



2015 Annual Reports
&
2016 Annual Meeting Agenda

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Seeking a deeper understanding of our faith,
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becoming ourselves in Christ.



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**Christ Church
Winnetka, Illinois
Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 24, 2016**

Agenda

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**Annual Meeting
Christ Church, Winnetka
Sunday, February 8, 2015**

1. Convening and Opening Prayer

The Reverend Christopher Powell, Rector of Christ Church, called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m., following the conclusion of the 9:30 a.m. Church Service, and offered an opening prayer.

2. Election of Secretary

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, Mary C. Downie was elected Secretary of the Annual Meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes of Annual Meeting of January 26, 2014

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the January 26, 2014 Annual Meeting were accepted as written.

4. Treasurer's Report

Kurt Anstaett reported that a summary of the financial statements are available on page 31 of the Annual Meeting materials. He thanked the outgoing Treasurer, Jerry Hufton, for his years of service as Treasurer. Mr. Anstaett reported that the 2014 year closed with a deficit of \$7,000, with \$20,000 less in pledges than anticipated. The year ended better than anticipated. He noted that the deficit was decreased by not making a sinking fund payment

by not drawing upon the endowment, which totaled \$57,000. Mr. Anstaett noted that a full presentation of the 2015 budget was made to the parish a few weeks ago. The 2015 budget has \$124,000 more in pledge income than in 2014. Mr. Anstaett noted that the lease with the Korean Presbyterian church, which will bring in \$48,000 annually, is close to being signed. In the 2015 budget, approved by the Vestry, reflects \$1.7MM in revenues. It is a balanced budget, with no draw on endowment anticipated, and with a payment being made to the sinking fund on the West building.

5. Report of the Nominating Committee

The Rector reported that the Nominating Committee consisted of Chris Cahill, Shay Craig, Melissa Durbin, Julie Flood, Jerry Hufton, Jeanne Leinbach, Bob Lind, Charlotte McGee, and Kevin Walsh.

The Nominating Committee recommended a slate for the Vestry openings. The slate consists of Chris Cahill for the office of Junior Warden; Lisa Burnham, Diane Fisher, Todd Trubey, and Tom Tubekis, all for a 3 year term, and Laura Sniader for a 1 year unexpired term.

6. Election of the Vestry

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the nominations were closed. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the full slate of candidates was elected for the terms and offices as noted above.

The Rector noted that the Vestry will appoint to one-year terms the following non-voting offices: Chancellor Nick Anaclerio, Treasurer Kurt Anstaett, and Clerk Susie Sprowl.

7. Presentation to the Outgoing Vestry Members and Warden

The Rector requested that the outgoing Vestry members come forward. The Rector gratefully thanked each retiring Vestry member, and presented Vestry crosses to Chris Cahill, Jim Henderson, Kevin Walsh, Shay Craig, Jerry Hufton, and the outgoing Senior Warden Bob Lind, Jr.

8. Rector's Report

The Rector noted his thanks for the many talents of our parishioners. He discussed the difference between correlation and causation, noting the importance of understanding the difference. The Rector noted he has been at Christ Church for 3 years. Studies show that if the pastor has a tenure of more than eleven years in any of the mainline churches, the successor will have an average tenure of 2.5 years. The Rector noted that after the nineteen year tenure of Ned Prevost, who was so well-loved, his chances were that of a short tenure, because change necessarily happens. People have a difficult time when things are done differently and they blame the new pastor. That is correlation, but it doesn't have to be that way. We have crossed a threshold with change this year.

The year 2014 was a year of firsts. The Rector noted that every square foot of our buildings are occupied during the day throughout the year. We are both good financial stewards and stewards of the space. Another first is having \$300,000 in rental income to supplement pledging income. Another first is having a full time lay youth minister, and Leah Romanelli's ministry is exciting. The confirmation experience has become even more meaningful for both the confirmands and their mentors, by the deepening relationships among them. The first full year of Ms. Romanelli's ministry has been a tremendous success.

Christ Church worked with St. Augustine's in Wilmette to lead the Deanery effort to have a nine Episcopal churches in the Deanery join together for a barbeque. All of the five newly elected Vestry members have never served on a Vestry before, which is another first and which gets more people involved. Another first is the 2015 budget does not include any anticipated use of endowment funds, which is a very healthy development.

This is also the first time in the history of Christ Church we have ever had a parishioner offer to name a building in memory of one of our parishioners. The Vestry accepted the \$100,000 gift to go into the building repayment fund to name the West building the Jim Schroeder Building. The gift from this anonymous family was to honor Mr. Schroeder's inspiring involvement in so many aspects of the life of Christ Church.

When the Rector arrived we had not begun saving to make the April 6, 2017 balloon payment on the Schroeder Building. We now have saved \$372,000 committed and another \$220,000 available from other bequests to pay off the balloon \$790,000 note. Saving an additional \$30,000 per year will get us close to being able to pay the balloon payment off when it comes due. Then the budget, with the elimination of the need to save for mortgage payments and current payments of interest on the note, will be freed for more Kingdom work.

This parish has had the most mature response to budget issues than any church the Rector has ever seen. The immediate recognition by the Vestry was that we needed to grow our way out of the revenue deficit, with various leaders asking for people to do a little more. We now have the most money pledged to Christ Church than we have ever had in our history. We did it by having a plan, and then asked parishioners for help. The Rector thanked every parishioner for their role in the growth of the parish. He is looking forward to many more firsts. This is not our finest hour - there is more to do. Our finest hour comes through being closer to God, touching other lives, and growing with God. We as a parish need to give people the tools they need to serve as is best for them. We have the right leadership for our day, both on staff and in lay ministry. Our best years are ahead of us.

Rhonda Miller noted that Rector's Report on Kingdom work does not mention Heath Missner, who is a spiritual leader for many. The Rector explained the volunteer work of our Deacon and noted his deep gratitude for the work of our Deacon. Woody Imberman

also thanked Robin Anstaett for all of her work in bringing the Rector to Christ Church. Ms. Anstaett clarified that the Search Committee did all of the work, and she was only the Senior Warden.

The Rector closed by showing another first – the showing of our first video, *Happy with God*.

9. Adjournment

The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary C. Downie, Secretary of the February 8, 2015 Annual Meeting

Rector's Report



The role of the Rector in an Episcopal Church varies from day-to-day. In some cases, the Rector needs to lead an initiative; in some the Rector needs to follow and participate; and in some it's a combination of both: working with others, my job is to facilitate the final outcome by playing a part of the process which leads to a project or offering being completed. Below is a list of the things I was involved with in 2015 in at least one of those ways. In addition to my parish responsibilities, I have some on the Diocesan and National Church level as well. In all cases I'm grateful to do my part, but in every instance the

deepest joy I have is collaborating with the many talented people, especially our staff, to accomplish whatever we are working on. I am particularly grateful to our Wardens, Marcy Champagne and Chris Cahill, with whom I meet weekly. Deep thanks also go to our Vestry members and our many volunteers. The activities below indicate a healthy congregation of folks who are doing wonderful things now and using those blessings to grow even more in faith in the years to come.

Kingdom Work

- Pastoral Care
 - Home, Office, Hospital, and Hospice visits. Counseling appointments as requested. Baptism, Wedding, and Funeral care and preparation. Daily conversation around the parish in person and by phone.
- Annual Campaign
 - Making of the *Faith* Video
 - Annual Campaign Dinner

- Parish Annual Campaign
- Weekly Meditations
- Staffing
 - Added Cindy Lyman as Finance Manager
 - The Rev. Rod Quainton, Assisting Priest (assisting as needed 15 hours/week during interim.)
 - The Rev. Michael Basden, Temporary Interim this Fall
 - Appointed Search Committee, Chaired by Chris Cahill, to help search for a new Associate Rector
- Coordinated Faith & Practice Offerings
- Lenten and Advent Wednesday Night series
- Staff Development
 - Staff social events
 - Weekly meetings
- England Choir Trip
- Attended Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes Annual Symposium
- Bishop Joseph Luncheon
- Hosted Rummage Chair Luncheon
- Hosted Newcomer Wine and Cheese
- Hosted Open House in December; eight luncheons and dinner parties for parishioners
- Daily Lenten Meditations
- Global Mission
 - Helped with initiative to raise \$10,000 for Renk, South Sudan
- Youth Mission Trip to Lakota Reservation in South Dakota
- Semi-Annual Clergy Group Meetings/Continuing Education with seminary classmates
- Board Member of St. Leonard's Ministries

Church Work

- Member of the Church Pension Fund's "Client Council", a 26 person national committee designed to work with the Pension Fund to provide ideas, feedback, and spur innovation
- Diocesan Clergy Compensation Committee
- Continued Sound System upgrades
- Continued work on office and financial efficiencies and clarity in reporting information to parish
- Working with John White, Office Manager, to ensure timely completion of maintenance and capital items such as bringing internet to new tenants

- Oversaw tenant lease additions, extensions, and modifications
- Vestry Nomination and Annual Meeting work

Diocesan Church Work

- Member, Diocesan Council, Evanston Deanery

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher Powell, Rector

Assisting Priest's Report

It is an honor and pleasure to serve Christ Church 1/3 time since September 1 to assist the Rector with pastoral care during this period of transition following The Rev Jeanne Leinbach's call to St. Paul's, Cleveland Heights until a new Associate Rector is called. Prior to September 1, I was part, part, part time Assisting Priest responsible for backing up the Rector for Holy Caffeine and providing supply duties as needed.

My pastoral ministry has been focused especially on reaching out to those families who have lost children this year and past years as well as members in stress from job loss, family loss and the octo and nona generians in the parish. This fall I initiated a monthly Eucharist at Sunrise Memory Center in Wilmette. I have conducted two funerals and have been a primary Officiant this fall at Compline as well as celebrating and preaching as needed.

In April I attended a CREDO Conference for a week in Richmond, Virginia designed for spiritual renewal in retirement. It was a very refreshing experience. In October I was honored to lead the Service of Remembrance at my HBS 45th reunion.

In terms of community service I have joined the Board of The Jackalope Theatre Company in Edgewater, an up and coming young Black Box theater company. I also work with the Ministry Mentors program mentoring two young non-Episcopal clergy.

My spouse, Nanci Priest, started a Single Parent Support Group in the fall which meets weekly on Wednesday evenings. This initiative is part of the church's response to the parish survey which showed a desire for additional dimensions of pastoral care.

New initiatives for 2016 include establishing a follow up system for those who have lost loved ones using resources from Stephens Ministry plus inaugurating a periodic "Reading With Rod" series of book reviews.



I look forward in 2016 to continue to work with the Rector in whatever capacity he deems necessary and to provide pastoral care as needed to the parish.

Gratefully Submitted,

The Rev. Rod Quainton

Deacon's Report

As your Deacon it is my joy to serve in the liturgy by reading the Gospel, setting the table, and dismissing the congregation. To connect our community with the needs and concerns of the wider world, I write the Prayers of the People for each Sunday. In Pastoral Care, I make visits, write the flower notes each Sunday, as parishioners receive the altar flowers, and supervise the Lay Pastoral Care visitors.



In the ongoing life of our vibrant community, I have been co-leading, with Leah Romanelli, our Thursday Women's Bible Study. I offered a workshop on Centering Prayer, a form of Christian meditation, and now am facilitating an ongoing Centering Prayer circle at Church House. I will be offering an overnight Women's Retreat in February. On Monday mornings I am active in the Book Group and Friends in Faith.

As a Deacon I serve the needs of the broader community facilitating the Grace House support group at church, which now includes 5 mentors of formerly incarcerated women. I had an unexpectedly powerful experience, as I mentored the grandmother of Laquan McDonald, the 17 year old who was shot multiple times by the Chicago Police; as the video was released to the world, my heart broke anew for Laquan's family.

We hosted a "Lingerie Party" for the 18 women at Grace House, thus meeting their basic needs and enjoying community together. Also, Teddy Bear Sunday has been an ongoing ministry, as Teddy Bears are donated for the children entering foster care through DCFS.

This past year I became a Commissioned Presenter of Centering Prayer. I have offered Introductory workshops at Queen of All Saints and at the annual Contemplative Outreach day. In preparation for teaching Centering Prayer, I participated in a 10 day retreat at St. Benedict's Monastery in Colorado.

As a contemplative, with daily times of silence, I am an Oblate of The Order of Julian of Norwich, an Episcopal Monastery in northern Wisconsin, and I am a member of Ceile De, an esoteric ancient Celtic monastic tradition, based in Scotland. In May I spent a (mostly silent) week on Iona, with the Ceile De; I was welcomed to the caim in a foot washing ceremony on the white sands.

I am active in the Deacon Community within the Diocese. I have been mentoring a newly ordained Deacon, and soon I will start to mentor a new Deacon in the formation process.

I have a practice of Spiritual Direction, in my home. I'm in an ongoing Spiritual Direction Peer Group, and I helped begin a small, but thriving, group of Spiritual Directors who work with contemplatives.

Respectfully submitted,
Heath Missner, Deacon

Choir Report



Total membership in our Primary Choir (1st and 2nd grades), Youth Choir (3rd through 12th grades), Adult Choir, and Handbell Choir continued to be strong in 2015. As in the past, our choirs maintained a busy rehearsal and service schedule (Sunday through Thursday during most weeks). Good management of our Music Program was facilitated by Organ Associate Jay Peterson; Primary Choir Director Elizabeth Clemmitt; and, in a newly-created position, Music Department Assistant Charlotte McGee.



Parish choirs sang and played for services of morning Holy Eucharist and evening Compline on Sundays from January through June and September through December. Special liturgies included two Easter Sunday services with brass quintet, an All Saints' Sunday liturgy with trumpets, six Evensongs, a service of Advent Lessons and Carols, and two Taizé liturgies. Parish choirs also sang and played on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Easter Eve, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve.



In August, members of our Youth and Adult Choirs traveled together with family members and friends to the United Kingdom for ten days. Our choir was in residence at Durham

Cathedral for a week, singing eight services there in seven days. Our group also did lots of fun sightseeing in northern England, including visits to Hadrian's Wall, Lindisfarne, Alnwick, Jarrow, Blackpool, Chester, and the Lake District.

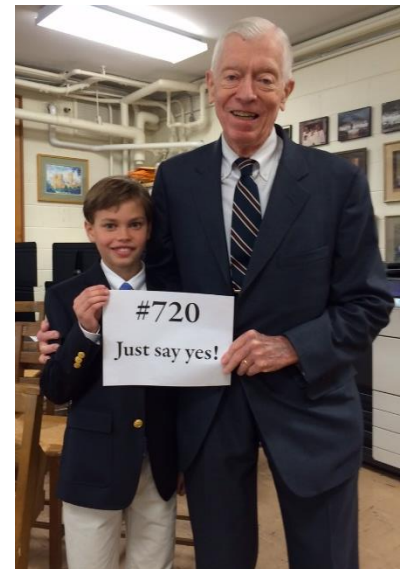


Our major fundraiser for the trip, beautifully managed by Charlotte McGee, was a Hymnathon, held at the Church on the Hill in April. After a waffle breakfast, participants spent the greater part of a day singing one verse of each of the 720 hymns in our hymnal, raising money per hymn to benefit the tour. The event was live-streamed on the Christ Church website. Thanks to the efforts of all involved, including many dedicated parents, our Hymnathon was a big success.

Another fundraiser for our Youth Choir was its annual Christmas wreath sale. Mary Anderson once again did a super job of organizing this successful event. Thank you, Mary!

In February, our choirs sang Evensong at St. Luke's Church in Evanston together with the St. Luke's Choir.

Twice a month or more on Tuesday mornings, a group of volunteers called the Choir Angels comes to the Choir Room to assist with office work. The work of our Music Program would not be possible without their dedicated, energetic, and cheerful help. Many thanks to all who participated in 2015! Special thanks in particular go to Barbara Jones, Jen



Grow, Mary Anderson, and Molly Bayley, all of whom work tirelessly each year in support of our choirs.

Many thanks to all who volunteered their time and talent to make our parish Music Program a success in 2015: singers, ringers, parents, instrumentalists, and friends. I look forward to working together with you in 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Clemmitt

Organist and Choirmaster

Children's Ministries Report

It is with gratitude and joy that I look back on 2015. So many exciting things have happened!

Over the course of the year, we have welcomed 11 new families with young children. In September, we had only four children on our Nursery roster; at the current time, we have 12! I wish to thank our Newcomers Committee for extending a warm welcome to our newest members. It has made a big difference!



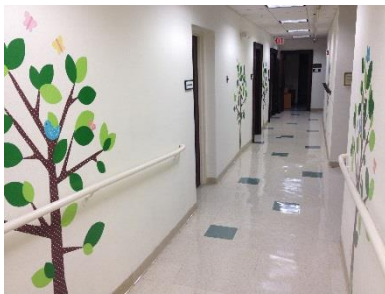
Two unique training opportunities came our way this past year. The first was last spring, when Christ Church co-hosted a three-day Godly Play training, along with St. Augustine's and Kenilworth Union Church. At Christ Church we use Godly Play in our 3-6 year old classroom. The other training opportunity was with Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, which we use in our first and second grade room. Two of our leaders attended training with me over the summer; and all of our first and second grade leaders attended a later training in the fall. Naturally, ongoing training is essential to the continued success of these programs. Christ Church is the only church I know of that offers both these approaches. We are very blessed that our children get exposure to both as the foundation of their Christian formation.



Also in 2015, Christ Church Children's Ministries became a member of The Alliance for Early Childhood, a long established support organization on the North Shore. We are actually the first church to do so! As a member, we will be participating in the annual ScreenBreak event, offering a service project to the wider community. There will be many other opportunities for partnership and development as well.

Music continues to be a very beloved piece of Children's Ministries at Christ Church. Elizabeth Clemmitt sings in our two youngest classrooms during the first part of the Church School morning and again in the second part. This past year, at the request of the leaders, she has started singing with the third graders as well.

The number of young people involved in Church School leadership has been growing; we currently have seven high school student leaders, as well as five older-elementary and middle school age helpers. You can imagine how the little children like having these "big kids" in the classroom!



Our downstairs hallway has been freshened with a new coat of lighter, brighter paint and child-like wall decorations, resulting in a cheerful, welcoming entrance to our youngest classrooms. Now, when new families come in the Humboldt door, they know right away where the children's area is.

The confirmation program continues to be one of the centerpieces of Christ Church, currently with 30 seventh and eighth graders in the program and 10 adult mentors. We love to see the enthusiasm of our young people participating in their small group sessions, large group gatherings, and service projects. One of the best things about our program is that nothing is mandatory, although expectations for participation are high. Usually, participation exceeds our expectations!



Lastly, but most importantly, I would like to talk about the impact of the Youth Ministry program. When Christopher told me three years ago that the church was hiring a Youth Minister, I thought, "That's nice..." but I really did not know what a Youth Minister was, or anything about Youth Ministry. Never did I realize what a difference this would make! I can hardly believe the success that Leah and her Strategic Team have already achieved, even during these early times. In 2015 we had two services specially designated as "Children and Youth Services," where our little ones and young people did everything for the service and during the service. However, I feel that even a "typical" service is that way already, with children and youth participating as acolytes, lectors, intercessors, even writing and presenting their own Prayers of the People. And of

course as choristers. Our littlest children will grow up seeing the older children doing all these exciting things and more, and that will set their expectations for ongoing involvement. Parents in the pews can have peace of mind that when their children reach teen-hood, there will be a well-established ministry to support them.

2015 was a stellar year. I can't wait to see how 2016 unfolds!

Thank you all for the many blessings of this work.

Melissa Durbin

Director of Children's Ministries

Youth Ministries



Friends, 2015 was a banner year for youth ministry at Christ Church. In April of 2014, the Youth Ministry Team stood in front of the congregation and shared what we've learned about expectations for youth ministry from Mark DeVries' book Sustainable Youth Ministry and from the youth ministers around the country who we interviewed. There are two big ideas we keep in mind at all times:

1. It takes five to seven years for a new youth ministry to grow sustainable roots and start to bear fruit. As we enter year three of youth ministry at Christ Church, we are well on our way.
2. After five years, a healthy number of youth participating in the ministry equals 10% of the worshipping congregation when you have one staff person working with youth. Participating in youth ministry means being a part of *something* involving the church three times per month. This can be Recognize, CCD, church services, a service opportunity, a mentoring meeting, Mardi Gras—anything the church organizes, because the point of youth ministry is to draw our youth into the larger congregation and life of the church. If we use 350 as our typical Sunday attendance, the number of youth we are aiming for is *thirty-five*. And friends, we are already there! Additionally, we have more than 40 youth who participate closer to once monthly.



The next goals for the youth ministry are to bring to the core group of students those who remain on the periphery, provide more leadership opportunities within the congregation,

and to increasingly put the ministry in the hands of the youth so that this is not adult-led youth ministry, but *youth doing ministry*.

Youth Ministry by the numbers for 2015



- 12 youth in charge of Mardi Gras decorations, games, crafts
 - 55 youth on fellowship excursions
 - 22 people at the DeBlasio Super Bowl party during a snow storm
 - 40 youth served with Kids Against Hunger, A Just Harvest, & Sunrise Assisted Living
 - 20 youth at the Confirmation retreat
 - 26 eighth graders confirmed into the Episcopal Church
 - 29 7th & 8th grade students currently learning alongside 10 adults in the confirmation mentoring program
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- 80+ youth total (23 ours) gathered for the Better Together Progressive Dinner with 7 other North Shore Episcopal Churches and the help of 20 adults (10 ours)
 - 15 youth, 10 adults at a new annual Fall Kick-Off Pool Party
 - 3 youth, 2 children, and 3 adults went camping with 17 other youth and 6 other adults from St. Matthew's, Evanston and St. David's, Glenview
 - 32 acolytes served on the altar, the older ones mentoring the younger and all of them working as peers with the adults
 - 2 youth trained as vergers
 - 6 youth trained to usher
 - 10 *more* youth added to our teams of LEMs, lectors, and intercessors
 - 40+ youth worked on two Children & Youth worship services where they led all aspects of the service and performed all of the duties, including giving the sermon and helping Christopher at the altar
 - 15 youth, 6 adults drove to Mission, SD on the Rosebud Reservation to work with Tree of Life Ministries at their food pantry, warehouse, thrift store, rehab-ing homes, and learning cultural lessons
 - 2 youth and 1 adult, Teddy Keller (freshman), Kenzie Walker (senior), and Lori Burck; joined the ranks of Beth Anaclerio, Frances DeBlasio, Eric Hillerbrand, Kevin Walsh, Gris Ware, and Laura Zung on the Youth Ministry Team
 - 1 youth served on the Benevolence Committee

- 8-12 youth on average attended Recognize weekly (Sunday morning faith formation for grades 7-12); led by Cathleen Costello, Bob Kunkler, and Pete Fawcett
- 8-12 youth on average attended Second Sundays (monthly on Sunday morning we prepare a meal and discuss a current event); by Shay Craig and Eric Hillerbrand
- 4-5 youth on average attended CCD: Coffee, Christ, and Donuts (weekly Wednesday morning breakfast); led by Frances DeBlasio
- 20 youth helped with the Christmas Pageant (as directors, actors, classroom assistants, narrators, and costumers)
- 5 youth, 2 children, and 8 adults rebranded the annual caroling party as the Wrap & Roll Caroling Party & Potluck; additionally, the youth did all the branding, helped with decorating, made food, cleaned up, and acted as hostesses to the more than 80 people in attendance throughout the evening



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Christ Church is incredibly blessed by the way adults and youth work, learn, serve, and worship side-by-side as peers. We are a rarity in the Diocese of Chicago as the ones with a full time Director of Children's Ministries and a full time Youth Minister. We are seeing the results of that investment in a way that is causing other churches to reevaluate how they minister to their young people. We are on the right path and I cannot say enough how much I look forward to continuing down this road with you as we learn how to carry Christ's light in our hearts and into the world.

In Thanksgiving,
Leah Romanelli, youth minister

Rummage Steering Committee Report

2015 marked the 91st annual Christ Church Rummage Sale. Gross proceeds were over \$316,000 with \$256,000 coming from our major fall sale. This represents a \$2,000 increase over 2014. Our results were truly incredible as we surpassed \$300,000 for the third time in our 91 year history! As in the past, ten percent of the gross proceeds were given to the Church.

Highlights of Rummage 2015 include:

- Highest Revenues in Christ Church Rummage History!

- Top sales departments included French Room, Women's Wear, Furniture and Men's.
- Successful On-Site ATM trial at the Fall Sale
- Welcomed eight new Department Chairmen
- Publicity boosted with continued use of Facebook, rummage/garage sale websites, and the North Shore Chicago Rummage Sales Organization to publicize our sale.

The mission of Rummage is three-fold. First, it is an outreach project, not only with the money shared through the work of the Benevolence Committee, but in goods shared with the greater community. Throughout the past year, monetary grants were disbursed to more than 50 Chicago area agencies dedicated to helping those in need. In addition, furniture, house wares, computers, bedding, clothing, and eyeglasses were donated to various charitable organizations, needy individuals and Christ Church. A detailed listing of organizations supported through Rummage proceeds and goods is available in the Church office.

Second, Rummage provides an important community service by offering high-quality clothing, household necessities, furniture, toys, and sports equipment at affordable prices. It also provides a valuable outlet for donors to recycle unwanted belongings.

Finally, Rummage provides an unmatched opportunity for fellowship and creates a strong sense of community within the parish. It is a wonderful place to meet other parishioners, make new friends, and feel connected to a large group of people working together towards a common goal. Volunteers also experience the deep satisfaction of giving their time to help people in need. New volunteers are always needed and welcomed, and there are dozens of ways to make a contribution to Rummage, both at sale time and throughout the year.

The Steering Committee gives thanks for our success in all areas of Rummage's mission and for the continued blessing of our coordinator, Charlotte McGee. We also offer thanks for Sergio Santiago, our rummage sexton, and our dedicated volunteers, without whom Christ Church Rummage could not exist. We also extend a fond farewell and thank you to Jeanne Leinbach who offered her guidance and counsel to our group for many years. We will miss you!



Rummage Coordinator

Charlotte McGee & Wrigley

Current Steering Committee members are: Robin Anstaett, Julie Flood, Susan Garland, Clarissa Hawk, Erika Kreisa, Darlene McKinney, Elizabeth Parkinson, Suzie Peregrine, Carol Rasmus, and Joanie White.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Anstaett, Rummage Steering Committee

Meals At Home Report

Meals at Home (a member of Meals on Wheels Assoc. of America) is helped by Christ Church's outreach program. It is a not-for-profit organization that was founded in 1968 to give homebound and/or special diet people in the communities of Evanston, Wilmette, Kenilworth, Winnetka and Northfield assistance to remain in their homes and receive prepared meals.

Christ Church provides drivers every Tuesday and the 1st and 5th Fridays of each month to pick up meals at North Shore University (Evanston) Hospital and deliver them to the clients. This is done in conjunction with the Winnetka Interfaith Council.

Tara Sadera, Paul Mohling, Lisa Foster, Erica Kreisa, and Elise Covey are regular drivers. A great thanks to all of you.

If you are interested helping, please call Elise Covey at 847-926-3346.

Respectfully submitted,
Elise Covey, Coordinator

Benevolence Report

The Benevolence Committee determines the allocation of proceeds from our Rummage Sales. Members receive and review grant applications, meet with agency representatives, discuss the efficiency and effectiveness of the agency's efforts, and determine appropriate grant amounts. In 2015, the Benevolence Committee awarded a total of \$217,520 in grants to the following agencies:

2015 Benevolence Agency Awards

A Just Harvest
Angles (f.k.a. LINKS)
Brent House, University of Chicago
Cathedral Counseling Center
Chicago House
Crosswalk to Work
Family Promise Chicago NS

Bonaventure House
Bishop Anderson House
Career Resource Center
Changing Worlds
Cool Learning Experience
Family Matters of Rogers Park
Family Service of Glencoe

Family Service Winnetka/Nfld
Good News Partners
Haven Emergency Shelter
H.O.M.E.
Interfaith Action of Evanston (St. Marks)
Irving Park Community Clinic
La Casa Norte
Meals at Home
New Life Baptist Church
Northwestern University Settlement Assn.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Pan African Association
Ravenswood Community Services
Rector's Fund
Samaritan Counseling Center
St. Clement's Open Pantry
St. Leonard's Ministries/Grace House
St. Paul's by the Lake
Sweet Beginnings
TriCon
Urban Initiatives
Waukegan To College
Youth Guidance

Gift of Adoption
Hands to Help
Holy Family Ministries
Infant Welfare Society Evanston
Interfaith House
Josselyn Center
Lawrence Hall Youth Services
New Foundations Center
New Trier Township Angel Fund
One Goal
Over the Rainbow
Primo Center
Rebuilding Together
Revive Center for Housing and Healing
Santa for Very Poor
St. Cyprian Food Pantry
St. Mary's Services
Story Catchers Theater
Tellin' Tales
Tutoring Chicago
Volunteer Center
Winnetka Youth Organization
Youth Organization Umbrella (Youth Services)

Respectfully submitted, Benevolence Committee Members

Jennifer Baker

Paddie Brennen

Frances DeBlasio, Chair

Morgan Fisher

Susan B. Garland

Judy Harmon

Brian Hickey

Thomas Kuhns

William MacAdam

Scott Peters

Christine Peterson

Doug Peterson

The Rev. Jeanne A. Leinbach

Mary Walther

New Trier Food Pantry Report

Christ Church Parishioners continue to support our mission as the bridge between those of us with the ability to give and those in need. The Food Pantry supports primarily seniors and single family households with children in the villages of Wilmette, Winnetka, Kenilworth, Glencoe and parts of Northbrook and Glenview.

Food Pantry First is in its second full year of collecting on the first Sunday of every month. Setting up in the Cloister after both services and having the collection mentioned during the announcements has worked well. The last half of the year has been particularly strong and the collections continue to be about double the amount of product purchased. While the collection continues to improve, one goal in 2016 will be to broaden the participation.

The Beach collection was especially good this year as we collected for families with children out of school who are not receiving their lunches during the school day. We sent 80 boxes of healthy snacks to the Pantry in June and another 65 boxes in July which far exceeded 2014.

As the need in our area continues in 2016, we will explore new ways to entice additional interest from our parishioners in supporting the Food Pantry.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Crankshaw

Christmas Angels Report

The CCW Christmas Angels ministry continues to be an inspiring and important ministry. We estimate that over 250 parish families participated in the program in 2015, either by serving on the committee, adopting a family, and/or making a financial donation. The agencies we support rely heavily on the generosity of Christ Church to help them provide much-needed basics and Christmas joy to their clients. This was a deeply rewarding year and the committee is grateful for the support and generosity of the parish.

Program Highlights

- 144 families from Revive Center for Housing and Healing (almost 600 people) were adopted by Christ Church families, receiving Jewel gift cards and gifts from their wish lists
- 50 senior citizens in low-income housing received Jewel gift cards and gifts from their wish lists.
- 30 homeless individuals received duffel bags filled with hats, gloves, socks, rain ponchos, blankets, thermal underwear, hand and foot warmers, McDonald's gift cards, and some holiday treats
- 98 men from St. Leonard's House, St. Andrews Court, and Higgins House received basic necessities including t-shirts, underwear, socks, thermal underwear, hats, gloves, scarves, umbrellas and packages of full-sized toiletries (razors, shaving cream, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, mouthwash). Most Higgins House men received either winter boots or winter coats.
- 25 women from Higgins House received basic necessities similar to the men, and winter coats.
- 20 women from Grace House received nightgowns, slippers, umbrellas, hats, scarves and gloves.
- 12 families from Primo Center, a total of 38 homeless Moms and children, received gifts from their wish lists and food. The Roberts-Zung family provided Christmas trees and wreathes for both of the Primo Center shelters, and the Kuhns family

provided decorations and supplies for a Christmas party, along with goody bags and clothing items for the children.

- 3 local families whose children attend New Trier Township schools, and whose families are completely reliant on the NT Food Pantry, received gifts from their wish lists, and food and gas gift cards

Financial Donations

In 2015 we gratefully collected over \$19K in donations, including some generous large gifts. The money was used to provide for large families from Revive, and to generously fulfill all of the requests from the above Episcopal agencies. This also leaves us with a small surplus, which we will use during the year for Easter Baskets, Back-to-School Backpacks, and craft supplies for the children in residence at these agencies.

New 2015 Test Program: Alternative Giving Program

In 2015 we tested a new initiative designed to 1) generate financial donations for the Christmas Angels ministry and 2) increase awareness and understanding of the mission and ministry of each of these agencies. In exchange for donations to the Christmas Angels program, we provided parishioners with beautiful handmade ornaments that they could give as gifts during the holidays.

This new program far exceeded our expectations. First, we raised over \$5K for Christmas Angels. Equally rewarding, there has been a general increase in awareness of the agencies we support and several people have expressed interest in becoming involved at one of them. Liza Peterson, home from college, took this idea and did a masterful job of bringing it to life with creativity and attention to detail. We are most grateful to Liza.



Christmas Angels Committee

Committee Co-Chairs: Julie Flood, Charlotte McGee, Donna Voges

Large Family and Agency Shoppers: Beth Anaclerio, Jenny Corrigan, Nina Gray, Judy Harmon, Molly Hufton, Erika Kreisa, Stacy Smith, Julia Werner

Seniors Shopping: Suzie Peregrine, Melanie Cody, Brooke Wanzenberg

Primo Center: Kelsey Forsberg, The Kuhns Family, The Roberts-Zung Family, Ann Smith

Stocking Stuffing: Nina Gray, Suzie Sprowl, Mary Walther



Alternative Gift Program: Liza Peterson, with the support of the whole Peterson Family
Respectfully submitted by Julie Flood

A Just Harvest Community Kitchen Report

Christ Church continues its bimonthly commitment to cook and serve a nutritious meal to the patrons of A Just Harvest (AJH), which is a community kitchen located in the Rogers Park neighborhood. The mission of **A Just Harvest** is to fight poverty and hunger in Rogers Park and the greater Chicago community by providing nutritious meals daily and cultivating community and economic development.

On the second Tuesday and fourth Saturday of each month, our volunteers cook and serve approximately 160 dinners to adults and children.

We continue to use both Sign Up Genius*, which is a free, online program that organizes our volunteers by date and the “Captain” system which rotates monthly leadership responsibility among different volunteer coordinators. Captains are responsible for helping with the overall recruiting of volunteers to cook/ buy and serve, coordinating delivery of food to AJH, and sending email reminders to our volunteers. We provide back-up support to the Captains as needed.

Our dedicated 2015 AJH Captains included:

Heather Campbell, Tika Walsh, Jennifer Mayer, Bob and Barbara Spencer, Phil Adams, Erika Kreisa, Debbie Ross and Kelly Rainey.

Our menu has remained the same. Christ Church volunteers provide the following food items:

Tuesday Nights

6 pans of chili
10 gallons of milk
170 pieces of fresh fruit
6 -3 lb bags of lettuce /4 XL bottles of salad dressing
4 Servers

Saturday Nights

7 pans of penne with meat sauce
10 gallons of milk
170 pieces of fresh fruit
6 3lb bags of lettuce/4 XL bottles of salad dressing
8 Servers

We are so grateful to our dedicated AJH Volunteers, especially Susan and Christopher Mundy, who faithfully serve almost every second Tuesday and Ginny Packer who has been

providing a pan of Tuesday night chili for more years than I care to count! Jim and Wynne Appleton deserve special mention for their very generous cooking support. Jim and Wynne cook every month and will frequently make more than one pan per dinner and then deliver their contribution to AJH too! We are also appreciative of ongoing support from Melissa Durbin, Leah Romanelli and the confirmation class. Also, we would like to thank Rena Kowalski for her help in updating our website and soliciting volunteers in the Thursday online paper.

Respectfully submitted,
Jenny Smith & Suzie Peregrine, Co-Chairs

* A link to the Sign Up Genius is on the Christ Church website (www.christchurchwinnetka.org) under "Serve". The AJH Volunteer Coordinator is David Crawford (david@ajustharvest.org).

Global Mission Report

The Vestry has included salaries in the 2016 budget for parish priests in our companion dioceses and our Diocesan missionary in Kenya. Specifically, for re-inserting the salary of Father Daniel of St. Michael's Church in Paloich, South Sudan (\$6K); for including the salary for Padre Sergio of Jesus de Nazaret Church in La Esperanza, Oaxaca, SE Mexico (\$3K); and for the mission work of Father John and wife Rose Ikenye in Kenya (\$5K). The total is \$14,000.

Bishop Benito of SE Mexico visited Christ Church in the spring and attended our Cinco de Mayo event. We supported our companion parish through the annual lily sale. Bishop Benito returned to Chicago in the fall for planning meetings with Bishop Lee and the churches supporting his diocese. Christopher Powell and Gary Martin attended. Gary is Vice Chair of the Diocese Global Mission sub-committee.

Bishop Joseph of South Sudan visited Christ Church in the fall. The Bishop spoke eloquently about the challenging situation in Renk; while the civil war has abated, citizens have not all returned to the towns. To help feed his people, Christ Church donated \$10,000 to pay salaries of 160 farm workers over a three-month period - they are weeding and harvesting 500 acres of sorghum and sesame, both staples in the Sudanese diet. The funds came from the balance of Noah Hillerbrand's mission trip and parishioner donations. Several parishioners attended the annual benefit in his honor at St. Michael's Church, Barrington.

Father Ikenye visited Christ Church in late spring to meet supporters here and throughout the Diocese.

Recently, Bishop Irfan Jamil of Lahore, Pakistan celebrated at a 9:30 service and led a compelling Faith & Practice. The Bishop is the guest (and relative) of parishioners Naghma and Sam Suleman. His presentation pointed out the historical life of the Episcopal Church in Pakistan and the significant challenges to lead the mission of Jesus in a highly inflamed and polarized society.



Global Mission is grateful to our clergy and parishioners for supporting our companion dioceses and missionaries in 2015.

Submitted by Phil Adams

Local Mission & Outreach Report

In 2015, Local Outreach continued in its efforts to expand parish outreach involvement with many wonderful results. Some highlights were:

In the first half of the year, and with Carmen Wilcox's infectious enthusiasm, our weekly mentoring involvement with Grace House mushroomed from one person to a group of seven! Deacon Heath does double duty as both an individual mentor and as a pastoral counselor for the group.

In February and March, several Christ Church parishioners led group sessions for Youth Guidance's Becoming-a-Man non-violence and Working-on-Womanhood self-esteem programs.

In April, a group of twenty parishioners participated in a Donate-A-Day event at the St. Leonard's home for formerly incarcerated men, mulching, mowing, raking and generally beautifying their grounds. After the work, volunteers shared a tasty lunch with residents.

In May, Lisa Crankshaw participated in Waukegan to College's Career Day.

Over the spring and summer, Local Outreach investigated the option of Christ Church participating with the local chapter of Family Promise, a nonprofit that provides shelter for temporarily displaced families. Twenty-eight congregations on the North Shore, including three Episcopal congregations, already participate in this effort. In September the Vestry approved this initiative and Local Outreach is busy preparing for our involvement to begin this fall!

In August, several families participated in shopping for and stuffing backpacks full of school supplies for the children of Revive Center for Housing and Healing and for the children of the women of Grace House.

In October, after the Rummage sale, a tween parishioner and her friends spruced up leftover coats, hats and boots for Refugee One's expected influx of Syrian refugees. The girls then made welcoming notes and tucked them inside the pockets of the donated items.

Local Outreach continues to look at additional opportunities for meaningful involvement with local nonprofit organizations, guided by inputs from our board members and parishioners. This year we compiled a spreadsheet of the volunteer needs noted by our Benevolence grant applicants. This information is available in the church office and is a great first resource for anyone trying to find just the right outreach fit.

We also recognize that a great deal of parish volunteerism happens outside Local Outreach auspices. Incredible service work occurs through Christ Church's major efforts with Rummage, Christmas Angels, and A Just Harvest, as well as through youth and international mission trips, Feed My Starving Children, etc. In our parish survey last year, we learned that while a great portion of our parish would like to be more involved in service work, others expressed concern that we also not lose sight of our current service commitments.

We continue to analyze critically our local outreach development strategy and results. While we are pleased with the efforts thus far, we believe that even better results can be achieved with broader parish participation, better integration of parish efforts, and greater community impact. In September, we made three recommendations to the Vestry which we believe will further these goals: (i) Christ Church should integrate all outreach activities and think about them strategically; (ii) We need to better educate and communicate with the parish leadership regarding outreach activities; and (iii) Outreach efforts require parish engagement and therefore must follow parish passion. We look forward to further work in this area in 2016.

Committee Members: Robin Anstaett, Melissa Durbin, Julie Flood, Nina Gray, Lisa Kerpan, Reaney Kunkler, Jim McGee, Anna Mills, Elizabeth Parkinson, Suzie Peregrine, Christine Peterson, Bob Spencer, Barb Tubekis, and Mary Walther

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Peterson, Chair

Christ Church Annual Campaign Report

Results: The core support of our operating budget is parishioner financial pledges for the calendar year. In 2015, we achieved \$1,239,000 total pledges from 284 families. Our 2016 goal was \$1,300,000. Our final pledge receipt as of January 15, 2016 was \$1,061,776 from 246 families. This was (\$239,000) below our goal and (\$178,000) below our 2015 total. Reflecting this resource, the 2016 budget was presented to parishioners during our January 16, 2016 Faith & Practice Sunday presentation.

Leadership Committee: Jim Henderson (Chair and Follow-Up), Jim Jaworski (Communications), Steve Hudson, Julie Flood, Chris Cahill, Marcy Champagne (Table Hosts), Sarah McCool (Dinner), Gary Stephans, Christopher Powell, Robin Anstaett (Table Hosts and Follow-Up)



Strategies: Communication derived unique Christ Church parish community spiritual and community factors from a parish-wide survey. We focused messaging on the personal identification of the relative importance of faith in all aspects of our lives and the connection of this identification to the giving cornerstone of that practice. The theme of “Thank God” headlined our collateral and presentation material. Tactical message delivery was through six Faith & Practice Sunday presentations (9/13 – 11/1), weekly meditations via email, bulletins and USPS mail (9/15 – 11/24), sermons and book groups. Leah Romanelli coordinated a youth-centered Sunday service to include their participation in the giving cornerstone.

The annual campaign dinner (Harvest Dinner) was held Tuesday, October 13, 2015 and parishioners were invited and hosted by twelve table hosts. Scores of parish volunteers under the leadership of Sarah McCool and Robin Anstaett managed a superior social and dining event. Christopher arranged impactful speakers and presentations, highlighted by Bishop Jeffrey Lee. Pledge solicitations distributed 10/27/16. Following cornerstone Sunday, follow-up was accomplished by all committee members, all vestry members and clergy from 11/30/15 through 1/15/16. Special follow-up pledge categories were newcomers, 2015 pledges and pastoral-care parishioners.

Staff and Office Support: John White, Rena Kolwalski and our bookkeepers provided important information/data input and output, communication delivery and receipt. They did a great job of keeping the gears of our strategies moving and coordinated.

Thank God: Prayerful thanks to pledging parishioners, committee and vestry members, clergy and staff for their commitments of resources, time and effort to the completion of our 2016 Christ Church financial giving cornerstone.

Respectfully,

Jim Henderson, 2016 Annual Campaign Chair

Warden's Report

This past year has been a year of joy, accomplishment and sorrow. Our parish continues to grow in our four cornerstones of faith - worshiping, seeking, serving and giving. Christ Church is on solid ground physically, financially and spiritually. We have said a fond farewell to Jeanne Leinbach and thanked her for the wonderful eight years she gave to us at Christ Church. We also said a sad farewell to very dear parishioners and friends, young and old, who passed away this year but who will forever remain in our hearts and memories.

The Vestry began the year with an off-site retreat in February at the Nicholas Center at the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago campus. The Vestry focused on getting to know one another and discussing and developing goals and objectives for the year. Vestry members were assigned areas of responsibility and then organized into three committees - Ministry, Mission and Administration.

In the spring we evaluated the health and vitality of Christ Church by administering the CAT (Church Assessment Tool). Nearly 200 parishioners completed the survey and 75 participated in small discussion groups. Many thanks to everyone who provided their feedback and to the Thrive team for guiding the implementation of the survey and the discussion of the results. According to these results, we continue to have a healthy combination of high satisfaction and high energy throughout the parish.

The survey and small group discussions have already sparked initiatives such as greater focus on welcoming new parishioners and the creation of new affinity discussion groups. We will continue to use the insights from this survey to seek new ways to transform our relationship with God and one another.

The annual reports that precede this report are testaments to the incredible work at Christ Church. We are blessed to have a group of dedicated parishioners and staff who give so freely of their gifts, talents and treasures. So much goes on every day in front of us and behind the scenes to enrich ours' and others' lives with God and each other.

Ministry at Christ Church is focused on worship, formation and fellowship. Christopher, Jeanne, Rod and Heath, along with guest speakers, have challenged us to make God more a part of our daily lives. Faith and Practice and the Lenten and Advent series have enabled us through in depth discussions to explore our faith and relationship with God.

Our guest speakers brought a new perspective to our lives and in some cases they challenged us to look at the world and our faith in a different light. Our Music program continued to bring us and others much joy. The program is so phenomenal that the Choir loft is bursting at the seams with young and “seasoned” choristers.

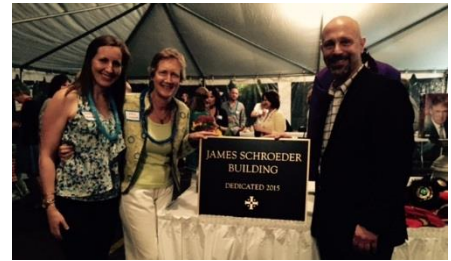
The trip to England was another huge success and even Bishop Lee and his wife wanted to be a part of this unique experience. Our Youth Ministry gets better and better every year. The program encompassing little tots to seniors in high school not only teaches the Bible and a life with God but provides an opportunity for mentoring by Christ Church adults and high schoolers that positively impacts both mentors and their mentees. Both our choir and youth ministry programs enable our youth to be leaders and volunteers and to interact with youth at other churches. Our Acolyte program has grown from 8 to 34, another indication of the vitality of our youth ministry. Although more behind the scenes, our Altar Guild, Flower Guild, and Hospitality Committee do dedicated work week after week that appears effortless making our worship services and fellowship events so very meaningful.



Mission at Christ Church encompasses giving to and helping others within our Christ Church family and outside our family both locally and globally. Our local outreach continues to help those in need in our Chicago area with a stunning list of efforts. The Outreach Committee is constantly looking at service opportunities for our parishioners to engage in and to further our service to Christ by helping those in need. The incredible effort put into our Rummage events is truly amazing, and provides the Benevolence committee with funds to distribute annually to worthy organizations. Our Global mission is centered on our two companion dioceses, SE Mexico and Renk, South Sudan. This year with monies raised and monies left over from Noah Hillerbrand’s Fence for Food project, we were able to give \$10,000 to Bishop Joseph Attem of Renk to pay farmers to sow and reap sorghum, a staple of the Sudanese diet. Also, it was decided in December to put \$14,000 in the 2016 budget for Global Mission. These monies will help pay salaries for Father Daniel in Paloich, Renk and Padre Sergio in SE Mexico and help further the missionary work of Father Akenye in Kenya.

Administration of Christ Church and its budget and assets continues to be thoughtful and thorough with the goal to use the precious gift of our facilities and donations by our parish in the best way possible. The buildings are well maintained by our tireless group of Sextons. This year we rented the Maple Street Chapel to the Korean Presbyterian Church. We continue with our other tenants as well making good use of our facilities.

Thanks to very generous gifts and bequests we were able to pay over \$600,000 of the West Building debt and refinance the balance. It was also decided to name the West Building the Schroeder Building in memory of Jim Schroeder, a beloved member of our parish and consummate Rummage volunteer.



An anonymous parishioner very nicely donated a high speed dishwasher for our Church House kitchen. This wonderful gift will cut down on hours of endless dishwashing following receptions and luncheons.

We have been privileged and honored to serve as Wardens of Christ Church, and to serve with the Vestry which is comprised of dedicated and thoughtful parishioners. This group generously shares their time, their gifts and their talents. It has also been our privilege to work with Christopher, our Rector. His love for Christ Church, our church family and God influences everything he does. He has graciously and tirelessly taken over the duties of Assistant Rector, since Jeanne left, and for that we are very grateful. We are also thankful to the hardworking staff at Christ Church who do all that is asked of them and more on a daily basis. We look forward to 2016 when we will welcome a new Associate Rector and continue furthering our life with God.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcy Champagne, Senior Warden, and Chris Cahill, Junior Warden.



Property & Grounds

Given the previous year's major project completions that included replacing the Parish House fire doors, the pedestrian bridge and fire escape along with the elevator repairs and repaving the Parish House parking lot, 2015 settled into a steady stream of smaller maintenance and capital projects that were both important and at times urgent, and were competently handled and completed by Jim Caldwell and John White.

In addition, the tireless efforts and dedicated commitment to the continuous improvement of our church grounds was again in 2015 aptly led by Elise Covey who directed our efforts around tree pruning, new plantings and has scheduled items going forward around improvements for our church yard railing which will be refurbished in early 2016.

Special thanks to the daily contributions on maintenance items too numerous to list, yet all of which are important and urgent and require the focused attention that both Mario Ruiz and Steve Tracy so capably provide.

A sample list of some of the more important 2015 completed projects include the following:

- Repaired and replaced windows in Scout and Flower Rooms
- Painted entire basement in Parish House
- Upgraded lighting for Parish House Chapel
- Replaced emergency lights in Samaritan offices and Chapel
- Replaced curb and retaining walls near Parish House
- Replaced concrete sidewalk at north entrance to Willow Wood
- Tuck pointed north windows in cloister
- Painted hallways outside classrooms in basement of Church on Hill

Thanks also to Vestry member Tom Tubekis for his counsel and leadership throughout the 2015 buildings and grounds committee meetings and in helping prioritize the continuous list of projects developed throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Jaworski

Christ Church Treasurer's Report - 2015				
<i>Living within our means is a goal of our annual budgeting process.</i>				
<u>Operating Results (January thru December, unaudited, \$ in thousands)</u>				
		Actual	Budget	Variance
		2015	2015	2015
Revenues				
	Pledges	\$ 1,270	\$ 1,227	\$ 43
	Offerings	32	38	\$ (6)
	Facility Receipts	309	308	\$ 1
	Other Income	<u>146</u>	<u>131</u>	<u>\$ 15</u>
	Total Revenue	\$ 1,757	\$ 1,704	\$ 53
Expenses				
	Ministry	\$ 314	\$ 322	\$ 8
	Music	255	245	(10)
	Christian Education	129	126	(3)
	Facilities	474	498	24
	Administration	323	323	-
	Flowers	10	8	(2)
	Diocesan Pledge	<u>182</u>	<u>182</u>	<u>-</u>
	Total Expenses	\$ 1,687	\$ 1,704	\$ 17
Operating Surplus (Deficit)		\$ 70	\$ -	\$ 70

Respectfully submitted,
Kurt Anstaett, Treasurer

Investments Report

Pursuant to the formal investment policy adopted and approved by the Vestry in June 2013, Christ Church's Investment Committee is charged with overseeing the management of Christ Church's investment funds. Our funds are invested within formally established investment types and allocation parameters in a variety of professionally managed investment funds, primarily through the Vanguard family of mutual funds. Christ Church's investment funds are allocated primarily among various equity index and bond index funds, as well as some money market funds.

For monies in our Long-Term Investment Funds, the primary objective is to generate long-term growth of the funds managed. These funds include the Memorial & Special Gifts Fund, the Churchyard Fund, and various Endowment Funds to support our music program, maintain our church facilities, and fund special educational and enrichment programs. For monies in our Reserve Funds, which include the Maintenance Reserve Fund and the James Schroeder Building Loan Repayment Fund, the funds are invested with the primary objectives of capital preservation and immediate availability.

The total value of Christ Church's investment portfolio at Vanguard was \$2,122,584 as of 12/31/15. This compares to a total value of \$2,346,267 as of 12/31/14. Gifts and contributions to the various investment funds in 2015 totaled \$210,000. Withdrawals from the various investment funds in 2015 totaled \$429,822, with \$350,000 used to repay a significant portion of the Schroeder Building loan and the balance of the withdrawals used for various Vestry authorized purposes.

The investment return on the total portfolio in 2015 was a loss of \$3,861. This investment return of -0.2% compares to the -0.73% change in the S&P 500 Index and the -2.23% change in the Dow Jones Industrial Average during the same period.

The investment return on Christ Church's total portfolio over the past 3 years and the past 5 years was \$352,166 and \$553,159, respectively.

The current members of the Investment Committee are Kurt Anstaett, Lawson Whitesides, David Russell, Linda Stephans, Breece McKinney, and Richard Jones.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard T. Jones, Chairman

Want to get involved?

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Rummage	Charlotte McGee	847-446-2850
Choir & handbells	Richard Clemmitt	847-347-9967
Benevolence	Frances DeBlasio	847-909-2659
Hospitality	Darlene McKinney	847-446-4507
Funeral Receptions	Jane Whitesides	847-446-0129
Parish Meal Support	Carrie Healy	847-446-0266
Acolytes	Leah Romanelli	815-757-7567
Children's Ministry	Melissa Durbin	847-446-2850
Youth Ministry	Leah Romanelli	815-757-7567
Vergers	Jim Henderson	847-501-3148
Ushers	Michael Peregrine	847-835-5603
Lectors/Intercessors	Susie Sprowl	847-446-7399
Altar Guild	Betsy Balyeat	847-272-6814
Flower Guild	Sarah McCool	847-446-1320
Flower Deliveries	Judy Harmon	847-446-1189
Chalice Bearers	Lawson Whitesides	847-446-0129
Christmas Angels	Julie Flood	847-920-1006
A Just Harvest	Suzie Peregrine	847-835-5603
Food Pantry First	Lisa Crankshaw	847-256-1937
Book Group	Melissa Durbin	847-309-5834
Friends in Faith	Elizabeth Clemmitt	312-618-1238
Holy Caffeine	Christopher Powell	847-868-5611
Faith Explorers	Heath Missner	847-853-9263
Women's Bible Study	Heath Missner	847-853-9263
Newcomers	Jane Whitesides	847-446-0129
Meals At Home	Elise Covey	847-926-3346
Transportation	Heath Missner	847-853-9263
Lay Chaplain Visits	Heath Missner	847-853-9263
Global Mission	Phil Adams	847-256-4956
Local Outreach	Christine Peterson	847-835-9261

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Heath Missner	Deacon	847-853-9263	heath
Richard Clemmitt	Organist/ Choirmaster	847-347-9967	Rclemmitt
Elizabeth Clemmitt	Primary Choir Director	312-618-1238	Eclemmitt
Jay Peterson	Organ Associate	773-326-7516	Jpeterson
Melissa Durbin	Director of Children's Ministries	847-309-5834	Melissa
Leah Romanelli	Youth Minister	815-757-7567	Leah
Charlotte McGee	Rummage Coordinator	847-446-2850 #24	Rummage
Rena Kowalski	Technology/ Communications	847-446-2850	Rena
Cindy Lyman	Finance Manager	847-446-2850 #23	Bookkeeper
John White	Office Manager	847-446-2850 #35	Johnwhite
Jim Caldwell	Facilities Manager	224-636-3370	Jcaldwell
Mario Ruiz	Sexton	847-946-0302	Mario
Steve Tracy	Sexton	773-484-0568	Steve
Lucila Ruiz	Church Nursery	224-235-0535	Lucila
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Schroeder Building		847-446-2850 #26	

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