



**In response to Christ's divine humanity,
St. Dunstan's strives to seek, love, and serve God,
welcoming all to:**

- +Gather in worship**
- +Serve people in need**
- +Care for the environment**
- +Listen and respond to each other**

St. Dunstan's plans to accomplish this mission as we:

- Nurture a loving Christian community among the diverse people of God.**
- Build on our recognition of God's presence in our grounds, people, liturgy, and outreach.**
- Address the congregation's pastoral needs.**
- Make decision making processes clear, consistent, transparent and accountable.**
- Develop and maintain a consistent plan of welcome and incorporation for Parishioners and Newcomers.**
- Support both our outreach and in-reach.**
- Nourish a strong and vibrant congregation through effective formation.**
- Develop a stewardship & financial plan of energy, facilities and grounds.**



Oversight and Stewardship Ministries

Thank You...Stewards of St. Dunstan's

From Fr. Bob Lambert, Interim Rector

St. Dunstan's mission statement and goals make clear that this congregation desires to responsibly care for, respond to, and manage its life together. "Like healthy people, congregations promote their health through responsible and enlightened behavior. The people who are most in a position to enhance the health of a congregation are precisely those who have been empowered to be responsible, namely the leaders. They are the chief stewards; they are the people who are willing to be accountable for the welfare of the congregation. They set a tone, invite collaboration, make decisions, map a direction, establish boundaries, encourage self expression, restrain what threatens the integrity of the whole, and keep the congregation's direction aligned with its purposes." (*Healthy Congregations* by Peter L. Steinke)

Thanks to the leadership of the Vestry and Wardens, St. Dunstan's is moving together into God's future. With the commissioning of the St. Dunstan's Rector Search Team, the Interim Task Force's work is coming to a successful conclusion of its ministry. The many in this congregation have expressed their hopes, dreams, stories, fears, and provided counsel to its leaders so that tough decisions for the good of the whole congregation have been made. Keep praying for St. Dunstan's and its leaders. This congregation is moving forward into God's vision and putting flesh and action on its mission and goals. Praise God for what God has done and will do through God's People.

Vestry Meeting Highlights

Reports:

- The time of the early service will be changed to 8 am beginning the first Sunday in June (June 6).
- Liturgy and music ministry leaders recommend that a task force review the liturgical appointments in order to achieve a more unified effect.
- The Community Garden includes 4 tomato plants, and 2 rows each of beans, peppers and carrots for donation to the Middleton Outreach Ministry Food Pantry. Parishioners are welcome to weed! Rain barrels are on the way.
- The wardens and interim rector met with Bishop Miller and Canon Pfaff and received positive feedback on the goals and mission statement St. Dunstan's has developed.
- Roof repair is scheduled to start May 25.
- The rectory will be rented and occupied beginning July 1. Management services will be provided by Madison Property Management.

Actions:

- Accepted an offer of \$3100 from the City of Madison to purchase approximately 480 sq. ft. of St. Dunstan's property to improve the intersection of Old Middleton Rd. and St. Dunstan's Dr. (The Standing Committee of the Diocese will finalize this in June.) A map showing this property is posted on the Vestry Bulletin Board.

- Approved the Outreach Committee's recommendation of disbursing \$5300 in outreach endowment grants during 2010.
- Did a brief Mutual Ministry Review, identifying progress and future growth in the areas of action, worship, doctrine, and oversight.
- Adopted a mission statement developed by the parish and Interim Task Force.
- Reviewed the position profile form used by the Church Deployment Office and approved a compensation range of \$65,000-\$75,000 (this includes salary, housing, and SECA).
- Changed the name of the Search Team to the Rector Discernment Team to reflect the mission of discerning mutual ministry with rector candidates rather than a hiring process. The Rector Discernment Team includes Patti Brennan, Liz Ferguson, Celia Fine, John Laedlein, Valerie McAuliffe, Mark Rooney, JonMichael Rasmus, and Kathy Whitt. Connie Ott has resigned from the Rector Discernment Team.

Updates from the Interim Rector:

Worship: The 7:30 am worshipers came to the Interim Rector requesting to change the time of worship to 8:00am. There has been no energy around changes in the time of the later service. After listing to groups and many individuals, I decided that the earlier service will begin at 8am starting on the first Sunday in June.

Formation: Childcare by volunteers upstairs will return in the fall. A more structured plan and training of volunteers is needed. Sunday Forum will continue during the summer. Next meeting to plan fall will be August 11, 1pm.

Pastoral Care: Community of Hope formation sessions for caring ministries is scheduled for September 13 – December 13th. They will meet on Monday nights at St. Luke's in Madison starting at 6:15 with Evening Prayer. Contact St. Luke's at (608) 222-6921 to register and for more information.

Church Camp Scholarships: The Interim Rector is the chairperson for Parish Life and Formation. Fr. Lambert will be receiving the requests for church camp scholarships and providing \$150 scholarships. Thanks are due to those in the congregation who have raised funds for these scholarships. Additional scholarship funds are available through the Diocese of Milwaukee for Camp Webb.

Rectory: The parish residence of 1818 St. Dunstan's has been rented. This property is being managed for St. Dunstan's by Madison Property Management. Tenants (which include Martin Ganschow) will be moving in on or before July 1st.

Welcome: Mary Sobota will be received into the Episcopal Church on May 30th at St. Andrew's. She has been an active participant in the Sunday Forum program and attends the 10am service.

Average Sunday Attendance for 2010:

Month	7:30	10	Combined	2009 ASA = 84.7
January	18.5	61.5	80.3	82.5
February	22.5	66.5	89	85.5
March	21	64.3	85.25	85.8
April	22.5	71	102.5 (Easter)	99.75

Financial Snapshot April 30, 2010	2010			2009
	Annual Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Actual
Income				
Feast Day Income	\$8,000	\$4,000	\$2,132	\$2,668
Plate Offerings & Other Contributions	\$6,500	\$2,167	\$4,090	\$2,302
Pledge Payments (1)	\$216,740	\$74,847	\$69,306	\$78,735
Bequest/Investment Sales (2)	\$16,487	\$16,487	\$22,618	\$0
Interest & Rental Income	\$2,050	\$683	\$767	\$615
Flowers & Coffee Hour	\$1,900	\$633	\$1,175	\$828
Total Income	\$251,677	\$98,817	\$100,089	\$85,148
Expenses				
Staff Salaries & Benefits	\$129,362	\$46,452	\$48,199	\$54,983
Utilities	\$17,003	\$6,576	\$6,224	\$9,100
Maintenance & Repairs	\$17,800	\$9,007	\$8,018	\$11,753
Administration	\$23,310	\$6,200	\$6,116	\$6,279
Outreach	\$12,600	\$200	\$200	\$3,200
Worship (3)	\$5,000	\$875	\$966	\$266
Christian Ed, Vestry, Coffee Hour (4)	\$1,100	\$367	\$84	\$563
Diocese & National Church	\$49,802	\$16,452	\$16,452	\$16,752
Total Expenses	\$255,977	\$86,128	\$86,259	\$102,896
Income-Expenses	-\$4,300	\$12,689	\$13,830	-\$17,748

(1) Includes pledge payments from previous year made after December 31.

(2) No additional income is anticipated in this line item during 2010.

(3) The entire cost of Worship is not shown in the "YTD Actual" columns because memorial funds designated for music were used for music operating expenses in 2009 & 2010.

(4) The entire cost of Christian Ed and Vestry is not shown in the "2009 YTD Actual" column because memorial funds designated for Christian Ed were used for Christian Ed operating expenses in 2009 and in 2009 some Vestry members made contributions toward Vestry costs.

Detailed Financial Reports through April 30, 2010 are posted on the Vestry Bulletin Board.

—submitted by Elizabeth Wroblewski

Find the Common Theme

Have you recently----

Assisted with a worship service as MC, Acolyte, Usher/Greeter, Altar Guild or Choir member?

Helped maintain our grounds?

Brought food for a parish gathering?

Made a financial pledge?
 Helped make chocolate eggs?
 Bought chocolate eggs?
 Attended a formation program?
 Prayed for a parish member?
 Brought food for MOM?
 Made a monetary donation to MOM?
 Been a member of a Ministry group?
 Helped with an Outreach activity?
 Rented a hat or tie on Mother's Day?
 Expressed your thanks to someone at St. Dunstan's?
 Contributed altar flowers?
 Helped with an activity for our youth?
 Volunteered in the nursery?
 Contributed to a special offering?

If you haven't already guessed, the common thread is Stewardship. This list, while not all inclusive, represents opportunities we have to enhance our worship, strengthen our parish community, care for our building and grounds, and reach out to others. And yes, this message is brought to you by the Stewardship Ministry Group.

We ask for your prayers and thoughtful consideration of how you can continue to contribute to the vitality of St Dunstan's and the accomplishment of our Goals and fulfillment of our Mission through your stewardship.

---Submitted by Sharon Bloodgood



Christian Formation Ministries

Grow in faith! Have fun! Change the world!

Your kids are invited to Vacation Bible School at St. Andrew's, June 14-18, 9am-noon. This year's VBS explores Jesus' Parable of the Sower through songs, activities, games, and snacks that bring together the Bible and environmental stewardship. Though threats to the environment can seem scary, ReNew VBS is about hope, opportunity and service. Kids explore planting seeds, taking root, growing, facing challenges, and living together in the good soil of God's love through three activity sites: self, community and world. A new aspect of the parable is offered each day with an eco-question and a spiritual question that guide the day's activities. ReNew VBS is a great opportunity for kids to grow in faith as good stewards of God's good creation!

Register now! VBS is open to kids three years old through 5th grade. A registration pdf can be found on St. Andrew's website: www.standrews-madison.org. Registration is due May 30. Contact Ruth Kearley, family@standrews-madison.org or 729-4050 for more information.

Many of the usual formation activities are on hiatus for the summer months—check the announcements in your bulletin and in the weekly emails for special formation activities that will take place this summer—Ed.

Book Review

Sacred Chaos: Spiritual Disciplines for the Life You Have, by Tricia McCrary Rhodes, IVP Books, 2008.

During Lent, Easter, and perhaps for several weeks afterwards, our spiritual lives are prioritized. We give special emphasis to prayer, worship, and formation activities. But what happens as summer approaches? We wind up many of our usual activities, and look forward not only to taking a break, but also to busy times of traveling, visiting, and celebrating.

It's possible at any time for carefully planned devotional programs to unravel. *Sacred Chaos* is the answer one woman lived out during a particularly intense time of family involvement. She learned to be flexible and creative in fitting in time with God.

Among the first things Rhodes reminds us to do is to re-think our expectations of what prayer time —should. be. She emphasizes the value of going to God out of need or gratitude for even a moment or two, rather than waiting in frustration for a completely empty prayer time slot.

This book discusses many approaches and techniques of prayer and devotion that are brief, but possible and meaningful. Rhodes talks about topics like the examination of experience and the confession of shortcomings and failures, practicing being present to others, seizing brief opportunities to do ministry or connect with God's presence, and making changes in one's schedule and space to enhance personal spirituality. She assures us that even in an especially busy —season of the soul. God's blessings can be sought and found.

---Submitted by Gloria Alt—who has a copy she's happy to lend.

Rediscover the Lord's Prayer in Next Parish Reading Project

Fr. Bob Lambert and Dan Geisler are recommending that St. Dunstan's read and discuss: *Rediscovering the Lord's Prayer* by Art Simon. Copies will be available to purchase or on loan through our library.

The Lord's Prayer is the essential and classical prayer of the followers of Jesus. Art Simon skillfully weaves his reflections concerning the spiritual balance of one's relationship with God and caring for others as expressed within the Lord's Prayer. Reading this book and following its encouragements will be useful in helping St. Dunstan's to grow in our relationship to God and in service to the world.

Further announcements about availability of the book and of group discussions will be in St. Dunstan's weekly e-mails.

Education for Ministry Begins Recruitment for Fall 2010 Seminars

What goes on in the St. Dunstan's classroom on the lower level one evening a week from September through May? A group of committed individuals joins together to learn more about all aspects of Christianity ministry in a community of other learners. We are all called to be ministers by our baptismal and confirmation vows—and knowledge and reflection help us to prepare for all of the ministry roles that we each are a part of.

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a four-year theological distance education through the School of Theology at the University of the South. The purpose of EfM is to help lay people prepare to be competent, intentional and articulate participants in the various ministries to which they are called. Students sign up one year at a time for the program. In Year One, students study the Old Testament, in Year Two the New Testament, in Year Three Church History, and in Year Four Theological Choices.

In addition to the academic part of the program, students use a number of models of theological reflection in order to analyze life events, scripture and other texts, aspects of culture, and personal, community and global concerns. The purpose of theological reflection is to draw out and examine insights and implications for more effective ministry.

EfM members work at forming a close community so that all members are listened to and supported in their ministry goals. Each group is facilitated by a trained mentor.

The EfM program at St. Dunstan's is currently the only program serving the Madison area. We recently graduated 2 members in May, and we are looking for at least 2 people to join the program as Year One students in the fall.

Two information sessions for interested people will be held at St. Dunstan's in the upcoming weeks: Wednesday June 16 at 7 pm, and Sunday June 20 at 11:30 am. For more information please call Gloria Alt at 370-6113; medial_gal@yahoo.com; or call the St. Dunstan's office.

---Submitted by Gloria Alt



Outreach Ministries

Advocating for Low-income Neighbors on June 13th

By Dan Geisler

We of St. Dunstan's gladly --reach out. to those in need among us. One way is by giving direct aid, such as that provided through Father Bob's discretionary fund, and through our contributions of time and money to service groups like Middleton Outreach Ministries (MOM) and Grace Shelter. But the poor and hungry among us need more than this short-term aid, they also need a voice in Washington, where the country's anti-hunger laws and programs originate. These laws are of crucial importance, because they provide the main safety net for impoverished people in this country. Yet, because they are out of the main stream, these low-income people are largely voiceless in Washington and so cannot speak for the programs that are of such great importance to themselves.

Bread for the World, a highly respected non-denominational and non-partisan Christian organization, provides nation-wide direction and organization for advocacy in Congress on the poor's behalf. --Bread's. main strength comes not from its dollars (it gives none) but through the annual letter-writing campaign that it organizes each year, in which hundreds of thousands of letters are written to Congress, all focused on *one* particular issue. This year, the focus is to renew two federal poverty-relief programs at present levels of funding. These programs, the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Child Tax Credit (CTC), each provide tax rebates to low-income working families. These rebates have proven to be one of the very best ways to help many of these families out of poverty (and therefore out of hunger).

Those of us willing to take part in advocacy for these very important programs will meet in the Chapel after the 10:00 service on Sunday, June 13th, to write our letters. For those wanting

more information, Dan Geisler will make a presentation about the EITC and CTC programs, and their importance to the poor, at the "Forum" between services on the 13th—9:00 AM in the Chapel.

Brown Baggin' it for MOM in June and July

School is out June 11th, and kids will be home needing easy to fix, nutritious food, putting even more of a strain on family food budgets. Please consider filling a little brown bag (available at church) with child-friendly lunch foods, and returning it to St. Dunstan's during the months of June and July; a volunteer will deliver items to the food pantry. Ideas: PB & J, snack -size fruit cups, 100% fruit juice boxes, baked chips or pretzels, pudding snacks, granola bars, etc. Also, how about sunscreen, shampoo, toothpaste, tooth brushes, etc.? These may not be high on the list for MOM clients to buy when they're just trying to put food on the table. **Thank you!**

---Submitted by *Laura Bloomenkranz*



Building Up the Body of Christ

Environmental Disaster Brings Prayer Response

As we watch the continuing story of the catastrophic oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, Susan Fiore has beautifully phrased a request that we can all use in our private and corporate prayer:

For a speedy end to the continuing pollution of the Gulf of Mexico, for the survival of sea creatures and fisheries, and for the lives and livelihoods impacted by the Deep Horizons oil disaster; for those who died or suffered injury there, and their families and loved ones; for all involved in the clean-up, investigation, and enforcement of existing laws; and for wisdom and courage for policy-makers.

O God our heavenly Father, you have blessed us and given us dominion over all the earth: Increase our reverence before the mystery of life; and give us new insight into your purposes for the human race, and new wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP p. 828)

---Submitted by *Celia Fine*

“Meeting God in My Day”

---By *Susan Frank*

This past March I came face-to-face with my own mortality, as I was diagnosed with Stage Four of a rare and chronic autoimmune kidney disease. Because of its autoimmune nature, this illness is treated with high doses of steroids and chemotherapy. Because of the chemo, I began to experience some of the symptoms of what my doctor refers to as “chemo brain”. My ability to socialize with

friends through conversation was impacted, as well as my already poor organizational skills, and my ability to concentrate on written material.

Thus, I became a –missing person. at my monthly book group. One of the first casualties in my regular life was the social component, closely followed by any semblance of order and organization in my home (always a real bugaboo for me, and always the first to go under stress!)

I felt a lot of anxiety and despair at first, as I looked around me at the disorder and took it all in. I even questioned where God might be hiding through this situation.

What I did not count on finding in this mess was the kindness of my friends and family. Each person in my book group took some of her own free time to come to my home and read chapters of our current book to me. My family helped me with laundry, cleaning, grocery shopping, and getting me to University Hospital every few weeks for chemo, a biopsy (and a couple of ER runs for emergencies.) Two special friends have come over twice to help me organize my living and dining room areas when I couldn't do it myself. Father Bob came to my house on Maundy Thursday to pray with me and give me Communion in case I couldn't make it to church for Easter Services.

Each of these freely given gifts of kindness, caring, and time showed me that God was still omnipresent in my life, perhaps more strongly than ever, even as I doubted His presence there at all. I feel truly blessed by the people around me, and am more convinced than ever that one of the ways that God shows His love for us is through our communities. I will be forever grateful to mine.

Parishioner Profile: *Susan Trudell*

I was born and raised in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin and attended Trinity Episcopal Church. My husband, Don, and I have lived in the Madison area for 43 years; we were married at Grace Episcopal Church. We have been at St. Dunstan's for about 30 years. We have no children but have helped to raise many neighborhood children in Westport where we now reside. Both Don and I have art education degrees and have learned to be gentle in our critiques of each other's endeavors!

I just retired in 2008 from being a medical transcriptionist at UW Hospital. Since we love dogs, having had 10 throughout our marriage (the last few being rescue dogs), that has led me to my latest obsession--writing and illustrating little books about shih tzus. I self-published one of these in the past year and am thankful for the members of the St. Dunstan's congregation who have been willing not only to help through its creation but purchase them as well as they were created to raise money for shihtzu rescue groups and county humane societies.

My –ministry. history with St. Dunstan's has been serving on breakfast committee, Sunday school teacher, treasurer, and altar guild. St. D's is our extended family whom we love very much.

Shepherding Care = Pastoral Care

If you or someone you know would like to be visited at home or elsewhere by a layperson or clergy for any reason, please contact the Parish Office at 608.238.2781 or office@stdunstans.com. St. Dunstan's would be delighted to see that they are visited. All of God's sheep matter to St. Dunstan's.

Devotional Helps From Father Bob

Prayer for the Discernment of a Rector

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer 1979, page 818.

Reflection on Scripture:

–*And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church...*

Matthew 16.18a

Personal: On what rocks that form your foundation have you built your life?

Congregational: What are the rocks that form the foundation of life at St. Dunstan's?

How to have Holy Conversations:

- Take Time to be in God's presence.
- Seek to understand rather than to be understood.
- Speak for yourself. Don't try to represent another person or group.
- Use "I" statements.
- Look for common ground.


Liturgy & Music Ministries

Hymn of the Month H-370, stanza 6

Words: Attributed to St. Patrick (372-466)

Music: Deirdre, Irish melody; harmony Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Christ be with me, Christ within me
 Christ behind me, Christ before me,
 Christ beside me Christ to win me,
 Christ to comfort and restore me.

Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
 Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
 Christ in hearts of all that love me,
 Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

“What's With All Those Helmets in the Balcony?”

That might have been the thought amongst St. Dunstan's worshippers during the later service on Mother's Day -- especially during the announcements when it was noted, –My word ... what's going on up there?.

Well, to be honest, it was a gag pulled on Martin Ganschow, our Music Ministries Leader, who pulled it right back on the ladies. As many have noted during the last months, the tone of the choir has improved quite a bit. We have spent much of our rehearsal time on developing a mature and blended tone, and the results speak for themselves. Martin has often said to the altos to sing like –Brunhilda. (said with a rich German accent). So the altos took Viking helmets, attached yellow braids (reminiscent of Heidi, we suppose) and *Voilà!* – Brunhildas throughout the choir. When

Martin once more said, –Sing like Brunhilda! the helmets were pulled out. Susan Fiore said it was to dispel the myth that Episcopalians might not like a fun moment!

Martin, of course, saw his opportunity on Hat Day (Mother's Day), and the ladies were encouraged to don their helmets! So, that is what is happening with all of those helmets in the balcony. One can be sure this isn't the last time they will be seen.

Many thanks to the talented and hard-working singers of our choir. Art Lloyd, John Laedlein, Richard Roe and Amadeo Verstegen are the basses; Connie Ott, assisted by Martin Ganschow, are the tenors; Britt Verstegen, Evy Gildrie-Voyles, Jordan Smith, Kathy Whitt, Patricia Gates and Susan Fiore are the helmet wearing altos, and Shirley Laedlin and Claudia Miran round out the choir in the soprano section. Many, many thanks to them for enriching our worship this past season, and helping us to experience that which is holy. The regular choir schedule will resume after Labor Day.

Summer Singers

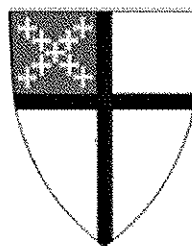
Just because the choir is on holiday from the regular schedule of rehearsals and singing doesn't mean there won't be any extra choral leadership. Have you always wanted to sing in the choir, but can't commit to the schedule???? Join us on any second Sunday of the month – we will rehearse at 9:00 a.m. (we might be in the chapel or the balcony). We will sing that same Sunday at 10:00 a.m. service. The first time the Summer Singers will gather is on June 13th at 9:00 a.m. We hope to see some new faces this summer.

---Submitted by Martin Ganschow



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