

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

2010 has been a year of transition. The call process, initiated after Pastor Greg's decision to resign his call with us, continues. We worship weekly under the guidance of our interim minister, Pastor Ray. We have held our two regularly scheduled congregational meetings required by our constitution, even though the January meeting had to be rescheduled twice due to weather. The fall festival - Celebrating God's Harvest -- and our ministry fair - Celebrating God's Gifts -- were opportunities to be connected as one community of people who happen to worship in three distinct services.

We continue to expand our use of the North Wing. Saint Nicholas was granted the North Wing Use and Occupancy Permit on January 26, 2010. Our new building then served as the venue for Pastor Greg's farewell on February 14th followed by Safe Nights the week of February 28th - March 7th. Vacation Bible School, July 12th - 16th, was able to expand into a comfortable environment. The reception following Jonathan Wolf's ordination on July 18th was a terrific way to use the Great Hall even with an equipped kitchen still a dream. The fall festival and ministry fair were both set up in the wonderful space now available to us. Tuesday nights the North Wing is available to the church sponsored Cub Scout Pack #1806 with the church sponsored Boy Scout Troop #422 on the church premises as well.

The Council has approved the church's Personnel Policy and the updated Building Use Policy, as well as conducted the biennial review of the Youth Protection Policy. Our ministry organization reflects our logo, as does our newsletter and our weekly bulletin insert. Our 2011 financial reports will be in the same ministry format starting with the budget presented and approved at the November Congregational Meeting.

There is much to look forward to in 2011. The executive leadership positions of Council President, Vice President and Treasurer will be filled by "new" people who are long time members of Saint Nicholas. We will welcome a new pastor. We will be expending considerable energy on program development. We will be challenged to fully support our operating budget and mortgage payments. Being about God's work in the world is our goal. We will strive to truly make stewardship a way of life so that we will have the strength and courage to be present as God's disciples in God's time. Collectively we are the church called Saint Nicholas. Together we will do what we need to do to navigate successfully throughout 2011.

Thank you to all congregational members who have served or who are currently serving in leadership and teaching roles, on the many committees, and in worship and community service roles. Thank you also to all the families of these members for supporting the efforts of your family member in the continuing work of the church.

Through it all we worship. We love God, love others, teach and learn, serve the world. We thank God for all that we are given, and give back because we have been blessed. We strive to fulfill the mission of Saint Nicholas: Growing and empowering disciples of Jesus Christ for the ministries of God's work in the world.

Respectfully,

Ann Wolfgang, Council President