

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2014

CHRIST CHURCH † WASHINGTON PARISH

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2014 Christ Church Vestry and officers

Senior Warden: Randy Norton **Junior Warden:** Mike Grace
Treasurer: Paul Laymon **Clerk:** Carolyn Cheney
Class of 2015: Mike Grace, Michael Stroud, Bev Ward, Diana Church
Class of 2016: Anne Church*, Andi Fouberg*, Lynne Schlimm, Carolyn Cheney
Class of 2017: Charles Floto, Meredith Baker, Joe Citro, Randy Norton

**Anne Church and Andi Fouberg both resigned in 2014 when they moved. Emma Tucker and Gregg Porter were elected by the Vestry to finish this year of their terms.*

Minutes of the January 26, 2014 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Christ Church + Washington Parish was called to order at 9:45 a.m. by The Rev. Cara Spaccarelli on January 26, 2014. Randy Norton, Senior Warden, gave the opening prayer. Registrar Carolyn Johnson called the roll. The minutes of the 2013 were approved.

Vestry Candidates

The following candidates were presented for election to a 3-year term: Meredith Baker, Joe Citro, Randy Norton and Charles Floto. There were no nominations from the floor. Ballots were distributed.

Treasurer's Report

Sandy Hussey presented the treasurer's report and budget. She declared the church in sound financial condition. However she cautioned in order to nurture the Church there will be a need to spend additional funds in order to replace the organ, renovate the parish Hall for additional meeting space and provide for additional staff.

Stage Committee

Mike Grace, Junior Warden, reported that a committee had been formed to consider how we to better use the stage portion of the parish hall. During 2014, proposals will be received with projected costs for renovation of the parish hall.

Stewardship Campaign

Russ Mawn reported that as of January 15, 2014, 96 pledges were received for a total of \$305,724.

Senior Warden's Report

The Vestry has tentatively approved a number of improvements to be pursued in 2014 including replacement of the organ, the renovation of the Parish Hall to create more classroom space and installation of solar panels.

Rector's Report

Cara reported that the Church has grown 50% in worship attendance in the last three years. In terms of numbers, there were 28 Sundays with attendance of 120 or more at the 11 a.m. service. Average Sunday attendance for 2013 was 154. Fifteen families joined the church in 2013. Cara said the Vestry was exploring ways to address space concerns at the later service.

Vestry Election

It was reported that the slate had been approved by a majority of parishioners.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Cara led the closing prayer. A motion to adjourn was offered and accepted. The 2014 annual meeting of Christ Church + Washington Parish was adjourned.

REPORTS OF THE MINISTRIES

CARE OF THE MONEY AND ASSETS

Care of Property

Mike Grace, Junior Warden

I want to thank all of the members of the Property Committee who faithfully come to our monthly meetings and provide valuable advice to your Junior Warden. Robin Blackwood deserves special mention as our secretary who keeps the minutes of our meetings. David McCahan, who has been mowing our church lawn for eight years is going to give up that volunteer duty to devote more time to doing what he loves: gardening. Thank you, David, for your years of service.

Property Improvements

Lighting fixtures were repaired and added in the kitchen that improve the lighting there. A bike rack has been placed in the courtyard. The washer/dryer and the dishwasher in the rectory were replaced.

Property Repairs

The roof over the parish hall/kitchen was repaired. Termites were found in the rectory. A pest company came out and treated the area before any substantial damage was done. The front doors were repainted their Episcopal Red. They are in direct sunlight and really take a beating. They need to be repainted every couple of years. The stripes in the parking lot were repainted. We think that we can hold off resealing/ repaving the parking lot for at least a couple of years.

Rental Properties

Joe Citro and I, along with a representative of Yarmouth Real Estate, inspected our three rental properties. They are in good condition. We did spend money having the roofs scraped and repainted. The garage roofs will be worked on this coming year.

Bell Tower Finials

We took down one finial this year because we didn't want it to topple over and hurt someone. The finials are wobbly and need to be repaired/replaced. We are getting estimates from at least three different contractors. The cost to repair or replace the eight finials will be in the neighborhood of \$50,000. I have talked with the city office of historic preservation. They will review and approve any plans.

Repainting the Sanctuary

There is plaster damage from the 2011 earthquake and from old water damage. We are getting proposals from at least three painting contractors to repaint the sanctuary.

Solar Energy

Solar panels were installed by Solar Solution. We have 179 panels with a capacity of 44 kilowatt hours, i.e. the system can generate a maximum of 44,000 watts in one hour of sunlight. The cost to the church was very low: a few hundred dollars for permits and other administrative costs. This system reduces our carbon footprint and our reliance on PEPCO and fossil fuels. We pay PEPCO its regular rate for the power we use from them and we pay Solar Solution a reduced rate for the power generated by the solar panels. After 15 years the system will belong to us and the power generated by the sun will essentially be free. I am estimating that we will generate about 40% to 50% of our electrical needs from the sun. Next year we will report how much solar energy we actually generated.

Renovation of the parish hall

Using feedback from meetings of the congregation in 2013, a Statement of Work was developed and sent out to architects. After reviewing the architect's proposals we chose **demianwilbur** architects to draw up plans for the renovation of the parish hall. In October we got a proposal back. After a review by the vestry, the architects presented two options to us for the renovation. Those options have been sent out to several contractors. The contractors have given us their estimates of what the renovations will cost

Replacement of the Heating and Air Conditioning (HVAC) System in the parish hall

Part of the planned renovation of the parish hall includes replacement of the nearly 20 year old HVAC system. We have known that the system is on its last legs and were hoping it would last through the renovation. Unfortunately, we didn't make it. The units have failed, but our heating contractor has worked miracles getting them running. We have had days without heat already this winter. We have ordered new units that will be installed soon. We should be able to incorporate the new units into the planned renovation.

Stewardship Campaign for 2015

Diana Church, Stewardship Chair

Planning for the annual Stewardship Campaign began in September with the decision to organize efforts around the theme of "Gratitude." Running October 19 – November 9, the Stewardship Campaign included special prayers during the services, "kick-off" sermons from the Rev. Cara Spacarelli and Diana Church and weekly reflections about gratitude and giving from members of the parish.

Letters were sent to members asking for pledges of time, talent and—in particular—treasure. As in past years, Charles Floto and Ruth Pontius tracked all responses. Cara Spacarelli, Anne Curry, Russ Mawn, Mike Grace, Emma Tucker and Jennifer Baker Howard assisted in writing thank you notes.

As of December 31, 2014, we have received 114 pledges – the most we have received in recent years – for a total of \$337,690. We have received 34 new pledges, and almost 25% of renewing pledges have increased their pledge. In comparison, last year we received 99 pledges totaling \$310,124, of which 15 were new and nearly 50% represented increased renewals. Thanks to everyone who participated in the Stewardship process, from volunteering, to pledging, to participating at every level. Our success truly is the result of a team effort.

Treasurer's Report

Paul Laymon

The church enters 2015 in reasonably strong financial shape.

In 2014 the church budget was just over a half a million dollars. The church's income for 2014 was about \$547,700 while expenses were about \$526,700. Thus we entered 2015 with a budget surplus of about \$19,000.

The church generated income in 2014 primarily from five sources:

Offerings	\$359,000
Rent	83,000
Building use	42,000
Fundraising	22,000
Investments	17,000

The church's six major expense categories for 2014 were:

Personnel	\$268,000
Diocese	47,000
Rental homes	43,000
Church property	28,000
Utilities.	26,000
Admin	24,000.

In 2015, our budget is virtually the same as 2014, approximately half a million dollars. We anticipate a slight increase in offerings, but a slight decrease in income from rental homes, building use, and fundraising. In terms of expenses for 2015, we anticipate paying slightly more in personnel and utilities. Here are a few expense categories of interest for 2015:

Personnel	\$275,000
Diocese	40,000
Utilities	28,000
Outreach	15,000
Music	14,000
Programs	13,000
Worship	4000

Lastly, the church has endowment funds of about \$888,000. These funds are restricted in how they can be spent. The church maintains an operating (checking) account which typically contains about \$40,000. Donors have made the following donations for these specific purposes:

Organ	\$28,000
Front lawn	6,400
Stage	1,000

Any questions contact Paul Laymon at pa.laymon@gmail.com or (202) 725- 7741.

Budget for 2015			
Income	2014 Actual	2014 Budget	2015 Budget
Building Use	42,670	50,000	35,000
Designated and Other Gifts	14,987	8,000	5,000
Discretionary Fund Gifts	4,990	3,000	3,000
Fundraising Events	22,767	27,500	20,000
Income from Programs	4,079	5,000	4,000
Income on Investments	17,888	17,000	18,000
Offerings	359,785	325,000	340,000
Rental Income	83,300	65,000	75,000
Total Income	550,466	500,500	500,000
Expenses			
Administrative	24,968	24,000	25,000
Communications/Advertising	4,966	4,000	5,000
Diocese	47,192	46,600	40,000
Fundraising Costs	4,880	5,000	5,000
Major Capital Projects	16,500	10,000	10,000
Music Expenses	12,657	13,400	14,400
Outreach	17,412	15,000	15,000
Parish Programs	9,876	14,000	13,000
Personnel	268,547	274,000	275,000
Property Expenses (Routine)	28,450	32,000	32,000
Property Insurance	12,704	12,500	12,500
Rector's Discretionary Fund	4,990	3,000	3,000
Rental Property Taxes/Expenses	43,248	18,000	18,000
Utilities	26,686	25,000	28,000
Worship	3,664	4,000	4,000
Total Expenses	526,740	500,500	499,900
Net Operating Income	23,726		
<p>In 2014, the Vestry decided to set aside funds for future anticipated expenses: \$25,000 for Rental Home Repair Fund; this appears in Rental Property Exp. \$15,000 for staff coverage during the Rector's sabbatical; this appears in Personnel Expenses</p>			

Christ Church+ Washington Parish BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

12/31/2014

12/31/2013

Real Estate (Excl. Church, Rectory, and Congressional Cemetery)		
(Tax assessment values) 612 G St., SE	780,830	746,070
614 G St., SE	646,840	619,480
616 G St., SE	652,300	625,120
Total	2,079,970	1,990,670
Financial Accounts		
National Capital Bank Interest checking	76,157	167,104
Morgan Stanley (form. Smith Barney) Stock Transfer Account	40,332	36,250
Hageman/Beghe State Street Bank	373,954	218,743
Prepaid Income		180
Total	490,443	422,277
Christ Church Endowment Trust		
Diocesan Investment Fund: Principal Account (PNC Bank)	477,423	456,333
Episcopal Church Foundation State Street Bank	280,077	277,409
Treasury Direct Endowment	17,800	25,300
Diocesan Investment Fund: Reinvestment	64,162	53,767
Money Market National Capital Bank	37,121	28,665
Total	876,583	841,474
Capital Campaign Receivable (for architect fees)	11,500	
Other Endowments of Christ Church		
Diocesan Investment Fund Jane Dennison (PNC Bank)	171,763	164,526
Total Assets	3,630,259	3,418,946

LIABILITIES

	Accounts Payable	21,425	2,700
	Credit Cards	465	2,402
Total Liabilities		21,890	5,102

NET ASSETS/EQUITY

	Restricted: Real Estate	2,079,970	1,990,670
	Restricted: Endowments	1,048,346	1,005,912
	Restricted: Repair and Replacement Reserve	41,000	41,000
	Restricted: Hageman/Beghe	138,954	138,743
	Restricted: Organ	28,787	23,387
	Restricted: Sabbatical	15,000	
	Restricted: Rental Home Repairs	25,000	
	Restricted: Landscaping	6,470	6,470
	Unrestricted	201,115	134,146
	Net income	23,727	73,517
Total Equity		3,608,369	3,413,844
Total Liabilities and Equity		3,630,259	3,418,946

Trust from which Church receives income but does not control		
Bank of America: Bessie Wood Cramer	321,457	331,819

*In 2014, the Vestry voted to pay for the architect fees for the possible capital campaign parish hall renovation from income from the endowment. In January 2015, \$11,500 was transferred from the Diocesan Reinvestment Fund to cover these costs, but in 2014 accounting, the \$11,500 owed to the operating budget is shown in Capital Campaign Receivable.

Representatives to Cemetery Board-Sharon Bosworth, Sid Neely, Bev Ward

The mission of the Association for the Preservation of Historic Congressional Cemetery (APHCC) is to serve the community as an active burial ground; to conserve the physical artifacts, buildings, and infrastructure of the cemetery; to celebrate the American heritage represented by those interred there; to restore and sustain the landscape, protect the Anacostia River watershed, and manage the grounds as an accessible community resource.

Our focus on cost cutting combined with increased revenue during 2014 has resulted in a successful financial year. In addition, our endowment, which is maintained by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, has gained in strength over the year.

The Chairman of the Board term has ended for John Gillespie and Kelly Crowe is now in that position. New Board members are selected based upon their interest in Congressional Cemetery and the professional perspective they bring to the board. Our newest board member is Stephen Brennwald. He is a long time Congressional Cemetery dog walker and an attorney in private practice.

During the past year the board has adopted a committee structure that allows board members to support the ongoing operations of the Cemetery by becoming members of committees. The committees are: Building and Grounds; Preservation; Development; Finance; Dog Walkers.

The management group continues to be enthusiastic and professional. In the past year there has been no turnover in the five full time staff positions reporting to Paul Williams, President. The cemetery continues to enjoy excellent press support for its many events and programs.

Walking tours conducted by trained Cemetery guides are available every Saturday from April through November. The Cemetery's maintenance is supported by volunteers from the United States Armed Forces, the Boy Scouts, local gardeners and many local groups who have "adopted plots" where they plant flowers, water and weed.

The sonar mapping of the grounds, a two-year project, is near completion. The information being gathered is an important addition to our overall knowledge base and it serves to confirm the precise location of available burial sites.

In addition to the approximately 1,500 traditional sites still available, Congressional Cemetery has installed its first columbarium. Information about purchasing either type of site is available by contacting Margaret Puglisi at 202-543-0539 or at mpuglisi@congressionalcemetery.org. General information about the cemetery and seasonal events is available at www.congressionalcemetery.org.

CARE OF THE PEOPLE

Adult Education/Lifelong Learning

The Rev. Cara Spacarelli

We have had another year full of wonderful adult formation opportunities. Here is a sampling of what has happened this year:

Sunday Adult Forum: We had a number of lecture and discussion series this year, including Exodus, Theology in a Mug, Advent lectionary study, theology of the cross, and mental health awareness month. One-time forums were held on topics such as: homelessness in DC; climate change and faith; food security; and healthcare. Attendance varied from 6-10, with the average being 8. The following people led forums this year: Susan Holmes, Mary Miller Flowers, Cara Spaccarelli, Alan Cowart (seminarian), Kristine Johnson (seminarian).

Lenten This I Believe Study: For our Lenten series, we had several small groups that listened to and wrote their own This I Believe statements following the curriculum from the This I Believe radio show. Three groups met, including a 20s/30s group, with about twenty people involved. Groups were led by Kirsten Sloan, Cara Spaccarelli, and Jackie Barber.

Friday Night Flicks: This year the weekly Friday night movie series in February explored the theme of atonement in film. The films were excellently curated by Paul Laymon, Joe Smith, Stephane Raynaud de Fitte, and Eleanor Billington. Attendance was about 20 people each week.

Spirituality Book Group: In the fall Barbara Laymon began a monthly spirituality book group, exploring how to live more faithfully in everyday life. The group meets on the first Friday for dinner and discussion. Attendance is between 10 and 20 people each time.

Educational Moments- Random Stories of the Bible: This summer's series of a 10 minute talk by the rector after each service focused on obscure people in the Bible. We had great interest and engagement with 40-50 people staying each Sunday.

Theology on Tap: This 4 week Wednesday night series in the Fall explored topics of faith through stories from popular radio shows and met at a local restaurant. Attendance ranged from 2-6 people and was led by Kristine Johnson (seminarian) and Cara Spaccarelli.

20s/30s +/- Group: In the fall of 2014, Alan Cowart led a spirituality and brunch series on Sundays. Attendance ranged from 5-8 people.

Men's Spirituality: Meeting on Saturday mornings in the Church kitchen, this group eats and talks. All men are invited to join us on Saturday mornings for sustenance both physical and spiritual. The group share informal leadership, including but not limited to Mike Grace, Gerry Connolly, Bob Conly, Dave McCahan, Keith Lopes, John Bergin, and Paul Laymon.

Fellowship

Jennifer Baker Howard

In 2014 a new part-time position was added to the Christ Church staff, Director of Parish Life, to help individuals find opportunities to use their gifts in meaningful ways, to welcome new members and provide for the nurture and fellowship of all members. I accepted the position in May, and in the past eight months, I have been continuously amazed by the commitment this congregation has to Christ Church and in making it a vibrant spiritual home. To create opportunities to gather together as a community, we host many small and not-so-small events annually. These events are made possible by the volunteers who shepherd them from planning to execution. It takes a lot of work to organize these events and we are deeply grateful to the chief coordinators of these events this year and the many congregants who assisted them.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – Michael Stroud and the Men's Spirituality Group

St. Patrick's Dinner and Auction – Anne Curry and Vicky Smith

Easter Reception – Joe Citro

Pentecost Picnic – Bev Ward

July 4th Picnic – Diana Church

Grill and Chill – Mike Grace

Summer Crab Feast – Carol Knight

Kick-off Sunday – Joe Citro & Lynne Schlimm

Trivia Night – February hosts: Betsy and Eddie Gonzalez and Meredith and Mark Baker; November hosts: Diana Church, Nathan Empsall, and Jackie Barber

Thanksgiving Potluck – Randy Norton

St. Nick's Dinner and Auction – Carolyn Cheney

Sunday Breakfasts – Pat Leitner, Gaye Whyte, Sonia and Bob Conly

Sunday Coffee Hours – Various congregants, including several new members

In 2014, we launched several new fellowship initiatives, including Friday Night Craft Nights (organized by Cheryl Stadel-Bevans); monthly Ladies Bunco group (initiated by Jenny Humbert), monthly Book Club (led by Barbara Laymon); and the return of Fellowship Dinner Groups which meet in congregants' homes and at restaurants.

Liturgists

Gary Abrecht

The Liturgists' primary function is to set up for each of the parish's worship services, assist Cara during the service, and clean up afterwards. We also meet most months to study liturgy and help plan the worship life of the parish. On a weekly basis, members care for the linens, vestments, and vessels, and keep the brass rails shining. For those more familiar with a traditional Episcopal parish structure, the Liturgists encompass the duties often performed by an Altar Guild, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, and a Worship Committee. To learn more about becoming a liturgist, please talk with Cara or one of the Liturgists.

In 2014 it was our turn to host the community Easter Vigil and we devoted considerable effort to making it the wonderful service it was. Bishop Mariann's visit for the Hanging of the Greens on 4th Advent also required a lot of Liturgist effort, both in the preparation and the execution of the services.

The Liturgists:

Gary Abrecht (convener)
Charlie Bolden
Gerry Connolly
Carolyn Cheney
Bill Humbert
Janice Knopp
Randy Norton
Bill Woodward
Gregg Porter

Karen Wilson Román,
Lynne Mallonee Schlimm
Joe Shafer
Kirsten Sloan
Josh Somers
Michael Stroud
Vicky Smith

The Acolytes:

Shelby Denton
Zach Denton
Max Giesecke
Kelly MacGarrigle
Aman Aine Porter
Sally Harris Porter

Communications

Jasmine Bright with Cara Spaccarelli

We have continued to spread news about Christ Church to the community and parishioners with advertisements in the Hill Rag, emails regarding special events, the Parishioner, and our Facebook page. Gaye Whyte served as editor for the Parishioner this year and continues to do an amazing job fitting everything in. Lynne Mallonee Schlimm continues to help with the three-month calendar. Cheryl Stadel-Bevans has been instrumental in regularly updating our Facebook page and keeping parishioners, local friends, and friends in far-away places up-to-date on events at Christ Church. The website continues to be maintained with images and up-to-date information. It is geared towards first-time visitors, and we regularly get over 500 unique visitors a month. We have paid more attention to our internal bulletin boards to convey information and a lively church to both congregants and neighborhood groups using the church. In 2015, we plan to explore using Facebook and Google advertising and monitor their effectiveness in engaging current and future congregants.

Outreach

Mary Miller Flowers

Outreach at Christ Church has continued to grow and discover new ways of reaching out to our neighbors, whether on the Hill, in DC or further away. We moved from a monthly to a quarterly meeting schedule and designated "point people" for outreach events, making it easier to keep the group running and for new people to lead on an outreach idea they have. This year we continued to work with Capitol Hill Group Ministry which serves people who are homeless or in crisis, hosting two Family Nights for families in the group's transitional housing program. The first of these was at our celebrated summer Grill and Chill. Children played on the water slide and with the sprinklers or designed their own t-shirt using paints and stencils. The event was a huge success with 12 families participating and more than 10 Christ Church volunteers helping out, in addition to the helping hands of many Grill and Chill "regulars."

We also found time this year to volunteer on issues we care about, such as hunger and homelessness, all of which were identified through the congregational survey completed in January 2014. We chopped vegetables at DC Central Kitchen, sorted and bagged produce at Bread for the City, assisted children and families as volunteers at the DC Special Olympic games, and worked to increase the availability of affordable housing through a volunteer day with Habitat for Humanity in DC. There were 15 of us hammering, painting, sawing, or putting up siding on a home in NE DC for that event, and many more who joined us in spirit.

We also found time to begin a new ministry in 2014. In October, Christ Church became a part of the nationally recognized ministry, Laundry Love, to assist homeless and low-income individuals and families by paying to launder their clothes and bedding. Four Laundry Love events were hosted at Mama's Laundromat in Southeast and we paid for over 180 loads of laundry. At the end of 2014, the Outreach Committee voted to continue funding this valuable initiative while looking to expand its reach in the community through additional marketing/communication as well as seeking to involve other Capitol Hill churches to host a Laundry Love event. For 2015, Laundry Love will be held on the second Thursday of each month at Mama's Laundromat. By establishing a regular schedule, we hope to continue to share the ministry of clean clothes and fellowship with our neighbors in need. Thank you to all the people who have volunteered at a Laundry Love event and look for future opportunities to sign up to participate in 2015.

As the year wound down, we collected over twenty back packs for Capitol Hill Group Ministry's back pack drive, hosted our annual Thanksgiving Family Night with Capitol Hill Group Ministry for which we collected over 50 thanksgiving baskets for families in need, and filled several boxes of toys for the Tommy's Toys drive in December. We look forward to new events in 2015 in addition to continuing with those which are becoming a regular part of the rhythm of life at Christ Church.

Children's Ministry

Cara Spaccarelli on behalf of Susan Holmes

Susan Holmes is the Children's Ministry Coordinator, and teaches the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday School classes. She has been assisted primarily by Jean Turkiewicz at the 11 a.m. The Sunday School classes are using the curriculum, Seasons of the Spirit, a lectionary based progressive curriculum that uses "liturgy, ritual, imagination, and to encourage Christian growth". Each Sunday School class starts with a short service and story based on the lesson of the day and then progresses to an activity that reinforces the lesson.

The biggest change in Sunday School in 2014 is the expansion of the early service class with the time change to 9am. Due to some population shift, the 11 a.m group is slightly smaller than previous years, but can still get to be as large as 20 children. Each class has their own flavor based on the personality of the group.

This year we have continued the children's choir. This has been a great opportunity for the children to learn more about the liturgy and participate in the service with adults. The Sunday School choir has sung at each of the Intergenerational services, including a Lenten service, the Feast of St. Francis, All Saints Day Christmas and the Feast of Epiphany. The children now have a solid core of music that they know and sing regularly.

For the second year, we successfully hosted two Christmas pageants. The “Come as You Are Pageant” at the 4:30 p.m. service and a scripted, rehearsed pageant for the older children at 6:30 p.m. The second family service was started due to the large attendance at the 4:30 p.m. service in 2012. In 2013, two services took care of the challenge with 4:30 p.m. service having 125 people and 6:30 p.m. having 100. In 2014, our 4:30 p.m. service was packed with 199 people and 6:30 p.m. with 100, so we continue to hope to draw more families to the 6:30 p.m. service.

Christ Church hosted its second Vacation Bible School (VBS) in recent history in June just as school let out. We had 36 children drawn from the congregation and the community. This year’s VBS was primarily organized by Cara Spaccarelli and Cheryl Stadel-Bevans. The theme was exploring Christianity around the world and each day we went to a different country. We incorporated videos on the big screen in the sanctuary, songs, crafts, stories, and Bible passages. Over 30 adults were involved in leading – far too many to name, but support all week was offered by Meredith Baker, Inez Lester, Hallie Smith, Lynne Schlimm, Kelly MacGarrigle, Kate Rebholz, Stephanie Giesecke, Max Giesecke, Aman Aine Porter, Ashleigh Pipes, Carol Knight, Joe and Connie Citro, Susan Holmes, Robbie Curry, and Jean Turkiewicz.

Music Ministry

Richard Thibadeau

The music program continues to flourish as we work to enhance our worship offerings. Of particular note is the service schedule change in July. There was considerable anxiety over how this would affect our Sunday morning warm-up rehearsal between services. Turns out this adjustment has worked out just fine and we’ve embraced a more compact time to prepare for the 11 a.m. service. Having the two morning services this close together has actually fostered some additional fellowship among the choir and congregation; an unexpected advantage. This year has been particularly busy with several comings and goings in choir membership. Several singers have moved from the area, while others have returned. It’s a challenge for the ensemble, but one that we welcome and celebrate. We are grateful to the folks listed below for keeping music alive and vital here at Christ Church, and to the entire church family for their support.

THE PARISH CHOIR 2014

+ *Music Librarians*

* *Occasional/Seasonal Singers*

Nancy Broers
 Marcy Stanford
 Marian Connolly
 Nancy Metzger
 Laurie Gethin
 Andrea Harles
 Nora Sullivan
 M’El Abrecht
 Ed Warren

+ Linda Mellgren
 Alison Brooks
 Gerry Fairbrother
 Kate Rebholtz
 John Payne
 + David McCahan
 Inez Lester
 George Redden-Liotta
 * Mark Hegedus

Chris Ingold
 * Nathan Empsall
 * Jess Chaiken
 * Jan Eisenbarth
 * Chris Wilson
 * CJ Redden-Liotta
 * Parker Jayne
 * Amy Davis

2014 INSTRUMENTALISTS, SUMMER and GUEST MUSICIANS

Inez Lester, Meredith Baker, Mark Hegedus, and Chris Wilson, *piano*
 Laurie Gethin, *clarinet*
 Dave McCahan, *organ*
 Chris Brewer, *trumpet*
 Zach Denton, *oboe*
 Erika Sato and Regino Madrid, *violins*
 Jan Eisenbarth, *handbells*
 Members of Brass of Peace, Sylvia Alimena, *director*
 St. Petersburg Men’s Ensemble (Russia)

SPECIAL THANKS TO...

Our Music Librarians, Linda Mellgren and Dave McCahan, who handle the organizing and filing of a massive amount of music.

Dave McCahan, who assists with sectional rehearsals.

Susan Holmes (*Church School Director*), Jean Turkiewicz and Meredith Baker for their work in growing the Children's Choir and with this past year's Vacation Bible School.

Dave McCahan (*Convener*), Carolyn Cheney, Andrea Harles, Linda Mellgren, and Bill Woodward for their continued work on the Organ Search Committee.

Linda Mellgren works tirelessly to keep the choir the supportive community it is. Throughout the year there are multiple after-rehearsal gatherings to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and other life events. Linda engages the group to see that these milestones don't go unnoticed.

Nancy and Norm Metzger certainly deserve a nod of gratitude for hosting the annual end-of-year choir party; an event that has become a wonderful tradition each June.

CARE OF THE PARISH

Rector's Report

The Rev. Cara Spaccarelli

A few weeks ago I celebrated my fifth Christmas here. If you are surprised by that number, you are not alone. It doesn't seem that long ago that I arrived here with a 3 month old baby and 2 year old son. We have all gotten older and grown together, I believe. I feel incredibly blessed to be at Christ Church and to have you all and this community in my life.

In terms of numbers, average Sunday attendance has grown to 164. 30 families joined the church this year – thirty! In addition, we saw a substantial increase in pledging families. Last year I reported on the growth of our 11 a.m. service and the need to consider a Sunday morning change. In March the Vestry decided to move the 8:15 a.m. service to 9 a.m. to draw some people off the 11 a.m. This time change began in July and will be revisited after one year. After 6 months, the average at the early service has increased by 15 and the average at the 11 a.m. has decreased by 10.

Last year we also announced that we would expand our personnel. In March the Vestry created the job description for a Director of Parish Life, a 15 hour a week position. We were blessed to have a congregant in our midst looking for a meaningful part-time job with the right skill set, and Jennifer Baker Howard joined our staff in May. She has done a great job supporting fellowship activities, outreach, and parish care.

This year has also seen a lot of preparation work done for the capital campaign. Much research and listening sessions went into the parish hall renovation, and we are eager to move forward with broader input into both the organ and parish hall renovation in 2015. As I recently went through some old files, I was struck by how our discussion around these two projects has been very similar to a set of discussions around the projects in the early 2000s, and the early 90s. More urgent needs took priority at those times, but these are needs that our church community has long discerned need addressing to strengthen the ministry of this church in the community. Hopefully, 2015 will be the year.

Thank you to all of you have volunteered your time, input, and care to the life of this congregation this year. May we continue to be strengthened to do the ministry that God has called us to do in this community.

Thank you to the 2014 Vestry and officers for taking the time to listen, reflect, and vision the future of the parish: Randy Norton (Senior Warden), Mike Grace (Junior Warden), Paul Laymon (Treasurer), Carolyn Cheney (Clerk), Meredith Baker, Diana Church, Joe Citro, Charles Floto, Gregg Porter, who stepped up mid-year to fill in vacant slot, Lynne Mallonnee Schlimm, Michael Stroud, Emma Tucker, and Bev Ward.

Senior Warden's Report

Randy Norton

2014 was an active one for the Vestry. When the Rector advised us that the 11 a.m. service was reaching an attendance where it was starting to feel crowded, the Vestry approved, after long and heartfelt discussion, moving the 8:15 a.m. service to 9 a.m. on a trial basis to see if increased attendance at the early service relieved some of the attendance pressure at the 11 a.m. service. That trial is still ongoing.

The Vestry approved retaining an architect to design a remodeled Parish Hall to increase the capacity of our meeting space and make to our meeting space more efficient. The architect prepared a plan which, after input from the Vestry, resulted in two different design options for the parish hall space. These options will be presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting. Meanwhile, the plans have been sent out to different contractors for bids so that we may be able to have a more accurate estimate of the cost of the parish hall renovation.

In addition the 2014 Vestry reaffirmed the action of earlier Vestries in recognizing the serious problems with our current organ and approving the concept of replacing the organ. The Organ Committee has been evaluating and working on options for organ replacement for a number of years and their research on these options and their recommendations will be discussed at the Annual Meeting as well.

The Vestry also authorized the hiring of a capital campaign consultant to assist us in discerning our needs for and the feasibility of raising money for capital projects such as the parish hall and the organ. Pursuant to that authorization, we have retained the Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF) to assist us in the discernment and feasibility study portions of a capital campaign. Leslie Pendleton of ECF has begun working with us and will be with us at the Annual Meeting to explain the process and assist us in our discernment. Depending on the results of the feasibility study, the 2015 Vestry will have to make decisions about the nature of a capital campaign (if we decide to proceed with one) and the amounts we can realistically raise.

I am personally grateful to all the members of the 2014 Vestry for all their hard work and wise counsel. Two of our more stalwart members, Anne Church and Andi Fouberg, moved away during the year, but we were blessed when Emma Tucker and Gregg Porter joined the Vestry and "hit the deck running." Four of our members' terms end with the 2015 Annual Meeting: Bev Ward, Diana Church, Michael Stroud and Mike Grace. Mike Grace is eligible to fill another one year term and his name will be on the ballot. Bev, Diana and Michael have been important keys to the success of the Vestry, giving us diverse, but always wise, counsel. I will sincerely miss having them on the Vestry. This will also be my last year as Senior Warden as I, along with Carolyn Cheney, will be chairing the capital campaign. It has been a real pleasure working with our extraordinary Rector and Vestry as Senior Warden and I am honored to have been asked to serve.

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE VESTRY

Vestry Candidates (three year term: January 2015-January 2018; one year term: January 2015-January 2016)

John Payne (three year term)

I've been a member of Christ Church for about 35 years, almost as long as I've lived on the Hill and worked for the government (retiring next month). Linda and I were married here in 1981 and raised our son here. In the past I have been junior warden and clerk of the vestry, and I was on one rector search committee, but most recently I've been involved mainly in the choir and the brew crew. For me, the keynotes of the parish have always been centeredness and balance, for us as individuals and as a body. Some parishes seem to me drawn more to some aspects of the faith than to others, but Christ Church has tried to be open to many manifestations of the Spirit and to avoid letting the claims or attractions of some lead us to neglect others.

Ruth Kroeger (three year term)

I grew up in the Anglican church in Malaysia and knew when I moved to the Hill that I wanted to be a part of an Episcopalian parish. My first visit to Christ Church on Easter Sunday, 2011 and I've considered it my church home ever since. I've served on the Outreach Committee for the past three years and also been a part of the 20s/30s group. Outside of church and my work as an urban planner for the federal government, I recently started playing my cello with Second Strings, a small Capitol Hill string orchestra.

Emma Tucker (one year term)

I moved to DC to work for a social service agency in conjunction with my year of Episcopal Service Corps, and still work at this agency. Outside of work I have engaged in too many interests including ultimate frisbee, partnered dancing, weightlifting, photography and cooking. In my search a couple years ago for a new Episcopal church in DC, Christ Church stood out from a dozen other churches with its initial warm and welcoming vibe. In the years since I adopted it as my church home, this initial impression has only strengthened as I've met more people, and been involved in church life in a myriad of ways. Christ Church has an incredible community, and I'm honored to be considered for the role of vestry.

Gregg Porter (three year term)

Twenty years ago I moved from Brooklyn, New York to Capitol Hill to be near Sally Aman, whom I soon married. Sally shared with me the eternal benefits of becoming an Episcopalian. I took her advice and we joined the St. James parish. Two daughters later we decided to find an Episcopal community that they could call home the rest of their lives. Christ Church is that home. We love the warmth, the deep roots in the community, and the many opportunities to be involved in the parish beyond Mass. I am learning to be a sacristan, hope to join the liturgists, and served the past six months on the vestry. When not polishing the brass, I help advocate for and support 1 million Head Start children and their families.

Mike Grace (one year term)

I was born in Sacramento, CA during WWII. After the war we moved back to my mother's home in Wisconsin where I was raised. I graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1966 and spent 27 years in the Coast Guard. I also have a law degree from George Washington University. I have been in and out of Washington since 1970 and love living on Capitol Hill. I have two sons and four grandchildren from a previous marriage. Ann and I have been married 22 wonderful years. We moved to Capitol Hill in 2005. When not involved in church activities, I spend my time volunteering with Capitol Hill Village, painting in watercolors and traveling. I have been serving as Junior Warden for the past two years. This is a wonderful church community and there are some exciting new things happening here at Christ Church.

Carol Knight (three year term)

I have been a member of Christ Church nearly 15 years. I have previously served on the Vestry most recently during the interim between Judith Davis' and Cara's Leadership. I became involved in the activities here at Christ Church through Outreach and remain part of the Outreach Team and Property Committee. I participate in a host of other activities at Christ Church including the Tuesday Morning Prayer Group and Wednesday Morning Eucharist and Breakfast Group.

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List of Voting Members for the 2014 Annual Meeting
Held January 25, 2015

Abrecht, Gary
 Abrecht, Mary Ellen
Adams, Chase
 Allen, Mildred
 Allison, John
 Aman, Sally
Anderson, Lloyd
 Andrews, Paul
 Auberger, Marcia
 Avett, Claire
 Avett, Reid

Baker, Mark
 Baker, Meredith
 Baldwin, Valerie
 Ball, Kimberly
 Barber, Jackie
Barnes, Lawrence
Barton, Lisa
 Beard, Hillary
 Bellum, Stephen
 Bennett, David
 Bergin, John
 Bevans, Paul
 Billington, Eleanor Steele
 Billington, John
 Blackwood, Robin
 Bolden, Charles
 Bolden, Jackie
 Bonyun, Meredith Mino
 Bosworth, Sharon
 Brewer, Chris
 Brewer, Katherine
 Brickey, Olivia
 Broers, Nancy
 Brooks, Alison
 Burger, Charles

Carrillo, Andrew
Chalk, Kenneth
 Cheney, Carolyn
 Church, Diana
 Citro, Constance
 Citro, Joseph
Clavel, Lise

Conly, Robert
 Connolly, Gerard
 Connolly, Marian
 Cosgrove, Sean
Crusey, Kimberly
 Curry, Anne
 Curry, Robert

Dahlman, Anthony
 Denton, Don
 Denton, Jean
Dettman, David
Dettman, Louise
 Dix, Brian
 Duncan, John
 Duncan, John Jr
 Duncan, Marcia

Earhart, Farleigh

Fairbrother, Gerry
 Farrow, Margaret
 Farrow, Mark
Fiala, Anne
Fiala, Eric
 Fischer, Stephanie
 Flakker, Harrison
 Flakker, Tara
 Fletcher, Anne
 Floto, Charles
 Flowers, Ben
 Flowers, Mary
 Freeman, Shawn
 Fritzel, Chuck

Gant, Mary Martin
 Gethin, Laurie
 Giesecke, John
 Giesecke, Stephanie
 Gilles, Joanne
 Gove, Amber
 Grace, Ann
 Grace, Michael

Harles, Andrea

Harles, Charles
 Hash, Michael
 Hatch, Sarah
Henry, Libby
Henry, Peter
 Hermann, David
 Hickey, Liesl
 Hickey, Timothy
 Hein, Catherine
 Hein, Michael
Hoff, Brittany
 Holeyman, Greg
 Holmes, Susan
 Howard, Jennifer Baker
 Howard, Joseph
 Humbert, Jenny
 Humbert William
 Humphrey, Carole
 Hussey, Sandra

Ingold, Christopher
Ingold, Lea

Jackson, Helen
 Jacobs, John Patrick
 James, William
 Jameson, Booth
 Jameson, Jennifer
 Jameson, John
 Jenkins, Thomas Jr
 Johnson, Carolyn

Keating, Kirsten
 Knight, Carol
 Knopp, Janice
 Kotis, Linda
 Kroeger, Ruth
Koudelka, Karla

Lawyer, Michael
 Laymon, Barbara
 Laymon, Paul
 Leitner, Patricia
 Lester, Inez
Lopes, Keith

Lowe, Mary Frances
Luck, Howard
Lyons, Andrew
Lyons, Elizabeth

MacGarrigle, Ellen
Marzen, Moira*
Mawer, Randall
Mawn, Russell
Mawn, Russell Jr
McCahan, David
McClellan, Chandler
McClellan, Jessica
Langston

McGonigle, Sarah
Podmaniczky

Mellgren, Linda
Miedema, Allison
Miedema, Stephanie*
Miedema, Virgil*

Miller, Carrie

Miller, Jason

Mitchell, Thomas
Moore, Linda**
Mottley, Lew
Mottley, Mary Ellen
Mouta-Bellum, Carla
Mouth, James

Neely, Sidney
Nickerson, Heather
Nickerson, Lisa
Norris, Alice
Norton, Linda
Norton, Randall

Norwood, Ann

Novak, Jodie

O'Brien, Alden
O'Brien, Celia
O'Brien, Lydia

Palmer, Joyce
Pascuzzo, Christopher
Philip

Payne, John III
Payne, John IV
Pipes, Ashleigh

Pipes, Benjamin
Pokryfka, Nicole
Pollock John Robert
Pontius, John
Pontius, Ruth
Porter, Gregg
Psychas, Ellen
Pollack, Jennifer Purdy

Ray, Jonathan

Raynaud de Fitte,
Stephane-Emmanuel

Rebholz, Jason
Rebholz, Kate

Rees, Joseph

Rees, Patrick

Reisinger, Brian

Rimensnyder, James

Rimensnyder, Nelson

Robinson, Doris

Roman, Edgar

Rubio, Charles

Sanderson, William

Saunders, Sherry

Schillinger, Emily

Schiller, Ian

Schlimm, Lynne Mallonee

Shaffer, Joseph

Shea, Jan

Shea, Richard

Shinkman, Paul

Shinkman, Sarah

Sigworth, Cornelia

Sigworth, Ronald

Singer, Paris Suzanne

Sloan, Kirsten

Slopey, Jordan

Smith, D. Joseph

Smith, Randolph

Smith, Victoria

Sousa, John Philip IV

Spaid, Barbara

Spangenberg, Joel

Stadel-Bevans, Cheryl

Stephenson, Aggie

Stroud, Michael

Sullivan, John

Sullivan, Sally
Sullivan, Nora
Sylvester, David
Sylvester, Kit
Symington, Emily
Symington, John
Symington, John Jr.
Symington, Margaret

Taylor, David

Taylor, Ryan

Tucker, Emma

Turkiewicz, Jean

Two Bulls, Robert**

Tyler, Mary Beth

Verret, Jill

Verret, JW

Viecco, Trisha

Von der Lippe, Sarah

Wagner-Smith, Wendy

Ward, Beverly

Warren, Edward

Warren, Marcia

Weber, Andrew

Weber, Cathy Hurst

Wells, Barbara

Wells, Thomas

Wenham, Rita

Werwie, Doris

Werwie, Katie

Whittaker Navez,

Christine**

Whyte, Gaye

Wilson, Christopher

Wilson, Megan

Wilson, Robert

Wilson Roman, Karen

Winchester, Erik

Winchester, Sylvia

Withum, Mary

Woodward, Mary

Woodward, William

Yost, Holton

Yost, Morey

Associate Members

Empsall, Nathan

Metzger, Nancy

Metzger, Norman

***Non-Resident – Member**

****Non-Resident -- Priest**

In keeping with the canons of the Church and the current Christ Church Bylaws, voting members must: 1) be 16 years old one month before the meeting, 2) attend worship regularly, 3) contribute to the parish in a manner recorded by the treasurer or known by the Rector 4) be recorded in the parish records as baptized.

In order to be listed as a voting member of Christ Church, you must be made a member. Priests are always members of the last parish where they were laypersons. For more information about church membership, please talk with the Rector

Summary of Comings and Goings in 2014

Baptism (not of Voting Age (11))

Baker, Faith Huron
Chicoski, Zachary Lauson
Flowers, Andrew Hampton
Henry, Winifred Elizabeth
Hermann, Batleen Janer
Lawyer, Aden Johnathan
Lawyer, Christopher Riley
McClellan, John Langston
Miller, Christian Andrew
Pollock, Lincoln James
Stephenson, Sara Emerson

Added by Request (35)

Adams, Chase
Anderson, Lloyd
Barnes, Lawrence
Barton, Lisa
Chalk, Kenneth
Clavel, Lise
Crusey, Kimberly B.
Dahlman, Anthony
Dettman, David
Dettman, Louise
Fiala, Anne
Fiala, Eric
Henry, Libby
Henry, Peter
Hoff, Brittany
Ingold, Christopher
Ingold, Lea
Keating, Kirsten
Koudelka, Karla
Lopes, Keith
McGonigle, Sarah
Miller, Carrie
Miller, Jason
Norwood, Ann
Novak, Jodie
Ray, Jonathan
Reisinger, Brian
Sanderson, William
Stephenson, Aggie
Taylor, Ryan
Thompson, Lynn B.
Thompson, Joseph F.
Weber, Andrew

Weber, Cathy Hurst
Winchester, Erik
Winchester, Sylwia

Transferred in from other Parishes (0)

Lost by Death (0)

Added by Being of Age (16) to Vote (0)

Reactivated (2)
Warren, Edward
Warren, Marcia

Declared Inactive (23)*

Brant, Martha
Cantrell Doran, Charlotte
Church, Anne
Church, James
Doran, James
Fouberg, Andi
Fultz-Atwood, Twyla
Hamilton, Mary
Kanapathy, Ivan
Kanapathy, Natasha
Langill, Scot
Martin, Andrew*
Martin, Kayo*
Masqdi, Cara Jones
Mawn, Allyson
Nunan, Joanna
Ortiz-Wilson, Yajaira
Oswald, John
Shrier, Cat
Smith, Henry
Whitt, Suzanne
Wilson, Robert
Withum, Mary

Transferred Out (3)

Guarino, Ramona Clare
Victoria
McAlister, Sean D.
Schneider, Judy

Made Associate Member (12)

Donovan, Kathleen
Heitger, Lindsay
Heitger, Nick
Kilbourn, Linette
Kilbourn, Scott
Kuskowski, Andrew
Kuskowski, Jen
McClain, Wallis
Montgomery, Jack
Thompson, Lynn B.
Thompson, Joseph F.
Vielmo, Kelly

Transferred to Associate Member (0)

Confirmations/Reception (0)

Children Added (7)

Barton, Elizabeth Blake
Chalk, Aidan
Chalk, Natalie
Dettman, Chase
Ingold, Evelyn
Keating, Justine
Novak-Hoff, Ryan
Matthew

Associate Members are active congregants at Christ Church contributing to the life of the parish but are not officially members (1) by their own request, (2) have not officially joined but have filled out a pledge card, and/or (3) are members and active at another Episcopal church.

***Declared Inactive** indicates (1) they have not been active members in the last year or (2) requested removal from membership rolls. Those who did not request removal from the membership roles are still officially members; however they are not active members for voting purposes.

Summary

Members of voting age added = 37

Members of voting age lost = 26

Net gain/loss of voting members = +11

As of January 1, 2014, Christ Church reported **271** voting members. As of January 1, 2015, the total number of voting members is **282** as a result of the **net gain of 11** listed above.

Respectfully submitted, Cara Spaccarelli, Rector, and Carolyn Johnson, Registrar