



Annual Report 2011

Submitted at Congregational Meeting, January 29, 2012

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2012 Nominating Slate

We have had the honor of talking with so many of you over the last few months about the leadership of our church. Thank you for your candor and enthusiasm. We are pleased to put forth the following slate of 2012 candidates for your consideration at the All Church Meeting on January 29th, noon.

Leadership Circle

Term through 2012: **Steve Vandergrift** (1 year position, replacing Kevin Baker-Rooks)

Term through 2014: **Terry Steeden, Nancy Azar, Nia Rodgers**

These candidates bring experience in leadership, budgeting, organization, and social justice and will join will join existing members: Abbi Holt (2012), Pam Wylie (2012), Robin Joyce (2013), Yuliana Leon Wiser (2013), and Dan McLaughlin (2013).

Nominating Committee

We are also pleased to put forth **Christie Dustman** and **Joy Bautista** as new members of the Nominating Committee.

As Moderator of the Leadership Circle, Christie served as an ex-officio member this year, and is able to return next year as a member. Joy will be joining the committee as a new member. Christie and Joy will join Ellen Snoeyenbos, and Anne Broyles, bringing the number of covenant partners on the team to four.

While they are an outstanding group of covenant partners, our bylaws specify the “Nominating Committee: will be comprised of five covenant partners elected yearly by the Congregation at the annual meeting, and the Leadership Circle moderator as an ex-officio, non-voting member. This leaves us one person short of a full committee.

Is that person you?

We understand that for many of you a one-year commitment may seem daunting, but what you may not realize is that although you are asked to serve for a year, the actual work of the committee is “seasonal”; busy in the fall, but quiet during the rest of the year.

The year-round work is to watch and identify Covenant Partners who may be able to contribute their talents to the organizational life of the church. Frankly, this is the work of all of us!

If you feel that the Nominating Committee would, after all, be a good fit for you, please let us know. You can email your interest to nominating@hopecentralchurch.org before January 14, 2012 or call Nancy Azar at 617-435-7579

Respectfully submitted by The Nominating Team: Nancy Azar, Ellen Snoeyenbos, Anne Broyles, Nia Rodgers, Laura Everett, Christie Dustman

Proposed By-Law Changes

FOR THE ALL CHURCH MEETING, JANUARY 29, 2012

Our By-laws govern the structure of our church. As we have lived with them over these last few years, the Leadership Circle proposes two changes that we believe will improve the flexibility and clarity of the By-laws. Please see the two items below. We vote on these changes at the All Church Meeting.

Proposed changes to the By-Laws are in boldfaced type and show how the by-law changes would read if confirmed.

Respectfully submitted by The Leadership Circle

I. Concerning the Treasurer:

To p. 4. Section V.iv: Primary duties include oversight of financial procedures and collaborating with the staff and Stewardship and Finance Team in the preparation and implementation of a responsible budget. ***Should no one in the LC have the skills or spiritual gifts necessary for the work of the office of treasurer, the Leadership Circle may appoint an appropriate Covenant Partner who is responsible to the Leadership Circle.***

Rationale: The skills of the treasurer are specialized. These skills may or may not be one of the skills of those serving in the Leadership Circle. Therefore it is in the best interest of service to the congregation that the most qualified person serve the congregation as the treasurer and that this person be appointed and report to the LC.

II. Concerning Membership Termination:

To p. 1 Section III: Membership may be terminated in the following ways: transfer of membership, request of the covenant partner, death, or ***more than two years of*** inactivity. Members to be terminated due to inactivity will be sent a written notice when possible and given an opportunity to request that their membership be preserved.

Rationale: A clear limit on the definition of inactivity prevents premature termination and eliminates any concerns about capriciousness.

2012 Budget Cover Letter

7 January 2012

Dear Hope Central Church family,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Attached you will find a spreadsheet with the proposed budget for 2012. I included the 2011 budget and the projected actuals for 2011 for comparison. We have many reasons to be excited about the coming year ahead:

- Our church is growing - this means more covenant partners and more financial pledges.
- We have attracted more renters from our surrounding community, so we can expect increased building rental income in 2012.
- The parking lot was resurfaced in 2011 and we added more parking spots. They are all rented out which increases our parking rent income.
- We have a capable and dedicated church staff: April, our church manager, Lisa, our building manager, Leonel, our longterm sexton, and of course Laura Ruth, our beloved pastor. All 4 of them have been given a raise in 2012.
- Last year we passed a budget with a \$26,445 deficit. Thanks to your generosity and hard work fundraising, we are expecting an actual deficit of around \$14,103. With our stronger financial position for 2012, we are proposing a budget that fits our vision of dynamic worship with lively music, outreach into our community, and commitment to social justice. This budget proposes a \$13,123 deficit, less than half of what we calculated last year! The Leadership Circle and the Finance Team feel very excited about this!

Please take the time to look over the proposed budget and get in touch with me for questions and/or comments. I can be reached by phone or email (see below). Please address your questions to me in the next 3 weeks before the All-Church meeting on January 29, so that we can conduct the meeting in a smooth and timely fashion.

Thank you for your commitment to Hope Central Church!

My very best,

Judy Wagoner

Treasurer, Hope Central Church

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2012 Budget Proposal

	2012 Proposed Budget	2011 Budget	Projected 2011 Actuals
Income			
4100 Pledge Offerings	\$ 141,040.00	\$ 125,192.00	\$ 130,000.00
4150 Plate Offerings	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 7,500.00
4155 Fundraising Income	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
4160 Share Campaign Income			\$ 14,500.00
Total 4200 Special Gifts			\$ 1,442.00
4300 Rental Income			
4330 Long Term Rental	\$ 100,698.00	\$ 92,032.00	\$ 92,711.00
4340 One Time Rental	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,750.00
4350 Parking Rental	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 21,200.00	\$ 34,393.00
Total 4300 Rental Income	\$ 139,698.00	\$ 119,232.00	\$ 132,854.00
Total Income	\$ 294,738.00	\$ 274,424.00	\$ 293,296.00
Expenses			
Total 5100 Minister Compensation	\$ 87,177.00	\$ 86,711.00	\$ 88,323.00
5300 Minister Discretionary Fund	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,566.00
Total 5800 Church Administration Wages/Benefits	\$ 31,907.00	\$ 25,190.00	\$ 24,012.00
Total 6400 Utilities	\$ 24,500.00	\$ 22,200.00	\$ 25,100.00
Total 6500 Building and Grounds Expense	\$ 85,497.00	\$ 85,682.00	\$ 95,733.00
7100 Social Justice Ministry	\$ 14,800.00	\$ 14,019.00	\$ 13,750.00
Total 7140 Seminarian In Care Support	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 207.00
Total 7200 Music Ministry	\$ 30,733.00	\$ 32,880.00	\$ 30,403.00
Total 7250 Worship and Hospitality	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 3,350.00
Total 7300 Religious Education/Childcare	\$ 7,040.00	\$ 9,300.00	\$ 6,793.00
Total 8200 Church Growth/Marketing	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,500.00
Total 8500 Dues and Fees	\$ 2,167.00	\$ 2,167.00	\$ 4,725.00
Total 8900 Administration	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 13,320.00	\$ 10,000.00
Church Retreat	\$ 2,000.00		
Field Ed Student	\$ 3,000.00		
Total Expenses	\$ 306,821.00	\$ 300,869.00	\$ 307,462.00
Net Income	\$ (12,083.00)	\$ (26,445.00)	\$ (14,166.00)

Reports

Letter from the Pastor, Annual Report 2011

Dear Beloved,

I greet you in the name of Love. We have had a wonderful year together, practicing love, practicing relying on God, turning ourselves over and over again to God's will for us by means of worship and service. I write this, not to be proud of ourselves in ways that tempt us to turn to our own devices, but to remind us what a joy it is to align ourselves with the Divine presence and nature. Tuning our hearts to the song of God deepens our practices, provides places and times for deep rest, provides courage, and erases our fear. We are a people made to thrive, and following the radical teachings of Jesus we are learning that there is no limit to plumbing the depth of love nor the height of the joy of union with God and each other.

In my opinion, our thriving has depended on giving ourselves to practices of our faith, and we gave ourselves to worship and service in 2011 by means of Sunday morning and evening services. Many of us, used to coming in the morning, visited the evening services and vice versa. Our merger becomes more complete by this means. We have gathered for mindfulness retreats almost monthly. During Lent and Advent, we added services of prayer and hospitality.

In 2011, we stabilized the Sunday School for our children, morning and evening. We have a great crew of folks who teach our children, Emmie Barnard, Matt Mulder, Patti Ryan, Julie Romain, and Rosa Roque. (This year, we need more folks, parents and folks who want to nurture our children, to help out in Sunday School, on a rotating basis.) We went to Asheville to the Campaign for Southern Equality, to lend our hands to the work for civil rights for LGBTIQ folks there. We had Bible Study, and a lot of adult education opportunities: How to Pray, Financial Literacy, an Enneagram Workshop, a book group, to name just a few. We welcomed Peter Johnston, the first Field Education student of the merged Hope Central congregation. We welcomed twelve new Covenant Partners and many more people who are active in our congregation. We baptized and dedicated babies. We married one family, Emmie and Karen. We raised up and ordained six people to the ordained ministry. We said good bye to beloved ones to distance and L.K. Case to death - into God's hands. We sent Judy Wagoner and Angela Letizia to Haiti, Stacey Schamber to Ethiopian, and received them back, and sent Angela on to Malawi. We birthed two babies, Eliza and Immy.

In 2011 we *have* thrived! Our attendance in worship services increased, our membership increased, our giving to the church in the stewardship season exceeded our dreams. We started the year with a deficit budget of more than \$30,000, and ended with less a third of that. More importantly, we managed our fear of the deficit. We dreamed together in prayer about what to do, we gathered our resources, we acted in faith, we trusted God and we trusted each other. This is mature spiritual work, beloved!

Because we did so well in 2011, we know that we need to dream bigger dreams for our congregation in 2012. We are ripe and juicy for new experiences, greater spiritual depths, more mediums, and particularly more joy and fellowship. There are activities that will help us grow, I believe. I believe we need more fun – dancing, eating, and visiting across our different worship times, ages, inclinations. I believe that we need to have more folks come visit to teach us the ways we can and do lead according to our spiritual gifts. We need to figure out how to put people to teaching and doing the things they love. We need to build a bit more structure so that everyone who wants to lead knows how, feels confident, has company, and isn't unaccompanied by God, prayer, and friends. We need to continue to care for the members of our congregation and neighborhood so that we are a place where we can bring our best selves and tell the truth of our lives, all at the same time. We have five people in care for ordination who need our love and support. We expect to ordain Jasmine and Nanette this year.

I believe we need to think and pray about our mission – what kind of work of Justice and Compassion do we do, shall we do? Can we do part of our Justice work by sending some of our abundant cash to our denominations? Is our work of Justice and Compassion the nurture of folks in our congregation whose life's work is Justice and Compassion? Do we need to put our collective hands to work – at the volunteer day with City Mission Society in Jan. in honor of Dr. King, by working with an agency like Habitat for Humanity? Will God send us someone or raise someone up in our congregation who can be the logistician for our Ministry of Justice and Compassion Team? What are the spiritual practices of our congregation, and how can we support each individual who wants to practice giving herself or himself to God?

Lastly, I want to thank the people who make this congregation work. Our Leadership Circle led by Christie has been faithful in this building year to call our congregation into action, to make decisions we can only trust God are the right decisions for this group of people at this moment. Thank you to Nanette who keeps our web presence, our very real presence in the world, current and crisp. Thank you to Suzanne and the Sacristans; to Vanessa Morris and the music makers; to the Worship Planning Team. Thank you to our Called to Care team, led by Barbara McQueen. Thank you to Leonel Cermeño who keeps our building clean, who takes out our trash, who is the spirit of order and love. Although we hardly see him, we see his beautiful work. Thank you to the best staff, Lisa who runs our building and makes money for our congregation. Thank you to April who runs our congregation. You can't imagine what a pleasure it is to work with folks who work hard, work well, and care about what happens to Hope Central. Mostly, I offer my gratitude to this congregation and to God who holds us together. It is a privilege to serve you and God. You are a great God-kissed people!

Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laura Ruth', with a stylized, cursive script.

Laura Ruth

Called to Care Team Annual Report 2011

2011 was the year in which the called to care team was commissioned by the church to be a confidence keeping ministry that attends to the pastoral needs within Hope Central Church.

This year, this ministry has included one on one relationships with elders in the congregation, bringing meals and providing support for folks during times of illness or stress, providing rides to church for those who couldn't get to church any other way, and visiting new babies and parents with a meal and a small gift.

We also initiated a “parents night out”, providing child care on an evening so that parents could have some needed child free time.

Our team meets about every 6-8 weeks to pray, learn about being a “divine presence” for others, to support one another in our work and to share the concerns of the congregation. We look forward to continuing to serve the Hope Central community in 2012.

Barbara McQueen

Building & Grounds Annual Report 2011

2011 was a year of repairs, research and projects started. We hope to pick up some of these pieces and develop them further in 2012.

To name a few:

- We started working with the Community Design Resource Center of Boston (a community service project of the Boston Society of Architects) to explore accessibility options for our building. We are looking at solutions to getting access to both floors of our building (without our stairs) and how we could add at least one more accessible bathroom on the upper floor.
- We agreed to a reduced rent from Iglesia Hispana for 2011 and in exchange they donated labor to make improvements to our building. This included painting the family bathroom upstairs, the baseboards on the upper level, and making significant improvements to our building Internet wiring. This arrangement will continue into 2012 as well.

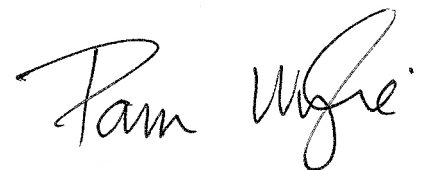
We also made a few changes to the building, notably:

- We removed some of the pews (& donated them to the Building Materials Resource Center) and rearranged some more so they faced each other in the front of the sanctuary. We left them unscrewed so they could be changed back when needed. This also created space in the back of the church to be used for hospitality, Advent food baskets and Nativity costumes and a more intimate feeling in the sanctuary.
- We converted the room above the front door into a meditation room by cleaning it out, adding a carpet (& undercutting the door so it would clear the carpet) and meditation cushions.
- We cleaned out the balcony and the closets along the stairs and then we did it again. Believe it or not, we could do this on a regular basis.
- We added a wall heater to the Mosaic School classroom behind the stage.

And the grounds:

- We had the parking lot patched and restriped so that it can hold more cars, increasing our rental income.
- And, we did our usual share of maintenance:
- We were fortunate to have several non-Hope Central church volunteer groups spend time clearing brush out of the side yard and the area around the parking lot and spreading mulch. We followed their efforts up in the fall with a leaf raking and tree pruning party.

And just in time for Advent, we were able to get a rebate from the utility company to help pay for all new compact fluorescent lights in the sanctuary.



Pam Wylie

Hospitality Annual Report 2012

The Hospitality Hour "group" was able to offer a variety of foods and beverages to those who attend the 2011 morning services---I don't think we missed one Sunday in "feeding the body" (tho' not as well as our Minister fed our spirit)-- with goodies provided by Ruth, Jennifer, Cheryl, Vivian, Barbara, Mary Ann, Gina, Joy and Unknown bakers who put things on the table when the rest of us were in the sanctuary. PLEASE, UNKNOWNS, leave your name on the item so you can be thanked (or asked to bring same again).

Jennifer and Cheryl joined the committee in early April, which was a BIG HELP when Ruth injured her arm. Graham, AGAIN, was OUR BREWMASTER and Walter AGAIN was the official "taster". THANKS also go to those who did the "set-up" and "clean-up" chores - AND to Betty Wiles who made sure all the brown holders were returned to THE BOX. The monies put in the "contribution baskets" have been used to pay for paper goods, creamers, sugars, tea, coffee and special food items. THANKS to each for your efforts to make the CHAPEL DINER so pleasant. HAPPY 2012 to all and to all, bargains can be found at Costco, BJ's and Shaw's bakery "day-olds".

Vivian Reilly

The Ministry of Justice and Compassion Annual Report 2011

Social Justice decided to change its name to more reflect its work on charity and compassion as well as justice. This year it gave out more than 4000 dollars in Fast Track Grants to various organizations and causes recommended by covenant partners, including money to a local gay straight alliance and to another grant to one of the churches in Munson MA to help it rebuild after the tornado. Any covenant partner can apply for a grant a year, so please consider applying this year!

J & C also donated 1500 to 1800 dollars to its four main causes, the Boston Faith and Justice Network, the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization, St. Paul's Health Clinic in Kenya, and Kitty Dukakis Treatment Center. Furthermore, we gave a new Karaoke machine to the Kitty Dukakis Treatment Center after their old one broke and members of our community went and sang with them as well as led them in several craft nights.

Later in the year, we took part in a long standing Central tradition of filling Ditty bags with toiletries and other essentials for sailors who cannot leave their boats while docked in Boston harbor. Covenant partners donated both the supplies to fill the bags and their excellent sewing and knitting skills to make the bags themselves and hats to go in them.

With what funds remained we also gave around 400 dollars to each of the justice and advocacy arms of our two denominations.

Abbi Holt

Children's Church Annual Report 2011

Children's Church at Hope Central Church is continuing to grow along with the little ones we serve. Each Sunday, for both the morning and evening services, children are provided with a safe and loving environment in which they can learn more about God's love and have fun.

In the morning service, attendance ranges from four to twelve, with an average of about eight. In the evening, attendance is most often two children. Most of the children who currently attend children's church are age five or younger.

For the morning service, Patti Ryan and Matt Mulder volunteer to help lead. Julie Romain, who has been with the church for many years, and Rosa Roque, a wonderful addition this year, are the paid staff. In the evening service, Emmie McDonell is the paid staff, and is currently running evening Sunday School by herself.

Each week, children's church begins with a story, usually connected to either the topic of that week's sermon or one of the lectionary readings from that week. The story is most often told through the reading of a children's book or is acted out with figurines. After the story, the children are given the opportunity to participate in a craft or activity that relates to the story. Children are also given a few other options for play. Near the end of our time, we gather for a small snack and then return to the sanctuary for the glorious Amen march and reunion with caregivers.

During the past year, children's church gained stability and predictability in staffing. Adding Rosa to the morning service and Emmie for the evening service was a great help as they both bring a reliable, creative, loving presence to the team. We continue to tinker with the specifics of the programming, and the evening service is somewhat different than the morning. Our hope is that this flexibility is allowing us to create the best experience we can for the children who come each week.

Looking to the future, there are several areas in which children's programming at the church could grow:

- Engaging more people from the church community to volunteer with the kids
- Enlisting regular help for the evening service so that Emmie isn't working alone
- Ministering to older children, particularly pre-teenagers who are not currently plugged in to the church
- Tracking and archiving lessons so that they can be used again
- Offering more programming to the children outside of the regular Sunday service

We are so grateful for the opportunity to work with the wonderful children in this church, and look forward to seeing how they grow and change in the year ahead.

Matt Mulder

Music Program Annual Report 2011

Service AM and PM

- I think the services have been going well. It's been helpful being part of the worship committee and that planning process. We've experimented with different music in the service, learned some new songs and been able to respond quickly to current church happenings. I been particular excited about some church members coming forward and sharing their music gifts: whether it's Carla singing and playing (on guitar) a Disney song for Megan's birthday or Matt singing a solo during the summer months.

Choir

- We've had some major successes, learned a bunch of new anthems as well as reinventing ones we know. My goal for the coming year is to build a repertoire and figure out a more consistent way of rehearsing together, whether it's before the services or on a separate day.

Concerts

- Lillian organized a fabulous concert in the Fall. It brought a lot of folks in the door that might not have known about us. I hope the Harvest Concert will be a yearly event.

Special Sundays/Services

- Hope Central definitely knows how to celebrate. Whether it's Valentines day (I remember dancing in the aisle with Laura Ruth), Halloween (how cool is it to dress up for Church), Easter was fabulous (the choir singing in the balcony was amazing) and Christmas (both services went fabulously).
- There is an international Sunday in the works and I hope to work with the worship committee to think up some other special Sundays.
- The Advent Taize services were also a great success. I'm excited that we're planning on continue these services during Lent.

Guest Musicians

- I hope to have more guest musicians this year. It was great having Todd Brunel come for the Christmas service and I hope to have him back for Holy Week.

Vanessa Morris

Outreach Annual Report 2011

The outreach team this year handed out fair trade candy at Green St. T stop for Easter and later, in cow costumes, for Halloween at Green and Stony Brook T stops along with invitations to our services. We flyered the neighborhood for Easter, and then for Homecoming, putting over one thousand flyers in mailboxes and on car windshields. For Christmas we sung carols at Jackson Sq. and Forest Hills while handing out similar invitations to our advent services. Even stoic Bostonians cracked a smile and sang along!

We are beginning to see the fruits of our outreach and visibility in the community with increased coverage in the JP Patch and Gazette. We also know people are coming to church because of this outreach. A gentleman left a prayer card in our offering basket saying he had found the church because someone had invited him at a T stop.

In May of 2011 we co-sponsored the blessing of the bicycles with First Baptist Church in Jamaica Plain and the Boston Cyclists Union. Many community members unrelated to Hope Central came and had bicycles blessed and repaired. Around 7 people walked into our church directly from that event and the event received excellent coverage from the local press.

We are thrilled that so many members of Hope Central are involved in this outreach and we would love to have you come too!

Abbi Holt

Prosperity Team Annual Report Swing into the Holidays Fundraiser Nets \$7,386

In September an ad hoc “prosperity team”—consisting of Nancy Azar, J Conlon, Christie Dustman, Kathie Mainzer, Patti Ryan, and Suzanne Wolk—reconvened to plan a Second Annual “Swing into the Holidays” fundraiser to raise money for our operating budget and outreach programs.

On Saturday, December 3, our efforts bore fruit, as roughly 170 souls filled Capen Hall, which was transformed by hundreds of sparkly white Christmas lights, silver and purple gossamer, balloons, and big, glittery snowflakes into a winter dance hall, to swing to the music of the Fabulous Mood Swings, Boston’s all-women 17-piece big band. The evening also featured a silent auction with an amazing 132 items, ranging from homemade pies, hummus, and canned fruit, to gift certificates from local shops and restaurants, to knitting lessons and yoga sessions, to facials, haircuts, and massages, to Christmas wreaths and handmade jewelry, scarves, and clothing. You name it—we auctioned it off!

This year, local dance instructor Liz Nania gave a free swing lesson before the party, and Swingtime Boston, a Brookline-based LGBT dance group, combined their December dance with this event, which helped us surpass last year’s attendance and bottom line.

After paying for the band, the dance teacher, the washing and waxing of the Capen Hall floor, food, materials, and supplies, we made a net profit of \$7,386, or about \$1,100 more than last year.

This event was an all-church effort and would not have been possible without the help of church members and friends too numerous to name, who contributed items to the auction and solicited local businesses for donations; helped decorate the hall; made or bought food; helped man the door—and came to the party and brought their friends. We got to dance and have fun together, which was the most important thing of all.

—Suzanne Wolk

WAMM Annual Report 2011

The Worship, Arts, and Music Ministries Team (WAMM) worked hard in 2011 to support Laura Ruth and help make the worship services flow smoothly. WAMM comprises two sub-teams: a sacristy team and a worship-planning team; the latter meets with Laura Ruth about once a month, and the entire WAMM team meets quarterly, following the liturgical calendar.

Our work this year included:

- transforming the worship closet off the office into a proper sacristy (though keeping it that way is an ongoing process!)
- establishing a regular rota of sacristans
- regularly reviewing the quality, pace, and mechanics of worship services with the pastor
- experimenting with new service music and different forms of prayer
- making beautiful new paraments and banners for the liturgical seasons (many thanks to Laura Everett) and decorating the sanctuary for each new season, with leadership from Laura Everett, Abbi Holt, and Nia Rodgers
- improving the functioning and quality of the sound system, also an ongoing process (thank you, Neil Helme and Nia Rodgers)
- assisting the Hospitality Team with two all-church picnics, in July and September
- upgrading the Communion linens

In September we said goodbye to our beloved evening pianist Todor Stoinov and welcomed Vanessa Morris, the morning pianist, as music director of the evening service as well. Vanessa, Neil, and Bobby have worked hard to make the music shine. We also welcomed our new student minister, Peter Johnston, in the fall.

Hope Central held several special services in 2011, including a commemoration of the tenth anniversary of September 11; Homecoming Sunday; a Blessing of the Bikes; a back-to-school Blessing of the Backpacks; and a Blessing of the Bibles. During Advent, under the leadership of John Brock and Bruce Baker-Rooks, we held four Tuesday evening prayer services followed by homemade soup and bread.

The members of WAMM are Bruce Baker-Rooks, Kevin Baker-Rooks, John Brock, Ruth Collyer, Laura Everett, Michael Fiorentino, Neil Helme, Laura Ruth Jarrett, Peter Johnston, Robin Joyce, Marie Kaczorek, Vanessa Morris, Beverly Pacheco, Nia Rodgers, Ellen Snoeyenbos, and Suzanne Wolk.

Suzanne Wolk



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Building Mission: Christie Dustman, Nia Rodgers, Pam Wylie

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Prayer Ministry: Beverly Pacheco

Treasurer: Judy Wagoner

Hospitality: J Conlon, Nancy Azar, Vivian Reilly and all of us!

In Care Team: Annie Walsh

Nominating Committee: Nancy Azar, nominating@

Seminarian Support: Rev. Laura Ruth Jarrett, Rev. David and Deb Malone

Stewardship: Kathie Mainzer

**Worship, Arts, and Music Ministries;
Education Team; Online Communications
and Design Team; Finance Team**

OFFICE HOURS

Laura Ruth: Thurs 4:30-6p, JP Licks; and by appointment

April: Tues, Weds, Fri 9a-3p; Thurs 9a-1:30p

Lisa: Tues, Thurs 9a-2p; and by appointment