



Annual Report for 2016

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Annual Meeting Agenda

- Opening Prayer
- Introduction of Vestry nominees and nominations from the floor
- Ballot Distribution for Election
- Rector's Remarks
- Wardens' Remarks
- Treasurer/Finance Committee Chairperson's Remarks
- Recognition of Parish Leadership
- Closing Prayer

From our Senior Warden

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

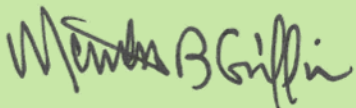
I am pleased to greet you as your Senior Warden and to thank you for allowing the Vestry to serve you!

Welcome to this Annual Report! I am elated by all that we have been able to accomplish over the last year, which you will see for yourselves played out on these pages. Whether it be a mission-ministry we support or whether we return the courtyard to a safe, inviting space – all has been done as part of living out our call to be a Christian and to serve the greater community.

Some of these ministries are growing by leaps and bounds and some are in need of support. I challenge you to read this information thoroughly and come away from it not only better educated as to ALL that we do here at Christ Church, but also inspired to learn more about ones you don't know. Why not take that leap of faith and try something new?

This past Sunday, I served for the first time on the Altar as a Lay Eucharistic Minister – **EVER**. I am licensed as a chalice bearer in the Diocese of Virginia as a Lay Eucharistic Visitor so am certainly familiar with the process, but because I decided to say YES when someone asked me to give it a try, I experienced the most heartwarming connections with many of you whom I have known all my life in this church. God is good!

May 2017 be your year of saying YES!

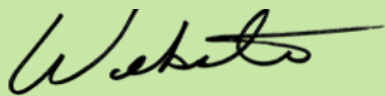


Martha B. Griffin



From the Rector

I want to thank all of you for the worship and work which we have done this past year. Our Benedictine heritage of prayers in the morning, afternoon, evening and nighttime intends to make sure we always know that our prayer life is very much present in all other parts of our lives. The theme of “digging deep” came up in a conversation with Bridget as we reflected on the ministries and events, the accomplishments, some tangible and others not quite so tangible, over the past year.



The Very Rev. Webster S. Gibson, Rector



Clergy & Staff



Rev. Webster Gibson, Rev. Bridget Coffey,
Jim Kriewald, Margery Wingenbach,
Helen Zebarth, Marsha Baden, DeLyn Celec,
Theresa Seitz, Noelle Creamer, Tuffy Whitacre



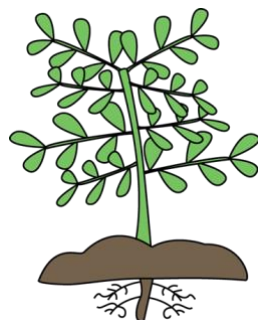
Digging Deep Through Worship & Music

- Our monthly Special Needs Service welcomes 35 people, giving them a safe place to sing, pray, and play instruments to the glory of God.
- The Rt. Rev. Ted Gulick joined us as we celebrated confirmation for seven of our youth and several adults. He also welcomed other adults through reception and reaffirmation.
- All of our Adult Faith, Bible, and Adult Forum studies have continued to have strong attendance and new membership.
- Thanks to the Altar Guild for their work preparing for worship. A special thanks to Lucia Thomas, who completed her tenure as chair of the Altar Guild. Thank you to Katy Harvard, who will be the new Altar Guild chair.
- The clergy hosted a “table manners” class for our children to learn about coming forward to receive communion.
- Our group of Lay Eucharistic Visitors made more than 80 visitations to parishioners.
- We celebrated the graduation, marriage and ordination of Rachel Shows, whom we sponsored in seminary.

- Twenty-eight men and women served as ushers this year—8 at 8:00 am, 20 at 10:30 am services. More always needed!
- The 30-member Adult Choir, with their wonderful voices, continued to offer leadership to the congregation for all to sing.

As we celebrated our organ restoration, we were fortunate to have many **concerts** throughout 2016:

- In May, the Winchester American Guild of Organists had a progressive dinner and organ recital. Christ Church was also part of the WAGO's Open Houses of Worship program at Christmas.
- In July, we participated in the Shenandoah University Church Music Institute with a community hymn sing with Dr. John Walker, Professor of Organ from Peabody Conservatory (Johns Hopkins University) of Baltimore.
- August offered the Brass Antiqua Workshop for early brass: Sackbuts and Cornets and featured a wonderful closing recital.
- August ended with Dr. Chuck Seipp and Dr. Randy Sheets performing a joint trumpet and organ recital.
- In September, we hosted an incredible recital by Nat Gumbs, Doctoral student in organ performance, from Eastman School of Music, Rochester, NY.
- In October, we hosted the Winchester American Guild of Organists' Choral Evensong/Organ Vespers with Dr. Ronald Stolk.





Digging Deep

Inside the Parish

- Our annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner raised almost \$3000 for the 2017 Youth Pilgrimage.
- Parish Weekend at Shrine Mont had 58 participants, young and older, playing with Legos, reading the Bible in Lego, and enjoying friendly competition with lip-sync battles on the mountain.
- Our extended Lenten program exploring faith traditions and relations in our Sunday morning Adult Forum, and afternoon gatherings, and our Thursday gathering was well attended. Thank you to Rabbi Sperling, Muhammad Bahtty, John Copenhaver and others who lead discussions and answered questions about the basics of the faith traditions, worship, customs, etc.
- Six funeral receptions were hosted by the parish to support families in times of grief and celebrate the lives of loved ones. Pastoral Care also included the Take them a Meal program, Knit Unto Others, and our intercessory prayer groups.

- Our parish nurse, Helen Zebarth, sends thanks to parishioners for helping student nurses learn and encounter the joy of care in sharing stories. Thanks, too, to the nurses in the parish for helping to give flu shots before, during, and after the Health Fair.
- Older, Wiser Laity (OWLs) took the time to gather around in a circle and hear stories from well-known story teller Donna Hughes of Winchester.
- We found new ways to communicate within the parish and community by enhancing the website and email, new digital signage in the Tilford Room, improving directional signage in the Parish Hall, and using Facebook to share more timely updates and fun photos.
- Men's Fellowship has about a dozen participants at 7:30 am on the second Saturday of each month for discussions and breakfast. Men of all ages are invited.
- The Properties Committee took a big chunk out of their to-do list this year working diligently to get our facilities caught up on repairs and structural work:
 - ◇ Church Building accomplishments: Roof painting, window trim painting, Fairfax Room waterproofing, Fairfax Room asbestos removal, Organ humidifier installed
 - ◇ Smith Building: Repointing/replacement of brick, Basement rebuild/refurbishment
 - ◇ Old Rectory: Roof painting, shutter repair, secured architect/drawings for exterior staircase replacement to be presented to Winchester Board of Architectural Review this winter
 - ◇ Churchyard/Columbarium: Removal of overgrown Boxwoods, replacement with smaller growth variety Boxwoods, wrought iron railings painted, movable flower containers installed at Columbarium



In Christian Formation for children in 2016:

- We have a new curriculum this year – W.H.I.R.L. – a three-year program based on the Revised Common Lectionary. Children in Sunday School classes through grade 5 are experiencing this lively series including, in addition to traditional materials, a brief age-appropriate video summary of each lesson with animated characters.
- Accompanying the W.H.I.R.L curriculum we now have children's bulletins available for both pre-readers and readers during our Sanctuary services.
- Our number of young families has increased more in the past year than in the last five with our largest increase in enrollment in the preschool age group.
- Participation has increased significantly in Children's Chapel!
- We continue to offer choral training to our children from age 3 through grade 8 with our Cherub Choir and the Alleluia Singers. Thanks to Marsha Baden and DeLyn Celec!
- Our children reached out to others through support of the mosquito net program of Episcopal Relief and Development and through the Heifer Project during our annual Lenten Mite Box offering. They also continued our local outreach of decorating gift bags for our WATTS guests.



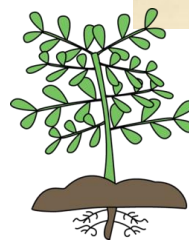
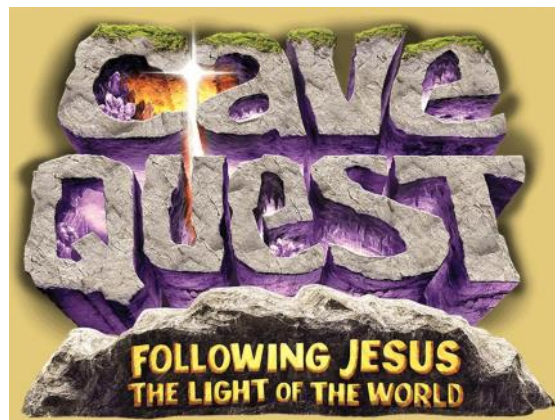


Digging Deep

Outside the Parish

- The annual Salvation Army Giving Tree program provided 146 bags of gifts for local children for Christmas 2016.
- Again this year, more than 20 Christ Church volunteers served a monthly dinner at the Salvation Army.
- The Panda Pantry outreach program includes more than 80 volunteers helping to shop, pack, and deliver weekend meals for more than 70 kids at a Winchester elementary school.
- 320 special summer vacation and winter break food bags were filled for our Panda Pantry students.
- For the 8th year, Christ Church participated in the Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter program and hosted homeless guests for a week of care, support, and good food.
- Turkeys, pies, monetary gifts, and volunteer time was given in support of the Community Thanksgiving Meal hosted by First Presbyterian Church.
- We again hosted an Alternative Gift Market during Advent learning how our purchases and gifts help others get water, ways to start work, and provide means to get food or shelter.
- The Outreach Committee distributed grants to: Flood Relief in West Virginia, The Evans Home, Compassionate Pharmacy, Christian Appalachian Project, Episcopal Relief & Development, Stop Hunger Now, and Panda Pantry.
- Many spent a hot day helping at an Interfaith building project for Habitat for Humanity.
- We worked with our neighbor, Grace Lutheran Church, to provide a huge Vacation Bible School program as an outreach to all our community's children. 290 children attended in July and learned about God's love.
- And, as is annual Winchester tradition, we sold chairs along the Apple Blossom parade routes to raise money for the youth pilgrimage.
- Stop Hunger Now 2016 meal packing was held in June and had a great turn-out.





The Treasure Box Thrift Shop continued to open its doors on Wednesdays, Fridays, and many Saturdays, thanks to the help of wonderful, dedicated volunteers. Generous donations from the parish and healthy sales in 2016 raised over \$13,500 in funds distributed to support more than a dozen groups and ministries in and around Winchester. For more information about the Treasure Box, please contact Paulette Jennis.



Full Year 2017 VS 2016	2016 Budget	2016 Actuals	2017 Budget
Revenues			
Pledged	\$ 476,000.00	\$ 483,627.12	\$ 517,767.00
Unpledged	\$ 63,000.00	\$ 70,770.20	\$ 63,000.00
All Other	\$ 41,100.00	\$ 51,404.60	\$ 34,700.00
Total	\$ 580,100.00	\$ 605,801.92	\$ 615,467.00
Expenses			
Personnel	\$ 404,689.00	\$ 403,941.83	\$ 418,127.00
Utilities	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 26,466.73	\$ 27,500.00
Property/Maintenance	\$ 41,800.00	\$ 39,147.17	\$ 45,440.00
Office	\$ 22,573.00	\$ 27,140.54	\$ 24,525.00
Christian Education	\$ 9,850.00	\$ 9,865.47	\$ 10,500.00
Music	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,471.65	\$ 7,600.00
Worship	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 756.13	\$ 2,900.00
Stewardship	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,275.12	\$ 1,200.00
Outreach	\$ 57,800.00	\$ 57,757.81	\$ 67,800.00
Pastoral Care	\$ 700.00	\$ 838.27	\$ 875.00
Parish Life	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 1,822.27	\$ 2,500.00
Communications	\$ 3,288.00	\$ 3,361.30	\$ 3,250.00
Total	\$ 580,100.00	\$ 579,844.29	\$ 612,217.00
Sabbatical Reserve	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Properties Reserve	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,250.00
Adjusted Total	\$ 580,100.00	\$ 591,844.29	\$ 615,467.00



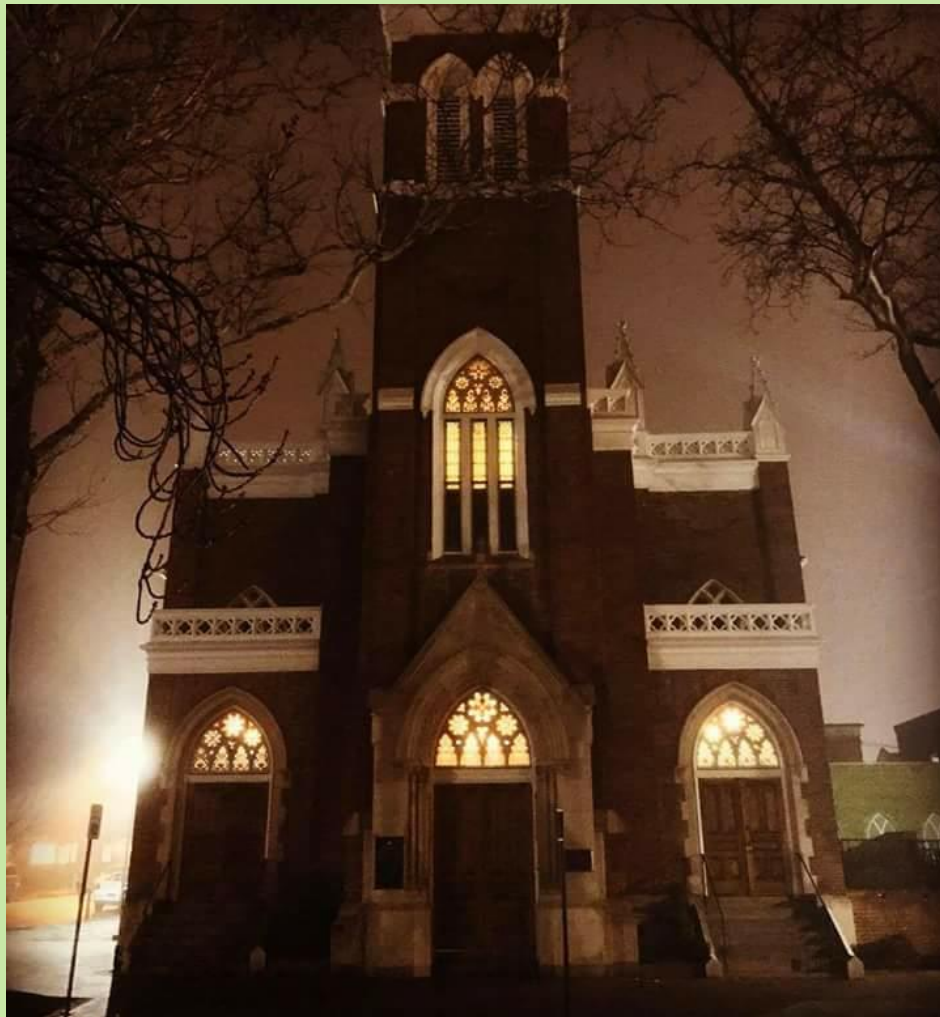


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