

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH
OF THE RESURRECTION**

ANNUAL REPORT

JANUARY 27, 2002

STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

THE REVEREND MURRAY BULLOCK

Interim Rector

THE REVEREND ELIZABETH H. WHEATLEY

Chaplain

LEIGH JENSEN CRAWFORD

Senior Warden

E. B. "HAPPY" DEAS

Junior Warden

AGENDA

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

January 27, 2002

The meeting will take place immediately after the post communion prayer and before the final blessing in the 10:30 a.m. service.

- I. Call To Order

- II. Appointment of a Clerk

- III. Reading of the Minutes of the Last Annual Meeting

- IV. Election of Senior Warden
Election of Junior Warden
Election of Vestry Members

- V. Report of Attendance of Vestry Members

- VI. Financial Report

- VII. Senior Warden's Report

VIII. Review of Committee Reports

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

XI. Adjournment

XII. Blessing

and

Dismissal

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION OFFICIAL LIST OF ACTIVE COMMUNICANTS

In Parish Register as of January 25, 2002

"At all such elections and in parish meetings, those qualified to vote shall be persons present who are sixteen years of age or over and who are canonically enrolled Lay Communicants of the Parish."
- Canon 21, Section 2(a)

Ables, Idabelle W.	Bell, Tom	Camp, Jemma
Ables, James	Bjelobrk, Jovan	Castleberry, Ann
Adams, Cory	Bjelobrk, Julye	Castleberry, Mike
Allen, Kilby	Boswell, Alyssa	Cathcart, Julia
Allin, Jack	Bouchard, Wingfield	Cathcart, Tom
Anderson, Bob	Boyd, Amanda	Chambers, David
Anderson, Dorothy	Boyd, Dr. Bill	Chatham, Jim
Anderson, Mary Eleanor	Boyd, Marilyn	Chatham, Nina
Arnett, Brian	Brady, Mary Frances	Chesnutt, Jennifer
Ayer, Elizabeth	Brandon, Kathy	Chesnutt, Rod
Bagwell, Gloria	Brandon, Leonard	Christiansen, David
Barker, Granville	Brandon, Rae	Christiansen, Nancy
Barker, Judith	Brandon, Steven	Clapp, Arleen
Barker, Lynn K.	Brown, Chris	Clapp, Roger
Barnes, Ben	Brown, Elaine	Clark, Jennifer
Baswell, Glenda	Bullman, LaDonna	Clark, Susan
Baswell, John	Bullman, Mark	Coleman, Frances
Batson, Beth	Butler, Hunter	Coleman, Tom
Batson, Bill	Callahan, Beth	Collins, Bob
Beal, John	Callahan, Clark	Collins, Pam
Beal, Mary Lee	Callahan, David	Cook, Glenn
Beattie, Rebecca	Callahan, Jessica	Cook, Susan
Bestor, Michael	Camp, Dan	Cooke, Anne

Cooke, Bill	Evans, David	Hargrove, Guy
Cox, Linda	Evans, Marlene	Hargrove, Nancy
Cox, Rachel	Fazio, Leanne	Hartley, Ian
Crain, Sarah	Fazio, Michael	Hartley, Isobel
Crawford, Douglas	Fazio, Steven	Harris, Bart
Crowder, Carolyn	Ferris, Jeanne	Harris, Kathy
Crowell, Anna	Finklea, Tyler	Harris, Steve
Crowell, Jimmy	Fletcher, Darcy	Harrison, Joel
Crowell, Larry	Foote, David	Hatch, Jerry
Crowell, Marianne	Foote, Gail	Hester, Charles
Crowell, Ren	Franks, Alice	Hester, Sally
Crowell, Ruth	Friend, Alex	Hill, Bill
Damms, Jennifer	Friend, Julia	Hill, Susan
Damms, Richard	Gaines, Russell	Hillen, Bettye
Davis, Parker	George, Anita	Hillen, Walt
Deas, Babs	Gipson, Mike	Hollister, Jack
Deas, E. B.	Grant, Dick	Hollister, Katherine
de Haas, Gayle	Green, Chad	Hollister, Melanie
Dewey, Chris	Handy, Jan	Horn, Leslie
Dewey, Janet	Handy, Thomas H.	Hughlett, Chad
Emerich, Don	Hansford, Mary Lou	Hughlett, Marian
Emerich, Evelyn	Hardin, Alyson	Jenkins, Jane
Evans, Angela	Hardin, William	Jensen-Crawford, Leigh

Johnson, Chris	Lewis, David	Myers, Dwayne
Johnson, Leigh	Lewis, Lillian	Myers, Melinda
Johnson, Nora	Lightner, Cynthia	Nettles, Debbie
Johnston, Gordon	Lightner, Stan	Newman, James
Johnston, Honey	Little, Charles	Newman, Jean
Jones, Alice	Little, Jean	Newsom, Ellen
Jones, Jim	Mangum, Jeri	Noffsinger, Allison
Jones, Sarah	Martin, Anna	Noffsinger, Jason
Jones, Walton	Martin, Lorene	Noffsinger, Kim
Kelley Rowena	McAlpin, Dolton	Noffsinger, Rick
Kennington, Jacque	McAlpin, Martha	Oliver, Sue
Kennington, Warnie	McCann, Rachel	Owens, Heather
Kerby, Young	McCombs, Jerilyn	Owens, Matt
Kilby, Pam	McCombs, John	Owings, Susie
Killebrew, Amy	McCormick, James	Passons, Gretchen
Killebrew, Janice	McCormick, Juawice	Passons, Peyton
King, Margaret	McMillen, David	Pearson, Ellen
King, Robert	McMillen, Dixie	Pearson, Michael
Koch, Karen	McVey, Ann	Peyton, Mary Lynn
Lamb, Watson	Montgomery, Margaret	Phillips, Lynn
Lane, Beath	Moore, Mal	Pigford, Katie
Lane, Jim	Mosley, Joe Tom	Piper, Craig
Lane, Rebecca	Mosley, Margaret	Polk, Carlton

Polk, Hellen	Russell, Ernest	VanLandingham, Vera W.
Polk, Jane	Schuster, Emily	Vess, Ree
Polk, Sam	Schuster, Greg	Wadsworth, Glenda
Powell, Ginny	Sears, Mary	Wakeman, Jeanne
Powell, Jay	Simmons, Gretchen	Wakeman, Tommy
Rawlings, Betty	Snell, Susan	Waldrop, Susan
Rawlings, Breland	Stark, Betsy	Wall, John
Rawlings, John	Stark, Bill	West, Alexandra
Ray, Glenn	Stark, Donna	West, Cindi
Ray, Michelle	Stebbins, Tracy	West, Duke
Reed, Bert	Stewart, Adam	Wheatley, W. F.
Reed, Peggy	Stockwell, Becky	White, Emilie
Reed, Wayne	Stockwell, Joe	White, Jack
Rhodes, Allyson	Strahan-Piper, Grace	Wilds, Anna
Rhodes, Janice	Switzer, Frank	Wilkerson, Edna
Rhodes, Lady	Switzer, Lu	Wilkerson, Patsy
Rhodes, Melvin	Tipton, Harry	Wilkerson, Steve
Rice-Goree, Johanna	Tipton, Sally	Wilkinson, Rae
Rigdon, Anna	Vance, Mike	Williams, Clyde
Robinson, Bernard	Vance, Stuart	Williams, Jeri
Rose, Lloyd	VanLandingham, David	Williams, Jerry
Rose, Lynn	VanLandingham, J. B.	Williams, Kyle
Russell, Allison	VanLandingham, Sherrie	Williams, LaVora

Williams, Marsha	Yates, Amanda	
Williams, Rowan	Zimmerman, Paul	
Wilson, Camilla	Zimmerman, Sykes	Total Active
Wright, Anna	Zacharias, Don	Communicants: 289
Wright, Jennifer	Zacharias, Tommie	
Wright, Katy		Please notify the office
Yarbrough, Elizabeth		of any discrepancies with
Yarbrough, John		church records.

ATTENDANCE RECORD OF WARDENS AND VESTRY MEMBERS FOR 2001

Mary Eleanor Anderson	11 of 12
The Rev. Murray Bullock	5 of 5
Leigh Jensen Crawford	12 of 12
Happy Deas	12 of 12
Mary Lee Beal	12 of 12
Alyson Hardin	12 of 12
Jerry Hatch	5 of 12

Jack Hollister	9 of 12
The Rev. David Johnson	3 of 3
David C. Lewis	9 of 12
Dwayne Myers	11 of 12
Tracy Stebbins	10 of 12
Elizabeth Wheatley	10 of 12
Marsha Williams	12 of 12

REPORTS TO THE CONGREGATION

SENIOR WARDEN REPORT - JANUARY - DECEMBER, 2001

What a year! The Church of the Resurrection has experienced a year of change, growth, loss, and rebuilding. We began this year with the resignation in late January of The Rev. David Johnson as rector (effective in May). With the guidance of Ms. Linda Nelson, our Vestry Consultant, our Vestry Retreat was one of reflection and hard work! We had to make our new Commission System of organization begin to work....and quickly. New vestry members for the year included Mary Eleanor Anderson, David Lewis, and Marcia Williams. During the last half of the year, Gail Foote kindly agreed to serve as Vestry Clerk through December.

With the resignation of the Rev. David Johnson, Mr. John Beal was appointed Chair of the Search Committee, to begin the process of finding a new rector for our parish. In consultation with Bishop Gray, we asked that Ms. Linda Nelson also serve as our Search Committee consultant, given her history with our parish and her expertise in this particular area. A Search Committee was appointed to include: John Beal (chair), Beth Batson, Babs Deas, Michael Fazio, David Lewis, Carlton Polk, Tracy Stebbins-Madar, and Sherry VanLandingham. Leigh Jensen Crawford and Amanda Yates serve as ex-officio members of this committee. This committee has worked diligently this year to produce a survey, analyze the results, and build a parish profile that looks at who we are and who we hope to find as a rector. My thanks to each member of this committee for the many hours of prayer and hard work invested in this process.

We were extremely fortunate to have The Rev. Murray Bullock assume the position as Interim Priest beginning in September. Father Bullock's leadership and guidance has been helpful in dealing with the changes and challenges which occur with transition! We hope that Father Bullock and his wife, Bobbe Sue, have felt welcomed and at home among us. Many thanks to both of you.

Dr. Joel Harrison, our Organist/Choirmaster for 13 years, resigned as of April and took a new position in Indiana. With the help of our talented and committed choir, some of the Canterbury students, Elizabeth Wheatley, Dolton McAlpin, and others we were able to continue with our music program through August. At that time Dr. Leanne Fazio joined us as our new Organist/Choirmaster. Many thanks to Leanne for all her contributions, and we look forward to many years of her ministry among us.

The renovation work began under the leadership of the Renovations Committee headed by David VanLandingham. The work downstairs in the Parish Hall was completed. Since October, services have been held in the Parish Hall while renovations and repairs continue in the Student Center, and in the worship space upstairs. Renovations and repairs should be completed in the near future.

I have met with individual Commissions as needed during the past year. I think that the Commission System has begun to work fairly well as we have had to rely heavily on lay leadership this year. Being a member of the Vestry, as well as being on any church committee, has meant a

commitment to hard work. This system will continue to strengthen our parish if we maintain our commitment to it, and if we are willing to stay open to the process of change.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leigh Jensen Crawford

JUNIOR WARDEN REPORT

The Junior Warden attended the vestry retreat in Starkville on March 27, 2001, and March 28, 2001.

A work day was held on April 1, 2001.

Bids were opened on March 8, 2001, for the renovations to the Church. The project was awarded to Oswalt & Sons Construction Company.

The Junior Warden worked with the Senior Warden and other vestry members to interview two priests for the interim rector's position. Murray Bullock was offered the position and accepted.

The stained glass windows above the organ and along both sides of the Church were removed by Pearl River Glass Studio and transported to Jackson for repair. These windows are scheduled to be reinstalled in the spring of 2002.

A contract was signed in April 2001, with Southern Landscape Management for this company to provide grass cutting and landscape management on a twelve month per year basis. The cost of this contract was reduced to \$3,000 annually to fit in the reduced budget for this work.

The Junior Warden negotiated a construction loan with Merchant's & Farmers Bank in August to allow the construction of the renovations project to be completed.

The Junior Warden served on the Renovation Committee and the Stewardship Commission during the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Happy Deas

SEARCH COMMITTEE

The work of the search committee began with an overnight retreat with our consultant, Mrs. Linda Nelson. Following the retreat, a Parish Questionnaire was developed and sent to the congregation. The results of the questionnaire were incorporated in the Parish Profile. A Diocesan Deployment Form was submitted to the National Church Deployment Office which will send applications from priests for evaluation. Applications from the congregation are also welcome. Mrs. Nelson will be meeting with the committee to review these applications. Thanks to the entire committee for their hard work.

Respectfully submitted,

John Beal

PARISH LIFE COMMISSION

The Parish Life Commission has been served this year by Vestry members, Jack Hollister, Dwayne Myers, and Mary Eleanor Anderson. Ex Officio members were The Reverend Elizabeth Wheatley, and Ellen Newsom.

Activities, which were chaired by Dwayne Myers, consisted of the Newsletter, which is published monthly written by Ellen Newsom. The Bulletin boards are being kept up to date by Tyler Finklea and assisted by Amanda Yates and Jessica Callahan. We had a very successful series of Lenten Lunches which were chaired by Don and Evelyn Emerich and Charles and Jean Little. Tuesday Night meals for the students were hosted by various parish members with great success.

Festivals and Receptions, which were chaired by Mary Eleanor Anderson, were quite successful with numerous parishioners participating. Rick and Kim Noffsinger chaired the Easter Egg Hunt. Shrove Tuesday Red Beans and Rice was chaired and prepared by Michael Fazio and Leigh Jensen. The Pentecost Pool Party was chaired by James and Juawice McCormick who are retiring from that job and volunteers to replace them would be most welcome. A beautiful reception for graduates was held in June and chaired by Grace Piper. Gail Foot arranged a most successful reception to welcome Murray and Bobby Sue Bullock. The Stewardship Kick-Off was held at St. Joseph's Catholic Center because of renovations of our Parish Hall. We had a large crowd; a successful Silent Auction chaired by Steven and Kathy Brandon. Grace and Craig Piper arranged for the Hors d'oeuvres and wine, Melinda and Dwayne Myers oversaw the cleanup. The magnificent decorations were done by Beth and Bill Batson. Mary Lee and John Beal hosted the reception following Lessons and Carols in their home.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Eleanor Anderson

Pastoral care continues to be active and busy, primarily because of the many capable hands of the various committee heads. Caregivers and Guild of the Christ Child have been in the capable hands of Susie Owings. Pastoral Meals are under the guidance of Jean Little as is St. Martha's Guild. ECW remains very viable under the guidance of Mary Francis Brady. Sally Tipton has headed up the Coffee host job with help from other volunteers. There is always room for more help for Sally in the every week job, please feel free to volunteer to help. Kim Noffsinger has continued to head up Birthday Sundays in her usual efficient manor. Foyer Groups have gone on hiatus until interest returns. Babs Deas has been doing a great job with New Members.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Hollister

BLOOD DRIVE

United Blood Services brought the bloodmobile to Resurrection once this year. (UBS canceled our September 16 drive due of over supply!) Once again we met our quota and the entire parish family is covered for blood needs. Should the need arise, after receiving the necessary blood, call 1-800-880-2482 and tell them you are covered by the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection. Our list of donors is impressive and it is heartwarming to have so many faithful in their giving. Thanks to donors Debbie Nettles, Grace Strahan, Russell Gaines, Mary Lee Beal, Craig Piper, Clark, Beth and Jessica Callahan, James McCormick, Austin Smith, Keri Denby, Roger and Arlene Clapp, Mark Bullman, Mike Vance, Slick Ables, Glen Cook, Jerry Williams, Jen Clark, Ben Barnes, Tom Coleman and Steven Brandon. Juawice McCormick helped manage the crowd! Special thanks to those who brought fruit, cookies and sandwiches for the donors.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Newsom

BOOK SIGNINGS

We have not had any book signings in 2001, but would like to start in again when the renovations are complete. If anyone has an author to suggest, please contact Ellen Newsom.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Newsom

CAREGIVERS

The Caregivers Committee was reactivated in August, 1999. We have five members who volunteer for this assignment through the Time and Talent Survey. We meet monthly with the Rector who tells us of the needs and concerns of the Parish. We assist with meals at time of illness and death. We visit the sick and those in nursing homes. We send cards and make telephone calls to the sick and convalescent.

An important part of our ministry is the Guild of the Christ Child where committee members assume sponsorship of expectant mothers. We are a liaison between them and the church, offering love and support. We stay in touch with them throughout the pregnancy with visits, cards, and food. A cross is presented at birth. This bond continues until baptism and often beyond.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susie Owings

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

The ECW met Tuesday, January 30 at 9:30 at the church. Members attended Holy Communion then assembled in the Student Center for a business meeting. Fourteen ladies attended. The ECW Spring Salad Luncheon was held on Monday, May 1 in the Student Center. There were twenty members present.

The ECW met Tuesday, October 14 beginning with Holy Eucharist followed by a business meeting. There were ten members present. Items of business were discussed and each officer gave a report. The ECW voted to have altar kneelers cleaned and refilled; have brass vases cleaned and polished, give money to the nursery for various items needed. The slate of officers was presented: President, Mary Frances Brady; First Vice President, Mary Eleanor Anderson; Second Vice President and Food Chair, Jean Little; Secretary, Margaret King; Treasurer, Melinda Myers; UTO Chair, Gretchen Simmons.

The ECW Pledge Coffee was held on Tuesday, October 9 from 11:00-1:00 at the home of Donna Stark. There were thirty-one members who attended. Total pledges received: \$1681.61.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Frances Brady

FOOD MINISTRY

A number of families were furnished with meals following illness, surgery, or a death in the family. We have a long list of cooks who are willing to provide food when needed, and their help is truly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Little

NEWSLETTER

The Sunrise, Resurrection's newsletter, is published the end of each month. To accomplish our purpose...keeping the congregation informed of the worship schedule and events for the month, we try to have the newsletter in people's hands by the first of the month. Anyone having information to include in *The Sunrise* should get it to the church office or to Ellen Newsom by the 15th of the month. Many thanks to Honey and Gordon Johnston and Walt Newsom for helping fold and label the newsletters. Anyone who would like to join the fun of folding is encouraged to contact Ellen.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Newsom

ST. MARTHA'S GUILD

This organization is open to all women of the church interested in fellowship and service. Our projects include: Folding the weekly bulletins for church services, Helping in the church office, Cooking meals for families in need, Collecting items for Safe Haven, and Christmas gifts for the Mississippi State Hospital at Whitfield.

St. Martha's Guild meets on the first Monday of each month with a brown bag lunch at 12:30 p.m., usually at the church, or occasionally in private homes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Little

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

AFRICAN ART

Due to space constraints this year we have not had the African Art this year. Hopefully we will have it again in time for Christmas presents next year. This is a project in search of a champion. Interested? Call Ellen Newsom.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Newsom

COLUMBARIUM COMMITTEE

The Columbarium Committee is made up of Mary Eleanor and Bob Anderson, Beth and Clark Callahan, Tommy Wakeman, and David and Sherrie VanLandingham. This Committee was created in January 2000 when our church decided to build a Columbarium. During the first year of its work, the committee researched Columbariums, their costs, and the best location for one at our church. After this, Pam Collins designed an extraordinary Columbarium Garden, Labyrinth and Meditation Area. Also during the first year, the Committee wrote a Policies and Regulations Document to be used by our Church for the operation of the Columbarium.

During this past year, the Vestry approved the recommendations of the Columbarium Committee on the location and design of the Columbarium. They also approved the Policies and Regulations for the Columbarium and the cost of \$1500 per niche. Sally Hester designed a brochure that tells the story of our Columbarium and includes an application form to purchase a niche. Rachael McCann and David Lewis created an exquisite design for the Labyrinth, which includes a beautiful mosaic butterfly in the center. A meeting of the congregation was held on August 22, 2001, to explain the location, design, expense and legal documents of the Columbarium. Members of the congregation were given the opportunity to buy a charter niche for \$1250 if purchased before January 1, 2002. The Columbarium Committee has sold 30 niches at the time. In addition, many memorial donations have also been made to the Columbarium Fund. Construction should begin in the spring of 2002.

The construction of the Columbarium Garden, Labyrinth and Meditation Area and their maintenance will be totally self-supporting. The Columbarium Committee under the auspices of the Vestry will be responsible for the management of it.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherrie VanLandingham

HONDURAS BUILDING MISSION

We returned in late May to Honduras for a second year to assist the Project for Living in building houses, a church, and a school. Eight people participated: David Lewis, Elizabeth Wheatley, and Brian Arnett from Resurrection, Susie Calvert and Nancy Gault from St Pauls in Columbus, and Jane Greenwood, Daniel Oakley, and Benji Hall from the School of Architecture at MSU. Everyone had a memorable time playing with children, engaging in spiritual camaraderie amongst ourselves, the families in the community, with another building team from St Antonio, and especially with Padre Blanco.

This Spring Break we hope to return Honduras, sadly and joyfully for the last time. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of March, so sadly we will not see friends or help with construction and joyfully because the families will have an established community.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Lewis

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES 2001

During the calendar year 2001, the Outreach Committee was involved in the following activities:

Adopted Families

Continued contact throughout the year with the four families we adopted in December 2000. Food was collected and delivered for Easter and Thanksgiving. At the beginning of the fall semester, school supplies and clothes were collected and delivered. During Spring-Cleaning time, members of the congregation were asked to donate any used clothes and toys (in good shape) to be taken to the families. The Committee is very lucky to have David Foote and Jane Jenkins who visited the families each month to keep in touch with them.

In December 2001, four new families were adopted and Christmas gifts and food baskets were collected and delivered to them.

Salvation Army

Food coupons were donated to the Community Food Bank. Members of the congregation participated in the Kettle Bell Ringing for the second year with great success. Hopefully this will become an annual tradition.

Helping Hands

Funds were donated which were used to assist people in paying high heating bills last winter.

The funds were donated to purchase a computer which they will use to keep a database of individuals receiving assistance.

Safe Haven

Food coupons were donated to help with the expense of Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. A donation was paid to the Mississippi Food Network in Safe Haven's name which allows them to purchase food from the Network at greatly reduced prices.

Many individuals in the congregation donated household and personal care items during the year. Alice Jones has been the Agency Contact Person for the last year and is keeping the congregation apprised of the needs.

Second Sunday Sharing

The tradition of Second Sunday Sharing continues throughout the year. The Agency Contact Person, Tracy Stebbins, takes the donations to the Community Food Bank at the Salvation Army.

Adult Student Assistance

After the school supplies collected for the adopted families were delivered, we found that we had extra supplies. It was brought to the attention of the Outreach Committee that there was a lady in our community who had been working full time and going to MSU part time for a number of years. It was her dream to become a teacher. In September she was completing her degree by doing her practice teaching, and could use the school supplies. We happily gave the extra supplies to her. In talking with her sponsor, we found that since she was doing her practice teaching, she could no longer work full time, and her savings account would barely cover her expenses during those few months. The Outreach Committee paid half her rent for five months, and her sponsor paid the other half. The payments were made directly to her landlord.

Angel House

Susan Waldrop volunteered to be the Agency Contact Person to Angel House. Unfortunately due to their frequent staff turnover, she could not complete the approval process for the Church to become a volunteer agency. After many attempts and many months the hard decision was made to put our efforts toward other projects.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Myers

RENEWING OUR FOUNDATION

Bob Anderson continues to track and coordinate the pledges. There were 106 pledges made for a total of \$404,472.00. As of 12/31/01 \$325,441.48 has been paid. These amounts do not include the Planned Giving pledges which include two life insurance policies and a Trust Fund for a total of approximately \$110,000.00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Eleanor Anderson

RENOVATION COMMITTEE

Members of the Renovation Committee are John Beal, Kathy Brandon, Happy Deas, Michael Fazio and David VanLandingham.

Renovations to the nursery which had begun in December, 2000 were completed in May, 2001.

Bids were received in early March, 2001, for the renovations to the parish hall, student center, sanctuary and the new sacristy. The contract was awarded on April 19, 2001, and work began approximately May 1, 2001. This work includes major overhauls of the heating and air conditioning system and the electrical system. In addition, most of the property, with the exception of the office area, is being upgraded.

The renovation work in the parish hall, parish hall kitchen and restrooms has been completed. The balance of the renovation work is in full swing. At this time, the contractor is slightly behind schedule, but should be completed with the work by the end of February 2002.

When these renovations are complete we will have facilities which will meet our needs for the next 15-20 years.

Respectfully Submitted,

David VanLandingham

COMMISSION ON WORSHIP AND CHRISTIAN FORMATION

The Worship and Christian Formation Commission is comprised of the following three members of the Vestry: David Lewis, Tracy Stebbins-Madar with Mary Lee Beal serving as chairman. The Rev. Elizabeth Wheatley and the Rev. Murray Bullock serve as well.

Our Commission met nine times during the year to discuss and consider many topics. Our first major task was replacing the departing organist/choirmaster, Dr. Joel Harrison. Dr. Leanne Fazio accepted this position in April, although she did not start until September.

Children, youth and adult Sunday School classes were areas of major concern for this Commission. Thanks to David Lewis for coordinating the children and youth groups. Their classes got off to a rousing start in September. Hopefully, the momentum will carry on throughout this year and well into the future.

Adult classes are still a topic of concern. The sentiment of the Commission is that more laity will become teachers. This way a variety of classes can be offered and the clergy will be released to perform their duties.

The Worship Committee, even though it's in its initial phase, has been formed with Bob Anderson serving as chairman. Hopefully, the new Commission will be able to help with this so the committee will be in place when Resurrection has its new rector.

Many thanks to both David and Tracy for their willingness to serve. It has been a most pleasant year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Lee Beal

WORSHIP AND CHRISTIAN FORMATION

The Worship and Christian Formation arm of Church of the Resurrection is operating smoothly under the commission system. The eight divisions of W&CF are headed up by caring committed individuals who give generously of their time. The recent time and talent survey yielded several parishioner who are interested in participating in one or more of our guilds and programs. If your name is not on that list and you would like to help, let me know!

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Stebbins

ACOLYTES & USHERS

All has gone well with both the Acolytes and Ushers this year. Mrs. Beth Callahan schedules the acolytes. Since moving into the Parish Hall, only two acolytes are being used because of space constraints. Once worship returns to the church, three and possibly four acolytes will be used each Sunday. Acolytes and parents of acolytes please note acolytes should be at the church by 10:15 a.m.

With services in the Parish Hall the ushers have done a great job seating people in the limited space. Usher schedules are sent out every four months. If you need a schedule, please call the office and one will be sent to you. If you are scheduled to usher you should be at the church by 10:15 a.m. for the 10:30 a.m. service. If you would like to serve as an usher, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,

John Beal

ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild had another successful and busy year. Thirty-six members and six advisors have worked hard during the year. Three new members will be added to the roster in 2002.

Three members attended the Diocesan Altar Guild meeting in Jackson in April.

We are eagerly looking forward to moving into and working from the new Sacristy.

Faithfully Submitted,

Marsha Williams

CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL FELLOWSHIP

2001 Annual Parish Report:

Ever evolving and exploring new ways of being present, Canterbury's primary meeting times have shifted from Sunday nights to Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Our weekday services include a service on at the noon hour, either Noonday prayers or Holy Eucharist, at the Chapel of Memories on campus followed by lunch at the University cafeteria, Compline and Coffee at the Chaplain's home at 10:00 p.m., and Holy Eucharist at 7:00 p.m. at the church with dinner being served by parishioners prior to

the service. The 2001-2002 school year has seen more shifting resulting in the services taking place on Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.. In addition to our weekday services, we have had excellent participation by students in the regular worship life of the parish on Sunday mornings, including three in the parish choir and several serving in various capacities in the liturgy.

The Spring semester of 2001 was full of activities ranging from the Shrove Tuesday Red Beans and Rice Mardi Gras Extravaganza featuring elegantly attired servers and entertainment by the Grit Basket Revival to a Holy Week Labyrinthine experience at the YMCA open to the community. Farewells loomed over Lent for all at MSU and Starkville with the departure of Joel Harrison and David Johnson, but what an opportunity for festive gatherings, heartfelt remembrances and the coming together of the community in preparation and anticipation of the new. Striking a chord in the hearts of all - students and parishioners, young and old - the young people brought new life to worship through an energetic, innovative and interactive Youth Sunday.

With Elizabeth traveling to and fro to Honduras on the 2nd Annual Building Mission Trip and to England on the MS-York Exchange, and with Walton Jones, our dedicated musician, departing to serve on Permanent Staff, Canterbury persisted through the summer by continuing to gather on Tuesday nights for services and dinner. For the first time in the history of Resurrection, our Search Committee invited an MSU student, Amanda Yates, to be a voice on the committee to help us keep the University community strongly represented in the Search process. Prior to kicking back into full swing for the semester, five students participated in the Youth Leadership Conference and two in the Ministry Development In-Gathering at Gray Center, both of which provided tremendous opportunities for Diocesan exposure, idea gathering and networking that have benefited Canterbury and Resurrection throughout the fall.

The Fall semester for MSU, the community and the world was greatly impacted by the events of September 11th. Not knowing how to respond or what to make of the magnitude of the attacks and devastation, students gathered at all hours to stand in hope and solidarity with those directly affected. The tone of the semester seemed to change from undirected frenzy to thoughtful movement aimed at drawing connections with one another and trying to reconcile the confusion and suffering. Among the ways of making connections were a 10-week Canterbury Forum which provided an opportunity for students to come in contact with local Passionate Episcopalians who shared their stories and passions; a Canterbury Camp out at the Simmons land, "Little Kanuga"; the Kinder Melody Concert and Coffee House at the YMCA building from which offerings of over \$100 were sent to ERD's September 11th fund; the institution of the Adopt-a-Dawg program through which parishioners adopt students to provide a home-away-from-home and build connections with the local community; and involvement in Resurrection's Outreach efforts including Thanksgiving baskets, Salvation Army Bell ringing and Angel Tree gift and food basket deliveries and caroling.

MSU Canterbury continues to develop stronger ties on the Diocesan levels through involvement in the MS-York Exchange, Vocare, Happening Reunion weekends and serving on staff at Camp Bratton-Green. Of particular notice was the active presence of eight MSU students at Diocesan Council in Tupelo and their expressed desire to be intentional about becoming knowledgeable and getting involved in the greater life of the Episcopal Church in Starkville, Mississippi and beyond.

As we continue through our transitions, renovations and renewal, the chaplain and community of MSU Canterbury Episcopal Fellowship wish to express our gratitude to the parish of Resurrection and to all who have extended warm welcomes to us, fed us with your scrumptious meals, and

provided for us a church home and family. We look forward to the continued nurture and enhancement of our common life here in Starkville!

Submitted with much enthusiasm and expectation,

Elizabeth H. Wheatley

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Children's Christian Education Program underwent an overall in both organization and content this last year. The age groups were reorganized into four groups: 3 years to second grade, 3rd through 5th grade, 6th through 8th grade, and senior high school. These changes were done to accommodate respective capabilities and interest of the children, such an ability to read, and to move the 6th grade children in with junior high class because they all participate in EYC.

We initiated a new monthly program this last year. The teachers established a theme for each month. During September we studied stewardship in anticipation of the Stewardship program and dinner. It was during this month that the children produced the Stewardship banner. In October we studied the saints to prepare for All Saints' Day. Younger children were read stories about the saints and crafted objects in celebration of a particular saint, while older students researched them. In November, we focused on outreach in the community so to lead us to Thanksgiving. And in December we celebrated Advent by making advent wreaths and reading passages in the bible. The first Sunday of each month, all of the children from 3 years through high school and the teachers, met in the church or parish hall for a community gathering. During these gatherings, Elizabeth would lead us in song and the children would present their crafts and information about the particular themes.

A purpose for reorganizing the children's' Christian education program was to hopefully increase participation. The greatest success occurred in the youngest group, however the older children's' attendance could be better. As a result of the low attendance in the upper age groups we combined the 6th through senior high students.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Lewis

EPISCOPAL YOUNG CHURCH PEOPLE (EYC)

EYC is aimed at providing a place for the youth of the church to come together for fun, fellowship, and food! EYC is divided into Jr High (6th - 8th grades) and Sr High (9th - 12th grades) and is lead by a enthusiastic team of college students: Tyler Finklea, Austin Smith, Katie Pigford, Jessica Callahan, with the musical talent of Walton Jones, and the resourcefulness of Elizabeth Wheatley, Chaplain and Curate, all coordinated by our Youth Coordinator, Amanda Yates. EYC meets weekly on Sunday nights from 5 - 7 pm. Occasionally, the group goes on all day excursions and overnight trips. Thankfully, supper is lovingly furnished weekly by parents. Also, during this time of renovations, many parents have opened their homes to EYC for a meeting place.

2001 was quite an exciting year for EYC as the community and fellowship grew exponentially! The year's activities, mostly chosen by the youth, were filled with scintillating and thought-provoking discussions on a wide variety of topics such as Peer Pressure, Big Games like Ultimate Frisbee on the Drill Field, and Outreach with Holiday Happies to the residents of Scribners and participation in the Thanksgiving baskets. Other activities included a pool party, game nights, paper airplane contests, and discussions about life as Jr-Hi/High school students.

On a Diocesan level, we have supported participation in Diocesan youth events and camp. Several of our young people attended a weekend on the Coast entitled, Walk Humbly, two attended Happening and a slew of them participated in sessions at Camp Bratton-Green as campers and staff.

Forward looking, EYC hopes to continue to grow and build a stronger community, encouraging participation from all the youth 6-12th grades, learning and having a good time along the way.

Faithfully submitted,

Amanda Yates

GUILD OF THE PALM CROSS

As its name suggests, the Guild of the Palm Cross meets on the Saturday before Palm Sunday to make palm crosses. There are usually about 15 "members" present and we make 200 crosses in an hour!

(Attendance constitutes membership.) This year the Guild was under the able direction of Beth and Jessica Callahan who provided on the spot instruction.

LAZARUS GUILD

The Lazarus Guild (AKA Funeral Guild) assisted with preparations and visitations at the funerals of Pepper Holland and Mimi Gaines. Many thanks to all who helped with cleaning up the Student Center and church, sweeping the walks, parking cars, making coffee, and serving as greeters.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Newsom

MUSIC PROGRAM

Dr. Joel Harrison served as Organist/Choirmaster until Palm Sunday, at which time he moved to Indianapolis. Dolton McAlpin served as Interim Organist/Choirmaster until September. Dr. Leanne Fazio assumed the position of Organist/Choirmaster at the beginning of September.

Goals of the music program have included actively recruiting new members to the Adult Choir, building community, increasing our understanding of hymn texts, expanding our repertoire to include many hymns in the *1982 Hymnal* which are new to us, and exploring hymns in Episcopal Church supplementary music volumes which are new to us.

All of the above goals were highlighted at the First Annual Overnight Choir Retreat in September at Plymouth Bluff Conference Center. The Reverend Elizabeth H. Wheatley, who led the retreat, took us on an incredible personal and communal journey which has deepened our understanding of our participation in the liturgy. We expressed our gratitude to Elizabeth in part by presenting her with an African Drum.

The Choir has purchased new music folders and new percussion instruments. The instruments have been used in the performance of some of the new hymns which we have sung as anthems for Sunday services, for the Lessons and Carols, and for the Christmas Eve service.

The Choir wishes to thank choir member Dolton McAlpin for his beautiful and spiritual musical leadership as Interim Organist/Choirmaster. And also to thank the numerous guest musicians who have contributed to our services.

Since coming to the Church of the Resurrection, I have found the Adult Choir to be a well-trained, cohesive group. Committed to the Choir, they are tireless and joyful in their search for excellence in choral singing in order to serve the Church. What a rich musical tapestry we have at Resurrection!

Goals for the coming year will include expanding musical opportunities for the youth of the church.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leanne Fazio

SCHEDULING OF LECTORS

The imposition of a two session training series requirements resulted in a 50 percent reduction in the number of readers during 2001. This number has been gradually increasing. At present, we have 19 readers who have completed training and are included in the schedule.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Cathcart

TRAINING/SCHEDULING: LECTORS, LAY READERS, LAY EUCHARIST MINISTERS

I have conducted eight training sessions during the year to teach the basics of oral presentation of Biblical materials. All current active Lectors have participated in at least two of these sessions. Tom Cathcart is responsible for the scheduling of Lectors.

A number of training sessions for Lay Eucharistic Ministers have also been held. They covered the same basic materials, but included the reading of Liturgical materials, and the conducting of Morning Prayer. I schedule the Lay Eucharistic Ministers for the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services, and for the Thursday noon Eucharist.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Anderson

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY CIRCLE

The Women's Spirituality Circle continued to meet approximately two times monthly. Attendance varies--3 members may attend one week, while 7 or 8 may attend the next time. Most of the original members are still active, along with some newly joined individuals. Currently, we enjoy a roster of 10 active members, half of whom attend Church of the Resurrection. The other half come from a variety of religious affiliations: Catholic, Jewish, Presbyterian, Agnostic. Our format is a mixture of open, unstructured sharing, and more structured intellectual discussions. We often select readings to stimulate our discussions. For example, thus far this year we have read *The Feminine Face of God*, *When God was a Woman*, and *Tender Mercies*. We anticipate continuing our meeting indefinitely.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda

Cox

Nominations

FOR SENIOR WARDEN

MARY LEE BEAL has served as a member of the Vestry from 1999-2001. During 2001 Mary Lee served as Chairman of Worship and Christian Formation Commission. Other areas of ministry are, Lector and Wedding Guild. Mary Lee has been a communicant of Resurrection since 1986. Civic and community activities include Friends of the Starkville Public Library - Board Member; Starkville-MSU Symphony - Board Member; Historical Preservation Committee; and Oktibbeha County Humane Society. Mary Lee and her husband, John are parents of two grown daughters and have two granddaughters.

FOR JUNIOR WARDEN

DOUGLAS CRAWFORD has been actively involved in many activities at Resurrection including ushering, maintenance and minor repairs, cleanups and member of Facilities Use Committee. Douglas has been a member of Resurrection since approximately 1971. Civic and Community Activities include United Way Volunteer, former musician - Starkville-MSU Symphony, and Salvation Army Volunteer. Douglas and his wife, Leigh have one daughter.

FOR VESTRY

TOM CATHCART has been actively involved in many activities at Resurrection including scheduling lectors for several years, serving as lector, and serving as usher. Civic and Community activities include Co-founder and Board member - Starkville Foundation for Public Education. Tom and his wife Karen have two daughters and one son.

DOLTON MCALPIN has been actively involved in many activities at Resurrection including member of choir; former Sunday School teacher; Interim Organist/Choirmaster; coffee host for three years. Dolton also formerly served as Sunday School teacher, treasurer and member of mission committee at Church of the Good Shepherd in Columbus. Civic and Community activities include member of Starkville/Oktibbeha County Library Board; member, Starkville/MSU Symphony; Starkville/MSU Symphony board member; counsel for Prairie Opportunity, Inc.; former President of Judicare of Mississippi; provider of legal services to the disadvantaged. Dolton and his wife Martha, have a son and daughter.

Additional Nominations

2002 Vestry Elections

FOR VESTRY

KATHY BRANDON, long time member of Resurrection, has served in a variety of capacities in our life and worship. Currently, Kathy is a member of the Renovations Committee. With her husband, Steven, Kathy has helped to plan children's Christian Education, served as a Christian Education teacher for many ages of children, provided meals for the youth of the church and helped with any number of receptions and festivals. Mother of three children, Emily, Caroline and Jonathan, Kathy maintains a busy schedule with the Public schools and in the community.

JAMES MCCORMICK has served in a variety of capacities in our life and worship since coming to Resurrection in 1987. He has been a member of the parish choir since 1988. He has worked on the upkeep and maintenance of our church grounds facilities at numerous parish workdays and has provided pool maintenance during the summers for the past several years. James is an instructor of Statistics in the Department of Marketing, Quantitative Analysis and Business Law at Mississippi State University. Husband of Juawice and father of two children, Hannah and Cullom, James has offered his services as a Sunday School teacher, created a game for the Fall Festival, coordinated the Pentecost Potluck Pool Party and opened his home to the youth of Resurrection for EYC gatherings.

CRAIG PIPER has participated in the Episcopal Community at Resurrection, Starkville and St. Luke's, Brandon. With his wife, Grace Strahan, Craig has participated in hosting Canterbury dinners, Sunday coffees, and various receptions at Resurrection. He has helped with the Stewardship dinners and worked on outreach projects, including our Angel Tree families and the distribution of Easter baskets. Craig works at MSU as an Assistant Professor in the Congressional and Political Research Center at Mitchell Memorial Library. He has participated in the library's Adopt-A-Library program and currently serves as chair for the Staff Development Committee (library), secretary for faculty meetings (library), the Preservation Committee (library) and the Distance Learning Self-Study Committee (University).