

2010 REVIEW

A YEAR IN STORIES AND PICTURES



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2010: A YEAR IN REVIEW

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THE TIME HAS COME...

2010 was a year of celebration and a year of realization.

We continue to grow in many ways; our attendance and participation have grown, our spiritual offerings and program participation continue to grow, but we continue to be limited by our facilities and the ongoing maintenance of our buildings.

The time has come for us revisit once again who God is calling us to be as the people of St. Paul. At key times in the 130 year history of our congregation we have acted boldly to help shape this amazing congregation. From Dr. William Clark's vision of a Church on this property to the major expansion in the early 1950's visionary leadership has been a part of the fabric of St. Paul's.

Almost 20 years ago parish conversations culminated in the renovation of our building that was completed in 1992. The time has come once more to revisit that conversation, to look past who we are currently and into who we will be in the future. 2010 showed us that there is much to be done inside and outside our walls and we must take seriously the call of Christ to go out and bring others in.

Our programs and services to the community are reaching and involving more and more people. Our space seriously limits our ability to serve fully the needs of our membership and the wider community. From our Sunday school program to our Sunday worship the lesson learned from 2010 is that we are limited in what we can do and who we can become.

The time has come.

FROM THE WARDENS...

Big doing's in 2010. We celebrated Fr. Deon's fourth anniversary and St. Paul's 130th! In January we enjoyed a visit from Bishop Gibbs. Jeanne Hansknecht, Seminarian Intern, left in June and was ordained at St. Andrew's in Ann Arbor where she continues her ministry.

We welcomed Julia Huttar-Bailey, Seminarian Intern. She was ordained a "Transitional Deacon" in December at St. Paul's Cathedral and will be with us until June.

We are enjoying the expanded parking facilities thanks to the new configuration of the St. Paul / Grand River property. This project resulted in the unexpected "discovery" of St. Paul's oldest Altar which was accidently unearthed. It was properly replaced in its burial spot within hours.

Big changes at St. Paul's: Thanks to Marlaina Warren our kitchen was cleaned & sorted & streamlined & organized to within an inch of its life! Then, with co-workers Jane Rosengren and Jenny Ritter, she took on the Parish Hall. It was painted and completely done over - the result is an amazing and welcoming transformation. Then Marlaina moved upstairs. Thanks again to her, the library has been repainted too. No word at this time as to what she is thinking up for her next project.

Strategic Planning Committee is ongoing - looking at long range goals for St. Paul's.

As usual, we are looking forward to a fantastic 2011!

Pat Burkett, Warden
John Heinonen, Warden



A LITTLE HISTORY!

In the early 1830's the Rev. William A. Clark dreamed of an Episcopal community in Brighton where "all sorts and conditions" were welcomed to experience God in worship and service. Clark's dream was made real, even after his death, when in 1878 the Episcopal Mission of Brighton was established and services held in several locations.

In 1880, with the help of Chloe Clark, daughter of William Clark, the cornerstone of a new building was laid dedicated to St. Paul the Apostle. June 21, 1881 saw the first service celebrated in the newly completed building.

Through many ups and downs, including periods of closure in the 1920's and late 1930's, St. Paul's was made a parish on St. Paul's Day, January 25, 1964. As Brighton grew so did St. Paul's until in the late 1980's when a major expansion was undertaken and completed in 1992 with an enhanced physical facility. Our current building serves both the needs of the congregation and wider Brighton community as a place of welcome and hope.

Throughout our history many dedicated church members have renewed the physical and spiritual structure of St. Paul through their special gifts and visioning. As we look towards our bright future we continue to strive to live into Clark's vision of being a community of welcome for all who seek to experience God.

For over 130 years we have **served** our wider community in thousands of different ways. We have touched countless lives in **seeking** to serve **Christ**, from our neighbors around the corner to our sisters and brothers as far away as Malawi and Zimbabwe. The **passion** to serve others **connects** us to our ancestors in faith even though much has changed over the years.



Advent Pageant 1953

from generation to generation...



Christmas Pageant 2010

1880 meets 2010: past, present, future



June 13, 2010 saw representatives from the wider community and members of St. Paul's gather together to commemorate the dedication of our congregation. Although the people of the church met starting around 1837 our community was not formally recognized until the completion of our building in 1880.

In 2010 in a joyous Evensong led by The Rt. Rev. Wendell N. Gibbs. We gave thanks for the past and rejoiced in the bright future our of community. The Bishop challenged us to think differently, and to act boldly as we chart a course towards the future.

Godly Play meets Garden Grow

By Michelle Rosinski

We are in our second year of Godly Play for children aged 3 to about 10. The children hear sacred stories, parables, and stories about liturgical actions. They get time to wonder about the story and then reflect on it in their own way. The children will retell a story, create an art piece, or read stories. There are 12 children who come regularly. Stacey Heinonen, Becky Munce and Liz Lakins do a wonderful job of volunteering their time with the program.

The first Sunday of each month continues to be a Family worship which takes the place of Sunday school. This fall on the third Sunday of the month we started family Morning Prayer followed by an intergenerational activity. There has been a lot of positive feedback about the activities.

The Jr. high youth group was changed this fall due to the demographics of the youth. The group is now for children around the age of 10 to 14. This was well received by the older children in Godly Play. This group meets twice a month where they take part in discussions, quiet reflective time and active games. There are 7 in this group. Michelle Rosinski and Hugh Munce oversee it.

This summer Vacation Bible School was held for 3 days at Emrich. We received a grant for \$500 from the diocese for supplies. There were 23 children, 5 teens, and 5 adults who helped. The program was based on a book titled Westlandia. During our time the children explored God's creations and sat quietly to observe God. They learned about the importance of keeping their bodies healthy. They made signs to decorate the G3 garden and enjoyed lots of crafts.



Three of our VBS kids gathering "nature".

Vacation Bible School this year saw the kids gather at the Emrich Retreat Center to learn about faith in health, stewardship and care of the environment.

A Year of Sundays (and other days too)

What Worked

WELL in 2010



THE PARISH RETREAT

We gathered at Emrich Retreat Center as a parish for our first Annual Parish Retreat. Good food, good company and a great retreat leader helped make the day away a smashing success.

LESSON LEARNED: *Having a chance to connect outside of Sunday is a great way to get to know each other.*



THE AGAPE DINNER

On Maundy Thursday the "chair side" was transformed into a banquet hall as we commemorated Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. Prayers, food and company made for a wonderful night.

LESSON LEARNED: *Thinking creatively we can use what we have in a new and different way.*



130TH CELEBRATION

This year we celebrated over 130 years of service to our community with an Evensong, dinner, open house and several other celebrations.

LESSON LEARNED: *We know how to throw a party and how to have a good time.*



GOD'S GARDENERS

Thanks to the efforts of several members of the congregation the flora got a face lift and regular attention. Several new plants were added to the church grounds along with a new garden area.

LESSON LEARNED: *If you plant it, it will grow.*

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Once again we reached out and brought the wider community into our newly renovated Parish Hall for homemade items many of which were under \$10. Over a hundred visitors passed through our doors.

LESSON LEARNED: *Inviting the community into our building helps us see beyond ourselves.*

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Over 22 four-legged and furry (a few feathers as well) friends joined on an October afternoon to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. A good time was had by all.

LESSON LEARNED: *Even the animals can teach us about God and spirituality.*

BROWN BAG CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Christmas brought over 120 brown bags with costumes and scripts which came together to form our Christmas Eve Pageant. EVERYONE had a role and got involved.

LESSON LEARNED: *Floppy ears, hymns, candles, tinsel, St. Matthew and the Prophet Isaiah make the Christ story fun.*

What Worked

WELL in 2010 continued

UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

Several members of our congregation gathered for six weeks on Sunday mornings to get a better understanding of Islam. Lively discussion and imaginative questions formed the time together.

LESSON LEARNED: *Relevant Adult Formation topics are well received.*

MOVING THE FURNITURE

The Altar Rails were removed at the beginning of the Advent season which allowed for a more welcoming and open area around the altar. The new configuration allows for a greater sense of togetherness and community.

LESSON LEARNED: *Spaces speak more loudly than words about welcome.*

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

With prayerful and intentional planning we were able to gather several different ministries into one group giving us the ability to actively respond to the needs of more than seven major community concerns.

LESSON LEARNED: *Together we can reach further than we could imagine alone.*



What Worked

Less WELL in 2010



ART FAIR 2010

The Brighton Art Fair continues to get smaller and smaller and this year our participation, although enthusiastic, did not bear much fruit.

LESSON LEARNED: *As events evolve so must we.*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT FORMATION

Although well intended Wednesday nights did not work well to gather for Adult Formation. Several barriers stood in the way of a successful midweek formation.

LESSON LEARNED: *Trying something new doesn't always guarantee success.*

JOURNEY

Our Sunday night opportunity to experience worship in a new way go off to a good start but soon dwindled due to several factors including weather.

LESSON LEARNED: *New ways of being come when they are needed.*

BLESSING OF BIKES

We offered a blessing for bike riders in conjunction with the Brighton Harley Davidson. Although well planned the bikers were mainly from St. Paul's

LESSON LEARNED: *A good time can be had even with a small group.*

Growing Greener for Hunger

By Joannée DeBruhl



Livingston County's Hunger Council had a great year for community gardens. What St. Paul's started in 2009 with G3 at Emrich is growing (literally). In 2010 the number of community gardens increased from 1 to 5 and new gardens are already planned for 2011.

G3 delivered 2100 lbs in 2009 and in 2010 all the community gardens

(including G3) delivered over 16,000 lbs!

There are locations now in Howell, Brighton, and Hartland.

The G3 Garden was selected for the LACASA Garden tour and we had

almost 500 visitors come and admire the garden.

The addition of the children's gardens at the entrance and the beautiful signs they created were the hit of the garden tour. Several of the garden tour visitors have expressed interest in helping eradicate hunger in Livingston County and will be helping in several ways.

A few are starting new gardens or growing a row in their backyards.

Thanks goes to everyone who helped with the gardens! Let's start planning for 2011. We will need volunteers to step forward again in 2011 to oversee the gardening effort. Please contact Shari Spencer, Joannée DeBruhl or Jenny Ritter if you want to be our next gardening angel.

If you want to help eradicate hunger in Livingston County, please contact Joannée DeBruhl for more details. There are 4 committees and all need help: Fresh Produce (the community gardens), Nutrition Education (including the Summer Lunch Bunch Program for children), Food Distribution (pantries & deliveries), and Food Assistance Programs.



STEWARDSHIP MORE THAN JUST MONEY!

By Mary Sauer-Games

The 2010 Stewardship Campaign was a success. The campaign started in October with the theme of "Stewardship: More Than Just Money". Members of the congregation took turns speaking on six different Sundays, each with a different theme. On the final Sunday, commitment cards were distributed at each service and a brunch was held after each.

Overall, 73 commitment cards were turned in which was an increase over last year. Additionally, the 2011 commitments totaled \$149,416.00 which was a slight decrease from last year. Overall feedback was that this was a very successful campaign and people enjoyed the individual talks as well as the brunch.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

- Dorothy Chapter

The Order of the Daughters of the King is open to all women of the Episcopal Church and other Episcopate churches who strive through prayer, service and evangelism "to continually lift high the cross of Christ." We work and worship in our particular community of faith, St. Paul's, under the guidance of our rector, Fr. Deon. At the present time, our membership stands at 14. Our officers are as follows:

President - Gail Zorn | Vice President - Pat Gaetz | Secretary - Irene Colliau | Treasurer - Sue Knapp

We now meet on the second Sunday morning of the month, following the late service, except during the months of July and August. We have a business meeting, a devotional time, and a closing prayer session. Under the direction of Fr. Deon, a prayer ministry continues --each member taking a month and sending a card to let those who are ill, grieving and hurting know that their parish family is praying for them. During the meeting, these folks are once again lifted up in prayer by the entire group.

One very special event held during the year was our "Love Tea" held in February at a member's home. We had traditional English tea fare and enjoyed a time of prayer and sharing; it was a delightful day.

In the fall, we held an informal brunch between the two services. In addition to sharing a time of fellowship and some wonderful food, we chatted with many women in our parish who showed interest in becoming members of DOK. It is our hope that some of these ladies might choose membership later this year.

During the year, we also sponsored or coordinated the following projects: a bake sale that was held during the Brighton Art Fair

a "Grande Garage Sale" also held during the Art Fair in the Parish Hall. (DOK asked the parish for help in providing us with knick-knacks so we could have several tables. In addition, we offered tables for rent to members and friends in the parish and then advertised the opportunity to the Brighton community. We had great response from crafters and others and had to turn people away after our tables were all assigned.)

a holiday bake sale, held in conjunction with the holiday boutique

our annual Cozy Box ingathering; (One load of mittens, scarves, hats, and blankets has already been taken to the Salvation Army, and we will continue to ask for items through the cold weather.)

Through the efforts and help of all of us in DOK and members of the parish, we were able to help with funding for the following: two scholarships to the Women's Retreat held at Emrich Center; paint and other supplies for refurbishing the Parish Hall; and expenses incurred by Jenny on her journey to becoming a deacon,

We always welcome anyone who is interested in Daughters of the King and would love to have guests at our meetings,

For His Sake Gail E. Zorn,
President Dorothy Chapter



CHANGE, TRANSITION AND THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

-THE CHURCH HEALTH TEAM

St. Paul's Natural Church Development initiative was launched in April of 2008. After conducting a congregation-wide assessment we learned that we needed to work on the quality "passionate spirituality" to round out our strengths as a congregation. We formulated the following statement that expresses what passionate spirituality can mean at St. Paul's:

Recognizing that we are all companions on the journey, spirituality at St. Paul's can be seen as:

- Being free to express audible prayers in groups and worship
- Being able to tell your story, share your challenges, express your doubts and questionings
- Awakening to the spirituality that is already present in your everyday life and may be expressed in action or "being"
- Acquiring "holy habits" (spiritual practices and self-care)

2010 Activities

The CHT continued to meet throughout the year and planned two spiritual retreats. The first was held on April 24, 2010 at Emrich Center, as one of our 130th Anniversary events. The theme was "For Such a Time as This...Change, Transition and the Spiritual Journey". Our adult leader was the Rev. Jannel Glennie and Martha Lynch facilitated the kid's program. The retreat provided opportunities to explore the meaning of change and transition in our lives (change in our church, having a child, moving to a new city, starting or losing a job or a significant relationship, facing aging, etc.) and understanding how these inevitable crises can be both challenging and opportunities for deepening faith and spiritual transformation. 37 adults and six children attended the event.

The second retreat was an overnight spiritual retreat for women, held at Emrich Center on October 15 and 16, led by the Reverend Jeanne Hansknecht. This retreat was co-sponsored by St. Paul's with St. Andrew's of Ann Arbor. It was a beautiful experience on a beautiful fall day, which enabled participants to worship, discuss, reflect and relax together. 16 women from St. Paul's attended, along with six others from St. Andrew's.

Church Health Team

Judy and John McKenzie, Joannée DeBruhl, Karen Goss, Nicole Gravier, Beverly Fields, Jennifer Muller, Jenny Ritter, Nancy Flanagan, Michelle Rosinski



Members of St. Paul walking the Labyrinth during the Parish Retreat at the Emrich Retreat Center.

Praying without ceasing...

The Prayer Chain by Diane Brown

The Prayer Chain is a group of 11 members who pray every day for individuals who have asked for prayers. We have a Prayer Chain meeting every two to three months to discuss those on the list and to make updates to those being prayed for. All information is kept confidential.

Anyone in the parish that feels there is a need for prayers for themselves, loved ones, or friends are welcome to have these people put on the prayer list. They will remain on the list for one month. If there is not an update in a month, names are removed from the list.

If anyone is interested in being a part of the Prayer Chain, has a prayer request or update, please contact Diane Brown 810-229-7285 or Bev Field 810-227-7407.



2010: The Year in Numbers

4971 People came to church

4474 people receiving communion

5 receptions into the Episcopal Church

104 hours spent playing the piano on Sundays

114 Sunday Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist .

2 Ordinations

22 New members

7 Baptisms

\$2500 raised for Haiti Relief

40 people **22** Animals for St. Francis Celebration

847 people at non-Sunday Worship Celebrations

3 Confirmations

3 Funerals

30+ Readers participate in worship



Taking Community on the Road...

Eucharistic Visitors @ St. Paul
by Suzanne M. Conerway

St. Paul's Eucharistic Visitors include Suzanne Conerway, Bev and Bud Field and Bill Rates. Visits were made to members who are permanently and temporarily homebound, either in their homes, nursing homes, hospitals or other residences.

Eucharistic Visitors made visits as requested by the individual member, a family member or Fr. Deon. Those visited on a bi-monthly schedule throughout the year included Mary Burton, Don and Doris Krasko, and Louise Saunders.

Eucharistic Visitors are certified by the Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan and provide the Holy Eucharistic elements as directed and approved by Fr. Deon. Anyone wishing to have home visitation may contact the church office.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE...

STRATEGIC PLANNING TEAM

In commemoration of St. Paul's 130th Anniversary, the Vestry began a strategic planning effort to envision and plan for St. Paul's future. Judy and John McKenzie were asked to chair this process.

The Vestry met with staff in a retreat at Emrich Center in March, 2010. During the retreat, members brainstormed strengths and challenges faced by St. Paul's and what distinguishes St. Paul's and shared our hopes for St. Paul's future.

During Vestry meetings in April and May, the Vestry considered a draft statement of St. Paul's mission and core values and added revisions. It was decided to start more intensive work on planning in the fall.

In late August, a strategic planning team was convened, which included three Vestry members and five additional members of the congregation. The team sees its initial purpose as providing information, guiding and engaging the congregation through the process of planning its future. The team has met three times this year and conducted one church visit as a group. It has accomplished the following:

- Reviewed and summarized demographic reports and previous surveys and reports related to planning.
- Compared past demographic data regarding members with current membership facts to determine membership and attrition trends
- Developed possible scenarios for the future of St. Paul's
- Reviewed how other churches have gone about planning their future by talking with lay and professional consultants and conducting Church visits, including talking with congregants involved in planning.

Next Steps: The Strategic Planning Team recognizes that St. Paul's is like a family and any major changes will need to be brought to the family for consideration. With this in mind, the team has made a recommendation to the Vestry to contract with an outside consultant to assist in actively engaging the congregation in appropriate ways as the planning process moves forward. Once a decision is made about using a consultant, then the plan will be to hold a special retreat with the whole congregation. Next steps will be determined from there. The draft mission and core values statement will be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting for their review and input.

Strategic Planning Team: Judy and John McKenzie, Laura Zizka-Wright, Wende Cofield, Dave Brown, Mike Batten, Mary Bensmiller, and Nicole Gravier.

THANKFUL FOR THE PAST.

INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

The Investment Committee has continued to monitor St. Paul's investments in the long term outreach fund (GROWTH FUND) as defined in the St. Paul's Investment Policy as part of an overall "Policy for Non-Operating Income & Gifts." The portfolio was valued at \$175,486 on December 31, 2009. The December 31, 2010 value of the portfolio was \$87,807.

The portfolio consists of: mutual growth funds, fixed income securities, equities and bonds. In the past the Committee has attempted to maintain a balance of investments by various market segments. This past year, because of ongoing parish needs for withdrawals from the GROWTH FUND to meet normal operating expenses the Investment Committee stressed investing in instruments that would provide immediate return instead of longer term appreciation. As result, the holdings selected for immediate return did not appreciate as much as normal stock investments reflected in the market indices. Prior to investing, the committee reviews the fund to see that the investment is socially responsible.

In line with this policy, and Diocesan investment guidelines, the portfolio does not to invest in stocks such as tobacco, arms manufactures, gambling related, liquor companies or environmentally unfriendly companies.



The Committee meets, at least quarterly, to review the holdings, to determine which investments in the portfolio should be sold and what the proceeds should be reinvested in.

First National Bank of Howell's Wealth Management service continues as our investment adviser. This provides us with a local contact and frequent personal consultation about investments.

This past year the Vestry withdrew from the Growth Fund \$85,371 to reduce the mortgage balance at the time of refinancing, and \$10,000 more to meet ongoing parish expenses. Concerns about the timing of Parish needs for cash infusions caused the Investment Committee to keep a larger than normal amount of money in readily available instruments that yielded lower returns.

Special thanks are in order to these very talented and dedicated committee members for all their time and valuable input during the past year: Mark Cook, Jerry Knapp, John Nielsen and Treasurer Laura Wright. Carol Czekaj of First

Senior Youth New Beginnings

The Sr. Youth Group which consists of grades 9-12, started out the 2010-2011 program year with a camping trip in July 2010 to Hubbard Lake, Michigan. Time was spent relaxing, eating, swimming, morning and evening prayer, bon-fires, smores, silent time, friendship bracelets (thanks Nicole!) and a boat!

We gather on Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm and have been studying and getting to know the Book of Common Prayer. The Sr. Youth Group has also participated in Leadership roles at the "New Beginnings" retreat program for Jr. Youth, and have attended "Happening" which is part of the Diocese YAYA program. The EYE (Episcopal Youth Event) is something we hope to attend this year.



National Bank of Howell, has served as Investment Adviser to the Committee.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH: by Pat Burkett, Chair

Love INC. continues to vet clients in need of gas vouchers (our "gap" ministry). Love INC also keeps us current with special services available to the community throughout the year (medical, dental, etc.) and specific needs that arise (transportation, temporary housing).

Our donations of toiletries to Oakland Livingston Human Services (OLHSA), LACASA and other churches and organizations who disperse them through their "gap" ministries were of record proportions this year.

A joint project with Brighton VFW sent personal products and sweet treats to military personnel serving overseas and out of touch with a PX.

Fish and Loaves and the Heifer Project continue to thrive thanks to Jeanne and Phil Smith. (F & L can always use volunteers to provide food and service.)

Family Resource Center received generous clothing donations geared to women who are going back to work outside the home.

LACASA Christmas was again co-coordinated by Lisa Bay & Mary Bensmiller and SPC provided a generous Christmas to a family of seven.

Gleaners and Gardens benefitted hundreds of people in our community thanks to donations and the hard work of SPC members.

The response for relief for Haiti, was swift and very generous. That need continues and will for a long time.

Operation of S & O depends on the work and generosity of our church family. The Art Fair weekend - raffle and Bake Sale (DOK), The Annual Christmas Boutique and Bake Sale (Jan Thurston, Marlaina Warren, Jane Rosengen, and DOK and dozens of St. Paul's family who donated goods)

We had many special angels this year who provided: 20 new coats, vests, jackets, emergency dental care, tooth brushes, floss, 30 "comfort" bags for youngsters, 23 women's suits, outfits, coats, shoes, over 300 tubes of toothpaste, legal advice, 20 pairs of homemade mittens. Obviously S&O will always be in demand. Thank-You all for your generosity. You are like good neighbors: if a need is known, it will be met. Speaking of which, have you signed up to volunteer for the R.E.A.C.H. program this year? Jenny is waiting for you....



INSPIRATION BEHIND EVERY NOTE...

St. Paul's enjoyed rich and varied music in worship in 2010, using both the new "Worship & Rejoice" hymnals and the traditional 1982 hymnal. The choir sang virtually every Sunday in the winter, spring and fall, choosing anthems from traditional, gospel and contemporary literature.

Christian Maatjias served as accompanist for the first few weeks of 2010, as we searched for a new musician. In March, we were fortunate to have Jovanni-Rey de Pedro, an outstanding church musician, and graduate student at the University of Michigan, accept the job of

worship musician. When Nancy Flanagan, Choir Director, left the parish due to a family relocation in November, Jovanni agreed to take on the duties of choirmaster, as well.

Highlights of 2010:

- Lessons and Carols on January 3, featuring the traditional readings and a mix of anthems, solos and carols.
- Inclusion of children as bell ringers (four Sundays), co-anthemists (four Sundays), and singing in front of the congregation on songs especially chosen for them (six Sundays).
- Recognition of MLK Day with all-gospel music and anthem.
- Special music and celebrations for the Bishop's visit (January 24) and steel-drum Carnivale music (February 14).
- An all-acapella service on March 7.
- Special music at the Good Friday service and Family Easter Vigil.
- A wonderful Easter with children ringing and singing at communion, twenty singers in the choir, instrumental accompaniments.
- Special music by the Junior Youth: wii handbells!
- A original musical play on Earth Day Sunday, "All Creatures Here Below", featuring parish children and the congregation.
- A special anthem for girls and women in the congregation (25 singers!) on Mother's Day/ Rogation Sunday.
- On June 13, the choir was a central part of the marvelous 130th anniversary celebration, leading the Evensong and closing the program with two joyous anthems featuring drums and children.
- Summer Bible School (June) was infused with singing; all children received a CD of music learned during the week, to reinforce the songs' message.
- In the fall, one Sunday per month was set aside for gospel and contemporary Christian music.
- All Souls and All Saints Sundays (October 31 and November 7) were celebrated with special, "soulful" and celebratory music.

As outgoing Music Director for St. Paul's, I am very proud of the accomplishments and spiritual contributions of the adult choir--and of the parish children who have stepped forward to enjoy and enrich worship using music. St. Paul's is--uniquely--a "singing" congregation, something that's increasingly rare in mainstream churches. I thank you for the opportunity to serve, and pray that St. Paul's continues to be enthusiastically musical.

Nancy Flanagan, Former Music Director



A Living Legacy...



We continue to care for the legacy of those who have gone before us and those to come in the form of our physical buildings.

Much has been done to renew our physical plant but as any homeowner well knows the work is never done. 2010 saw several gathering spaces renovated and updated to

better serve our current building needs.

In early January our building was inspected by the Diocesan Building Assessor who made a series of recommends to be implemented over the years. The Building and Grounds Team met several times to prioritize the report and present a comprehensive list to the Vestry.

The following is a listing of areas within the church campus that have been identified by the Diocesan Building Assessor and the Building and Grounds Committee that will need special attention within the next 5-10years. Most of the building issues raised would either update or bring up to code the current structure:

- **Air Conditioning:** 2010 saw the air conditioner on the "chair" side require several maintenance visits. It will need replacement in the near future.
- **Pews:** Three of our pew collapsed in 2010. Because they are made of particle board repair is not an option.
- **Church Lighting:** Currently the lighting is in need of updating to better accommodate worship and to replace worn wiring that has frayed over time.
- **Sound System:** The sound system in the church is in need of serious renovation. Currently two of the three microphone outlets do not function.
- **Boilers:** Although the current boilers are functioning well they have over the last few years been in need of increasing maintenance. Both boilers are currently over 40+ years old.
- **Office Entrance Doors:** Both doors located on the St. Paul Street entrances of the building have had significant water damage. The water has seeped into the interior of both doors and has eroded the inside of the doors as well as the exterior moldings.

Interesting facts about our Building



Building Address: 200 West St. Paul Street, Brighton MI 48116

Effective Age: 130 year old structure combined with an 18 year addition/renovation

Building Dates: 1880, 1952, 1992

Square Footage: 9558 square feet

Number of Building Entrances: Five (can you find all five?)

Cost of As is Reproduction New: \$228.56 per Square foot = \$2,184,616.00

Estimated Cost of Church Furnishings: \$70,000.00

Last complete building appraisal: June 2006

Notes:

