor stated, “This is an end of an era.” There has never been a more profound comment. Bill was one of those people that you thought would live forever. He always had a calm and purposeful demeanor. I got to know Bill when I was Junior Warden, which required joining the Saturday Morning Maintenance crew. I was not looking forward to this new commitment because I am mechanically challenged. When I first started spending almost all of my Saturday’s at the Church, I have to admit, it was a struggle and the drive from O’Fallon seemed like it was more than 100 miles. After a few Saturday’s with Bill and the rest of the crew, it started becoming more of an educational and social experience. I quickly learned that between Bill and Dave Smith they could just about fix anything at the Church with the materials available either in the boiler room, at their houses, or at Handyman Hardware (always the last resort). These guys were like “MacGyver.” It amazed me that they knew how to repair almost anything...



As I look around our church, there are so many things that remind me of Bill. I remember him telling me that he built the kneelers that the liturgists use for worship and the lectern that we use at every service. He also said that he helped build the communion rail. I also have fond memories of the maintenance crew changing the sacristy lights with our old wooden A-frame ladder that takes 3 to 4 people just to set up. We don’t have volunteers lining up to run up that ladder and you definitely can’t have a fear of heights. Bill said that he used to climb up that ladder and change those bulbs. Another story Bill liked to tell was the reason Dave Smith started wearing suspenders. They were changing some light bulbs at the outside entrance to Tudor Hall, in preparation for the Bishop’s visit, and Dave Smith was on the ladder. He was battling with our spring loaded glass covers. He was trying to reset them properly so they would not spring open and the glass would fall out and break on the concrete. This was a job we usually did when the Rector, women, or children were not around. Dave was so involved in getting the glass cover back on that his pants fell to his ankles. Being the professional that Dave was, he made sure the light cover was fixed before he pulled his pants back up. From that point on Dave wore suspenders on Saturdays....

He was a very generous man. He gave his time, talent, and treasure to St. Barnabas’ Church and our surrounding community. He was instrumental in getting the church involved with the C.H.A.M.P. (Canine Helpers Allow More Possibilities) organization. When he spoke about C.H.A.M.P., he beamed. He would very proudly tell the story about Mimosa, his therapy dog and our beloved first Church dog, who would regularly, visit the Children’s Cancer Center with Bill. The kids were hooked up to everything imaginable: IV drips, tubes, monitoring devices, ect., they would lie on top of Mimosa so all you could see of her was the end of her tail wagging. As he told that story, you could see his eyes tearing up. When Mimosa passed away, Bill and our church family were deeply saddened. For a while Bill just was not the same. When he received Quincy, the spring was back in Bill’s step. Quincy was also a service dog and they would make regular visits to the VA hospital. Our church also became attached to Quincy Boy, as Bill called him.

I could continue writing and saying good things about Bill Ross, he was a great man. We can’t put a value on the time, talent, and treasure that he generously gave St. Barnabas’ Church. He made everyone around him better, because he always had high expectations and high standards. Bill was many things: a son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, a great American, and a hero. I am glad that God let our lives cross, because to me he was a true friend. His love, commitment, and dedication to St. Barnabas’ Church for over 50 years will always be treasured and never forgotten. He will be greatly missed. “ Dave Sinclair (from Salter Vol. 19 XVIII, November 2009)

2010

Vestry Members:

David Sinclair, Senior Warden
 Dennis Haefner, Junior Warden
 Clark Burton Sheron Howe
 Ron Grames Cam Murphy
 Diana Howarth Debbie Palmer
 Bob Weisgerber

Convention Delegates:

Mary Anselmo Mike Dobbs



The Reverend Renee L. Fenner

Vestry:

The Vestry had the hard decision of deciding which candidate would be the next minister. The Vestry met with candidates twice once over dinner in homes of Search Committee members—Jay and Teri Burnham, Rick and Faith Miller, and Jim and Sheron Howe. The second meeting included a tour of the church, dinner and more interviewing with the Vestry including delivering a homily. Finally, each had an interview by Bishop Smith.

The 2010 Annual Meeting was delayed until 2/7/2010 in order to announce the selection of the new rector.

The Rev. Renee L. Fenner was selected as the 4th rector of St. Barnabas. Her first service was Palm Sunday, 3/28/2010. Rev. Renee was officially installed on Thursday, June 24, 2010. (see page 13)

64 Pledges received for 2010 with \$118,725 pledged. The ending numbers for 2010 were an operating surplus of \$698 and an overall surplus of \$11,919. US Cellular renegotiated the cell tower to \$765 per month for 5 years, helping with the budget.

On May 23rd a special celebration was held to recognize the priests that supported St. Barnabas during the search process. There were five supply priests who supported St. Barnabas —Rev. Dr. Warren Crews, Rev. John Good, Rev. Michael Randolph, Rev. Emery Washington, and Rev. Peter Van Horne.

Rev. Renee instituted “10 plus rules for communication.”

Website updated to allow sermons to be streamed.

Altar Guild: refurbished Altar kneelers.

Pastoral Care: Committee setup by Rev. Renee.

Members: Mike Dobbs, Terry Ford, Debbie Haefner, Sara Henry, Diana Howarth, Sheron Howe, Yvonne Jones, Kathy Kiechlin-Smith, Cam Murphy, and Judy Skinner.

The Rev. Renee Fenner is a native St. Louisan and graduated with a B.A. degree in Theatre Arts from Webster University (formerly Webster College) and attended dance classes at Southern Illinois University, East St. Louis. She taught acting and dance for many years in Springfield, IL. Upon returning to St. Louis in the early 1980's, she enjoyed working for both the PBS and CBS affiliates, first as a production assistant and later as floor director, associate producer for “Eye on St. Louis” and as a director for public affairs shows.

The Rev. Fenner grew up in the Roman Catholic tradition and belonged for several years to a religious community. In 1999 she joined the Episcopal Church. The Rev. Fenner matriculated from The General Theological Seminary in New York City in May of 2005. She was ordained to the transitional diaconate on December 22, 2004 and ordained a priest on June 24, 2005. She joined the staff of Christ Church Cathedral on July 1, 2005 as Canon Pastor and Liturgist. The Rev. Fenner also served as priest-in charge at the Cathedral for a brief period. She also served on the Diocesan liturgical planning committee for ordinations and as a Minister of Ceremonies for major events held at the Cathedral.

The Rev. Fenner is passionate about her family and good liturgy. She loves listening to Gospel music and enjoys art in all forms.

(from the Salter, Vol.20, No III—April 2010)

Spiritually Charged Celebration

a New Ministry: The Rev. Renee L. Fenner

June 24, 2010 represented many things: the fifth anniversary of The Rev. Fenner's ordination as a priest, the 50th anniversary of the Rev. Emery Washington's ordination to the diaconate, the Feast of the Nativity of John the Baptist, and one rocking, celebratory, spiritually charged worship service at St. Barnabas' Church during which Renee Fenner became the Rector per acclamation of the congregation and per the blessing and affirmation of Bishop George Wayne Smith.

Those in attendance were very moved by the energy of the worship service and made the following comments: "My favorite part was when the Bishop asked if we were ready to accept Renee as our rector. There was a loud, resounding, "We Are!!!" "I think that [describing the service] is like music – music is for expressing emotions you can't put into words. The best I can do is say that we should be able to live off the energy of that night for months to come."

"There was such a sense of joy in the room and you could truly feel God's presence blessing us and uniting us as a parish family." The source of the emotion and energy came from three congregations from Renee's life: St. Alphonsus "the Rock" Catholic Church, Christ Church Cathedral, and St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church, Florissant, came together in one nave to celebrate and renew Renee's ministry.

"Jesus was definitely in the house!"

The service was described as: beautiful, emotional, inspiring, great music, uplifting, the best in years, moving, soulful, with strong spirit-filled, congregational singing. "It was great to have such a full church" (180 present). "I thought the installation ceremony...reaffirmed we have the right candidate. The Bishop did a wonderful job, and how about "the Rock" choir? There was such deep, soulful passion in their singing." "Leah and the choir were truly uplifting...I felt the Holy Spirit!!" "I loved the emotion that the Rev. Renee showed to express her appreciation."

Words of praise from one of our supply priests, the Rev. Emery Washington, Sr.: "Alice and I were blessed to witness the confluence of several strands of hopes and aspiration for St. Barnabas Episcopal Church and their new rector, the Rev. Renee L. Fenner -- St. Barnabas' search for a new rector, the role of women as they take their rightful place as rectors of major churches in this diocese, and the dream of many Roman Catholic sisters to exercise their ministry for the whole church. Congratulations to the Rev. Renee L. Fenner and St. Barnabas. May you have a long and prosperous ministry in North County!"

"We are truly blessed to have Reverend Renee." From a former Cathedral member and now St. Barnabas' parishioner: "God's grace and mercy be always with you, Renee."

From friends and parishioners of St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

(from the Salter—Volume 20, No. VI—July/August 2010)

2010 (con't)

Worship Committee:

Members: Holly Garrett (Acolytes), Harry Goff (Worship Leaders and Lectors), Ken Hoppe (Ushers), Diana Howarth (Altar Guild), Liz Heckman (Christian Education), Cindy Vantine (Music and Children's Choir), and Leah Milton (Adult Choir)

Continued Lent and Advent Services with The Lutheran Church of the Living Christ, Rev. Renee invited St. Rose Philippine Duchesne Roman Catholic Church to join in the Lent and Advent Services.

ECW:

Diocese of Missouri ECW Annual Meeting—Rev. Renee was a speaker giving the speech - "Women, what makes you so strong?"

Men's Club:

Scholarships awarded to Abigail Haefner and Chris Heckman.

Youth Group:

President—Kelsey Sinclair

Vice President—Nicole Nwanganga

Secretary—Ana Chapman

Treasurer—Meri Grames

Historian/Photographer—Rosie Nwanganga

Committed to Adopt-A-Highway for 3 years
Shrove Tuesday dinner, Float Trip in August

Other Activities:

Sylvia Robbins headed up a project to replace Books of Common Prayer that were in bad repair. Sylvia did a fantastic job getting donations.

David Smith retired as Sexton after 20 years.

Peter Kaiser, member of St. Barnabas, was selected with 30 other veterans to be honored in Washington D.C. for their service in World War II.

1st Opportunity Sunday, to showcase and celebrate the many ministries of St. Barnabas and to get members to recommit or join a new ministry. Successful outcome.

1st Coffee Talk with Rev. Renee in August.

1st Annual Book sale started by Judy Skinker and Carol Stout during Holiday Dinner.

1st Friends and Family Sunday—172 people attended, including two baptisms. Vivian Hartsfield, Rita Collins-Page and Janetta Roberts organized the celebration.

Sara Henry retired as UTO Coordinator, Holly Garrett took over the job.

Deaths:

Henry Jaeger—Long time member since 1958. Passed away on 2/17/2010.

Lynn Siegel—Long time member and head of Altar Guild died on 4/17/2010. Lynn suffered from early onset dementia, she wasn't quite 60 years old when she died. The St. Barnabas Congregation was Lynn's family and the congregation took care of her until she had to live in skilled nursing at Lutheran Hidden Lake. Dave Palmer and Diana Howarth, Deb and John Palmer, Mike and Mary Dobbs, and Cindy and Bruce Vantine were the leads in handling Lynn's issues, but the entire congregation helped with visiting, taking food to Lynn, and helping clean out her house to sell it. Lynn's will included St. Barnabas, her estate gave \$12,500 which was used to replace the carpet in the church and narthex.

Lorraine Horton—member of ECW, mother of Deb Palmer, and grandmother of Dusty Hassler, passed away on 7/23/2010. Roy Schaeffer remembers Lorraine for taking his coat home one cold winter Sunday, and leaving her coat. A few days later she asked her son-in-law, John Palmer, if the coat belonged to him. Roy forgave her eventually.

Art Bauer—long time member of St. Barnabas, passed away on 8/2/2010. Husband of Priscella Bauer, active member of ECW.

Jerry May—ashes of Jerry May were removed from under the Altar and placed in the Columbarium when carpet was replaced on the altar.

Alfred Page—husband of Rita Collins-Page, passed away on 12/22/2010.

Farewells:

Ruth Eggers, transferred to Trinity St. Charles after being a member at St. Barnabas for over 40 years. Ruth had been the Treasurer and Senior Warden during her time at St. Barnabas.

2011

Vestry:

Clark Burton, Senior Warden

Dusty Hassler, Junior Warden

Ron Grames

Cam Murphy

Debbie Haefner

Deb Palmer

Sheron Howe

Bob Weisgerber

Nancy James

Convention Delegates:

Mike Dobbs

Margaret Nwaobasi (alt.)

Sharon Love

64 Pledges for 2011, with \$117,756 pledged. Total pledge dollars received was \$120,997. The ending operating deficit was \$23,775 and the overall deficit was \$5,003.

Jr. Warden, Dusty Hassler, compiled list of needed repairs and improvements to request matching funds grant from Diocese. Church roof replacement required due to April severe storms—insurance covered all but the insurance deductible.

Accomplishments: Evacuation policy approved by Vestry for sounding of warning sirens are sounded. Weather radios purchased after Good Friday Tornado that hit the airport while St. Barnabas was having service; new recorders for sermon recordings was installed by Ron Grames; members' pictures taken to use with the Servant Keeper software to create a new Pictorial Directory; new copier was leased with color and network capability.

Karen Birr retired as Vestry Clerk after many dedicated years. Jyll Harbison agreed to be the new Vestry Clerk.

Search for Secretary - Debbie Palmer and Cam Murphy setup the "Office Angels" to handle office duties after Amy Walling passed away, until a new secretary was hired. "Angels" were Dottie Bertolino, Cam Murphy, Holly Garrett, Judy Skinker, Carol Stout, and Deb Palmer.

Christian Education :

Children's Sunday School lead the Easter Vigil service at St. Barnabas.

Vacation Bible School held 7/30/2011.

Children's Chapel started up again.

Men's Club:

Scholarship awarded to Max Burnham.

Clark Burton had a great summation of St. Barnabas after his year as Senior Warden in 2011.

"We really know how to cook and eat in this parish! The St. Patrick's Day dinner prepared by the Men's Group was awesome – I didn't know that cabbage could taste that good!"

The Holiday Dinner and Bake Sale in November prepared by Diana Howarth, Judy Skinker, Carolyn Stout, and so many others was also awesome. I love the Mother's Day and Father's Day brunches. ...

There were so many highlights this past year when I think of the worship services at St. Barnabas. I especially love the liturgies of Easter and Christmas, and I think that no one does liturgy better than we do. We are exceptionally blessed to have a priest who appreciates the liturgy so much and performs it so beautifully. We are also very blessed to have the musical talents of Cindy Vantine at the organ and Leah Milton directing the choir. I of course have no bias when I say that our choir is one of the better choirs of the diocese. If you don't believe me, then you were not at the Festival of Lessons and Carols at Christ Church Cathedral last month!

I also very much appreciate our ecumenical services during Advent and Lent with Lutheran Church of the Living Christ and St. Rose Philippine Duchesne Catholic Church... "

(from the Salter Vol.22. No.1 February 2012)

ECW:

Coordinated the Palm Sunday reception when Bishop Smith presided.

Outreach by ECW—\$1,130.

Nominated Cindy Vantine for the Diocese of Missouri ECW Distinguished Woman 'whose life in the secular community reflected her Christian Values'.

Youth Group;

Fundraising—sold trinkets at 4th of July booth.

Interviewed by the Suburban Journal Newspaper while cleaning up the designated section of New Halls Ferry Rd. for Adopt-A-Highway program.

Other Activities:

On 1/23/2011 David Smith was honored as Sexton Emeritus after 20 years service. Dennis Haefner accepted the position of Sexton when David Smith resigned.

2011 (con't.)**Other Activities (con't.):**

Coffee Talk with Rev. Renee held on 8/21/2011

Opportunity Sunday held on 8/28/2011

In September Vestry decided to host a Cookout and Ice Cream Social for the community in hopes of increasing the church membership. Unfortunately only 13 non-church members attended the event.

Friends and Family Sunday held on 10/16/2011, headed up by Vivian Hartsfield, Rita Collins-Page, and Janetta Roberts.

Bill Wardle continued to plan Senior Outings—11/10/2011 Mark Twain Brunch Cruise.

Births/Baptisms:

Thatcher Ragland born on 1/27/2011, son of Harry and Gwen Ragland.

Payton Zeilman was baptized on 4/24/2011, daughter of Summer Birr. Granddaughter of Karen and Jim Birr.

Toby Okafor baptized 7/24/2011, son of Chudi and Uju Okafor. (born on 1/31/2011)

Deaths:

Amy Walling, St. Barnabas' secretary for several years, passed away on 6/23/2011. A memorial service was held at St. Barnabas on 9/17/2011.

Mary Conant, long time member of St Barnabas passed away on 1/20/2011. She was the St. Barnabas realtor; she donated 10% of the sale to the church.

Olivia Dalton, member passed away on 6/12/2011.

Celestina "Sally" Reed, long time member of St. Barnabas passed away on 7/30/2011 in Arkansas. She was an active member of the ECW before she moved to live with her family in Arkansas.

2012**Vestry**

Debbie Haefner, Senior Warden

Dusty Hassler, Junior Warden

Holly Garrett

Kathy Kiechlin-Smith

Ron Grames

Carolyn Stout

Jim Hollenberg

Bob Weisgerber

Nancy James

Convention Delegates:

Sharon Love

Dave Sinclair Carol Stout (alt.)

End of year operating deficit was \$19,525 and the overall deficit was \$10,966.

Website maintenance was transferred to Jim Birr from Ron Grames. A Facebook page was setup for the church.

St. Barnabas By-Laws were reviewed and revised.

Vestry created a Building Use Guidelines .

Vestry voted to name the church kitchen the "Judy Skinker Memorial Kitchen".

Secretary, Marlene Martens was hired on 5/21/ 2012.

Mold discovered in the Undercroft in June. The Undercroft was out of commission until repaired.

This year chimney tuck pointing, carpet in Tudor Hall and offices, repair of the boiler, and painting of Tudor Hall and Narthex was completed. Jr. Warden, Dusty Hassler, applied and received a Church Assistance Endowment matching grant for carpet and chimney repairs. Vestry approved Memorial funds to match.

Parish Life Calendar setup by Senior Warden, Debbie Haefner to improve the Communication in church.

Held Opportunity Sunday in August to encourage members to sign up for commissions of St. Barnabas.

Worship Committee:

Nancy James led the 2nd Annual Advent/Christmas intergenerational event—making ornaments.

Choir/Organist:

June 10th, celebrated Cindy Vantine's 30th year as Organist of St. Barnabas with a reception.

2012 (con't.)**Christian Education :**

Children's Sunday School led the Easter Vigil Service. Easter Egg Hunt handled by Sunday School students. No Vacation Bible School this year. Elizabeth Heckman resigned as Christian Education Coordinator and left the Church.

Joyce Jones, a former parishioner of Rev. Renee at St. Alphonsus Liguori "The Rock" Church, started a Bible Study program in February.

Outreach:

Total number of bags donated to T.E.A.M. was 209 for 2012.

Stewardship:

The theme for this year "This is our Story" from the song lyrics of *Blessed Assurance*. Parish members spoke at each service for 4 weeks about their story at St. Barnabas.

Men's Club

Donated \$600 to Church Operating Fund and awarded a scholarship to Ethan Grames.

Youth Group:

Joint activities with Episcopal Church of the Ascension began this year. Met with The Rev. Jonathan Stratton, Executive Director, concerning the "Old North Initiative", which later became the Deaconess Anne House. Youth groups of both Ascension and St. Barnabas helped in preparing the house for the Episcopal Service Corps to service the neighborhood near Crown Candy Kitchen.

Other Activities:

Dusty Hassler took lead of the Shove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

Dismantling Racism Workshop held on 2/11/2012.

'Faith and Film—Theological Reflection of the Movies' at Rev. Renee's home, on 2nd Fridays.

Carol Stout was able to join the Florissant Chamber of Commerce for St. Barnabas.

Buddy Moreno, long-time St. Barnabas member, celebrated his 100th year birthday at Delmar Gardens. The Four Mustaches (Dave Palmer, Ron Grames, Clark Burton, and Bob Weisgerber) performed at the party. Cindy Vantine and Diana Howarth organized the party.

Christmas Party and Brunch was on December 16th.

Births/Baptisms:

Layla Louise Graue was baptized on 2/19/2012, granddaughter of Debbie and Dennis Haefner.

Mason Goff born on 7/7/2012, grandson of Harry Goff.

Deaths:

Judy Skinker, long time member, director of Sunday School, Church Kitchen Manager, Holiday Dinner Manager, Member of Altar Guild, Book Sale Organizer, Liturgist and much more passed away on 2/20/2012.

Dave Smith, long time member, Sexton for 20 years, and Saturday Morning Maintenance Crew member passed away on 3/19/2012.

Ken Hoppe, long time member, Head of Ushers, active on Vestry, Dollar Dish, World Traveler, and cake maker passed away on 3/28/2012.

David Barkley, long time member of St. Barnabas passed away on 5/9/2012 in Lenexa, KS.

Trudy Morrow, former member of St. Barnabas passed away on 7/8/2012 in Kirkwood, Mo.

Dorothy Annabelle Clark, passed away on 7/16/2012, mother of former parishioner Gary Clark.

Judy Skinker, Dave Smith and Ken Hoppe were all very active members of St. Barnabas who passed away within a month's span, and are still greatly missed.

(the following are excerpts from the March and May Salters that express sentiments on the loss of these members)

Ode to Judy Skinker

There are those who serve just for showing;
and then there are those who serve with no one knowing.

Your faith you lived, day by day,
showing us all the Christian way.

Turkeys galore; books overflowing;
you found the way to keep things going.

It's the little things that made you the best.

We welcome for you this final rest.
We will honor you and your selfless ways
by moving forward in the coming days.

(by Diana Howarth)

DAVE SMITH

Dave was a patriot and an American Hero. He loved his country, his church and his family. He was our Sexton for over 20 years and the money that he saved our church by doing the repairs and maintenance is substantial. I am so glad that he is laid to rest in our Columbarium. He will always be a very special part of St. Barnabas' Church.

(by David Sinclair)

**Ken Hoppe Cake**

With permission from Pat Hoppe, here is the Ken Hoppe Cake recipe



4 eggs, beaten well
 Add 3 cups sugar, mix well
 Add 1 cup good oil (Mazola, Wesson, Crisco; do not use poor quality oil.) beat mixture well.
 Add 1– 16-17 oz. can fruit cocktail (juice and all)
 Add 3 cups of flour, mix well
 Add 1/2 teaspoon salt
 Add 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
 Add 1 teaspoon baking soda
 Add 1 teaspoon ground cloves
 Add 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 Add 1 teaspoon nutmeg
 Add 1/2 cup ground walnuts or pecans
 (I prefer walnuts here)

Mix well (It all needs to be blended well).
 Grease and flour a tube pan, pour in batter and top with 1/3 cup of ground pecans. Sprinkle evenly.

Place in heated oven @375 degrees for approx. 1 hr. and 15 minutes (give it the clean toothpick test). Remove and cool for 15 minutes and then remove from pan.

2013**Vestry:**

Debbie Haefner, Senior Warden
 Dusty Hassler, Junior Warden
 Terri Denicke Jim Hollenberg
 Michael Dobbs Nancy James
 Holly Garrett Carolyn Stout
 Harry Goff

Convention Delegates:

Margaret Nwaobasi Sharon Love (alt.)
 Dave Sinclair (alt.) Carolyn Stout (alt.)

End of year operating deficit was \$34,220 with an overall deficit of \$32,823.

John Palmer, Dennis Haefner and David Sinclair were named as the Endowment Fund Committee.

Kitchen stoves were replaced thanks to a donation in honor of Judy Skinker by her family.

Replaced the lighting in the Nave with LED lights and replaced lenses on lighting. The gazebo was removed due to rotted wood. Replaced additional oblong tables in Tudor Hall with plastic tables.

Two new computers were purchased replacing the older computers that needed updating.

Hot water heater replaced for the Tudor Hall addition. Undercroft windows replaced to stop rain leakage.

Clark Burton brought a book by Rick Warren called "The Purpose Driven Church" to the Vestry's attention concerning growing St Barnabas. A large effort was made to spruce up the church to have a large membership drive inviting the neighborhood. A direct mailing list was purchased and flyers were printed mailed out to 5,000 families. The expected turnout was for approximately 200 people. Walls were painted, carpeting replaced, lights replaced, doors replaced, stripping and waxing of floors, and general cleaning inside and out. This was a great project to get the parish working together to host an awesome Friends and Family Day on October 27th with a catered meal. The turn-out of new guests wasn't as large as hoped.

Worship Committee:

Celebrated the Feast of St. Barnabas with a brunch. A change was made to follow "Visitor Friendly Eucharist" format from the Seeker Sensitive Service. A welcoming statement is made at the beginning of the Eucharist by an scheduled greeter.

2013 (con't.)

Christian Education:

Nancy James worked with the small children holding a children's service. Low participation was a problem.

Communication:

Website and Facebook page improvements, well maintained. In October, "Connections", a weekly email communication, was crafted by Terri Denicke.

"Connections" is maintained by the church office.

Outreach:

First Fill the Ford for T.E.A.M. — 112 bags of groceries and \$730. Sponsored an Intern for Deaconess Anne House.

ECW:

Karen Birr became the ECW Province V President on April 13, 2013, and re-elected on May 14, 2016.

Youth Group:

Decorated a bedroom in the Deaconess Anne House.

Deaths:

Joseph Bosch, long time member of St. Barnabas, passed away on 1/15/2013.

Louis Murphy, long time choir member, passed away on 5/20/2013 after long illness. Lou was the spouse of Cam Murphy, a dedicated member of St. Barnabas.

The Rev. John Good, 2nd Rector of St. Barnabas passed away on 8/18/2013. Rev. John was Rector at St. Barnabas August, 1976 to November, 1987. A memorial service and visitation was held at Christ Church Cathedral with Inurnment at St. Barnabas on 9/14/2013.

Becky Hess, Rev. John and Norma Good's daughter passed away on 8/31/2013. A Burial Rite and Inurnment was held on 9/15/2013 at St. Barnabas.

Jeanne Shier passed away on 9/4/2013. She grew up on the East Coast and came to St. Barnabas late in her life. Arbie and Jim Hollenberg used to pick her up to bring her to church from a retirement center.

Robert Toolen a long time member passed away on 11/18/2013. Robert was the spouse of Terry Toolen, a dedicated member of St. Barnabas.

Merle Blundell became a member of St. Barnabas after retiring from Lutheran Church of the Atonement as organist. He passed away on 12/31/2013.

2014

Vestry:

Jim Hollenberg, Senior Warden

David Sinclair, Junior Warden

Rita Collins-Page Harry Goff

Terri Denicke John Palmer

Michael Dobbs Carolyn Stout

Holly Garrett

Convention Delegates:

Debbie Haefner David Sinclair

Diana Howarth Carolyn Stout (alt.)

Ended the year with an operating deficit of \$9,750, and an overall surplus of \$7,553. Vestry reduced fair share payments by \$10,000 to diocese. Received a \$10,000 anonymous donation.

Removed the Chris Heckman Eagle Scout project bench in the circle, it had become unstable.

Jim Hoefener designed gardens to fill in where gazebo was located. Mary Anselmo and Jim Hollenberg helped with the gardening project.

Altar Guild:

On Palm Sunday used the new red paraments for the altar, chasuble, and stole that were gifted by Dr. Leslie Johnson, a longtime friend of Rev. Renee.

Worship Committee:

The following held Coffee Talks after the service as well: Stacey McKnight (DAH) gave reflection on 7/13/2014. The Rev. Jon Stratton (Director, DAH) gave sermon on 7/27/2014. Chester Hines, Deacon candidate, gave sermon on 8/24/2014.

Joint service with The Lutheran Church of the Living Christ was held on Thanksgiving Eve.

Choir:

Fundraiser for choir fund—raffled off a handmade dollhouse with furniture donated by Leah Milton's grandmother.

Christian Education :

Children's Chapel was discontinued, due to lack of children to participate. Nancy James and Rita Collins-Page planned activities for the Children's Christian Education Formation.

2014 (con't.)

On 3/9/2014, during the bishop's visit Mathew Boyd was confirmed. Kimberly Boyd and Mary Anselmo reaffirmed their faith.

Summer Coffee Talks:

Stacy McKnight (DAH);

The Rev. Jon Stratton (DAH) Program director;

Danielle Dowd (Diocesan Youth Missioner)

Chester Hines (Deacon Candidate) discussed the efforts and ministry of the Dismantling "Racism" Committee.

Outreach:

"Fill the Ford" for TEAM, 7/12/2014

Jim Hollenberg reported donations to T.E.A.M. for the 2014 year was 181 bags of food . Adopt -a- Family collected \$700.

Sponsored interns for Deaconess Anne House, Stacy McKnight (2013-2014) and Martin Geiger (2014-2015)

Lifeline Screening held at St. Barnabas on 8/28/2014.

Three trunk loads of groceries were donated to St. Stephen's food pantry during the Ferguson protests.

Men's Club:

Scholarship awarded to Kelsey Sinclair.

Other Activities:

First Flea Market held in June, 2014.

First Sock Hop Fundraiser, September 2014 with the generous donation of the talents of the "Hot Flashes" band. Mary Dobbs, choir member, is a founding member of the band. Jim and Arbie Hollenberg were in charge of the event.

Received a copy of Edward Reed's book "i remember when." Mr. Reed was a former senior warden at St. Barnabas and was instrumental in St. Barnabas' transition from a mission to a parish.

A Bunco Club was started in June of 2014, and meets monthly on the 4th Thursday of the month.

Deaths:

Donald Joseph Boyer (son of founding member, Mildred Richey), a member of St. Barnabas in his early years, an acolyte, member of youth group and Boy Scout troop. Passed away on 1/3/2014.

2015

Vestry:

Dave Sinclair, Senior Warden

Dennis Haefner, Junior Warden

Terri Denicke

Sharon Love

Michael Dobbs

Margaret Nwaobasi

Harry Goff

John Palmer

Nancy Heinze

Convention Delegates:

Debbie Haefner

Cindy Vantine (stepped down)

Diana Howarth

Carolyn Stout (alt)

Ended the year with an operating deficit of \$5,557, and an overall surplus of \$34,180.

St. Barnabas Convention Delegate number was reduced to two. Cindy Vantine stepped down from the position.

Nancy Heinze replaced Rita Collins-Page on Vestry. New Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, was installed.

Dennis Haefner hired Critter Control to solve the raccoon problem. They removed 3 raccoons, 1 possum, and 1 squirrel in the attic of the building.

Rev. Renee was out for several months due to foot surgery. Several ladies took turns spending nights with her during her recovery. Other congregation members took food and stayed during the day to help as well.

Worship Committee:

Christmas Eve Service moved to 9:00 pm.

Celebrated Rev. Renee's 10th Anniversary on 6/28/2015.

Christian Education :

Lynn Grames continued teaching the older students.

Nancy James held a preschool class on days she babysat.

Outreach:

"Fill the Ford" with Food for T.E.A.M. held on 6/27/2015.

First annual Trunk or Treat in October, very successful—ran out of candy within 1.5 hours.

Agreed to allow a Girl Scout troop to use Tudor Hall.

Adopted family for Christmas—overwhelming response.

Donated \$300 to "Summons of Joy" program with other North County churches. Police program pulling people over to give them gift cards for Christmas.

Total 2015 donation of 148 bags of groceries to T.E.A.M.

2015(con't.)**Youth Group:**

Joined with the Ascension Youth Group to serve a meal at Trinity Episcopal Church in the Central West End.

ECW:

Additional \$600 donation to the church operating fund.
Donated \$100 toward a new Dyson vacuum for church.

Men's Club:

Scholarship awarded to Meri Grames.
Mother's Day Breakfast was cancelled.

Other Activities:

9/2015—1st Annual Sock Hop with the "Hot Flashes".
4/2015—1st Annual Trivia Night.
Kitchen Fund purchased new plates for kitchen.
Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper headed up by Dusty Hassler.
Parish Greening of the Church and Christmas Brunch.
Michael Boyd dressed up in his Christmas kilt and played Santa Claus for the children and adults.

Births/Baptisms:

Kennedy Marie Brown was baptized on 7/26/2015, granddaughter of Debbie and Dennis Haefner. (born on 11/20/2014)

Deaths:

Betty Lou Callies passed away on 1/3/2015. Betty was a long time member of St. Barnabas and active in the ECW.

Rhonda Benson Sutton, passed away on 2/25/2015. She was a former member of St. Barnabas.

Janet Smith, long time member of St. Barnabas, active in choir and Altar Guild, passed away on 4/17/2015.

Anthony Bertolino, long time member of St. Barnabas, active in choir, Vestry, Pledge Registrar and Treasurer. Spouse of Dottie Bertolino, passed away on 4/18/2015.

Faith Miller, long time member of St. Barnabas passed away on 10/01/2015. Faith was an active member of the Altar Guild, Pastoral Care Team, and the Search Committee.

Roland Dickens, was a long time member of St. Barnabas, passed away on 10/6/2015.

Carlos "Buddy" Moreno passed away on 11/29/2015. Buddy was a long time member of St. Barnabas and the oldest member of St. Barnabas—103. He was also a world renowned Big Band Leader.

2016**Vestry:**

Dave Sinclair, Senior Warden
Dennis Haefner, Junior Warden
Sally Boyd Sharon Love
Nancy Heinze Margaret Nwaobasi
Diana Howarth John Palmer

Convention Delegates:

Diana Howarth Debbie Haefner (alt.)

Ended the year with an operating deficit of \$29,919, and an overall deficit of \$19,867. Vestry decided to pay \$6000 for Diocesan Fair Share. We were unable to meet our goal.

Diocese notified St. Barnabas that with the number of parishioners the number of Convention Delegates are reduced to one (1) with one alternate.

MSD required changing storm water drainage to not drain into the waste sewer system on church building—new ordinance. MSD covered the cost of the change except for re-landscaping.

Set the date of the 60th Anniversary celebration as 4/29/2017.

Terry Toolen donated a bell for Tudor Hall in memory of her husband, Bob Toolen.

T.E.A.M. members Nancy Wolff and Pat Piotrowicz made a presentation to Vestry and presented Jim Hollenberg with an appreciation plaque for St. Barnabas on 9/14/2016.

Main entrance doors had glass shattered by BB gun pellets. Vandalism was reported to the police and insurance claim submitted. The persons responsible for the vandalism were eventually arrested. News Channel 4 contacted the church for an interview. Rev. Renee did an excellent job in the interview. Vestry voted to purchase security cameras for the grounds after another incident occurred. Loitering problems on the church grounds on the benches in the yard forced the Vestry to put up "No Loitering" signs.

Worship Committee:

Tenebrae Service was added to Wednesdays of Holy Week. Parishioners were invited to attend the Great Vigil of Easter available at the Cathedral. Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist was held with The Lutheran Church of the Living Christ at their location.

2016 (con't)

Choir/Organist:

Leah Milton, choir director, had baby Arwen in April. Susan Oris won the Arwen "guess the birth date" fund raising contest. Arwen helped mom direct the choir in the first few months of choir practice.

Cindy Vantine resigned as organist in August after 34 years. Sally Boyd headed up a search committee for a new organist. Others on the committee were: Diana Howarth, Dusty Hassler, Debbie Haefner, Leah Milton and Ron Grames. After a short search, it was determined Cameron Graham was the best choice. St. Barnabas was blessed that Cameron Graham stepped up to become the fulltime organist. Cameron is a senior in high school. Leah Milton was promoted to Music and Choir Director after Cameron was hired. She will work with Cameron to help him improve his skill in accompanying the choir.

Cameron Graham was confirmed on Saturday, 3/26/2016, during the Great Vigil of Easter at the Cathedral.

Outreach:

"Fill the Ford" for T.E.A.M. was held on 6/11/2016. C.H.A.M.P. asked to use Tudor Hall again for dog training. "Adopted a Family" again for Christmas outreach. Donated \$300 to the "Summons of Joy" program.

ECW:

Held the Coffee Hour for the Feast of St. Barnabas.

Mary Anselmo resigned as president in 2016. Mary also resigned as Quiet Circle lead. Sylvia Robbins will continue as the sole lead.

ECW met with the Missouri Diocese ECW Board members and decided to take a sabbatical from activities.

Men's Club:

St. Patrick's Dinner not held due to lack of manpower.

Other Activities:

February Shrove Tuesday Dinner, Pancakes for Jesus, continues with Dusty Hassler at the helm. Dusty also serves breakfast at his office and donates the money raised to the church.

2nd Annual Trivia Night was held on 4/30/2016, with a profit of \$3,000.

A Soul Food Luncheon held in March.

6/18/2016—Flea Market held. Sold table spots and food—not as successful as prior year.

In August it was decided to discontinue ordering Scrip due to lack of sales. On hand inventory would be sold.

A Spaghetti Supper fundraiser held for 60th Anniversary.

"Trunk or Treat" held on 10/29/2016.

In October Karen Birr resigned as head of the Shepherd Circles. Debbie Haefner took over the position.

The Bishop's visitation was held on December 4th. Our Christmas Brunch was also held that day with Michael Boyd again wearing his kilt and playing St. Nick.

Births/Baptisms:

Charles Michael Graue was baptized on 9/18/2016, grandson of Debbie and Dennis Haefner. (born on 2/3/2016)

Arwen Selene Milton was born on April 10, 2016. Daughter of Leah and Matt Milton.

Deaths:

Jill Stafford, long time member of St. Barnabas, passed away on 4/2/2016. She was a member of the ECW and the church choir.

2017

Vestry:

Dennis Haefner, Senior Warden

Kelly Snider, Junior Warden

Sally Boyd Susan Oris

Diana Howarth Debbie Palmer

Sharon Love Dave Sinclair

Margaret Nwaobasi

Convention Delegates:

Debbie Haefner Diana Howarth (alt.)

The Annual Meeting in 2017 was a stark reality for St. Barnabas. Treasurer, John Palmer's report indicated the church budget for 2017, showed a deficit of \$50,910. John estimated all Operating Funds would be spent in 2017 and the church would have to start spending the Memorial, Capital Maintenance, and Endowment Funds for general operation. If deficits continue St. Barnabas would run out of all funds in a little over five years.

The Rev. Canon Joseph Chambers, Canon to the Ordinary, met with the Vestry in January asking St. Barnabas to participate in the "Discerning Our Future" classes at the Episcopal School of Ministry. Three members will attend the classes; Diana Howarth, Harry Goff, and Dave Sinclair. This class should give the church some insight into what the options are for survival in the future. St. Barnabas also decided to participate in the Holy Cow Consulting "Church Assessment Tool" also suggested by Canon Chambers.

"No Loitering" signs were added in the parking lot area to help stop the loitering problems that exist.

ECW:

Helped with decorations for the St. Patrick's Day Dinner.

Volunteered to host Sunday Coffee Hour for the 60th Anniversary. Sold St. Barnabas shirts. Profits went towards 60th Anniversary fund. The Rev. Canon Joseph Chambers met with ECW and Vestry to mediate between the two groups to resolve differences and understand roles and decision making.

Men's Club

Held the St. Patrick's Day dinner with the help of the Dollar and Dish group. There was a great turnout.

Other Activities:

The Rev. B.J. Arnold, Minister at Lutheran Church of the Living Christ, retired in February, 2017.

St. Barnabas continues sharing Lenten services with The Lutheran Church of the Living Christ and St. Rose Philippine Duchesne Roman Catholic Church.

60th Anniversary fundraising—Movie nights showed Branson's productions of "Noah" (2/3) and "Moses" (3/25). We also held a "Food for the Soul" dinner (2/25).

"Pancakes for Jesus" held on Shrove Tuesday (2/28/2017) with Dusty Hassler at the helm. Dusty also held "Pancakes for Jesus" at his work place before office hours the same day and raised donations for the church.

Baptisms:

Arwen Selene Milton was baptized on 2/26/2017, daughter of Leah and Matt Milton.

Deaths:

Linda Brinkman, a long time ECW and church member passed away on 1/7/2017. St. Barnabas celebrated her life on 1/28/2017 with a Memorial Service and luncheon.

Chuck Maggart, a long time church member and Head Usher, passed away on 2/17/2017. A Celebration of Life Service was held for Chuck on 2/27/2017. The church was overflowing with visitors for the service and luncheon.

Terry Ford, former long time parishioner; member of Pastoral Committee, Vestry, Altar Guild, and Junior Warden passed away in Louisville, KY on 2/22/2017. A Memorial Service and luncheon was held on 4/1/2017.

