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## *A Joyful Noise*

August 2010

'Make a joyful noise  
to the Lord, all the earth.'

### *What Is Your Bishop's Committee Up To? 2nd Edition!*

Senior Warden Valerie Long

Every quarter I will try to write an article that informs you of some of the things your Bishop's Committee has been discussing or come to decisions on in your behalf. So here goes—it is a test of my recall system and the very accurate minutes taken by our church secretary, Marcy!



First of all, I want to share with you the results of the Gold Party Fundraiser we had in June. We felt it was very successful in that it raised over \$2,000 without a lot of planning effort and time. All those who came seemed to enjoy the afternoon with food and fellowship and coming home with money in their pocket from trading in their "old gold!" The church received a percentage of that total payout and some people donated a portion of their own proceeds. Also, many had participated in making 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm bracelets which we sold for \$20.00 apiece. Diane Guinn and Mary Gronholt headed up that endeavor and I thank them for their time and effort. There are still bracelets for sale, so contact Diane or Mary if you would like to see them. Now, we still need to raise another \$2,000 to make our budget—so we are open to any of your ideas—start brainstorming!!!!

The most exciting news is that the purchase of the property of our Red Door Thrift Shop is now final!!! Hallelujah!!! That seemed to be about a two year project due to glitches that had to be worked out on the seller's end. Guy Davidson worked hard to make that happen. Thank you, Guy!! Sometime in the near future the Red Door Management Team will be having a celebration party open to the community. We have many volunteers from the community that are not members of Christ Church but who donate their time to this cause which gives support to community programs. Do you have a few hours per week to come and volunteer—or do you know of anyone who does? The *Red Door* needs volunteers. It is also a great place to fellowship with others. Contact a Vestry member if you'd like to help.

Our Treasurer Micael Raphael, along with Marcy, has been converting our data to the Church Windows program—actually, an ongoing process. This will enable us, along with you, to better follow and understand our financial situation. The Red Door information will also transfer over to this. All in all, it is much more efficient. I thank them both for all the time and energy devoted to this.

Our Jr. Warden, John Guinn, has been quietly busy pursuing our requests to look into more cost effective ways toward conserving energy in our church. We will be getting new thermostats and eventually, down the road, maybe a

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## *Bishop's Committee*

new water heater. Along with a lot of work by Sara Shao-McVay, we have been reviewing ways to make the entry into the church safer—specifically the threshold. Sara has done much work on this with a local architect. No decisions have been made, but this is something we would like to pursue. An updated land survey will be needed for any projects such as this. Also, being the owner of now three properties, there will be repair and maintenance issues and costs associated with all. Another topic discussed has been a new sign or signage for the church—any ideas???

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recently came up with some new ideas  
for greeting and welcoming newcomers  
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Along those lines, remember to Google *Christ Church Anacortes*. The more we do this, the higher up we move on the Google list—and in today's techno-world that is where people look for information. We hope this will become a valuable resource that will lead to new members. The Men's Group that meets on Friday mornings recently came up with some new ideas for greeting and welcoming newcomers—we will be forming a committee and working to improve this important piece of our ministry. Now we need to form a Women's Group to bring in more ideas and serve as a fellowship time together—if you are interested in this, let your Bishop's Committee know.

Again, Marcy does a wonderful job with our *Joyful Noise* newsletter. You probably noticed that it is now being sent out as an e-mail. This helps conserve postage and paper. However, there will be copies available in the church and also in the Parish Hall. June Cook recently began writing a "Who We Are" column, interviewing church members. What a fun way to get to know each other.

Recently, there were two Sundays that were directed at Congregational Discernment for the Support Circle of our Total Common Ministry. Thank you to all for your ideas and concerns. Missioner Terry felt it was very valuable—this is your ministry as we move forward as a Total Common Ministry Church. The Support Circle has been on a summer sabbatical, but will start up again soon and will be pursuing a Clinical Pastoral Education program this fall. You will be hearing more about this.

Well, I know I have only touched the surface—but hopefully this has been somewhat informative. Remember your Bishop's Committee needs your input and thoughts. The BC meeting minutes are always available for you to look at—ask Marcy or one of the Committee members. I will probably not have an article for September as I will be off to Sweden most of the month of August—may even learn a little more about the Lutherans there!!!! God Bless all of you for all you do for Christ Church—yes, worshipping our Lord and God is the most important ministry!!

Blessings,  
Val Long, Sr. Warden

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## 6-Day

Hayley Davidson

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High school is a very stressful time for a lot of teenagers. There are grades to think about, hard classes, college applications and essays, clubs, sports, school activities, and plays, not to mention the unrelenting pressure to always be cool.

There is a lot of anxiety that comes with academics, but none compare to the pressure to wear the right clothes, act the right way, to be friends with the right people and to not be friends with the wrong people. And as for those who happen to be the 'wrong' people, any hope of being cool is out the window.

The Episcopal Diocese of Olympia's 6-Day and HYC (High School Youth Conference) community is made up of high school kids who don't judge people by how they look or whom they exclude, but by how people love, and who they include. These conferences for high school students, occurring four times a year, are a place where kids can feel comfortable in their own skin – where they will always be accepted for who they are. Some people come for their first time thinking that they will be picked on, just like what happens in school, but soon find themselves being invited into games or conversations by the more outgoing members. Never have I ever felt so welcomed in any other setting other than my own home.

Being surrounded by peers that are so kind and welcoming is the best way to help others grow as human beings and to teach them what it means to be a real part of a community. Participating in these programs makes being a better person in everyday life so much easier. It gives confidence to those who don't have it, humbles those who are proud, and sheds light on the power of accepting others for everything that they have to offer.

There are three weekend conferences throughout the year that travel to different parishes within the

diocese, and then an end-of-year conference that lasts for six days at Camp Huston. The people who help run these events are incredibly committed to the youth in our diocese. The vast majority of the staff were once students that also went through HYC and loved it so much that they had to come back. Many will also tell you that their best friends were people they met in high school at HYC. From my experience with HYC and 6-Day I have made quite a few friends that I know I will keep for a very long time. Everyone finds a couple friends with whom they share a special connection, but this entire community is like one big family.

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6-Day is really the culminating event of the year. It is amazingly inspirational, not to mention all the fun games and events, dances, talent shows, movie nights, camp fires, songs, baptisms and confirmations, arts and crafts, stories with Deacon Dad, cabin competitions... the list goes on and on. There are endless activities that make 6-Day a week of excitement. Never is there a dull moment. We have 'small groups' to get better connected with a few people and to have silly or serious conversations about life and the world we're living in. There are inspiring moments when we all come together to support one another, like in the healing service.

6-Day is where everyone can be open and honest with themselves and everyone around them and not feel judged or put down. 6-Day is where people are lifted up by those who truly care about them. 6-Day is where I found my faith in God and in people. 6-Day is the best thing I have done with my life to date, and I wouldn't give up those memories and those friends for the world.

Hayley

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# Community of Hope Conference

Creamy Wilkins

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I am very thankful that I had the opportunity to attend the 13th annual conference of the *Community of Hope*, “a school for God’s service”. It was a spiritual and exciting adventure and a wonderful experience. *Listening with the Ear of Your Heart* was the theme for this year’s conference, which was attended by those who have started *COH* training in their churches and communities.

I was so inspired to see so many denominations come together as one body in the spirit of God that I was moved to tears and I am hoping that we can start the *Community of Hope* in our own community. *COH* creates communities committed to pastoral care and equips lay persons to be present in a compassionate, listening, and non-controlling manner. The book *The Rule of Benedict* is used as a spiritual guide. It seems that, to the wise, life is not a series of events to be controlled, but rather a way of walking through the universe whole and Holy. In today’s society we do not take the time to really listen, that deep listening that Jesus was talking about when he says in Revelation “He that hath an ear let him hear” (Rev. 2:7). Let us hear with the

listening ear of our heart what the spirit is saying to us, for it is the spirit of God that calls us into the work.

Camp Allen, in Navasota TX, was the setting for the conference and it was so beautiful. All Christians are citizens of the community of sharing God’s love with others, and I enjoyed all of it—the sharing, the giving of one’s self to be used by the spirit to do the work that is needed in our community. I am ready. Are you?

Peace be with all,  
Creamy

Note:

*Community of Hope* training will begin on Monday, September 13, with classes held on the 2nd Monday of each month at Christ Church parish hall. Deadline to register for class is Tuesday, August 31. For more information or to register, please contact Diane Ramerman, 360-299-2398, or Creamy Wilkins, 360-588-4794.



## Mass on the Grass

Sunday, August 15

10:30 am

Gentry House lawn

The musicians of *Steadfast* band will lead our joyful outdoor celebration of the Eucharist.

The service will be followed by a barbecue.



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# Treasurer's Report

Micael Raphael

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We are half way through the year with many positive things to report.

Val Long, Diane Guinn, Mary Gronholt and many more in our congregation should be thanked and commended on the success of our Gold Party Fundraiser. With our hosting fee, bracelet sales, and donations, the event raised more than \$2,000, half of our needed \$4,000 to supplement the annual budget. Thanks to all for your help and support.

Camp Huston donations for 2010 were \$550. With this amount, along with money carried over from 2009 and diocesan matching funds, we were able to sponsor three children and one teen to attend Camp Huston this year. A total of five children in our congregation will be attending Camp Huston this summer. Once again, our prayerful thanks to all who provided support.

The Red Door Thrift Shop property sale closed successfully in June. Christ Church and the diocese are now owners of the property. We are fortunate to have had Dale Ramerman, Frank McCoy, and Guy Davidson to help shepherd this purchase to closing. Also, thanks to those who continue to support the Red Door through volunteering and in helping to underwrite our loan.

With Marcy Perschbacher's hard work, we now have Church Windows Software streamlining accounting and working efficiently in providing reporting for all of our many funds and projects.

## YEAR TO DATE – JUNE 30, 2010 OPERATIONAL INCOME & EXPENSE

INCOME	YTD	ANNUAL BUDGET	
Pledge & Unpledged	\$48,782	\$91,000	107%
Plate	\$ 2,349	\$ 5,500	85%
Other	\$ 3,306	\$ 5,550	117%
Red Door Contribution	\$ 9,999	\$20,000	100%
Total Income	\$64,436	\$121,550	106%
EXPENSES			
Cluster	\$26,149	\$52,300	100%
Diocesan Assessment	\$10,044	\$20,088	100%
Office	\$ 2,975	\$ 6,205	96%
Church Life	\$ 1,777	\$ 3,192	111%
Faith Formation	\$ 829	\$ 1,450	114%
Property	\$ 4,317	\$11,055	78%
Administrative	\$10,428	\$20,962	99%
Organist	\$ 1,992	\$ 3,992	99%
Other	\$ 25	\$—0—	
Total Expenses	\$58,593	\$119,244	98%
Difference	\$ 5,900	(-\$2,306)	

I am also happy to report that our Operational Income for midyear is approximately 106% of budget at \$64,436 – 6% over for this six month period. Total expenses are at 98% of budget at \$58,536 – 2% under budget. Although we may appear to be ahead in our income, we continue to ask those who head our ministries to be conservative in their spending. I would also like to thank everyone for their help and dedication to the responsible stewardship of church funds.

In Appreciation,

Micael Raphael

Treasurer, Christ Episcopal Church

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# Update

## Capital Campaign for Contiguous Property Purchase

Clark McKee

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May 31 was the end of the first of the three year payment period for the Capital Campaign pledges. For the benefit of new members, the campaign was held early last year to finance most of the purchase price (\$375,000) of the property next door. The purchase was actually made at the end of 2008 using "up front" money given by parishioners, Christ Church savings, an initial loan from the diocese, and a large temporary loan by one parishioner. Later the diocese took over the parishioner's loan, becoming our sole lender. During the first five months of 2009, Christ Church conducted a capital campaign which resulted in pledges totaling \$203,800, to be paid over the three years, beginning June 1. So how have we done, one year later?

Payments on pledges by May 31 totaled \$94,252, or nearly half (46.5 %) of the total amount pledged, this over just a third of the three year period. Of the 42 pledges, 12 had been paid in full, 22 were either on or ahead of the committed payment schedule, two not yet paid are without committed dates, and six are behind, two of which (small ones) will probably not be realized. No cancellations or reductions. On the whole, pledge payment performance has been excellent.

The diocesan loan is for five years starting 1/1/2009, with a low (3.5%) interest rate and low required monthly payments, but with a balloon payment due after five years (12-31-13). The objective, however, is to fully repay the loan before then, using income from the pledge payments, monthly Red Door contributions of \$1,750 and rental

income from the Gentry House and the garage. Our financial model (contact me if you want the financial details) now indicates that we will succeed. By 5/31/12, the end of the pledge payment period, the loan balance should be well under \$30,000, an amount that could readily be retired over the remaining nineteen months of the loan by Red Door contributions alone.

There are of course some assumptions in this conclusion. One is that at least 95% of the remaining pledges will be paid. Based on how very conscientiously the payments have been made so far, this seems conservative. Another is that the Red Door contributions will remain steady. And the third, less certain but also less critical than the others, is that the rents will come in consistently. Skagit Adult Day Care is under financial stress but its situation appears to be improving.

On the whole the outlook now is good, thanks be to God and to the faithfulness of those who have given and continue to give so much.

Clark



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## 2009 Audits

Valerie Long

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### *Thank you to our 2009 Audit Committees*

Christ Church Audit Committee:  
Cal Lloyd, Chair  
June Cook  
David Laidman

Red Door Audit Committee:  
Don Blankenship, Chair  
John Guinn

These volunteers donated many hours on this endeavor and I wish to thank them on behalf of our congregation. The reports will be on the agenda at our September Bishop's Committee meeting and combined to submit to the diocese—on schedule!! Thank you all!!



Don Blankenship



## *Server Schedule*

### August 1

*Proper 13*

*Readings:*

Hosea 11:1-11  
Psalm 107:1-9, 43  
Colossians 3:1-11  
Luke 12:13-21

#### Altar Guild

Mary Hunter  
Anne Smiley

#### MP Worship Leader

Eric Johnson

#### Eucharistic Minister

Carol Rodin

#### Acolyte

Maegi Barrett

#### Reader 1

Bonita Janz

#### Reader 2

Gary Anderson

#### Greeter

Dale Ramerman

#### Ushers

Shirley Barrett  
Lu Ann Wohlander

#### Eucharistic Visitor

Janice Lloyd

#### Tellers

Neil Borman  
Dale Ramerman

### August 8

*Proper 14*

*Readings:*

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20  
Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16  
Luke 12:32-40

#### Altar Guild

Janis Larkins  
Dee Roberts

#### Eucharist Worship Asst.

Neil Borman

#### Eucharistic Minister

Charlene Corbin

#### Acolyte

Jalil Potter

#### Reader 1

Shirley Barrett

#### Reader 2

Emerson Roberts

#### Greeter

Janis Larkins

#### Ushers

Cal Lloyd  
Janice Lloyd

#### Eucharistic Visitor

Dale Ramerman

#### Tellers

Gary Anderson  
Dale Ramerman

### August 15

*Proper 15*

*Readings:*

Isaiah 5:1-7  
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18  
Hebrews 11:29-12:2  
Luke 12:49-56

#### Altar Guild

Diana McGaw  
Mary Gronholt

#### MP Worship Leader

Diane Ramerman

#### Eucharistic Minister

Neil Borman

#### Acolyte

Kai Perschbacher

#### Reader 1

Janice Lloyd

#### Reader 2

Clark McKee

#### Greeter

Dale Ramerman

#### Ushers

Creamy Wilkins  
Carleton Manning

#### Eucharistic Visitor

Eric Johnson

#### Tellers

Neil Borman  
Gary Anderson

### August 22

*Proper 16*

*Readings:*

Jeremiah 1:4-10  
Psalm 71:1-6  
Hebrews 12:18-29  
Luke 13: 10-17

#### Altar Guild

June Cook

#### MP Worship Leader

Sara Shao-McVay

#### Eucharistic Minister

Neil Borman

#### Acolyte

Maegi Barrett

#### Reader 1

John Guinn

#### Reader 2

Shirley Barrett

#### Greeter

Janis Larkins

#### Ushers

Shirley Barrett  
Lu Ann Wohlander

#### Eucharistic Visitor

Diane Ramerman

#### Tellers

Neil Borman  
Dale Ramerman

### August 29

*Proper 17*

*Readings:*

Jeremiah 2:4-13  
Psalm 81:1, 10-16  
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16  
Luke 14:1, 7-14

#### Altar Guild

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# August 2010

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 Morning Prayer 8:00 am Worship Service 10:30 am	2 No Yoga Class  Choir Practice 5:45 pm, PH	3  Centering Prayer Service 7:30-8:00 pm	4 RD Staff Meeting 9-10 am, PH  RD Linen Group 10-11:30 am, PH	5	6 Men's Group 8:00 am, PH  Office Volunteer Group 9-10 am	7
8 Rite I Eucharist 8:00 am Chandler Square Service 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Theology Potluck 5:00-8:00 pm Ramerman Home	9 Gentle Yoga Class 3:00-4:00 pm Parish Hall  Choir Practice 5:45 pm, PH	10  Centering Prayer Service 7:30-8:00 pm	11 RD Staff Meeting 9-10 am, PH  RD Linen Group 10-11:30 am, PH  Evening Prayer 6:00 pm	12	13 Men's Group 8:00 am, PH  Office Volunteer Group 9-10 am	14
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29 Morning Prayer 8:00 am Worship Service 10:30 am	30 Gentle Yoga Class 3:00-4:00 pm Parish Hall  Choir Practice 5:45 pm, PH	31 Registration Deadline for <i>Community of Hope</i>  Centering Prayer Service 7:30-8:00 pm	<p><b>Vacations:</b></p> <p><b>August 1-14</b>    <b>Pastor Terry on vacation</b></p> <p><b>August 16-27</b>    <b>Marcy on vacation; Church office closed</b></p>			