## Congregational Meeting January 20, 2013—"A Sense of Place and Purpose"





"Place conspires with the artist. We are surrounded by our own story, we live and move in it. It is through place that we put out roots." -Eudora Welty





**Outreach and Mission** 







Worship and























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## Priest-in-Charge, Annual Report, 2012 The Rev. Catherine D. Hicks

"The spirit of the Lord is among us, because he has anointed us to bring good news to the poor. He has sent us to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

The words that Jesus read in the synagogue in Nazareth at the beginning of his ministry offer guidance to us as we focus on our mission as a parish, working together to proclaim God's good news to the world.

#### Mission, Outreach and Community Witness

During 2012, we continued our **Community Dinners** as a way of bringing God's good news to the town of Port Royal. Thanks to a Mustard Seed Grant from the Diocese of Virginia that we received in 2011, we were able to host six dinners and invite people from the town and the surrounding areas to come and share a simple meal and some fellowship. We held three of the dinners in 2012—March 10, June 9, and December 14, 2012. Our average attendance for the first five dinners was around twenty-five guests. We held the last of these dinners in conjunction with Caroline County Parks and Recreation and the Town of Port Royal. This joint effort that included games for the children, an appearance by Santa Claus, and the Christmas tree lighting brought over 100 people to the fire station for food and fellowship. We plan to continue these dinners in 2013 and to partner with Caroline County Parks and Recreation each time. The Evening ECW has headed up the Community Dinners.

Our ministry of hospitality continues with our monthly **Village Dinners**. In addition to providing food and hospitality for those who attend, this ongoing project provides steady funding which the ECW (Episcopal Church Women) uses to support outreach efforts locally, nationally, and internationally.

On Friday, May 11, 2012, the Evening ECW took small arrangements of flowers to the women residents of the Bowling Green Healthcare Center in celebration of **Mothers' Day.** 

On March 15, 2012, we began a new ministry to the prisoners of **Peumansend Creek Regional Jail**. Four volunteers from St Peter's go to the jail once a month to study the Bible with the prisoners there. Our average attendance is around fifteen prisoners, who are happy to have the opportunity to discuss God's words and apply it to their current lives in prison, and to think about how to use God's help in restructuring their lives once they are released from jail. The entire congregation has supported this ministry by providing money to buy Bibles for distribution to the prisoners, and for the second year, we provided candy bags at Christmas for the over three hundred prisoners at PCRJ.

We partnered with **JoySong** on Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. The gospel sing and the concert by this wonderful group of singers raised money for our earthquake relief fund, and also provided financial support for

JoySong, a group of people bring God's love through song to residents of nursing homes, for Hospice patients and their families, and in historical venues throughout the region.

Our **first mission trip** as a parish took place August 22-28, 2012. Thirteen of us (including Zeke Fisher, our youngest member) went to Staten Island to help with the annual clothing distribution that is put together by the Staten Island Moravians for the people there who need clothes for school and job interviews. In just three days, we unpacked 400 boxes of clothes and distributed the clothes and school supplies to 1086 people in need on Staten Island. In addition, we worked alongside the Moravians, and learned more about their worship and traditions, important for us since we Episcopalians are now in full communion with the Moravian Church. We also walked the labyrinth at Castleton Hill Moravian Church and learned more about that ancient tradition.

In **response to Hurricane Sandy**, four people returned to Staten Island on a **second mission trip** during the first week of December to help sort the clothes that were sent to the island from all over the country to help those who lost everything in the storm. This group sorted mountains of donated clothes into four hundred boxes of clothes that are now ready for the next clothing distribution to benefit those who lost everything in the hurricane, and others who are in need on the island. These clothes will be distributed this February.

In addition to providing hands-on help, our parish gave generously to the fund for hurricane relief run by the Moravians on the island, and the money given has gone directly to families in need as a result of the storm. Some of the money will also go to help support the ongoing mission work that will be taking place in response to needs created by the storm.

Closer to home, we are now collecting newspapers and magazines as part of a **mission effort by Salem Baptist Church** in King George County. The young people in that church are collecting paper for recycling to support several local mission efforts through Salem Baptist.

Ongoing efforts to bring God's good news to the world at St Peter's included contributions to the **Caroline County Food Bank** of food that parishioners generously donate each week. Once again we participated in the **Samaritan's Purse** program and provided shoe boxes to be sent to children all over the world. Our parish provided Christmas gifts for a family in Port Royal, and the ECM (Episcopal Church Men) also provided gifts for a family in need. We found both of these families through the **Caroline County Department of Social Services.** 

**2012** has definitely been a year of the Lord's favor at St Peter's. The 2011 earthquake left us with quite a bit of damage to the church. In 2012, we received a matching grant from the Diocese for \$3500. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners and others, we were able to provide the matching funds.

On April 15, 2012, we dedicated **the beautiful cross that Helmut Linne von Berg made for the door behind the altar**. He made the cross from one of the wooden beams that was removed from church roof during the belfry restoration. That day we also dedicated the **two restored stained glass windows in the back windows of the church**. One of the stained glass pieces was completely missing, and the

other was damaged. Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, these two windows have been restored to match the other four windows. We have also had the **gift of two new dogwood trees** for the church yard. On October 7, 2012, we held a Belfry **Celebration Day** and installed a framed list of donors on the back wall of the church. Two very generous anonymous donors gave St Peter's **the gift of a brass Advent Wreath/paschal candle** which we blessed on the first Sunday of Advent and enjoyed using throughout the season.

#### Worship

We had our evening Epiphany service on January 6, 2012, followed by a reception at the Long residence. Lent began with our annual pancake dinner followed by Holy Eucharist and the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday. During Lent, 2012, a small book group read Introduction to the Devout Life, by St Francis de Sales. We also had weekly 7:30AM weekly healing Eucharists during Lent, and Catherine did a Sunday morning Lenten series about God and the Mystery of Human Suffering. Week, we had a service of Tenebrae, a Maundy Thursday service, and the Good Friday service. Many participated in the community sunrise service on Easter Day and then came to our parish celebration at 11AM that morning. We traveled to St Peter's, Oak Grove, on Sunday, June 17th and celebrated the confirmation of Tucker Fisher, the reception of Thomas Guthrie, and the baptisms and confirmations of Andrea and Ken Pogue. On Sunday, July 8th, we worshiped with St Asaph's, Bowling Green at Pitt's **Pond**. On September 16<sup>th</sup>, we went to Portabago Bay for our annual **Gospel on the Rivah** worship service and social hour. Later in the month we travelled to Oakenbrough for an **EvenSong** prepared by our choir service at the home of the Bowens. We had several dogs come to St Peter's for the Blessing of the Pets on October 4<sup>th</sup>. We started off the Christmas season with fellowship at the home of Cherry and Woody Everett, who hosted a Christmas party/covered dish supper for St Peter's. Our Christmas pageant on the fourth Sunday of Advent focused on the Angel Gabriel. The choir prepared a program of carols for the pre-service music on Christmas Eve, and we ended the year with Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>. With the exception of a few months, we had a 9AM Rite I Holy Eucharist service on the last Sunday of the month, when we have Morning Prayer at 11AM. This year we celebrated the baptisms of Holly Davis and Alexander Long VI. We came together to celebrate the life of **Peter Bryan**, who died in July of 2012.

#### **Christian Education**

This year's Christian Education has included adult classes that have covered an assortment of topics - an ongoing study of Sunday's lectionary, including an overview of Islam, a one Sunday class on the work of the Episcopal Church in Sudan, Church History, and Handel's Messiah, the Lenten program on God and the Mystery of Human Suffering, and the ongoing midweek ecumenical Bible Study.

We have added a **new class for preschoolers** this year, taught by Catherine, along with our class for elementary school children and our class for young teens.

#### Priest-in-Charge- updates on other responsibilities and activities

In addition to my part-time duties at St Peter's, I'm also serving as a **Spiritual Director** at Virginia Theological Seminary, where I meet with twelve students and one staff person individually once a month. Beginning in September of 2012, I became the "**Chapel Coordinator**" at the seminary. I plan three midday Eucharists each week, and schedule the people who will preach and serve at the services. I am also on the preaching and celebrant rotation for these services. Beginning in 2013, I will also be responsible for two Morning Prayer services each week.

In January, I took a week long class at VTS called The Four Gospels on Sunday, taught by Gordon Lathrop, a Lutheran liturgist. At the end of October, I went to the Eastern Point Retreat Center in Gloucester, Massachusetts for an eight day prayer retreat. This time away for prayer and refreshment brought with it renewed energy and I'm thankful to have had the time to go. The January class and the retreat were funded by The Second Three Years Program, which is run through VTS and the Lily Foundation. In June, I attended the second residency of this program which took place at VTS for a week in June.

The spirit of the Lord has definitely been among us at St Peter's during 2012. For a small church, we have done an amazing amount of mission, outreach and witness this past year. We have been diligent in worshipping together as the family of God, and we have worked hard to continue to grow in the knowledge and love of God. God has truly blessed our congregation. Thanks be to God for all of the blessings from the past year, and I pray that God will continue to bless our worship, study, mission and our witness to God's love in the world in the year to come.

## Senior Warden, Annual Report, 2012 Linda Beck

The Lord's spirit provided St. Peter with many blessings and guidance for all of the activities initiated and pursued this year. We give thanks to the Lord for answering prayers and for giving us the wisdom to know what work needed to be done and the strength to accomplish the tasks.

The congregation was involved in multiple outreach activities, which spanned from the continuation of the Community Dinners in Port Royal to the initiation of the Peumansend Creek Regional Jail Ministry. Members of the congregation volunteered to reach out beyond our immediate community and participated in a mission trip to Staten Island to help with the sorting of school supplies and clothing for distribution to those in need. Our parish is small, but our hearts are big and many folks volunteered their time, energy, and talents to address the needs of the community and to do the Lord's work. Catherine's report has outlined and described many other examples of the beautiful ways our parish family contributed to the spreading of the Lord's word throughout the year with joy and thanksgiving. We are blessed to have so many people focused on spreading the love of the Lord in our actions of giving and caring.

Our parishioners also enjoyed sharing in the Good News by worshipping together in different ways and providing opportunities to grow spiritually. The congregation was blessed with several spiritually moving services during Holy Week, experienced the joys of baptisms and confirmations of church family members, and joined together in a "sing along" of gospel music on the Rappahannock River at Portobago Bay. The Sunday School opportunities covered a broad range of topics and classes were offered for all ages from preschool to adults. These are just a few examples of the many enriching ways our church family worshiped and shared our faith together during the year.

Once again, we were blessed to have Catherine as our spiritual teacher, guide, and Church leader. She showered us with enthusiasm for the Lord's love and initiated many projects and programs that spread the Lord's word. Her sermons provided uplifting enriching words of wisdom that we carried with us during the week. Catherine reached out to our parishioners in time of need and visited folks in the hospital, as well as those sick at home, with the loving caring spirit of the Lord. Her energy to do the Lord's work is relentless.

Also, we have received the outstanding gifts of Ben's talents on the website, photography skills, and outstanding Sunday school lessons. He has provided beautiful pictures capturing the many memories of our church life together which are shared with all on the Church website. Many of us were blessed by his in depth Christian education classes.

Our parish has had a blest year; thanks be to God.

In Christ's Love,

Linda C. Beck, Senior Warden

#### Junior Warden, Annual Report, 2012 Cookie Davis

#### **Major Projects:**

- Remove dead sycamore trees on Water Street and grind the stumps
- Trim dead tree limbs from live trees on the street corner and above the bell tower
- Repair water line break on the property between the church and Fall Hall
- Major repairs to the back wall of the Sunday School House where water had leaked in and damaged the wall

#### **Minor Projects:**

- A hole in the church floor under one of the heat registers was repaired
- Downed tree limbs on the fence line were removed due to storm damage
- Yard work was organized and completed with the help of the ECM
- The Pitts Brothers repaired the damaged fence in the cemetery
- Spread mulch (accumulated by stump grinding) on flowerbeds
- Plant mums, lilies, jonguils & Lenten roses where oil tank was removed
- Two new Dogwood trees were donated and planted in the churchyard

## Treasurer's, Annual Report, 2012 Clarence Kunstmann

The <u>Cash & Investment Summary</u> on page 10 shows the accounts for the monetary assets of St. Peters.

- Sections I and II identify the locations of the monetary assets.
- Section III, the <u>Restricted Funds</u> (designated funds) section, identifies those amounts that have been donated or set aside from the funds available for the general operation of the church, the Non-Restricted Funds.
- Section IV shows the Operating Fund Total. The sum of this total plus the total of the <u>Restricted Funds</u> equals the Cash & Investments Grand Total.

Under section II, Investments, is the <u>Trustees of The Funds Account</u> which has had an improvement in spite the market's ups & downs. Monies invested there are from the <u>Cemetery Fund</u> and the <u>EC Davis Memorial Fund for Building & Development</u>.

Within section III the account set up for the work resulting from the earthquake includes the costs paid for thru 31 December 2012 less the donations received to pay for this work. It includes monies received from the Diocese.

The Fund Activity chart on page 11 displays those restricted funds having activity during 2012.

The <u>Operating Income Statement</u> is on page **Error! Bookmark not defined.** and compared with the FY2013 Budget

Attention is called to the <u>Receipts</u> section of the <u>Operating Income Statement</u> and that contributions exceeded the 2012 pledges and the estimate for loose offerings.

Costs such as utilities continue to rise. For your church to "live" within the anticipated 2013 income it was necessary to have a tight 2013 budget.

As usual there have been a lot of "hidden" contributions in the form of time and material, including the little things such as providing food or flowers.

I will be pleased	, any time,	to answer	any questions	s you may have.
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Clarence Kunstmann

Treasurer

# Cash & Investment Summary As of 31 December 2012

## Balance at the End of

	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>This Year</u>
I. Bank Accounts - Union Bank & Trust Co		
General Checking Account	\$26,831.80	\$26,151.71
Money Market Checking Account	126,224.38	125,629.34
Cash on Hand	400.00	15,711.00
Discretionary Fund Checking Account	601.31	499.17
ECW Checking Account	<u>6,968.26</u>	<u>4,615.40</u>
Total Checking Accounts	\$161,025.75	\$172,606.62
II. Investments		
Abbott Laboratories	0.00	2,657.50
Trustees of The Funds Account*	42,906.75	45,784.42
Total Investments	\$42,906.75	\$48,441.92
Cash & Investments Grand Total	\$203,932.50	\$221,048.54
III. Restricted Funds		
Cemetery Fund*	\$14,269.23	\$15,969.69
EC Davis Memorial Fund for Building & Development*	31,030.47	32,357.57
Building Fund	35,000.00	35,000.00
Emergency Operating Fund (Rainy Day)	23,000.00	23,000.00
ECW Fund	6,968.26	4,615.40
Laura Hayes Memorial Education Fund	1,544.22	1,544.22
Discretionary Fund	598.50	2,262.65
Earthquake	(4,936.62)	(6,288.64)
Parish House Fund	5,459.64	5,666.64
Organ Fund	1,915.00	1,585.00
Memorials	1,009.00	1,065.00
Memorial Garden Fund	675.00	740.00
Miscellaneous	6,213.88	7,192.30
*Funds with part or all monies in investments		
Total Restricted Funds	\$122,746.58	\$124,709.83
IV. Operating Funds Total Available (Note 1)	\$81,185.92	\$96,338.71

Note 1: Total Operating Funds includes \$412.45 for altar flowers.

## Fund Activity during 2012

## ECW is reported separately

	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Paid Out	Ending Balance
Laura Hayes Memorial Education Fund	1,544.22	500.00	500.00	1,544.22
Discretionary Fund	598.50	6,691.54	5,027.39	2,262.65
Earthquake	(4,936.62)	7,063.15	8,415.17	(6,288.64)
Organ Fund	1,915.00	710.00	1,560.00	1,065.00
Memorials	1,009.00	150.00	0.00	1,159.00
Memorial Garden Fund	675.00	65.00	0.00	740.00
Parish House Fund	5,459.64	207.00	0.00	5,666.64
Cemetery Fund [Cash on Hand]	1,392.95	605.97	0.00	1,998.92
Miscellaneous	6,213.88	7,139.01	6,160.59	7,192.30
Alter Flower Non-Restricted Fund	330.40	178.00	95.95	412.45

#### Miscellaneous Fund Balances

861.00
821.46
1,570.45
2,036.61
108.47
117.81
1,070.00
606.50
7,192.30

## **Operating Income Statement, 2012**

	2012 Budget	2012 Actual To Date	2013 Proposed Budget
RECEIPTS			
Pledges	64,184	73,902	70,820
Loose & Other Offerings	13,000	15,572	10,000
Interest Earned	0	19	0
Other	0	1,741	0
Total Receipts	77,184	91,234	80,820
DISBURSEMENTS			
Salaries:			
Salaried Clergy			
Base Salary	28,854	28,854	30,300
Pension	5,194	3,895	5,454
Life Insurance	156	0	156
Health Insurance	5,676	5,676	5,676
Telephone & Travel	500	367	500
<b>Professional Allowance</b>	500	0	500
<b>Continuing Education</b>	500	0	500
Net Compensation	41,380	38,792	43,086
Supply Clergy	300	203	300
Organist	9,300	10,650	10,000
Professional Allowance	0	0	0
Supply Organist	500	250	200
Total Salaries	51,480	49,894	53,586
Outreach:			0
Charities & Community Outreach	500	2,516	1,000
Pledge to Diocese of Virginia	3,000	3,000	3,100
Pledge to Region I	300	300	350
Total Outreach	3,800	5,816	4,450
Administrative:			
Admin & General Supplies	1,500	1,255	1,500
Liturgy Supplies	500	735	500
Diocesan Council & Clergy Conf	800	494	1,200
Christian Education	400	585	500
Music	100	111	100
Misc Expenses	500	420	200
Nursery Services	1,000	1,525	1,600

## **Operating Income Statement, 2012**

	2012	2012	2013 Proposed
	Budget	<b>Actual To Date</b>	Budget
Cleaning Services	0	1,531	1,500
Total Programs	4,800	6,656	7,100
Church Properties:			
Insurance	4,000	3,657	4,000
Utilities	6,500	5,659	5,500
Reg Maintenance Bldgs & Grounds	4,000	4,756	4,500
Building Repairs	0	1,341	0
Tree Removal	0	1,550	0
<b>Total Church Property Expense</b>	14,500	16,963	14,000
Total Operating Disbursements	74,580	79,329	79,136
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	2,684	11,905	1,684

#### Evening ECW, Annual Report, 2012 Barbara Wisdom

- We lost several members to our evening meetings; however, many of them helped in some way with our events, as their schedules allowed.
- Community Dinners:
  - March 10, 5-7 pm. Chili dinner (cooked by Stanley Fields). 28 attendees. Fire Department gave out hats to the children.
  - June 9. Hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, chips, brownies, lemonade/tea. 25 attendees. Stanley used his new grill. \$50 gas card drawing. Children's craft book markers; books for summer reading presented to children.
  - Dec 14. Soups, bread, beverages. 135+ attendees. ECW jointed with Town Council, Caroline Promise and Caroline Parks and Rec. for our most successful event. Crafts, games, tree lighting, pictures with Santa (Santa arrived on a fire truck.). \$50 gas card drawing.

Many members donated their time, talents and money to support these community dinners.

- April 22 Barbara Wisdom and Catherine Hicks attended the joint ECW luncheon at Lynn's Inn.
- May 11 Mother's Day Project Provided cards and flowers to ladies at the Bowling Green Nursing Home. A work day was scheduled on May 9 and Becky Fisher and her children assisted Cindy Fields, Catherine Hicks and Barbara Wisdom with the delivery of flowers.
- May 12 Ladies Nite Out. Cindy Fields and Barbara Wisdom assisted the Men's Group with the
  entertainment. A pseudo-Newlywed Game was played. 5 couples volunteered to be the
  "newlyweds." Joe and Mary Ann Betchy won the game. Lots of laughs. Good food provided by
  the men of the church.
- July 4 Many members assisted with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration in Port Royal.
- Aug 22-25 Mission Trip to Staten Island Catherine Hicks (Ben), Elizabeth Heimbach (Jim), Cookie (Johnny) Davis, Eunice (Roger) Key, and the Fisher family were volunteers. They assisted with setup, distribution and clean up for the distribution of clothes and shoes for children.
- October 18 Mary Ann Betchy, Andrea Pogue and Catherine Hicks joined the daytime ECW for a field trip to the Labyrinth in the Woods, Lively, VA.
- October 20 Several our members assisted the daytime ECW with the Bowling Green Harvest Festival.
- Andrea Pogue provided information on the GED program. Since the Bowling Green Library is currently offering classes, we have not committed to this project.
- December 19 Candy Project for the prison ministry. The congregation donated bags of hard candy. The Sunday School children and several ECW members filled over 300 bags of candy.
   We were unable to provide skid-proof socks to the Nursing Home residents.

#### Music Ministry, Annual Report, 2012 Brad Volland

2012 was another great year for St. Peter's Episcopal Church's Music Ministry. The church is blessed with dedicated choir members who share their talents with enthusiasm and love. We are a small choir wholly committed and dedicated to serving our church and community, praising God through Christ the Son.

The choir presented many new anthems, hymns and service music to the congregation throughout 2012 and enjoyed receiving, with humble thanks, many compliments from our church family.

We are most thankful for the friendship and talents shared by Paige Martindale and Thorn Guthrie, both of whom are dear friends and mentors to yours truly. Paige and Thorn have shared their vocal and organist talents with us many times and their support greatly enhances our music ministry and worship.

Blessings continued with the support and talents of our choir members and especially, Helmut Linne von Berg and his violin and Marilyn Newman and her harp. We enjoyed their talents many times in 2012. We had the pleasure of welcoming Tucker Fisher into our choir family this past fall. Further, we were delighted to have Marilyn Newman and Eunice Key join our choir for Advent and Christmastide.

We are certainly blessed to have the fine talents of Mark Thompson to care for our tracker pipe organ! Mark made several major improvements to the organ in 2012, not the least of which was bringing the blower motor down from the attic and encasing it in a custom-made, soundproofed baffle (box) with micro-filters. This undertaking resulted in a much quieter pipe organ. This fine work not only enhanced the sound of our organ by increasing the wind pressure to the level it should be but also by protecting the organ from mold spores and other impurities that would otherwise enter the instrument and shorten its life. Mark also re-shaped, rebuilt and re-voiced much of the pipework, greatly improving the tonal quality of the organ. Ongoing work will include, hopefully, the rebuilding of the pedal board and re-leathering of the entire organ. This work is truly artisan-caliber and will help preserve this beautiful little organ for many years to come. Thanks be to God!

Respectfully submitted,

**Brad Volland** 

**Music Director and Organist** 

## ECW, Annual Report, 2012 Marion Mahoney

#### Other Officers:

Eunice Key, Vice-President Betty Kunstmann, Secretary & UTO Chairperson Crystal Pannell, Treasurer and CPC Chairman

I am happy to report that 2012 was another productive year for the ECW. Crystal Pannell continued her excellent stewardship of the Altar Guild. She deserves our heartfelt thanks.

Betty Kunstmann, our dedicated UTO Chairman, reported contributions of \$463.40, and Eunice Key and her fabulous team (Cookie Davis, Betty Kunstmann, Cindy Fields, Helmut and Susan Linne von Berg and other occasional helpers) raised \$1,770.00 for our charities. Their unwavering dedication and hard work all year in preparing and serving delicious meals for the community is a great gift. They are truly a blessing.

In March, the ECW attended a "Quite Day" at Roselyn, which was an opportunity to reflect upon and renew our spiritual lives.

In June, we enjoyed a field trip to "Kenmore", the home of George Washington's sister, followed by lunch at the Petite Auburge.

On the first Saturday of June, Eunice Key provided her side yard as a location for the Bowling Green Clean Sweep which reaped an income of \$435.50 with no expenses. The July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration in Port Royal was another opportunity to raise funds for our outreach programs. We handled the food service at the festivities and earned \$507.00.

In October, we participated in the Bowling Green Harvest Festival, selling scarves, food, jewelry and purses. This event raised \$375.62. Also in October, we traveled to St. Mary's Whitechapel to walk a labyrinth, an ancient spiritual exercise new to many of us. Our guide was Karen Woodruff, our former pastor, who explained the meaning of the labyrinth after our walk we had lunch at Lancaster Tavern. (See below for a list of our outreach for 2012).

We finished up the year with our annual Christmas luncheon at Hobbs Hole Golf Club.

Our evening ECW continues to be a valuable extension of our outreach in the community. See the attached report by Barbara Wisdom outlining their activities in 2012).

I want to thank Catherine and everyone who worked so hard all year to accomplish our goal of serving God by serving others. You are an amazing group of women!

2013 is a fresh opportunity to continue and expand our activities. With God's help, I am confident we can accomplish even more in the new year.

A. Women & Children in Crisis	
1. St. Andrew's School, Richmond, Va	\$200.00
2. Jackson-Field Home for Girls	\$337.00
3. Covington Boys' Home	\$200.00
4. Caroline County Young Life	\$500.00
B. National and Worldwide	
1. Church Periodical Club - Miles of Pennies	?
2. National Cathedral (earthquake repair)	\$100.00
3. Nets for Life	\$400.00
4. Heifer Project-1 Pig & 5 Flocks of Chickens	\$220.00
5. 5 Talents	\$100.00
6. World Vision	\$435.00
7. Doctors Without Borders	\$250.00
8. Sandy (hurricane victims)	\$500.00
9. Episcopal Relief and Development	\$500.00
C. Additional ECW Outreach	
1. Hospice Support Care	\$300.00
2. CE.R.V.E.	\$300.00
3. Priest's Discretionary Fund	\$250.00
Total	\$4,592.00

#### ECM Annual Report, 2012 Bill Wick

The Episcopal men's group met throughout 2012 on the second Saturday of each month with an average of ten to eleven men each meeting. Each meeting was started with a prayer followed by a devotional and discussion led by a different member of the group each month. Following the devotional, the group talked about the projects that were under consideration to implement or how others in which the group was involved were doing.

#### Accomplishments for the year included:

- The transportation committee initiated to provide rides for individuals needing to get to doctor's appointments, hospitals, or other meetings in which no other transportation was available. Several members participated by furnishing transportation throughout the year;
- At the request of the Junior Warden, the group spent several hours cleaning raking and cleaning the churchyard of leaves and other debris in November for the upcoming special services;
- In March, the ECM held the Annual Women's Night Out to raise money for the Vestry to use as needed. The men cooked the food which was delicious and Barbara Wisdom and Cindy Fields conducted a Newly Wed game with five couples participating. The answers they provided were hilarious and everyone had a terrific time and money we raised was nice, too;
- In June, the group had a One Year Anniversary with a steak dinner celebration at the Reynolds Pavilion. David Beck brought sensational steaks, which the rest of the group furnished all the trimmings, beer, and wine. It was a lot of fun and an energizer for the group;
- For the second year, the group took up a collection and sponsored a needy family for Christmas. Caroline County Social Services was contacted and identified a family in the Port Royal area. Cars and games were purchased for the five year old boy, two tricycles and dolls were purchased for the twin girls, and clothes for all three children were included with the other presents. Additionally, lots of food was also purchased for the entire family.

Looking ahead to 2013, the ECM will support the church and congregation by the following activities:

- Continuing the transportation program;
- Sponsor both a Spring and Fall clean-up, plus any other request by the Vestry for special projects;
- Hold the Women's Night Out in March, date to be announced. All church men begin to think about what dish you will prepare for the occasion;
- Hold an Anniversary Celebration in June, just exactly what hasn't been determined; and
- For the Christmas Season, again sponsor a family and provide a super Christmas where there might not be one without our church support;
- Continue our Monthly meetings were praying and working together throughout the year will make us better Christians and closer to God's will.