**Annual Meeting Report**

**Elected Offices**

**Bishop’s Warden**

Kevin Minch

For the sake of brevity, and out of deference to the important contributions of the many officers and ministry coordinators and committees who have offered reports for this year’s Annual Meeting, I will be keeping my comments short. Let me begin by thanking our Vicar, Johnnette Shane, our Priest Associate, Carrol Davenport, and our Director of Music, Scott Alberts for the services they carry out throughout the year. There are many other individuals who serve our church in various capacities: as members of the choir, as organizers of coffee hours, as leaders of ministries, as readers, chalice bearers, acolytes, and more. One of the truly great things about Trinity is that it is a congregation where we all have a role to play.

For Trinity, 2012 has been a year of accomplishments. We have launched a promising building campaign, engaged in new ministries, participated in missions at home and abroad, and welcomed new members into our midst. We welcome your feedback as we continue the good work of Trinity.

**Junior Wardens’ Report**

Pete Kelly and Wynne Wilbur

The following bulleted listed represents a summary of most of the activities we undertook as Co-Junior Wardens in service to Trinity Episcopal Church – as best as we can remember.

* Established a schedule and crew for lawn mowing and grounds keeping.
* Helped with snow removal around the church and Vicarage.
* Painted the steps to the Vestry.
* A little snow removal
* Called city about drainage problem at the corner of Mulanix and Harrison Streets (can't be fixed unless we bug them a lot)
* Coordinated spring and fall clean up days to clean up the inside and the outside of the church grounds. This included removing a dead tree on the Harrison Street side, adding a lot of mulch to existing garden beds, doing some radical pruning in the Vicarage back yard, weeding, etc
* Cut back on cleaning service of the church from twice a month to one time per month.

**Treasurer**

Krista Baker

The 2011 audit was completed and sent to the Diocese in June 2012. Special thanks to Alan Davis for supervising his student Bridget Han with preparation of the audit.  Thanks to Bridget for her work on our audits for the last two years.  Our audits are up to date and our commitment to the Diocese is paid in full.  With the long range goal of transitioning from a mission parish to a self-supporting parish, we continue to lower the amount of aid we request from the Diocese.

Below please find a summary of pledges for the last few years.

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| **Year** | **# of Pledges** | **Amount Pledged** | **Amount Received** | **Pledges Outstanding** | **Diocese Aid** | **Diocese Pledge** |
| 2011 | 32 | $85,223.00 | $92,200.00 | $4,095.00 | $15,000.00 | $10,272.00 |
| 2012 | 31 | $83,429.00 | $83,125.00 | $5,710.00 | $12,500.00 | $11,556.00 |
| 2013 | 28 | $75,565.00 |   |   | $11,000.00 | $12,530.00  |

2012 end of year summaries follow.

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| **Account Balances - As of 12/31/2012** |  |
| Checking Account | $40,494 |
| Savings - General | $21,435 |
| Savings - Building Fund | $69,954 |
| Certificate of Deposit | $25,000 |
| Certificate of Deposit | $9,935 |
| **TOTAL** | **$166,818** |

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| **Cash Flow - 12/1/2012 through 12/31/2012** |  |
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| **INFLOWS** |  |  |
|  | Building Fund | 1,152.00 |
|  | DIOCESAN AID | 1,041.00 |
|  | INTEREST | 84.69 |
|  | TOTAL Passthru Income - 2012 | 311.45 |
|  | PLATE | 1,021.00 |
|  | PLEDGES | 9,130.00 |
| **TOTAL INFLOWS** | **12,740.14** |
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| **OUTFLOWS** |  |
|  | Building |  |
|  | Building:Building Insurance |  |
|  | Building:Maintenance | 33.75 |
|  | Building:Utilities, Church | 290.42 |
|  | Building:Utilities, Vicarage | 304.07 |
|  | **TOTAL Building** | **628.24** |
|  | Clergy |  |
|  | Clergy:Supply Clergy | 125.00 |
|  | Clergy:Vicar, Ins-Med-Life-Dental | 840.00 |
|  | Clergy:Vicar, Salary & Travel | 3,667.00 |
|  | **TOTAL Clergy** | **4,632.00** |
|  | **Miscellaneous** |  |
|  | Misc Expenses | 1,007.00 |
|  | **TOTAL Miscellaneous** | **1,007.00** |
|  | Music Program |  |
|  | Music Program:Choir Director | 250.00 |
|  | Music Program:Maintenance of Piano and Organ | 330.00 |
|  | Music Program:Music | 146.45 |
|  | Music Program:Organists | 300.00 |
|  | **TOTAL Music Program** | **1,026.45** |
|  | Outreach Program |  |
|  | Outreach Program:Diocesan Convention | 224.55 |
|  | Outreach Program:Diocesan Pledge | 963.00 |
|  | Outreach Program:Outreach, Plate - passthru | 266.45 |
|  | **TOTAL Outreach Program** | **1,454.00** |
|  | Worship Program:Adult Education | 126.30 |
|  | Worship Program:Childcare, Worship | 50.00 |
|  | Worship Program:Flowers (passthru) | 36.00 |
|  | Worship Program:Worship | 55.19 |
|  | **TOTAL Worship Program** | **267.49** |
|  | **TOTAL OUTFLOWS** | **9,015.18** |
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|  | **OVERALL TOTAL** | **3,724.96** |

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| **2012 TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH as of 12/31/2012** |   |
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| **INCOME:** | **Budget Category** | **Annual Budget** | **YTD Acutals** | **100.0%** |
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| **Building Fund** | Building Fund (move to Bldg Sav Acct) | 0.00 | 19,350.80 |  |
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| **Real Income** | Diocesan Aid | 12,500.00 | 12,500.00 | 100.0% |
|  | Interest | 400.00 | 273.4 | 68.4% |
|  | Misc | 200.00 |  | 0.0% |
|  | Plate | 10,005.00 | 8,897.50 | 88.9% |
|  | Pledges | 83,429.00 | 83,125.00 | 99.6% |
|  |  | **106,534.00** | **104,795.90** | **98.4%** |
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| **Passthru Income** | Flowers (passthru in) | 0.00 | 490.00 |  |
|  | Peer Minister (passthru in) | 0.00 | 750.00 |  |
|  | Plate for Outreach (passthru in) | 0.00 | 1,560.45 |  |
| **Total Passthru Income** | **0.00** | **2,800.45** |  |
| **TOTAL Income minus Building Fund** |  | **107,596.35** |  |
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| **EXPENSES:** |  |  |  |  |
| **Building** | Building Insurance | 3,800.00 | 3,686.00 | 97.0% |
|  | Maintenance | 3,000.00 | 1,312.32 | 43.7% |
|  | Utilities, Church | 3,500.00 | 3,077.01 | 87.9% |
|  | Utilities, Vicarage | 3,500.00 | 3,449.22 | 98.5% |
|  |  | **13,800.00** | **11,524.55** | **83.5%** |
| **Clergy** | Clergy, Supply | 1,000.00 | 375.00 | 37.5% |
|  | Vicar, Continuing Ed | 500.00 | 600.00 | 120.0% |
|  | Vicar, Insurance | 9,578.00 | 9,596.00 | 100.2% |
|  | Vicar, Pension | 10,800.00 | 10,413.00 | 96.4% |
|  | Vicar, Salary & Travel  | 44,000.00 | 44,004.00 | 100.0% |
|  |  | **65,878.00** | **64,988.00** | **98.6%** |
| **Misc** | Miscellaneous | 200.00 | 450.4 | 225.2% |
|  | Supplies, Kitchen | 150.00 | 0.00 | 0.0% |
|  | Supplies, Office | 500.00 | 370.64 | 74.1% |
|  | Church Software - one time expense |  | 1,007.00 |  |
|  |  | **850.00** | **1,828.04** | **215.1%** |
| **Music** | Choir Director | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | 100.0% |
|  | Choir Director, assistant | 600.00 | 75.00 | 12.5% |
|  | Maintenance for piano & organ | 500.00 | 780.00 | 156.0% |
|  | Music | 600.00 | 273.96 | 45.7% |
|  | Musicians | 500.00 | 100.00 | 20.0% |
|  | Organist | 4,125.00 | 3,900.00 | 94.5% |
|  |  | **9,325.00** | **8,128.96** | **87.2%** |
| **Outreach** | Canterbury Club | 200.00 | 0.00 | 0.0% |
|  | Diocesan Convention | 700.00 | 597.80 | 85.4% |
|  | Diocesan Pledge | 11,556.00 | 11,556.00 | 100.0% |
|  | Discretionary Fund | 500.00 | 500.00 | 100.0% |
|  | KIM | 200.00 | 30.00 | 15.0% |
|  | Outreach, MDG | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 100.0% |
|  | Peer Minister (passthru out) | 1,500.00 | 750.00 | 50.0% |
|  | Plate for Outreach (passthru out) | 0.00 | 1,560.45 |  |
|  |  | **15,656.00** | **15,994.25** | **102.2%** |
| **Worship** | Altar | 400.00 | 917.9 | 229.5% |
|  | Childcare, Worship | 925.00 | 500.00 | 54.1% |
|  | Christian Ed - Adult Education | 300.00 | 374.95 | 125.0% |
|  | Christian Ed - Children's Sunday School | 400.00 | 84.87 | 21.2% |
|  | Flowers | 200.00 | 0.00 | 0.0% |
|  | Flowers (passthru out) | 0.00 | 373.84 | 0.0% |
|  | Worship | 300.00 | 372.68 | 124.2% |
|  |  | **2,525.00** | **2,624.24** | **103.9%** |
| **TOTAL EXPENSES** |  | **108,034.00** | **105,088.04** | **97.3%** |
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|  |  |  | **2,508.31** |  |

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| **INCOME** | **Category** | **2012 Budget** | **2012 Actuals** | **2013 Budget** |  |
|   | Pledges | 83,429 | 83,125 | 75,565 |   |
|   | Plate | 10,005 | 8,898 | 8,000 |   |
|   | Diocesan Aid | 12,500 | 12,500 | 11,000 |   |
|   | Interest | 400 | 273 | 200 |   |
|   | Peer Minister - passthru | 1,500 | 750 | 1,500 |   |
|   | Outreach (passthru) |   | 1,560 |   |   |
|   | Flowers (passthru) |   | 490 | 350 |   |
|   | Misc | 200 |   | 0 |   |
| **TOTAL INCOME** |  | **108,034** | **107,596** | **96,615** | **96,615** |
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| **EXPENSES** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Clergy** | Supply Clergy | 1,000 | 375 | 500 |   |
|   | Vicar, Pension | 10,800 | 10,413 | 10,710 |   |
|   | Vicar, Insurance | 9,578 | 9,596 | 10,031 |   |
|   | Vicar, Continuing Ed | 500 | 600 | 500 |   |
|   | Vicar, Salary & Travel  | 44,000 | 44,004 | 45,500 |   |
|  |  | **65,878** | **64,988** |  | **67,241** |
| **Building** | Building Insurance | 3,800 | 3,686 | 3,800 |   |
|   | Maintenance | 3,000 | 1,312 | 1,000 |   |
|   | Utilities, Vicarage | 3,500 | 3,449 | 4,000 |   |
|   | Utilities, Church | 3,500 | 3,077 | 4,000 |   |
|  |  | **13,800** | **11,525** |  | **12,800** |
| **Music** | Choir Director | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 |   |
|   | Choir Director, assistant | 600 | 75 | 0 |   |
|   | Mtce, piano & organ | 500 | 780 | 500 |   |
|   | Music | 600 | 274 | 250 |   |
|   | Musicians | 500 | 100 | 150 |   |
|   | Organist | 4,125 | 3,900 | 4,125 |   |
|   |  | **9,325** | **8,129** |  | **8,025** |
| **Outreach** | Canterbury Club | 200 | 0 | 50 |   |
|   | Diocesan Convention & Events | 700 | 598 | 500 |   |
|   | Diocesan Pledge | 11,556 | 11,556 | 12,530 |   |
|   | Discretionary Fund | 500 | 500 | 100 |   |
|   | KIM | 200 | 30 | 30 |   |
|   | Outreach, MDG | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |   |
|   | Plate for Outreach - passthru |   | 1,560 |   |   |
|   | Peer Minister-passthru | 1,500 | 750 | 1,500 |   |
|  |  | **15,656** | **15,994** |  | **15,710** |
| **Worship** | Childcare, Worship | 925 | 500 | 700 |   |
|  | Christian Ed-Adult Education | 300 | 375 | 100 |   |
|   | Christian Ed-Children's Sunday School | 400 | 85 | 100 |   |
|   | Flowers | 200 |   |   |   |
|   | Flowers-passthur |   | 374 | 350 |   |
|   | Worship | 300 | 373 | 200 |   |
|   | Altar | 400 | 918 | 300 |   |
|  |  | **2,525** | **2,624** |  | **1,750** |
| **Misc** | Miscellaneous | 200 | 450 | 175 |   |
|  | Supplies, Kitchen | 150 | 0 | 75 |   |
|   | Supplies, Office | 500 | 371 | 400 |   |
|   | Church Software-one time expense |   | 1,007 |   |   |
|   |  | **850** | **1,828** |  | **650** |
| **TOTAL EXPENSES** |  | **108,034** | **105,088** | **106,176** | **106,176** |
| **DIFFERENCE** |   | 0 | 2,508 |   | **-9,561** |

**Diocesan Convention**

Talie Alexander and Cynthia Cooper

on the 173rd Diocesan Convention

of the Diocese of Missouri

Columbia, MO 16-17 November 2012

In attendance from Trinity Kirksville were Rev. Johnnette Shane, Rev. Carrol Davenport, Natalie Alexander, Cindy Cooper, and Ian Lindevald (non-voting guest). The convention agenda included a Bishops’ Address, several plenary speakers, and workshops in addition to the business of elections and resolutions. The workshop options included (1) Resolutions, Budget, and Constitution and Canons (allowed for deeper exploration of significant decisions), (2) General Convention Deputation (discussion of events at the General Convention of the Episcopal Church last summer), and (3) Liturgical Resources for Blessing Same-Gender Relationships (information and materials from leaders of Oasis Missouri). The Convention Eucharist was held at Calvary Church in downtown Columbia, MO.

Bishop’s Address:

Bishop Wayne Smith opened his Address with a call for more *singing* in our lives, tying it to a call to do our legislative work with discipline, to allocate more time during Convention to “be with each other about things that matter to us,” and to seek a more “robust spiritual life” filled with energy for mission. His full address can be found at [http://www.dicoesemo.org/news/category/official-diocesan/](http://www.dicoesemo.org/news/categoryt/official-diocesan/)

We also heard an address from the Right Rev. Martin Field, Bishop of the Diocese of West Missouri, inviting more cooperative and joint activities.

More complete details of all resolutions, elections, and appointments can be found at <http://www.diocesemo.org/governance/diocesanconvention/173rddiocesanconvention/> .

Resolutions and Budget:

We approved the Clergy compensation resolution (A-173) and, in a later session, the Budget. We at Trinity remain grateful for the continuing Diocesan support, which is tied explicitly to campus ministry. Resolution B-173 (approved), which our Diocese had submitted to the national 2012 General Convention, calls for a Churchwide response to bullying, giving specific suggestions for action by individual congregations. All videos produced in our Diocese should now include open-captioning (C-173). Resolution D-173, based on a resolution from General Convention calls for all “committees, commissions, boards, and task forces” to examine barriers to participation and report back to the 174th Diocesan Convention with a view to expanding participation. A resolution (E-173) proposing a restructuring of the Diocesan Commission on Ministry to reduce its size and include term-limits was sent to that Commission for further study.

Other:

Among various addresses and presentations, three matters struck us as being of special import:

* Our on-going relationship with the Diocese of Lui in South Sudan
* The new Mission in Old North St. Louis—now named “Deaconess Anne House”
* And (pursuant to decisions from General Convention) a new initiative to create liturgy for blessing same-sex unions. [See <http://www.diocesemo.org/news/> for the Bishop’s discussion of his thinking on this matter and how he plans to proceed.]

**Ministries and Initiatives**

**Adult Formation**

Krista Baker

Adult Formation continues to meet at Trinity with a wide range of topics being offered.  This year a meeting space was set up in the undercroft to facilitate the gatherings.   Although choosing the perfect time to meet is still a work in progress, attendance ranged from a few to over a dozen.  Plans are being made to continue this program into 2013.  Following is a listing of the 2012 sessions.

July 15 – Aug 12              *Embracing an Adult Faith*, Marcus Borg on What it Means to be Christian.

Aug 19                  End of Life Planning, facilitated by Rev Johnnette Shane

Sept 9 – Oct 14                Episcopal 101: *What We Believe, Your Faith, Your Life, An Invitation to the Episcopal Church* by Jenifer Gamber with Bill Lewellis

Oct 28                                Christian Principles in an Election Year, facilitated by Rev Johnnette Shane

Nov 4                                 Mission trip to the Diocese of Lui, presented by Lisa Fox from Grace Church, Jeff City and our own Maria Evans

Nov 25 – Jan 6                  *God is in the Manager*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer

**Accessibility Initiative**

Kevin Minch and Tim Baker

In 2012 Trinity completed a survey of its membership and determined that a small-scale project aimed at adding a lift and accessible bathrooms was within the capacity of the congregation. A subsequent pledge campaign secured just enough pledges to support this level of construction and its anticipated costs. It was confirmed that the Diocese would provide the necessary loan to begin construction while a three-year pledge campaign secured the necessary funds to repay the loan in stages. Drawings of the proposed construction (available on the church website at <http://trinitykirksville.org/wordpress/?page_id=27>. Additional copies of these images will be on display during the Annual Meeting. The Bishop’s Committee voted in November to appoint Tim Baker, due to his substantial experience as a manager of similar projects, as the “project manager” for the initiative. We are currently examining materials options, scrutinizing design concepts, and preparing for the next stages of the project. Upon completion of a survey of the property and completion of blueprints we will solicit bids for a contractor to complete the project. We anticipate a formal groundbreaking activity some time in the spring with full-blown construction to begin during 2013. Contributions in support of the Building Fund are now being collected.

**Altar Guild Report**

Julia DeLancey

*Current Altar Guild Members*: Jessie Cragg, Julia DeLancey, Maria Evans (“pinch hitter”), Sherri Rieser, and Julie Seidler

This year, the Altar Guild has continued the very-much-behind-the-scenes but essential ministry of setting up and cleaning up for almost all the services that Trinity holds (the Taizé organizing committee continues to do set-up and clean-up for that service) as well as of caring for the items needed by the church for our services. This year, our work continues to often involve multiple set-ups each week (e.g. five separate set-ups during Holy Week, and an intensive Christmas schedule, with the last Sunday in Advent falling on Sunday, December 23rd). We continue to make sure that the church has all the supplies needed for each week’s services, to do some maintenance cleaning, and to communicate with one another as we serve.

Perhaps this year’s biggest changes this year were in membership. We wished Forrest Beck all the best as she headed off to her first year at Truman State University and thank Forrest very much for her years of dedicated service to the Altar Guild. This fall, we enthusiastically welcomed Sherri Rieser as Altar Guild’s newest member and are already benefitting from her service and dedication.

We continue to refine the Altar Guild Manual; just when we think it’s finished, we find another detail to be sorted out, but overall it is working well we hope. Since the original idea was to have something that even a complete novice could use to get ready for any service, start to finish, it’s been fun to test out with Sherri’s good help.

This year we have also continued to use a mixture of both fresh flowers and, when appropriate, silk flowers. As a reminder, anyone wishing to donate fresh flower arrangements for a particular Sunday in celebration or memory of a person or event just needs to put a check in the collection plate (with “flowers” written in the memo line), contact Jessie Cragg or Julia DeLancey to make arrangements for the flowers, and make sure that the line for the bulletin is given to either Jessie or Julia, or to Kirsty Imes, so that it can be placed in the bulletin on the appropriate Sunday.

We continue to welcome the involvement of new members of the Altar Guild. If you are interested in becoming involved, or even just in finding out more about this ministry, please contact any member of the Altar Guild for more information. All ages, genders, and experience levels welcome!

**Canterbury Club**

Kirsty Imes

Canterbury Club is coming back to life!!  We will be having our first meeting on January 27th and Alexandra Allen (Truman Student) has agreed to be the President.  With the help of Mike Ashcraft, as the faculty advisor, our campus ministry will become a popular place to be on Sunday evening!

**Communications**

Kevin Minch and Maria Evans

Your communications committee has been acting as custodian for four vehicles of communication at Trinity:

* The Trinity Website ([http://www.trinitykirksville.org](http://www.trinitykirksville.org/));
* The Trinity Facebook Page (<http://www.facebook.com/trinitykirksville>);
* The weekly parish-wide newsletter, What's Happening At Trinity (affectionately referred to as the WHAT); and
* The seasonal newsletter (published during significant seasons in the church calendar and when there is a critical mass of contributions consisting of longer articles than would normally be seen in the WHAT.)

New projects in 2012 included two targeted Facebook ad campaigns, which did lead to a few "seekers" taking interest in Trinity, but the long-term impact of this campaign is yet to be seen.

Ongoing projects included several updates by Kevin to the web page and a slight change in formatting in the WHAT as a result of Maria working closely with diocesan communications director Beth Felice regarding a few style changes.  These will remain ongoing activities in 2013.

The committee feels we are probably under-utilizing our Facebook presence but are unsure of the direction this needs to take.  We welcome your comments and suggestions.

In 2012, we also attempted to place information on special services (examples:  Recovery Service, Christmas Eve, Holy Week/Easter, Blessing of the Animals) on community calendar web sites such as the Kirksville Daily Express and Channel 3.  Recovery service announcements were also sporadically published on Craigslist.

The committee also has been attempting to coordinate with news outlets for media coverage, and this seems to have been modestly successful.  For instance, based on our "tip," Channel 3 sent a reporter to the Blessing of the Animals.

Our goal for 2013 is to continue to display Trinity's presence in the community about what we have to offer both to the greater Kirksville community and for the community.  Again, we welcome your suggestions and comments.  If you feel called to serve on this committee, we also encourage you to contact Johnnette+.

**Hospitality**

Diane Johnson

Nineteen people provided lots of hospitality at 47 coffee hours during 2012.  Our thanks to Krista and Tim, Pete and Julia, Talie, Joanne, Sheri and Steve, Kirsty and Stephanie, Katherine, Sally, Karen, Jo, Nancy and Roger, LaDonna,  Julie, and Diane.   During the other five Sundays, more people contributed as we did potlucks for the annual meeting and the Sunday at the Lake (at the church).  Remember hearing hymns sung in Moru during the Bishops’ visit – and eating delicious soups and other treats?  We also feasted at the Easter brunch.  And it is always a special treat to be hosted by the children in Sunday School!  Thank you all!

There were two special occasions this year that extended hospitality to many friends outside our congregation.  The first was our work with members of the Altar Society at Mary Immaculate to provide a funeral dinner for George Scheurer’s family and friends.  Many thanks to those who worked long hours setting up, preparing food, serving, and cleaning up.  Special thanks to our financial angels too for helping cover the costs.  The second was a “send-off” breakfast for Maria Evans as she left for Lui.  The breakfast hosted over 40 people and sent needed cash to the Lui diocese.

**Lui Mission**

Maria Evans

This year's mission team to Lui, South Sudan, Nov. 25--December 13, 2012 was composed of the following team members:

* The Rev. Canon Dan Smith, diocesan Canon to the Ordinary
* The Rev. Christina Cobb, rector of St. Matthew's, Mexico, MO
* Maria Evans, Trinity-Kirksville
* Gary Johnson, Christ Church Cathedral
* Carl Rapp, Emmanuel-Webster Groves
* Cynthia Rapp, Emmanuel-Webster Groves.

They were joined in Lui by Jeannie Stevens and Pauline Batstone, Blackmore Vale, Church of England, and Marie Komer and Anders Nihlgard of Lund, Church of Sweden.

Projects completed by the mission team included a basic carpentry class, a sewing class teaching the use of treadle sewing machines, a preschool teachers' training workshop, and a Pastors' Conference.  We also bought up as many cups as we could procure in the Lui marketplace and distributed them to preschool children, in order to help prevent the spread of Nodding Disease.

I preached in the English-language service at Fraser Cathedral the first Sunday we were there, and at the Moru-language service the following week, with Sosthen as the translator.  The highlight of my brief preaching career in Lui was being "paid" with a papaya!

I also distributed gifts from various members of Trinity (bookmarks, bible verse cards, etc.) to children at Luinjini School and to Father Francis, the priest at the church in the village of Mediba.  In return, we received a live chicken from Father Francis, which was put to good use at the dinner table the following day.

It was an amazing experience to be able to travel to Lui and meet the people that are on our prayer list every week, as well as teach basic skills which hopefully, will bear fruit.  Even after returning home, I continue to be grateful for the various forms of support through your donations and prayers that Trinity provided while I was in Lui.  I will always have the memory of my watch alarm going off at 5 p.m. and knowing several of you were back home, praying for us and for the people of Lui at 8 a.m. Missouri time.  That is a powerful memory that I believe I will take with me for the rest of my life.  Again, thank you.

It is also my hope that, although I am the first person from Trinity-Kirksville to journey to Lui, I will not be the last.  I will be presenting a slide show of my trip in Adult Formation on January 27.  It is my hope that it encourages others to volunteer for future trips.  Our relationship with Lui is an important partnership in this diocese; the more people who acquire a personal aspect to this partnership, the better.  I can truly say that meeting many of the people on our prayer list and working with them has been an amazing window into the breadth and depth of the Kingdom of God, and it has changed me.  It continues to change me, and I hope these changes are a window to the transformational aspect of how partnering with Lui draws all of us at Trinity closer together to the Real Presence of Christ in our shared lives.

**Music Program**

Scott Alberts

Not available at the time of publication.

**Outreach Projects**

Various Contributors

Summary of Outreach Contributions During 2012

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Outreach 2012 | Amount |
| ERD - Nets for Life | $578.00 |
| Food Depot (includes Uncle Al money) | $286.45 |
| Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund | $281.00 |
| Mission trip to Lui | $240.00 |
| Vicar Discretionary Fund | $85.00 |
| Bishop's Fund | $75.00 |
| Jail House Ministry | $15.00 |
|  |  |
| TOTAL | $1,560.45 |

Food 4 Kids (Jessie Cragg)

Trinity’s participation in Food 4 Kids was generous in 2012; during the week of July 23 through 27, twenty committed and dependable Trinitarians—eighteen adults and two of our children—braved record-setting summer heat to assemble lunches, transport coolers and boxes of food, and serve meals in three Kirksville city parks. Nine of these volunteers also completed Basic Food Sanitation Certification training in preparation for duty. The Food 4 Kids program, with the help of Trinity and other groups of volunteers, provided over 2000 lunches in July and July to kids who depend on free lunches during the school year. Many thanks to all for dedicated service to an important ministry in our community.

Food Depot (Kirsty Imes and Stephanie Zimbelman)

The Food Depot continues to praise Trinity Episcopal Church for our efforts to help families that are less fortunate through food ministry. Our Congregation had a “Fill the Big Red Truck” event and raised almost 1,000 lbs of food amounting to $2,000.00.

This past year our little church gave the Food Depot **2,063.5 pounds of food** which equaled $3,647.00!  In addition to that great amount we also gave $286.45 in cash.

Becky Osborn told Stephanie and me that we are the church that they can count on. She went on to say that despite the size of our church we give for more frequently and generously than any other church in Kirksville.

Mitten Tree (Diane Johnson)

Trinity elves provided 20 sets of mittens and gloves, 10 hats, three scarves and even a pair of colorful socks to be delivered to the Salvation Army headquarters for distribution to children during the cold months of 2013.

Nets for Life (Krista Baker)

Trinity Church observed World Malaria Day with a *NetsforLife*® event after church in the undercroft.  NetsforLife®, an outreach program of Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD), is a leader in malaria prevention.  At coffee hour on April 15, we ate African food, shared information about malaria, experienced a real malaria net, and collected donations for nets.  The $578 collected for this cause provided for 48 nets at $12 each.  Matching funds available at ERD doubled our contribution.  It was a fun time to share and thanks to everyone who participated.

Uncle Al’s Fundraiser (Diane Johnson)

By ordering pecans, almonds, and other goodies from Uncle Al’s Pecans in Indiana (and taxing ourselves for each package), we raised $141 for the Food Depot this year.

**Sunday School**

Nancy Miller

Sunday School continues to meet most Sunday mornings at 9:45 during the academic year using the *Godly Play* curriculum. In the spring of 2012, the children prepared an art show to share their work and hosted coffee hour to thank the congregation for their support. The kids and the adults both enjoyed this opportunity to connect with one another. Over the summer, we collaborated with First Presbyterian Church on vacation Bible school: way fun. In the fall, we revisited the idea of expanding our Sunday School offerings to better meet the needs of the older children; however, this remains a challenge for our small congregation.

Thanks to our 2012 teachers: Natalie Alexander, Diane Johnson, Nancy Miller, Pam Ryan, and Sally West. And thanks to our 2012 VBS helpers: Jessie Cragg, Nancy Miller, Pam Ryan, Jared Shulse, and Johnnette+. I also want to thank Trinity for the opportunity to serve as Sunday School Coordinator these past few years. However, due to my family's upcoming move, it's time for me to step down from this role. It's been wonderful to watch our children growing and learning, and it's been a pleasure to work with so many great teachers. I will miss the energy and enthusiasm with which they embrace the *Godly Play* stories and their time together on Sunday mornings!