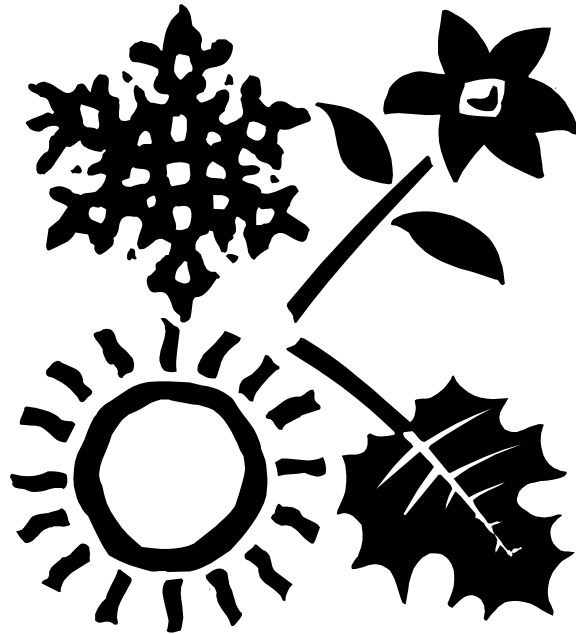


Annual Report for the year 2010



**ANNUAL
MEETING**

Church of the Ascension
January 30, 2011

Agenda

- I. Call to order
- II. Opening Prayer
- III. Approval of minutes
- IV. Treasurer's Report/Approval
- V. Budget Presentation
- VI. Report on Nominations
- VII. Elections
- VIII. Senior Warden's Report
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- X. Other Reports
- XI. Rector's Address
- XII. Benediction
- XIII. Adjourn

Rector's Report

What a joy and gift it is for me to serve as Rector of Church of the Ascension. For over eight years now, I have had the privilege of leading worship, preaching, teaching, organizing, and serving with the wonderful people who call this parish their church home. This is a community of caring, faithful people who come together with joy to worship, learn, and then go out into the world to serve God.

2010 was a year of transition at Ascension. The most obvious aspect of that transition was the dedication of our renewed worship space and organ. We had a festive celebration last May with the Bishop joining us for a solemn Evensong and dedication one weekend and then a sublime Dedicatory Recital by Ken Cowan the next. Having now "lived" in our new space for a little over a year, I think the project was a huge success.

Of course, having finished the actual construction and dedication, that only left paying the loan that we took out to enable completion of the work. Thanks to the prompt and continued support of our Hearts Ascending Campaign, we paid the loan off on time and have no debt remaining. What is more, we will have a modest sum remaining in that fund that will allow us to complete some small projects remaining.

As wonderful as all that is, I am most pleased about our work this fall to begin looking forward again and renewing our focus on excellent ministry. In July we began a planning process in which each committee met to consider where they felt God leading that ministry in the coming years. Leaders of those committees, along with Vestry members then met together, and out of that process, three priorities emerged toward which we wished to put additional resources and energy: Youth and Children's Ministry, Music Ministry, and Outreach.

Following those meetings, we sent out two surveys and received great participation from parishioners who gave us input regarding our Sunday/weekend schedule and our Christian Education programs. We took the results of those surveys into a series of "Dessert Gatherings" to test out the results and to broaden the conversation. Out of those gatherings, we heard feedback about and are implementing several items, such as: using intinction cups at communion; having one service on several Sundays each year; properly funding a half-time, salaried youth ministry position; increasing the financial support of our music ministries; refocusing on outreach with both funding and time; and offering a Saturday evening service.

Our Celebration Sunday in November was a huge success. The response to having one service was extremely positive, and taking that time to invite everyone to make their financial commitment to Ascension worked quite well. In fact, our pledges increased almost 30% over 2009. This increased commitment will fund those three priorities—Youth and Children's Ministry, Music Ministry, and Outreach—in a manner that better reflects their importance to our common life.

I give God thanks for each and every person's participation in our life and mission here. I am especially grateful for our staff, vestry, and all the other members who have taken on leadership roles at Ascension. Together we will continue to grow in our worship, fellowship, and ministry—all in service to our Lord.

Senior Warden and Personnel Committee Report

Looking backward, I believe we all realize that this has been a special year, with the dedication of our new organ and its surrounding worship space, as well as paying off the loan! Looking forward, we know that there is still much more to be done: expanding social outreach, increasing our youth ministry (especially in hiring a new youth minister), and developing new opportunities for fellowship, both within and outside our parish. I wish to thank those members of our vestry who are “retiring” for their tireless work on our behalf. I’m looking forward with great anticipation the fresh ideas and enthusiasm of those new members of the vestry who are joining us at this time! May God bless you all.

Junior Warden and Building Committee Report

This being my first report, I would like to begin by sharing that being Junior Warden was not something that I personally desired but making that leap of faith is part of the Christian Life, and a year later, the rewards with such a leap have been in simplest of terms “back-end loaded” and for this I personally give thanks to God.

As you already know the Building Committee is dedicated to the improvement, care and maintenance of the physical buildings and grounds of the Church of Ascension so that it is available for use by our community in Christ here today and for those yet to come. In support of this mission, our focus has been to identify those areas of the building that carry the greatest amount of use and focus resources on improving those areas. For these efforts we are pleased to give thanks to God for the improvements made to our Parish Hall and in the 3rd & 4th Grade Classroom.

Specifically I want to thank the following:

- Those parishioners who have helped all over our facilities. If I have not spoken with you personally, let me take this opportunity to thank you. I know there is a great deal that gets done without me ever asking anyone (especially the “Church’s mystery gardeners”) and for that I want each of you to know you have my greatest appreciation.
- Bright Star’s cooperation and financial commitment with the refurbishing of the Parish Hall’s floors. I personally look forward to continuing to grow this relationship.
- Our shopkeepers who shared the cost with us to resurface the our parking lot.
- Father James for his dedication to keeping God involved in our decisions.
- To the Parish for all financial contributions that make this possible.

Much of our near-term focus is to reduce the building committee’s needs to bite-size portions that don’t overwhelm any individual with the amount of time they may have to give. We will continue to organize “worker parties” throughout the year to provide everyone an opportunity to help in the beautification of our blessed facilities.

Our more long-term project in support of improving our presence in the community, is to develop an actionable plan necessary to repair/replace the Church’s chimes so to enhance our own worship experience and offer an open invitation to call our neighbors that we have not meet to join us in worship.

In closing, I openly invite your involvement through volunteerism and/or service on the committee or its sub-committees and experience the simple pleasure of leaving things better than you found them while serving our Master's house.

God Peace,

J. Tison Cory, Junior Warden

Treasurer and Finance Committee Report

As I leave the Treasurer position, I want to give you the best report I have presented in the past three years. There are four areas I would like to address, and all deserve tremendous thanksgiving and kudos for Ascension parishioners.

The first is a tremendous announcement, the line-of-credit (loan) that we used to finish the organ purchase and remodeling has been paid off in full, and on time! In fact, we have about \$30,000 remaining for additional capital projects related to the organ and remodeling. This money will be used to support organ maintenance for two years. This work is required to ensure the organ performs at its best after installation, and as it "lives" in the new space. Also, money will be spent on finishing the lighting and sound systems in the church. Thank you to all who met your pledges to make this capital project a success.

Also, I want to report that we ended Fiscal Year 2010 with a surplus of \$79.86!! Not much, but better than a year in the red. This effort took a tremendous amount of work. Thankfully we were able to make it through the year. Thanks to all those who made their commitments. I know it was a tough year economically, and we were paying off the loan.

Now, to the New Year. And it is a very good year indeed. We had a tremendous outpouring of giving for the 2011 Operating Budget. It was a combination of the Celebration Sunday process, the loan behind us and hopefully parishioners feeling better about their finances. Many parishioners significantly raised their donations. A large number kept the same amount. Few lowered their giving. Of even greater interest was that nearly 100% of parishioners provided a pledge. Because of this outpouring of generosity, we have raised the money provided to many ministries and programs. The largest increases are going to Children and Youth programs, the Music ministry and general Outreach. Additionally, after three years, we are able to give our employees a raise. Thank you for all the pledges.

Finally, I want to thank the Finance Committee for all their hard work this past year. As Liz Arnold and Patti Chandler leave the committee, I want to personally thank them for their commitment and thoughtful advice given to me. It certainly made my job much easier.

Diana Mead is the new Treasurer. She will continue providing us with great fiduciary responsibility. Please carry on giving her your best ideas. I want to offer my personal thanks to parish members who gave me the support, encouragement and guidance to make my service so much easier.

2010 Revenue and Expense Statement

	2009 Actual	2010 Budget	2010 Actual
Revenues			
General Contributions			
1-4-01-010 - Regular Pledges	\$193,091.14	\$205,000.00	\$164,014.24
1-4-01-012 - Special 50-50-3	\$4,069.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1-4-01-015 - Regular - Non-Pledge	\$73,763.23	\$60,000.00	\$94,493.80
1-4-01-020 - Plate Offerings	\$7,971.00	\$10,000.00	\$7,338.03
1-4-05-030 - Special Holiday Events	\$525.00	\$2,000.00	\$615.00
Total General Contributions	\$279,419.37	\$277,000.00	\$266,461.07
Restricted Contributions			
1-4-02-020 - Diocese Restricted Pledges	\$5,545.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,595.00
Total Restricted Contributions	\$5,545.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,595.00
Investment Income			
1-4-03-010 - Interest Income - Checking	\$13.51	\$15.00	\$0.00
1-4-03-015 - Interest Income - Securities	\$3,773.75	\$3,000.00	\$2,284.59
Total Investment Income	\$3,787.26	\$3,015.00	\$2,284.59
Rental Income			
1-4-04-010 - Outside Use Contributions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,462.92
1-4-04-020 - Wedding Funeral Contributions	\$200.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,200.00
1-4-04-110 - Bright Star Utilities Reimb	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,692.80
Total Rental Income	\$200.00	\$2,000.00	\$26,355.72
Other Income			
1-4-05-020 - Miscellaneous Receipts	\$6,569.64	\$8,000.00	\$1,394.00
1-4-05-050 - Dedication Festivities Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,105.00
1-4-05-060 - Non-Cash Gifts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$612.08
Total Other Income	\$6,569.64	\$8,000.00	\$7,111.08
Total Revenues	\$295,521.27	\$295,015.00	\$307,807.46
Expenses			
Total Compensation	\$186,475.45	\$179,340.00	\$173,870.31
Parish Programs			
1-5-02-010 - Children's Ministry	\$321.13	\$400.00	\$146.11
1-5-02-110 - Youth Ministry Program	\$197.93	\$300.00	\$39.03
1-5-02-210 - Adult Education Program	\$50.82	\$0.00	\$347.01
1-5-02-230 - Tracts/Publications	\$235.00	\$0.00	\$235.89
1-5-02-310 - Liturgical Ministries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$155.90
1-5-02-320 - Altar Supplies	\$1,357.95	\$900.00	\$1,475.90
1-5-02-330 - Hospitality	\$317.37	\$0.00	\$163.99
1-5-02-410 - Music Program	\$1,496.03	\$1,655.00	\$821.24
1-5-02-420 - Instrument Maintenance	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1-5-02-520 - Wedding/Funeral Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$194.70
1-5-02-530 - Clergy Required Events/Conferenc	\$220.00	\$500.00	\$597.00
1-5-02-540 - Special Holiday Events	\$17.21	\$0.00	\$0.00
1-5-02-550 - Dedication Festivities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,785.40
1-5-02-560 - Donated Services/Repairs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$287.41
1-5-02-900 - Miscellaneous Parish Programs	\$546.95	\$0.00	\$480.00
Total Parish Programs	\$5,360.39	\$3,755.00	\$12,729.58

2010 Revenue and Expense Statement

	2009 Actual	2010 Budget	2010 Actual
Administrative Expenses			
1-5-03-010 - Continuing Education Clergy	\$700.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
1-5-03-030 - Rector's Business/Mileage Expens	\$1,124.16	\$2,000.00	\$1,966.96
1-5-03-040 - Bookkeeping Contract	\$6,212.34	\$7,000.00	\$5,842.52
1-5-03-050 - Rector Life Ins - Church Benefic	\$202.00	\$200.00	\$202.00
1-5-03-060 - Audit Contract	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$700.00
1-5-03-115 - Telephone Expense	\$2,525.67	\$2,700.00	\$3,410.04
1-5-03-120 - Copier Expense	\$6,330.87	\$6,000.00	\$8,495.30
1-5-03-125 - Equipment and Computer Purchase	\$219.86	\$170.00	\$0.00
1-5-03-130 - Office Equipment Maintenance	\$2,016.49	\$2,000.00	\$2,016.38
1-5-03-145 - Furniture and Fixtures	\$29.98	\$0.00	\$0.00
1-5-03-240 - Subscriptions/Publications	\$18.45	\$0.00	\$0.00
1-5-03-250 - Paper	\$937.96	\$700.00	\$698.65
1-5-03-260 - Postage	\$1,021.70	\$900.00	\$915.36
1-5-03-270 - Office Supplies	\$847.93	\$900.00	\$1,373.05
1-5-03-280 - Bank/Government Fees	\$1,967.87	\$150.00	\$1,014.17
1-5-03-500 - Miscellaneous Office Expense	\$1,338.04	\$500.00	\$1,473.26
Total Administrative Expenses	\$25,493.32	\$24,920.00	\$28,607.69
Building Expenses			
1-5-04-020 - Utilities: Gas/ Electric	\$14,277.14	\$18,000.00	\$18,556.53
1-5-04-030 - Utilities Water/Sewer	\$1,271.41	\$1,800.00	\$2,224.39
1-5-04-110 - Building Maintenance/Improvement	\$4,715.91	\$8,000.00	\$8,332.60
1-5-04-120 - Cleaning Contract	\$3,801.60	\$7,000.00	\$11,633.60
1-5-04-140 - Other Service Contract	\$6,963.05	\$5,000.00	\$4,180.99
1-5-04-210 - Insurance Premiums	\$12,815.45	\$16,500.00	\$15,256.15
1-5-04-310 - Cleaning Supplies	\$2,467.10	\$1,800.00	\$3,906.25
Total Building Expenses	\$46,311.66	\$58,100.00	\$64,090.51
Rectory Expenses			
1-5-05-020 - Rectory: Gas/ Electric	\$2,719.19	\$3,000.00	\$3,136.77
1-5-05-030 - Rectory Water/Sewer	\$391.42	\$400.00	\$468.85
1-5-05-110 - Rectory Maintenance/Improvement	\$549.25	\$750.00	\$1,247.00
Total Rectory Expenses	\$3,659.86	\$4,150.00	\$4,852.62
Outreach and Larger Church			
1-5-06-010 - Diocesan Pledge	\$19,697.61	\$21,950.00	\$21,316.89
1-5-06-020 - Regional Pledge	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
1-5-06-110 - Diocesan Convention Expense	\$1,872.98	\$1,800.00	\$1,260.00
1-5-06-210 - General Outreach	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Outreach and Larger Church	\$23,220.59	\$24,750.00	\$23,576.89
Miscellaneous/Contingency			
1-5-07-010 - Contingency	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Miscellaneous/Contingency	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$295,521.27	\$295,015.00	\$307,727.60
Net Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$79.86

2010 Revenue and Expense Statement

	2009 Actual	2010 Budget	2010 Actual
Other Expenses			
(Gains) Losses on Investments			
1-6-08-100 - (Gains) Losses on Investments	-\$24,683.35	\$0.00	-\$6,141.91
Total (Gains) Losses on Investments	-\$24,683.35	\$0.00	-\$6,141.91
Total Other Expenses	-\$24,683.35	\$0.00	-\$6,141.91
Net Operating Total	\$24,683.35	\$0.00	\$6,221.77

Church of the Ascension
 Balance Sheet Analysis
 December 2010

Accounts	Last Year	This Year
Assets		
Cash & Equivalent		
Collegiate Peaks Checking		
1-1-01-050 - General Checking	\$38,704.94	\$60,363.29
4-1-01-050 - Building Checking	\$83,001.73	\$31,475.50
Restricted Checking		
3-1-01-050 - Restricted Checking	\$73,920.60	\$23,376.14
3-1-01-052 - Restricted Checking - Altar Guil	\$9,210.68	\$9,210.68
Total Restricted Checking	\$83,131.28	\$32,586.82
Total Collegiate Peaks Checking	\$204,837.95	\$124,425.61
Collegiate Peaks Money Market		
3-1-01-060 - Restricted Money Market	\$0.00	\$50,238.87
Total Collegiate Peaks Money Market	\$0.00	\$50,238.87
Individual Accounts		
Collegiate Peaks Accounts		
3-1-02-215 - Rector Discretionary Checking	\$1,567.53	\$670.86
3-1-02-225 - Deacon Discretionary Checkiing	\$1,682.18	\$1,400.70
Total Collegiate Peaks Accounts	\$3,249.71	\$2,071.56
Total Individual Accounts	\$3,249.71	\$2,071.56
Total Cash & Equivalent	\$208,087.66	\$176,736.04
Securities		
1-1-02-230 - Limited Maturity Income Fund	\$8,051.39	\$8,323.93
1-1-02-240 - Reserves Investment at CEF	\$135,463.13	\$118,617.09
2-1-02-250 - Grant McCarty	\$27,431.42	\$28,161.86
2-1-02-260 - Endowment Investment	\$31,182.35	\$33,310.60
Total Securities	\$202,128.29	\$188,413.48
Real Estate-Church		
4-1-03-050 - Land 600 Gilpin	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00
4-1-03-070 - Building 600 Gilpin	\$1,850,000.00	\$1,850,000.00
4-1-03-090 - Land Parking Lot	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
4-1-03-110 - Building Equipment and Content	\$418,200.00	\$418,200.00
Total Real Estate-Church	\$2,438,200.00	\$2,438,200.00
Real Estate-Investment		
4-1-04-050 - Land 630 Gilpin	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
4-1-04-070 - Building 630 Gilpin	\$169,291.04	\$169,291.04
Total Real Estate-Investment	\$209,291.04	\$209,291.04
Receivable From Others		
1-1-05-010 - Accounts Receivable - Bright Str	\$3,757.21	\$4,634.64
Total Receivable From Others	\$3,757.21	\$4,634.64
Total Assets	\$3,061,464.20	\$3,017,275.20

Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds

Liabilities		
Payroll Deductions Payable		
1-2-01-020 - Housing Equity Payable	\$300.00	\$300.00
1-2-01-030 - Federal Tax Withheld	\$1,413.60	\$1,278.62
1-2-01-040 - Medicare Tax Withheld	\$158.18	\$145.88
1-2-01-060 - Social Security Tax Withheld	\$676.44	\$623.76
1-2-01-070 - State Tax Withheld	\$1,021.00	\$954.00
1-2-01-090 - City Tax Withheld	\$69.00	\$69.00
1-2-01-100 - Staff Pension Payable	\$435.02	\$435.02
Total Payroll Deductions Payable	\$4,073.24	\$3,806.28
Pre-Paid Contributions		
1-2-02-010 - Prepaid Contributions	\$4,836.24	\$8,310.61
Total Pre-Paid Contributions	\$4,836.24	\$8,310.61
Other Liabilities		
1-2-03-010 - Accounts Payable - Operating	\$12,624.26	\$9,157.36

**Church of the Ascension
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Accounts	Last Year	This Year
Total Other Liabilities		\$12,624.26
Loans Payable		
4-3-01-010 - Notes Payable-Collegiate Bank	\$190,254.39	\$0.00
Total Loans Payable	<u>\$190,254.39</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$211,788.13</u>	<u>\$21,274.25</u>
Fund Principal and Excess Cash Received		
Fund Principal		
Ascension Operating Fund Princ		
1-2-01-001 - Operating Fund Principal	\$139,759.58	\$164,442.93
Total Ascension Operating Fund Princ	<u>\$139,759.58</u>	<u>\$164,442.93</u>
Restricted Fund Principal		
3-2-03-001 - Restricted Fund Principal	\$2,258.42	\$2,258.42
Total Restricted Fund Principal	<u>\$2,258.42</u>	<u>\$2,258.42</u>
Ascension Building Fund Princ		
4-2-04-001 - Building Fund Principal	\$2,755,186.39	\$2,540,238.38
Total Ascension Building Fund Princ	<u>\$2,755,186.39</u>	<u>\$2,540,238.38</u>
Total Fund Principal	<u>\$2,897,204.39</u>	<u>\$2,706,939.73</u>
Excess Cash Received		
Excess Cash Received - Operating	\$24,683.35	\$6,221.77
Excess Cash Received - Endowment/Trust	\$0.00	\$0.00
Excess Cash Received - Designated/Restrict	\$0.00	\$0.00
Excess Cash Received - Building	(\$214,948.01)	\$138,728.16
Total Excess Cash Received	<u>(\$190,264.66)</u>	<u>\$144,949.93</u>
Total Fund Principal and Excess Cash Received	<u>\$2,706,939.73</u>	<u>\$2,851,889.66</u>
Restricted Funds		
Total Temporarily Restricted	\$84,122.57	\$82,638.83
Total Permanently Restricted	\$58,613.77	\$61,472.46
Total Restricted Funds	<u>\$142,736.34</u>	<u>\$144,111.29</u>
Total Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds	<u><u>\$3,061,464.20</u></u>	<u><u>\$3,017,275.20</u></u>

2010 Summary of Restricted Accounts

	Beg. Balance	Revenue	Expenses	Ending Balance
Temporary Restricted				
Designated Accounts				
3-8-01-001 - Rector's Discretionary Account	\$1,567.53	\$2,317.67	\$3,214.34	\$670.86
3-8-01-030 - Deacon Discretionary	\$1,682.18	\$978.52	\$1,260.00	\$1,400.70
3-8-02-010 - Altar Guild Money Market	\$9,210.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,210.68
3-8-02-900 - Int on MM/Growth Reserve	\$1,889.09	\$238.87	\$0.00	\$2,127.96
Total Designated Accounts	\$14,349.48	\$3,535.06	\$4,474.34	\$13,410.20
Outreach and Discretionary				
3-8-01-010 - Rector Discretionary Fund	\$184.50	\$9,267.80	\$2,342.67	\$7,109.63
3-8-01-045 - Deacon Discretionary Fund	\$164.50	\$923.64	\$978.52	\$109.62
3-8-01-050 - Bishop Discretionary	\$0.00	\$657.00	\$657.00	\$0.00
3-8-01-101 - Outreach Miscellaneous	\$10,302.85	\$510.00	\$5,800.00	\$5,012.85
3-8-01-102 - Haiti Project	\$590.00	\$7,135.00	\$7,725.00	\$0.00
3-8-01-104 - Loaves & Fishes	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
3-8-01-106 - Vestry Contingency Fund	\$29,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,000.00
3-8-01-107 - St. Francis & CO Haiti Cap Campa	\$3,477.02	\$1,353.61	\$3,642.93	\$1,187.70
3-8-01-108 - More Than a Match	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
3-8-01-109 - St. Francis Center	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
3-8-01-110 - Watoto Children's Choir	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
3-8-01-120 - MetroCaRing	\$0.00	\$320.00	\$270.00	\$50.00
Total Outreach and Discretionary	\$44,028.87	\$20,217.05	\$21,666.12	\$42,579.80
Parish Projects				
3-8-02-002 - Youth Ministry Projects	\$2,750.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,750.25
3-8-02-004 - Rector's Office Fund	\$2,190.78	\$1,150.00	\$1,024.91	\$2,315.87
3-8-02-005 - Vestments Fund	-\$4,533.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$4,533.24
3-8-02-007 - Music Projects	\$2,040.64	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$2,340.64
3-8-02-008 - Worship Projects	\$1,938.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,938.07
3-8-02-011 - Pop Machine	\$612.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$612.44
3-8-02-012 - Rector Sabbatical	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
3-8-02-013 - Future Projects	\$1,283.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,283.87
3-8-02-014 - Pre-Marital Materials	-\$60.95	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$9.05
3-8-02-015 - Janet's Gift	-\$13.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$13.61
3-8-02-016 - Book Table	\$492.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$492.56
3-8-02-017 - Altar Guild Fund	\$1,706.70	\$3,475.00	\$993.62	\$4,188.08
3-8-02-020 - Youth Mission Trip	\$504.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$504.64
3-8-02-025 - Children's Music Ministry	\$8,018.66	\$1,151.10	\$4,373.46	\$4,796.30
3-8-02-030 - Freezer Fund	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
3-8-02-901 - Gift Collections	-\$40.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$40.00
3-8-02-904 - Rector Continuing Ed Grant	-\$500.00	\$2,175.20	\$1,675.20	\$0.00
Total Parish Projects	\$16,890.81	\$9,321.30	\$8,067.19	\$18,144.92
Memorials				
3-8-03-001 - Memorial Flowers	\$3,853.41	\$2,857.50	\$3,232.00	\$3,478.91
3-8-03-033 - Benton Memorial	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Total Memorials	\$3,853.41	\$2,882.50	\$3,232.00	\$3,503.91

Capital Improvement Projects				
3-8-04-500 - Tenant Repair Fund (Bright Star)	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Total Capital Improvement Projects	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Total Temporary Restricted	\$84,122.57	\$35,955.91	\$37,439.65	\$82,638.83
Permanent Restricted				
Endowment Fund				
2-9-01-001 - Endowment Fund	\$31,182.35	\$2,128.25	\$0.00	\$33,310.60
Total Endowment Fund	\$31,182.35	\$2,128.25	\$0.00	\$33,310.60
Grant McCarty Fund				
2-9-02-001 - Grant McCarty Fund	\$27,431.42	\$1,030.94	\$300.50	\$28,161.86
Total Grant McCarty Fund	\$27,431.42	\$1,030.94	\$300.50	\$28,161.86
Total Permanent Restricted	\$58,613.77	\$3,159.19	\$300.50	\$61,472.46

2011 Operating Budget (Approved by the Vestry on December 15, 2010)

Headings and Account	2011 Budget
Revenues	
General Contributions	
1-4-01-010 - Regular Pledges	\$236,000.00
1-4-01-015 - Regular - Non-Pledge	\$70,000.00
1-4-01-020 - Plate Offerings	\$10,150.00
Total General Contributions	\$316,150.00
Restricted Contributions	
1-4-02-020 - Diocese Restricted Pledges	\$5,500.00
Total Restricted Contributions	\$5,500.00
Investment Income	
1-4-03-010 - Interest Income - Checking	\$0.00
1-4-03-015 - Interest Income - Securities	\$3,000.00
Total Investment Income	\$3,000.00
Rental Income	
1-4-04-010 - Outside Use Contributions	\$1,500.00
1-4-04-020 - Wedding/Funeral Contributions	\$3,000.00
1-4-04-110 - Bright Star Utilities Reimbursement	\$27,800.00
Total Rental Income	\$32,300.00
Other Income	
1-4-05-020 - Miscellaneous Receipts	\$3,000.00
Total Other Income	\$3,000.00
Total Revenues	\$359,950.00
Expenses	
Total Compensation	\$225,051.50
1-5-02-010 - Children's Ministry	\$1,000.00
1-5-02-110 - Youth Ministry Program	\$3,000.00
1-5-02-210 - Adult Education Program	\$500.00
1-5-02-230 - Tracts/Publications	\$250.00
1-5-02-310 - Liturgical Ministries	\$250.00
1-5-02-320 - Altar Supplies	\$1,500.00
1-5-02-330 - Hospitality	\$500.00
1-5-02-410 - Music Program (Library)	\$1,495.00
1-5-02-420 - Instrument Maintenance	\$350.00
1-5-02-520 - Wedding/Funeral Expense	\$0.00
1-5-02-530 - Clergy Required Events/Conferences	\$750.00
1-5-02-900 - Miscellaneous Parish Programs	\$500.00
Total Parish Programs	\$10,095.00
1-5-03-010 - Continuing Education Clergy	\$500.00
1-5-03-030 - Rector's Business/Mileage Expense	\$2,000.00
1-5-03-050 - Rector Life Ins - Church Beneficiary	\$200.00
1-5-03-060 - Audit Contract	\$1,200.00

Headings and Account	2011 Budget
1-5-03-115 - Telephone Expense	\$2,640.00
1-5-03-120 - Copier Expense	\$7,500.00
1-5-03-125 - Equipment and Computer Purchase	\$1,000.00
1-5-03-130 - Office Equipment Maintenance	\$2,000.00
1-5-03-145 - Furniture and Fixtures	\$0.00
1-5-03-240 - Subscriptions/Publications	\$0.00
1-5-03-250 - Paper	\$700.00
1-5-03-260 - Postage	\$750.00
1-5-03-270 - Office Supplies	\$1,000.00
1-5-03-280 - Bank/Government Fees	\$900.00
1-5-03-500 - Miscellaneous Office Expense	\$1,200.00
Total Administrative Expenses	\$21,590.00
1-5-04-020 - Utilities: Gas/ Electric	\$18,000.00
1-5-04-030 - Utilities Water/Sewer	\$2,200.00
1-5-04-110 - Building Maintenance/Improvement	\$8,000.00
1-5-04-120 - Cleaning Contract	\$11,000.00
1-5-04-140 - Other Service Contract	\$4,000.00
1-5-04-210 - Insurance Premiums	\$16,000.00
1-5-04-310 - Cleaning Supplies	\$2,900.00
Total Building Expenses	\$62,100.00
1-5-05-020 - Rectory: Gas/ Electric	\$3,000.00
1-5-05-030 - Rectory Water/Sewer	\$400.00
1-5-05-110 - Rectory Maintenance/Improvement	\$1,950.00
Total Rectory Expenses	\$5,350.00
1-5-06-010 - Diocesan Pledge	\$28,453.50
1-5-06-020 - Regional Pledge	\$1,250.00
1-5-06-110 - Diocesan Convention Expense	\$1,800.00
1-5-06-210 - General Outreach	\$4,250.00
Total Outreach and Larger Church	\$35,753.50
Total Expenses	\$359,940.00
Net Total	\$10.00

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Ascension's 2011 annual campaign***

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MS. ROSILAND DUDDEN	THE MATHEWS FAMILY	FAMILIES WHO WISHED NOT TO
THE FARRELL FAMILY	MS. ROBIN MCDUGAL	BE ACKNOWLEDGED BY NAME.
THE GALLAGHER FAMILY	THE MEAD FAMILY	

Mother Cass Strotheide, Pastoral Assistant

Greetings to all who attend this parish,

As we gather to review the past year and make plans for another year of ministry at Ascension, I want to take this opportunity to tell you how much I have enjoyed serving as your assisting priest for these past 6 months. I appreciate the warm welcome that I have received and your patience with me as I attempt to associate names to all of your friendly faces. I hope to become better acquainted with each of you in the coming months. Father James and I will be leading another Adult Education course in February and Al Starkey will be working with us to offer a unique Lenten opportunity as we journey with Christ toward Easter. The visions and plans that have resulted from last summer's parish meetings, committee meetings, dessert gatherings and the diligent work of your vestry promise to make 2011 an exciting time in the life of this parish. I am glad to be part of the leadership team and look forward to sharing your experiences as we continue to grow in ministry and faith.

God's Blessings,

Mother Cass+

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee continues to be very busy creating the tools that allow us to communicate with the congregation in an effective manner, hence the Parish Post. The committee produced many newsletters over the last almost years and we are continuing to perfect the final product. If you are not computer savvy and you prefer to receive the Parish Post by regular mail please let Molly know or call the office and let Celeste know. We don't want anyone to miss out on what is happening with in our community. We are always looking for articles/information that are pertinent to the congregation.

We continue to want to get an article in the Denver Post insert THE HUB. This article will focus on the history of Ascension and the new organ.

Being a committee filled with volunteers, as all the committees are, we are always looking for more people to help us and we also welcome any new ideas.

I really appreciate all the work my committee has done, but there is more to do; the bulletin boards in the Parish Hall need help, improving the Parish Post, help writing articles. If you have any ideas please tell any one of our committee; Roz Dudden, Lucia Cowperthwait, David Neal, Betsy Wahlberg. We would really like it if you would consider joining our committee. Our meetings are few and far between, but we do have a schedule for the Parish Post; a schedule was set to be quarterly, three weeks before Christmas (winter), *Three weeks before Easter (spring), June (summer), and two weeks before Service Sunday in September (fall). All Parish members are encouraged to contribute.*

Pastoral Care Committee

Pastoral Care Committee provides meals for the sick, visits to shut-ins, hospitals and nursing homes. We also provide Eucharistic visitors. Life events are remembered or celebrated by our card ministry. The needs of our parish families are faithfully remembered by the prayer chain. We look forward serving our parish family in the coming year. Members include Joan Casey, Barb Watson, Diane Ipsen, Jane Medina, Elinor Davis, Roz Dudden, Bobbie Girardin, Palma Chambers and Paul Abdo.

Outreach Committee

Our purpose statement:

Church of the Ascension Outreach Committee, motivated by Christ's love, is sensitive to the evolving need of the community, educates and organizes the congregation and acts as stewards to the least, the last and the lost.

2010 was another great year for the outreach efforts of our Parish. The committee members continue to volunteer time each month to St. Francis Center, Metro CareRing, St. Clare's Supper and Colorado Haiti Project. New ministries Ascension donated to in 2010 were: Campus Ministry, through University of Denver- the ministry provides worship service and food to the hungry in the Denver metro area. Cathedral Ridge Episcopal Camp Conference Center in Woodland Park- This sacred ground will be used as a place set apart for ministry to churches, families and youth. Father George- Barb Watson raised \$700 and donated to complete renovation of his bathroom. The accomplishments of our efforts were: Metro CareRing- donated over \$1,000 and over 1000 lbs. of food . St. Clare's Supper- donated over \$1,000 and the ministry served over 5000 meals to homeless individuals. Colorado Haiti Project- donated over \$2,700 to Colorado Haiti project, \$1,700 was matched through the efforts of Epiphany Appeal for Haiti Relief. St. Francis Center- Donated over \$1,000 to the ministry. There were 20 parishioners who attended the annual Gala in October. The Outreach Committee members want to invite all parishioners to join us in Christ's love to assist those less fortunate than ourselves. Please contact anyone on the Outreach Committee and share with us how you would like to be involved in our efforts.

Jack Moore	Dorothy Wilson	Barb Watson
Roz Dudden	Joan Casey	Jane Medina

Hospitality Committee

The Hospitality Committee is very excited for 2010 and plans to focus on the following items:

- The Dougans have volunteered to organize a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 16th. The Hospitality Committee will help to support this event.
- Work with Celeste to create a "Name Tag Tree" for the whole Parish.
- Coordinate efforts with the Greeters to help welcome Newcomers to Ascension.
- Coordinate with the Communications Committee to provide information about Ascension to our Newcomers and visitors.
- Buy a new "Guest Book" for Ascension to help collect more complete information from our Visitors. Collection of e-mail addresses will be a key focus.
- Partner with the Building and Outreach Committees to address the flow of the building. This will ensure that visitors and newcomers feel welcome and engaged as soon as they enter the building. This will also ensure that families with children can find the Sunday school and youth activities with ease.
- Organize "Coffee Hour Cabinets" in the kitchen, making coffee hour easier for our hosts and hopefully encouraging more volunteers to host in future.

Youth Ministry Annual Report

2010 saw many changes in youth ministry at Ascension. For the school year of 2009-2010, youth began their week by gathering for Sunday School and church. On Wednesday evenings, youth

groups featured 30 minutes for choir, 30 for dinner and 30 for teaching. Check out the reports from Sunday School Director, Amy Leonard and Music Director, Greg Larsen for more information on those programs. Youth Evenings were lead by Cary Mathis, along with volunteers, Doris Kimbrough and Eli Harlan. Parents provided dinner and other support while Cary spent time teaching the kids about Bible stories.

With a traditional break for the summer, the parish learned that Cary was departing for a full time job at another church. The Vestry asked Eli Harlan to step in as Interim Director. She accepted and began working in August to prepare for the new school year.

Greg and Eli, through discussions with parents and volunteers, discerned a need to shorten the Wednesday night program. They made the decision to have Youth Choir 6:15-7 pm. During that time, Fr. James led a Bible Study for parents. The choir team also added fun events to the schedule—the Wednesday evening after a Sunday when the choir helped lead worship. Eli coordinated and lead those events which included a “build-your-own-pizza” night at Ascension and a Christmas Party hosted at Diana and Hudson Mead’s house. The Parent volunteers were critical in making choir and special events successful!

As we look toward 2011, Fr. James is forming a committee to hire the next half time youth director. Please pray for this ministry and that God will bring a fabulous new leader to our parish.

Respectfully,

Eli Harlan, Interim Youth Director

Sunday School

The past year has been one of continued growth and change for the Sunday School program at Ascension. We began the fall with some clean up and paint as we transformed the Junior Youth Room into a more inviting setting for all of our children. We are continuing to organize this area and will hopefully be adding some furniture to this new room during 2011. We are also blessed this year with the return of so many of our families new and old. Our child parishioners continue to grow with nearly 75 children in our midst from birth to high school age. Each week we average 8 children in each Sunday school class with many weeks with as many as 14 per class. Our teaching staff continues to grow and change with each new year and now includes Katrina Benes, Michelle Cory, Ann Davis and Lisa Neal. I am thankful for their dedication and commitment to the children of our parish. We can provide training for anyone who has a willing and interested heart. I hope that you will consider joining us – it truly could be the best thing you have ever done. This past year saw the transition in the Youth Director Position. As Cary Mathis moved on to a new parish, our own Eli Harlan has stepped in as Interim Youth Director. She has continued to support our youth through weekly Sunday School classes, parties and other gatherings. Her leadership and energy have been a welcomed partnership during this time. Thanks to the support of the parish, we have begun our search for a permanent Youth Director. We have formulated a new job description and are seeking applicants through various sources. I have every confidence that we will find the perfect candidate who will be able to serve our youth for years to come. Finally, I want to thank Father James for entrusting me with this leadership role and thank the parents for faithfully bringing your children to church. I invite you to come visit, volunteer, and play with us. It is truly amazing to see God through the eyes of a child. Until then

God’s Blessings to You All,

Amy Leonard Sunday School Director

Organist and Director of Music Ministries

Music Ministry at Church of the Ascension continues to evolve with the privilege of praising God in worship.

Youth Choir / Christmas Pageant

The Wednesday Youth Program Night followed a new format for grades 2-7 in fall, 2010. The schedule now begins with Youth Choir rehearsal at 6:15 PM and concludes with prayer by 7:00 PM. Dinner and youth group activity provided in prior years was dropped, on the advice of parents, in recognition of increased after-school activities and homework assignments. Approximately 25-30 young people participate in Youth Choir, developing confident leadership skills in worship. Special thanks to Eli Harlan and Doris Kimbrough for their continuing assistance with the Youth Choir. The Christmas Pageant is another coordinated venture of Youth and Children's Ministry and Music Ministry. This year's pageant, Candlelight Christmas Garden, was presented on Sunday December 19 prior to the 10:00 AM Service. This Christmas program included at least 12 traditional songs and carols – three of which involved congregation participation. A feature of this year's Pageant was the challenge of 2-part choral singing for the first time in addition to abundant speaking, narration, and tableaux roles. Assistance from several parent volunteers was an important factor the success of this year's pageant. We always encourage any youngster, grades 2-7, to participate in the Youth Choir program.

Adult Choir, Praise Music and Instrumentalists

The Adult Choir benefitted from spirited new members who include Dr. RJ Graham, Patricia Palmer, and Mary Price in addition to the return of several inactive members. The Adult Choir prepared two major choral works for presentation in worship this year - Franz Josef Haydn's *Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo*, accompanied by instrumentalists from our own Parish during the 10:00 AM service on March 14, and Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*, sung prior to and during the 5:00 PM Christmas Eve service. The latter work was accompanied by eminent Denver harpist, Donald Hilsberg.

Church of the Ascension hosted three other choirs and clergy from Denver-area churches for a Dedicatory Evensong in our renewed worship space on Sunday afternoon, May 16, in the presence of Diocesan Bishop Robert J. O'Neill. The Adult Choir was also asked to sing for the Opening Eucharist of the 123rd Diocesan Convention held at St. John's Cathedral, Thursday evening, October 7.

The Praise Team concluded several years of devoted service to this Parish with a decision to disband effective late-Summer, 2010. As a result, the Adult Choir, Youth Choir, and occasional instrumentalists are providing voluntaries during administration of communion. Repertoire is now being taken from alternate Episcopal supplements including *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* (African-American hymnal), *Wonder, Love, and Praise* (a collection of diverse new hymns and spiritual songs), *My Heart Sings Out* (Children's/Church School hymnal), and *Voices Found* (hymnal by, for, and about women). Other resources include celebration music with strong associations to the Holy Spirit's renewal of the church in this Parish during the 1970's; much of this music was created by Betty Pulkingham and is faithfully interpreted here by Oressa Wise.

We are most fortunate to have talented instrumentalists/accompanists in our midst to enhance worship: Wesley Dencker (Piano), Dr. Eric Hammerberg, (Flute), Margie Holcomb (Piano), Dave Johnson (Electric Bass), Dr. JoAnne Kyhl (Viola), Dorothy Percy, Violin, Lucille Reilly (Autoharp, Hammered Dulcimer, and Recorder), Oressa Wise (Violin and Guitar).

We also recognize the importance of attracting and encouraging new participants in music ministry.

Interested vocalists and instrumentalists are always welcome at Adult Choir rehearsal, 7:00-9:00 PM on Thursday evenings in the Choir Room.

The Organ, Music Events Calendar

Our Hearts Ascending Organ - manufactured by Patrick J. Murphy and Associates, Stowe, PA - was formally dedicated through the course of three events last May. The first, a Dedicatory Evensong on May 16, is discussed above. Church of the Ascension co-sponsored a Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza workshop for youth from throughout the State of Colorado on Saturday, May 22. Hosted by recitalist, Ken Cowan, app. 30 young people participated in this event cooperatively presented by this Parish, the Denver Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, Patrick J. Murphy and Associates, and Westminster Choir College of Rider University, Princeton, NJ. The concluding event was a brilliant Dedicatory Recital performed by Mr. Cowan on Sunday, May 23. The repertoire that evening demonstrated our new organ's ability to stand alone as a first-class recital instrument in addition to its customary functions in worship - leading hymns and service music and accompanying choral and instrumental ensembles.

The installation of the new organ and a greatly enhanced worship space have now made the Church of Ascension sanctuary an ideal venue for concerts, recitals and festive services by outside groups. A Music Events Calendar was assembled and opened with the Rocky Mountain regional premiere of the sacred opera, *Unfinished Sermons*, by Maurice Saylor and Phillip Grace on September 17-19, 2010. Subsequent events have been or will be performed by ensembles taken from the Colorado Youth Symphony Orchestra, Opera Colorado Young Artists, Sigma Alpha Iota Music Fraternity, The Columbine Chorale, the Strings Studio of James Maurer and the Denver Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory S. Larsen, Organist and Director of Music Ministries

Vestry Nominees

Eric Hammerberg, candidate for Senior Warden

Eric Hammerberg and his wife Diane joined Ascension in 2006. Eric was raised in the Methodist church and his wife in the Lutheran church. He was baptized at St. Andrews Episcopal church in 1970; they have attended both Lutheran and Episcopal churches ever since. They have three children: Mark (38), Molly (35), and Mimi (28), and 4 grandchildren.

Eric has practiced neurology for 35 years. His personal interests include skiing, sailing, and playing the flute. He attends both the bible study group at Ascension and also a philosophy group with fellow physicians. In the last year I have been the Senior Warden at Ascension.

Tison Cory, candidate for Junior Warden

Tison Cory and his wife Michelle started attending Ascension in the year 2005. They have two children Lilly (8) and Jay (7). Tison was baptized at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Bennettsville, South Carolina and grew up in the Episcopal Church at St. Philip in Jackson, Mississippi where Lilly and Jay were baptized. The Cory family takes pleasure in the more intimate setting of Ascension. Tison is a graduate of the University of Alabama where he studied political science and received a commission from ROTC. Since arriving in Denver in 1998, he has worked in the mutual fund industry for a handful of firms located in the metropolitan area. Tison is also an adjunct professor at Metropolitan State College where he teaches a course in financial planning. His voluntary experience includes formerly working on the executive committee at the Denver Cooperative Preschool and coaching Jay's soccer team on Saturdays.

Diana Mead, candidate for Vestry

Diana Mead and her husband, Hudson, started attending Ascension in 2004. They joined the church because of the wonderful sense of community, the energy around the youth programs, and the welcoming nature of the entire congregation. Diana served as a teacher in the Sunday School Program from 2006-2008. Diana and Hudson have three children; William (7), Parker (7) and Katie (11). Diana currently is the President and Chief Operating Officer of Allonhill, a mortgage due diligence and credit risk management firm based in Denver. She has been involved in multiple non-profits since moving to Denver eleven years ago. She has been most active in the Colorado Children's Campaign, the Denver Botanic Gardens, and Graland Country Day School. She holds an undergraduate degree from Miami University and is finishing her JD from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law in May.

Robert B. Bailey, candidate for Vestry

Robert is a "Colorado Semi-Native" Born in Tulsa, OK in November 1965. Robert & his family left Tulsa, OK for Tokyo, Japan in May 1968, returning to the U.S.A. to live in Pittsburgh, PA by December 1969. The Bailey family moved to Denver, CO settling in what is now Centennial, CO in July 1975. Robert knew he had arrived to a great place, and has built a fantastic life for himself & his family in Denver, CO.

Robert graduated from Arapahoe High School in 1984 and then from the University of Colorado, Boulder, CO in May 1989 having completed a double major in Accounting & Finance. Robert worked as an auditor for Coopers & Lybrand in Denver from July 1989 to October 1993. He then went to work in the Financial Accounting Department of the University of Colorado Hospital

Authority from October 1993 to October 1996, completing that employment as the Hospital's Assistant Controller. Robert was actively licensed as a Certified Public Accountant in CO from December 1994 to June 2002. He has kept a small sole proprietorship providing accounting, tax, management, and general business consulting from October 1996 to the present.

In May 2005 Robert received his Colorado Real Estate Broker's License and has subsequently worked for two of the finest firms in Denver - namely Franklin Harlan, LLC and Perry & Co., both carrying on great Denver traditions. He currently maintains his brokerage license with Franklin Harlan, LLC. Robert is married to the one true love of his life, Diana L. Bailey who has practiced as an in-patient hospice nurse before the arrival of their daughter. Together they are raising an incredible daughter, Erin Grace. They live in the Lowry neighborhood of East Denver, where Erin attends the fourth grade at DPS's Lowry Elementary. The entire family are dog lovers, and they currently care for two large black rescue dogs as their family in their home powered 100%+ by photovoltaic solar panels. Robert found his way to Ascension as a new "arrival" to church community at Thanksgiving 2005. He was baptized in the Episcopal Church as an infant in the hometown of his father - Keene, NH in July 1966, but not actively raised in the church. In addition to looking forward to serving a one-year term on the Vestry @ Church of the Ascension, Robert is beginning new employment as a Sales Consultant at Boulder Toyota Tuesday February 1st, 2011.

Davis Butler, candidate for Vestry

Lisa Neal, candidate for Vestry

Lisa and David Neal and their two children, Katie (11) and Ellie (7), joined Church of the Ascension in 2004. Lisa and David were both raised in the Midwest and moved to Denver in 1997. Prior to having children, Lisa was a Marketing Manager for the Neutrogena Corporation in Los Angeles. She just recently started her own aesthetics company. Lisa holds a B.S. in Business Administration from Drake University and an M.B.A. from Pepperdine University. Lisa was raised in the Catholic Church but has found a new home in the Episcopal community and Church of the Ascension. Lisa loves to spend time with her family and appreciates the simple things in life. She also enjoys going to movies, cooking, skating, and skiing. She is an active volunteer in the community, including teaching Sunday School at Ascension and working in fundraising and on various committees for their children's schools.

Suzy Whittemore, candidate for Vestry

Suzy has attended Ascension since 2008 and has served on the Altar Guild for the past 18 months. Raised on the East coast, she graduated from the University of Colorado, and decided to make Colorado her permanent home. She has been an active Real Estate Broker in Denver for over 34 years, and serves of the Denver Board of Realtors Grievance/Ethics Committee. She has one daughter who lives in the D.C. area, and has recently become a grandmother. She has been in a committed relationship with Fred Berhenke for 18 years. Fred serves as a lector at the 8:00 service.