

THE 130TH ANNUAL REPORT

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EMMANUEL MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS

REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Personnel Committee met December 3, 2011 to discuss job performances and staff compensation for 2012. Members included Terri Kobel, Scott Moe, Parish Treasurer Bill Link, and the two wardens—Randy Kobel and Tom Barnard. Given the state of the economy, the clergy declined raises for 2012. Regrettably, the committee felt that, while the other staff members were doing outstanding jobs, the parish was not in a position to grant raises for 2012. The recommendations were forwarded to the Vestry for consideration and action on December 12, 2011. The Vestry unanimously approved the recommendations of the Personnel Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas C. Barnard
Rector's Warden

REPORT OF THE RECTOR'S WARDEN

Overall, 2011 was an eventful year for Emmanuel and the Diocese of Springfield. The annual Vestry retreat in March helped set the tone and the agenda for the year ahead. The Bishop-elect, The Rev'd. Daniel Martins, attended the retreat in the Great Hall at Emmanuel. A capital campaign plan was suggested and the vestry chose to continue work on the previous year's major goals (see Parish Warden Randy Kobel's report for specific information).

Unlike the prior year, 2011 proved to be more stable. The new Bishop of the Diocese of Springfield was installed, as our parish clergy participated in the ceremony. In addition, we continue to pray for the rector's on-going good health, to support him in as many ways as we can, and to share in the work of the parish.

Father Hall retired in November after 12 years of outstanding service to the parish. While we will miss Fr. Hall, we remain blessed to have such a talented deacon, Deacon Hopkins, and an extraordinary parish administrator, Lori Dobrik.

I would like to thank our retiring Vestry members – Patti Gruber, Scott Moe, and Dan Noel—for their valuable service to Emmanuel. I would like to extend a special thank you to Randy Kobel for his leadership (and fellowship) as Parish Warden.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas C. Barnard
Rector's Warden

REPORT OF THE PARISH WARDEN

On behalf of the Clergy, Wardens and Vestry we would like to extend our thanks to all of the people who provided service to the Parish over the past year. Events that we all value are possible because people demonstrate their commitment to the church through the ministry of service. Buildings and Grounds clean-up, Hanging of the Greens, and Altar Guild, just to name a few, make it possible to provide worship services and Christian fellowship in an environment that enhances our spirituality and affection for one another.

The parish is fortunate that we have not had major facility issues that have impacted our ability to worship and serve. Both the original church and the east addition are aging and vigilance is required to keep them in the condition we all expect. We have been blessed with clergy, staff and parishioners who care enough to observe and act when needed. The work done in the early 1990's still pays dividends related to expenses for maintenance and renovation. Day-to-day maintenance is handled with little or no disruption to daily activities and small renovation projects have been addressed economically and effectively with the summer work crew.

There were issues with the slate roof. They were addressed in the fall and were essentially enhanced maintenance projects to prevent damage to the building structure, pipe organ, and interior finishes. A leak that occurred over the northeast stairwell in the east addition caused damage to ceiling tile and a certain amount of excitement. The roof over this space is primarily flat but transitions to slate at the perimeter. Flashing material at the transition had deteriorated and was repaired at the same time the slate repairs were made. Repairs to the ceiling damaged by the leak will be made as the effectiveness of the repairs is confirmed.

A larger issue with the boiler serving the church was discovered in the fall as the system was being checked for winter operations. The cast iron sections making up the body of the boiler were leaking. The boiler was disassembled and gaskets between the sections were replaced. A chemical treatment system will be initiated to reduce the chance of a recurrence of the problem in the near future. This repair should be effective for the next five to seven years giving the parish time to accrue funds for replacement of the existing boiler with a more energy efficient system.

Work on temperature controls is complete. Thermostats were calibrated and repairs made to thermostats and associated components. This work will increase comfort levels and (hopefully) reduce the cost of heating by increasing the overall efficiency of the system.

Respectfully submitted,
R.W. Kobel
Parish Warden

THE REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The budget for 2011, as in the previous several years, reflected a major deficit with expenditures exceeding income. This was due in large part to the loss of pledge revenue and an increase in cost of services.

As the year progressed, the economy improved and our parishioners remained faithful to their financial commitment to the church. Thanks to the investment expertise of our parish trustees, the increased revenue from our parish Endowment contributed significantly to the parish's operating budget. I cannot emphasize enough the important contribution of the distributions from our parish Endowment.

At the close of 2011, we enter the new year with a cash carryover. Even though we have another deficit budget for 2012, with continued careful monitoring and a prudent eye on expenses, we should again be able to keep finances within balance.

Respectfully submitted,
William Link
Treasurer

FINANCIAL STATEMENT – DECEMBER 31, 2011

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VIA USPS
AND WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING)

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STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN for 2012

After three years of recession, the economy in this community is still weak and unemployment is still an issue for many. Family budgets are tight, and in such an environment, we should not be surprised to see pledges to the church decrease. And while the pledge total is down this year, we are immensely grateful to the people of Emmanuel who continue to commit to the mission of our parish. Thank you for your continued generosity. It is with a sense of sadness, borne out by the necessity for frugality given the pledge amount, that the budget for outreach within and beyond the local community has been decreased to \$10,000. In the data table below this report, you will see how we have fared this year compared to the last two.

This year's Stewardship Campaign was again low-key owing to the tenuous economic situation. Despite the low-key nature, there was a great deal of work behind the scenes, with Lori Dobrik (as usual) insuring that pledge cards, address labels, necessary mailings, and all the mechanics were in place. In addition, Lori collaborated with Peyton Scheeler to create a Stewardship display that illustrated how pledge dollars are distributed. Further, Lori worked with Bill Link to keep all financial records up to date. Thank you, Lori and Bill, for sharing your time and talents with us. The Campaign ended with our Every-Member Canvass on Nov. 6, and we thank all who made calls and visits on behalf of the Parish.

We began the Stewardship Campaign by asking you to consider prayerfully your role in God's kingdom, and the role played by our parish. Let us keep those roles in mind throughout the year, growing in faith and commitment to the needs of others. If you have suggestions for improving our Stewardship efforts, please speak up—talk to a Vestry member, write a letter, or volunteer to help out.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Barnard and Randy Kobel
Wardens

STEWARDSHIP REPORT for 2012

Total Pledged to date	\$ 337,465 (2012)	\$ 371,886 (2011)	\$ 390,361 (2010)
Number of Pledges	137	153	162
Average Pledge	\$2,463	\$2,431	\$2,410
Pledges Increased:	41	48	57
Pledges Decreased:	18	24	25
Pledges Unchanged:	70	73	72
New Pledges:	7	8	5
Lost Pledges:	24	17	15
(including death, illness, relocation and economic constraints)			
Returning Pledges	1	0	3
TOTAL LOST Dollars	\$ 38,368	\$ 38,368	
TOTAL NEW/RETURNING Dollars		\$ 6,023	

2012 PLEDGE RANGE

NUMBER OF PLEDGES IN RANGE

\$1 – \$499	28
\$500 – \$999	25
\$1000 – \$1499	22
\$1500 – \$1999	10
\$2000 – \$2499	8
\$2500 – \$2999	5
\$3000 – \$3499	9
\$3500 – \$3999	5
\$4000 – \$4499	4
\$4500 – \$4999	4
\$5000 – \$5499	3
\$5500 – \$5999	3
\$6000 – \$6499	4
\$6500 – \$6999	1
\$7000 – \$7499	0
\$7500 – \$7999	0
\$8000 – \$8499	2
\$8500 – \$8999	0
\$9000 – \$9499	0
\$9500 – \$9999	1
\$10000 – \$14999	1
\$15000 – \$19999	0
\$20000 – \$24999	1
> \$25,000	1

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild continues its commitment to caring for the altar, providing the bread, wine, candles and vestments, as well as making sure that the altar is prepared properly for each service. We have been paying for the upkeep of the altar by our annual making and selling of our decorated Easter eggs.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Rear

MEMBERS OF ALTAR GUILD 2011

Kathy Aquino
Marjorie Bouton
Toni Boynton
Agnes Decker
Lori Dobrik
Marny Elliott
Mary Engelbrecht
Patti Gruber
Reba Hall
Joanne Hoch
Miriam Iben
Jill Knappenberger
Lisa Kocheril

Lillian Larivee
Laura Lindemann
Liz Lindemann
Libbie Lore
Mary Mabray
Nancy MacDonald
Carolyn Maxwell
Ruth McCauley
Jean Mills
Mary Moore
Patricia Nelson

Carolyn Ogen
Kathy Ottney
Jean Patterson
Pat Rear
Lynn Ryle
Joan Smith
Marilyn Taylor
Mary Lou Watson
Melinda Wells
Patricia Weston
Lorraine Worthington
Katie Yau

(THE ALTAR GUILD FINANCIAL STATEMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE
AT THE ANNUAL MEETING)

UNITED THANK OFFERING

The United Thank Offering (UTO) supports the mission work of the Episcopal Church. Individuals use the designated UTO boxes to gather daily offerings of thanksgiving for blessings received. Collection of these offerings occurs in the fall and in the spring. The UTO from Emmanuel is sent to the diocese which in turn sends it off to the national church. The 2011 total from Emmanuel for both Fall and Spring Ingatherings was \$2,964.00 as compared to \$3,154.00 in 2010. Thanks to all those contributing to this worthy cause. Everyone can become a part of UTO by offering thanks and prayers as part of your daily life with Christ while dropping coins in the "Blue Box" available at the Communications Corner table in the Great Hall.

Just as the offering cycle starts locally by putting coins in the "Blue Box," the granting cycle begins locally - with proposals from parishes and mission outreach programs. Each diocese may submit two requests each year. All requests are researched by the UTO Committee with awards being made in late summer. Grant monies are available for use from September until the following September in the year of General Convention and from June until the following June in other years. Forms for grant requests are available from the diocesan office beginning in October. Each year, 100% of the money is distributed in grants as well as any earned interest.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Dobrik

SAINT CATHERINE'S GUILD

The purpose of St. Catherine's Guild is to serve God through corporate and individual worship and service to others. Members meet at the church for the Eucharist at 11:00 a.m. on the third Thursday of the month, September - May (excluding January) for the Eucharist, followed by an informal luncheon and a short business meeting. The activities of the Guild include helping with the packing of lunches for the hungry and sending cards to members who are sick, hospitalized or bereaved, as well as to those who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary. It is with deep sadness that the Guild reports the death in November of its long-time president, Lura Aurelius. For a list of our expenses for 2011, please see the report of the Guild treasurer. We welcome all the women of our church to join our fun-loving group!

ST. CATHERINE'S GUILD MEMBERSHIP LIST 2011

Lura Aurelius
Joyce Bohrer
Toni Boynton
Reba Hall
Joanne Hoch
Barb HolmanPat Rear

Lettie Johnson
Lillian Larivee
Libbie Lore
Harriett Maxwell
Margie McCabe

Honorary Members:
Alice Kelly
Jean Murphy
Jean Patterson

(THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR ST. CATHERINE'S GUILD
WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING)

THE REPORT OF THE EMMANUEL MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL YOUTH GROUP

2011 was a busy year for the Emmanuel Youth Group. The three main objectives of service, education and community building were all met and group members had a lot of fun in their accomplishments!

Highlights of the year in the area of education included a successful Seder meal put on for the parish during Lent and attending a sacred music concert at the Bethel A.M.E. Church and learning about the history of that denomination.

Service to the church and to the community included many favorite activities. This year the group again assisted the church in preparing Emmanuel's worship space for the seasons of Advent and Lent and in serving breakfast prior to the Annual Meeting. Sack lunches were prepared to give out at the church door, and over \$1,100 was raised to purchase new toys for the needy.

The summer trip was to Chicago and included a Cubs game and day at Great America. The group met jointly with youth from The Church of the Annunciation, Gurnee, and spent the night in their parish hall. In what has become an annual trip, the group went to the Rantoul Corn Maze in October. Other events also included afternoons of ice skating and bowling.

Throughout the year many games, such as kick ball, sardines, indoor volleyball, and various board games were played and the group also watched a few good movies.

All who are in sixth grade through high school are encouraged to attend Youth Group events and guests are always welcome. Most meetings begin with a meal followed by an activity and end with the reading of Compline in the church. Members select the group's activities and everyone takes a turn leading Compline.

Thank you to all who helped with Youth Group during the year. The group appreciates all of the suppers and snacks, and the parish support of the outreach and educational projects. Special mention goes to Bryan Dobrik for leading the games at the Christmas party and much gratitude is offered for the ministries of Matt Gruber, Nicole Gruber, and Eric Kobel, the youth mentors of 2011.

Respectfully submitted,
Deacon Christine Hopkins

EMMANUEL PARISH BOOKSTALL

The Bookstall continues to provide books targeted toward Episcopal and Anglican topics and approaches to the faith. We would like to expand our selections of children's books and appeal for suggestions from parents of young children. As ever, we are open to suggestions of titles to stock in the Bookstall.

We renewed our membership in the Episcopal Booksellers Association, which opens up a number of new opportunities. Membership also provides new sources of books and other Anglican materials, guaranteed discounts from several new publishers and distributors as well as contact with other Episcopal bookstores which can help us refine and, perhaps, even expand our operation.

Thanks to our sellers – Lynn Ryle, Ken Wilkening and Bill Hechler – and those in the parish who have made suggestions. Last but not least, all those who have bought books! If you are interested in joining our enterprise, please don't hesitate to get in touch with either Lori Dobrik or Bill MacDonald.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill MacDonald & Lori Dobrik
Bookstall co-managers

(BOOKSTALL FINANCIAL REPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE
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REPORT OF ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

The primary focus of Adult Christian Education is the weekly meeting of the Adult Forum, a series of programs in the spring and fall, roughly corresponding with the school year. Adult Forum also generally meets two or three times during the summer months. The topics are often based upon recommendations from clergy or topics of interest to the group. We invite everyone to begin 2012 by joining our faithful group of "truth-seekers".

During all of 2011 we studied the book "A Brief Introduction to the New Testament" by Dr. Bart Ehrman. Most Sundays, we also viewed a DVD lecture by Dr. Ehrman that corresponded to a chapter from the book. On two occasions, our guest presenter was parishioner Dr. Rick Layton from the Department of Religion at the University of Illinois.

The group chose to begin 2012 by reading and discussing the book "If God is Love: Rediscovering Grace in an Ungracious World" by Philip Gulley and James Mulholland. The authors "show how far we have drifted from Jesus's message of grace, love, and hope. 'If God is Love' offers a beautiful portrait of the power of love and acceptance, challenging us to a new way of life."

Our group meets between services (9:10 - 10:05) in the Adult Education Room. Please consider joining our group anytime for what is often a lively and enlightening discussion

Respectfully submitted,
Roger and Sara Burrus
Adult Forum Facilitators

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY REPORT

Sunday School classes meet from 9:00 – 10:00 on Sunday mornings followed by Children’s Chapel for the younger children. All children are welcome and encouraged to attend. Parents, grandparents, and other parishioners are encouraged to visit, assist, and otherwise support this important program.

We currently have three Sunday School classes; one for three- through five-year-olds led by Chris Russell, one for first- through third-graders led by Bill Techau, and a third class for fourth through sixth-graders led by me.

This year we are using the All Things New curriculum as a basis for all three classes. This program, over a two-year cycle, introduces the children to 78 popular Bible stories. You can read more about the curriculum and download sample pages at the following link:

<http://www.morehouseeducation.org/AllThingsNew/>

In addition to Sunday School, the children prepared and presented the annual Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve. This program requires additional adult assistance for costumes, rehearsals and logistics each year, and we are especially grateful to the many parents who volunteered this year to help out in this regard.

Since we currently do not offer a Sunday morning class for middle school- and high school-age youth, those in grades six through twelve are encouraged to attend Youth Group, which meets most Sundays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The Youth Group program is designed by the youth at the beginning (fall) of each year and includes three components: education, service, and fellowship (fun).

Additional opportunities for children and youth to further explore the Episcopal faith and experience fellowship with other Episcopal children and youth, both within and beyond our parish, are Confirmation classes, the acolyte program, choristers (with the Chapel of St. John the Divine), summer church camp, Beginnings, Happening, and Work Week. Please see Lori Dobrik in the Parish Office for more information on these programs.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda Wells
Sunday School Superintendent

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Children's Chapel begins in the Robert's Chapel each Sunday at 10:15 am and continues until the children join their families in the sanctuary during the Exchange of the Peace. In the chapel we sing hymns, listen to stories related to the week's lectionary, share our thanksgivings and thoughts in prayer, and present our gifts in an offering collection. Children are encouraged to participate in the worship service by taking turns as crucifer, acolytes, and ushers. Favorite annual events include a Children's Chapel baptism (complete with doll "babies", "parents" and "godparents") and a pre-Ash Wednesday run-through of the imposition of ashes. These events help the children to understand the actual events in the big church.

Thank you to those who volunteered to assist in the chapel during 2011 and a special thanks to Lucienne Burrus, Carrie Hopkins and Matt Hopkins who served as worship leaders.

Respectfully submitted,
Deacon Christine Hopkins

OUTREACH MINISTRY

The Vestry continued to function as the Christian Social Concerns Committee throughout 2011. A subcommittee met in late December 2011 to consider all requests for funds and to allocate the outreach monies in the budget. (See accompanying report p. 14).

ON-GOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH EMMANUEL

For the past year, each month, one of the organizations that Emmanuel supports through its outreach budget has been featured in our parish newsletter, Messenger. This is a repeat of one of those columns listing the on-going volunteer opportunities through EMEC. A large thank you goes to the parishioners who are already involved in these important ministries. This work would not be possible without a continuing stream of volunteers and there is always room for more help!

empty tomb Food Delivery: Once a week (usually on a Thursday or Friday), Emmanuel receives a referral from the empty tomb of a local family in need of food. The volunteer who delivers the food first gathers the non-perishable food from the church's food pantry and supplements it with fresh food purchased at a local grocery store. The volunteer receives the name and address of the family as well as any special food needs and the delivery is accomplished either on Friday or Saturday. The Parish Office provides the money to the volunteer deliverer to purchase the additional food. In 2010, there were 124 adults and children fed through food deliveries coordinated by Emmanuel Parish compared to 182 fed in the previous year. Time involved: about one to two hours every two or three months. Other ways to be involved are to donate canned goods or dry food for the church pantry or to donate money for the fresh food supplements. Items in short supply are listed weekly in the Sunday bulletin announcements. (See more detailed report from Lois Rath, chair, following Featured Outreach Opportunity).

Sack Lunch Program: Each weekday at least two dozen lunches are given out from the EMEC office door to those who would otherwise not have any food. These lunches are sacked by volunteers from food

purchased from the Eastern Illinois Foodbank and Sam's Club. The efforts of everyone involved in this program are greatly appreciated, not only by the recipients of the lunches, but by the staff. In 2011, there were 4,559 sack lunches distributed from the EMEC office doors, 95 fewer lunches than distributed in 2010. Time involved: Two hours twice a month. Volunteers may do this once a year or more often, as desired.

Rides to church: There are parishioners who need rides to church services and events. Time involved: Varies depending on need.

United Thank Offering: The United Thank Offering supports many projects at the diocesan, National and world-wide church levels. There are UTO Ingatherings twice a year. A coordinator is needed for these Ingatherings. Time Involved: About two to three hours twice a year for organizational work.

Meals on Wheels: EMEC is responsible for two MOW routes the first two weeks of August each year. Four people are needed each day for the deliveries. Time involved: 1½ hours a day. You may sign up for one day or multiple days.

Youth Group Outreach: The Youth Group does several outreach projects each year. Over the past two years these have included assisting the Crisis Nursery, the TIMES Center, the Swann Special Care Center and raising funds for the Lenten Youth Project and Toys for Tots. Chaperones are needed for a variety of outreach projects. Time involved: Two hours each project.

To become involved in any of these on-going ministries, please contact the Parish Office at 352-9827.

THE FOOD PANTRY/DELIVERY PROGRAM

Thank you Emmanuel Parish. Because of your generous support in keeping our food pantry filled and increasing your contributions, our parish was able to provide food assistance to 125 adults and children in the year 2011. This past year was certainly a challenge to many families in our community. With our weekly food deliveries, we were able to provide nutritious meals to many families that needed short-term assistance.

Thanks to the many parishioners who brought food for our church food pantry and to those who contributed toward the purchase of food for these families in need. Thank you to our volunteers who packed, shopped and delivered the food each week: Tom and Sheila Barnard, Mary Ann and Tom Brown, Julie Gunn, Jean Hadfield, Mike and Chris Hopkins, Susan Layton, Al and Pat Madsen, Jean Mills, Dean and Nancy Olson, Page Parkhill, Ed and Lois Rath, and Alan and Lynn Ryle.

Our challenge and commitment continue in the year 2011. We are confident that Emmanuel Parish will, once again, answer the call for food donations and monetary assistance as we reach out to those in need in our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Rath
Coordinator

OUTREACH ALLOCATIONS FOR 2011 AND BUDGET FOR 2012

<u>LOCAL PROJECTS</u>	<u>BUDGET 2011</u>	<u>ACTUAL 2011</u>	<u>BUDGET 2012</u>
Transient sack lunches	3500.00	3808.65**	2800.00
empty tomb food supplies	1000.00	1000.00*	500.00
Center for Women in Transition	1000.00	1000.00	500.00
TIMES Center	1000.00	1000.00	500.00
Project Good Start	600.00	600.00	300.00
GCAP	600.00	600.00	300.00
Developmental Services Center	1000.00	1000.00	500.00
Crisis Nursery	800.00	800.00	400.00
Martin Luther King Scholarships	500.00	500.00	250.00
Habitat for Humanity	700.00	700.00	350.00
SAFE House	500.00	500.00	250.00
Planned Parenthood	500.00	500.00	250.00
Restoration Urban Ministries	500.00	500.00	250.00
Salt and Light	500.00	500.00	350.00
Provena Hospice	300.00	300.00	150.00
Eastern Illinois Foodbank	300.00	300.00	250.00
Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club	700.00	700.00	350.00
Daily Bread Soup Kitchen	600.00	600.00	400.00
The Baby Fold	200.00	200.00	100.00
Emergency Funds	500.00	500.00**	- 0 -
TOTAL LOCAL	14500.00	15608.65	8750.00
 OUTSIDE THE LOCAL COMMUNITY			
Episcopal Relief & Development	500.00	500.00	- 0 -
Operation Rainbow (payable to Carle Foundation)	500.00	500.00	250.00
Good Hope/Orphanage-Kenya	2500.00	2500.00	1000.00
TOTAL OUTREACH	18000.00	19108.65	10000.00

Carol Jeanne Muster, Craig Russell, Hediye Scheeler, and Deacon Hopkins met on December 30, 2011 to discuss the allocation of these funds and to make this budget proposal.

† To offset the decreases in the Outreach budget, this subcommittee suggests the Vestry consider encouraging parishioners to contribute above their pledge to these organizations. One idea would be to have this year's Lenten project focus on a small group of these ministries. Another idea is to focus on one outreach ministry a month by displaying a poster in the Great Hall describing the same organization that is

featured in the monthly Messenger. If possible on one Sunday a month, an individual either from that group or a Vestry member be available near the poster to answer questions and encourage individual donations. Donations could be made either directly to the organization or to EMEC to be given to that organization (please designate the organization on your check so proper credit can be made). The members of the subcommittee are willing to help in this as directed by the Vestry.

* For 2011, money spent from the outreach budget for empty tomb food delivery supplements was supplemented by a total of \$1,000 due to individual parishioners' donations to this ministry.

** Thanks to the generosity of parishioners of gifts designated for sack lunches and food deliveries, a total of \$2,200 in unused Outreach funds was given, with Vestry approval, in the following manner: \$500 each to Restoration Urban Ministries, Salt & Light and TIMES Center and \$350 each to the Rector's Discretionary Fund and Deacon's Discretionary Fund.

Following is a brief description of the organizations that were selected by the Outreach Sub-Committee to receive support from Emmanuel in 2011. Most all of these organization were originally considered for the list because of a parishioner's involvement or passion for that group. If you have a particular outreach you work with that would like to be considered for funds, please contact the Parish Office in December prior to this allocation.

Center for Women in Transition: Open year round, food and shelter are given to homeless women and their children. Crisis intervention, guidance, and help in becoming able to live again on their own are also provided.

TIMES (Transitional Initiatives & Men's Empowerment Services) CENTER: The TIMES Center includes two transitional programs; one dormitory-style that houses 50 men and one semi-private program that houses 20 men. The Transitional Initiatives Programs provide long-term facilities and intensive case management services for homeless men. The goal is to transition men to independent living. The TIMES Center also runs a soup kitchen where residents of the programs receive three meals a day, and the lunch and evening meals are additionally open to anyone in need.

Project Good Start: Provides simple breakfasts and snacks to school-age children in Champaign-Urbana who would otherwise start the day hungry. The program also enables those children to "treat" their classmates on such special occasions as birthdays.

Greater Community AIDS Project: This group gives AIDS information, provides HIV testing, sponsors one-on-one support for AIDS patients, and transitional housing for HIV+ individuals.

Developmental Services Center: Comprehensive program for the developmentally disabled or delayed and their families includes intake and case coordination for assessment, advocacy and service linkage. Clinical services include occupational, physical, recreation and speech therapy; psychotherapy and special education. Vocational services include evaluation, training and employment at sheltered or community based sites. Children's services include infant follow-along, screening, therapy, respite, family counseling.

Crisis Nursery: Provides care for young children in times of family stress and/or trauma.

Habitat for Humanity: Volunteers build homes in partnerships with selected low income families, who buy the homes and contribute 500 hours of labor to the construction.

SAFE House (Substance Abuse Free Environment): Residential programs for men and women recovering from substance abuse. Christian Recovery support group provides opportunities for residents to share hopes and experiences to remain substance free.

Restoration Urban Ministries: Provides food pantry and clothing center, religious services, youth programs, drug and alcohol support groups, and a 74-unit transitional housing program. It also offers a couples group. The Wraparound project provides services to families of children who are in custody of DCFS or who are at risk of being placed. Services include advocacy, referral and assistance, transportation and training.

Planned Parenthood: Provides education on birth control, human sexuality, health issues, and responsible decision making.

Good Hope Orphanage/Kenya: A few years ago this parish was instrumental in raising the funds to buy the land for this orphanage. It is a grass-root community group supporting women and children living with AIDS in Kenya. There are four components to the program - AIDS prevention information, a hospice for those dying of AIDS, the orphanage where children have lost both parents to AIDS, and a program to teach sustainable farming techniques which will lead to self-sufficiency. Our funds will go to support ongoing needs of the program.

Salt and Light: This is a grass roots organization begun in 2003 whose mission is to show the love of Christ through servant evangelism. Originally financed by a local Christian businessman and now supported by several local churches, they have a large warehouse located at 1512 W. Anthony Drive in Champaign. They operate a food pantry and offer clothing, appliances, furniture, household items and toys as well, to anyone in need. There are scheduled pick up days as well as drop off days each week.

Provena Hospice: Hospice provides services to individuals, and their families, with a terminal illness. The Transitions program offers support earlier on, for those who either pursue curative treatment or comfort care. The Center for Grief, Loss and Hope provides grief support after the death of a loved one.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Fund: This fund awards annual scholarships worth \$1,000 renewable for four years to nine local minority youth. Selection criteria include family income, test scores, grades and an essay on "Living Dr. King's Dream". The scholarships are funded by local churches and individual donors and are awarded in January at the community celebration of Dr. King's birthday.

Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club: For over 40 years, the Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club has served the children in these communities. This is an after-school program for children ages 6 to 18 which includes tutoring, homework assistance, math, science and technology exposure, crafts, physical exercise and more. The group also sponsors a summer program and extended teen night events for older members.

Eastern Illinois Foodbank: The foodbank distributes donated and purchased food and USDA commodities to more than 200 member agencies in a 14-county service area. These agencies, of which Emmanuel is one, provide the food directly to those in need, the ill, and children. EIF does not distribute directly to individuals.

Daily Bread Soup Kitchen: The mission of the Daily Bread Soup Kitchen is to feed the hungry of the community regardless of race, religion or ethnicity. Housed at the New Covenant Fellowship on White Street in Champaign since September 2009, this volunteer organization formerly managed the Soup Kitchen at the Catholic Worker House for over twenty years.

Operation Rainbow: Operation Rainbow is dedicated to performing free orthopedic surgery for indigent children and young adults in developing countries worldwide who do not have access to related medical procedures or equipment. Additionally, it offers continuing education to international health care providers to encourage medical self-sufficiency. Locally, the William S. Johnson Fund at the Carle Development Foundation provides medical and surgical supplies and related expenses necessary for the work done with local personnel through Operation Rainbow. One-hundred percent of the money donated to this fund goes towards mission work. There are no overhead or administrative costs.

Episcopal Relief and Development: In 2009, Episcopal Relief and Development (ER&D) reached more than 2.5 million people in over 40 countries around the world. Formerly known as the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, ER&D supports local, long-term initiatives that address poverty, hunger, disease, economic development and disaster response. The Church's worldwide presence enables the work to be done with local leaders and community members who are best equipped to identify and address the most urgent needs. Ninety-two percent of every dollar donated goes directly into assistance programs.

The Baby Fold: The Baby Fold, located in Normal, Illinois, began in 1902 as a faith-based orphanage for infants and young children. It has grown into a multi-service agency that specializes in the care of today's most vulnerable children. The Baby Fold focuses on improving the lives of children and families by offering adoption services, foster care, residential care, special education and family and community support services.

EVANGELISM MINISTRY

– Communications Ministry in 2011 –

In 2011, the Communications Committee continued to work on the de-constructing and reconstructing of the parish website. The goal is to make the website less text heavy and more user friendly. This is an on-going process, and quite time consuming, but one that will be well worth the effort once completed. The major events of the liturgical year have been featured on the website in the past year. With the challenging financial times the parish is experiencing, we are trying to save on printing and mailing costs by posting more information on the website, including this year's Annual Parish Report. Parish Administrator Lori Dobrik is to be commended for her many hours of work with our web hosting agency.

Also, the e-mailing team of Dean Olson, Laura Sonnichsen and Kevin Thomas has continued sending the weekly announcements in 2011 to help keep parishioners better informed. Hopefully, you have enjoyed receiving these and found them helpful.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Thomas
Vestry Liaison for E-Mail and Web Page

THE PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS & SPECIAL RECEPTIONS MINISTRY

The goal of the Social Events & Special Receptions ministry continues to be exploring and hosting events and receptions that are meaningful and enjoyable to our parish family.

The events held in 2011 included:

Annual Meeting breakfast – Youth Group

Dinner Dance

Easter Vigil and Easter Morning Receptions

Parish Picnic

Confirmation Reception

Golf Outing

Stewardship Lunch

Wine Tasting/Fundraiser

Fr. Hall's Retirement Reception

Hanging of the Greens

Christmas Eve Reception

This year we had a variety of events that were well attended and with positive feedback. With the “shelving” of a couple of our former events, we were able to add a new Wine Tasting/Fund raiser event that benefitted one of our Outreach agencies – Operation Rainbow. The event was well received with the added wine “edu-tainment” by parishioner Dr. Abe Kocheril and a gift of more than \$1,150 was sent to Operation Rainbow. Many commented that they wished for this to be a repeat event! We also hosted a festive Retirement Reception for Father Hall this year at which the cooking and baking talents of our parishioners were not outdone! We are very pleased to announce that our Christmas Eve Reception has been “adopted” by our young adults who have grown up in the parish and who felt a strong commitment to continuing this joyful occasion. The committee was chaired by Nicole Gruber. As always, we remain open to any and all suggestions for new and/or improved events and would love to see more of our parishioners come forward to volunteer to help with an event of their choice.

Our plans for this year are to have the Social Events and Special Receptions Co-Chairs continue to over-see & support a structure of each Social Event having in place 2 to 3 Co-Chairs who basically take “ownership” of that event until they pass their position on to someone else with the idea of promoting continuity as well as encouraging each Event committee to branch out and include more “new” participants. The event Co-chairs will be responsible for organizing their specific event with regard to date and time (coordinated with the Clergy and parish staff), advertisement, volunteer recruitment & assignment and evaluation. Although we have some committee co-chairs in place, we can always use more!

We would like to thank everyone who served as an Event chair, decorated, made phone calls, did mailings, set-up and tore down tables & chairs, manned the clean-up crew and everything in between that helps our events and receptions run so smoothly. Without all of your assistance, hard work & participation, these events simply could not take place. A very special thanks to Lori Dobrik for her continued support and assistance that she offers to all of us – we don't know how she does it all but we sure do appreciate it!

As always, we welcome any parishioners who are interested in coordinating and assisting with events in 2012. We are also contemplating the need for new Social Events & Special Reception co-chairs as we anticipate stepping down later this year to make room for fresh faces and ideas. No experience necessary and all are welcome!

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Aquino & Lynn Ryle
Co-chairs

THE WELCOMING COMMITTEE REPORT

Over the past year, the Welcoming Committee has endeavored to welcome newcomers to Emmanuel Parish in various ways. One way is through personal contact and conversation. With the organizational help of parish administrator Lori Dobrik, a member of the Welcoming Committee has been assigned as greeter to each Sunday service with the task of looking out for newcomers and offering a warm welcome to them. Members of the committee have served double duty as ushers, as well.

The Welcoming Committee has assembled newcomer packets that ushers, greeters, and clergy can give to guests, providing them with information on the life and ministries of the parish.

During Lent, the Welcoming Committee, assisted by the Hospitality Committee, hosted a brunch for newcomers. Longstanding members of the parish explained the parish observances of Holy Week and encouraged newcomers to participate in the various worship services as a means of spiritual growth.

Thanks go to Bob McQueen, Pat Madsen, Lois Rath, and Suzanne Skaggs for their participation in committee projects and events. Thanks go also to John Taylor, who provided encouragement and cheer.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Techau
Welcoming Committee Coordinator

THE LUCY A. KECK MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The Library Committee continued to acquire new titles this past year and has concentrated on building up our collection of works pertaining to liturgy. Our intensive inventory process progresses, as we carefully consider each book to ensure that it belongs in the Keck Library. We continue to add small Episcopal shields to the spines of the books that we can identify as specifically Episcopalian or Anglican. The newly-created catalog of titles is growing and will be completed once the inventory has been finished.

Members of the committee are: Toni Boynton, Tom Kilton, Barbara Maggs (Chair), and Carol Jeanne Muster. Margie McCabe, former Coordinator, serves as Consultant.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Maggs

(THE KECK LIBRARY CD FINANCIAL STATEMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING)

THE PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

Our purpose is to serve as resource advisors for the parish's health needs. In 2011, we offered monthly blood pressure screenings (total 68 persons/12 months) and promoted the Vial of Life program. We posted fliers in the Great Hall for community health services (i.e., Safe Kids in July at the Champaign County Fairgrounds), assisted in workshops and events. The weekly bulletin announcement to all parishioners reminding them to call the Parish Office if they or a family member have been admitted to the hospital and wish to receive prayers or a visit from the clergy, continues. Thank you, Lori. The durable medical equipment loan closet was utilized for several parishioners this year. Parish

nurses also assisted clergy with elders relocating to assisted living centers and family communication. There was no yearly meeting with Fr. Al and the other clergy.

The parish nurses goals for 2012 are to continue to explore the parish needs and resources, to act on the identified needs of elder care, respite care, adult day care and assisted living placement, to educate and support families as they deal with these issues as needed/requested. We welcomed Kelly Lash into Parish nursing in 2011 and welcome Rhea Moushon and Cathy Moe in 2012.

Current members are Kathy Aquino, Sheila Barnard, Rosellen Bohlen, Kelly Lash, Judy Link, Cathy Moe, Rhea Moushon, Lynn Ryle, Hediye Scheeler and Dee Slezak.

Respectfully submitted,
Hediye Scheeler, R.N.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Fund's investment object is growth and income with preservation of principal a priority. All income, except that which is allocated to the Alan A. Herbst Scholarship Fund, is distributed to the church for operations based on the percentage allocation in each of the underlying sub-accounts. During the year, contributions were made to various components of the Endowment Fund in the form of gifts, memorials, bequests, and specific contributions from the operating account. At the end of 2011 the total market value was \$3,236,161 – a decrease from the December 31, 2010 value of \$3,280,245.

Components of the Endowment Fund include, General Endowment Fund, the Maxwell Fund, the D.S. & M. M. Noel Scholarship, the Building Maintenance Fund, the Tony Noel Maintenance Fund, the Melissa Noel Memorial Concert Fund, and the Alan A. Herbst Scholarship Fund.

Trustees of the Parish in 2011 were Lott Thomas, Richard Noel and Mary McGrath.

(THE YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE ENDOWMENT
WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING)

THE DORRELL S. AND MELISSA M. NOEL SCHOLARSHIP

The Noel Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by the Noel Family in 1990. It honors the late Melissa Morrissey Noel and the late Dorrell S. Noel. The income from the fund is used to provide scholarships to members of the church to assist with secondary education, undergraduate college education, post-graduate college education or seminary education. Scholarships are awarded based on need, participation in the life of Emmanuel Church, and wholesome Christian character and lifestyle. A preference is given to persons attending a recognized and accredited seminary of the Episcopal Church. Applicants must be full-time students and must maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 system. Recipients receive their award checks at the beginning of each semester. A student may receive a maximum of eight semester awards, except in the case of a student completing a degree who desires to go on to seminary education in which case an additional six semesters may be awarded.

Re-application must be made each year. Applications are available after January 1st each year. The deadline for receiving applications will be announced in the parish bulletin and newsletter. Scholarships were awarded in the spring of 2011 to Maeve Aquino, Eric Kobel, Cameron Nations and Elizabeth Russell. Fall 2011 scholarships were awarded to Maeve, Cameron, Elizabeth and David Kobel.

THE ALAN A. HERBST SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In September of 1998, Richard M. and Rosann Noel created a scholarship and designated that on the books and records of the Church it be called the “Alan A. Herbst Scholarship Fund.” This fund was established to honor Alan A. Herbst, Rector of the Church, for his significant contributions to the Church and its members. The donors or any other person may at any time make additional contributions to this fund by gift, will, or in another manner.

The income from the fund shall be used to provide scholarships to members of Emmanuel Church to assist with technical training or undergraduate education. If there are no parish members who meet the criteria in a given year, the Rector may, at his discretion, return earnings to the principal of the fund, or assist qualified parishioners with post-graduate or seminary education. Net income not used in any year shall be added to principal or may be segregated by the Rector and Trustees and used to fund scholarships at a higher level in subsequent years. Twenty percent of annual earnings shall be returned to the principal in each year in order to insure fund growth.

Recipients of the scholarship shall be selected by the Trustees, upon recommendation from Fr. Herbst, as long as he remains rector of the parish. At the end of Father Herbst’s tenure as rector, the fund shall be administered by the Parish Trustees in accordance with the guidelines set forth for the Noel Scholarship Fund. Awards shall be granted based on character, involvement in the life of the parish and financial need.

Upon the recommendation of the Rector, no scholarships are currently being awarded in order to increase the size of the principal.

Alan A. Herbst Scholarship Fund

Beginning balance 9/1998	\$ 25,000
Balance on Hand 12/31/2011	\$ 79,818

ACOLYTES, CHALICE BEARERS, AND LECTORS

This parish is blessed to have many young people and adults who serve as acolytes, chalice bearers and lectors at the Sunday morning services at Emmanuel.

As in the past, I want to take particular note of the wonderful job done by the MC’s at the 10:15 service. They are the ones who make it possible for everything to go as smoothly as it usually does. It is these young people who make sure that the acolytes assigned for that day are present and, if they are not, must fill the slots left empty by the person who is absent. In addition, they must find out how the service that particular day might deviate from the norm and prepare the crew for those differences. When things go well the importance of the MC eludes most of us. Only on the rare occasion when something unexpected happens, is the MC’s function more visible. As Fr. Al has often said, Emmanuel is truly fortunate to have this group of outstanding young people. The group itself changes each year, but the quality of their work remains consistent.

Thank you again to all of every age who serve at the altar at Emmanuel Parish.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Bouton
Acolyte Director

THE ALCUIN GUILD

*We thank Thee that Thy Church, unsleeping while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world Her watch is keeping
and rests not now by day or night.*

John Ellerton (1826-1893)
Hymnal 1982, Hymn 24

These words of a beautiful evening hymn describe well the work of the Alcuin Guild. The Alcuin Guild is comprised of volunteers who lead the Daily Office and serve weekday Masses. Members of the Guild must attend training and continuing education classes and be licensed by the Bishop upon the recommendation of the Rector, Wardens and Vestry.

During 2011, members of the Alcuin Guild assisted with almost 500 services of public worship. This is a remarkable accomplishment by this very dedicated and able group of persons. At the time of a personal or physical crisis, a national emergency or time of mourning and loss, or (thankfully) at a time of celebration and thanksgiving, the Alcuin Guild assures that "the Church is keeping" Her watch of prayer, intercession and thanksgiving. Once again this year, it has been comforting to so many to know that at Emmanuel Memorial Church, a "prayer service" is held twice each day three-hundred-and-sixty-five-days-a-year. They are called the Daily Office and the Holy Eucharist -- our unique Anglican heritage and "prayer service." It would be impossible to count the number of those deeply comforted to know that those for whom we pray are named out loud each day before God's throne of mercy in our parish home. A frequently heard comment of parishioners who move away from Champaign-Urbana is how much they miss this comforting ministry not available in all places.

If you would be interested in learning more about the Guild or possibly joining the Guild and assisting with this very important ministry, please speak with the Rector.

Members of the Alcuin Guild in 2011:

Deacon Chris Hopkins
Carrie Hopkins
Miriam Iben

Bill MacDonald
Craig Russell
Tom Yaxley

Fr. Alan Herbst, Obl. SSJE

We are also grateful for the many acolytes, chalice bearer, lectors and ushers who have willingly served at weddings, funerals and other extra-ordinary liturgies in 2011.

ST. LUKE'S GUILD

St. Luke the Physician is our model for daily prayer for the needs of the parish, centered around the weekly intercessory prayer list. Members also pray from a supplementary list compiled from requests of group members, sent via email or telephonically. We welcome anyone interested in joining us in prayer. We have no meetings but keep in touch by phone or email. If you would like to pray with us, or be prayed for by us, please send an email to Craig Russell at russell.c@mchsi.com or call 586-3885.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Russell

THE USHERS REPORT

The Usher Chair offers his profound thanks for the service our ushers, Rood Screen Ushers and Greeters. This ministry has a direct effect on our worship services and ushers are often the first contact visitors have with our parish community.

The ushers greet people as they enter the Sanctuary, distribute the church bulletin, track attendance, deliver the elements to the Rood Screen at the 10:15 service, collect the alms, direct communicants and straighten up the church after each service. In the event of an emergency ushers can provide assistance as needed.

When greeting visitors, ushers are able to answer questions related to the facility and service. They are also able to identify visitors and introduce them to other members of the parish. They provide a welcoming and helpful service to people in a new and unfamiliar environment.

At the 10:15 service Rood Screen Ushers assist people at the Rood Screen and collect the offering at the end of the service. They also provide an additional point of human contact for congregants.

We offer a special thanks to those who have graciously served at funerals and special events and to those who have stepped forward to help at the many services held during Holy Week, Easter and Christmas. We would also express our gratitude to those who have served in past but are no longer able.

We were gratified that so many parishioners were able to volunteer for ushering duties during the past year. It speaks well for our parish that so many are willing to serve.

As always, a special thanks goes to Lori Dobrik. She does all of the work.

Anyone interested in serving as an Usher may contact Lori Dobrik at the Parish Office at 352-9827 or Randy Kobel at 398-2049.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Kobel, chair

EMMANUEL PARISH USHER and GREETER LIST 2011

John & Kathy Aquino
Roger & Sara Burrus
Joan Clement
Rod Cummings
Lori Dobrik
Taylor Feddersen
Reuben Green
Patti Gruber

Barb Holman
Randy & Terri Kobel
Brenda Koester
Lillian Larivee
Bill Link
Bill & Nancy MacDonald
Ruth McCauley
Dana & Dina Meek

Scott & Cathy Moe
Dan Noel
Richard & Rosann Noel
Dean Olson
Lois Rath
Alan & Lynn Ryle
Erich & Hediye Scheeler
Bill Techau
Sonia Warfel

REPORTS OF THE PARISH STAFF THE REPORT OF THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

The year past was a bit more low-key than 2010, which was highlighted by our parish's hosting of the 2010 Diocesan Synod. The year 2011, however, was not without its special events, most notably the consecration of our new diocesan bishop in March and the retirement of Fr. Hall as Priest Associate in November. I was pleased to assist the Special Events committee in planning the reception in honor of and thanksgiving for the ministry of Fr. Hall and Reba at Emmanuel. And, we even pulled it off as a surprise. How about that!

2011 did offer its challenges, most especially when it came to parish finances. We entered the year with a projected deficit of \$65,679. By keeping an extremely close eye on expenditures and through the income generated by the Endowment and your financial commitment to the parish, we were able to end the year up \$5,435.25. In such difficult economic times this cash carryover, which will be added to the cash we "carried over" into 2011, is a testimony to prudent planning and generous giving. Thank you to all who supported the parish in its day-to-day operations as well as supporting special offerings, outreach ministries and the discretionary funds. Your generosity is truly boundless.

In addition to your financial support of the parish, you stepped forward delivering food to the hungry, making sack lunches, bringing food to stock the parish pantry, serving on special event committees, designing and decorating the Altar Guild Easter eggs, preparing the church for weekly worship services, cataloging books for the Keck Library, serving at the altar, singing in the choir, serving as Vestry members or Synod delegates, welcoming visitors and newcomers, offering your financial expertise as Parish Trustees, meeting in service and fellowship in Youth Group, manning the Bookstall, leading our children and adults in Christian Education and worship in the Children's Chapel, providing your gifts as parish nurses, ushering at the Sunday masses and special services, praying the Daily Office and offering prayers daily as a member of St. Luke's Guild. You reached out to each other in times of sadness and shared in moments of joy. It is an honor to serve in lay ministry in a parish whose members give so much to help each other, to those in our communities and beyond.

I am grateful to my colleagues on the parish staff – Fr. Alan, Fr. Gene, Deacon Chris, Kevin and Michael – for the opportunity to work together to carry out Emmanuel's Mission Statement: To know Christ, and to make Christ Known. I thank Treasurer Bill Link for his wisdom and support, the assistant

treasurers for their willingness to serve, the crew of Friday volunteers who brighten my week as well as helping prepare the Sunday bulletins, the crews who assist with the bulk mailing of the parish newsletter Messenger and all who offer a kind word or thank-you. I look forward to a new year of challenges and of opportunities to serve in ministry as a staff member and parishioner at Emmanuel.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Dobrik
Parish Administrator

ORGANIST'S REPORT

Dear Members and Staff of Emmanuel Church,
I would like to begin by wishing anyone reading this best wishes for this new year.

It is important to note that this year is the 20th anniversary of the installation and dedication of the Schlicker Organ in the sanctuary of Emmanuel Church. It is my hope that we can have a couple of musical celebrations of the instrument, and perhaps a rededication blessing. One of the events will be Sunday afternoon, May the 6th at 3:00 p.m. I will be joined by Lori Matheson, Associate Director of the Baroque Artists of Champaign Urbana. It will feature music for voice and organ, organ solos and small chorus and organ. Please mark this on your calendars. And, be on the lookout for another event.

The organ remains in good condition, except for a few minor issues. The keyboards are loud and clacking and they need to be refelted. Fortunately, the endowment for the instrument has adequate funds in it so we can accomplish this in an otherwise austere budget year. I am waiting on a second bid before we proceed. I continue to do minor work, gluing some loose stop knobs, cleaning reeds that bugs have chosen to die in, reed and stopped flute tuning.

You might have noticed a new lamp on the organ to illuminate the music rack. It is wonderful as it illuminates the entire 30" width of the rack and the light is non-glaring and provides the right intensity.

I wish to thank all of you and your frequent kind words about the use of the organ for worship and perhaps a particular voluntary you have enjoyed. Thank you to all of the staff for their support: Father Alan and Father Gene, Deacon Chris. Lori keeps me posted about funerals, weddings and other scheduled events as well as all of the bulletins and other needs, so a big THANK YOU to her. Kevin is a fine choirmaster, friend and colleague who furthers the quality of music here: THANK YOU Kevin.

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Respectfully submitted,
Michael Fisher
Organist

THE CHOIRMASTER'S REPORT

The choir sings every Sunday at the 10:15 a.m. Mass through June and again beginning after Labor Day. We sing throughout Holy Week, on Christmas Eve and for an occasional Evensong. To prepare for Sundays and “special” days, the choir rehearses each Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 8:30, and on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:00.

During calendar year 2011, we have had a noticeable drop in membership, with some people leaving the parish for various reasons and others making themselves scarce. Dale Elliott “retired” from the choir, Al Rossi moved away, Steve Gump moved away, Vanessa Haynes is moving away, Kurt Lash has frequent professional conflicts, Jason and Lisa Cerezo have been spending time on professional and family pursuits, Marilyn and John Taylor have been spending about 50% time at the Methodist Church, Pat and Paul Weston frequently travel, and Jean Clarkson left us for the Presbyterian Church. It’s always a pleasure to have Elizabeth Russell visit from college.

Add up the numbers, and I think you see we are a choir in need of new blood. Yet, in spite of repeated appeals to the congregation, we added no new members in 2011. This is extremely disappointing to me, because I hear some good singing in the congregation. It’s also of considerable concern for the health of your parish choir.

Anyone who likes to sing is welcome and encouraged to join the choir. Some ability to read music is clearly helpful. Either contact me at kmkelly1@gmail.com or appear on a Wednesday for a rehearsal.

Choir members at various times in 2011 were:

Sopranos	Altos	Tenors	Basses
Marny Elliott	Lisa Cerezo	Mike Hopkins	Jason Cerezo
Vanessa Haynes	Jean Clarkson	Al Rossi	Dale Elliott
Jean Mills	Jean Morgenstern	Craig Russell	Steve Gump
Elizabeth Russell	Libbie Morley	Ethan Russell	Charles Jordan
Marilyn Taylor	Sammy Wells		Kurt Lash
Ellen Thomas	Pat Weston		John Taylor
			Kevin Thomas
			Paul Weston

Many thanks as always to organist Michael Fisher for his musicianship and friendship; to Fr. Al, Fr. Gene and Deacon Chris for their support of the music program; to Lori Dobrik for assistance on many fronts, and to Emmanuel’s parishioners for their appreciation of the choir.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Kelly
Choirmaster

REPORT OF THE PARISH DEACON

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart – Psalm 138

As 2011 draws to a close, I find there are many things for which I am grateful. The following is just a partial list of the many blessings I have found at Emmanuel Parish in the past year.

Emmanuel has a wonderful group of young people. There are many who give of their time to regularly serve at the altar. There are those who never miss a Youth Group meeting and who willingly do most anything they are asked to do to help support the work of this church. I give thanks for all of the teens. I am grateful for the Sunday School teachers, the Children's Chapel leaders and Youth Mentors for all they do to see that the programs offered at Emmanuel are always the best. And I thank the parents who see that their children take advantage of these fine opportunities to learn about our Lord and to serve Him. Emmanuel has an excellent program for all youth, and I am grateful for the many who are involved.

I am also grateful to those who are slightly older, who regularly support this church with their faithful attendance at worship as well as with their money. This is a parish made up of many, many generous people. I want to especially thank all who made sack lunches this year and all who donated money to assist in the church's outreach to those who come to Emmanuel's doors seeking help. (During the month of December, 2011 the Deacon's Discretionary Fund received over \$4,000. This generosity means that more people will be able to be helped in 2012.) Thank you for your continuing benevolence.

For all those who have invited me into your lives in times of joy and sadness, I am grateful to be asked as a representative of Christ and of the Emmanuel community. Thank you to those who have prayed for each other, for the work of the church and for me, personally. You are an inspiration to all.

My responsibilities at Emmanuel have remained the same during the past year. I continued to work with the Youth Group, Children's Chapel, confirmation class and Lenten evening programs. Outreach and pastoral care are other areas where I have assisted. I preached and led weekday services as assigned and fulfilled liturgical diaconal functions at Sunday Eucharists, at funerals and weddings throughout the year. On a daily basis I pray for this church and for God's work that is done here. Outside the parish I continue on both the diocesan and statewide anti-racism commissions. I also serve as a member of the Prairie Center Federal Bureau of Prisons community relations board.

I am grateful to Bishop Martins for continuing my assignment at Emmanuel for the past year. And I want to thank those with whom I work most closely for the support and trust they have given and continue to give to me. Without these people my ministry would not be possible.

Finally and most importantly I am grateful to God for the opportunities I have been given in the past year to serve Him in this place.

Respectfully submitted,
Deacon Christine Hopkins

(THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE DEACON'S DISCRETIONARY
FUND WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING)

REPORT OF THE PRIEST EMERITUS

I have concluded my twelfth year of service to Emmanuel Memorial Episcopal Church as a volunteer priest. As most of you are aware, in 1999 when I began my service, we were living both in Florida and Illinois during part of the year while I concluded my service as Professor and Provost of Palm Beach Atlantic University. After my retirement, in March 2000 we became full-time residents of Champaign. I requested that I become canonically resident in the Diocese of Springfield. At that time the rector graciously allowed me to continue to serve here at Emmanuel. Like those that preceded it, 2011 was a rewarding and challenging period of service that ended on November 20. I requested that my retirement become effective on that date since it was the last Sunday of Pentecost with the next Sunday beginning with Advent I, the new liturgical year.

In the eleven months that preceded that date I had continued the schedule from the preceding year. Typically the schedule called for me to celebrate at the 8:00 service on Sundays when I preached but when Father Alan preached I celebrated at 10:15. I preached either every third or fourth Sunday except when vacation or retreat schedules of the other clergy or my own absences required adjustment. When Deacon Hopkins preached, I tried out my ability to worship from the pew. Additionally, I assisted the rector in various other responsibilities as he requested. While some of what we do in ministry is difficult to quantify, the following is a statistical summary of my responsibilities in the year past.

Celebrating the Holy Eucharist Sundays at 8:00 a.m.	22
Celebrating the Holy Eucharist Sundays at 10:15 a.m.	21
Sermons Preached (normally twice on the Sundays assigned)	15

While for the most part my preparation of sermons I could best pursue at home, I was available as needed to serve in planning sessions as well as in the meetings of the clergy and staff as these have been scheduled. In addition, I attend those parish functions where I could be of service—both those of a pastoral nature and those planned for fellowship. I tried to balance my professional activities with those relating to my being a parishioner.

Because of the ministries afforded me at Emmanuel, my retirement years have proved satisfying and meaningful beyond my expectations. It is a blessing that my calling may still be pursued at Emmanuel depending on the needs of the parish and the determination by the rector that I could be of service. As I have tried to make clear, I am not going anywhere. The friendships and opportunities for service Reba and I have found here have been most rewarding. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
(The Reverend Father) E. Eugene Hall
Priest Emeritus

REPORT OF PARISH LIFE 2011

BAPTISMS

Angela Colette Ellis	4/23/2011
Anthony Charles Harness	4/23/2011
Caylee Sue Malone	8/14/2011
Hope Marie Hopkins	10/31/2011
Xander Champ Hopkins	10/31/2011
Ayla Jane Hopkins-Meyer	10/31/2011

DEATHS/BURIALS/MEMORIALS

Nancy Louise Yaxley	1/8/2011
Agnes Towner Decker	8/28/2011
Herbert H. Kaiser, Jr.	10/25/2011
Virginia K. Garland	11/15/2011

MARRIAGES

Tyson Layne Sowell and Shanna Renee Johnson	1/1/2011
Anthony Charles Harness and Angela Colette Ellis	5/21/2011
William Henry Baar, III and Jane Elizabeth Pryor	7/23/2011

(THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND WILL BE
AVAILABLE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING)

PARISH STATISTICS 2011

Households	290
Baptized Members	673+
Communicants in Good Standing	440
Sunday School Students (including adults)	80*

(* includes potential youth students)

(+ does not include 366 persons not attending regularly by reason of geography and other constraints, who none-the-less consider Emmanuel Memorial Church to be their parish home.)

Baptisms	6
Confirmations	11
Receptions	0
Transfers In	2
Transfer Out	5
Became Inactive	0
Were Reactivated	6
Deaths	4

Total Attendance	21,264
Communions Received	18,171
Sunday Attendance	15,493
Week Day Attendance (all services)	5,771
Average attendance	308

Services of Holy Communion	326
Home and Hospital Communions	95
Marriages	3
Burials	4
Other Sacramental Functions	52
Daily Offices Said	298
All Services	879

Respectfully Submitted,
The Rector, Wardens, and Vestry

(THE BALANCE SHEET AND FUND REPORT FOR YEAR-END 2011
PREPARED BY OUR PARISH AUDITOR AND CPA WILL BE MAILED VIA USPS
AND WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING)

(THE 2012 BUDGET WILL BE MAILED VIA USPS AND
WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING)

VESTRY NOMINEE BIOGRAPHY

NAME:

Brenda Koester

OCCUPATION:

Assistant Director, Family Resiliency Center

THOSE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD INCLUDE:

Tom, Jonathan (23) and Kelly (21)

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AN EPISCOPALIAN?

Since 1999

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AT EMMANUEL MEMORIAL, CHAMPAIGN?

Since 1990

SERVICE TO THE CHURCH:

Sunday School Teacher, Christmas Pageant, Emmanuel Bible Study Leader, Hospitality Committee, Vestry

SERVICE TO THE WIDER COMMUNITY:

President, CU One to One Scholarship Foundation; Crisis Nursery Development Committee; Champaign-Urbana Executive Club; Downtown Independent Volunteer Association; Champaign-Urbana Junior League Sustainer

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

My family and I have loved having Emmanuel as our church home and I look forward to the opportunity to work with fellow Vestry members in continuing to strengthen our parish.

VESTRY NOMINEE BIOGRAPHY

NAME:

Liz Lindemann

OCCUPATION:

Medical Technologist at Community Blood Services of Illinois

THOSE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD INCLUDE:

Husband, Mike; daughters, Laura (26), Allie (24) and Rachel (19)

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AN EPISCOPALIAN?

I have been an Episcopalian all my life.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AT EMMANUEL MEMORIAL, CHAMPAIGN?

I have been at Emmanuel for 25 years.

SERVICE TO THE CHURCH:

I have served on Altar Guild for many years and have taught Sunday School and volunteered to help at many parish events.

SERVICE TO THE WIDER COMMUNITY:

I have been a Girl Scout Leader for two of my girls and a member of the PTA and school volunteer. I have also had a large volunteer job with the Illinois Marathon.

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

The Emmanuel family is very important to me and I look forward to doing my part as a Vestry member.

VESTRY NOMINEE BIOGRAPHY

NAME:

Dana A. Meek

OCCUPATION:

Art Director at Health Alliance since April 2011. Prior to that I had my own agency (Almighty, Inc.) for nearly 20 years with a focus on faith and family-based marketing

THOSE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD INCLUDE:

Wife, Dina Meek; son, Griffin (15) and daughter, Zoe (13)

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AN EPISCOPALIAN?

Since 1994

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AT EMMANUEL MEMORIAL, CHAMPAIGN?

Since July 2010

SERVICE TO THE CHURCH:

I was the Junior Warden at St. Luke's Episcopal Mission in Westcliffe, Colorado for three years as well as the youth leader and Sunday School teacher in Westcliffe and Sunday School teacher (Godly Play) at Church of the Incarnation in Dallas, TX.

SERVICE TO THE WIDER COMMUNITY:

I served in the Custer County Search and Rescue in Custer County, Colorado for four years and two years on their Board of Directors. I also served on the Custer County Tourism Board and, for a short time before moving from Dallas to Colorado, I served on the Board of St. James' Episcopal School.

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

My family and I have felt very welcome at Emmanuel from the moment we walked in the door. I have spent years working with churches, dioceses and Christian camps to raise funds, create branding and market their particular uniqueness, as well as service to my own local church(es). I have always felt compelled to be closer to God and can't think of a better way than serving Him in His house.

VESTRY NOMINEE BIOGRAPHY

NAME:

Nancy Suchomski

OCCUPATION:

I have worked at the United Way of Champaign County in fund development for the past 12 years.

THOSE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD INCLUDE

My husband, Rich, and I were married at Emmanuel in November, 2011. I have three boys ages 23, 19 and 14 years old who were all baptized at Emmanuel.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AN EPISCOPALIAN?

I was raised in the Catholic Faith and attended Catholic school until I was in the 8th grade. I began attending the Episcopal Church 28 years ago and was received in May, 2011.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AT EMMANUEL MEMORIAL, CHAMPAIGN?

(See above question)

SERVICE TO THE CHURCH:

I participated in a Foyers group three years ago and, about the same time, I began attending the ladies Bible Study group. I also assisted with the Youth Group fund raising project two years ago.

SERVICE TO THE WIDER COMMUNITY:

My husband and I are regular blood donors and I volunteer for many events/agency opportunities through my involvement with United Way.

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

I welcome the opportunity to become part of the Vestry so I can learn more about how our church operates and will use this opportunity to grow my faith as a member of Emmanuel Church. I feel there is much I can learn about the Episcopal faith and this is a wonderful chance to be among people who have more experience in the church than I do. This will allow me to listen and absorb much of our church culture and history.

SYNOD NOMINEE BIOGRAPHY

NAME:

Larry Bouton

OCCUPATION:

Retired

THOSE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD INCLUDE:

My wife, Marjorie

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AN EPISCOPALIAN?

Since July, 1931

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AT EMMANUEL MEMORIAL, CHAMPAIGN?

Since September, 1965

SERVICE TO THE CHURCH:

Through the last 46 years, I have been, at various times, a Vestry member, a Synod delegate, chairman of the annual parish canvass, head of the Sunday School, a chalice bearer, acolyte and the acolyte master.

SERVICE TO THE WIDER COMMUNITY:

I occasionally solicit in our neighborhood for various charities and organizations.

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

We can become a bit isolated in our thinking if our religious experience is limited to our parish, strong and vital as it is. By attending the Synod and hearing what others are saying about various issues important to them, we can focus more clearly on what other Episcopalians are doing and thinking these days and what we can do to enrich our own parish and our own lives. Everyone should take advantage of the opportunity to do this when they can and I would like to have that opportunity again.

**THE REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE
VESTRY MEMBERS OF EMMANUEL MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

VESTRY MEMBERS WHOSE TERM EXPIRES IN JANUARY 2012

Tom Barnard
Patti Gruber
Scott Moe
Dan Noel

VESTRY MEMBERS WHOSE TERM EXPIRES IN JANUARY 2013

Jeff Dobrik
Randy Kobel
Hediye Scheeler
Kevin Thomas

VESTRY MEMBERS WHOSE TERM EXPIRES IN JANUARY 2014

Alan Chalifoux
Ruth McCauley
Laura Sonnichsen
Bill Techau

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES TO SYNOD WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE IN 2012

Sara Burrus

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES TO SYNOD WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE IN 2013

Terri Kobel
Randy Kobel
Alan Ryle
Lynn Ryle