

THE CROWN

*The Newsletter of Christ Church Shrewsbury
Christ Church is a community committed to exploring the reality of God in today's world.*



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You are cordially Invited to the

313TH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF CHRIST CHURCH, SHREWSBURY

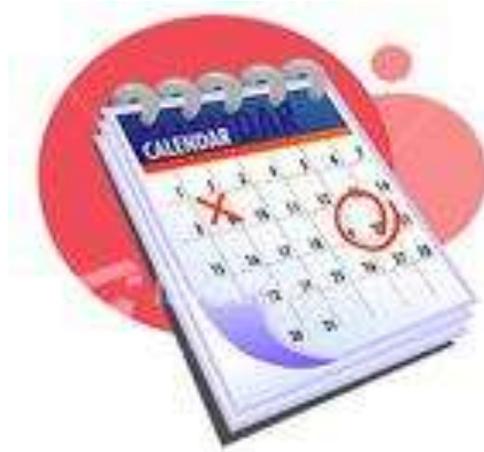
Sunday, January 24, 2016

following the 10:00am Mass
(no 8:00am service on this day)

*This year the meeting will be held in the Parish House
as we share a Potluck Meal together.*

Don't forget to enter your date in our Holiday Calendar Ca\$h Out!

Pick your favorite date for only \$5.00. Calendar with dates still available in the parish house!
Drawing will be held at our Annual Parish Meeting – Sunday, January 24th!



*“My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
Indeed, I have a goodly heritage.”
Psalm 16.6*

Dear Friends,

I am often amazed at the wonderful life that God has given me. I love my work and I love those with whom I work in this ministry of the gospel. Everyday there are blessings – too many to count! And in those moments when I *am* discouraged or fatigued, someone comes along with a story of redemption, a moment of God’s grace to share, and I am instantly revitalized. One would think that as often as I am surprised by what you do and say, I would not be so surprised by the surprise of it all! But I am. I echo the words of the psalmist, *“My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.”*

Perhaps most surprising of all is how many times it is the “small surprises” that are most surprising. For example: after the Holiday Bazaar there were several items from the Bake Shoppe that did not sell (which is such a crime - people simply do not know what they are missing!) Some we were able to freeze for another event. I took a beautiful basketful of individually wrapped brownies over to Shrewsbury’s Finest – our local police department (which they loved!) Others of the goodies were purchased at a cut-rate price. But then there are always a few little plates of this and that that are still left – and the question becomes, “What to do with them?”

Well, I must confess that some end up in my office. I have a soft spot in my heart (and I suppose on my palate) for those things that are left unclaimed. How is it that those left unclaimed happen to be the tastiest of all? Last year it was Lynn Marengo’s delicious pumpkin cream cheese dessert. Was that good! This year it was a small little container of something called “Cappuccino Meringues”. TINY little swirls of heavenly goodness. They said “cappuccino” but the taste reminded me more of marshmallows toasted just a wee bit too long over an open fire. Do you know what I mean? A hint of a burnt crisp that took me immediately back to my childhood. So good, that I was tempted to find a Hershey’s chocolate bar to set under one of those tiny meringues. And maybe a graham cracker to slide under it all. But alas – by the time I had finished conceiving that delectable plan, the miniature meringues had somehow disappeared.....

God’s gifts to us are so often like a little plastic container of tiny meringues. Small, light, hardly there at all. Little morsels that surprise and delight and suddenly make for a sweet respite in an otherwise busy morning at the church office amid reports and sermons and phone calls.

I don’t know about you, but I received some wonderful gifts this Christmas. All kinds of presents from friends and family and parishioners. But this year, I think the gift that I will remember most is those Cappuccino Meringues. I am tempted to ask the person who made them to identify herself (or himself). But that might be too dangerous; perhaps I am better off not knowing. I might be tempted to ask them to make some more. Or even share the recipe.

But for now, I will simply hold them in my memory. Think of them when I am overstressed, bring them to mind when I am feeling a little down. And I will certainly pray.....that whoever made them, might make them again next year. God is good. All the time.

Peace,
Mother Lisa+

PARISH NEWS & NOTES

ANY CHANGES?

Advise us of any changes in your home address, email address or any phone number(s). Let us know so we can keep our records/database up to date. Please send us an email or call the Church Office at 732-741-2220.

Address Updates:

Maureen Kilroy
4844 South Sedgewick Road
Lyndhurst, Ohio 44124

Transfer In:

Anthony and Natalia Baker
159 Stephen St.
Brick, NJ 08724
908-338-4653

Walter Burrell
3 Buttonwood Dr.
Shrewsbury, NJ 07702
732-610-8232

Baptism:

On Sunday, December 27, 2015 Kaylin Hayes Kiningham received the sacrament of Holy Baptism and was welcomed into the church. We rejoice with her and her family!

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please note: The Prayer List is updated on a continual basis. The people will be kept on for three months and then removed. (Please get consent before adding a name to the list.) If you would like a person to be added, simply call the Church Office (extension 3) and leave your name, their first and last name; please specify if you do not want their last name published in the bulletin, and when appropriate, who the person is and the nature of their condition.

(* indicates member of CCS)

*Carolyn, *Matthew, *Irwin Rapolla, *Shirley, *Ruthann, *Chrissy Maber, *Mignon Williams, *Cassie Reagan, *Phil Ryser, *Rick, *Diane, *Kate DiLiberto, *Zack Roberts, *Heidi Gall, *John Smalls, *Ron Knoth, *Jenny Lovekin, *Dianne, Michael Schiavo, Doris Rainwater, Patrick Donohoe, Jake, Joan, Loren James, John Veil, Jennifer Turner, Tina, Debbie Ambrogio, Pam, Lisa, Ana Cisneros, Chris, Mora Hanley, Ian Hay,

Josh, Mark Schiavo, Breanne, Omar, David Bry, Chuck, Pete and Jill Biddle, Anne, Meghan Ryan, Christopher, Brady, Cindy, John and John David Meade, Gerardo, Reverend Milton Holmes, Trevin, Heddy Napoletano, Fred Blozen, Lou, William Emerson, Ava, Jay Czarnecki, Amy, Brett Risser, Becky Cuthbert, Jean Bye and family, Ron Johnson, Pete, Sam Scott, Sue, Joan Hall, Lucy, Fr. Rob+, Dory Reagan, Don, Adam David, Charie Miller, Clete, Debbie Shouldis, Thomas J. Graham, Richard Brugger, Sr., Allen, Alexandra, Sally Cooper, Brennan Maclean, Joe, Rose, John, Keith, Jacob, Lucy, Monet, Maryann Citro, Harriet Clare Shaner, Roy, Ruth, Katie, Anella, Jennifer Lamb, Antonia Malone, Leigh and Richard Polhemus, Sam Nativo, Stan Thornton, Sue Welfley, Charlotte Spencer, Sherri, Pat, Loren Medina, Charlie, Alex, Meriwether Schmid, Pat Rivenes, Polly Evans, Eileen Borden, Phyllis Tetley, Jerry Werben, Barbara, and for all who serve our country here and abroad, especially Traver, Michael, Bo, Dennis, Travis "TJ" Wilson.



Thank you for your time and efforts...

to all who helped prepare our Church for Christmas. Special thanks to *Judy Buncher* for the wonderful bows, wreaths and swags and *Cindy Webster* for the beautiful window arrangements. Also want to thank all the wonderful people who helped to decorate our beautiful church and all the extra work and supplies needed - *Yuri Ashura, Anthony and Natalia Baker, MiMi Brown, Walter Dein, Pam Diamond, George Edwards, Priscilla Gettis, Danielle Latterwasser, Bramley Maber, Ann and Jim Miller and Barbara Raspanti*. Please forgive me if I left any ones name out.

Phyllis Edwards, Altar Guild Directress

to *Ali Cummings, Walter Dein, Phyllis Edwards, Lynn Marengo, Dianne Regiec and Barbara Raspanti* for their help with the Christmas bulletins.

to *Barbarba Raspanti, Ann Miller, Phyllis Edwards, Pam Aschettino and Pam Diamond* for polishing our brass.

to everyone for your generous toy donations for the St. Mark's toy distribution. Thank you again for bringing joy to these youngsters.

A "Connect" thank you - Once again this Christmas, Christ Church gave gifts to families through Love, INC's "CONNECT" program, which provides gifts and essentials to families in need during the holiday season. CONNECT at Christmas had another successful year, with Christ Church sponsoring 8 families in need of a very special Christmas. *Thanks to those who made merry for these families: Mother Lisa, Eric Antonelli, Ellie Bates, Meg Bernhardt, Walter Burrell, Tara Dunford, Jim O'Connor and family, Susan Coene-Perl, and Natalie Watson.* Special thanks to *Sheila Hatami* for coordinating this special Outreach project again this year!

A personal Thank you from Judy Buncher..

2015 HOLIDAY BAZAAR, PREVIEW NIGHT & LANTERN TOUR

It is with a feeling of satisfaction that I bring you the results of our 2015 Christmas Fund Raisers. It looks like the net total for the events are eleven thousand and seven hundred dollars. At the time of this writing, the Lantern Tour Shrewsbury police services were not yet billed. Overall, the event totals are an increase over last year. The exact figures will be known the day of the Parish Annual meeting as the Cash Calendar ends at that time.

Many thanks to the Bazaar, Preview Night and Lantern Tour Chair People and their Volunteers for such a successful fundraiser! It has been a great joy getting to know all of you and working with everyone. Before taking over this Fundraiser, I did not realize how much time and commitment each person donates every year. My "hat" is off to all of you!

Special thanks goes to all of you, especially to the following people: First to my mentor, Peggy James, who was beside me every "step of the way", and graciously took over as Preview Night Chair; Mother Lisa for providing guidance, as well as devoting numerous hours to Ye Olde Curiosity Shoppe (which, by the way was her creation); Tara Dunford and Chris Balas for the Ad Journal; Kim Honecker for Social Media, Elaine Feyereisen for Newspapers as well as Peggy James for www.trickytray.com events; Cindy Webster for

Gift Baskets; Peggy James and Dianne Regiec for Preview Night; Noel Murgio for Ye Old Bake Shoppe; Nancy and Bob Stewart for the Kitchen; Walter Dein for Trinkets and Treasures; Perky Cameron and Sarah Schmid for Knitting Pearls; Joanne Montgomery for Live Wreath, Grave Blanket and Poinsettia Orders; Peggy James for Venders, Christmas Cards (along with Mother Lisa) and Counters; Elaine Feyereisen for 50/50 and Event Staff for the day of the bazaar; Mother Lisa and Clare Mitchell for Calendar Games; Sue Napoletano for the wonderful decorations; Chris Brondi for the much needed Set-Up; Stuart Buncher for Santa; Bill Cuff for the Quiche; Chris Psolka and Kate DiLiberto for the Music Performances; Casey Surgent for many Bazaar office jobs; Raj Mirjah for Bazaar Advice and help; and the following individuals: Jeff Veil, Mimi Brown, Gerry Marengo, Sue Sellers. Patrice Thornton and all her Lantern Tour guides, George and Phyllis Edwards, Jamie Green, Marie Maber, Diane Ingenito, Rita Saible, Susan Sellers, Christine Jahnig, Jenny Lovekin, Pam Aschettino, Donna Devlin, Corey Folta, Ann Miller, Barbara Carroll, Lynn Marengo, Bob Kelly and many others who did their part to help make our Christmas fundraisers such a success!

I have photos for many of you and will have them available at the Annual Meeting as a little thank you.

Next year's Bazaar will have a Colonial theme. More information will come in next month Crown!

Congratulations again and have a wonderful New Year! *Judi Buncher*

Lantern Tour Events and Thank You

A huge note of thanks to **Elaine Feyereisen** for another successful Lantern Tour evening! Elaine organized the reservations and tickets and assisted with advertising. Thank you also to Mother Lisa and her crew of Moravian pie bakers and all who helped with the dinner set up, preparation and clean-up in the kitchen. Thanks to Noel Murgio who organized the bake table and to Rita Saible and Noel, for manning the table. Special Thanks to all the parishioners who provided the baked items! Thanks also to anyone that helped in various ways to help make the evening a success, including signage, walkway lanterns, parking attendants, organization of materials, and advertising.

OutReach Thanks you

I want to again extend a huge thank you to all of our members who generously donated items for Covenant House and a special thank you to Rita Saible for her donation of interview clothing.

There is a continued need for donations including shampoo, soap, toothpaste, baby wipes, diapers, deodorant and for the colder winter months, socks, under shirts and underwear. Please leave items in the Parish House.

Deacon Bill Balmer hopes to reestablish the Monmouth County Probation program and will be assisting me with Covenant House. I will continue to update the Parish House boards with information on upcoming events and all of our valuable projects. If you are interested in being part of the Outreach committee or to help with a project please contact me.

Thanks so much,
Rachelle Spencer Mikita
rachspen@hotmail.com

THANK YOU FROM THE SALVATION ARMY

The SALVATION ARMY (Red Bank Corps) sends a big THANK YOU to the 9 Christ Church members who RANG THE BELLS at the Red Kettle for 8 hours on Saturday, December 19th, at the Acme in Shrewsbury Plaza. Bill Balmer, Walt Dein, George Edwards, Jamie Green, Lynn Marengo, Gerry Marengo, Rob Marengo, Carolyn Petrie and Barbara Raspanti continued this Christ Church Christmas tradition for the 16th year. All the money collected in the Red Kettles stays in this area to fund the Salvation Army's programs and help the less fortunate. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Jim Miller for the Salvation Army

Thanks to all the GFS'rs who assisted with the Blessing of the Stockings! It was pure joy to see the excitement on the little ones faces as they visited with St. Nicholas, decorated the tree, decorated cookies and made greeting cards for the residents of St. Clare's (home for children).



Many Thanks for a Beautiful Christmas Celebration

Our Christmas services this year were truly beautiful. Thank you to the many, many persons who made it possible. To *Chris Psolka and The St. Gregory Choir*. Thank you to *Kevin Psolka-Green and Janet Breslin* for enhancing the choir! The music was simply FABULOUS! To all our youth and children who also participated. To the Altar Guild who so beautifully adorned our nave and made sure everything was "just right". To the acolytes, lectors, chalice bearers, ushers, and greeters who made everything appear so effortless. We are truly grateful to our wonderful parish family.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR.....



"SOCK AND MITTEN TREE"



Through the Christmas season we are asking you to help decorate the Christmas tree located at the Baptismal font with new gloves, mittens, hats, socks, etc. Any size or color will do! These "ornaments" will then be donated to various charities to help those less fortunate over the cold hard winter months. Take advantage of those great after Christmas Sales!!

Second Saturday Work Day

ALL HANDS ON DECK for this January 9th an early "Spring Cleaning" work day of the Parish house closets and the unfinished basement area. Containers need labeling, posters need sorting, and everything needs to be organized and put in their proper place. It will take a group effort to accomplish everything that is needed to be done. This is a good opportunity for those who needed to earn community service credit. Just an hour or two of your time between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Saturday January 9, 2016 will be greatly appreciated. A simple and hot lunch will be provided.

Walter Dein, Second Saturday Chair

ADULT LECTIONARY STUDY

Bible Study “Adult Forum”: *“Talking About Faith and Scripture”* ~ Sundays at 9AM Parish House Library. Join us on Sunday morning for a free and open conversation about faith and the readings for the week. The lively discussion in the library is led by Deacon Bill Balmer. Everyone is welcome. Join in any time!

SEEING IS BELIEVING:

Experiences of the Holy for Parent and Child

After an action-packed December featuring a visit from St. Nicholas, a delightful lesson by Georgette King, sugar cookie decorating, and blessed stockings, Seeing is Believing kicks off the new year with Saints Harriet Bedell and Vincent. Join us Sunday, 10 January, at 10 a.m. as we celebrate deacons who became saints!

For more information or to be put on a mailing list (for SiB announcements), email Julie Cassidy at julie.sinn@gmail.com.

An invite From Brother Richard...



On Saturday, January 9th from 5:00 – 10:00 p.m., Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on Leonardine Avenue in South River NJ will hold its first annual Twelfth Night Celebration – a night of music, magic, mayhem and madness for the whole family. The evening’s festivities will include a “groaning board” laden with Renaissance foods and non-alcoholic drinks. Jesters, magicians, singers, and other musicians will entertain the crowd through the night. Towards the end of the evening those who find the coin in the four King’s cakes will be crowned as the festival’s Royal Family – a king, queen, princess, and prince. All are invited to join the party, in costume if they wish. The best costume of the evening will win a prize.

Tickets are \$15 per adult, \$10 for seniors and children under 12, children under 5 free and all subject to a maximum price of \$40 per family. Tickets can be arranged through the church office at 732-254-1734 and will also be available at the door. Mark your calendars for the best night since New Year – Saturday, January 9th – Twelfth Night at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 90 Leonardine Avenue, South River, NJ. Contact: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church 732-254-1734

COFFEE HOUR is a cherished part of Sunday worship here at Christ Church.

It is an opportunity to relax, socialize and enjoy a good cup of coffee. But coffee hour doesn’t just magically happen and in order to keep this tradition alive and well, more volunteers are needed. My heartfelt thanks go out to those who have so graciously helped out in the past, many of whom have signed up not once or twice, but several times in order to fill the gap. If you enjoy coming to coffee hour please sign-up for at least one Sunday. There is always an experienced hand to help you navigate the kitchen and we are in the process of stocking some “goodies” in the kitchen freezer just in case. Coffee hour does not need to be elaborate or time consuming. Don’t pass up a great opportunity to get involved, chat a little and have a good time. The new 2016 sign-up sheet is hanging outside the kitchen just waiting for your name. Thank you all so much, Rita Saible.



Calendar Ca\$h Out!!

Don’t forget to enter your date in our Holiday Calendar Ca\$h Out! Pick your favorite date for only \$5.00. Just imagine.....If every date of the year was chosen, the winner would receive a grand prize of \$912.50! Calendar with dates still available in the parish house! Drawing will be held at our Annual Parish Meeting – Sunday, January 24th!

FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY CANDLE OFFERINGS

A New 2016 Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Almost every Sunday of the Church Year we have beautiful flowers adorn our altar and narthex. These are provided by our parishioners, usually in memory of someone or in thanksgiving to God for someone or something. If you would like to donate flowers or the weekly sanctuary candle, please sign up on the Flower Chart in the narthex of the Church. Checks should be made payable to; “Christ Church Altar Guild” and may be placed in the offertory plate or mailed to us. We are now accommodating more than one donation on a single date. **Also please note our slight increase:** Altar Flowers - \$40, Narthex Flowers - \$30, Sanctuary Candle - \$10.

2016 GRADUATING SENIORS

Scholarship Funds Available

Information and paperwork can be obtained from the Christ Church Parish Office on both funds listed below:

Albert W. Van Duzer Scholarship Fund: The funds are intended for recent high school graduates entering their first year of study at an accredited post-secondary institution. Applicants should be aware that certain criteria will be considered in the awarding of scholarships funds: service to the local and wider church, community service, academic achievement, and financial need. **APPLICATION AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2016.**

Episcopal Church Women, Student Service Award: This fund is strictly for assisting high school graduates who are presently enrolled in undergraduate studies. You may apply each year that you are in school. Certain criteria will be considered in granting awards: service to church and service to community. **APPLICATION AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 1, 2016 DEADLINE.**

GFS NEWS

The girls of GFS had a wonderful time working at Holiday Express. We filled many a bag with all kinds of toiletries, stuffed animals, and other assorted items for children, teens, and adults. Afterwards, we shared a pizza supper at Ninette's.

Our plan for January is to join the GFS Chapter St. George's, for a pool party! On Friday, January 29th from 8 - 10PM at Dosils, 261 Rt. 36 in Middletown, we will swim, have some snacks and dessert. Let us know if you would like to join us!

Time to start thinking Superbowl Chili! February 6th the girls will be meeting in the kitchen to begin cooking our delicious chili (vegan available, too). An order form will be in the February Crown and there will be chili available the morning of Sunday the 7th.

Stewardship Note!

Another year is coming to an end and many of us have been busy preparing for the bazaar, lantern tour, Christmas and now New Years. Because of our crazy schedules, we have forgotten to keep our pledges up to date. Please try to fulfil your pledge obligation before the New Year. If you are not sure what you still owe, e-mail Gerry Marengo @ gmarengo@verizon.net. If you can't get us your check until the beginning of January, you can still date it December 2015 and this way it will be credited to your 2015 pledge. Thank you.
Peggy James, Stewardship Chair

Pledge Envelopes 2016

2016 Pledge envelopes have arrived! You can pick up your box of envelopes in the Narthex. If you do not find a box with your name on it, but wish to use envelopes for your pledge, please contact the office, Gerry Marengo or Mother Lisa, and we will get you set up with pledge envelopes.



Stuart and Judy Buncher in our Annual Lantern Tour

Did You Know...? **Stories of Christ Church History**



by: Robert M. Kelly, Jr.
Parish Historian

Did You Know that we had a very active year in celebrating and sharing our rich history.

In January we searched for the gravemarker of John Grimke, Revolutionary War hero and prominent early South Carolinian. We did not find the gravemarker but feel confident we know where in the graveyard he was interred.

As we do every year we participated in the County's Weekend in Olde Monmouth event hosting many visitors and complete with a display of historic objects.

On Memorial Day weekend we once again read the names of all the veterans in the graveyard right after our Sunday service.

During the Sunday service before Independence Day, Members of the Dead Actors Guild portrayed three folks buried in the graveyard and told their stories.

We participated in the New Jersey Historical Trust conference in June. We were part of a session at the conference that discussed the historical importance of church graveyards with ours being a good example of preservation and information.

We again hosted the Shrewsbury Borough 4th grade class telling them about the remarkable history right in their midst.

We received two grants for the repair and storm resiliency of our two historic properties. The total awards amounted to about \$272,000 and no required matching funds.

We created some aerial footage of the church and the first video developed from this is now on the parish web site.

A Monmouth University History student did her senior thesis on 18th century gravemarkers and used examples from our graveyard to illustrate her analysis.

In October we dedicated the new Historic Rose Meditation Garden that is a joint effort between the church and the Shrewsbury Garden Club.

At the Shrewsbury Historical Society annual party in October, the Dead Actors Guild was again on hand to portray several other souls interred in the graveyard.

We participated in the Lantern Tour with our Four Corners partners. There were over 200 folks on the tour.

All of these activities will be described in more detail in our upcoming annual History Newsletter.

Looking ahead to 2016 in addition to our regular annual events, we will have another Monmouth University student working with us to create additional church videos celebrating a variety of our dimensions as a place of worship and a community. Furthermore new events and activities always seem to crop up.

Robert M. Kelly, Jr.
Parish Historian

SDRG PROJECT STATUS REPORT

December 19, 2015

1. We await the NJHT decision on additional funds. This decision is expected around the end of January 2016. At that time we will work with them and Westfield Associates to make some decisions on where to focus funds. The Condition Assessment estimated costs for all needed items that will almost certainly exceed the grant monies even if we receive some added funding.
2. Lorraine Schnabel has almost completed the Condition Assessment work on all the gravemarkers. This includes photographs and summary condition assessment in a number of dimensions. This will all be added to our extensive graveyard database. The next step will be her recommendations for the gravemarkers in most critical need of restoration.
3. Steve Cowdell is currently scheduled to return and complete the repair work on the clock in the week between Christmas and New Year's.

LOCAL HISTORY PRESENTATION



A recent analysis has resulted in some interesting conclusions about changes in the decorative carving of gravemarkers in the latter half of the 18th century. This research was inspired by numerous gravemarkers in our historic graveyard. A presentation of these findings will be described in a talk by the researcher and Monmouth University student, Taylor M. Cavanaugh.



Thursday, January 7th
Shrewsbury Historical Society
Shrewsbury Boro Municipal Center
7 PM

*This event is free and open to the public and is jointly sponsored by
Christ Episcopal Church and the Shrewsbury Historical Society
Come and learn more about your local history and your graveyard.*

Blessings Shared
 Parish Finance Update
 (November 2015)
 Year to Date Totals

	Actual -----	Budget -----	\$ Over Budget -----
Plate	\$ 3,193	\$ 3,954	\$ (761)
Pledge	\$143,482	\$153,381	\$ (9,899)
Total Income	\$203,346	\$200,868	\$ 2,478
Total Expense	\$204,369	\$213,657	\$ (9,288)
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Net Income	\$ (1,022)	\$(12,789)	\$ 11,767
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Notes:

1. The financials show that YTD, we have spent \$1,022 more than we have received in income from pledges, plate and all other income sources.
2. Our current budget shows that our net income is \$2,478 more than budgeted year to date. This includes Endowment transfers. Our better income YTD is primarily due to higher transfers from the Endowment Investments to the operating budget to cover expenses.
3. Our current expenses are running \$9,288 less than budgeted. The lower expenses have helped to keep our deficit lower.
4. Our pledge income YTD is lower than budgeted by \$9,899.

Thank you for your continued support of Christ Church.

Respectfully Submitted
 Gerry Marengo - Treasurer

Stewardship 2016

If you've turned in your pledge card for 2016, thank you. If you haven't, please do. It's not too late! Mail it, drop it off at the church office or put it in the offering plate on Sunday. If you regularly put money in the plate, but have never completed a pledge card, please consider completing a card this year. The vestry is working on the budget and it makes it so much easier if they know how much money they can rely on. We have asked everyone to try to increase their pledge, even if it is only by 1 week's contribution. Every increase helps no matter the amount. *Don't be afraid*, if your circumstances change, you can always change your pledge. **Let's make 2016 the best financial year yet!** Thank you.

The Stewardship Team
Peggy James

JANUARY 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Office Hours: <i>Tue. – Fri.</i> 9AM – 2PM</p>				<p>December 31 NEW YEARS EVE. OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>8:30PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>1 NEW YEARS DAY OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>7:30PM AA meeting</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3</p> <p>8AM Holy Eucharist 9AM Adult Bible Study 10AM Holy Eucharist Church School</p> <p>ML+ vacation</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Office Closed ML+ vacation</p> <p>10AM Clergy lectionary group - library</p>	<p>5</p> <p>ML+ vacation</p> <p>6:30PM EFM</p> <p>7:15PM Meditation Group</p>	<p>6</p> <p>ML+ vacation</p> <p>7pm Finance meeting</p> <p>7-9PM - Knitting Pearls @ Perky's</p> <p>8PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7PM SHS Presentation on Gravemarkers</p> <p>7:30PM St. Gregory's Choir</p> <p>8:30PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Rector's day off</p> <p>7:30PM AA meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10am-4pm 2nd Saturday Workday</p>
<p>10</p> <p>8AM Holy Eucharist 9AM Adult Bible Study 10AM Holy Eucharist <i>"Seeing is Believing"</i></p> <p>ML+ vacation</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Office closed</p> <p>10AM Clergy lectionary group - library</p> <p>7:15PM Vestry Meeting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30PM EFM - Rectory</p> <p>7:15PM Meditation Group</p>	<p>13</p> <p>ANNUAL REPORTS DUE</p> <p>9:30AM - 11:15AM Peak of the Week- P.H.</p> <p>7-9PM - Knitting Pearls @ Perky's</p> <p>8PM AA meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:30PM St. Gregory's Choir</p> <p>8:30PM AA meeting</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Rector's day off</p> <p>7:30PM AA meeting</p>	<p>16</p>
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