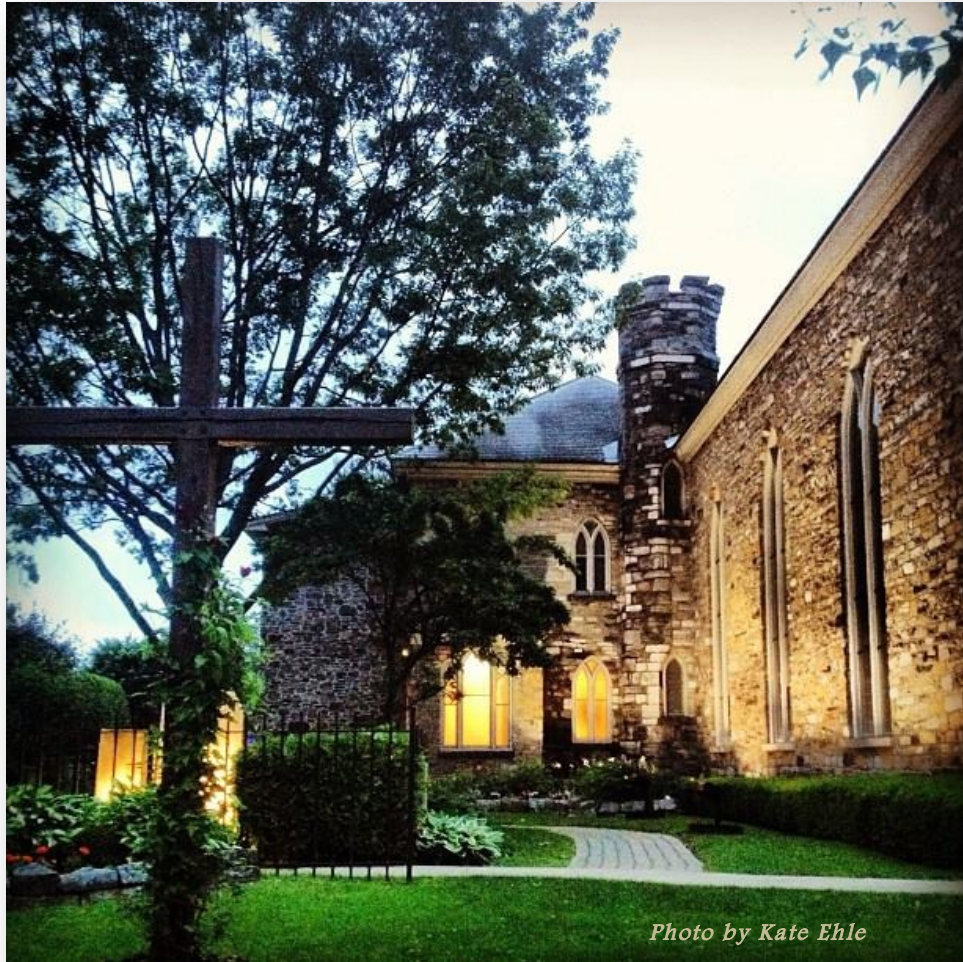


St. John's Episcopal Church Johnstown, New York



2014 Annual Report Annual Meeting January 25, 2015

God, I pray to you with the faith of a mustard seed. I believe that even the smallest efforts of my love and service can communicate your love, your justice, and your mission in this community.

May your will be done here at St. John's Church through the loving 'seeds' of my contributions. Guide me to make right decisions about my time, my treasure and my talent so that you can use them for your glory and the good of your people. For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

Annual Meeting Agenda

January 25, 2015

Action Needed

1. Approval - Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on January 26, 2014 Motion and Vote
2. Appreciation Presentation
3. Candidates for Vestry in 2015: Motion and Vote
 - a. Senior Warden: Roger Rhodes
 - b. Junior Warden: Nancy Brown
 - c. Vestry positions (two available)
 - 1) Steve McGrattan
 - 2)
4. Nomination and election of delegates to the 2015 Diocesan Convention Motion and Vote
 - a. Roger Rhodes
 - b. Nancy Marucci
 - c. Holly Chamberlin
5. Presentations

David D'Amore – Building Committee, “The Vision Takes Shape”

Nancy Brown – Capital Campaign Recap

Tom Bell – Stewardship Campaign
6. Written Committee Reports:
 - a. Acolyte Ministry
 - b. Altar Guild
 - c. Buildings and Grounds
 - d. Capital Campaign Committee
 - e. 21 N. Market Street Report
 - f. Family Ministry
 - g. Food Pantry
 - h. Minister of Music
 - i. NOAH Free Community Meals
 - j. Outreach Committee
 - k. Parish Life
 - l. Special Events
 - m. Stewardship Committee
 - n. Sunday School
 - o. Warden's Report
 - p. Women of St. John's
 - q. Youth Ministry
7. Report of the Treasurer – 2015 Operating Budget
Holly Chamberlin
8. Rector's Report: State of the Church 2015
9. Thank You
10. Presentation – “The Year in Review”
11. Adjournment and Final Blessing Motion and Vote

St. John's Episcopal Church, Johnstown
2013 Annual Meeting held on Sunday, January 26, 2014

Minutes

Start time: 11:00 am End Time: 11:56 am

The 2013 Annual Meeting of St. John's Episcopal Church was held in the sanctuary of the church. About 92 members of the Parish were present.

1. Mother Laurie opened by stating that there are only 2 candidates for 3 Vestry positions at this time. She asked that people pray to see if they are called to serve. If there are no nominations from the floor, the best thing to do is to speak to her after the service. Jeffrey Vedder Fonda has resigned from his position and will not serve his remaining year on Vestry. This means there is a one-year term open.
2. Adoption of minutes for the 2012 Annual Meeting
 - a. Jeffrey Vedder Fonda made a motion to adopt the minutes. Joan Sayer seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.
3. Candidates for Vestry 2014
 - a. Senior Warden - Sandra Van Slyke
 - b. Junior Warden - Roger Rhodes
 - c. Rosemary Brown
 - d. Gary Miller
 - e. No nominations made from the floor. Helen Frederick made a motion to accept the slate of candidates. Steve McGrattan seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.
4. Diocesan Convention Delegates
 - a. Sandra Van Slyke, Roger Rhodes, Nancy Marucci with Holly Chamberlin as alternate.
 - b. Dan Cameron made a motion to accept the slate of delegates to the convention. Gary Miller seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.
5. Mother Laurie stated that copies of the Annual Reports are available through the office, on the bulletin board and on the website.
6. Report of Treasurer: 2014 Budget - Holly Chamberlin
 - a. Holly noted that this is a summary of the 2014 budget; the complete version has already been adopted by the Vestry and is available to anyone who would like to see it.
 - b. Briefly clarified difference between Capital and Operating budget.
 - i. Operating budget does not include renovation or 21 N. Market St. budgets.
 - ii. The budget discussed here encompasses the church building and rectory.
 - c. Wine & Chocolate Tasting not included in the budget as is a part of the NOAH budget.
 - d. Year end - tremendous year of pledges and gifts.
 - e. 2014 Budget - Pie Chart
 - i. 83.6% is Pledge, plate, gifts and grants
 - ii. Discussed using non-designated gifts and designating them to the 21 N. Market St. project and the Renovations.
 - iii. Expenses
 1. No raises given since 2009 and Vestry voted to do so this year
 - iv. Line 44 - Diocesan Assessment - How much money goes to the Diocese base on last two years expenses and income?
 - v. Question from the floor: Line 21 - Misc. expense and surcharges - Why doubled? Answer - This is to account for the unexpected. With extensive changes happening, thought to increase the amount from 2013. Does not have to be spent.
 - vi. Mother Laurie discussed the remaining unfunded portion of the pie - 10.4% (\$25,600). At moment this amount must come out the endowment to balance the budget.
7. Rector's Report
 - a. Thank you to the staff: Dr. Bob, Jim D'Amore, and Committee chairs asked to stand.
 - b. Gifts given to Marj Kline for her work on the stained glass window book.
 - c. Gift given to Lindsay Hinkle for her work at St. John's and well wishes as she moves on.
 - d. Mother Laurie read report enclosed.
 - e. Slide Show of 2013 church events.
8. Vote of Appreciation for outgoing Vestry members
 - a. Members called forward.
 - b. Jeffrey Vedder Fonda's resignation was accepted with regret.

9. Planning Committee Comments – Nancy Brown presented
 - a. Last year at this time she was introducing David D’Amore and discussing a handicap bathroom in to the Hawkins Room. Noted how far church had come at this point.
 - b. Bids for Hawkins Room renovations have been submitted and recommendations will be made to Vestry at next meeting.
 - c. Dave D’Amore spoke - Please be patient while the renovations are going on.
10. Louise Darragh asked from the floor about Mother Laurie mentioning 6 year Vestry terms. Mother Laurie clarified that after looking into bylaws, people can serve two consecutive terms for a total of 6 years on the Vestry. This was not something that was happening this year or next.
11. Nancy Marucci asked for a round of applause for Mother Laurie and her work.
12. Mother Laurie invited people to coffee hour and to tours after the meeting.
13. Final Blessing

Meeting adjourned at 11:56 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Hinkle – Clerk of the Vestry

Vestry Candidate Biographies

Steve McGrattan

Steve McGrattan was born in Gloversville New York and raised in Colonie until moving back to Johnstown for his high school senior year graduating in 1984. Steve is currently working for the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets.

Steve has been an active member of St John's since 1997. Past activities have included Buildings and Grounds Committee, Vestry, Wine and Chocolate Committee, Rector Search Committee and 6 St John's Presents performances. Continuing activities include Choir, Bell Choir, Men's Quartet, Colonial Trio, Chalice Bearer, NOAH Team and Family Ministry.

Steve and his wife Cheryl and son Rory live in Fonda. Cheryl and Rory are also active members of the St John's family. Cheryl's activities include Wine and Chocolate Committee, J-Time volunteer and Family Ministry. Rory is a new and enthusiastic member of the Acolyte Team.

Nancy Brown

Nancy Brown is a native of Johnstown. And has been a member of St. John's since 1992. She teaches fifth grade at Park Terrace Elementary School in Gloversville.

Nancy has served two Vestry terms at St. John's and is currently the chairperson of the Capital Campaign Committee and the Outreach Committee, volunteers for the Wine & Chocolate fundraiser, serves on a NOAH Free Community Meal team and is a Chalice Bearer. In the past, she has been involved in Sunday School, the Rector Search Committee and several other church activities. Nancy also oversees the "Elizabeth & Eileen's Closet" program, which is housed at St. John's.

She married her husband, Jeff, at St. John's and her three daughters were baptized here. Their home is in Peck Lake.

Acolyte Report 2014

St. John's Acolytes for the year 2014 were McKenzie Bellen Natalie Baxter, Noah Western, Whitney Western, Marissa Miller, Abbie Rizzo, Katy Grady, Becky Polidore, Kelly Lawlor, Nancy Marucci, Christine Parry, Mike Parry, Bonnie Peters and Mike Lawlor. Rory McGrattan and Jen Rowland joined as acolytes during 2014.

We held acolyte training and robe fitting on April 12th in preparation for Holy Week Services.

On December 13th rehearsal was held for Deacon Mark Chestnut's ordination into the priesthood on December 14th by Bishop William Love. Acolytes participating were Natalie Baxter, Rory McGrattan, Marissa Miller, Bonnie Peters, Mike Lawlor, and Nancy Marucci.

On November 15th Nancy Marucci, and Jen Rowland took part in the Acolyte Festival held in Albany at the Cathedral of All Saints.

On December 6th and December 20th we held training and rehearsal for the Christmas Eve services.

I would like to thank and commend all our acolytes for their faithfulness and loyalty in their service here at St. John's Episcopal Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Lawlor

Altar Guild Report 2014

The Altar Guild is responsible for preparing the altar for all of the services. This includes Wednesday, both Sunday Services, special services, weddings, baptisms and funerals. We clean and iron all of the linens and polish the silver.

2014 brought changes for St. John's Altar Guild. Our biggest and most appreciated change is the beautiful Sacristy in the newly renovated Hawkins Room. It is truly a pleasure to have an efficient space to carry out our Altar Guild ministry. Also in 2014, we accepted the resignation of Sheila Thomas as our long time director. We thank her for her many years of service. Audrey Kline and Bonnie Valachovic agreed to co-chair this position moving forward.

We currently have fourteen members including: Audrey Kline, Bonnie Valachovic, Holly Chamberlin, Sharron Fonda, Bonnie Peters, Nancy Marucci, Dee Brown, Barbara Morenus, Barbara Cameron, Ann Underwood, Linda Jenks, Pat Beck, Barbara Reffitt and Ann Rhodes. We accepted resignations from Sheila Thomas and Shannon Kline and welcome three new members; Pat Beck, Barbara Reffitt and Ann Rhodes. This ministry is open to anyone who would like to join us. It involves approximately a four-week commitment through the year.

We would like to recognize and thank Linda Jenks for taking care of the large fair linens throughout the year and Louise Darraugh for her donation of hand made blankets for each baptism.

Bonnie Valachovic and Audrey Kline made a new red chasuble and stole set for Mother Laurie to match our beautiful embroidered altar frontal. A red stole was also made for Father Mark Chestnut as a gift for his ordination.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey Kline & Bonnie Valachovic

Buildings and Grounds Report 2014

The following is a list of items requiring the attention of the Buildings and Grounds Committee:

- Water leaks in the Hawkins Room
- Resiliency Meeting at FMCC – emergency preparedness for natural disasters – Feb. 27, 2014
- Repair of the bell cable
- Rebuilding of windows in the Hawkins Room
- Additional paving for parking at rear of Church
- Repair of NOAH steps
- Extension of porch roof at back entrance to Hawkins Room
- Repair/replacement of chancel lights
- Sealant of basement wall at foundation of Church
- Removal of waste metal from church basement and at 1 Church St.
- Evaluation of Church roof – faulty shingles
- Snow removal contract for Church properties
- Alarm system and certificate of occupancy for 1 Church St.
- Rectory window – not yet repaired
- Blow dryers in Church basement restrooms
- Sink repair in men's bathroom

Special thanks to all the volunteers who have accomplished so much at 1 Church St. Special gratitude to Jim D'Amore for dealing with our issues on a daily basis and making many of the repairs. His expertise and dedication to St. John's is a blessing to our parish.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Rhodes

Capital Campaign Committee Report 2014

The Capital Campaign Committee would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to God, St. John's parishioners, and friends of St. John's for exceeding our campaign goal of \$450,000. As of this writing, we have raised \$473,000, not including additional pledges of \$6,000 in labor.

Thanks to the generosity of so many, we have pledges to cover all of the work needed by our historic building, as well as nearly 30% of the cost of refurbishing the first floor of One Church Street. Please pause a moment -- as we have many times -- to thank God and your fellow parishioners for such an amazing group effort. A Community Campaign to cover the remaining costs will be launched in the spring. Thank you for sowing bountifully, may you reap bountifully as well.

Our gratitude goes to Mother Laurie, Holly Chamberlin, Tom Bell, Jeff Brown, Sandy VanSlyke, Richard Kline, Steve Serge, Pam and Gary Miller, Dan Ehle, George and Audrey Kline, Katy Grady, Bonnie Valachovic, David D'Amore, Jen Rowland, Cheryl McGrattan, Leslie Bosworth and Leslie Pendleton for their time, talent and faith.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Brown

21 North Market Report for 2014

2014 marked the first full year of 21 North Market (formerly the Johnstown YMCA) as property of St. John's Episcopal Church. A committee was assembled in January and consists of members from the congregation and community to provide oversight and insight for 21 North Market. Members of the committee are Dave D'Amore, Skip Beck, Tom Baird, Jeff Brown, Russ Brown, Mike Haverly, Mike Parry, Steve Serge, Chris Foss, Mother Laurie, Jack Valachovic, Karl Christensen and Mike Lawlor. The committee met monthly reviewing the current state of the building, an architectural program statement and floor plans.

During the year a major leak of the steam boiler was repaired with the replacement of a water make up unit by Adirondack Mechanical. The roof drain was repaired by JA Edgar to fix a leak. The mold and asbestos in the basement was abated by Precision Environ.

Many volunteers worked Wednesday evenings getting the first floor ready for the new church offices by cleaning, painting, and completely refurbishing all windows to make them usable again. Bob and Pat Hagen removed the sash units and replaced the existing dry rotted sash cords on all windows.

September 20th many volunteers showed up to paint and clean and on September 27th the offices were moved from the second floor of the church to the first floor of 21 North Market or 1 Church St. as we now know it.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Lawlor

Family Ministry Program Report 2014

The purpose of the Family Ministry Program at St. John's Church is to help our families grow closer to God and each other and to help build strong families by centering all of our relationships around Christ. We offer activities for the whole family, couples, mothers and their children, fathers and their children and anyone who wants to join us. Through each activity we hope our whole church family is strengthened in their relationship to each other.

Committee Members

Becky Polidore
Joe and Jeanine LoDestro
Ryan Baxter

Pam Miller
Steve and Cheryl McGrattan

2014 Activities

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| October 5 | Hike up Kane Mountain – 25 participants including adults and kids hiked up Kane Mountain on a beautiful Fall day. |
| November 15 | Operation Christmas Child, Samaritan's Purse – 9 kids and 7 adults packed shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. The kids wrote letters and packed a photo of our St John's kids in each box. The entire St John's Family sent 43 boxes filled with gifts to children around the world. Kids in Columbia and Angola received our gift of hope and love. |
| December 12 | Parents Night Out – Parents dropped 6 kids off to spend time playing games and to watch "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" – which we all know the Grinch did not succeed! A free will offering was collected for our Teen Ministry program. Marissa Miller earned \$100 for the Teen Ministry program by playing with kids! |
| January 16 | Movie Night – 23 parents and kids ate pizza, popcorn, Skittles, Swedish Fish and watched the movie <i>Iron Giant</i> . We left a few Skittles for Mother Laurie to enjoy on Sunday morning. |

My sincere appreciation to Mother Laurie and the Vestry for encouraging this ministry; to Becky, Joe, Jeanine, Ryan, and Pam for all of their help in planning and participating and cleaning up; to Cheryl for her constant encouragement and cereal games (you have to come to Parents Night Out to find out what this is!); to Bobbi Joe and Kathi for making last minute salads and printing out photos for OCC; to Lee and Holly for patience with me and getting the word out; to all moms and dads for sharing their wonderful kids; and to the kids for being kids and helping to remind us all that we are children of God.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve McGrattan

Johnstown Council of Churches Food Pantry

Annual Report for 2014

The Johnstown Council of Churches Food Pantry is committed to serving the needy by providing food for those who seek immediate assistance. We are open to Johnstown city residents from nine till noon every Wednesday and supply bags of food for the Department of Social Service.

In the year of 2014 we served a total of 1,570 adults and 670 children. One hundred and eighty bags of food were given to the Department of Social Service to be handed out when applying for food stamps. This represents a large increase over previous years.

For Thanksgiving and Christmas we provided 80 bags of food, as needed for church members and the Maternity Services for Johnstown residents. All of the bags contained a ten dollar gift certificate from Hannaford.

We collected donations and food from local churches, schools and residents, businesses and grants when available. We received food from the annual Postal Service food drive and the annual Boy Scout food drive. We are a member of the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York. We purchase food and receive free USDA food when available. Because of the increase in clients the cost of running the pantry has increased substantially and the monetary donations have declined.

We are starting the year with sufficient amounts on the shelves due to donations of the churches, people and organizations and schools during the holiday season. We want to thank everyone for their support and donations.

We would like to thank all our volunteers who help at the food drives, sorting and unloading food as well as those that help us transport and unload food from the Regional Food Bank deliveries. A special thanks to those volunteers that are there the days we are open, handing out food and doing the paperwork.

This year will be challenging because of the increase in clients.

Thank you for your support and guidance, we could not do this without you.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom & Kathy Mickel

Minister Of Music Report 2014

St. John's Music Program has been once again a blessing to our worship experiences. We are truly fortunate to have the talented and dedicated people in our choirs. I am always so thankful for each and every one of them. It is also such a pleasure to work with our wonderful Rector, Mother Laurie. She has brought a breath of fresh air into St. John's and our community. I look forward to 2015 with excitement and anticipation with our new adventures in faith.

Our choirs were very busy during 2014 both here in St. John's and out in our community. As usual our Choir brought beautiful and inspirational music to our 10:00 o'clock Eucharist each Sunday. They also once again sang beautifully for our annual Christmas Eve Concert prior to the 11:00 p.m. Eucharist. There are very few churches that have a choir that is of the quality of St. John's choir. They also joined with other choirs from our area to present a Concert on Palm Sunday evening here at Foothills United Methodist Church in Gloversville. I am so very proud of this wonderful choir. We are always happy to welcome new members to our family. If you can carry a tune and feel a calling to this ministry of our church, please join us on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 for rehearsal.

Our Handbell Choir has continued to ring joyfully for many of our 10 a.m. Eucharist Services throughout the year. They were also part of the Christmas Eve Concert prior to the 11 p.m. Eucharist. We are very pleased to have welcomed four new members to this group. We are very fortunate to have this unique and talented group as part of our church family. I love working with them. I look forward to another fun filled year with them.

Our Men's Quintet has also been very active throughout the year. In addition to being part of our Choir these men sing not only here at St. John's, but also out in the community. They sang for our Holy Thursday Eucharist and were also part of the Christmas Eve Concert here at St. John's. They also for the ninth year sang at the Caroga Lake Chapel. These men have a beautiful sound and dedicated hearts. I love them all.

The Colonial Trio whose members are Irena Garin, George Kline and Steve McGrattan. They are an instrumental group and perform all kinds of music. They have played several times here at St. John's and were debuted at one of our 250th anniversary events. Since then they have played for several events and services including the Christmas Eve Concert. They are very willing to play for programs--all you have to do is ask. They are a very welcome part to our music program.

I am also very pleased to announce the addition of our newest group "The Chamber Quartet." The members of this group are Karen Flickinger, Margaret Roosa, Tom Bell and Ray Hagen. They sang together for the first time last summer at Caroga Lake Chapel. They were fantastic!!! They also sang at St. John's for the Annual Christmas Concert prior to the 11 p.m. Eucharist on Christmas Eve. You will be hearing a lot more from this fine group I can promise you that. I am so proud of them.

In conclusion may I just say Praise the Lord for all the gifts He has given to us here at St. John's. I look forward with great anticipation to see what God has in store for us in 2015. See you in Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Robert Hallenbeck

Outreach Committee Report

The Outreach Committee started 2014 with a hat and mitten collection, run by Pam Miller, to benefit our NOAH participants, Warren Street Elementary, and Park Terrace Elementary. During Lent, Sue Bergen organized a collection to meet the needs of Office of the Aging clients. From January to April, we partnered with The Elizabeth Cady Stanton Hometown Association to host Elizabeth and Eileen's Closet, which provides prom dresses for local young women at no cost.

We sent "Sweet Hugs" care packages to our college students in both April and December. In September we hosted the community CROP Walk for Hunger. Thanks to Pam Miller, Pat Beck, Dee Brown, Elsa Nagy, and Sue Bergen for their work on this.

Finally, our annual Giving Tree provided Christmas gifts for 36 local elementary students and 25 senior citizens. Our gratitude is given to the many St. John's parishioners who made all of this possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Brown

NOAH Report 2014

The Community Free Meals/NOAH program saw another successful year of operation. How is success measured? Is success measured by the support of the volunteers, the number of meals served, the pounds of fresh vegetables used, the gallons of milk consumed, the loaves of bread sliced, and nutritious meals served? Is it successful based on the number of gifts and contributions, or the successful fundraising event, a Wine & Chocolate Tasting? Yes to all these factors. It is also measured by the kind and generous helping hand of John Biaz volunteering for all food deliveries and assignment each Sunday with the meal service. It is also measured by the acceptance and welcome offered all to be served at our table.

We had the support of 14 teams planning, preparing, and serving the meals. We had the support of the Lexington Center Work Crew and volunteers with Food Deliveries twice a month. We were supported by the Regional Food Bank. We received 400 pounds of fresh produce, 8 gallons of milk, and 124 loaves of bread monthly. We served roast pork, chicken, fish sticks, meatballs, vegetable frittatas, turkey, kielbasa, catfish, and spiral ham. We were also supported by the United Way of Fulton County through a grant.

All this activity happened without a major hitch. The future location of the program to the old Johnstown YMCA building will offer a wonderful opportunity for continued success.

Thank you all for your support.

Nancy A. Travis

Parish Life/Hospitality Committee Report 2014

The Hospitality Committee and the Parish Life Committee worked together and held the following events this past year:

February: Mardi Gras Brunch held the Sunday prior to Ash Wednesday- our first event held in One Church Street!
June 1: Standing Room Only Sunday – Special Coffee Hour!
June 8: Pot Luck Dinner after Pentecost Service
June 22: Rededication of the Hawkins Room Reception
October 5: Ribbon Cutting & Brunch in the Hawkins Room - Capital Campaign Presentation by Nancy Brown
November: Annual Harvest Dinner catered by Union Hall Restaurant
December 14: Ordination Reception for Father Mark Chestnut

Refreshments were also served following baptisms and funeral receptions throughout the year.

I would like to extend special thanks to all who cooked, baked, decorated, set up and cleaned up. All of these events were well attended. We are blessed to have such talented people that volunteer many times throughout the year to make all of these events a success!

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Marucci

Special Events Committee Report 2014

The Special Events Committee held the following events this past year:

April: The Third Annual Spring Fling Dinner Dance was held at the Johnstown Masonic Lodge attended by close to 70 people. The Youth Group were again our servers. The money they made went to toward their mission trip. A wonderful time was had by all!

June: The First Annual Biker Blessing in the Park hosted by Sandy Van Slyke. A leather stole for Mother Laurie to wear was specially made for this event. It was very well attended for the first year. Refreshments & baked goods were provided. Mother Laurie blessed the bikers & also went for a motorcycle ride, which thrilled us all! Plans are for this to be an annual St. John's event!

November: The Eighth Annual Wine & Chocolate & Craft Beer Event was held at the Johnstown Masonic Lodge. It was a huge success. This year we made over \$14,000 for the NOAH program. Special thanks to this special committee who work all year long to prepare for this event – doing fund raising, securing sponsors and making arrangements so that every year – it is a hugely successful event.

Appreciation and my sincere thanks to all who attended planning meetings, baked, cooked, donated, sold tickets, set up and cleaned up and worked or attended these events. Special thanks to our youth group who serve and do such a wonderful job so cheerfully each and every year!

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Marucci

Stewardship Committee Report 2014

Once again this year, we are in the happy position of beginning the Stewardship Committee Annual Report with a big Thank You – to you as members of St. John's and especially to God.

The St. John's community has shown extraordinary generosity this year. The committee was concerned that the additional financial commitments to the capital campaign might reduce the level of annual pledges – especially when we realized that the two campaigns would have to be run at the same time. We really shouldn't have worried. Not only did St. John's exceed the goal set for the capital campaign, we actually increased annual pledging over last year's levels, both in terms of the number of pledges (68 – an increase of 3) and in terms of the total amount pledged (\$136,896.00 – an increase of \$14,246.00). Wow!

What those numbers mean in terms of the St. John's operating budget are discussed in detail in the Treasurer's Report. The amounts matter because, like every household and every business enterprise, we have expenses to cover. The difference is that at St. John's, those dollars are being converted into ministry on several levels. We pay for the expenses of ministry within St. John's, in our local area and in the broader Christian community.

But as we have been discussing over the past couple years, the real focus of stewardship is on us as individual Christians - the relationship between our daily lives and the Lord God who sees us, hears us, guides us, blesses us and calls us into closer relationship with him. The rewards of hearing that call can be felt when we spend time in prayer, when we come together in worship and fellowship, and when we see our ministries make a difference in people's lives. We truly feel and appreciate the abundance that God gives us when we share ourselves with others.

God has blessed us abundantly! Thank you for sharing his grace.

Respectfully submitted,

The Stewardship Committee:

Tom Bell, David Bosworth, Rosemary Brown,
Mother Laurie, Mike Lawlor, Sandy Van Slyke

Sunday School Report 2014

Religious Education Coordinators: Pam Vedder-Miller, Leatrice Miller-Natola and Kelly Etherton

Volunteer Facilitators: Pat Beck, Cheryl McGrattan, Nancy Brown, Donna Christensen, Bobbi Jo Haverly and Doris Gould

Curriculum Resources: Revised Standard Bible, DK Children's Bible, and many other resources including Arch Books for children. Lessons are developed by Lee Miller-Natola, and proofed by Pam Vedder-Miller.

Attendance: Attendance for J-Time Church School fluctuates during the year. The average is about 12 students per Sunday, which is comparable to last year.

Jesus-Time ("J-Time") Session Goals: Every session is designed to ensure that all children who attend regularly or just simply visits feel welcome and loved and that they belong. We hope to create meaningful, delightful, life long memories through active learning lessons.

Overall Learning Objectives and Focus 2014 - 2015:

- Strive to give students a sense of the beauty and comfort in Episcopal tradition and ritual by teaching the children prayers and music they will hear in the worship service. We also teach and practice "church manners", for example, how to receive communion. We also emulate small aspects of the worship service in our lessons so that children get the opportunity to learn things like The Lord's Prayer, and the Sign of the Cross. Learning these simple aspects of Episcopal tradition helps children participate in the worship service and contribute to the "work of the people" which IS the worship service.
- J-Time lessons and activities strive to help the children of St. John's become seamlessly woven into all aspects of the parish life of St. John's. We continue to seek new and meaningful ways to improve the visibility of the children while maintaining a worship service that is liturgically correct and appropriate for all parishioners.
- Material covered in the 2014 – 2015 year includes: Exploration of The 10 Commandments in detail including looking at the story as well as examining each commandment. We practiced "targeting God" using simple Koosh Shooters and targets in which GOD is the center. We shared many wonderful discussions about how challenging it is to focus on God every day.

J-Time: Future:

- We now have the space needed for our growing attendance. Renovations are needed to make the old office space and bathroom more efficient and inviting. This need is being addressed through the planning committee.
- We hope to continue to grow our volunteer base so that more people are willing to participate in helping with J-Time.

Thank you for your continued support in making St. John's J-Time Church School a vital program of St. John's!

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Vedder-Miller and Leatrice Miller-Natola

Senior Warden Report 2014

Five years ago, after forty years a member of St. John's, I received the "Call" to become a Vestry member. My reply was "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening". At that time Mother Laurie asked Vestry members to chair a committee. I discussed my job experience with Mother Laurie and asked to be part of the financial committee.

My Vestry experience provided me with a couple great gifts. First, it gave me the opportunity to work with wonderful people, with endless energy, at St. John's. This energy was instrumental in many successful endeavors: St. John's Presents, Women of St. John's, Wine & Chocolate Tastings, NOAH, Spring Fling, Blessing of the Bikes, Mission Trips, Hawkins Room renovation, purchase of 21 N. Market Street, Wednesday Night Work Crew and most recently surpassing the goal for the Capital Campaign.

Second, I gained insight into the behind the scene activities that has enabled St. John's Episcopal Church to remain a focal point in Johnstown for the past 250 years. Our church is a wonderful testament to the dedication of the ministers and parishioners, over those years. Serving on numerous committees, during my term, has allowed me to experience the enthusiasm and dedication expressed by committee members with their love for St. John's and God.

In the next few **years**, opportunities for you to serve St. John's as a Vestry member or a committee volunteer will abound. As St. John's moves into the next 250 years of service to God, I pray that others will hear their name "called" and will reply "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening".

Sincerely submitted,

Sandra Van Slyke
Senior Warden

Women of St John's Report 2014

The WOSJ's continued our role in providing fundraising activities to support St John's and its members throughout the past year. Our list of fundraising/activities included:

- Soup or Bowl
- Chocolate Covered Strawberries Fundraiser
- Spring Fling Basket Raffle
- Honorary Senior Breakfast --Scholarship recipient was James Hannah
- RADA (Cutlery)
- Christmas Cookie Sale

Throughout the year Arlene Sitterly has continued to send cards to our members for various occasions. We appreciate Arlene's dedication, 93 cards in total.

Thru our various events we were able to contribute to: St. Eustace Mission, St. John's Youth Mission, contribute towards Hawkins Room Furniture and Christmas Gift Cards for the NOAH participants

In November our Executive Committee together with Mtr. Laurie met to discuss the future of the WOSJ's. We concluded that the program ran its course and the WOSJ's would disband 12/31/2014. There will be something new. We are now leaving room for God to let us know what we're going to do.

Thank you for your support.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne LaVallee and Barbara Cameron

Youth Ministry Report 2014

We have a faithful group of teens who meet to read their bibles, share prayer time and eat really good desserts. In the past year we have done fundraising for our mission trip to Cairo, NY (and raised nearly \$3000!), volunteered at church events and experienced the graduation of two of our members (Noah Western and McKenzie Bellen).

However we were blessed by the participation of 7 of our teens, plus four teens from Johnstown Reformed Church, and a total of three chaperones for our Reach Mission trip to Cairo, NY. It was, once again, an amazing and transformative experience, and it was a privilege to work alongside our young people. They have compassion, endurance, flexibility, faith, commitment, and a great sense of humor.

Our group has shrunk somewhat this year, and we have about three regular attendees to our bible study. However, our exciting news for 2015 is that four of us applied, and were accepted, to be a part of the Summer Madness Mission Trip to Northern Ireland in from June 29-July 11, 2015.



**Mission Trip to Cairo, NY
Summer 2014**

Treasurer's Report 2014

For St. John's, 2014 has been a very busy year in the way of finances. Most church communities are thrilled to have a partial renovation to their church building or to have a major capital campaign during the church year. Amazingly enough, St. John's has accomplished both of these things giant projects in the past year, while also managing new ownership of an historic building!

The financial requirements associated with these projects are challenging, but I can assure you that St. John's has developed the procedures needed to manage these developments. We have reinvigorated the Finance Committee in order to gain more input into the church accounting and money management processes and this has been a great help to us.

I am very pleased to report that St. John's 2014 and 2015 financial picture continues to look healthy. Financial gifts to the church have grown since last year and we are very grateful. Pledged income continues to be the major portion of our operating income and, as with most small businesses, payroll is the largest part of our expenses.

You will notice that the operating budget for 2015 shows a deficit for the year. The Vestry has decided to present to the congregation a budget withdrawing no funding from the Endowment Fund. In addition, there are not yet any fundraising events planned for next year, and that also contributes to the annual deficit. To avoid this we need assistance from everyone in the congregation. Of course, if you're able, increasing your stewardship pledge during the year would help greatly. If you know of effective fund-raising programs, please let us know – even if you don't think you can direct such an event. We may be able to find just the right volunteer to help!

If you have any questions about the 2015 budget or about any other church financial issues, I'll be happy to answer them. If anything arises at a later time, please feel free to call me at 736-1889 or email me at hollycny@nycap.rr.com.

Respectfully submitted

Holly Chamberlin
Treasurer, St. John's Episcopal Church

ST. JOHN'S 2015 BUDGET SUMMARY

	Category	2014 BUDGET	Dec 2014 Year End	2015 Budget	2015 Comments
INCOME	1 Pledge and Plate Income	\$174,200.00	\$161,714.96	\$170,100.00	
	2 Gifts	\$3,000.00	\$11,775.00	\$7,000.00	
	3 Endowment Withdrawal	\$25,599.00	\$40,600.00	\$0.00	
	4 Other Reimbursements	\$21,230.00	\$22,560.60	\$21,500.00	Category includes payments for Study Bibles, NOAH payments, Flower donations, Other Reimbursements
	5 Special Fundraising Events	\$13,200.00	\$6,590.05	\$2,000.00	This includes money raised for Mission Trip (\$1200 in projected fund-raising) No Spring Fling and no Fall Fest
	6 TOTAL	\$237,229.00	\$243,240.61	\$200,600.00	
EXPENSES - MINISTRY	7 Rector's Salary	\$51,800.00	\$51,800.00	\$53,354.00	
	8 Rector's Insurance and Benefits	\$26,040.89	\$32,657.32	\$25,689.21	
	9 Business and Travel Expenses	\$1,800.00	\$713.49	\$1,300.00	
	10 Rector's Discretionary Fund	\$1,500.00	\$3,471.87	\$3,000.00	
	11 Worship Supplies	\$4,900.00	\$4,002.72	\$4,000.00	
	12 Supply Priests	\$700.00	\$561.28	\$800.00	
	13 TOTAL	\$86,740.89	\$93,206.68	\$88,143.21	
EXPENSES - BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	14 Utilities	\$14,712.88	\$14,687.95	\$14,750.00	
	15 General Insurance	\$12,601.80	\$11,260.17	\$8,800.00	
	16 Maintenance and Repairs	\$5,600.00	\$8,763.52	\$8,000.00	
	17 TOTAL	\$53,227.56	\$34,288.65	\$31,550.00	
EXPENSES - ADMIN	18 Office Supplies, Postage, Publicity	\$6,400.00	\$10,154.05	\$8,100.00	
	19 Telecommunications / Computers	\$6,300.00	\$6,412.41	\$6,600.00	
	20 Miscellaneous Expenses, Surcharges	\$8,600.00	\$6,452.10	\$6,500.00	
	21 TOTAL	\$21,300.00	\$23,018.56	\$21,200.00	
EXPENSES-- PERSONNEL	22 Minister of Music	\$21,278.80	21278.68	\$21,704.68	
	23 Administrative Assistant	\$15,000.00	\$10,912.66	\$13,125.00	
	24 Sexton	\$11,393.00	\$11,393.04	\$11,621.00	
	25 Payroll Taxes	\$3,200.00	\$3,851.61	\$3,910.00	
	26 Workers Comp and Other Insurance	\$1,860.00	\$2,113.69	\$2,100.00	
	27 Vestry Retreat	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
	28 TOTAL	\$53,231.80	\$49,549.68	\$53,060.68	
EXPENSES -- PROGRAMS AND EDUCATION	29 Altar Guild	\$100.00	\$62.80	\$200.00	
	30 Music Program Support	\$400.00	\$335.17	\$300.00	
	31 NOAH Support	\$2,900.00	\$0.00	\$2,800.00	
	32 Special Fundraising Events	\$4,000.00	\$4,743.63	\$0.00	
	33 Parish Life	\$900.00	\$1,266.30	\$2,000.00	
	34 Outreach	\$500.00	\$259.20	\$500.00	
	35 Sunday School	\$400.00	\$358.27	\$750.00	
	36 Family Ministry			\$500.00	
	37 Christian Ed	\$500.00	\$1,187.21	\$500.00	
	38 Youth Program	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
	39 Mission Trips	\$3,000.00	\$3,742.41	\$1,200.00	Diocese Mission Trip
	40 Annual Diocesan Convention	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$650.00	
	41 Library	\$350.00	\$70.95	\$100.00	
	42 TOTAL	\$14,100.00	\$12,025.94	\$9,600.00	
FEES	43 Council of Churches	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
	44 Diocesan Assessment	\$31,541.00	\$31,540.92	\$32,994.00	
	45 TOTAL	\$31,741.00	\$31,640.92	\$33,094.00	
	TOTAL INCOME	\$237,229.00	\$243,240.61	\$200,600.00	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$237,228.37	\$243,730.43	\$236,647.89	
	NET	\$0.63	-\$489.82	-\$36,047.89	Deficit before withdrawal of Endowment funding



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January 23, 2015

To the Parishioners of St. John's Episcopal Church:

Oil, the Federal Reserve, and an expanding economy set the tone for U.S. stocks in 2014. More specifically, the price of oil in June of 2014 was over \$100 a barrel. Today it is less than half of that.

The Federal Reserve made news by terminating its quantitative easing policy in October 2014.

The economy grew sporadically. GDP growth quarter by quarter was:

1st quarter: (-2.1%)

2nd quarter: +4.6%

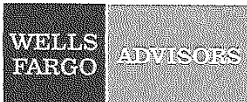
3rd quarter: +5%

To put the 3rd quarter into perspective, it was the strongest quarter of growth since 2003.

The Dow Jones rose 10.04% and the S&P 500 gained 13.69%. The S&P 500 closed at a record 53 times, and the Dow Jones closed above 18,000 for the first time.

The three worst performing sectors of the S&P 500 were Energy (-9.99%), Telecom (-1.91%), and Materials (+4.68%). Your portfolio currently holds no Telecom, 1 Materials position (7%), and only 2 Energy positions (-21.49%).





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The three best performing sectors of the S&P 500 were Utilities (24.29%), Health Care (23.3%), and Information Technology (18.18%). Your portfolio holds no Utilities positions. Performance in your portfolio for Health Care (4 positions) was +34.86%, and Information Technology (3 positions) was +18.97%.

Your best performing stock was Mallinckrodt (+86.05%). Your worst performing stock was Nabors Industries (-23.24%). This is one of your two energy positions.

Bonds posted their best performance since 2011. Bonds as measured by Barclays U.S. Aggregate bond index returned 5.97%. Perceived safety in government debt offset calls by strategists for rates to rise. Approximately 23 % of your portfolio is made up of diversified bonds.

Facts regarding your account:


- Value on 01/01/2014	\$1,144,173.26
- Value on 12/31/2014	\$1,046,010.85
- Withdrawals in 2014	\$219,912.67
- Percentage Return	+ 8.72%

We continue to focus on strong balance sheet companies, which pay 3-4% dividends and have low dividend payout ratios.

We will again strive to protect your capital and provide a reasonable return in this low interest rate environment.

Thank you for the opportunity to update you on your portfolio.

Regards,


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Rector's Report—St. John's 2014

*“And we know that for those who love God, all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.” **Romans 8: 28***

*“The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.” **Proverbs 16:9***

2014 Statistics

Average Sunday Attendance: 129 (vs 109 from 2013; 18% increase)

Marriage: 2

Burial: 4

Baptisms: 6

Ordinations: 1

Events/Special Guests:

January	April: Renovations to the Hawkins Room
April:	Easter; renovations are complete in the Hawkins Room
	Spring Fling
May:	First Communion
June:	Biker Sunday
	Jenny Smyth, Coordinator for African Missions from CMS Ireland
July:	Teen Mission Trip to Cairo, NY
August:	Mason's Lodge Service/Evening Prayer
October:	One Church Street 'christening'
November:	Wine and Chocolate Tasting
	Harvest Thanksgiving Dinner
December:	Fr. Mark's Ordination

Prayer Table: Led by Fr. Mark and Darlene Chesnut

Began on September 3, 2014

Total: 103 people prayed for

46 Crosses given out

47 The table was available every Wednesday except for two days when the temperature was close to zero.

One Year Bible Participants who completed the Bible:

Louise Darragh	Jen Rowland
Marc Wienert	Margaret Roosa
Bonnie Mitchell	Joyce Barrett
Steve McGrattan	Joe Mello
Ann Streit	Mother Laurie
Barbara Reffitt	

The community of St. John's has had a great, faithful and joyful year, in the name of Jesus Christ. I say 'community' because we are so much broader than a 'parish' or a 'congregation'. Through our NOAH program, the Food Pantry and our Prayer Table, we are reaching out beyond the walls of the historic church building we love so much in order to bring more people into contact with the Spirit of God who cares, who heals, who loves us more than we can imagine.

We have responded in faith and love through our Capital Campaign and Stewardship this year, because while we are not contained by a building, we own three beautiful, useful and essential buildings, each of which is a different kind of home. And we are only on the verge of discovering the potential of each of these buildings.

We have welcomed, and helped raise up, a new and anointed minister along with his wife: Fr. Mark and Darlene—you have blessed us, and by the grace of God, you will continue to do so for as long as He plans to keep you amongst us. Thank you for all you have brought with you: prayerful and compassionate hearts, a strong servant's work ethic, and the joy of true faith in the One God we serve.

And we have many opportunities to serve! In this next year, we will focus on projects at hand in the church building, while continuing to plan for God's ministries at One Church Street.

- By January 2017, I would like to see the NOAH program and Food Pantry up and operational.
- By this time next year, I pray we will have an accessible community space for coffee and conversation —still a work in construction even then, but available for those who want to stop and abide.
- We will have completed important church projects —carpeting, sound system and
- We will have applied for grants, and will have spoken to foundations, so we can continue the good work we have begun, and perhaps do even more than we can now imagine.
- We will reach out continually to engage the community in the project that extends beyond the walls of all these buildings and reaches into the hearts and lives of the people in our communities, neighborhoods and families.

I am sure you would like to know your place in all this work, which is why we are beginning our Lenten Parish Study: What on Earth are You Here For?, with thanks to Steve McGrattan. For six weeks we will study and pray and ask for God's guidance and discernment to discover just that. Please commit to being a part of this time of study and prayer. Perhaps go outside your comfort zone and join one of four small groups who will meet each week. God gives us the gift of community for clearer revelation and discernment. You will be transformed, I promise.

And so the vision and the work continue. The prayers, the worship, the outreach, the construction and the campaigning continue, but never for praise on our behalf, or honor in our lives. We serve, we love and we work for God's glory, for God's kingdom, for God's purposes. And I say every year—it is such a privilege to serve with you. May we continue, by the grace of God, to do the work of God every day of our lives.

Respectfully submitted,

Mother Laurie +

How do I give to St. John's ?


Many parishioners have asked us the preferred way to send cash or complete checks that are intended to fulfill Stewardship Pledges, Capital Campaign Pledges or other gifts. To avoid any confusion, please follow these suggestions:

- Cash Payments – So that we are sure to include cash payments in the proper account, PLEASE put the donation in an envelope that is clearly marked with your name and either “Stewardship Pledge,” “Capital Campaign Pledge,” or other notation. Using your existing pledge envelope is fine for the normal stewardship pledge, but please include other donations in a separate, clearly marked envelope.
- Check Payments – If possible, please don’t combine other payment such as Stewardship Pledge, Stained Glass Window, etc. with the payment for your Capital Campaign Pledge. If this is not possible, be sure to make a notation on the check that gives us the proper amounts to assign each donation.

Please include the following information on your check:

Payable to: St. John’s Church

In the Memo Area: “Capital Campaign” or “Stewardship Pledge”

Mr. & Mrs. Happy Giver		0000
DATE _____		
PAY TO THE ORDER OF	St. John's Church	\$ 10.00
_____		DOLLARS  Security features included
Memo:	Capital Campaign Pledge	
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Stay tuned – We will soon have a process to allow automatic direct debit of you pledge amounts!