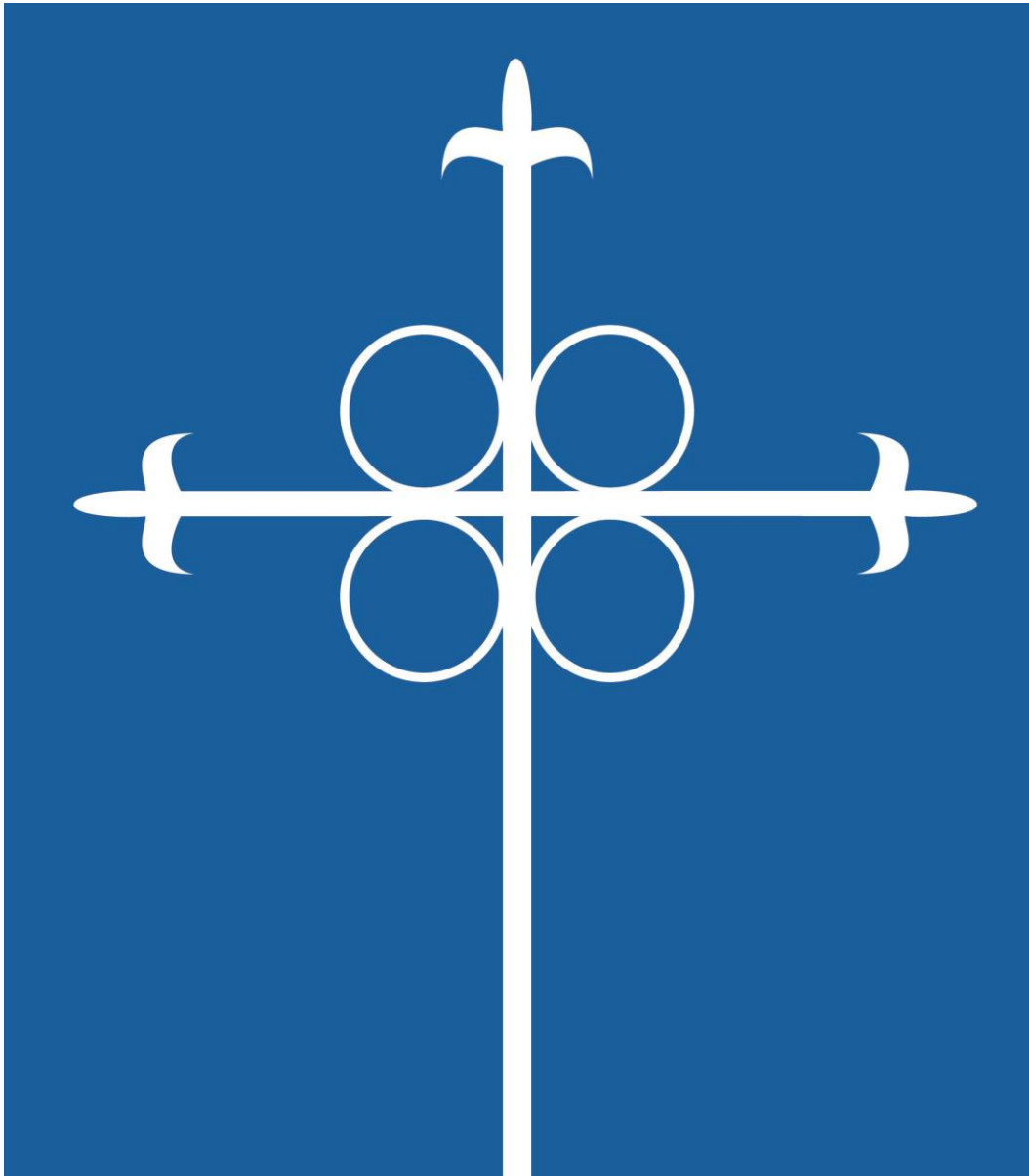


**THE ANNUAL REPORT
OF
CHRIST CHURCH IN BLOOMFIELD & GLEN RIDGE
FOR THE
157TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH**



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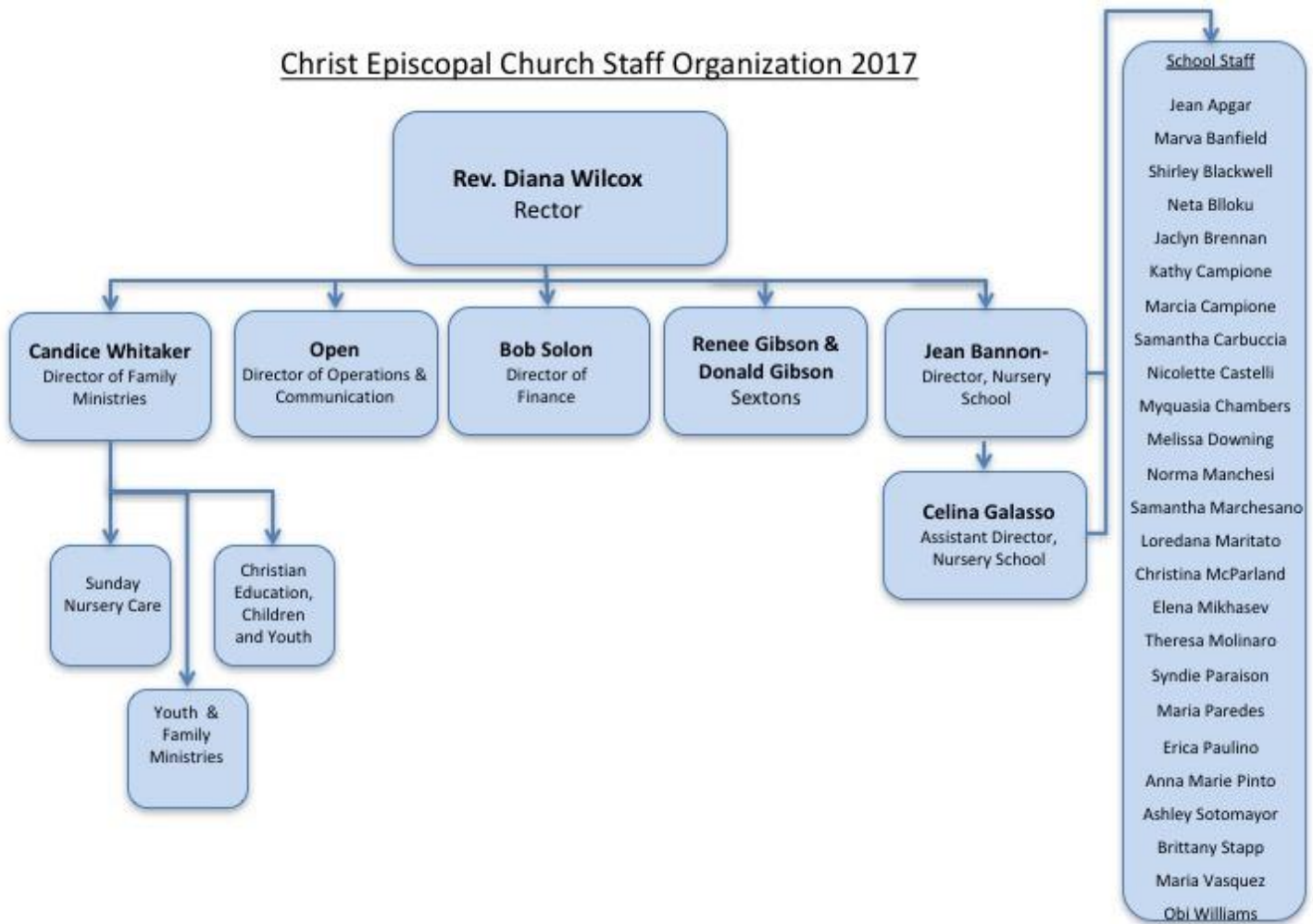
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LEADERSHIP AND STAFF OF CHRIST CHURCH

Wardens: David Drislane and William Seeman
Clerk of the Vestry: Rick Fox **Treasurer:** Dan Wing

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Class of 2017</u> Danita Locks Robert Plass David Brinkerhoff</p>	<p>The Vestry <u>Class of 2018</u> Lambert Gibson Denise Massey-Williams Benjamin Reynolds</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Class of 2019</u> Joseph Durham Rick Fox Kevin Treuberg</p>
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OPENING PRAYER & SCRIPTURE

Rector: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Rector: Let us pray together...

Almighty and ever living God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with us as we take counsel in Christ Church in Bloomfield & Glen Ridge for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Lector: A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift... The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

MINUTES OF THE 156TH MEETING OF THE PARISH

CALL TO ORDER: The 156th Annual Meeting of the Parish was called to order by William Seeman & David Drislane, Wardens of Christ Church, on Sunday, January 17, 2016 following the 10:30 A.M. Worship Service. After the opening prayer, the minutes of the 155th annual meeting were unanimously approved.

RECTOR'S REMARKS: Mtr. Diana Wilcox, our rector, highlighted the many initiatives for growth and renewal our parish has undertaken during the past year. They included, but were not limited to:

- Increased our average Sunday attendance by 16%, 33% over the past two years!
- Our financial outlook is improving, with a new five year plan towards full financial health
- The new Infrastructure Project will provide needed space for church programs and nursery school classes
- We restored our aging organ console and pipes to ensure that they will produce beautiful music for years to come
- New music worship experiences were added – a Lenten Evensong and an Advent Festival of Lessons & Carols
- We had two new parish wide celebrations – Mass on the Grass with Brass & Parish Picnic and the Fall Founder's Fest – both of which were well attended and received
- Our website has reached thousands (over 37,000 views and over 15,000 visitors) and our Facebook page has over 640 "likes" – more than any other church in our diocese

See our 2015 Annual Report, page 8, for Mtr. Wilcox's full report.

WARDEN'S REMARKS: Wardens David Drislane and William Seeman reported to the meeting, commenting on the growth of the church and the new plans to expand and renovate the buildings as part of the Infrastructure Project. For the full Warden's Report, see our 2015 Annual Report, page 12.

NURSERY SCHOOL DIRECTOR REMARKS: Jean Bannon, our Director of the Nursery School, commented on the importance of the Infrastructure Project, and the excitement in the school about the possibility fo rexpanded and renewed spaces. See her full report in the 2015 Annual Report, page 14.

MUSIC DIRECTOR REMARKS: Bill Davies reported on the restored organ console, the expanded music programs (Lenten Evensong & Lessons & Carols), and the growth in the number of choristers. For Mr. Davies' full report, see our 2015 Annual Report, page 16.

NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH OFFICE: Those retiring from their role were thanked.
The nominees for office were:

Warden: David Drislane

Vestry (3 yr. terms): Rick Fox, Kevin Treuberg, Joseph Durham (nominated from the floor)

Diocesan Convention Deputy: Ben Reynolds

Retiring from roles were:

Vestry: Rhonda Watson and Emmanuel Wakhata

All nominated were elected.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET FOR 2016: Dan Wing, our Treasurer, and Robert Solon, our Director of Finance, presented and discussed our current balance sheet, budget for the coming year, and the finances of the Nursery School. See pages 24-47 of our 2015 Annual Report for further details.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: A motion was offered and seconded to accept into record all committee reports as written in the 2015 Annual Report. The motion was passed unanimously.

ROUND TABLE: Mtr. Diana offered the following topic for discussion:

There continues to be a high percentage of our congregation that arrives late for worship. This can be disconcerting for visitors (not to mention those who are on time). We would like to determine if there is something the parish can do to help, and so we are asking about the worship times:

- What if the services were at 9am and 11am? If you are late, would this help? If you are on time, would this hurt?
- Talk with your tablemates about how this impacts you – are you one who is late, or one who is on time, and what do you all believe we can do to address this?

Mtr. Diana commended us for thinking outside the box.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 1:59 pm. A blessing was offered by Mtr. Diana.

2017 PARISH ELECTION NOMINEES

NOMINATION FOR WARDEN

Denise Massey-Williams: I have been attending Christ Church since 2002 following the closure of the Central Brick Presbyterian Church which our family attended since 1988. Guyana is my birth country and I was baptized at the St. James-the-less Anglican church as an infant, however our family worshipped at the Queenstown Moravian Church up until I migrated to the USA. After attending my brother's wedding at Christ Church, and as we were church shopping, we decided to attend a worship service – Mrs. London was our connection to Christ Church, being related to my sister-in-law. We chose Christ Church because of the warm welcome received during each visit and for its diversity and the familiarity of some of the hymns sung during service. I am a divorced mother of two (a son and a daughter) and am grandmother to three girls. Najja, who was one of our 2014 high school graduates, Paris who is a lector, and Eleise who lives in South Jersey, but visits occasionally. I am from a family of 8 (originally) 1 brother deceased and 6 siblings most within easy visiting distance. My mother attended Christ Church until her death in 2007. My sister Iona Hutchinson is also a member of Christ Church. I work full time for MetLife's Midtown office as a contracts analyst in the Global Employee Benefits unit - a job that consumes the majority of my day. My interests include reading, music (listening to and singing), and enjoying a busy family life. From as early as I can remember, I have always had an active church life, beginning in the children's choirs and graduating to youth and the adult choir; Sunday school and vacation bible school teacher, youth group and other activities. In addition to being a lector and a chorister, I have served on the Christ Church vestry for two three year terms, and decided to serve once again as I feel called to help in the transformation that Christ Church is experiencing.



NOMINATIONS FOR VESTRY

Bill Seeman: I have been attending Christ Church since the late 1990s following my return from a five year corporate assignment in London, England. I chose Christ Church as a life long Episcopalian and stayed because of the worship experience and friendly nature of the congregation. I have been a Vice President and Financial Advisor with Ameriprise Financial Services since 2012 after 12 years with Merrill Lynch. Prior to Merrill, I spent 27 years as a banker specializing in corporate cash management. I have been a resident of Glen Ridge since 1980 following over six years in Bloomfield. I have been active in the Glen Ridge community serving as President of the 'Taxpayers' Association, President of the Kiwanis Club and as a current member of the Board of Adjustment. At Christ Church I have served as Finance Chair, on the Vestry for two terms and as Warden. Education includes a BA in History from Gettysburg College in 1973 and an MBA in Finance from Seton Hall University in 1980.



Amy McAllister: Amy McAllister has been attending Christ Church since January 2015 with her wife, Kelly, and their two amazing kids, Aidan and Marian. Aidan is active in the youth group and serves as an acolyte. Marian regularly attends Sunday School and can't wait until she's old enough to serve as an acolyte like her big brother. Amy has called Bloomfield her home for almost seven years, though she is originally from South Jersey. While she does enjoy rooting for the Mets, she continues to be a die-hard Phillies fan, and to her, it will always be Taylor Pork Roll. Please try not to hold these things against her.



In her professional life, Amy is an attorney with Scarinci Hollenbeck in Lyndhurst, NJ, where she practices under her maiden name, Amy Van Fossen, and specializes in tax controversy, tax planning, estate planning, and business counselling. In her spare time, she relishes doing anything not related to tax or law, like fixing up the old house she and her wife purchased a little over a year ago, seeing live shows, concerts and games, obsessively listening to show tunes, collecting baseball cards, and going to comic book conventions with her wife and kids.

Mark Richardson: Mark is a psychotherapist at Beth Israel Medical Center (Newark, NJ), with a focus on treating survivors of trauma. Mark is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison (Art, 1983) and Rutgers, New Brunswick (Social Work, 2012). He worked for many years in New York City as a magazine and website designer, and overseas as an ESL teacher. Mark's partner, Louis, is also a social worker. The couple has one cat, two turtles, and many nieces and nephews.



“I began attending Christ Church in 2014. I had lived in New York and New Jersey since the early 1990s, but I still felt like I didn't know any of my neighbors, so I was looking for some kind of community-level group or activity. I considered various kinds of meet-ups, book clubs, etc, but nothing felt right. I had already developed an interest in spirituality and mythology through the works of Carl Jung, and one day I thought, ‘What if I just went to church?’ I hadn't been to a religious service in over 30 years, so I was anxious that first time. What I discovered at Christ Church was a group of people who were genuinely welcoming, open-minded and decent to one another. A few months later, I was invited to join the choir, where I have sung in the tenor section for the past 18 months. If confirmed to serve in the vestry, I look forward to contributing to the vitality of Christ Church, in order to allow values of love, respect, humility and concern for others to prosper in this world.”

Bob Plass: Bob is a former polymer chemist at Reynolds Polymer Technology, Inc. He studied Polymer Science at Penn State University. He is now retired and enjoys working on a golf course. He and his wife Simone have been a Christ Church for some time now, and Bob is running for his second term on the Vestry.

Bob volunteers every week to set out the communion for the Wednesday noon Holy Eucharist. He also initiated an effort to work with GreenFaith on making our church more environmentally friendly and cost efficient.



NOMINATION FOR DIOCESAN CONVENTION DEPUTY

Christopher Dwyer: A near-cradle Episcopalian and a PK, I joined Christ Church in October of 2015 after a decade's absence from the church. Since joining, I've jumped into lay ministry here with both feet, serving in the choir and as a lector at the 10:30 am service, as a worship assistant at the 8 am service, and formerly as a lay leader for the Wednesday night labyrinth and Compline. I am also currently working on the Outreach Fair project.

My wife Amy and I moved to Bloomfield in September of 2014, and our nephew Sumner joined us here in June of 2015. Amy was baptized here at Christ Church on Easter Sunday, 2016. In my professional life I'm a Senior Financial Analyst with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, working on homelessness and community development grants. I'm a proud veteran of the United States Navy, and I hold a Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership from Chapman University, and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Southern California.



REPORT OF THE RECTOR



God has truly blessed us all again this past year, and it seems only yesterday, rather than three years ago, that I started as your Rector. Our journey together as priest and parish has been filled with so many opportunities for renewal and growth. Inside these pages are the stories – our stories – of transition, of new life, of growing to serve and serving to grow. I encourage everyone to read these pages, because they are your – a story of the Holy Spirit at work here at Christ Church -through you.

There truly is so much good news to share, and much of it is part of other reports, but I will try to just highlight a few.

Some of these I have already shared in various forms of communication throughout the year. In 2016 we...

- ❖ Increased our average Sunday attendance by 7%, 42% over the past three years, which is nearly unheard of these days across most churches
- ❖ Our financial outlook has improved, and the future appears to be moving to solid ground
- ❖ The new Infrastructure Project was completed, and provided needed space for church programs and nursery school classes, and accessibility to our church offices and meeting spaces
- ❖ We updated our aging phone and data networks to provide both the church and the nursery school with the tools needed to serve our parishioners, parents, and children
- ❖ We updated our aging school camera system to provide increased safety for our students and staff
- ❖ We were the gathering place in the wake of the horrific mass shooting in Orlando, providing an interfaith service of healing and peace
- ❖ We began hosting PFLAG NJ, and continue to offer space to the NJ Reading Orchestra, the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, and many more
- ❖ We have become a focal point in our community, hosting a Police-Community relations meeting this past fall, as well as hosting the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service



- ❖ Our choir is growing too, and our Lenten Evensong and Advent Lessons & Carols are now no longer new programs, but something the community looks forward to each year.
- ❖ We continued our new parish wide celebrations for a second year – Mass on the Grass with Brass & Parish Picnic and the Fall Founder’s Fest – both of which continue to be well attended and received
- ❖ Our website has reached thousands (over 57,000 views and over 23,000 visitors) and our Facebook page has over 730 “likes” – more than any other church in our diocese
- ❖ Adult Formation programs on a variety of topics as well continued, as well as Theology on Tap, our successful discussion program offered at the local bar and grill, and the popular Book Club.
- ❖ Continued to host diocesan events, including Christophany
- ❖ Once again we had our Good Friday Stations of the Cross in Community, where we go out into our neighborhoods to find the Christ crucified and risen there.
- ❖ The Outreach Group held two blood drives, and we expect a great deal more this year as you all engage with the world in the name of Christ



What does all this mean? We are growing to serve and serving to grow. Christ Church is growing by leaps and bounds, and in the years to come, we will experience even more. The rest of my report provides important details about our parish life (see Parochial Report below), and yet, as Christians, it is vital to remember that we do not exist, nor does the church, for ourselves alone, but for God, and we are called to love and serve in the name of Christ.

In the years ahead, we will continue to “grow in faith, serve our neighbors, and create community,” that others may know that they are loved unconditionally and for all time. There is much work to do in this dark and weary world, but together we will step boldly forward knowing that in all that we do, because of Christ, there is no darkness that his light cannot overcome, that life is stronger than death.

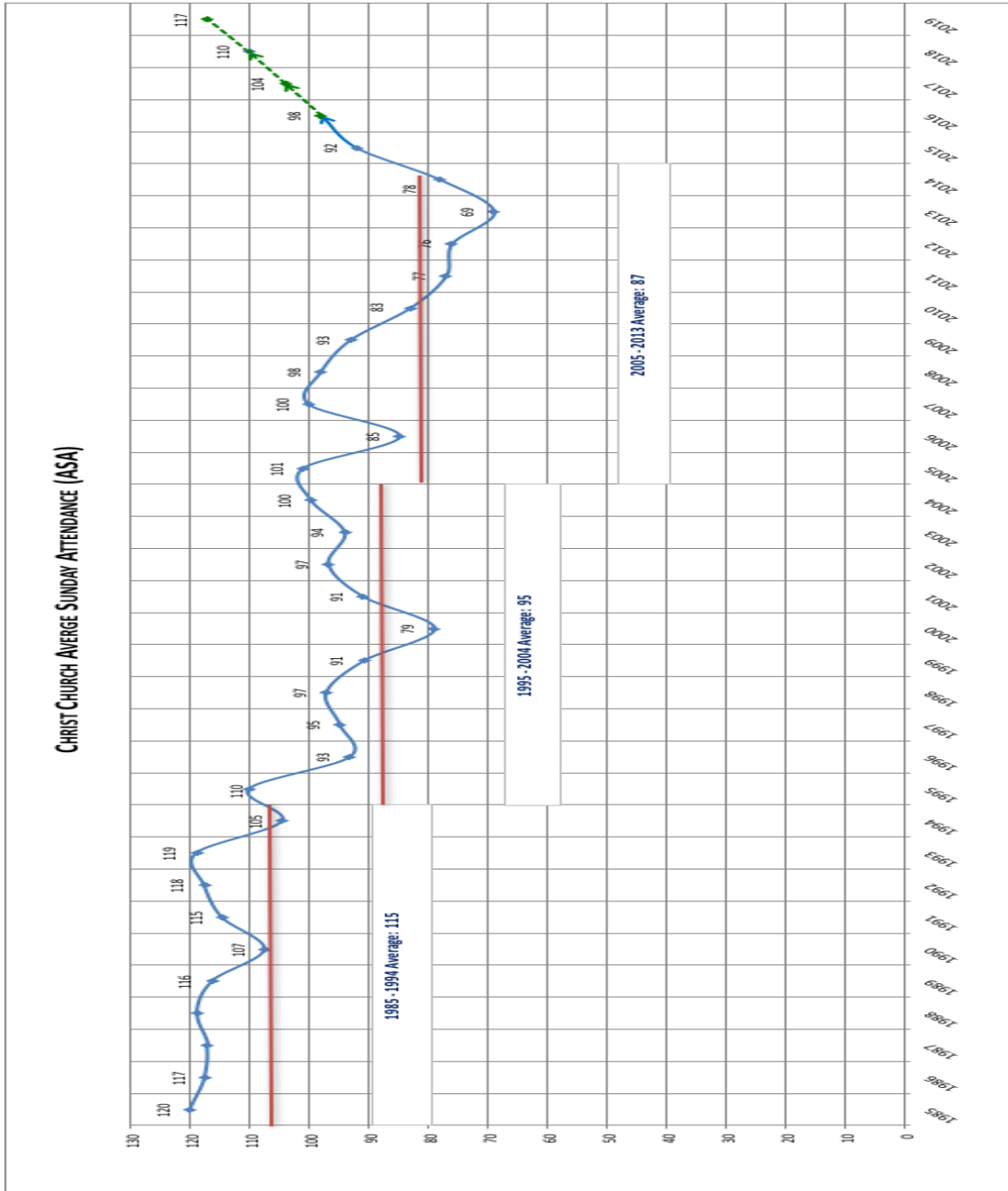
I am truly humbled to be called to love and serve you, and I pray we continue to hear and respond to the Holy Spirit in the year ahead.

Blessings,
 Mother Diana+
 Rector

PAROCHIAL REPORT

AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

Average Sunday Attendance, or ASA, is one of the ways churches are able to understand their overall health as a congregation. It is not the only way we can measure vitality – being Christ in the world (outreach to the community, engagement in justice issues), and financials (plate and pledge) are others. The chart below was shown at our annual meeting last year, and shows our attendance over 30 years, our growth over the past two years, and where we will be in five years at the current rate of increase in average Sunday attendance.



BAPTISMS



Amy Marie Waldron
Jennifer Leigh Riggs
Alexa Rae Rosolowski
Kailyn Brooke Rosolowski
Grayson Aaron Riggs
Christopher Cash O'Neil

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen. (BCP, p. 308)

WEDDINGS

No weddings were celebrated this year.

O gracious and everliving God, you have created us in your image: Look mercifully upon these wedded partners who come to you seeking your blessing, and assist them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor and keep the promises and vows they make; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (BCP, p. 425)



FUNERALS

Hamilton Webster
Beatrice D'Orso
Dana Marie Mariotti
William King, Jr.

Mother of all, we pray to you for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. (BCP, p. 498, adapt.)

PASTORAL CARE

There have been many calls and visits, both in homes, and in hospitals, in the past year. This ministry of presence is a privilege and a trust. Spiritual direction is also a part of pastoral care, and involves meeting with people as they discern where God is calling them.

REPORT OF THE WARDENS

Fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, as we look back on the past year, we can say without hesitation that 2016 was another year of transformation and spiritual growth here at Christ Church. As your Wardens, we reflect on the past year, with a full proud heart, knowing that so many wonderful and exciting things happened within our parish community.

The spiritual journey of growth and development we have undertaken as a congregation over the past few years, has profoundly affected us. It has made us very proud to serve in our roles as your lay leaders. All that we have accomplished this past year could also not have happened without each one of you in the congregation who were engaged and played an active role. In addition, our hard working vestry has done a lot of out of the box and transformative thinking. They have taken some leap of faith decisions to embrace the world around us to ensure the long term viability of our parish. Without doing this, we would have not have been able to live out our mission to grow in faith and serve our neighbors while building community. In terms of outreach we are excited to see some new lay leaders in



Christopher Dwyer and Stephanie Reynolds who will be taking our outreach programs to new heights with their exciting plans for 2017, which we have already begun to hear about.

Many of you may recall that the long term viability of the parish was very much in question when we called Mother Diana to be our spiritual shepherd back at the beginning of 2014. We are proud to say that under her leadership and strategic vision, in addition to the hard work of our vestry, we have turned the parish around. Before we were very much an inward thinking parish, today we are one that is engaged with our local communities. We need to always remember that inside the four walls of the church is not the only place where church happens. To live out our calling from God, we have to go out into the world to spread his message and more importantly, do his work. This outreach work has clearly been noticed within our local communities of Bloomfield/Glen Ridge in addition to the diocese, who now views us as a place undergoing a tremendous transformation. The fact that the diocese and local community groups are requesting to use our updated facilities is a testament to this transformation.

The infrastructure project, undertaken at the beginning of 2016 at a cost of \$400,000 (\$350,000 construction and \$50,000 for legal, architecture, furniture etc.), provided new and upgraded spaces that could be better used by both the church and our wonderful nursery school. As a result of the investment in and updating of our facilities both the church and the nursery school today have a much brighter and more viable future. Enrollment for example in our newly expanded nursery school is now starting to pay dividends. By April of 2017, we project enrollment to reach over 113 students. We have also noticed a significant uptick in people looking for a



church community and child care in our community. This is due in part to the opening of several large housing developments in Bloomfield over the past 12 months.

Growth of our parish family was achieved again in 2016, for the third straight year. If we reflect back at the past three years, we have grown by 42%. This is quite impressive and a remarkable achievement that we should be proud of. It should be noted that this is not the norm, many churches are presently seeing a decline in their congregations. Back in 2013 when we called Mother Diana, we had set what we thought then was a very ambitious goal of 25%. This has been surpassed by a whopping 17%. This helps validate that we are on the right course as a parish.

Our mission of engaging with our local communities this past year was accomplished by several outreach endeavors such as;

- Hosting a Vigil for Love Against Hate which allowed members of our local communities an opportunity and place to come together to express their grief after the horrific events in Orlando.
- Our parish hall was used by Glen Ridge Police Department to host a police/ community discussion that was attended by police departments from several of our surrounding communities.
- Our annual Blessing of the Animals to highlight and aid the work of PAWS Montclair and Bloomfield Animal Shelter.
- Good Friday Stations of the Cross in our community.
- Vacation Bible School hosted by Cross Roads Camp provides a wonderful opportunity for our youth to learn about the grace of God in a wonderful and safe day camp experience.
- Theology on Tap continues to provide a safe and open forum for people of all faiths and denominations to come together to discuss various faith based topics.
- Lessons and Carols organized by our Music Director, Bill Davies and sung by our wonderful choir provides an evening to enjoy the spirit of Christmas.
- A blood drive and rummage sale organized by our outreach committee.



It is impossible to list everything; the above accomplishments have been achieved through the tireless work of not only the Rector, Wardens, Vestry and Treasurer but also through you, our congregation, who plays a very active role.

In closing, we look forward to 2017 with great optimism. We believe that Christ Church will continue to grow and prosper as a faith community thanks to the faith, hard work and support of all of you!

Respectfully Submitted by
Bill Seeman & David Drislane

REPORT OF THE NURSERY SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Happy New Year to All! The Nursery School of Christ Church has a current enrollment of 106 children which is 4 more than last year's annual report. We have 18 infants, 19 toddlers, 26 in our preschool 1, 20 in our preschool 2, 9 in our preschool 3 (not even a class before the infrastructure project), and 14 in our kindergarten class. Prospective parents continue to tour our school getting their information from Facebook, as well as parent recommendations. Everyone that tours (as well as current parents) are amazed at how beautiful the inside of the buildings are. We are all pleased with our new spaces, and are now able to continue to grow...thanks Greg, Ian and Thor from Outside Carpentry, and thank you Christ Church!



Our fall session continues with our Kiddie Soccer, Dance and Yoga programs. These companies come to our facility, use our gym and Coursern Room, and are offered to our parents at a great price. The staff accompany the children, and families enjoy the availability of these extracurricular programs right here at our school. Kiddie Soccer participants received medals upon completion of their program, and both Dance and Yoga had a recital in December. All of these programs will start up again in the spring. The Nursery School provides a music program, Juice Box Rock, to all of our children on Thursday mornings, and Ms. Lori gets both children and staff up and moving! Our Spanish program is on hold until September,

while Ms. Maria recuperates. We all wish her a speedy recovery!

Other major events here are our annual Halloween Show and Parade in October and our Children's Thanksgiving Feast in November. Staff and children prepare, cook and bake a complete turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Parents and staff served this delicious meal to all of our children, infants included. At some point, we all got to sit down to give thanks for being together, our many blessings, as well as for all of the good food!



The month of December is the busiest of all here with decorating, gathering donations for those less fortunate, and preparation for our Holiday Show.

Our show is held on the Friday before Christmas, with all of the children performing on stage, singing their little hearts out. A special visit from Santa with a bag full of presents is always a welcome sight for the children.

Because of our infrastructure project last June, our graduation ceremony was held in the Church instead of on our stage. It was so successful and beautiful that we will continue to hold future graduations in the Church. All are welcome to come. This year it will be on Friday, June 16th at 2:00pm.

Respectively Submitted,
Jean Bannon
Director

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC



The music program has continued, over the past year, to continue to focus on developing the choral resources we enjoy in worship. The choir has expanded its repertoire and also become ever more expert at singing that repertoire. The group has worked hard at developing the musicianship needed to sing more complex and interesting pieces. Those anthems and other music have enhanced not only the usual Sunday service and other of the regular church year, but also helped build the traditions of Advent Lessons and Carols and Lenten Evensong.

Christ Church was fortunate to be able to invite Colin Lynch, assistant at Trinity, Copley Square, to present an organ recital in celebration of the church's refurbished Moeller organ in the spring of 2016. The



recital was popular and successful, not only with members of the church, but also with musicians and other interested people from the northern New Jersey area.



Several years ago, the choir enjoyed the help of only one paid section leader. In subsequent years, we began a pilot program, using what was then money from the Trinity fund, to add tenor and bass section leaders. We have been fortunate for the last few years to be able to fund those positions out of the regular budget and thus retain the services of talented people. In 2017, we will complete this picture by adding an alto section, thus providing section support for all four voices.

Respectfully Submitted,
William Davies
Director of Music

REPORT OF THE PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is responsible for all communications and the management of the facilities. It is also often the first point of contact for vendors, visitors, and others looking to know more about the church.

The screenshot shows the website for Christ Episcopal Church, Bloomfield & Glen Ridge. The header features the church's logo, a blue cross with four circles, and the text "CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH BLOOMFIELD & GLEN RIDGE". Below the logo is the tagline "Growing in faith - Serving our neighbors - Creating community". A navigation menu includes links for Home, About Us, Worship, Growing in Faith, Serving Our Neighbors, Creating Community, New To The Episcopal Church?, and Photo Gallery. A secondary menu lists "THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN", "OUR NEWSLETTER", "IN THE NEWS!", "PLEDGE/DONATE", "OUR ANNUAL REPORT", "DAILY BIBLE READING FROM TAZE", and "CONTACT US". The main content area is divided into several sections: "DIRECTIONS" with a photo of the church building; "ALL ARE WELCOME!" with a "We're a Believe OUTLOUD" logo; "Upcoming Events" featuring a "Blood Drive - Jan 16" announcement; "News To Share" with a "Christmas Newsletter Online!" announcement; and "OUR CALENDAR" showing a weekly schedule for January.

Over the past year, we have continued to work to ensure that all the good things happening in and out of Christ Church are well known in our surrounding communities. We have launched Facebook and newspaper ads, had sign displays on Bloomfield Avenue near the Glen Ridge train station, and brightly colored banners alongside the church on Bloomfield Avenue. Press releases were also sent to local media for our events, and Mother Diana has been writing a periodic column for the Glen Ridge Voice.

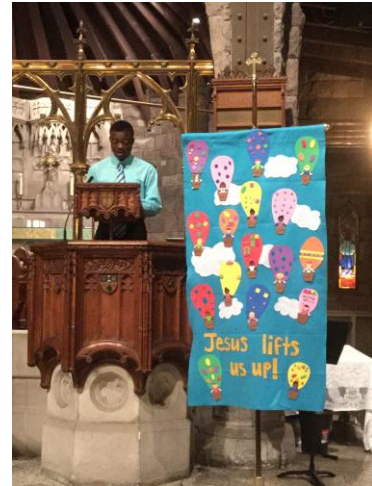
As always, we produce the bulletins and Sunday Papers for every worship service, all of which are loaded online each week, as well as the quarterly newsletter. Speaking of online communications, our website has over 57,000 hits, and our Facebook page has over 730 likes – ensuring that this parish is reaching our neighbors and beyond.

This office is run by the Director of Communications, a position that is now open. We are currently receiving resumes, and hope to hire in March. In the meantime, the vestry has authorized our Director of Family Ministries, Candice Whitaker, to be paid for an additional nine hours of work each week to cover as best she can the gap, lightening the load on Mother Diana. We are grateful for her efforts!

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRIES

This has been yet another awesome year! We have continued to welcome several new families, particularly those with young children. The Sunday School is currently meeting in the Toddler room of the Parish Hall, sharing space with the nursery care (the room is divided). However, the infrastructure project has transformed the old Sunday School space upstairs, so we will soon be able to use that space again as we are quickly outgrowing the Toddler room. It is still our hope to split the Sunday School into at least two groups of younger and older children; we are very close to doing so, but this will ultimately depend on having an increase in helpers every Sunday to make this possible!

I have felt so much support this year and I can't express how grateful I am for everyone who has stepped in to help me, especially when I was away on maternity leave. We now have more volunteers willing to dedicate their time to this ministry- it really would not be possible without this support. It has been great to see an increase in the participation of older children as acolytes and readers during the service, as well.



We are still wanting to develop and grow a consistent youth choir. We have so many young kids who want to participate, so we are hoping to start a choir with just the young children as well. This is a great way to get the kids and youth of our congregation to be active participants in our worship. I really hope this is the year to get it going strong!

Since we now have quite a few youth in middle school this year, we will be starting up a Jr.



High youth group, which will meet after the church service the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month, beginning soon! We have a great space in the other building upstairs that is dedicated to youth. I am also in the process of choosing another curriculum for the Sunday School, as we have completed the last one already. We will definitely be utilizing more space in the Parish Hall and in the upstairs classroom during this time. More details coming soon!

The ministry for children and youth continues to grow, and I can not thank everyone enough for all the support. I have the best job as Director of Family Ministries, and it is because of all the fantastic kids, parents, parishioners, and staff with whom I get to work. We will keep growing, and I look forward to all the fun we will have again this next year!

Respectfully Submitted,

Candice Whitaker
Director of Family Ministries

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

As of Jan. 18, 2017, we have received 58 pledges totaling \$92,540, as compared with \$106,773 from 68 pledgers in 2016. The most recent ten years of pledge data can be found on page 20 of this report.

Things to note:

- Pledgers in 2017 who pledged in 2016: 49 of 58
 - Of the pledges received from those same people: 15 increased, 3 decreased, 31 remained the same.
- We received 9 pledges from people who did not pledge in 2015.
- The Vestry is at 100% in pledging.
- Total of 2016 pledges not yet renewed: \$15,574. If all remaining 2016 pledgers renewed at the same amount, we'd be at an annualized total of ~\$108,000, putting us over our 2016 pledge of \$106,700 by ~\$1400.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Solon
Director of Finance

PLEDGES FOR 2017

THANK YOU!

The following people have pledged their commitment to serving Christ through the mission and ministries of Christ Church, their parish home:

Pearl Anderson
Hillary Alleyne
Teresa & Michael Anazodo
Ellen Anello
Priscilla & Henry Arnold
Cordelia Banks
Cornelia Banks
Gwenda Barnes
Lisa Blankenship & Caroline Dadas
Roly & Linda Cortes
Dolores Dalzell
Amy Davis & Dan Walker
David Drislane & Leo Toledo
Joseph & Jane Durham
Christopher Dwyer & Amy Waldron
Nancy Fairty
Shirley Farquarson
Rick Fox & Debbie Bloomer
Helen Frye
Lambert Gibson
I. Esther Hutchinson
Dwight & Gail Jackson
Sheila Jackson
David & Dorothy Johnson
Richard Lamb
Bridgett Lindo
Danita Locks
Mr. & Mrs. Basil London
Johnelle Mannie

Maria V. Marin
Dona Marino
Denise Massay-Williams
Leamon & Patrine McKenzie
Clara & Curtis Mitchell
Frances Myrill
Christian Paolino & Jeffrey Kist
Robert & Simone Plass
Cheryl Restaino
Amy Reynolds
Stephanie & Ben Reynolds
Juliet Robinson
Bonnie Roy
Catherine Seel
William Seeman
Nadine M. Sempier
Leroy & Pansy Swan
Kevin & Danielle Treuberg
Emmanuel Wakhata
Vera Wallace
Rhonda Watson
Robert and Joan White
Karen Williams
Obiama Williams
Matthew & Stephanie Willoughby
Permelia Wright
The Rev. Diana Wilcox
Dan Wing & Yvette Lucas
Elizabeth L. Yarborough



PLEDGE REPORT – TEN YEAR OVERVIEW

Christ Church Bloomfield-Glen Ridge Pledge Report and Trends 2007-2017

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Number of pledges	76	77	79	59	83	76	68	41	64	68	58
Amount pledged	\$122,928	\$140,611	\$135,056	\$106,823	\$139,299	\$134,299	\$121,605	\$87,581	\$105,426	\$111,273	\$92,540
Average pledge	\$1,617	\$1,826	\$1,710	\$1,811	\$1,684	\$1,767	\$1,788	\$2,136	\$1,647	\$1,636	\$1,595
Total Vestry and Clergy pledge	\$45,228	\$50,120	\$56,100	\$53,511	\$58,204	\$44,904	\$25,764	\$27,732	\$34,150	\$39,771	\$34,196
% of Vestry Pledging	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%	100%	100%
INCREASES											
Number of increased pledges	25	29	19	15	27	22	26	13	20	18	15
Number of new pledges	14	21	19	9	27	12	9	6	23	15	9
New income from increased pledges	\$8,409	\$12,059	\$3,990	\$5,200	\$9,945	\$8,396	\$7,309	\$7,541	\$5,918	\$8,977	\$2,482
New income from new pledges	\$19,030	\$22,030	\$19,138	\$6,055	\$33,476	\$11,541	\$4,552	\$2,750	\$23,448	\$11,385	\$6,340
TOTAL NEW INCOME	\$27,439	\$34,089	\$23,128	\$11,255	\$41,421	\$19,937	\$11,861	\$9,805	\$29,366	\$20,362	\$8,822
DECREASES											
Number of decreased pledges	11	4	9	13	7	12	9	10	6	10	3
Number of pledges unrenewed	36	8	17	29	1	2	3	22	10	8	11
Lost income from decreased pledges	-\$5,608	-\$570	-\$4,295	-\$6,089	-\$6,800	-\$6,590	-\$2,028	-\$7,184	-\$4,284	-\$5,110	-\$6,980
Lost income from unrenewed pledges	-\$46,935	-\$6,826	-\$24,388	-\$33,398	-\$1,200	-\$1,140	-\$4,200	-\$30,550	-\$16,280	-\$6,240	\$0
TOTAL LOST INCOME	-\$52,543	-\$7,396	-\$28,683	-\$39,487	-\$8,000	-\$7,730	-\$6,228	-\$37,734	-\$20,564	-\$11,350	-\$6,980

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Infrastructure Project

This past year, we finally were able to realize the plans for our renewed and restored Church and Nursery School spaces. It all began in February of 2014, when a group of lay leaders, Mother Diana, and the leadership of the Nursery School, gathered in the Coursen Room to talk about the space issues each were facing, and to determine what opportunities existed to remediate them. Specifically, the Nursery School was at capacity (with wait lists for every class), and more space for an expanded Kindergarten was needed. Also, the Pre-School II Class was in a rather uncomfortable space on the 1st floor of 74 Park. The church had space issues as well. We needed to have the Rector's office on the first floor to make it more accessible to people, and we needed a parlor or a library (see final space next page), with sofas, and chairs, allowing for a more intimate sacred meeting space.



We also changed the Coursen Room itself, realizing that, due to the old casement style single pane windows, with the heat registers just below, we were losing heat, and we could not cool the space either. To add to that problem, we had those large walls (see them in the picture at left, as they were being removed) that essentially blocked whatever heat might have made it into the room. This was a problem not only for the church, but also the school, as that room is used 6 days a week by both. And then there was the unused space on the 2nd floor of the Parish Hall, that had been the church's Sunday School classrooms. We managed to get the bathroom working up there, but the space itself was in need of a major overhaul, and so it went unused (see before & after at left).

We also added a wheelchair lift off the front porch of 74 Park to ensure that our new office and meeting spaces (see pictures next page) were accessible to all of our parishioners. This is an

important aspect of our project, as it was nearly impossible for those using walkers, and impossible for those in wheelchairs, to meet with the Rector in her office where it was up on the second floor, not to mention just getting in the building itself. We are a church committed to accessibility, and now the offices and parish library meeting room are as accessible as the church.



The project cost \$350,000 for the construction, and another \$50,000 for related expense (legal paperwork, furniture, architectural plans, etc.). The Ribbon Cutting and Blessing was on Oct. 4th, and we were happy to have our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Mark Beckwith, there to consecrate the newly renovated spaces.

As a result of this project, both the church and our school have a brighter financial future (see Financial Report). The ability to offer better church program and office space, to increase our infant room capacity, and even to add a new class – PS III (the age just before Kindergarten) has breathed new life into Christ Church. This was a project that was truly Spirit led, but it took this congregation’s willingness to go where She was leading, to make it all happen.

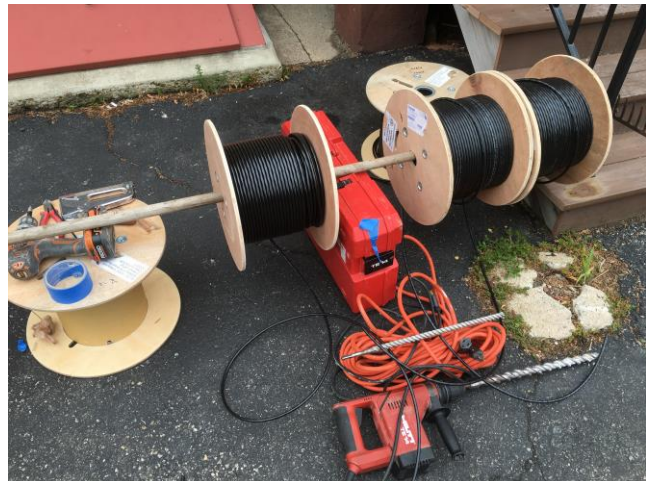


Voice & Data

As a result of an aging voice and data network, or voicemail for both the school and the church had been non-functioning for months. Also, our internet access was slow, and sometimes non-existent. Further, Verizon was eliminating support for copper based phone and data systems. Both our voice and data have been upgraded to Verizon FIOS, with Syntel providing the voice over IP (VOIP). Don Gibson and Mother Diana built in redundancy into the system as well, using two FIOS lines patched into two separate switches.

The result has been amazing - crystal clear voice, and network speeds that allow the church staff to work effectively. In addition, network and phone access were added to the Parish Hall, the Coursen Room, and our new library space in 74 Park. This not only allows for phone access, but the use of a high speed data line for presentations, and streaming services in those two large group meeting spaces.

We also added a texting service to reach parents, staff, and parishioners to alert them of closures or other important events.



Camera System

Our camera system, used by the Nursery School, allows us to monitor classrooms and the parking lot, for the safety of our staff and children. These cameras had begun to fail, with nearly half not working, and the

picture quality was starting to degrade. All of the cameras have been updated to more modern technology, and the quality of the picture is now outstanding.

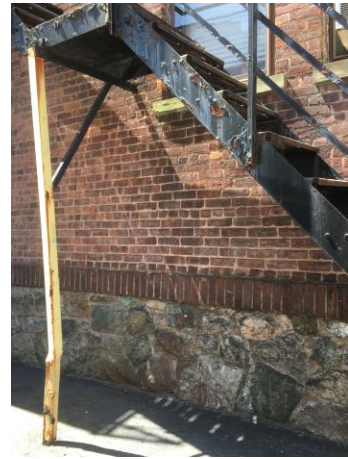
Office Copier

Our copier could not keep up with the volume of work we now required of it, and was frequently out of commission. We upgraded to the next level machine from the same supplier. Both the church and school staffs are happy with the new machine and the speed at which it produces materials.

Repair & Maintenance

We took great care of our buildings, and accomplished the following this year (this is only a partial list):

- Replaced the fence at the back of the parking lot
- Replaced out of date signage.
- Repaired the roof leaks in 74 Park and in one part of the church
- Repaired the AC in the parish hall, and restored the wall that had been damaged by it
- Renovated the sexton closet in the parish hall building (through the donation of a parishioner)
- Painted the fire escapes
- Renewed contract for boiler maintenance and for organ maintenance
- Renewed our snow plowing contract



We are ever grateful to our sextons, Don and Renee Gibson, for their work. Don is primarily responsible for a great deal of the maintenance work done around these buildings. There is more work to do, but we are well on our way to keeping our buildings and grounds in top shape. In particular, we will need to address the following in the next year or two:

- Pointing in the church tower
- Repaving and relining the driveway & parking lot
- Repairing other roof leaks
- Removing old paint and repainting the wood framing around the windows of 74 Park and the Church to ensure the wood does not rot
- Relining the pipes in the undercroft
- Replacing the projector screen in the parish hall



FINANCE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Committee

David Drislane
Leamon McKenzie
William Seeman
Robert Solon
Rev. Diana Wilcox
Daniel Wing

As we began 2016, Christ Church completed negotiation of a line of credit with UBS to enable securitized borrowing in support of the Infrastructure Project. The renovation of the Parish Hall and 74 Park Avenue began shortly thereafter and both projects were completed by autumn. Following inspection and approval of the sites by the State of New Jersey the facilities are now being utilized by the Nursery School and the Church.

Due to the unforeseen delays attendant to the process described above, the full financial benefit of the Infrastructure Project will not be felt until 2017. At this writing, however, we are beginning to experience the expected increase in Nursery School enrollment that inspired the project.

In the meantime, the financial results for Christ Church for 2016 show significant progress toward the goal of being able to support all operations independent of fund and endowment income. In fact, we reduced our draw against fund and endowment accounts by over \$26,000 (14.14%) in 2016 while increasing parish generated income and income from building users. We also reduced expenses by over \$35,000 (9.53%). This helped to reduce the draws against endowment and designated funds.

Clearly, we are moving in the chosen direction and will continue to do so in 2017 as both the Church and Nursery School grow and prosper.

Faithfully submitted,

William Seeman
Finance Chair

BALANCE SHEET - CHURCH

Christ Episcopal Church Bloomfield/Glen Ridge

BALANCE SHEET

As of December 31, 2016

	TOTAL		
	AS OF DEC 31, 2016	AS OF DEC 31, 2015 (PY)	CHANGE
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Bank Accounts			
AL100 PNC Checking	495.57	11,852.93	-11,357.36
AL100-a Capital Fund Cash	3,176.01	7,376.01	-4,200.00
AL100-b Other fund Cash	7,912.28	7,912.28	0.00
Total AL100 PNC Checking	11,583.86	27,141.22	-15,557.36
AL106 Rector's Discretionary Fund	867.49	682.01	185.48
AL111 PNC MM 9449 (Trinity)	27,863.63	27,850.35	13.28
Total Bank Accounts	\$40,314.98	\$55,673.58	\$ -15,358.60
Other Current Assets			
AL133 Due from Nursery School - Other	310.71	67.60	243.11
AL139 Misc Rec'bles and Clearing	4,771.25	0.00	4,771.25
AL140 Prepaid Expenses	1,730.00	805.00	925.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$6,811.96	\$872.60	\$5,939.36
Total Current Assets	\$47,126.94	\$56,546.18	\$ -9,419.24
Other Assets			
AL Investment - N.S.			
AL121 Nursery School Assets	528,931.59	180,279.15	348,652.44
Total AL Investment - N.S.	528,931.59	180,279.15	348,652.44
AL Investment Marketable Sec.			
AL110 Investments Mutual Funds			
AL110-e General Funds Vang/Long	0.00	15,840.00	-15,840.00
Total AL110 Investments Mutual Funds	0.00	15,840.00	-15,840.00
Total AL Investment Marketable Sec.	0.00	15,840.00	-15,840.00
AL160 UBS Portfolio			
AL161 BL 37260 Cash	5,173.81	5,073.72	100.09
AL162 BL 37257 TCW	247,505.41	215,385.86	32,119.55
AL163 BL 37258 Delaware	152,844.07	150,373.71	2,470.36
AL165 BL 22611 Kayne Anderson	149,859.98	127,627.86	22,232.12
AL166 BL 16978 Martinak Fund	0.00	59,364.06	-59,364.06
AL167 BL 19648 Rectory-Investment	517,572.19	490,817.59	26,754.60
AL168 BL 19649 Rectory-Cash	8,018.77	17,866.99	-9,848.22
AL169 BL 23392 Vanguard HCF	112,919.63	129,594.14	-16,674.51
AL170 BL 23393 Vanguard LT	71,558.47	66,474.34	5,084.13
AL171 BL 23362 Nursery PMP	140,290.28	146,410.44	-6,120.16
AL172 BL 23363 Nursery Pace	24,595.78	39,899.44	-15,303.66
Total AL160 UBS Portfolio	1,430,338.39	1,448,888.15	-18,549.76
Total Other Assets	\$1,959,269.98	\$1,645,007.30	\$314,262.68
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,006,396.92	\$1,701,553.48	\$304,843.44
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			

	TOTAL		
	AS OF DEC 31, 2016	AS OF DEC 31, 2015 (PY)	CHANGE
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable			
2000 Accounts Payable	3,850.35	20,920.07	-17,069.72
Total Accounts Payable	\$3,850.35	\$20,920.07	\$ -17,069.72
Other Current Liabilities			
AL200 Prepaid Pledges	915.00	642.96	272.04
AL228 Other Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00	0.00
AL 228g U.T.O. Fund	184.90	184.90	0.00
AL228-b A/P Lay Pensions	0.00	-6.93	6.93
AL228-e - Accounts Payable Othr	0.00	1,081.63	-1,081.63
AL228-h Outreach Prior Year Carryover	5,779.00		5,779.00
Total AL228 Other Accounts Payable	5,963.90	1,259.60	4,704.30
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$6,878.90	\$1,902.56	\$4,976.34
Total Current Liabilities	\$10,729.25	\$22,822.63	\$ -12,093.38
Long-Term Liabilities			
AL 254 UBS Line of Credit	393,543.26		393,543.26
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$393,543.26	\$0.00	\$393,543.26
Total Liabilities	\$404,272.51	\$22,822.63	\$381,449.88
Equity			
3900 Retained Earnings	-5,246.51	-88,023.57	82,777.06
AL 223 Rector's Disc Fund	867.49	682.01	185.48
AL Designated Funds			
AL 234 Memorial Funds	12,880.50	11,965.38	915.12
AL 238a Music Fund	4,808.74	4,467.08	341.66
AL 241a Education Fund	31,142.25	28,929.63	2,212.62
AL 243 Trinity	27,846.34	27,846.34	0.00
AL 244 Youth Group Fund	8,036.01	7,465.07	570.94
AL 252 Capital Fund	120,443.97	153,932.71	-33,488.74
AL 255b J. Arnot Endow. Fund (Interest and growth)	70,821.27	13,899.15	56,922.12
AL 256 Florence Martinak Fund	0.00	55,364.06	-55,364.06
AL 258 Housing Fund	525,589.96	508,683.58	16,906.38
AL 260 Accessibility Fund	14,690.97	13,647.18	1,043.79
AL261 Nursery School Investment Funds	164,886.06	186,309.88	-21,423.82
AL262 Encumbered Funds	-391,999.00		-391,999.00
Total AL Designated Funds	589,147.07	1,012,510.06	-423,362.99
AL Restricted Funds - Investmt			
AL 255 Endowments			
AL255-a J. Arnot Endowment Fund	488,562.00	488,562.00	0.00
Total AL 255 Endowments	488,562.00	488,562.00	0.00
Total AL Restricted Funds - Investmt	488,562.00	488,562.00	0.00
AL229 Nursery School Liab & Capital	528,931.59	180,279.15	348,652.44
AL280 Designated Funds Net Change			
AL280-a Net Change	0.00	-2,836.55	2,836.55
AL280-c Interfund Transfers	0.00	361,596.00	-361,596.00
Total AL280 Designated Funds Net Change	0.00	358,759.45	-358,759.45

BUDGET TO ACTUALS 2016 – CHURCH

Christ Episcopal Church Bloomfield/Glen Ridge

BUDGET VS. ACTUALS: FY2016 V1 - FY16 P&L

January - December 2016

	ACTUAL	TOTAL		
		BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
INCOME				
A. Parish Generated Income				
301 Plate	3,012.38	3,045.00	-32.62	98.93 %
310 Pledges and non pledge \$'s				
310-01 Current Year	122,867.66	115,550.00	7,317.66	106.33 %
310-02 Prior Year	675.00		675.00	
Total 310 Pledges and non pledge \$'s	123,542.66	115,550.00	7,992.66	106.92 %
315 Special Envelopes				
315-01 Christmas	511.00	828.00	-317.00	61.71 %
315-02 Lent		40.00	-40.00	
315-03 Easter	984.00	1,000.00	-16.00	98.40 %
315-06 Initial Offering	65.00	100.00	-35.00	65.00 %
315-07 Flower Donations	1,124.00	500.00	624.00	224.80 %
315-08 Other Contributions	335.00	100.00	235.00	335.00 %
Total 315 Special Envelopes	3,019.00	2,568.00	451.00	117.56 %
317 Designated Contributions	1,316.00		1,316.00	
319 Outreach Contributions				
319 -01 Outreach		450.00	-450.00	
319-02 Outreach- Special	295.00		295.00	
319-03 Outreach fund raising	395.80		395.80	
Total 319 Outreach Contributions	690.80	450.00	240.80	153.51 %
321 Day Camp Income	800.00	1,000.00	-200.00	80.00 %
325 Parish Fund Raising		2,500.00	-2,500.00	
Total A. Parish Generated Income	132,380.84	125,113.00	7,267.84	105.81 %
B. Income from Building Users				
340-09 CC Nursery Sch. Building Usage	42,224.50	42,222.00	2.50	100.01 %
340-10 Management Fees - N.S.	6,229.81	6,228.00	1.81	100.03 %
340-30 Other Users	2,441.00	3,300.00	-859.00	73.97 %
Total B. Income from Building Users	50,895.31	51,750.00	-854.69	98.35 %
C. Fund & Endowment Income				
350 Misc Revenue-Endowment	92,218.26	92,000.00	218.26	100.24 %
351 Misc Revenue- Housing Fund	24,000.00	24,620.00	-620.00	97.48 %
353 Nursery School Equity Draw	30,000.00	103,132.00	-73,132.00	29.09 %
354 Misc Rev - Designated funds	15,691.67		15,691.67	
365 Rector Disc Fund Income	992.50	1,500.00	-507.50	66.17 %
Total C. Fund & Endowment Income	162,902.43	221,252.00	-58,349.57	73.63 %
Total Income	\$346,178.58	\$398,115.00	\$ -51,936.42	86.95 %
GROSS PROFIT	\$346,178.58	\$398,115.00	\$ -51,936.42	86.95 %
EXPENSES				
A. Clergy Expense				
401p Payroll Cost- Rector				

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
401-01p Gross Payroll	73,859.76	73,860.00	-0.24	100.00 %
401-02p Offset FICA	5,773.30	5,650.00	123.30	102.18 %
403-01 Pensions Clergy	13,805.16	14,312.00	-506.84	96.46 %
Total 401p Payroll Cost- Rector	93,438.22	93,822.00	-383.78	99.59 %
404 Auto and Business Expenses	735.41	4,100.00	-3,364.59	17.94 %
404-01 Supply & Substitute Priest	2,337.01	2,400.00	-62.99	97.38 %
405 Entertainment		230.00	-230.00	
406 Health Insurance	11,526.16	10,356.00	1,170.16	111.30 %
436 Continuing Education	15.00	513.00	-498.00	2.92 %
Total A. Clergy Expense	108,051.80	111,421.00	-3,369.20	96.98 %
B. Building Expense				
401b Payroll Cost				
401-01b Gross Payroll	9,864.92	9,864.00	0.92	100.01 %
402b Fed/State Taxes	803.92	756.00	47.92	106.34 %
403b Sexton Pensions	1,746.94	2,184.00	-437.06	79.99 %
Total 401b Payroll Cost	12,415.78	12,804.00	-388.22	96.97 %
409b Insurance - Building				
409-01 Comprehensive Coverage	21,741.70	39,000.00	-17,258.30	55.75 %
Total 409b Insurance - Building	21,741.70	39,000.00	-17,258.30	55.75 %
410 Maintenance				
410-a Replacement and repair	8,867.97	12,250.00	-3,382.03	72.39 %
410-b General Maintenance	3,847.82	12,250.00	-8,402.18	31.41 %
410-c Landscaping	64.35	1,500.00	-1,435.65	4.29 %
Total 410 Maintenance	12,780.14	26,000.00	-13,219.86	49.15 %
410-01 Sexton Substitute	150.00	2,000.00	-1,850.00	7.50 %
410-02 Sexton costs for Users	150.00	400.00	-250.00	37.50 %
412 Gas & Electricity	8,844.05	10,000.00	-1,155.95	88.44 %
413 Water	513.90	1,500.00	-986.10	34.26 %
414 Janitorial and Kitchen				
414-02 Kitchen		150.00	-150.00	
Total 414 Janitorial and Kitchen		150.00	-150.00	
Total B. Building Expense	56,595.57	91,854.00	-35,258.43	61.61 %
C. Administration Expense				
401a Payroll Cost				
401-01a Gross Payroll	24,805.00	29,316.00	-4,511.00	84.61 %
402a Fed/State Taxes	2,021.80	2,244.00	-222.20	90.10 %
402c Pension	2,251.26	2,640.00	-388.74	85.28 %
Total 401a Payroll Cost	29,078.06	34,200.00	-5,121.94	85.02 %
409a Insurance - Admin & General				
409-04 Workmens Compensation	818.40	2,500.00	-1,681.60	32.74 %
Total 409a Insurance - Admin & General	818.40	2,500.00	-1,681.60	32.74 %
421 Payroll Service Fees	1,652.19	1,500.00	152.19	110.15 %
422 Accounting Service Fees	175.00	0.00	175.00	
423 Office Supplies/Expenses	7,379.83	4,500.00	2,879.83	164.00 %
424 Paper and Labels		200.00	-200.00	
425 Computer Expenses	160.47	3,200.00	-3,039.53	5.01 %
426 Copier expenses	10,591.35	6,700.00	3,891.35	158.08 %

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
427 Telephone/Data	5,370.22	2,100.00	3,270.22	255.72 %
432 Miscellaneous	839.14	150.00	689.14	559.43 %
452 Vanco Fees	669.23	100.00	569.23	669.23 %
453 Audit Fees	4,500.00	5,000.00	-500.00	90.00 %
Total C. Administration Expense	61,233.89	60,150.00	1,083.89	101.80 %
D. Outreach Expense				
408 Diocesan Pledge	16,791.00	16,791.00	0.00	100.00 %
422-01 Outreach - Church	6,539.00	6,996.00	-457.00	93.47 %
422-02 Outreach - Investing in Local Comm.	1,856.00	1,399.00	457.00	132.67 %
422-03 Outreach -Rector Disc fund	1,048.50	2,000.00	-951.50	52.43 %
422-04 Day Camp	2,518.10	3,000.00	-481.90	83.94 %
Total D. Outreach Expense	28,752.60	30,186.00	-1,433.40	95.25 %
E. Worship Expense	54.90		54.90	
401c Payroll Cost- Choirmaster				
402p Gross Payroll	19,218.94	19,213.00	5.94	100.03 %
403p Fed/State Taxes	1,566.50	1,596.00	-29.50	98.15 %
Total 401c Payroll Cost- Choirmaster	20,785.44	20,809.00	-23.56	99.89 %
415 Musicians				
415-a Hired Music	15,882.00	15,332.00	550.00	103.59 %
415-b Holiday Music	650.00		650.00	
Total 415 Musicians	16,532.00	15,332.00	1,200.00	107.83 %
415-c Sheet Music and Misc	2,308.32	2,880.00	-571.68	80.15 %
415-d Organist costs for users	400.00	450.00	-50.00	88.89 %
415-s Music director substitute	1,200.00	950.00	250.00	126.32 %
416 Worship Supplies	6,740.13	4,000.00	2,740.13	168.50 %
Total E. Worship Expense	48,020.79	44,421.00	3,599.79	108.10 %
F. Education Expense				
401y Payroll Cost - Youth Director				
402y Gross Payroll	19,162.00	19,162.00	0.00	100.00 %
403y Fed/State Taxes	1,561.82	1,464.00	97.82	106.68 %
404y Pension	1,326.60	1,725.00	-398.40	76.90 %
Total 401y Payroll Cost - Youth Director	22,050.42	22,351.00	-300.58	98.66 %
417 Christian Ed - Youth	182.48	2,000.00	-1,817.52	9.12 %
417-01 Christian Ed-Sunday School	772.04	1,500.00	-727.96	51.47 %
418 Christian Ed. - Adult		500.00	-500.00	
435 Sunday Child Care	2,875.00	2,900.00	-25.00	99.14 %
Total F. Education Expense	25,879.94	29,251.00	-3,371.06	88.48 %
G. Community Building Expense				
419 Parish Life	2,054.79	1,750.00	304.79	117.42 %
420 PR & Communication	3,646.79	5,000.00	-1,353.21	72.94 %
429 Stewardship	285.47		285.47	
440 Conventions/Meetings	3,409.85	2,250.00	1,159.85	151.55 %
Total G. Community Building Expense	9,396.90	9,000.00	396.90	104.41 %
H. Other Expense	1,110.89		1,110.89	
Total Expenses	\$339,042.38	\$376,283.00	\$ -37,240.62	90.10 %
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$7,136.20	\$21,832.00	\$ -14,695.80	32.69 %
OTHER INCOME				

	ACTUAL	TOTAL		% OF BUDGET
		BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	
360 Designated Funds Income				
360-f Capital Fund Other Income	5,521.00		5,521.00	
Total 360 Designated Funds Income	5,521.00		5,521.00	
361 Designated Funds Investment Income	13.28		13.28	
Total Other Income	\$5,534.28	\$0.00	\$5,534.28	0.00%
OTHER EXPENSES				
450 Designated Funds Expense				
450-j Capital Fund Repair and Maintenance Expense	11,256.52		11,256.52	
450-k Housing Fund Transfer	0.00		0.00	
Total 450 Designated Funds Expense	11,256.52		11,256.52	
454 Infrastructure Project Interest	1,544.26	21,000.00	-19,455.74	7.35 %
Reconciliation Discrepancies	6.93		6.93	
Total Other Expenses	\$12,807.71	\$21,000.00	\$ -8,192.29	60.99 %
NET OTHER INCOME	\$ -7,273.43	\$ -21,000.00	\$13,726.57	34.64 %
NET INCOME	\$ -137.23	\$832.00	\$ -969.23	-16.49 %

BUDGET 2017 – CHURCH

Christ Episcopal Church Bloomfield/Glen Ridge Approved 2017 Budget - Christ Church, 01/10/2017

	Total		
	2017 Budget	2016 Budget	Change from 2016
Income			
A. Parish Generated Income			0.00
301 Plate	3,100.00	3,045.00	(267.62)
310 Pledges and non pledge \$'s			0.00
310-01 Current Year	120,000.00	115,550.00	3,527.41
310-02 Prior Year			675.00
Total 310 Pledges and non pledge \$'s	120,000.00	115,550.00	4,202.41
315 Special Envelopes			
315-01 Christmas	900.00	828.00	(768.00)
315-02 Lent		40.00	(40.00)
315-03 Easter	1,000.00	1,000.00	(16.00)
315-06 Initial Offering	100.00	100.00	(35.00)
315-07 Flower Donations	600.00	500.00	749.00
315-08 Other Contributions	100.00	100.00	0.00
Total 315 Special Envelopes	2,700.00	2,568.00	(110.00)
317 Designated Contributions	0.00		1,316.00
319 Outreach Contributions			
319 -01 Outreach		450.00	(450.00)
319-02 Outreach- Special	0.00		295.00
319-03 Outreach fund raising	0.00		395.80
Total 319 Outreach Contributions	0.00	450.00	240.80
321 Day Camp Income	1,000.00	1,000.00	(200.00)
325 Parish Fund Raising		2,500.00	(2,500.00)
Total A. Parish Generated Income	126,800.00	125,113.00	2,681.59
B. Income from Building Users			
340-09 CC Nursery Sch. Building Usage	43,500.00	42,222.00	2.50
340-10 Management Fees - N.S.	6,400.00	6,228.00	1.81
340-30 Other Users	2,100.00	3,300.00	(1,169.00)
Total B. Income from Building Users	52,000.00	51,750.00	(1,164.69)
C. Fund & Endowment Income			
350 Misc Revenue-Endowment	76,000.00	92,000.00	218.26
351 Misc Revenue- Housing Fund	25,000.00	24,620.00	(620.00)
353 Nursery School Equity Draw	60,000.00	103,132.00	(73,132.00)
354 Misc Rev - Designated funds	0.00		15,891.67
365 Rector Disc Fund Income	943.50	1,500.00	(507.50)
Total C. Fund & Endowment Income	161,943.50	221,252.00	(58,349.57)
Total Income	340,743.50	398,115.00	(56,832.67)
Gross Profit	340,743.50	398,115.00	(56,832.67)

**Christ Episcopal Church Bloomfield/Glen Ridge
Approved 2017 Budget - Christ Church, 01/10/2017**

	Total		
	2017 Budget	2016 Budget	Change from 2016
Expenses			
A. Clergy Expense			
401p Payroll Cost- Rector			
401-01p Gross Payroll	75,000.00	73,860.00	(0.24)
401-02p Offset FICA	5,737.50	5,650.00	123.30
403-01 Pensions Clergy	14,532.75	14,312.00	(506.84)
Total 401p Payroll Cost- Rector	95,270.25	93,822.00	(383.78)
404 Auto and Business Expenses	3,100.00	4,100.00	(3,684.72)
404-01 Supply & Substitute Priest	2,550.00	2,400.00	(62.99)
Sabbatical	2,600.00	0.00	0.00
406 Health Insurance	12,065.16	10,356.00	1,170.16
436 Continuing Education	500.00	513.00	(498.00)
Total A. Clergy Expense	116,085.41	111,191.00	(3,459.33)
B. Building Expense			
401b Payroll Cost			
401-01b Gross Payroll	10,111.22	9,864.00	0.92
402b Fed/State Taxes	773.51	756.00	47.92
403b Sexton Pensions	2,206.01	2,184.00	(437.06)
Total 401b Payroll Cost	13,090.73	12,804.00	(388.22)
409b Insurance - Building			0.00
409-01 Comprehensive Coverage	10,000.00	39,000.00	(17,258.30)
Total 409b Insurance - Building	10,000.00	39,000.00	(17,258.30)
410 Maintenance			
410-a Replacement and repair	7,500.00	12,250.00	(3,382.03)
410-b General Maintenance	7,500.00	12,250.00	(8,460.17)
410-c Landscaping	500.00	1,500.00	(1,435.65)
Total 410 Maintenance	15,500.00	26,000.00	(13,277.85)
410-01 Sexton Substitute	1,000.00	2,000.00	(1,850.00)
410-02 Sexton costs for Users	400.00	400.00	(250.00)
412 Gas & Electricity	10,000.00	10,000.00	(1,279.98)
413 Water	500.00	1,500.00	(986.10)
414 Janitorial and Kitchen			
414-02 Kitchen		150.00	(150.00)
Total 414 Janitorial and Kitchen	0.00	150.00	(150.00)
Total B. Building Expense	50,490.73	91,854.00	(35,440.45)
C. Administration Expense			
401a Payroll Cost			

**Christ Episcopal Church Bloomfield/Glen Ridge
Approved 2017 Budget - Christ Church, 01/10/2017**

	Total		
	2017 Budget	2016 Budget	Change from 2016
401-01a Gross Payroll	24,487.00	29,316.00	(4,511.00)
402a Fed/State Taxes	1,873.26	2,244.00	(222.20)
402c Pension	2,203.83	2,640.00	(388.74)
Total 401a Payroll Cost	28,564.09	34,200.00	(5,121.94)
409a Insurance - Admin & General			
409-04 Workmens Compensation	800.00	2,500.00	(1,738.12)
Total 409a Insurance - Admin & General	800.00	2,500.00	(1,738.12)
421 Payroll Service Fees	1,500.00	1,500.00	98.00
422 Accounting Service Fees	0.00	0.00	175.00
423 Office Supplies/Expenses	4,000.00	4,500.00	2,587.84
424 Paper and Labels		200.00	(200.00)
425 Computer Expenses	1,000.00	3,200.00	(3,039.53)
426 Copier expenses	11,631.00	6,700.00	3,891.35
427 Telephone	7,423.00	2,100.00	3,270.22
432 Miscellaneous	150.00	150.00	689.14
452 Vanco Fees	600.00	100.00	521.72
453 Audit Fees	4,500.00	5,000.00	(500.00)
Total C. Administration Expense	60,168.09	60,150.00	633.68
D. Outreach Expense			
408 Diocesan Pledge @6.91%	16,791.00	16,791.00	0.00
422-01 Outreach - Church @2.5%	5,970.00	6,996.00	(6,236.00)
422-02 Outreach - Investing in Local Comm. @.5%	1,194.00	1,399.00	457.00
422-03 Outreach -Rector Disc fund	943.50	2,000.00	(951.50)
422-04 Day Camp	2,500.00	3,000.00	(481.90)
Total D. Outreach Expense	27,398.50	30,186.00	(7,212.40)
E. Worship Expense			
401c Payroll Cost- Choirmaster			
402p Gross Payroll	19,699.48	19,213.00	5.94
403p Fed/State Taxes	1,507.01	1,596.00	(29.50)
Total 401c Payroll Cost- Choirmaster	21,206.48	20,809.00	(23.56)
415 Musicians			
415-a Hired Music	17,916.00	15,332.00	550.00
415-b Holiday Music			650.00
Total 415 Musicians	17,916.00	15,332.00	1,200.00
415-c Sheet Music and Misc	2,880.00	2,880.00	(571.68)
415-d Organist costs for users	400.00	450.00	(50.00)

**Christ Episcopal Church Bloomfield/Glen Ridge
Approved 2017 Budget - Christ Church, 01/10/2017**

	Total		
	2017 Budget	2016 Budget	Change from 2016
415-s Music director substitute	1,200.00	950.00	250.00
416 Worship Supplies	5,500.00	4,000.00	2,609.13
Total E. Worship Expense	49,102.48	44,421.00	3,413.89
F. Education Expense			
401y Payroll Cost - Youth Director			
402y Gross Payroll	19,641.05	19,162.00	0.00
403y Fed/State Taxes	1,502.54	1,464.00	97.82
404y Pension	1,767.69	1,725.00	(398.40)
Total 401y Payroll Cost - Youth Director	22,911.28	22,351.00	(300.58)
417 Christian Ed - Youth	800.00	2,000.00	(1,817.52)
417-01 Christian Ed-Sunday School	800.00	1,500.00	(727.96)
418 Christian Ed. - Adult	500.00	500.00	(500.00)
435 Sunday Child Care	2,900.00	2,900.00	(25.00)
Total F. Education Expense	27,911.28	29,251.00	(3,371.06)
G. Community Building Expense			
419 Parish Life	1,750.00	1,750.00	(178.72)
420 PR & Communication	4,000.00	5,000.00	(1,532.38)
429 Stewardship	300.00		249.57
440 Conventions/Meetings	3,500.00	2,250.00	1,159.85
Total G. Community Building Expense	9,550.00	9,000.00	(301.68)
H. Other Expense	0.00		1,110.89
Total Expenses	340,706.50	376,053.00	(44,626.46)
Net Operating Income	37.00	22,062.00	(12,206.21)

BALANCE SHEET – NURSERY SCHOOL

Nursery School of Christ Church

BALANCE SHEET

As of June 30, 2016

	TOTAL		CHANGE
	AS OF JUN 30, 2016	AS OF JUN 30, 2015 (PY)	
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Bank Accounts			
AL101 Checking Account	29,116.86	88,568.57	-59,451.71
AL102 Money Market Acc. -PNC	4,956.38	5,347.64	-391.26
AL109- Savings M/M Acc.- PNC	62,357.87	62,295.25	62.62
Total Bank Accounts	\$96,431.11	\$156,211.46	\$ -59,780.35
Accounts Receivable			
1200 AL105 Accounts Receivable	22,186.17	8,089.78	14,096.39
Total Accounts Receivable	\$22,186.17	\$8,089.78	\$14,096.39
Other Current Assets			
1499 Undeposited Funds	-880.00	5,865.00	-6,745.00
AL111 Due from Christ Church - Util	148.58	162.53	-13.95
AL137 Prepaid Expenses	6,529.35	4,417.00	2,112.35
Total Other Current Assets	\$5,797.93	\$10,444.53	\$ -4,646.60
Total Current Assets	\$124,415.21	\$174,745.77	\$ -50,330.56
Fixed Assets			
AL135 Furniture & Equipment	453,244.17	102,044.67	351,199.50
AL250 Accumulated Depreciation	-48,996.19	-42,435.79	-6,560.40
Total Fixed Assets	\$404,247.98	\$59,608.88	\$344,639.10
Other Assets			
AL133 UBS BL19690	14.51	150,354.17	-150,339.66
AL134 UBS BL19689	4.63	40,302.67	-40,298.04
Total Other Assets	\$19.14	\$190,656.84	\$ -190,637.70
TOTAL ASSETS	\$528,682.33	\$425,011.49	\$103,670.84
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable			
2000 Accounts Payable	73,699.02	12,880.74	60,818.28
Total Accounts Payable	\$73,699.02	\$12,880.74	\$60,818.28
Other Current Liabilities			
AL230 Other Payables	4,222.27	5,827.38	-1,605.11
AL260 Tuition -Security Deposit	67,305.00	65,745.00	1,560.00
Payroll Liabilities			
AL242 Pensions Payable	-669.52	10,861.01	-11,530.53
AL244 Cafeteria Plan Payables	-642.66	-166.80	-475.86
Total Payroll Liabilities	-1,312.18	10,694.21	-12,006.39
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$70,215.09	\$82,266.59	\$ -12,051.50
Total Current Liabilities	\$143,914.11	\$95,147.33	\$48,766.78

BUDGET TO ACTUALS – NURSERY SCHOOL

Nursery School of Christ Church

BUDGET VS. ACTUALS: V2 - FY17 P&L

July 2015 - June 2016

		TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
INCOME				
301 Tuition	814,858.15	827,675.00	-12,816.85	98.45 %
302 Registration Fees	9,675.00	11,000.00	-1,325.00	87.95 %
303 Extended Care	205,968.50	223,472.00	-17,503.50	92.17 %
304 Late Fees	2,250.00	1,540.00	710.00	146.10 %
320 Scholarships/Financial Aid	2,550.00	7,000.00	-4,450.00	36.43 %
332 Miscellaneous Income	6,764.00	5,300.00	1,464.00	127.62 %
340 Fundraising Income	3,994.44	4,500.00	-505.56	88.77 %
350 Gifts		120.00	-120.00	
Total Income	\$1,046,060.09	\$1,080,607.00	\$ -34,546.91	96.80 %
GROSS PROFIT	\$1,046,060.09	\$1,080,607.00	\$ -34,546.91	96.80 %
EXPENSES				
A. Instruction	626,086.27	629,907.00	-3,820.73	99.39 %
B. Personnel	91,419.78	100,401.00	-8,981.22	91.05 %
C. Infrastructure	116,028.56	106,140.00	9,888.56	109.32 %
D. Administration	191,501.11	181,472.00	10,029.11	105.53 %
E. Miscellaneous	3,684.49	8,000.00	-4,315.51	46.06 %
Total Expenses	\$1,028,720.21	\$1,025,920.00	\$2,800.21	100.27 %
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$17,339.88	\$54,687.00	\$ -37,347.12	31.71 %
OTHER INCOME				
330 Interest Income	63.36		63.36	
333 Investment Income	0.00		0.00	
Total Other Income	\$63.36	\$0.00	\$63.36	0.00%
OTHER EXPENSES				
434 Depreciation	6,560.40	6,564.00	-3.60	99.95 %
455 Transfer to Christ Church	30,000.00	20,000.00	10,000.00	150.00 %
Annual Capital Purchases	5,521.52		5,521.52	
Reconciliation Discrepancies-1	1,759.57		1,759.57	
Total Other Expenses	\$43,841.49	\$26,564.00	\$17,277.49	165.04 %
NET OTHER INCOME	\$ -43,778.13	\$ -26,564.00	\$ -17,214.13	164.80 %
NET INCOME	\$ -26,438.25	\$28,123.00	\$ -54,561.25	-94.01 %

MINISTRY REPORTS

The following reports are not inclusive of all ministries at Christ Church, but those that submitted reports to the office in time for inclusion in this Annual Report. They are grouped by our mission of “growing in faith, serving our neighbors, creating community.”

GROWING IN FAITH

Adult Formation

This year there have been a number of Adult Forums after worship. The topics have engaged a wide range of theological and contemporary areas. These were generally well attended and received. Adult Forums are after the 10:30am worship service. The titles were:

The Gospel of Luke
The Letters of Paul
Episcopal 101

Altar Guild

Throughout 2016, the Altar Guild Committee continued to ensure that the Altars at Christ Church were set up and prepared for worship services every week, as well as for special events, such as weddings, funerals, and other special services, making sure that everything needed was in place and that the Altars and the areas around them were in proper order. Particular attention was paid in setting up for the major festivals at Christmas and Easter.



The Altar Guild Committee still needs more volunteers to help in its work. We are therefore kindly asking you to give prayerful consideration to joining us and being part of this wonderful ministry. It does not require much of your time, just one weekend per month, for one hour on Saturday morning (9am-10am) to help set up, and after Sunday services to help clean up. A guide will be given to you outlining what needs to be done, and you will work with at least one other member of the guild to show you the ropes.

Our membership currently consists of: Dodi Dalzell, Sheila Jackson, Frances Myrill, Juliet Robinson, Simone Plass, and Rosalie Wannat.

Respectfully submitted,
The Altar Guild Committee

Healing Team

Healing prayers continue at the 10:30 am service at Saint Mary's Chapel during communion most Sundays. We welcome everyone to come pray with us at St. Mary's Chapel after communion. Len Roberts (before leaving for Messiah in Chester) and Leo Toledo continue to assist as their other duties, during the worship service, allow. Anyone who would like to be a part of this ministry should contact Yvette Lucas (973-744-0217) for more information.

Worship Ministries



Worship takes a community of people who read the word, offer the sacrament, provide healing prayer, carry symbols of our faith (the cross and candles), greet people as they enter the church, count the offering we give to God, and so very much more.

We are always grateful to Leo Toledo for his scheduling of these teams, and for his leadership of the acolytes, lectors, and

other worship assistants. This year we focused on engaging more of the children and youth in the service, and there is always room or more (and for adults too!).



SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS

Animal Ministry

Once again we have partnered with PAWS Montclair, the local animal shelter, to provide needed food and supplies. We collect each week, and once per month bring those items to PAWS.



During our annual Blessing of the Animals in October, we presented checks and supplies to PAWS Montclair, and to the Bloomfield Animal Shelter (see pictures at left). We are always so grateful to our Warden, David Drislane, who organizes this service. The donations were from the parish, but the blessing of animals brings in people from all over our community, and is itself an outreach program.

Food Ministry



This past year we continued our food ministry to those in need by working in cooperation with the Food Pantry of the Presbyterian Church on the Green in Bloomfield. We collect donations each week, and then once per month move those donations over to their food pantry. That pantry serves an average of 50-60 families per month, which ranges between 75 and 165 individuals. We also had a huge Thanksgiving food drive that took several trips to bring to their food pantry.

Outreach Group

Our Outreach Group, led by Stephanie Reynolds and Christopher Dwyer, is responsible for helping us to engage in the work God is already doing in the world – helping us all to remember that church is not a destination, but where we are given strength for the journey. That journey is one that calls us to follow the Holy Spirit outside of our walls, and to be the Christ in the world, living into our baptismal covenant to love and serve others.

This group ran two successful blood drives this past year, and raised money to help the victims of floods in Louisiana, specifically for Magnolia United Methodist Church. Look for more from this group, and volunteer to be a part of this important life giving ministry. Other outreach efforts include the Giving Tree (collects donations for North Porch), our food ministry, and our collections for shelter animals.



This year, Christ Church also donated money to the following organizations, in addition to what the ministries: Magnolia UMC, Crossroads Camp & Retreat Center, the Alleluia Fund (diocesan outreach), The Literacy Foundation of NJ, Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green Food Pantry, North Porch, and many others.



In 2017, the Outreach Group is offering a chance for you to explore this, and and be a part of planning how we, as parishioners, may live into our baptismal covenant to

- seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves

- to strive for justice and peace among all people, respecting the dignity of every human being
- to proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ

On February 12th, following the 10:30am service, you will have an opportunity to participate in table discussions centered on understanding our dreams, and the gifts of head, hand, and heart that each of us are able to offer in service to others.

PFLAG-NJ



The PFLAG NJ meets at Christ Church on the second Thursday of the month. Founded in 1972 with the simple act of a mother publicly supporting her gay son, PFLAG is the nation's largest family and ally organization. Made up of parents, families, friends, and allies united with people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT), PFLAG is committed to advancing equality and full societal affirmation of LGBT people through its threefold mission of support, education, and advocacy. PFLAG has over 350 chapters and 200,000 members and supporters crossing multiple generations of American families in major urban centers, small cities, and rural areas in all 50 states. This vast grassroots network is cultivated, resourced, and serviced by PFLAG National, located in Washington, D.C., the National Board of Directors and 13 Regional Directors.



Other Outreach



We sponsored our local Boy Scout Troop in their annual flocking fundraiser. The church got “flocked” by pink flamingos. It was all in good fun, and raised money for their programs.

We were also the host of a Police-Community event in our Parish Hall led by Chief Sheila Byron-Lagattuta. Mother Diana gave the invocation, and the parish hall was filled with community leaders, citizens, and police, all working together to try to form a better relationship with one another.

CREATING COMMUNITY

Book Club

The Christ Church Book Club was established in February 2015. Meetings are held at the home of Debbie Bloomer and Rick Fox. It's a great opportunity for fellowship, stimulating discussion, and indulging in delicious snacks! A new book is chosen by the group each month, and it is published in the Christ Church Sunday Paper. If a particular book interests you, feel free to join the discussion. Contact Debbie or Rick to let them know you plan to attend.

The chart below shows the meeting dates, books read, authors, and number of participants in 2016. In addition to the 8 books read, we had a barbecue in July. Our average attendance has increased from 7 in 2015 to 8 in 2016. We are looking forward to another interesting and successful year.

Date	Book & Author	Number of participants
February 8	<i>The Relevance of Religion by John Danforth</i>	7
March 28	<i>The Screwtape Letters by C. S. Lewis</i>	8
April 25	<i>The Gratitude Diaries by Janice Kaplan</i>	6
May 23	<i>Rabbi Jesus by Bruce Chilton</i>	8
June 27	<i>The Feasts of the Lord by Kevin Howard & Marvin Rosenthal</i>	8
August 29	<i>The Nine Tailors by Dorothy Sayers</i>	6
September 26	<i>Present Over Perfect by Shauna Niequist</i>	9
October 31	<i>Angels In My Hair by Lorna Byrne</i>	9
November 28	<i>Reaching Out: The Three Movements of the Spiritual Life by Henri Nouwen</i>	9

Respectfully submitted
Debbie Bloomer

Men's Group



The mission of the Men's Group is to promote and provide a united ministry of Christian fellowship, collaboration, and service for the congregational and regional community of Christ Church. Fellowship is accomplished through monthly meetings. Collaboration is accomplished by working with other Christ Church committees and groups. Service is accomplished through the completion of programs and projects that contribute to success of the Christ Church mission.

Women's Group

The Women's Group did not meet in 2016, but will begin a new sacred listening group in the Fall of 2016.

Youth Group

We have an active participation of junior and senior high youth range in age from 12 to 18. The group meets two times a month (generally Sunday evenings) where through a variety of activities (movies, games, discussions) social, moral and spiritual topics are explored. The youth group also goes on special trips as occasions arise. This year the lay leadership team consisted of Yvette Lucas and Rhonda Watson, with our Rector, Mother Diana, joining in, and Daniel Wing assisting.



A busy and productive year included:

- Members of the Youth Group participated in several diocesan events such as Christophany and Happening
- April: The youth prepared all the Easter eggs for the children, hid them, and then helped the children in the hunt
- June: We celebrated the high School graduation of some of one of our long-term youth group members, Keshawn Farquharson, who preached a wonderful sermon on Youth Sunday
- June: The Youth Group had their artwork displayed in the *People Who Love Us/People We Love* exhibit of Children's Art at St. Luke's Metuchen

CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING

Rector: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Rector: Let us pray together...

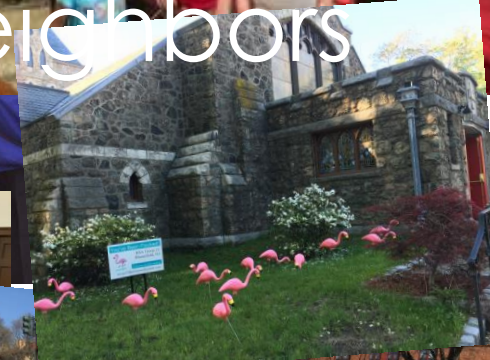
Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thank you for being a part of our celebration of all that has been happening here at Christ Church in 2017. We hope that you excited for the future, and ready to go wherever the Spirit leads us.

Growing in faith



Serving our neighbors



Creating community

