

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2017

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2017 Christ Church Vestry and officers

Senior Warden: Joe Smith

Junior Warden: Todd Litchfield

Treasurer: Sid Neely

Clerk: Emma Tucker

Class of 2018: John Payne, Ruth Kroeger, Gregg Porter, Carol Knight

Class of 2019: Olivia Brickey, Amber Gove, Joe Smith, Mary Miller Flowers

Class of 2020: Anne Fletcher, Todd Litchfield, Beth Mullin, Erik Winchester

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 29, 2017 ANNUAL MEETING

The Reverend Cara Spaccarelli called the 2016 annual meeting of Christ Church + Washington Parish to order at 10:01 am and offered an opening prayer.

Call of Roll/Establishment of a Quorum.

Registrar Carolyn Johnson led the roll call and determined a quorum was present.

Appointment of Parliamentarian.

The Rector announced the appointment of Charles Floto as parliamentarian.

Minutes of 2016 Annual Meeting.

Gary Abrecht moved to adopt the minutes from last year's meeting; Carolyn Cheney seconded the motion and the minutes of the 2016 meeting were unanimously approved by the members.

Recognition of Outgoing Vestry Members.

The Rector thanked outgoing members for their outstanding service: Joe Citro, Junior Warden; Charles Floto and Randy Norton.

Vestry Candidates.

The Rector introduced the following candidates for election to three-year terms — Anne Fletcher, Todd Litchfield, Beth Mullin and Erik Winchester — and the Reverend Mary Miller Flowers as nominee to fill a two-year vestry term.

As there were no nominations from the floor, Marian Connolly moved to close the nominations. The motion was seconded by Randy Norton.

REPORTS.

Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer Sid Neely presented the financial report in three parts: the balance sheet, the 2017 budget and the cash flow statement.

Neely reported that CCWP started 2016 with an operating budget that anticipated a shortfall of \$50,000. But by year end, CCWP had a surplus of \$18,187. The 2017 budget approved by the vestry reflects a shortfall of \$10,500. Neely said the vestry agreed to use the overage from 2016 to avoid using savings.

Ensuing questions about the budget were answered by Neely and the Rector.

Rector's Report.

(see attached)

Questions: Mary Miller Flowers asked a question about the refugee resettlement program in which CCWP participates with six other churches known as "Good Neighbors Capitol Hill." The Rector reported that the family arrived from Afghanistan the week of January 23, 2017, and is settling into life in Cheverly, Maryland.

Parish Life and Office Manager Jennifer Baker Howard explained that parishioners Lisa Nickerson and Andrea Harles are our contacts with Good Neighbors. Howard also promised to put a link to the listserve about the program on our website, washingtonparish.org.

Report on Voting.

The Rector announced that the vestry slate was approved by the parishioners.

Announcements for the Good of the Cause.

Shawn Freeman asked for two volunteers to serve with her on the board of Historic Congressional Cemetery, as Bev Ward and Sharon Bosworth are going off the board.

Closing Prayer.

Senior Warden Joe Smith offered the closing prayer at 10:47 am. A motion to adjourn was offered by Gary Abrecht and seconded by Randy Norton. The 2016 annual meeting of Christ Church + Washington Parish was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Mallonee Schlimm

REPORTS OF THE MINISTRIES

CARE OF THE MONEY AND ASSETS

Care of Property.....Todd Litchfield, Junior Warden

It has been an eventful year in property care at Christ Church Washington Parish. In addition to all of the regular maintenance required on an annual or semi-annual basis, the church undertook several significant projects of note.

The most obvious project was the painting of the sanctuary this past summer prior to the installation of the new organ. Timing was everything for this project as any work creating dust needed to be completed prior to the organ installation. Tech Painting was contracted for the work and completed the project on time and on budget.

The least obvious project also centered around the organ's arrival. During the pre-planning process for the organ installation, it was discovered that additional structural work would be necessary underneath the floor area of the organ to support the weight of the concentrated point loads of the organ. GL Barnhart Construction was contracted to do the work and was able to complete the work under our tight time constraints.

Other routine projects or upgrades included the replacement of the HVAC unit supplying the kitchen and nursery spaces. During the same time, the ceiling tiles in this area were replaced and insulation was re-installed in the rafters to increase the energy efficiency and comfort level in this space.

For the first time in several years, an exterior property clean-up day was held. General trimming and cleaning of the grounds was done. It is plan of the property committee to make this a semi-annual event.

In closing, I would like to thank the members of the property committee, executive committee, and vestry for their help and guidance as we all work to maintain our building and grounds to foster the ministry of Christ Church.

Stewardship Campaign for 2018 Jason Miller, Stewardship Co- Chair

When we first began the 2018 Stewardship Campaign, the Stewardship Committee’s goal was to receive 125 pledges totaling \$375,000. Well, with this year’s generosity, we’ve exceeded this goal. For the first time in five years, Christ Church came close to fully meeting the current strategic plan’s goal of 135 pledges totaling \$370,000 anticipated by 2017. None of this would have been possible without you and your efforts to hear the Stewardship Committee’s message and to react. My co-chair Anne Curry and I are grateful for your participation in our church and we look forward to a successful 2018 year and beyond.

The 2018 Stewardship Committee is proud to present that Christ Church Washington Parish received 128 pledges totaling \$393,101 exceeding the Committee goal of 125 pledges and \$375,000. Responding to the call to increase our pledges to support our 2nd priest position in two years, 34 households started pledging (many had been giving regularly already) and 50 households increased their pledges (more than 50% of renewing pledges). The 2018 result is a 19% increase in pledges and a 13% increase in pledged money over 2017. We’re unsure of the years prior to our arrival, but we’re going out on a limb by mentioning this may be an all-time church record (ignoring inflation).

In the end as we enjoy this message; we can say the bar has been raised for future years. We all know that anything is possible when we come together as a church and a community and the 2018 campaign is evidence of such. So today, let’s enjoy this success and turn our focus to the continued growth of our Church this year and in years to come.

Treasurer’s Report..... Sid Neely

2017 was another good year. We continue to have much for which to be grateful, especially the generosity of the congregation.

The vestry started the year with an operating budget that anticipated a shortfall of \$10,500. By year end, instead of a shortfall, we had an excess of almost \$45,000 (\$10,000 of the additional income was from the timing of dispersal of funds of diocesan grant). Most of the good news came from revenues being higher than expected.

In addition to daily operations, we had the building renovation and the new organ to fund. Since the work was being done upfront but the pledge payments were to arrive over a three-year period, we obtained a \$600,000 line of credit with an interest rate of prime plus .05% from National Capital Bank. After making only a few draws on the loan, we were able to pay the balance in full primarily because the Capital Campaign donation payments were arriving much more quickly than expected. After that success, we decided to draw on internal funds instead of continuing with the banking relationship.

As with the budget of 2017, the budget for 2018 has been approved by the vestry for a shortfall. We will be able to meet that need by using a portion from our reserved funds in the account (TRNA-Program) that we have planned to use as part of our investment in a second clergy position in partnership with the grant from the diocese.

As with 2016, our systems continue to be well maintained. From the conscientious eye of our Finance Committee chair, Russ Mawn, to the significant professional expertise of our Investment Committee chair, Tom Mitchell, we could do no better. Our rector, Cara, continues to display a sharp financial acumen.

Budget for 2018, approved by the Vestry 1/14/2018Sid Neely

Income	2017 Budget	2017 Actual	2018 Budget
Building Use	40,000	52,732	45,000
Designated and Other Gifts/Grant	9,000	16,772	9,000
Fundraising Events	10,000	14,748	10,000
Income from Programs	3,500	8,797	4,000
Income on Investments	14,000	16,758	17,000
Offerings*	390,000	413,421	400,000
Rector's Discretionary Fund Gifts	3,000	6,252	3,000
Rental Income	70,000	74,100	70,000
Diocesan Grant	20,000	30,000	40,000
Total Income	559,500	633,580	598,000
Expenses			
Administrative	29,000	24,183	19,000
Communications/Advertising	5,000	6,534	7,500
Diocese	48,000	48,250	53,000
Fundraising Costs	4,000	2,955	4,000
Major Capital Projects	10,000	12,043	10,000
Music Expenses	13,500	13,075	14,500
Outreach Expenses	15,000	18,295	15,000
Parish Programs	10,000	15,678	11,000
Personnel Expenses	335,000	332,621	380,000
Property Expenses	30,000	25,422	30,000
Property Insurance	14,500	16,172	16,000
Rector's Discretionary Fund	3,000	6,252	3,000
Rental Property Taxes/Expenses	19,000	21,575	22,000
Utilities	26,500	27,479	28,000
Worship	7,500	8,925	5,000
Total Expenses	570,000	579,459	618,000
Net Income (Deficit)	(10,500)	54,121	-\$20,000
From TRNA-Program	10,500	0	20,000

Christ Church+ Washington Parish Accounts BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	12/31/2017	12/31/2016
<u>Investment Real Estate (Assessed Value)</u>		
612 G Street, SE	932,900	887,240
614 G Street, SE	799,180	750,550
616 G Street, SE	783,760	733,160
Total	2,515,840	\$2,370,950
<u>Financial Accounts</u>		
National Capital Bank - Interest Checking	203,424	134,562
Morgan Stanley - Stock Transfer Account	0	-
State Street	151,207	148,262
Total	354,631	\$282,824
<u>Restricted Capital Campaign Accounts</u>		
NCB Capital Campaign	67,760	8,329
Capital Campaign Stock	10,418	3,093
NCB Savings 3245	1,606	30,807
Total	79,784	\$42,229
<u>Due to Christ Church from Cap Camp</u>		
Total	33,000	33,000
<u>Christ Church Endowment</u>		
Diocesan Investment Fund: Principal Account	615,025	326,873
Episcopal Church Foundation - State Street Bank	295,481	285,178
Diocesan Investment Fund: Reinvestment	25,565	11,517
Transfer between accounts (from Treasury Direct)	0	12,892
Direct Investment in Equities	0	223,386
Total	936,071	\$859,846
<u>Other Long Term Funds</u>		
Diocesan Investment Fund - Jane Dennison	34,568	172,099
Due to Dennison from Cap Camp	0	-
Total	\$34,568	\$172,099
Total Assets	\$3,953,894	\$3,727,948
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LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	4,587	2,252
Capital Campaign Loan - NCB	0	170,000
Capital Campaign Loan from Dennison	138,000	-
Capital Campaign Loan from Operations	33,000	-
2018 Pledges (received in 2017)	42,800	-
Total Liabilities	218,387	\$172,252
NET ASSETS/EQUITY		
Restricted: Real Estate	2,515,840	2,370,950
Restricted: Endowments	936,071	859,846
Restricted: Dennison Fund	34,568	172,099
Restricted: Capital Campaign Projects	(91,216)	(234,787)
Restricted: Program Investment	80,000	80,000
Restricted: Children's Ministries	3,860	6,000
Restricted: Repair and Replacement Reserve	87,009	87,009
Unrestricted	72,899	196,323
Net income	96,476	18,256
Total Equity	3,735,507	\$3,555,696
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$3,953,894	\$3,727,948

NOTES:

Christ Church also receives income from, but does not control, the Bessie Wood Cramer Trust. It is valued at approximately \$335,000 and is maintained by Bank of America.

Our historic buildings & grounds and those of Congressional Cemetery are not included.

Capital Campaign and Capital Projects Update Cara Spaccarelli

In 2017, the church completed the capital projects funded through the capital campaign. If the annual report had a soundtrack, it would break out into spontaneous celebration at this point. The projects completed in 2017 were the installation of the new Casavant organ and the painting and plastering of the sanctuary. Due to the discovery of some problems with the floor under the organ, it also involved the removal of asbestos under the church and the re-enforcement of the floor. Dave McCahan, John Payne, Todd Litchfield, and Richard Thibadeau did the bulk of the work to ensure that these projects went smoothly.

2018 is the 3rd and final year of our capital campaign pledges so it's a good chance to see where we are.

Income (2015-2017):

\$898,054	Pledges/Gifts Received
\$140,000	Estate Legacy Gifts
\$ 42,812	Organ Fund/Organ-Designated
\$ 22,000	From Church Reserves
<u>\$ 475</u>	<u>Interest</u>

\$1,103,341

Expenses Paid (2015-2017)

\$454,300	Organ Payments
\$578,929	Parish Hall, Meeting Room and Bathrooms
\$29,500	Architect
\$ 6,266	Permit Fees, Environmental testing for Parish Hall
\$51,304	Fundraising Expenses (materials, consultant, etc.)
\$16,075	Additional Costs Associated with Organ/Sanctuary (includes electrical)
\$31,465	Tech Painting
\$18,549	Re-enforcement of Floor
<u>\$ 2,545</u>	<u>Bank Service Fees</u>

\$1,188,933

Difference: \$85,592

There is \$83,041 left to be paid on pledges to the capital campaign. We estimate \$10,000 in pledges will not be met due to financial circumstances changing. This leaves us \$12,551 to make up through hopefully the generosity of congregants who were not here in 2015 for the capital campaign and can now give or the generosity of congregants who are able to give more.

It also means that in the end, we overspent (income to expenses) by 1% - an impressive achievement

Loans (note: this information is current and balance sheet does not reflect these numbers)

To fund our capital campaign we had the following loans as of 1/15/2017

- \$500 – NCB Bank Loan
- \$160,000 – Loan from Jane Dennison Fund
- \$33,000 – Loan from Operating Funds

As of 1/23/2018, these loans stand as follows:

\$72,000 – Loan from Jane Dennison Fund

\$33,000 – Loan from Operating Funds

For those who want to see the comparison from where we started:

	Original Budget	Mar. 2016 budget	Final Expenses	Difference
Organ	450k	454k	489K	35K – <i>floor and electric</i>
Parish Hall & Bathrooms & Sound	480k	546k	585k	39k– <i>rebuild walls/insulation</i>
Painting and Plastering	40k	40k	31.5K	-8.5k
Architect Fees	30k	32k	30k	-2k
Campaign Fees	55k	50k	51k	1k
Bank Loan Fees	0	0	2.5k	2.5k
Subtotal	1,055,000	1,122,000	1,189,000	67,000
Contingency	70,000	70,000		-70,000
Total	1,125,000	1,192,000	1,189,000	-3,000

Income Source	Original Budget	Mar. 2016 Budget	Difference	Received as of 12/31/2017
Capital Campaign	933k	978k	45k	898k
Restricted: Organ	30k	39k	9k	43k
Estate Legacy Gifts	140k	140k	X	140k
Unrestricted Savings	22k	22k	X	22k
Total:	1,125,000	1,179,000	54,000	1,103,000

Historic Congressional Cemetery Shawn Freeman

Christ Church owns Historic Congressional Cemetery, located at 1801 E St. SE, and has a 40-year lease with the Association for the Preservation of Historic Congressional Cemetery (APHCC) [a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization] to operate the cemetery. As owner of the cemetery, our parish appoints three directors to the APHCC board. Our current representatives are Shawn Freeman, Cara Spaccarelli, and Carolyn Cheney. Cara will be replaced by Kirsten Sloan in spring 2018.

The mission of APHCC is to preserve and protect our historic yet active burial ground while interpreting the heritage represented by those interred here through education, historic preservation, community engagement, and environmental stewardship.

The cemetery's financial position remained strong in 2017 as it maintained a \$1 million budget. Primary income sources are site sales and burials, cemetery events, the K9 Corps (a private dog-walking membership program), donations, and an endowment fund held by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Soul Strolls was the largest fundraiser of the year. Soul Strolls--twilight tours of the cemetery, which highlight people of note buried in the Cemetery--sold out over two weekends in October with more than 1,800 attendees enjoying actors and actresses portraying some of the cemetery's more interesting permanent residents. Major expenditures in 2017 included the restoration of the historic front gate, repairs to the original brick wall, and the dedication of \$50,000 toward the endowment.

HCC has approximately 5,000 traditional sites still available. The cemetery is also adding real estate in the form of columbaria, which provide niches for cremains above ground. Certain sections of the cemetery have been informally designated for Christ Church parishioners. Information about purchasing either type of site is available by contacting Crystal Pate at 202-543-0539 or at cpate@congressionalcemetery.org.

Christ Church members are encouraged to visit Congressional Cemetery, participate in cemetery events, donate to the cemetery, and get involved in the life of the cemetery. Docents offer walking tours on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. from April through October. Self-guided tours are available anytime the cemetery is open highlighting a myriad of topics, including graves associated with the War of 1812, Women of Arts and Letters, Civil Rights Heroes, American Indians, and an LGBT tour. Christ Church members are also welcome to join one of the standing committees of APHCC, which are: Development, Communications, K9 Corps, and Buildings & Grounds.

The current lease between Christ Church and APHCC is up for renewal in 2019. Parishioner Sid Neely is heading up the ad hoc Lease Committee for the church, and former APHCC Board Chair Kelly Crowe is the lead for the cemetery. The Lease Committee members are working to have a new lease in place well in advance of the expiration of the existing lease.

General information about the cemetery and up-to-date event information is available at www.congressionalcemetery.org. You can also find issues of Heritage Gazette, the APHCC newsletter. Look for a profile of board member Shawn Freeman in the Winter 2017 edition.

CARE OF THE PEOPLE

Adult Education/Lifelong Learning The Rev. Cara Spaccarelli and The Rev. Serena Sides

Adult Forum: With the changes in our Sunday School program, adult forum saw a resurgence as more parents were able to participate with their children in Sunday School. The rector led the majority of forums covering such topics as Theology of the Cross, Deep Dive into the story of Moses, and Living in an anxious age.

Friday Night Flicks: This year the weekly Friday night movie series was the Lent program and explored a wild card theme. The films were excellently curated by Paul Laymon, Joe Smith, and Eleanor Billington. Attendance was about 20 people each week.

First Friday 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 summer, a group selected the books for the year - Attendance is around 10 people each time.

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, Jon Schans, Charles Rubio, Charles Floto, and Paul Laymon.

20s/30s Group: In winter of 2017, Cara led a small group for six young adults that met weekly for 3 months. It was both a formation group and the first experiment with the small group format used in the launch of small groups in the fall.

Sightlines: Spirituality and Purpose for the Path Ahead: The largest demographic in the Episcopal Church today is people over the age of 65 and yet little attention has been given to their particular formation needs. Collaborating with Seabury Resources for the Aging, our summer seminarian Paula Pavanis, created and offered a 4 week pilot program. With almost 20 participants, mostly Christ Church members, this group had active discussion and engagement as they explored spiritual issues in aging. The pilot program has been re-shaped with the first participants' feedback and is now being offered at several other churches around the diocese.

Small Groups: In Fall 2017 Cara and Serena started two small groups--a men's group and a women's group--focused on spiritual formation. These groups consisted of 6-8 participants and offered them the opportunity to contemplate where God has been in their lives and where God is today in their lives. They met once a week for an initial 8 week commitment to share their faith journeys and reflect on other faith topics. The groups have decided to continue on an every-other week basis through Lent. Two new groups--a men's and a women's group--are forming now to meet in February and March.

Fellowship.....Jennifer Baker Howard, *Parish Life & Office Manager*

Fellowship in 2017 was bolstered by the completion of the Parish Hall in 2016, creating a space that was inviting and welcoming to host Christ Church-sponsored events, as well as community events. In July and August 2017 while the sanctuary was being renovated for the installation of the new organ, worship was held in the Parish Hall and we were challenged with serving a dual purpose of hosting worship and then coffee hour in the same space. Regardless, the congregation arose to the challenge and we carried on without interruption.

The sense of community of Christ Church remained strong and was strengthened by the people who worship here. These events were made possible by volunteers who shepherded them from planning to execution. It takes a lot of work and effort to organize these events and we are deeply grateful to the volunteers who coordinated and assisted with these events.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper –The Men's Spirituality Group
Valentine's Day Dinner and Movie – Vicky and Joe Smith; Paul Laymon
Trivia Night –Jackie Barber & Geoff Antell; Katherine & Chris Brewer; Emma Tucker
St. Patrick's Dinner and Auction – Event and Auction volunteers: Carolyn Cheney, Anne Curry, Jennifer Baker Howard, Lisa Nickerson, Vicky Smith; Kitchen volunteers: Rachel Niebling, Emma Tucker, and Frank Young; Decorations/set-up led by Linda Mellgren
Easter Reception - decorations/set up: Linda Mellgren with the Vestry Hosts (Erik Winchester and Beth Mullin)
Pentecost Picnic – Carol Knight
Grill and Chill – many volunteers
July 4th Picnic – many volunteers
Crab Feast – Carol Knight
Kick-off Sunday/Organ Celebration
Christ Church Camping Trip
All Saints' Day Requiem Reception – Jennifer Baker Howard and Vicky Smith
Parents' Night Out – Carrie Miller
Thanksgiving Potluck – Carol Knight, Ellen Psychas and Bing Yee
St. Nick's Dinner and Christmas Sale – Linda Mellgren, Carolyn Cheney, and many volunteers
Christmas Eve Reception – Linda Mellgren and Andrea Harles
Sunday Coffee Hours – Various congregants

In October 2017, over 50 hearty souls embarked on the first Christ Church camping trip held in decades. It was a beautiful weekend to be outside, enjoying the beauty of the Virginia Piedmont at Camp Shenandoah Springs, located in Madison, VA (near Culpeper). Activities included: a hike at Shenandoah National Park; canoeing; horseback riding; a ropes challenge course; bonfire; small group gatherings; Sunday morning worship around a picturesque lake; quiet time; and, lots and lots of fun and fellowship.

In 2017, a Special Events Committee was formed and met to review and advise on parish-wide events, as well as review a Special Events Manual that was created as a “play book” for all parish-wide events. Thank you to the Special Events Committee for participating and serving as an advisory committee in our efforts to foster and deepen the connections to the Christ Church community. As a result of the Special Events Committee, a new fellowship program was launched in 2017 – a monthly Parents’ Night Out for young families – conceived and led by Carrie Miller.

I would be remiss if I didn’t give special acknowledgement to the Office Volunteers and weekly volunteers who step in to make sure that the business of the church continues to run smoothly and seamlessly. Finance/Pledges: Marcia Auberger; Russ Mawn; and Ruth Pontius. Handyman/Weekly Shopper: Gary Abrecht; Registrar: Carolyn Johnson; Office Volunteers: Anne Curry, Lynne Mallonee Schlimm; and Vicky Smith.

LiturgistsGary Abrecht

The Liturgists’ primary function is to set up for each of the parish’s worship services, assist the priests 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.

Jenifer Gamber has taken on the role of acolyte coordinator. She has held training sessions for them and through her tireless efforts we now have acolytes at most of the Sunday services.

We were saddened this year by the death of two of our stalwart members, Janice Knopp and Joe Shaffer. Both contributed extensively but quietly to the worship life of the parish and will be sorely missed. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

The Liturgists:

Gary Abrecht (convener)
Eleanor Billington
Charlie Bolden
Carolyn Cheney
Jenifer Gamber
(coordinator of acolytes)
Keith Lopes
Randy Norton
Gregg Porter
Karen Wilson Román
Cheryl Stadel-Bevans*
Lynne Mallonee Schlimm

Paul Shinkman
Kirsten Sloan
Cynthia Thomas*
Vicky Smith
Bill Woodward

The Acolytes:

Petra Bellum*
Aiden Chalk
Katherine Cosgrove
Chase Dettman
Danika Howard*

Jonas Howard
John Jameson
Kelly Mac Garrigle
Cardel Montgomery-Vielmo*
Raine Montgomery-Vielmo*
Aman Aine Porter
Colin Román
Quinn Stroud
Kimmy Titus*
Renate Weber*

* New Liturgist or Acolyte in 2017

Outreach..... Jennifer Baker Howard and Megan Wilson

Outreach activities in 2017 included the following:

Monthly Outreach Programs:

- **Homeless Lunches** - This Outreach program relies on congregants signing up to purchase and deliver lunch supplies for the first Sunday of each month. Following the 11am service, parishioners make the sandwiches/bagged lunches and another group of volunteers deliver the bagged lunches to the CCNV shelter on Capitol Hill. In 2017, we made approximately 1,200 bagged lunches. A special thank you to the families who coordinated making the lunches and delivery: The Denton Family; The Aman-Porter Family; the CCWP Youth Group; and John Jameson. Thank you to the 13 households who purchased the monthly supplies and the parishioners who made the lunches after the services.
- **Laundry Love** – This initiative provides two free loads of laundry and complimentary laundry supplies to homeless and low-income people at a laundromat in Ward 8 on the first Sunday of the month. From January – December 2017, we washed 953 loads of laundry; the average cost of laundry was \$5.06 per load. The busiest month was October and September when we did 120 loads of laundry each of these months. Thank you to the many volunteers who gave their time to support this initiative and special thanks to Carol Knight for her leadership at the event and Kirsten Sloan for coordinating the kids' activities each month.

Special Projects:

- **Used Book Sale and Fundraiser for The Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys (BWS)**– Conceived, organized and executed by Linda Mellgren, a book sale was held in November 2017 to collect new and used books for BWS and proceeds from the used book sale were donated to BWS. In total: 190 new books were donated to BWS; a financial donation of \$700; and, 10 plus boxes and bags of used children's books were donated to the school for their library and classrooms. Approximately a dozen individuals helped with the sorting, sale and delivery for the Book Sale.
- **The 2017 Quilt Raffle** – the Christ Church Quilters, a group of individuals who share their time and talents with the community by creating a one-of-a-kind quilt that is auctioned off at the annual St. Nick's Christmas Dinner and Sale, raised \$4,000 which was divided equally between two "Good Neighbor" organizations. Buenos Vecinos (Guatemala/Honduras) provides education and health services to children in rural areas and the Good Neighbors Capitol Hill who is assisting refugee families who are re-locating to the DC Metropolitan area. Thank you to the Quilters and the many people who purchased raffle tickets and/or made a donation in support of the charities.

Partnership with Capitol Hill Group Ministry:

- **CHGM Grill & Chill**, June 28, 2017, coordinated by Ruth Kroeger - Christ Church invited families who are working with CHGM to attend this event for fun, food, and fellowship. We had outstanding attendance and we appreciate the volunteers who helped with set-up/clean-up, brought extra food for the dinner potluck and assisted with the art & craft projects to keep the kids entertained.
- **Backpack and School Supply Drive for CHGM**, July-August: This summer Christ Church parishioners donated 17 backpacks and many school supplies (coordinated by Carol Knight) to CHGM's annual Backpack and School Supply Drive.
- **CHGM Family Night and distribution of the Thanksgiving Baskets**, November 20, – We are proud to contribute over 50 baskets donated by Christ Church members to families who needed a little bit of assistance during the holiday season. Much gratitude to the many volunteers who donated baskets, brought food to the potluck and helped with the arts & crafts projects. Basket collection coordinated by Carol Knight; dinner event and activities coordinated by Ruth Kroeger; additional thank you to Megan Wilson, Kirsten Sloan and Girl Scout Troop 6518.

Refugee Crisis and Resettlement Assistance:

- **Adult Forum/Outreach Speaker**, March 26 – Stephanie Schmid and Megan Wilson led a discussion, titled *Refugee 101*, focusing on CCWP's 2017 Lenten project – refugee resettlement and support. This session expanded upon the work undertaken by the Good Neighbors Capitol Hill group to provide assistance to refugees who are re-locating to the DC Metropolitan area.
- **Capitol Hill Good Neighbors Capitol Hill** – Christ Church has supported the efforts of a group of churches and faith organizations in supporting refugee families that are re-located to the DC Metropolitan area. Lisa Nickerson, Andrea Harles and Megan Wilson have served as the representatives from CCWP. Lisa and Rich Shea have both assisted with setting up an apartment for an incoming family by collecting furniture, household items and/or food for the arriving families.
- **Adult Forum/Outreach Speaker**, October 8 – Master Dong made a presentation about his outreach work in the Refugee Camps in Turkey and Ukraine. (coordinated by Joel Spangenberg)

Children's MinistryThe Rev. Serena Sides, Assistant Rector

We have an exciting and active Children's Ministry program at Christ Church! Starting last spring with Anna Laymon as the interim director and continuing this fall with the Rev. Serena Sides, our leadership has stabilized and we have been able to offer new opportunities for our children and youth.

Program Overview

Sunday School. Sunday School is offered on Sunday mornings from 10-10:45 am from September through May for grades PK through 8. We have four different groupings of children: our 5th-8th graders meet in the Loft, our 3rd and 4th graders meet in half of the Upper Room, our 1st and 2nd graders meet in the other half of the Upper Room, and our PK/K class meets in the nursery space on the 1st floor. At least 55 different children have attended one or more Sunday School classes in the course of the last year. For the most part, we are using Sparkhouse curriculum that is Biblically-based, with hands-on activities in the younger classes and videos and discussion in the older classes.

We have a wonderful group of 21 dedicated Sunday School teachers, most but not all of whom are parents, who volunteer their time and talent in our classrooms. We have held two training sessions for them, as well as one formal feedback session. We continue to solicit informal feedback from them throughout the year. Our teachers for the 2017-2018 program year are: Charlie Bolden, Stephen Bellum, Katherine Brewer, Anne Fletcher, Mary Miller Flowers, Jenifer Gamber, Stuart Hall, Lindsay Heitger, Nick Heitger, Kirsten Jensen, Jennifer Kuskowski, Michael Lawyer, Paul Laymon, Carrie Miller, Marissa Schmauch, Natalie Skidmore, Cynthia Thomas, Mary Beth Tyler, Jill Verret, JW Verret, and Cathy Hurst Weber. We also thank a number of teachers who served in Spring 2017: Robbie Curry, Amber Gove, Ann Norwood, and Ellen Psychas.

Family Events. During our parish-wide study of Moses in fall 2017, we offered two fun and educational opportunities for families. We showed The Prince of Egypt to a group of 25 parishioners, with dinner provided beforehand by Michael Crawford, Kim Crusey, Ben Flowers, and Carol Knight. We sent the children home with a "quiz" to complete in order to receive a treat on the following Sunday. We also ran a fun "Moses Skit Parade" on a Saturday afternoon, dividing our 20 participants into speaking and non-speaking parts in four different skits from the life of Moses. We are grateful to Lynne Schlimm and Cynthia Thomas for making this event come alive!

Children's Chapel. We continue to offer Children's Chapel for children in second grade and under during the 11 am service. Children's Chapel offers children an age-appropriate story tied to the day's readings, prayers, and songs. Children begin the 11 am service with their parents and return for Eucharist. This program began in January 2017 and was led by then-Interim Director of Christian Education, Anna Laymon, with music provided by Ed Gamber and

Emma Tucker. In the last 7 months, we have expanded the cadre of leaders and have five volunteers, Jenifer Gamber, Susan Holmes, Anna Laymon, Mary Miller Flowers, and Ellen Psychas, in addition to our clergy, who lead Children's Chapel. We also draw upon parents of the children participating in Children's Chapel to provide a second adult in the room. We routinely have 10 or more children at Children's Chapel.

Worship & Play. Worship and Play is our monthly 5pm worship service and play time, including a simple dinner, for children ages 6 and under. We have had some fluctuations in attendance over the last year, but a renewed effort to raise awareness about this service has resulted in several large gatherings, of close to 20 participants. We are using more targeted emails to our parishioners, as well as Facebook and neighborhood list-servs, to encourage attendance.

Children's Choir. Children's choir, under the leadership of volunteer Susan Holmes and music director Richard Thibadeau, was also active this past year. In the spring 2017, the children met on occasion during the Sunday School hour and performed in the Easter season. In November and December 2017, we piloted a new format. The children rehearsed for 30 minutes on Monday evenings for 5 weeks and then offered their gift of song at the Advent 3 service. There was active parent engagement, as several parents regularly attended the rehearsals to help the children follow directions and learn the music.

Christmas Pageants. As in years past, this year we offered two Christmas pageants on Christmas Eve. Our 4:30pm "Come as you Are" pageant for our youngest children was informal and lively, with close to 60 children choosing to participate. We were helped in this endeavor by a number of parent volunteers. Our 6:30pm rehearsed pageant for 1st graders and up went off without a hitch and included 13 children, many with speaking parts or musical offerings, and a number of volunteer parent helpers.

Youth Group. Our youth group program continues to grow. Under the leadership of Ivy and Mark Malone, we have offered activities for our youth, 5th graders and up, during our St. Nick's and St. Pat's celebrations, a few service opportunities, and an occasional pizza night.

Childcare. We offer childcare on Sunday mornings from 8:45am-12:15pm, which continues to be popular, with an average of 12 children per Sunday. We have a dedicated team of 6 babysitters, two of whom serve each Sunday morning. These babysitters also help out at our special fellowship events such as St. Nick's and St. Pat's and our new Parent's Night Out ministry.

Safe Church. In the past 12 months, we have twice offered the Diocesan program, *Safeguarding God's Children*, for parents, Sunday School teachers, and child care workers to learn best practices to keep our children safe and recognize "red flags."

Looking Forward

Children and families will have a number of opportunities for growth this spring, in addition to our regular Sunday offerings. On February 3, we will offer our Communion Recognition program for children second grade and older and their parents. This fun and educational 3 hour workshop introduces children to the theology, history, and practical considerations of the Holy Eucharist. The children are recognized at the 11am service on February 4. We will offer a child-appropriate Ash Wednesday service on Tuesday, February 13, and Holy Week service on Thursday, March 26. Finally, we will have Vacation Bible School on June 17-21, 2018, after a two year break. We are looking forward to offering an enjoyable learning experience for children who will be rising PK-4th graders.

Music Ministry..... Richard Thibadeau, *Music Director*

This year we celebrated the long-awaited arrival of our new pipe organ built by Canadian organ builders, Casavant Frères. During the summer we had an opportunity to worship in the newly renovated Parish Hall while the Sanctuary underwent some repairs and a new coat of paint. We returned to the Sanctuary in September to kick off a new program year. Our first big event with the new organ was a special All Saints' Day service featuring the *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré. It was a lovely evening of worship with beautiful music. Jennifer Baker Howard and Vicky Smith treated us to a wonderful reception following the service.

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 2017

+ *Music Librarians*

* *Occasional/Seasonal Singers*

Nancy Broers
Marcy Stanford
Marian Connolly
Nancy Metzger
Laurie Gethin
Andrea Harles
M'El Abrecht
+ Linda Mellgren
Alison Brooks
Kate Rebholz
Karen Ross
Steve Zimmerman
John Flink
John Payne

+ Dave McCahan
George Redden-Liotta
Ed Warren
Connie Citro [currently inactive]
* Jess Chaiken
* Jan Eisenbarth
Chris Wilson [currently inactive]
* CJ Redden-Liotta
Inez Lester [currently inactive]
Scarlett Saunders
Maddy Gates
Joanne Gilles
*Amy Davis

2017 GUEST MUSICIANS

Dave McCahan, *organ*
Jan Eisenbarth and CJ Redden-Liotta, *choir directors*
Foster Wang 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.

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR 2017

Susan Holmes (director) and Serena Sides for their work with the Children's Choir.

Aidan Chalk, Natalie Chalk, Camille Galvani, Alex Hermann, Batleen Hermann, Clara Miller, Riley Mitchell, Ferris Mitchell, Ben Rebholz, Elijah Rebholz, India James, Alexandra Yee and Nicola Yee; Violin: Lucy Cosgrove;
Choir parents: Kim Crusey, Joanne Gilles, Ellen Psychas and Kate Rebholz

Those who assisted with summer music in the Parish Hall:
Jonas Howard, Ed & Jenifer Gamber, Ed Warren and Kate Rebholz.

Advent Contemplative Services were made especially meaningful due to the efforts of Ed & Jenifer Gamber, Ruth Kroeger, and Karen Wilson Román.

Dave McCahan (*Convener*), Carolyn Cheney, Andrea Harles, John Payne, Linda Mellgren, Kate Rebholtz, Ed Warren and Bill Woodward for their work on the Organ Committee.

Linda Mellgren works tirelessly to keep the Parish 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 throughout my medical leave. The Parish Choir charged ahead through Epiphany, Lent and Holy Week with the help of Dave McCahan [organ], and Jan Eisenbarth [choir director].

CARE OF THE PARISH

Rector's Report.....The Rev. Cara Spaccarelli

By any measure it has been a tremendous year at Christ Church. We made a significant transition in our children's formation Sunday morning program. We completed our new organ installation and sanctuary renovation, and while we were out of the sanctuary in the summer, we experimented with some different types of music which also went well. In fact, there was no decrease in attendance this summer even though we were out of the sanctuary and had changed the schedule – two things that usually disrupt attendance. We hired a new full-time staff person with the diocese's financial support and that has helped greatly increase our capacity for ministry at Christ Church.

There are a number of ways you may have experienced this increased capacity without even knowing it. For the first time in many years, we took a parish camping trip in October that included more than fifty people. In the last year, over twenty people have participated in three different relationship-based small groups. We have increased our advertising to our neighborhood and at our first major push in this – Christmas Eve – we had 20% more attendance over the previous year. We did a coordinated adult education, children's formation, and sermon series this fall in exploring Moses. In the summer of 2018, we will have our first service/mission trip in over a decade.

As we begin ministry in 2018, I am excited to continue some of the great work we have already done in expanding our ministry capacity as described in the paragraph above. In addition, the leadership – lay and staff – will be focusing on Invite Welcome Connect as a framework for strengthening our ministry over the next two years. Several congregants have gone to a training along with the Rev. Serena and started to brainstorm ways that we can strengthen our ministry of invitation, hospitality, and connection at Christ Church to newcomers and members alike. This work will be significantly expanded in 2018 and all will be invited to take part in areas that inspire and energize them. There are many people who come through our doors or who come across your paths outside our doors who are seeking a deeper connection to community and God – we will explore ways that we can better reach them and in doing so, live more deeply into our own pursuit of deeper connection to one another and God.

Senior Warden's Report..... Joe Smith

Christ Church marked many notable events in 2017, and I feel we have entered an exciting and promising time in the life of our parish. We celebrated the beauty and utility of our renovated Parish Hall and soon turned it into Sunday worship space as the new organ arrived and we began renovating the nave. By autumn, we could finally exhale and start enjoying the new space.

The year was not all about the physical plant and new organ, however. We also began moving forward with enhanced Christian Formation programs for children and adults as well as starting small groups to connect with one another in more meaningful ways. We continued our outreach into the broader community, as well, through programs that put into practice the love that Christ taught us to show to the world.

We have been helped in these endeavors by a grant from the Diocese, which allowed us to add a second priest, enabling the clergy to develop and support a more robust program. With these resources, we are standing on the threshold of a new initiative to "invite, welcome and connect" those around us who seek a vibrant Christian community in which to worship and serve.

On a personal note, my two years as Senior Warden have been fulfilling and have given me a new appreciation for the web of parishioners who give their time, talent and treasure to make Christ Church such a wonderful place.

Strategic Plan 2013-2017 ReviewThe Rev. Cara Spaccarelli

Summary of Status of Goals in 2013-2017 Strategic Plan

In 2012, the Vestry passed a 5-year strategic plan covering a number of areas in parish life. Analysis of completion of goals is somewhat subjective. The color code key is:

Goal Completed

Goal partially or inconsistently completed over 5 years

Goal not completed & interest still there to complete

Goal not completed & low interest present to complete

A. Outreach

- Provide periodic education on issues related to the social and economic needs of people within and beyond our community
- Identify a variety of opportunities for congregants to volunteer within the parish and the larger community according to their availability (one-time basis, evening, weekend, daytime)
- Encourage outreach opportunities that are open to children
- Lead an annual project with broad participation (e.g. Lenten project)
- Focus on relationships with a small group of community partners
- Explore ministry with immigrant groups
- Add at least one new member to the Outreach Committee each year.
- Explore using the funds gathered from two major fundraisers solely for Outreach
- Educate the parish about the work of our partners
- Organize one mission trip in the next five years - Summer 2018
- Explore an outreach to the Marines stationed at Marine Barracks Washington
- Build a long-term relationship with the students and staff of the Bishop Walker school

B. Children and Families

- Advertise children related events on MOTH listserve and Hill Rag
- Recruit and train volunteers to assist the growth of Sunday School
- Improve the upper rooms that Sunday School uses.
- Develop a children's choir that sings quarterly in worship
- Continue liturgical education of children through children's worship and special programs
- Offer spiritually significant experiences to our tweens and youth
- Explore the desire for programs or activities to support parents
- Coordinate education & service opportunities with Outreach Committee
- Purchase ads in local school fundraisers to support schools & advertise to more families
- Sponsor special events – summer activities, parents' night out, that will appeal both to church families and families in the neighborhood

C. Adult Education

- Continue short post-service education offerings – history, liturgy, etc.
- Introduce engaging programs at times when new people are more likely to be visiting our church
- Offer programs that foster a healthy spiritual life & strong relationships
- Offer small group training to equip congregants with leadership skills
- Explore interest in a mid-week education opportunity and a retreat
- Schedule speakers (outside and internal) for adult forum or special event
- Develop spiritual formation opportunities for seniors
- Offer a wide variety of short-term programs to appeal to both broad and specific groups
- Adult forum – develop ongoing lay leadership to guide and sustain

D. Finance Committee

- Recruit one new member of finance committee each year.
- Maintain annual contributions to the Diocese at 10% of normal operating income.
- Seek to finance major capital projects from sources other than normal operating income.
- Explore increasing income from revenue-generating activities and building use.
- Ensure a good return on endowment investments, increase to one million by 2017
- Complete a review of our procedures for handling money and financial records
- Undertake a review of insurance coverage to ensure its adequacy.
- Support an increase (to market rates) in the monthly rent for the three G Street houses.
- In stewardship campaign, explore the biblical and historical basis for giving.
- Enlarge parish participation in planned giving
- Maintain open and regular communications with the parish concerning financial issues.
- Increase annual stewardship to 135 pledge units and \$370,000 by calendar year 2017.
- Undertake a comprehensive study of long-term options related to rental properties.

E. Property Committee

- Continue exploring ways to facilitate small group meetings (up to 25 people)
- Enhance the usability and appearance of the restrooms
- Continue improvements to make CCWP a more accessible and welcoming place
- Explore and evaluate revenue-building possibilities
- Enhance storage capacity throughout the church and the parish hall
- Repair interior plaster damage and paint the sanctuary, to include the wood window frames
- Paint exterior building components – tin details, finials, wood window frames, doors
- Continue to plan and execute small projects that involve congregational participation
- Develop a property book that delineates maintenance schedules for the buildings, equipment, and grounds; and document preferred vendors and their contact information

F. Communication

- Increase usage of social media to connect people – blog, Facebook, etc.
- Eliminate ineffective means of communications
- Develop take-away material for newcomers to educate them about the parish
- Complete a review of our website every two years
- Establish a centralized file structure (in the cloud)
- Continue our current communications team while also recruiting additional volunteers
- Create a tagline to use in advertising that our neighbors can identify us with
- Complete an annual review of all our communications from a newcomer perspective
- Target communications to residents in the Navy Yard and Stadium areas

G. Music

- Sustain the current depth of our music program by replacing or improving our organ
- Identify and purchase a replacement organ that is well-suited to the needs of our church
- Form a children's choir – the desire to bring up a new generation of singers garnered a lot of interest at the strategic plan visioning
- Regularly advertise long-term and short-term opportunities to participate in the choir
- Host one to two concerts each year on the front lawn

H. Liturgy/Worship

- Provide opportunities for the liturgists to learn and reflect together
- Help educate parish about liturgy
- Involve youth in the liturgy through ministry as acolytes
- Recruit and train two new liturgists each year
- Continue collaborative liturgies w/ Congressional Cemetery & other Capitol Hill churches
- Moving liturgical experiences outdoors (i.e. Palm Sunday procession, Ashes at the Metro)
- Offer regular, brief training sessions for parishioners to become readers, petitioners, etc.

I. Pastoral Care

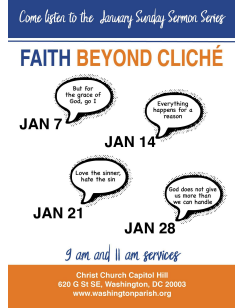
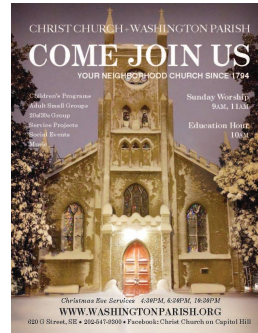
- Provide training for visiting the sick and dying and lay Eucharistic visitor training
- Develop a coordinated response to pastoral needs – identify who is in charge of meals, helping with funeral receptions, baby baskets, etc.
- Offer periodic education sessions on pastoral listening so that congregants can be a pastoral presence to family members, work colleagues, and friends.
- Explore a systematic way for parishioners to become aware of pastoral needs

J. Fellowship

- Encourage fellowship events that are appealing to our neighbors and work with communications to advertise them (we are near max capacity at most inside events)
- Develop "How to do" event instructions for all our fellowship events
- Develop a plan for teaming up new volunteers with experienced volunteers
- Encourage smaller gatherings outside of church to get to know one another better
- Recruit volunteers and leaders for each event to support importance in life of community. Do not rely on vestry members to organize social events

the courage to INVITE

- What are you doing in an organized way to invite new people to visit your church? Do you provide any physical tools to your members to help them invite others?
- What creative avenues do you offer to invite the local community to visit? Do you intentionally connect these activities with information about your church?
- What do you offer in the way of communication, both outside & in-house?
- Is your website up-to-date, relevant, newcomer & mobile friendly? Are you using social media as an evangelism tool?



Children's
Worship and Play
Second Sundays
5pm

All are Welcome
Worship geared to ages
6 and under

Booth at major
Congressional
Cemetery events

Pet Blessing

Ads beyond Hill Rag
Facebook Ads

► **What we are doing** | **what we could do**

Barracks Row
Festival

Instagram

Grill and Chill

Promotional Postcards

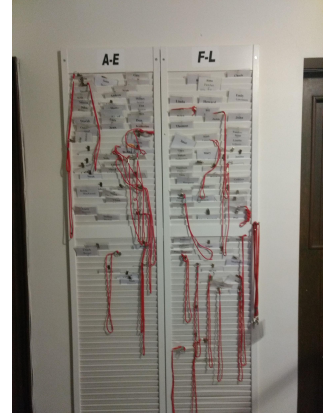
Requiem Service

Informational
Material on Fence

Improved Exterior of
Church

WELCOME: seeing the other

- Is your congregation a "friendly community" or a "community of friends?"
- Has your name tag holder become wall decoration?
- Do you have a central place, like a welcome table, for visitors to find information and someone to talk to?
- Does your church have an organized comprehensive system for following up with newcomers?
- Do members intentionally look for the stranger in your midst to say hello?



Small
Newcomer/Member
Gatherings (20-30)

Have Nametags

Wear Nametags

► **What we are doing** | **what we could do**

Clergy Invites to
Meet Newcomers

Vestry Host at
Welcome Table

Newcomer
Follow-up that
involves members

Additional Signage

More Signage

- Do you help people to discern their gifts?
- Do you teach your parishioners how to listen deeply?
- What are your pathways to belonging?
- Do you have exit conversations with the people who leave your church?
- Do you empower and equip people for the ministries they do inside and outside the church?
- How do you help people figure out how they can engage at church?

CONNECT: the sacred art of listening



Connection closes the back door of the church by strengthening the ties inside.

Skill Training: Listening,
Cultivating a non-anxious
presence, Listening to your
kids)

Small Groups

Personal Asks

Intro to
Christianity/Intro to
Episcopal Church

► **What we are doing** | **what we could do**

Congregants Sharing Stories

(Lay Preaching, This I
believe series, Faith and
work Series)

Gifts Discernment

Clearer Paths to
belonging

Enneagram
Workshop

Newsletter Profiles on
Members

Brainstorming & Planning March 3rd, 12-3pm at Christ Church:

Who are we looking for?

- ▶ People who like meeting people
- ▶ People who have had multiple experience entering new communities
- ▶ People who are passionate about connecting people to outside our doors
- ▶ Project Manager types who can move us to implementation

Don't want to be a part of visioning? We still need you . . .

- Design Skills for promotional materials
- Walkers to deliver promotional materials
- Bakers for gatherings
- Writers for newsletter profiles

Easy things you can do

INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH

82% of unchurched say they are somewhat likely attend church if invited
7 out of 10 unchurched have never been invited to church

BE WELCOMING

Follow the 3 minute rule - or 1 conversation with 1 new person 1x a month
Wear your nametag

CONNECT

If you haven't seen someone in awhile, drop them a note/give them a call

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE VESTRY

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 found Christ Church and was so impressed by the warmth and spirit of the congregation. I was pleased to serve briefly on the vestry in 2017, but unfortunately had to cut my tenure short due to a job change and unforeseen relocation to Denver. Fortunately, I was able to return to DC and my church home within a year. I'd look forward to the opportunity to continue my service to this tremendous community.

Stephen Bellum

My wife, Carla, and I moved to Capitol Hill, from Portland, ME, in 2005. Our daughter, Petra, came along about two and a half years later. Our formative church experiences include Carla's Catholic heritage in her home country, Portugal, and my small town Southern Baptist upbringing in South Carolina town. Christ Church accommodates our traditions, and has been central to our spiritual and community lives since Petra was a baby. I welcome an opportunity to further my relationship with Christ Church and my fellow parishioners by serving on the Vestry.

Anne McGhee Curry

The beginning of my Christ Church parish life began on January 1, 1989 when Robbie and I were looking for a neighborhood church. We had just started dating. In October of that same year we were married at Christ Church and have been attending the 11 am service ever since. In the early years, I taught Sunday School and was part of the "yard maintenance" crew. I have also volunteered for the St. Nick's Dinner and the St. Patrick's Day Dinner just about every year and more recently, served as co-chair for the St. Patrick's Day Dinner. Although not really my strong suit, I was Stewardship Chairman in 2016 and co-chaired last year. Since my retirement in 2013 from the Food Marketing Institute, I have also been available to volunteer in the Church office a couple of days a month. Christ Church has given me so much over the past-almost 30 years. It is my spiritual home and also a place where I have made many dear friends.

Ed Warren

Marcia and I joined Christ Church after moving to Washington in the fall of 2004. While Marcia is a cradle Episcopalian, I came to the Episcopal tradition after being involved in both Baptist and United Methodist communities as a child and teen. Marcia and I met and got married at Christ Church in Columbia, MD. When we moved out of the area in 2007 we found an Episcopal parish that we grew to love during our time there. When we returned to DC in 2014 coming back to Christ Church was like coming home. I've been active in choir, outreach, organ search committee, and vestry and I recently agreed to be a part of a new program called Invite-welcome-connect. I'm excited to be back in the fold and thrilled that the Christ Church family has grown and prospered over the last 10 years. I'm also excited at the prospect of serving on vestry again.

Christ Church + Washington Parish
List of Voting Members for the 2017 Annual Meeting
January 28, 2018

Abrecht, Gary	Curry, Anne	Harles, Andrea	MacGarrigle, Ellen Fain
Abrecht, Mary Ellen	Curry, Robert	Harles, Charles	MacGarrigle, Kelly
Abrecht-Litchfield, Rachel Benson	Dahlman, Anthony	Hash, Michael	Virginia
Adams, Chase	Dannan, Matt	Hatch, Sarah	Malone, Ivy Williams
Aman, Sally	Denton, Don	Head, Brittani	Malone, Mark
Anderson, Lloyd	Denton, Jean	Heitger, Lindsay	Marzen, Moira
Andrews, Paul	Denton, Shelby	Heitger, Nick	Mawer, Randall
Auberger, Marcia	Denton, Zachary	Hughes, Dorothy	Mawn, Russell
Avett, Claire	Dettman, David	Goddard	Mawn, Russell Jr.
Avett, Reid	Dettman, Louise	Hughes, Peter	McCahan, David
	Dix, Brian	Christopher II	McCarthy, Conor Justin
Baker, Mark	Duncan, John	Hermann, David	McCarthy, Emily Biskey
Baker, Meredith	Duncan, John Jr.	Holeyman, Greg	McGinnis, Jamie
Barber, Jackie	Duncan, Marcia	Holmes, Susan	McClain, Wallis
Barnes, Lawrence		Howard, Jennifer Baker	McClellan, Chandler
Barton, Lisa	Earhart, Farleigh	Howard, Joseph	McClellan, Jessica
Bellum, Stephen	Evans, Sarah	Humbert, Jenny	Langston
Bevans, Paul		Humbert, William	McGonigle, Sarah
Billington, Eleanor Steele	Farrow, Margaret	Humphrey, Carole	Podmaniczky
Billington, John	Farrow, Mark	Hussey, Sandra	Mellgren, Linda
Blackwood, Robin	Fiala, Anne		Menefee, Jake
Bolden, Charles	Fiala, Eric	Jackson, Helen	Menefee, Sydney
Bolden, Jackie	Flakker, Harrison	Jacobs, John Patrick	Miedema, Allison
Bonyun, Meredith Mino	Flakker, Tara	James, William	
Bosworth, Sharon	Fletcher, Anne	Jameson, Booth	Miedema, Stephanie*
Bressler, Caroline Parker	Floto, Charles	Jameson, Jennifer	Miedema, Virgil
Bressler, John	Flowers, Benjamin	Jameson, John	Miller, Carrie
Wellington	Flowers, Mary Miller	Jenkins, Thomas Jr.	Miller, Jason
Brewer, Christopher	Fortson, Joseph	Johnson, Carolyn	Mitchell, Thomas
Brewer, Katherine	Fortson, Kyle		Moore, Linda**
Brickey, Olivia	Free, Charles	Keating, Kirsten	Mottley, Lew
Broers, Nancy	Freeman, Shawn	Knight, Carol	Montgomery, Jack
Brooks, Alison	Fritzel, Chuck	Kotis, Linda	Mouta-Bellum, Carla
Burger, Charles		Koudelka, Karla	Muench, Kris
	Gant, Mary Martin	Kroeger, Ruth	Mullin, Elizabeth Duncan
	Gamber, Edward	Kuskowski, Andrew	
	Gamber, Jenifer	Kuskowski, Jennifer	
	Gethin, Laurie		Neely, Sidney
	Giesecke, John	Lawyer, Michael	Neibeling, Rachel
	Giesecke, John	Laymon, Anna	Nickerson, Heather
	Maximus	Laymon, Barbara	Nickerson, Lisa
	Giesecke, Stephanie	Laymon, Paul	Norris, Alice
	Gilles, Joanne	Lester, Inez	Norton, Linda
	Goldberg, Jasper	Litchfield, Todd Eric	Norton, Randall
	Gove, Amber	Lopes, Keith	Norwood, Ann
	Grace, Ann	Lowe, Mary Frances	
	Grace, Michael	Lyons, Andrew	O'Brien, Alden
		Lyons, Elizabeth	O'Brien, Celia
			O'Brien, Lydia
Carrillo, Andrew			
Carrillo, Trisha			
Chalk, Kenneth			
Cheney, Carolyn			
Citro, Constance			
Citro, Joseph			
Clavel, Lise			
Conly, Robert			
Connolly, Gerard			
Connolly, Marian			
Cosgrove, Sean			
Crawford, Michael			
Crusey, Kimberly			

Palmer, Joyce
Parker, Erin
Parker, Nick
Pascuzzo, Christopher
Philip
Payne, John III
Payne, John IV
Pezzarossi, Carolina
Modlin Kobek
Pezzarossi, Nicholas
Joseph
Pipes, Ashleigh
Pipes, Benjamin
Pollock, Jennifer Purdy
Pollock John Robert
Pontius, Ruth
Porter, Gregg
Porter, Sally Harris
Psychas, Ellen

Rebholz, Jason
Rebholz, Kate
Rees, Joseph
Rimensnyder, Nelson
Robinson, Doris
Román, Edgar
Ross, Douglas Neville
Ross, Karen Elaine
Lesley
Rubio, Charles

Sanderson, William
Sandman, James
Joseph
Saunders, Sherry
Schillinger, Emily
Schillinger, Ian
Schlimm, Lynne
Mallonee

Schmid, Bill
Schmid, Deborah
Schmid, Stephanie
Laura
Shea, Jan
Shea, Richard
Shinkman, Paul
Shinkman, Sarah
Simon, Albert
Singer, Paris Suzanne
Skidmore, Jesse
Skidmore, Natalie
Sloan, Kirsten
Smith, D. Joseph
Smith, Randolph
Smith, Thomas
Smith, Victoria
Sousa, John Philip IV
Spaid, Barbara
Spangenberg, Joel
Stadel-Bevans, Cheryl
Stroud, Michael
Svejkosky, Joseph
Sylvester, David
Sylvester, Kit
Symington, Duncan
Symington, Emily
Symington, John
Symington, John Jr.
Symington, Margaret

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

Verret, Jill
Verret, JW
Vielmo, Kelly
Wagner-Smith, Wendy
Wallner, James
Wallner, Kimberly
Ward, Beverly
Warren, Edward
Warren, Marcia
Watson, Kathy
Weber, Andrew
Weber, Cathy Hurst
Wells, Barbara
Wells, Thomas
Whittaker Navez,
Christine**
Whalley, Judy
Whyte, Gaye
Williams Sharron,
Ayasha
Wilson, Christopher
Wilson, Megan
Wilson Román, Karen
Winchester, Erik
Winchester, Sylwia
Woodward, William

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

Zappala, Jordan

Associate Members

(14 new + 21 Existing = 35)

Ansuetz, Carol
Barker, Nathan
Carolan, Jessica
Carolan, Michael
Cilenti, Beth
Cilenti, Michael
Fulkerson, Tonya
Gosser, Allison
Gosser, David
Jensen, Kirsten
Kilbourn, Linette
Kilbourn, Scott
Knight, Katherine
Legge, Christopher
Legge, Pricillia
Lischer, Mary
Lischer, Jeff
Metzger, Nancy
Metzger, Norman
Samaan, Angela
Schwartz, Doug
Schwartz, Liz
Sears, Keri
Selfridge, Greg
Sharron, Matthew
Stewart, Aimee
Stewart, Michael
Strawser, Cornie
Thompson, Lynn
Thompson, Joseph
Titus, James
Tubbs, Michael
Vogel, Lucie
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

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 = 13
Members of voting age lost = 18
Net gain/loss of voting members = -05

As of January 1, 2017, Christ Church reported 307 voting members. As of January 1, 2018, the total number of voting members is **302** as a result of the **net loss of 5** listed above.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Cara Spaccarelli, Rector, and Carolyn Johnson, Registrar

Summary of Comings and Goings in 2017

Baptism (not of Voting Age)

(15)

Barton, Kiera Manilla
Carrillo, Gabriel Robert
Detura, Owen Michael
Heitger, Lincoln Thomas
Gosser, Emerson Lahm
Hoffman, Andrew Walter
Hughes, Henry MacArthur
Rimensnyder, Alice James
Russell, Addison Leigh
Silk, Nathan McClain
Sanderson, Daniel Zooey
Sharron, Miles William
Stewart, Emerson Jean
Sylvester, John Connelly
Verret, Samuel Bruce

Baptism Adult of Voting Age

(0)

Added by Request (11)

Dannan, Matthew
Evans, Sarah
Fortson, Joseph
Fortson, Kyle
Free, Charles
McGinnis, Jamie
Myers, Jordan
Schmid, Bill
Schmid, Deborah
Simon, Albert
Thomas, Cynthia

Transferred in from other

Parishes (0)

Lost by Death (2)

Knopp, Janice
Shaffer, Joseph

Added by Being of Age (16) to Vote (1)

Giesecke, John Maximus

Reactivated (1)

Baldwin, Valerie

Declared Inactive (14)*

Ball, Kimberly
Bason, Amy
Bason, Tamlin
Gauvin, Dionis
Hickey, Liesl
Hickey, Timothy
Hoff, Brittany
Kennedy, Alison
Novak, Jodie
Ray, Jonathan
Slopey, Jordan
VonderLippe, Sarah
Welch, Lauren
Wenham, Rita

Transferred Out (2)

Bergin, John
Colman, Jamie Lynne

Made Associate Member (14)

Barker, Nathan
Cilenti, Beth
Cilenti, Michael
Gosser, Allison
Gosser, David
Jensen, Kirsten
Knight, Katherine
Lischer, Mary
Lischer, Jeff
Schwartz, Doug
Schwartz, Liz
Stewart, Aimee
Stewart, Michael
Tubbs, Michael

Transferred to Associate Member (0)

Confirmations/Reception (0)

Children Added (7)

Bonyun, Halston Thatcher
Carolan, Zoey Mariann
Daffner, Charlotte
Fortson, Joseph Benjamin
Fortson, Ruthie Cordelia
Parker, Vera
Taylor, James Richard
Zappala, Luca Richard