

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2015

CHRIST CHURCH † WASHINGTON PARISH

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2015 Christ Church Vestry and officers

Senior Warden: Mike Grace **Junior Warden:** Joe Citro
Treasurer: Paul Laymon **Clerk:** Lynne Schlimm
Class of 2016: Emma Tucker, Mike Grace, Lynne Schlimm, Carolyn Cheney
Class of 2017: Charles Floto, Meredith Baker, Joe Citro, Randy Norton
Class of 2018: John Payne, Ruth Kroeger, Gregg Porter, Carol Knight

Minutes of the January 25, 2015 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Christ Church + Washington Parish was called to order at 9:50 a.m. by The Rev. Cara Spaccarelli on January 25, 2015. She gave the opening prayer. Lynne Schlimm called the roll; quorum was established. The minutes of the 2014 meeting were approved.

Vestry Candidates

The following candidates were presented for election to a 1 year term: Michael Grace and Emma Tucker. The following candidates were presented for election to a 3-year term: Carol Knight, Ruth Kroeger, and John Payne.

Treasurer's Report and Stewardship Campaign

Paul Laymon presented the treasurer's report and budget. He outlined for the parish the sources of income for the Church: offerings, rental, building use, fundraising, and investment income. These offer opportunities for parishioner involvement. Diana Church reported from the stewardship campaign that there were 115 pledges, the highest number in recent years.

Capital Campaign

Cara introduced Leslie Pendelton, Episcopal Church Foundation consultant, who gave a brief overview of the role of the ECF and the phases of a capital campaign. The assembled parishioners then formed into groups to consider the organ replacement and parish hall renovation projects. This discussion began the Church's discernment process for the possible capital campaign. Each group facilitator took notes on the conversations, which lasted about 30 minutes.

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 2015 annual meeting of Christ Church + Washington Parish was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Sandy Hussey

REPORTS OF THE MINISTRIES

CARE OF THE MONEY AND ASSETS

Care of Property

Joe Citro, Junior Warden

The Junior Warden and the Property Committee are responsible for many things at Christ Church. Often problems at the church needing attention are the kinds of things any household has to deal with.

Some such problems in 2015 included water in the basement underneath the kitchen and, more recently, a mouse infestation in the same place. A plumber visited the church last spring, investigated the water problem, found its source, and made recommendations for what to do. Kevin Lindsay put the plumber's recommendations into effect, and so far there has been no water seeping into the basement. The mice are probably still with us, and again Kevin is dealing with this situation. Then there is the church yard. It is important to note that Kevin with advice and counsel from Dave McCahan has been keeping the church yard looking good over the past year.

The Junior Warden and the Property Committee in 2015 also dealt with a crucial long-term issue. In the summer, the vestry on the recommendation of the Property Committee approved the hiring of Wagner Roofing to replace and replicate the 8 worn out spires atop the church tower. Some were loose (and the finial of one spire fell off). All were rusted and pitted. Wagner completed and mounted the new spires just in time for Thanksgiving. The new spires are solid and beautiful to behold. Hopefully, they will be around for 100 years with some tender loving care.

2016 is shaping up to be a busy year for property issues. The Mother Window over the altar has some problems involving water damage. When the weather permits, Washington Art Studio Glass will be making the repairs necessary to prevent water from getting through the window into the church. Like Wagner, Washington Art Studio Glass is an old Washington firm.

For several months the Archives has had a mold problem. Sometime soon Thomas E. Clark Heating and Air Conditioning will be replacing the 20-year-old unit servicing that room with a unit that is more efficient and consumes less electricity.

Also in the works is a major repair to a horizontal opening on the east side of the tower. Wagner Roofing has been chosen to make that repair.

In short, much has been done. But much remains to be done. The Property Committee has worked hard for many months, and the results are beginning to show.

Stewardship Campaign for 2015

Diana Church, Stewardship Chair

This year's annual Stewardship Campaign was run simultaneously with the Capital Campaign. Running October 18 – November 22, the dual campaign emphasized the importance of annual giving to sustain the growth afforded by the Capital Campaign. The Stewardship Campaign took a very different approach this year. Instead of mailing letters, trained Gift Workers visited parishioners in one-on-one meetings to share stories of Christ Church's ministry in our lives and to encourage support of both the Stewardship and Capital Campaigns. Campaign materials, including dual pledge cards, were developed through the Episcopal Church Foundation.

For 2016, we have 117 pledges for \$347,386. This is truly a success made possible only by the numerous Gift Workers, campaign volunteers, staff, and, of course, the generosity of all who pledged. Thank you!

The church enters 2016 in reasonably strong financial shape.

In 2015, the church's budgeted expenses were just under half a million dollars. The church's actual income for 2015 was more than \$580,000, while actual expenses in 2015 were very close to what was budgeted. Thus, we entered 2016 with a budget surplus.

The church generated income in 2015 primarily from five sources:

Offerings	more than \$390,000
Rental homes	more than \$70,000
Building use	\$39,180
Fundraising	\$26,404
Investments	\$18,124.

The church's six major expense categories for 2015 were:

Personnel	\$271,305
Diocese	\$ 40,165
Rental Homes	\$ 29,096
Church property	\$ 28,024
Utilities	\$ 26,046
Admin	\$ 20,213.

In 2016, our projected budgeted income is \$510,000, with projected budgeted expenses of \$560,000.

We expect to cover the difference between 2016 income and 2016 expenses by adding \$15,000 set aside in 2014-15 for the Rector's sabbatical expenses and \$35,000 from the surplus of 2015.

The difference in 2016 income and 2016 expenses is largely due to our decision to increase our contribution to the diocese from \$40,000 in 2015 to \$48,000 in 2016, and our decision to increase personnel costs in 2016. Other factors include the projected loss of income from building use during the renovation of the parish hall and the projected loss of income if our two major fundraising events (St. Pat's and St. Nicks) are downsized.

Understand that our yearly budget is independent of the very successful capital campaign we just concluded. We are a generous parish, and that generosity produces our pledged offerings, which are the primary source of our income. That same generosity also powered our capital campaign. Our parishioners have agreed to donate more to the church over the next three years to fund our parish hall renovations and our new organ, but meanwhile, we will continue to have the same (indeed, more) day to day obligations required to keep our church going.

Budget for 2016			
Income	2015 Actual	2015 Budget	2016 Budget
Building Use	39,180.00	35,000	22,000
Designated and Other Gifts/Grant	33,286.81	5,000	5,000
Fundraising Events	26,404.64	20,000	15,000
Income from Programs	5,376.00	4,000	5,000
Income on Investments	18,780.31	18,000	18,000
Offerings	395,339.85	340,000	365,000
Rector's Discretionary Fund Gifts	9,900.00	3,000	3,000
Rental Income	70,400.00	75,000	77,000
Uncategorized Income	15.00	n/a	n/a
Total Income	598,682.61	500,000	510,000
Expenses			
Administrative	20,392.37	25,000	23,000
Communications/Advertising	5,099.42	5,000	5,000
Diocese	40,165.00	40,000	48,000
Fundraising Costs	3,847.35	5,000	5,000
Major Capital Projects	160,400.00	10,000	0
Music Expenses	13,327.07	14,400	13,500
Outreach Expenses	21,137.15	15,000	15,000
Outreach Passthrough	100	n/a	n/a
Parish Programs	12,470.86	13,000	12,000
Personnel Expenses	271,305.18	275,000	340,000
Property Expenses	28,301.99	32,000	32,000
Property Insurance	13,412.30	12,500	12,500
Rector's Discretionary Fund	9,900	3,000	3,000
Rental Property Taxes/Expenses	29,096.90	18,000	19,000
Uncategorized Expense	500.43	n/a	n/a
Utilities	26,363.04	28,000	28,000
Worship	6,005.12	4,000	4,000
Total Expenses	661,824.18	499,900	560,000
Net Operating Income	-63,141.57		
2015 Budget: The negative net income was due to two situations not paid for from operating income. Eviction costs, repairs, & lost income for one rental home was paid for with 25K Rental Property Repair Fund. The Steeple/Finial project cost \$160,400. \$5,000 came from a donor-designated gift, \$58,500 came from Endowment Reinvestment fund, and the remaining \$96,900 came from Unrestricted funds. We really ended the year with over 90k surplus.			
2016 Budget: In 2016, we have 50k more expenses than income due to lower building income during construction, personnel costs of sabbatical, & hiring of a half-time children's minister. The budget will be balanced with 15k restricted fund for sabbatical, and 35k from Reserved: Program Investment			

Christ Church+ Washington Parish Accounts BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	12/31/2015	12/31/2014
Real Estate (Excl. Church, Rectory, and Congressional (Tax assessment values) 612 G St., SE	\$837,830	\$780,830
614 G St., SE	\$702,670	\$646,840
616 G St., SE	\$682,390	\$652,300
Total	\$2,222,890	\$2,079,970
Financial Accounts		
National Capital Bank Interest checking	\$228,192	\$76,157
Morgan Stanley (form. Smith Barney) Stock Transfer Account	\$4,171	\$40,332
Hageman/Beghe State Street Bank	\$147,923	\$373,954
NCB Capital Campaign	\$476,638	
Total	\$856,924	\$490,443
Christ Church Endowment Trust		
Diocesan Investment Fund: Principal Account (PNC Bank)	\$310,824	\$477,423
Episcopal Church Foundation State Street Bank	\$279,832	\$280,077
Treasury Direct Endowment	\$12,000	\$17,800
Diocesan Investment Fund: Reinvestment	\$3,261	\$64,162
Money Market National Capital Bank	\$0	\$37,121
Exxon Stock	\$190,604	\$0
Total	\$796,521	\$876,583
Capital Campaign Receivable (for architect fees)		\$11,500
Other Endowments of Christ Church		
Diocesan Investment Fund Jane Dennison (PNC Bank)	\$165,261	\$171,763
Total Assets	\$4,041,596	\$3,630,259
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$48,679	\$21,425
Credit Cards		\$465
Total Liabilities	\$48,679	\$21,890
NET ASSETS/EQUITY		
Restricted: Real Estate	\$2,222,890	\$2,079,970
Restricted: Endowments	\$961,782	\$1,048,346
Restricted: Capital Campaign Projects	\$476,638	
Restricted: Program Investment	\$80,000	
Restricted: Children's Ministries	\$6,000	
Restricted: Repair and Replacement Reserve	\$100,000	\$41,000
Restricted: Hageman/Beghe	\$1,094	\$138,954
Restricted: Organ	\$38,362	\$28,787
Restricted: Sabbatical	\$15,000	\$15,000
Restricted: Rental Home Repairs	\$0	\$25,000
Restricted: Landscaping	\$6,470	\$6,470
Unrestricted	\$147,822	\$201,115
Net income	-\$63,141	\$23,727
Total Equity	\$3,992,917	\$3,608,369
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$4,041,596	\$3,630,259
Trust from which Christ Church receives income but does not control		
Bank of America: Bessie Wood Cramer	\$298,583.00	\$321,457.00

In 2015, the estate of Sis Allen gave \$6,000 in her honor for children's ministries.

In January 2016, the Vestry voted to designate 80k in net income from 2015 to Program Investment and designate 59k in unrestricted funds for Repair and Replacement

In 2015 the Capital Campaign secured 134 pledges totaling \$978,385. The pledge total far exceeded the goal of \$933,000 which the Vestry had set with the guidance of Leslie Pendleton, our consultant from the Episcopal Church Foundation. The Capital Campaign started 2015 with an education and discernment program at the January 2015 Annual Meeting. In March through June we and our consultant conducted a feasibility to determine what we might expect to raise, with a majority of our parish families responding either to a written survey or through personal interviews. In August and September we initiated advanced pledge requests and on October 18 we kicked off the campaign with a breakfast (after the 9 AM service) and a luncheon (after the 11 AM service).

By the official end of the campaign on November 22 we had already exceeded our goal of \$933,000. We celebrated in the parish hall with a gingerbread Christ Church and gingerbread cookies shaped like parishioners that were decorated by the children.

The campaign demonstrated, once again, the generosity of our congregation and the willingness of so many of us to participate in the important efforts of our parish. Particular thanks go to the many gift workers, led and coordinated by Joe Smith, the facilitators at the 2015 annual meeting, the members of the Capital Campaign Committee, including Joe Smith, Jennifer Baker Howard, Louise Dettman and the Rector, and the members who baked and helped decorate the cookies at our closing celebration. The success of the campaign was a true demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit and of the spirit and generosity of the Christ Church family.

Capital Campaign Project: Organ**Dave McCahan**

The Organ Search Committee is very pleased to announce that Casavant Freres, organ builder, has been chosen to build a new organ for our parish, and on January 10, 2016, the vestry authorized us to negotiate a contract with Casavant. The company, located in St. Hycinthe, Quebec, Canada, is internationally known, with organs, locally, in the Kennedy Center, Foundry United Methodist Church, St. John's Episcopal Church in Georgetown, and others in the area. We started working in 2010 with Casavant, with no budget for a new organ, and over the next few years, have worked closely with Simon Couture, Vice President, to develop an organ that we think meets our needs and desires. At this juncture, we hope to have the organ in place by spring of 2017. More information will be forthcoming when we finalize the contract. Thanks be to God!

David McMahan, Convener of the Organ Search Committee, with Bill Woodward, Andrea Harles, Linda Mellgren, Carolyn Cheney, Kate Rebholz, Ed Warren, and Richard Thibadeau.

Capital Projects/Budget/Expenses

Cara Spaccarelli

Capital Campaign Income:

\$419,915 Pledges paid/Gifts Received in 2015
\$140,000 Estate Legacy Gift (Hageman/Beghe Transferred)
\$38,362 Organ Fund

Total Income Received for Capital Campaign Projects: \$598,277

Capital Campaign Expenses

\$29,000 Architect
\$4,766 Permit Fees, Hazardous materials testing
\$50,434 Total Fundraising Expenses (Consultant fees, Materials, kick-off events, etc.)

Total Expenses: 84,200

Remaining:

\$475,715 Capital Campaign Projects (cash on hand)
\$38,362 Organ Fund

The organ, Parish Hall, and bathroom team have been working hard. As we know, the deeper you go into a construction project, the more you learn. We have had some changes in the project and costs, and likely more will happen. You will see some expense increases as well as income increases. In January of 2016 we will sign a contract on the parish hall and in February 2016, we expect to sign contracts for the bathrooms and the organ. We will have a better idea of both the costs and the timeline of payments; information that will help us make decisions about a bank loan. We will publicize an amended budget for the capital campaign in Spring 2016.

Expense Changes (major ones noted):

Permit fees, Insurance, Tests, Third Party Check - \$13,000
New Exterior Windows in Parish Hall - \$11,410
Hazardous Material Removal - \$17,000
Adding frosting and door to glass wall - \$4,500
Possible Replacement of Carpet with LVT in main hall - \$6400
Bathrooms - \$13,000 more than budgeted
Audio/Sound - \$5,000 more than budgeted
Bank Loan Fees – up to \$28,000 in interest depending on how much we take as a loan and how long we take to pay it back. \$28,000 is based on a \$300,000 loan that we pay off in three years.

Income Changes:

\$45,385 more pledged to Capital Campaign than budgeted
\$8,300 more in organ fund than budgeted
\$54,135

Not including the bank loan fees, the difference between additional income and additional expenses was about \$15,000. The Vestry in January 2016 voted to authorize all the additions.

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.

Walking tours conducted by trained docents are available every Saturday at 11:00am from April through October. In addition to staff and contractors, 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 financial structure of the association is on solid footing and our endowment, which is maintained by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, has gained in strength over the year.

As Board Chair, Kelly Crowe has done an excellent job of developing the board and focusing on fund raising. The committees established during 2014, Building and Grounds, Preservation, Development, Finance and Dog Walkers, are all working well.

The management group continues to be enthusiastic and professional. Within 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.

There are approximately 1,500 traditional sites still available. The first columbarium, which was installed during 2014, has been very successful. There are plans to install a second columbarium soon. 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 Spaccarelli

This year we experimented with online groups to augment faith formation.

Adult Forum: In 2015 the adult forum was led by seminarians, Alan Cowart and Kristine Johnson. Attendance averaged 4-6 people. Because of the decline in attendance, the decision was made to suspend adult forum and only have it when someone stepped up to lead. In the fall, Bob and Sonia Conly led a session on the psalms.

Friday Night Flicks: This year the weekly Friday night movie series was the Lent program and explored the theme of generosity 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: Barbara Laymon continued to lead 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. In the fall, a group selected the books for the year - Attendance is around 10 people each time.

Online Faith Formation: In the fall, we had a daily prayer group, a 20s/30s Listening to the Sacred group, and a group on the gospel of Mark. The groups had about a 50% level of success in terms of people completing and engaging the classes.

Men's Spirituality: Meeting on Saturday mornings in the Church kitchen, this group eats and talks. All men are welcome to join the group at 9:00 AM on Saturday mornings for sustenance both physical and spiritual. The group has also traditionally coordinated the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. There is no formal chairman of this group, rather informal shared leadership, including but not limited to Mike Grace, Gerry Connolly, Bob Conly, Dave McCahan, Keith Lopes, Doug Ross, John Pontius and Paul Laymon.

Fellowship

Jennifer Baker Howard

In 2015 the Christ Church congregation had many wonderful events and opportunities to gather together as a community. The sense of community at Christ Church is very strong and is strengthened by the people who worship here. 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 volunteers who coordinate and assist with these events.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – Mike Grace and the Men's Spiritual Group

Valentine's Day Dinner and Movie – Vicky and Joe Smith; Ruth Kroeger and Stephane Raynaud de Fitte

St. Patrick's Dinner and Auction – chairs: Jenny and Bill Humbert, assisted by the 2015 St. Patrick's Planning Committee: Carolyn Cheney, Anne Curry, Rachel Niebeling, and Vicky Smith; decorations/set-up Linda Mellgren, Andrea Harles, and many volunteers

Easter Reception - decorations/set up: Linda Mellgren and Andrea Harles

Pentecost Picnic – Carol Knight

July 4th Picnic – Gary Abrecht (supplies), Mike Grace and Keith Lopes

Grill and Chill – coordinated by Mike Grace with many volunteers

Summer Crab Feast – Carol Knight

Kick-off Sunday

Newcomers' Potluck Dinner

Trivia Night – May hosts: Cheryl Stadel-Bevans, Paul Bevans, Ellen Psychas, Bing Yee, Andrea and Charlie Harles;

November hosts: Tom Mitchell, Amber Gove, Charles Floto, Ken Chalk, Kim Crusey

Thanksgiving Potluck – Randy Norton

St. Nick's Dinner and Auction – Carolyn Cheney and many volunteers

Christmas Eve Reception – Linda Mellgren and Andrea Harles

Sunday Coffee Hours – Various congregants

Monthly Ladies Bunco Group (Jan.-April 2015) – initiated by Jenny Humbert

In the fall of 2014, Fellowship Dinner groups began meeting through the early fall of 2015 in congregants' homes and at restaurants. New Fellowship Dinner Groups were formed in early 2016 to meet through the year.

I want to give a special acknowledgement to Gary Abrecht who is the Church's designated Costco shopper. Weekly Gary braves the crowds at Costco to make sure the Christ Church Kitchen is well stocked with basic food/coffee/paper goods supplies, and is always willing to purchase additional food and drink for special events throughout the year.

Parishioner Care Committee

Vicky Smith

The Parishioner Care Committee is a group of Christ Church volunteers who are available to help others in our church community during times when extra care is needed. We provide meals, transportation to/pick up from medical appointments, drugstore and grocery shopping. We are happy to provide help to families with new babies, members who are ill, undergoing surgery or experience a death in their family.

In the past year volunteers provided all of those support services to members. A lot of this work is coordinated through the Parishioner Care Committee, but just as much is handled on an impromptu basis by committee members who see a need and step in to help.

The committee is chaired by Vicky Smith (victoriawsmith@gmail.com). Please contact her to request support or become a part of our corps of volunteers.

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 2015 we welcomed several new liturgists and benefitted from the increased number of older children in the parish which allowed us to reinvigorate the acolyte corps. The commemoration of the sesquicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's assassination, the special Independence Day service and the Advent weeknight contemplative Eucharists all involved additional Liturgist effort in planning and execution.

The Liturgists:

Gary Abrecht (convener)
Eleanor Billington *
Charlie Bolden
Carolyn Cheney
Jaime Coleman *
Jennifer Gamber *
Joe Howard *
Bill Humbert
Janice Knopp
Keith Lopes *
Randy Norton

Gregg Porter
Karen Wilson Román
Doug Ross *
Lynne Mallonee Schlimm
Joe Shafer
Paul Shinkman *
Kirsten Sloan
Michael Stroud
Vicky Smith
Bill Woodward

The Acolytes:

Shelby Denton
Zachary Denton
Max Giesecke
Sebastian Giesecke *
Jonas Howard *
Kelly MacGarrigle

Aman Aine Porter
Sally Harris Porter
Colin Román *
Quinn Stroud *

*New liturgist or acolyte in 2015.

Outreach

Jonathan Ray and Gaye Whyte

Before we commence with the year in review and what is next for Outreach at Christ Church, we must first thank Mary Miller Flowers for her dedication and commitment to making Outreach a very important part of the ministry here at Christ Church. Mary has led this group admirably for the last several years and has established the Outreach Committee, as we know it today. As Mary embarks on her next journey, Jonathan Ray and Gaye Whyte assumed responsibilities as co-chairs of this committee as of December 2015.

We have continued to grow and discover new ways of reaching out to our neighbors, whether on the Hill, in DC or further away. For the 2015 Lent/Easter Project, the Christ Church congregation donated over 50 bags of gently used and new clothing as well as financial contributions and donated Easter baskets to our three community partners: Bread for the City,

Martha's Table and Capitol Hill Group Ministry. In April, a group of dedicated Christ Church parishioners volunteered for a build day with Habitat for Humanity DC. We continued to support the work of Capitol Hill Group Ministry with two events this year: the summer Grill & Chill Family Night and the annual Thanksgiving Family Night event held on November 23, 2015. In the summer, Christ Church collected and distributed 15 backpacks and numerous school supplies for CHGM's Back-to-School drive. In November, Christ Church families donated over 50 Thanksgiving baskets via CHGM to our neighbors in need. In December we filled boxes of toys to be donated to Tommy's Toys in partnership with Capitol Action Group (CAG) for parents enrolled in-house drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs to give to their children at Christmas. We continue to support the homeless at the CCONV Shelter with monthly bagged lunches and the Christ Church Quilters made a beautiful quilt over the year that was auctioned at the 2015 St. Nick's Dinner and Auction with the proceeds benefiting one of our international partners: Buenas Vecinos.

In 2014, we began a ministry called, "Laundry Love" to assist homeless and low-income individuals and families by paying to launder their clothes and bedding. We have grown from hosting four events in 2014 to becoming a regular second Thursday of the month event in 2015. In May 2015 Laundry Love transferred to a new location at Good Hope Laundromat in Ward 8 on Good Hope Rd SE. In 2015, we did over 800 loads of laundry at a cost of just under \$5,000 (not including the cost of detergent and dryer sheets). We are grateful for the continued support from the congregation through donations of money (including change from Time Change Sundays) and laundry supplies for our Laundry Love events.

Thank you to the many volunteers throughout the year who participated in the Outreach Ministry in 2015. There are too many to name individually but we are truly grateful for your support through time, money and effort.

In closing, we would like to leave on these words from 1 Corinthians 13:13: "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

Children's Ministry

Susan Holmes

Not Submitted

Music Ministry

Richard Thibadeau, Music Director

We are grateful to the folks listed below for keeping music alive and vital here at Christ Church, and to the entire parish for their support.

THE PARISH CHOIR 2015

+ *Music Librarians*

* *Occasional/Seasonal Singers*

Nancy Broers
 Marcy Stanford
 Marian Connolly
 Nancy Metzger
 Laurie Gethin
 Andrea Harles
 Nora Sullivan
 M'El Abrecht
 + Linda Mellgren

Alison Brooks
 Kate Rebholz
 Karen Ross
 James Sullivan
 Steve Zimmerman
 John Flink
 John Payne
 + Dave McCahan
 George Redden-Liotta

Ed Warren
 * Connie Citro
 * Jess Chaiken
 * Jan Eisenbarth
 * Chris Wilson
 * CJ Redden-Liotta
 Inez Lester [currently inactive]

2015 INSTRUMENTALISTS and GUEST MUSICIANS

Meredith Baker, *piano*
Dave McCahan, *organ*
Jan Eisenbarth and CJ Redden-Liotta, *choir directors*
Erika Sato, Chris Franke and Regino Madrid, *violins*
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*) for her work in growing the Children's Choir.

Vacation Bible School has a musical element that requires hours of work with our children. We thank Meredith Baker [piano], Emma Tucker [guitar], Kate Rebholz and Hallie Smith for their leadership.

Advent Contemplative Services were made especially meaningful due to the efforts of Ed Gamber [guitar], Ruth Kroeger [cello], and Emma Tucker [guitar]

Dave McCahan (*Convener*), Carolyn Cheney, Andrea Harles, Linda Mellgren, Kate Rebholtz, Ed Warren 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.

On a personal note, I would like to thank you, the parish family, for your prayers and support through my absence due to cancer. The Parish Choir charged ahead through Advent, Christmas and Epiphany [2016] with the help of Dave McCahan [organ], CJ Redden-Liotta and Jan Eisenbarth [choir directors]. Our rector, Cara, has been extremely understanding throughout my treatment and recovery. I am grateful to all of you and look forward to returning in the weeks ahead.

CARE OF THE PARISH

Rector's Report

The Rev. Cara Spaccarelli

2015 was a year of project management. At one point in the Fall, I listed more than ten groups with more than 50 different people working on projects associated with everything from the capital campaign to the organ to Advent planning to grant-writing to a hiring committee. As the only full-time employee of the church, it often falls to me to keep track of the big picture - to know what decisions affect other decisions and when timelines conflict and to make sure the important things aren't forgotten. It is certainly not something I was trained for in seminary, but it is actually work I enjoy.

Project management is time-consuming, and important areas of ministry that I typically tend to were neglected - newcomers, adult faith formation, and non-emergency pastoral care. I think it is quite a testament to the ministry of everyone else that despite this, our congregation continued to grow numerically and in terms of depth of commitment. The easiest evidence to point to is our 21 baptisms, an average Sunday attendance growth from 161 to 175, and an amazingly positive response to the capital campaign. The generosity of time, talent, and treasure of this congregation is stunning.

2015 also was the year that we decided to expand our professional staff. It is something the Vestry has talked about for years, and we finally decided to move on it as it became clear that our church's growth warranted it. We are blessed to have the Rev. Patricia Lyons join us in 2016, and I am eager to collaborate in ministry with her.

In May 2016, I will be going on sabbatical. Some might say I'm escaping the construction zone, but really, I know that our church life will be slower when half our building is under construction, so it seemed a good time to be gone. My hopes for my sabbatical are to focus on my family life and my faith life. I intend to do this by spending time with my family and time each day reading Scripture and praying, without a product (sermon or class or meeting) in mind. It probably doesn't sound like much but I have no doubt that it will make me a better priest for this congregation when I return.

Senior Warden's Report

Mike Grace

It has been an honor to have served as your Senior Warden for the past year. There are so many people that make this a special place to worship and have fellowship. Over 50 different people from the church membership volunteer in some way on various committees and other activities.

The church continues to grow adding many new members, especially younger families with children. Cara has said that we have over 100 children under 12 years old in our church!

This is an historic church of which we can rightfully be proud. But being historic also brings with it the extra costs associated with maintaining older buildings. We contacted with Wagner Roofing to replace our steeples and finials. They have extensive experience working on historic buildings. The new steeples look terrific.

We have recognized that we needed more meeting space for our growing church and that our 1901 Hook & Hastings pipe organ was about to give it's last gasp. We completed a successful capital campaign pledging money to renovate the parish hall and to buy a new pipe organ. I want to give a big thank you to Randy North and Carolyn Cheney, who headed up the capital campaign, and to everyone who pledged. We actually exceed our fundraising goal.

This past year we spent and pledged a lot of money to renovate our property. As I leave as your Senior warden, I am looking forward to us now focusing on our human recourses and ministries in the coming year.

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE VESTRY

Vestry Candidates (three year term: January 2016-January 2019)

Chase Adams

I grew up in the Black Hills of western South Dakota. In late 2012 when I moved to D.C. to work for a trade association representing cattle producers, I knew that I wanted to find a church home. After attending a handful of parishes on Capitol Hill, I found Christ Church. I have been so impressed with the Spirit of the parishioners and outreach of this community, where there is so much need. I truly believe in the mission of Christ Church and am always amazed by the many talents put to God's use. While I remain active in a number of organizations in South Dakota, I look forward to finding more ways to engage with our community here at home.

Joe Smith

Raised in an evangelical church, I eschewed religion for almost 20 years and then (through my wife, Vicky) found the Episcopal Church in 1989. I have served on vestries at St. Mark's (Capitol Hill) and St. Matthew's (Hillsborough, NC). I served on a rector search committee at St. Mark's, and taught adult confirmation class. Coming to Christ Church when we moved back to D.C. a few years ago, I have been active on the Lenten Film Series Committee and the Capital Campaign. My spiritual connection at Christ Church is through the liturgy and Cara's sermons, although I really enjoy the music, too. I am also very interested in community-building within our church.

Olivia Brickey

My husband, Ray, and I moved to Capitol Hill some 50 years ago because we wanted to "walk to work." And it was one of our best decisions ever because we found Christ Church and were confirmed at the Washington National Cathedral by Bishop John Walker in 1985. Together Ray and I cooked many a breakfast for the 8:00 o'clock crowd and, before passing away in 2006, he served in several capacities, including junior warden and office volunteer. I have served as both sacristan and liturgist and have been an office volunteer. And over the years it would be hard to overstate the importance the Church has had for me including the wonderful friendships I have made. I retired from the Library of Congress in 2004. Christ Church is and will continue to be a central part of my life providing both religious guidance and spiritual fellowship.

Amber Gove

I work in international development at a nonprofit research institute implementing early childhood education programs in low income countries. I was baptized in the Anglican Church in Gisborne, New Zealand and later moved to San Diego, California. My husband (Tom Mitchell) and I met in DC in 1999 and after several years living in Northern California (my graduate school), Brazil (Fulbright for my dissertation research) and North Carolina (his graduate school), we moved to Capitol Hill and settled, joining Christ Church in 2012. You can see us and our very active daughters Riley (7) and Ferris (4) at most 11 am services.

Christ Church + Washington Parish
List of Voting Members for the 2015 Annual Meeting
Held January 24, 2016

Abrecht, Gary	Burks, James	Fiala, Eric
Abrecht, Mary Ellen	Carrillo, Andrew	Fischer, Stephanie
Abrecht-Litchfield,	Carrillo, Trisha	Flakker, Harrison
Rachel Benson	Chalk, Kenneth	Flakker, Tara
Adams, Chase	Cheney, Carolyn	Fletcher, Anne
Allison, John	Church, Diana	Floto, Charles
Aman, Sally	Citro, Constance	Flowers, Benjamin
Anderson, Lloyd	Citro, Joseph	Flowers, Mary Miller
Andrews, Paul	Clavel, Lise	Freeman, Shawn
Auberger, Marcia	Colman, Jaime	Fritzel, Chuck
Avett, Claire	Conly, Robert	Gant, Mary Martin
Avett, Reid	Connolly, Gerard	Gethin, Laurie
	Connolly, Marian	Giesecke, John
	Cosgrove, Sean	Giesecke, Stephanie
Baker, Mark	Crawford, Michael	Gilles, Joanne
Baker, Meredith	Crusey, Kimberly	Gove, Amber
Baldwin, Valerie	Curry, Anne	Grace, Ann
Ball, Kimberly	Curry, Robert	Grace, Michael
Barber, Jackie		
Barnes, Lawrence		Harles, Andrea
Barton, Lisa	Dahlman, Anthony	Harles, Charles
Bellum, Stephen	Denton, Don	Hash, Michael
Bergin, John	Denton, Jean	Hatch, Sarah
Bevans, Paul	Denton, Shelby	Heitger, Lindsay
Billington, Eleanor Steele	Denton, Zach	Heitger, Nick
Billington, John	Dettman, David	Hughes, Dorothy Hughes
Blackwood, Robin	Dettman, Louise	Hughes, Peter
Bolden, Charles	Dix, Brian	Christopher II
Bolden, Jackie	Duncan, John	Hermann, David
Bonyun, Meredith Mino	Duncan, John Jr	Hickey, Liesl
Bosworth, Sharon	Duncan, Marcia	Hickey, Timothy
Bressler, Caroline Parker		Hoff, Brittany
Bressler, John Wellington	Eager, Laura Rose	Holeyman, Greg
Brewer, Christopher	Earhart, Farleigh	Holmes, Susan
Brewer, Katherine		Howard, Jennifer Baker
Brickey, Olivia	Fairbrother, Gerry	Howard, Joseph
Broers, Nancy	Farrow, Margaret	Humbert, Jenny
Brooks, Alison	Farrow, Mark	Humbert, William
Burger, Charles	Fiala, Anne	Humphrey, Carole

Hussey, Sandra

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

Keating, Kirsten
Kennedy, Alison
Knight, Carol
Knopp, Janice
Kotis, Linda
Koudelka, Karla
Kroeger, Ruth
Kuskowski, Andrew
Kuskowski, Jennifer

Lawyer, Michael
Laymon, Barbara
Laymon, Paul
Leitner, Patricia
Lester, Inez
Litchfield, Todd Eric
Lopes, Keith
Lowe, Mary Frances
Luck, Howard
Lyons, Andrew
Lyons, Elizabeth

MacGarrigle, Ellen
Marzen, Moira*
Mawer, Randall
Mawn, Russell
Mawn, Russell Jr
McCahan, David
McCarthy, Conor Justin
McCarthy, Emily Biskey
McClellan, Chandler
McClellan, Jessica

Langston
McGonigle, Sarah
Podmaniczky
Mellgren, Linda
Menefee, Jake
Menefee, Sydney
Miedema, Allison
Miedema, Stephanie*
Miedema, Virgil*
Miller, Carrie
Miller, Jason
Mitchell, Thomas
Moore, Linda**
Mottley, Lew
Montgomery, Jack
Mouta-Bellum, Carla
Mullin, Elizabeth Duncan

Neely, Sidney
Niebeling, Rachel
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
Parker, Erin
Parker, Nick
Pascuzzo, Christopher
Payne, John III
Payne, John III
Payne, John IV
Pezzarossi, Carolina
Modlin
Pezzarossi, Nicolas
Joseph

Pipes, Benjamin
Pollock John Robert
Pontius, John
Pontius, Ruth
Porter, Gregg
Porter, Sally Harris
Psychas, Ellen
Pollack, Jennifer Purdy

Ray, Jonathan
Raynaud de Fitte,
Stephane-Emmanuel
Rebholz, Jason
Rebholz, Kate
Rees, Joseph
Rees, Patrick
Rimensnyder, James
Rimensnyder, Nelson
Robinson, Doris
Roman, Edgar
Ross, Douglas Neville
Ross, Karen Elaine
Lesley
Rubio, Charles

Sanderson, William
Sandman, James Joseph
Saunders, Sherry
Schillinger, Emily
Schillinger, Ian
Schlimm, Lynne Mallonee
Shaffer, Joseph
Sharron, Ayasha Williams
Shea, Jan
Shea, Richard
Shinkman, Paul
Shinkman, Sarah
Singer, Paris Suzanne
Skidmore, Jesse
Skidmore, Natalie
Sloan, Kirsten
Slopey, Jordan
Smith, D. Joe

Smith, Hallie

Smith, Randolph
 Smith, Victoria
 Sousa, John Philip IV
 Spaid, Barbara
 Spangenberg, Joel
 Stadel-Bevans, Cheryl
 Stroud, Michael
 Sullivan, John
 Sullivan, Sally
 Sullivan, Nora
 Sylvester, David
 Sylvester, Kit
 Symington, Duncan
 Symington, Emily
 Symington, John
 Symington, John Jr.
 Symington, Margaret

Taylor, David
 Taylor, Ryan Joseph
 Tucker, Emma
 Turkiewicz, Jean
 Two Bulls, Robert**
 Tyler, Mary Beth

Verret, Jill
 Verret, JW
Vielmo, Kelly
 Von der Lippe, Sarah

Wagner-Smith, Wendy
 Ward, Beverly
 Warren, Edward
 Warren, Marcia
 Weber, Andrew
 Weber, Cathy Hurst
Welch, Lauren
 Wells, Barbara
 Wells, Thomas
 Wenham, Rita
 Whittaker Navez,
 Christine**
Whalley, Judy
 Whyte, Gaye
 Wilson, Christopher
 Wilson, Megan
 Wilson Roman, Karen
Winchester, Erik
Winchester, Sylwia
 Woodward, Mary
 Woodward, William

Yost, Holton
 Yost, Morey
Young, Anna Proctor
Young, Frank

Zappala, Jordan

Associate Members

Carolan, Jessica
Carolan, Michael
 Empsall, Nathan
 Fulkerson, Tonya
Gamber, Ed
Gamber, Jenifer
Goldberg, Jasper
Jerbi, Monica
 Kilbourn, Scott
 Kilbourn, Linette
 McClain, Wallis
 Metzger, Nancy
 Metzger, Norman
Sears, Kerri
Selfridge, Greg
Sharron, Matthew
Smith, Tom
 Thompson, Lynn
 Thompson, Joe
Titus, Jim
Watson, Kathy
Wright, Monroe
Zimmerman, Stephen

***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 (19))

Allison, David Lepar
Barton, Blake Elisabeth
Bonyun, Prescott Jackson
Carolan, Aven Azucena
Carrillo, Lucia Alexandra
Hoffman, Evan Robert
Lyens, Nicole Virginia
Marzen, Jacob Anderson
Parker, Marcy Pearl
Peralta, Madeline Houston
Pezzarossi, Nathaniel Joseph
Sanderson, Luke Pollard
Sharron, Kai Parker
Shaw, Emmitt Wells
Spangenberg, Kira Marie
Verret, John Steven
Welch, Seamus Dylan
Winchester, Sybilla
Zappala, Evelyn Frances

Baptism Adult of Voting Age (3)

Eager, Laura Rose
Taylor, Ryan Joseph
Williams Sharron, Ayasha

Added by Request (20)

Burks, James
Colman, Jaime Lynne
Crawford, Michael Frederick
Heitger, Lindsay Ruffner
Kennedy, Alison
Kuskowski, Andrew
Kuskowski, Jennifer
McCarthy, Conor Justin
McCarthy, Emily Briskey
Menefee, Jake
Menefee, Sydney
Montgomery, Jack
Mullin, Elizabeth Duncan
Pezzarossi, Nicolas Joseph
Smith, Hallie
Sandman, James Joseph
Vielmo, Kelly
Welch, Lauren Katherine

Winchester, Erik Loux
Winchester, Sylwia
Zappala, Jordan Josephine

Transferred in from other Parishes (11)

Abrecht-Litchfield, Rachel Benson
Bressler, Caroline Parker
Bressler, John Wellington
Hughes, Peter Christopher II
Hughes, Dorothy Goddard
Litchfield, Todd Eric
Niebeling, Rachel Kristine
Pezzarossi, Caroline Modlin Kobek
Ross, Douglas Neville
Ross, Karen Elaine Leslie
Whalley, Judy Lynn

Lost by Death (5)

Allen, Mildred Elizabeth
Bennett, David
Carolan, Aven Azucena
Mottley, Mary Ellen
Mouth, James

Added by Being of Age (16) to Vote (3)

Denton, Shelby
Denton, Zach
Porter, Sally Harris

Reactivated (2)

Young, Anna Proctor
Young, Frank

Declared Inactive (14)*

Beard, Hillary
Hein, Catherine
Hein, Michael
Henry, Libby
Henry, Peter
Ingold, Christopher James
Ingold, Lea Lambert

Pokryfka, Nicole
Reisinger, Brian
Sigworth, Cornelia
Sigworth, Ronald
Stephenson, Aggie
Werwie, Doris
Werwie, Katie

Transferred Out (0)

Made Associate Member (15)

Carolan, Jessica
Carolan, Michael
Fulkerson, Tonya
Gamber, Ed
Gamber, Jenifer
Goldberg, Jasper
Jerbi, Monica
Sears, Kerri
Selfridge, Greg
Sharron, Matthew
Smith, Tom
Titus, Jim
Watson, Kathy
Wright, Monroe
Zimmerman, Stephen

Transferred to Associate Member (0)

Confirmations/Reception (5)

Kennedy, Alison (C)
Norwood, Ann (C)
Porter, Aman Aine (C)
Rubio, Charles (R)
Slopey, Jordan (R)

Children Added (13)

Bressler, Hans William (B)
Galvani, Camille Crawford
Heitger, Ashton
Litchfield, Benson Potter (B)
Litchfield, Noah Freeman (B)
McCarthy, Maude Agnes
Menefee, FJ
Menefee, Gus

Montgomery-Vielmo, Cardel
Montgomery-Vielmo, Raine
Montgomery-Vielmo, Ravyn

Skidmore, Jack
Skidmore, Sophie

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 =	40	(Adult Baptism, By Request, Transferred In, Now 16 & Reactivated)
Members of voting age lost =	<u>18</u>	(Death, Declared Inactive)
Net gain/loss of voting members =	+ 22	

As of January 1, 2015, Christ Church reported **282** voting members. As of January 1, 2016, the total number of voting members is **304** as a result of the **net gain of 22** listed above.

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