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RECTOR'S REPORT



2017 saw the completion of two years' work on building structures – during that time, we installed new boilers in the church and office buildings and tuck-pointed the steeple.

Our outreach has been picking up some steam in 2017, with more activities on the horizon. We hosted Dr. Nasrin Shahinpoor in March, who gave us quite a bit of information about Islam. In November, *La Casa Amiga* needed a place to present information on DACA, and we had over 90 people in attendance. In October we held our first “Fun-Raiser” to support the Salvation Army Breakfast Program. We held two food-and-supplies drives for House of Hope during the course of the year. CEC also made regular monthly donations to the House of Hope from our Outreach Budget.

The Diocese got a new bishop! We hosted our new Bishop, Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows, *twice* this year – once for the Ulster Evensong and Picnic, and the second time for her episcopal visit on September 2.



The Vestry has been very active this year. They held a retreat in the spring that focused on building leadership teams and on vision and strategic thinking. Bill Marvell retired as parish treasurer at the end of 2016, and Vestry member Ted Todd took on his

responsibilities. We hired a new bookkeeper, who has computerized our records. Vestry set up finance and budget committees, and took on the bulk of the work for our annual pledge drive. Vestry held a parish work day in the fall to clear out items that have been accumulating for far too long – at least two trips were made to the recycling center at the Proving Ground!

While there is not a formal “building committee,” four of our members have taken it upon themselves to address basic maintenance issues as they arise. Many of the women of the parish are gathering on a monthly basis to plan more “fun-raising” events such as the Tombola in October, which raised funds for the Salvation Army breakfast program.

St. Cecilia saw its largest audience yet, with over 100 people in attendance. The program and the reception, featuring local artists on the subject of “Sanctuary,” were so much fun!

All in all, it was a very exciting year for me, as I saw more people getting involved in more ways than before, adding to our parish life and the larger community in life-giving ways.

Thank you to all who have stepped up, stepped out, or stepped forward to brighten our lives together!

God’s blessing be upon you all.

~ Evelyn Wheeler, Rector

SENIOR WARDEN

The year 2017 was a remarkable one for the Vestry and me. The first task I became interested in was the Vestry Retreat—to have or not have one. Working with Deb Bunton and Nancy Watson, we

first had to decide on a theme or topic. We took our cue from the Vestry Resource Guide, and decided on the basics: Norms and Covenants, and Mission and Vision. The Retreat was a success, and, with the Holy Spirit guiding us, we were led back to the Congregation to learn their thoughts on: “I want Christ Church to be the Church that...”.

The Finance Committee was another area that I became interested in. We had our Audit, and several questions were asked. We have investigated most of the areas questioned, but now need to put that in writing. The Budget Committee began its work in September. Every area of the Budget was thoroughly investigated, additions and subtractions were made, and the 2018 Budget was approved by the Vestry in December 2017.

The Stewardship Campaign was very successful during the Fall of 2017. Pledges exceeded the previous year.

We are seeing more Fellowship at the Church, i.e. the Ladies Lunch group. Also, the group called Fun Raisers had 1 event, a Tombola, and lots of ideas for more events.

2018 is already looking interesting.

~ Karen Scroggin, Senior Warden

PEOPLE’S WARDEN

This year has been a uneventful one for the People’s Warden, meaning either that every congregant was pleased with all aspects of religious life at Christ Episcopal Church or that opinions, criticisms, feelings, etc., were not shared. I suspect the latter.

Definitions of my role and offers to hear and act on any suggestions from the parish were given by me on numerous times during the 10:00 a.m. announcements.

A small group composed of a few Vestry members and parishioners felt that there was a need for more fellowship opportunities in a relaxed setting, coupled with raising some funds for our community's needs. The "Fun-Raising" activity of an auction and refreshments raised money for a Salvation Army program. More "Fun-Raising" activities are anticipated in 2018.

The only item of concern brought to me was the issue of the sanctuary lights. The new bulbs reflect their light straight down rather than splaying light in an arc. This means that more people have less light with which to see. This problem was discussed by the Vestry but to date has not been remedied.

*Respectfully submitted,
Barb Kiffmeyer, People's Warden*

WORSHIP

We offer two Sunday Holy Communion liturgies, at 8:00 AM (quiet/contemplative) and 10:00 AM (traditional/hymns). On Wednesday evenings at 6:00, we hold a sung service of Evening Prayer, or Evensong, which is usually followed by a common meal at a local restaurant; on the last Wednesday of the month we have a pitch-in supper.

During the course of the church year, we offer additional services to commemorate Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, Ash Wednesday,

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and the Great Vigil of Easter, as well as our annual Blessing of the Animals in October.

In July, it has been our tradition to host both the Ulster Project teens, families, and staff for a special evensong. In July 2017, our new Bishop Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows officiated for her first time and all enjoyed a wonderful picnic supper after the service.

Mother Evelyn is available for **home and hospital visits**, with or without communion, on request. Please notify her if you or someone you know would like a visit!

MUSIC

Music continues to play an important role in the worship services at Christ Church. I feel blessed to serve as organist/musical director. We regularly have organ and congregational singing at the 10 a.m. Sunday and the 6 p.m. Wednesday Evensong services. The choir practices from 11:45 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Sundays in the sanctuary following coffee hour. A “heads up”: plan to attend Evensong services this Lenten season because special music is planned. You will be able to hear beautiful vocal solos, cello selections, pretty psalm settings, and choral music as you worship.

Several people faithfully contribute to our music program. Peggy Hans continues to serve as a wonderful substitute organist. Our choir continues to grow! Our members are Mother Evelyn, Camille Fife, Tabitha Tolbert, Ann Farnsley, Tammy Moore, Lisa Rosenberger, Deb Wickham, Bert Fitzgerald, Donald Short, Dave Sloane, Allen Watson, Richard Dickie, and Mike Raley. I appreciate the extra singers, Dianne Hill, Harriette Parton, Carrie Reindollar,

Brook Reindollar, and Matt Vosmeier, who joined us in the St. Cecilia chorus.

The choir joined the Madison community in several events this past year. After Easter, our choir sang for the second time in the annual Spring Choir Festival held at Prince of Peace Catholic Church. In July, the choir provided special music for Evensong when the Ulster Project students visited. We appreciated the help of violinist, Maegan Sparks, who not only played for the Ulster Evensong, but enhanced many of our services during the six months she lived here in Madison.



On November 10th, we hosted the 4th annual St. Cecilia Festival. The theme, “Sanctuary”, inspired the powerful music, poetry and art work we experienced at this event. Along with the choir, performances included Liturgical Dance (Rev. Katrina Pekich-Bundy), Soloist (Camille Fife), Jazz

for Jesus (Yvonne Davis, Rick Bennet, Steve Pullias, Brook Reindollar), Folk Group (Tabitha Tolbert, John Branigan, John Collins), Brass Quartet (Brook Reindollar, Matt Vosmeier, Ellie Campbell, Mike Raley), Dulcimer (John Sheckler), Strings and Organ (Maegan Sparks, Meg Bramer, Starla Raley), Piano (Isaac “Spike” Boone), and Poetry Troupe (Brenda Dietrich, Ted Todd, Peter Woodburn, Sean FitzGerald, Wayne Kyle, Jan Vetrhus). Thank you for supporting music at Christ Episcopal Church!

Special thanks go to Ann Farnsley, who volunteered to organize the music library in the church, which has been a great help to finding good music for the choir, and has made great progress. Richard

Dickie and Bert Fitzgerald also assisted by replacing and augmenting filing cabinets in the loft.

Grace & Peace,

Starla Raley,

Organist & Music Director

“Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,

burst into jubilant song with music...

- Psalm 98

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

In Lent, we worked our way through *Christ is For Us, Lent 2017*, by April Yamasaki, which allowed us to discuss each week’s lectionary reading. In the summer and fall months we studied the *Book of the Acts of the Apostles*, and in the fall we took up Paul’s *Letter to the Romans* (a work that continues into the new year).

PRAYER CHAIN

The members of the prayer chain would like to thank everyone who trusted us with your concerns. We have been blessed to be of service to you.

If you have any concerns currently on the prayer chain, please bring us up to date. Just call any member of the prayer chain.

If you would like to join us in this ministry, let us or the office know – we will be glad to have you join us.

~ *Cindy Armstrong, Nancy Watson, Tammy Moore*

COMMUNICATIONS

Our **website** (<http://cecmadison.org>) continues to be our primary way of getting the word out to the world that we are here and what we are doing. We are now able to include the PDF file for the

E-Pistle, as well as sermon texts and audios of most sermons! We're always looking for photos to post on the site, and if you'd like to help fill in or update some of the information about Christ Church that's there now, please contact the Rector.

The E-Pistle always includes the Rector's Column, as well as information about events around Madison, the Diocese, and the wider church. We also post the upcoming servers' schedules and frequently include an update from Vestry, as well. Our Facebook page garners a great deal of interest from non-members (many of you are not on FB, so that makes sense); it is a good way to keep our name active in the community.

In December, we added connectivity to the internet in the church proper, but we still need to set up a "guest" access with a separate password to safeguard our office system.

MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP

Jim Schell, Terry Bunton, Allen Watson, and Mickey Mitidiero continued to provide maintenance and upkeep support to our community. The Stabilization Project was completed as far as resources allowed (additional brick work will be needed on the west face of the church, but all urgent areas were addressed).

Church Building:

- Brick work completed on the tower.
- New carpet was installed in the church.

Great Hall:

- A smart TV was installed on the north wall.



Office Building:

- The carpets were cleaned, and we cleared out a great deal of extraneous items during a parish “work day” in the fall.

General:

- We hired a custodian 3 days a week to keep us looking good!

OUTREACH

Christ Church continues to support the **Ulster Project**, a program that sponsors several young people from Northern Ireland to learn reconciliation skills. This program has been active for several years and indeed has taken on a life of its own and continues to be offered each summer. Half of the participants are Catholic, half Protestant; and half are girls and half are boys. Each Ulster teen stays with a local family, and members of their host families also participate in the program. The teens come for a one-month period in the summer, usually the bulk of July. In 2017, Bp Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows was the officiant at our annual special service of Evensong.



Our annual budget includes a line item for the **House of Hope**. In 2017, we provided \$2,800 to support the food pantry. (See below for more information about the House of Hope.)

Many members of our parish also **volunteer** for various organizations, such as Habitat for Humanity, the Salvation Army, the Red Cross, the Clearinghouse, Boys and Girls Club, Girls Inc., Historic Madison, Jefferson County Historical Society, Daisy Scouts, and many others.

In October, the women of the parish organized a “Tombola” – a form of silent auction/drawing, which featured a fabulous meal and a wide range of donated items that were offered as incentives for financial donations to support the **Salvation Army Breakfast Program**. The event raised \$265.00.



In mid-November, we hosted La Casa Amiga as they offered **stories of DACA youth** in our community. Ninety-seven people attended; \$65.00 was raised (through building use donations) and donated back to La Casa Amiga.

JEFFERSON COUNTY HOUSE OF HOPE

Christ Episcopal Church is among the 17 member churches that support the Jefferson County House of Hope food pantry. During the 2017 calendar year, we sponsored 2 food drives for the Jefferson County House of hope. We collected over 200 pounds of food including personal hygiene products collected by the Ladies Lunch Bunch. There are several members of Christ Church who began volunteering at the food pantry this past year. Fred Scroggin and Brenda Sundt are the newest volunteers from our church. The Vosmeiers have volunteered for some time as did Terry Kemp.

The House of Hope appreciates the support provided by Christ Church.

Thank you, Deb Bunton

RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In 2017, we assisted 102 people/families, providing \$7,698.27 in assistance for utility bills, rent, and temporary housing. Most applications for assistance were for one-time aid; while a very small number of persons received funds three or more times. The average payout was \$75 per request.

THE STABILIZATION CAMPAIGN

Below are the numbers for 2017 as of 12/31/2017:

Pledges Total	\$ 235,505.00	Spending	\$ 283,534.33
Pledges Paid	\$ 187,210.42	Bills Paid	\$ 226,280.72
Balance Due from Pledges	\$ 28,294.58	Loan Paid	\$ 57,253.61
Loan	\$ 100,000.00		
Paid on Loan	\$ 57,253.61		
Balance on Loan*	\$ 46,976.79		
<i>* Loan balance includes projected interest</i>			
Stabilization Checkbook Balance, 12/31/2017	\$ 3,676.09		

Patty Trimble, Treasurer for Stabilization Campaign

YEAR-END 2017 FINANCIALS & THE BUDGET FOR 2018

We show the budgeted amounts and the actual income and expenses for 2017, the budgeted amount for 2018.

	2017 Budget	2017 Actual	2018 Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
001 Operating			
001.1 Plate	2,000.00	2,410.31	2,000.00
001.2 Pledge	139,000.00	127,766.50	150,000.00
001.3 Coffee Hour	0.00	421.45	0.00
001.4 Memorials	0.00	345.00	0.00
001.5 Rectory Kitty	0.00	249.16	0.00
001.6 Holy Days	750.00	829.00	0.00
001.7 Restricted Support	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
001.8 Assets Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
001.9 Gifts and Foundations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 001 Operating	143,750.00	132,021.42	154,000.00
002 Designated Gifts			
002.1 Capital Income	0.00	8,390.00	0.00
002.3 Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	5,959.99	0.00
002.4 HVAC	0.00	280.00	0.00
002.5 Bishop's Discretion Fund	0.00	270.52	0.00
002.6 Fundraisers	1,000.00	731.00	0.00
Total 002 Designated Gifts	1,000.00	15,631.51	0.00
003 Investment Earnings			
003.1 Vanguard Funds	0.00	4,791.20	0.00
003.2 GAFA	10,000.00	11,462.64	10,000.00
003.3 CEC Fund w/CFMJC	27,500.00	31,700.00	30,000.00
003.4 Misc Investment earnings	0.00	829.29	0.00
Total 003 Investment Earnings	37,500.00	48,783.13	40,000.00
004 Interest			
004.1 Checking interest	0.00	11.51	0.00

004.2 Savings Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 004 Interest	0.00	11.51	0.00
005 Gifts in Kind			
005.1 Funeral Committee	0.00	49.50	0.00
005.2 St Cecilia	0.00	231.85	0.00
005.3 Supplies	0.00	398.65	0.00
Total 005 Gifts in Kind	0.00	680.00	0.00
006 Worship			
006.1 Music			
006.1a St Cecilia	0.00	116.00	0.00
006.1 Music - Other	0.00	613.00	0.00
Total 006.1 Music	0.00	729.00	0.00
006.2 Decorations			0.00
006.2a Christmas Memorials	0.00	450.00	0.00
006.2b Decorations - Other	0.00	20.00	0.00
Total 006.2 Decorations	0.00	470.00	0.00
Total 006 Worship	0.00	1,199.00	0.00
008 Membership			
008.1 Funeral Comm Funds	0.00	200.00	0.00
Total 008 Membership	0.00	200.00	0.00
010 Reimbursement	0.00	185.50	0.00
011 Christian Education	0.00	38.00	0.00
Total Income	182,250.00	198,750.07	194,000.00

Expense

1000 Administration			
10.01 Communications & Postage	500.00	575.09	500.00
10.02 Office Supplies & Printin	3,000.00	3,943.60	3,200.00
10.03 Audit	0.00	104.40	500.00
10.04 Payroll Services	1,000.00	568.21	800.00
10.05 Fees & Service Charges	0.00	42.24	0.00
10.06 Dues and Subscriptions	0.00	173.99	100.00
Total 1000 Administration	4,500.00	5,407.53	5,100.00

1200 Diocese			
12.01 Diocesan Assessment	21,666.00	18,055.00	23,162.00
12.02 Diocesan Convention	1,000.00	794.50	1,000.00
12.03 Bishop's Discretion Fund	0.00	270.52	0.00
12.04 Conferences and Meetings	0.00	10.00	0.00
Total 1200 Diocese	22,666.00	19,130.02	24,162.00
1300 Physical Plant			
13.01 Utilities	10,500.00	11,124.20	10,500.00
13.02 Insurance	11,189.00	11,191.00	10,700.00
13.03 Bldg/Equipmnt Maintenance	1,500.00	13,758.08	2,000.00
13.04 Cleaning & Kitchen Suppli	500.00	1,129.24	500.00
13.05 Landscaping Expenses	0.00	2,100.00	500.00
Total 1300 Physical Plant	23,689.00	39,302.52	24,200.00
1400 Compensation			
14.01 Clergy Salary (-med/dent)	37,750.00	37,749.96	40,250.00
14.02 Clergy Housing Allowance	25,000.00	24,999.96	25,000.00
14.03 Supply Clergy	2,000.00	1,381.03	2,000.00
14.04 Clergy FICA & Medicare Pd	4,785.00	4,785.00	4,800.00
14.05 Sexton	0.00	0.00	0.00
14.06 Clergy Sabbatical	0.00	0.00	0.00
14.07 Clergy Pension	11,295.00	13,172.25	11,300.00
14.08 Clergy Reimbursable Exp			
14.08a Conferences, Meetings		152.17	500.00
14.08 Clergy Reimbursable Exp - Other	3,000.00	2,312.87	2,000.00
Total 14.08 Clergy Reimbursable Exp	3,000.00	2,465.04	2,500.00
14.09 Secretary Payroll	14,850.00	14,729.04	14,750.00
14.09a Secretary Pension	1,377.00	2,339.09	1,350.00
14.10 Organist	10,815.00	10,395.00	10,800.00
14.11 Custodian	6,695.00	6,250.00	6,700.00
14.12 Bookkeeper	3,375.00	4,308.25	3,000.00
14.13 Youth Group Leader	0.00	0.00	0.00
14.15 Clergy Search Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
14.16 Workers' Comp Ins	2,811.00	538.00	540.00
14.17 Employee Insurance	0.00	300.00	0.00

14.18 Payroll Tax Expense	0.00	5,983.71	6,000.00
Total 1400 Compensation	123,753.00	129,396.33	128,990.00
1500 Worship and Program			
15.01 Music-Rights-Sheet Music	1,000.00	386.00	500.00
15.02 Decorations			0.00
15.02a Christmas Memorials	0.00	79.36	0.00
15.02 Decorations - Other	0.00	273.59	0.00
Total 15.02 Decorations	0.00	352.95	0.00
15.03 Piano Organ Service	0.00	916.50	1,700.00
15.04 Altar Gld/Worship Supply	2,500.00	1,411.24	2,000.00
15.05 Education - Books	800.00	454.71	500.00
15.06 Support Musicians	2,000.00	1,700.00	1,000.00
15.07 Fundraisers (direct cost)	300.00	181.82	300.00
15.08 Evangelism	0.00	0.00	0.00
15.09 Vestry Retreat	200.00	0.00	300.00
15.10 Funeral Comm Funds	500.00	0.00	250.00
15.11 St. Cecilia	1,000.00	455.00	500.00
15.12 Seminarian	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 1500 Worship and Program	8,300.00	5,858.22	7,050.00
1600 Charitable Contributions			
16.01 House of Hope	0.00	2,800.00	0.00
1600 Charitable Contributions - Other		330.00	0.00
Total 1600 Charitable Contributions	0.00	3,130.00	0.00
1700 Publicity	1,200.00	1,392.00	1,200.00
1800 Reserve Account	0.00	0.00	3,298.00
Total Expense	184,108.00	203,616.62	194,000.00

Due to thoughtful action by the Finance committee, Vestry and congregation's positive response to the pledge campaign, we are now able to budget for a reserve account, which we can use when unplanned expenses arise. See insert for more information.

Ted Todd, Interim Treasurer

Memories of the Year Past

In 2017, we bid our last farewells to John Cable, Terry Kemp, and Debbie Demaree. Elizabeth Wagner graduated from Hanover College, and Annabelle Vosmeier moved on to college. Chris Schwing and Alex Ryan Hall returned. Madelynn Watkins, now living in Bloomington, stopped in when she could. Nicole Jackson and Russell Campton came at Christmas. Dot Jones turned 90! David, Luca, and Jude Alcorn began serving at the altar, and Nina has joined with other stalwarts to organize parish fellowship events. Women of the parish have enhanced our community involvement. Jan Vetrhus, Bill Marvell, Cindy Armstrong, Lisa Rosenberger, Tammy Moore, and Peggy Hans attended adult ed programs. We welcomed new Vestry members Dave Sloane, Deb Bunton, and Nancy Watson in February, and bid goodbye and thank you to Jacquie Grimes (now Vestry Clerk), John Hawk, and Lynda Vogler. Mickey Mitidiero, Allen Watson, Jim Schell, and Terry Bunton could always be counted on to help out with light bulbs, electric outlets, and wry plumbing issues. Allen made the arrangements for the new carpet in the nave. Mike Raley ably directs our choir for special events, especially St Cecilia, and accompanies us with his trombone on major holidays. Jonathan Stanley cantored at the Easter Vigil and in Advent, and was one of two organists during our monthly Healing Services (he and Starla traded off month-by-month).

Karen Dickie was honored by Episcopal Women's Ministries for her leadership in the parish at a diocesan ceremony with the bishop in April. Mother Evelyn was thrilled to be invited by her seminary on a pilgrimage to Canterbury last March. It was a great year!





A final word from the Rector:

