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“Christ Church: A community committed to exploring the reality of God in today’s world.”

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Annual Parish Meeting Agenda

The 317th Annual Meeting of Christ Church will begin in the Parish House and will be accompanied by a covered dish brunch!

Invocation

Call of the 317th Annual Meeting

Minutes of the 316th Annual Meeting, January 20, 2019

Presentation of Candidates and Casting of Votes

Presentation of Awards

Presentation of Reports and 2020 Budget

Other Business

Adjournment

Meeting of New Vestry to elect Officers of Vestry
THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2019

Given at the Annual Meeting of Christ Church
Shrewsbury, New Jersey
January 26, 2020

The Right Reverend William “Chip” H. Stokes
Bishop
The Reverend Lisa Sauber Mitchell
Rector
The Reverend Victoria Cuff
Deacon
Casey Surgent
Parish Administrator
Christine Psolka
Organist and Choir Director
Jeff Veil
Sexton
Bevery Akerblom
Treasurer
Phyllis Edwards
Altar Guild Directress
Sue Napoletano
Christian Formation Coordinator
Nancy Stewart
Clerk of the Vestry

THE VESTRY
Robert M. Kelly, Jr., Senior Warden (term was to end Jan. 2021)
Jim O’Connor, Junior Warden (term retires today)

Stephen Craven (term retires today)
Jamie Green (term retires today)
Sue Napoletano (term retires today)
Walter Burrell (resigned)
Edgar John
Dianne Regiec
Connie Goddard

Deputies 2020 (attending 2020 Convention)
Sheila Hatami-Watson
Kim Honecker
Georgette King
NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The terms of the following vestry persons expire at this meeting:

Junior Warden:
Jim O’Connor

Vestry:
Stephen Craven
Jamie Green
Sue Napoletano
Walter Burrell (resigned)

Treasurer
Beverlee Akerblom

The following person is duly nominated to serve as Senior Warden for a 1 year unexpired term:
Elaine Feyereisen

The following person is duly nominated to serve as Junior Warden for a 2 year term:
Peggy James

The following persons are duly nominated to fill two of the three vestry positions for a 3 year term:
Walter Dein
Joanne Montgomery
Mark Roth
Larry Nibbling (two year unexpired term)

The following persons are duly nominated to serve as Alternate Deputies to Diocesan Convention:
Kim Roberts
Need two from the floor

*The Nominating Committee is comprised of the Senior Warden and the retiring Vestry members.*
Minutes of the 316th Annual Parish Meeting, Sunday, January 20, 2019

The Annual meeting was held in the Parish House following the 10 a.m. service. After a hymn with organist, Chris Psolka, playing on an electronic keyboard, the meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by Mother Lisa. A quorum being present, the 2018 Annual Report was distributed to all in attendance. Minutes of the 2018 Annual meeting were reviewed and accepted as presented on a motion by Sarah Schmid, seconded by Mark Roth.

**By-laws changes**
The following changes to the By-Laws of Christ Church were reviewed and accepted:

- Article III, Section II – “by written ballot” was deleted. Motion by Bill Cuff, seconded by Stephen Craven.
- Article III, Section II – “and three of nine Vestrypersons” was deleted and replaced by “and as many Vestrypersons as needed, no less than seven, no more than nine”. Motion by Sue Napoletano, seconded by Elaine Feyereisen.
- Article III, Section III – No Vestryperson elected to a full three-year term can succeed him or herself “for more than one successive term and” [language in quotes added]. An individual shall not be eligible to serve as a Vestryperson for at least one year after completing “two full terms” [language in quotes changed from “a full term”] Motion by Jim O’Connor, seconded by Connie Goddard.

**Nominating Committee**
The following slate of candidates was presented and elected to the Vestry:

- Senior Warden (2-year term): Bob Kelly. Motion by Mimi Brown, seconded by Tom Cameron.
- Alternate Deputies to Diocesan Convention: Sheila Hatami-Watson, Kim Honecker, Georgette King. Motion by Lynn Marengo, seconded by Barbara Carroll.

Mother Lisa thanked retiring Vestry members Walter Dein, Kathy Redinger, Joanne Montgomery, Sr. Warden Peggy James and Treasurer, Dave Regiec. She also thanked the staff: Casey Surgent, Jeff Veil, Chris Psolka and Vicki Cuff.

**Treasurer’s Report**
Treasurer Dave Regiec reviewed the budget for 2019. He said in 2018 we received the most pledges we have had for many years. This year the Diocesan Fair Share pledge will be paid directly from our Endowment instead of from our Operating Account. Jim O’Connor explained we need to take money from the endowment each year to keep the church operating but are taking less than in the past. There was a question about other churches in our convocation having similar financial problems and the response was that some have worse problems. Another question was about churches merging for financial reasons. One response was that in the future churches might not be able to afford a full-time rector.

**2019 Special Celebrations**
Bob Kelly reported on plans for the 300th anniversary of the graveyard and the 250th anniversary of the church building. In June the Bishop will be visiting and in September Joe Hammond of the Monmouth County Historical Association will give a talk on church history. There will also be a talk and tour of the graveyard by Richard Veit, costumed graveyard tours, cleaning of the stones, and in October a Halloween event.

A drawing was held for the afghan made by the Knitting Pearls. The winner was Raj Mirjah.

A drawing was held for the Calendar Cash Out, $465 to the winner, $465 to the church. The winner was Chris Gorey.

Following the closing prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Stewart, Vestry Clerk*
DETAILS FROM THE PARISH REGISTER FOR THE YEAR 2019

Baptisms
Jackson Lawrence Downs
Penelope Dieu Lister
Steven Douglas Rudolph
Olivia Grace Saible

Confirmations
Beverlee Akerblom
Luis Burgos
Lawrence Douglas Nibbling
Cassandra Brielle Reagan
Steven Douglas Rudolph

Receptions
Philip Martin Andrews
Stephen Randolph Craven
Halina Therese Nibbling
Marie Therese Maber
Mark Anthony Roth

Marriages
Mariah Elizabeth Honecker to Frank Charles Thomas
Juliana Carlotta Ford to Cory Brandon Pedalino
Sarah Gloria Muratore to Zachariah Charles Honecker

New Members at Christ Church  *denotes returning member
Philip Martin Andrews
Luis Burgos
Kevin Carroll
Elaine Denahan
Lois Charlotte Olsen
Robin Anne Solbach
Lynn Townshend*

Transfers from Christ Church
Brother Richard Biernacki

Burial of the Dead  *denotes a member of Christ Church; ** denotes a former member
Robert Joseph Appruzzese*
Shirley Adelia Badal*
Craig Franklin Cambeis*
Cynthia Johnson Crowley**
Jessie Eisel*
Robert Michael Kelly*
John Nelson Murphy
Marion Gauslou O’Neil
Zach David Roberts*
Rosemary Colleen Scott
Rutha Ann Menut Zeak*
As much as I like this verse, “Welcome one Another” was not the theme we named and claimed for the year 2019. Perhaps in hindsight, it should have been! Instead our theme was “Bless us O Lord, and These Thy Gifts: Celebrating a Double Inheritance.” For 2019 marked two big anniversaries for our parish: the 250th anniversary of the erection of our colonial church building and the 300th anniversary of the graveyard (or at least of the oldest gravestone). We celebrated them big and with style, with love and with care.

That was our intention. To get things right. For all this, we owe a large debt of gratitude to the late Mr. Robert Kelly who led the charge (and pushed us a bit, too) not only during 2019 but whose behind-the-scenes careful planning for at least two years prior to the anniversary year enabled a smooth rolling out of all kinds of activities and celebrations for us – and for many who came to join in the festivities. And in it all, we were indeed a welcoming community.

“What all did we do?” one might ask. My answer is, “What didn’t we do?” Countless hours have been spent repairing and restoring various gravestones in our graveyard. Parishioners (and those from the larger community) spent their Saturdays learning how to wash and care for the stones, giving a fresh look to an ancient resting place, including a Youth Mission Trip from St. Martin’s, Bridgewater who spent the weekend with us in the graveyard. The ceiling of the nave was completely restored, with over 100 years of paint scraped and repainted, as we spent the entire summer worshiping in the Parish Hall.

We held public lectures on both the graveyard and the church, with guest speakers Dr. Richard Veit, of Monmouth University, who has partnered with us on many graveyard education events and Mr. Joseph Hammond, renowned historian who not only was the Clerk of the Works for our 1996 Restoration, but knows more about our building than anyone else in the world. Multiple tours of both graveyard and church were scattered through the year, with performances by our Dead Actors’ Guild. Many guest experts were on hand to inform us and the public on the riches of our history and heritage. A new self-guided video tour of the graveyard was made available in early September, just in time to prepare for the autumn round of festivities. This was all in addition to our long-standing participation in Weekend in Old Monmouth and the Lantern Tour.

We also had a good share of celebrations. The largest was June 30th with Bishop Chip Stokes who rededicated the church and received a personal tour through the graveyard, including the “reveal” of the newly restored Croes Family plot. John Croes, who is buried here was the rector of Christ Church from 1809-1824. His father (also John Croes) happened to be the first Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey. You can visit the site yourself on the southside of the church building). The celebrations continued into autumn, with our second annual Graveyard Month of October, in which every weekend hosted events for the entire area, including a Ghostly Scavenger Hunt, more grave rubbings and graveyard cleaning sessions open to the public.

But we didn’t simply celebrate what is “old” this year: we also celebrated what is new. Ten members of Christ Church were confirmed or received during the Bishop’s visit, signs of new growth and of ever-deepening spirituality. Our Vestry participated in a Tri-Parish Retreat with All Saints, Navesink and St. John’s, Little Silver. For our adults, Peak of the Week and EFM continued to meet throughout the year, and a special series “Come Here, Jesus” was our special Lenten study. For our children and youth, GFS and Youth Group Prime were offered in addition to our regular church school. In addition, we have added four new teachers to our church school staff, enabling a rotating class for the youngest members of our parish. In it all, we indeed - “welcomed one another, as Christ has welcomed us, for the glory of God.”

I don’t have to tell you that this year has left me a little exhausted. But an exhilarating exhaustion! We have flung open wide the doors of our parish at every turn. We are greeting new members and taking care of those who have long journeyed with us. Simply said? We are church. Welcoming others as Christ has welcomed us. And all for the glory of God.

Faithfully submitted, Rev. Lisa Mitchell+
SENIOR WARDEN’S REPORT 2019
In loving memory of our dear departed Senior Warden, Parish Historian Robert M. Kelly, Jr.
September 11, 1945 – December 8, 2019
May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful
departed rest in peace, and may perpetual light shine upon them. Amen

JUNIOR WARDEN REPORT

2019 was quite a year at Christ Church. I am sure my fellow Vestry members will share much of the details about our various activities and accomplishments from the year but here are a few that stick out in my mind:

- Eggstravaganza was back! Thank you Sue for resurrecting this fun (and tasty) fundraiser.
- Not only did the Roths not run away but they stepped up again to lead our Christmas Bazaar…Thank God for the Roths!
- Covenant House remained in your hearts as we again supported this important organization in many ways. Thank you for your financial support throughout the year and also to Connie for leading a group to Sandy Hook last summer and teaching them how to kayak!
- We lost loved ones, including our beloved Senior Warden, Bob Kelly. While Bob meant so much to so many people, and the list of “Bob Kelly Accomplishments” would fill numerous pages, here are just a few successes that Bob led for us this past year:
  - We celebrated the 250th anniversary of our wonderful Church building
  - We celebrated the 300th anniversary of our historic graveyard.
  - We restored dozens of gravestones.
  - We painted the Church ceiling!

As I conclude my tenure on the Vestry and as Junior Warden I want to thank everyone I have had the pleasure of serving with these past few years. I know I have followed many who have served Christ Church for decades and hope that I have honored their legacy. While it is often true that when serving on a volunteer leadership group many will thank you for giving of your time to serve. The truth is that I received far more than I ever gave to the Vestry-I learned from so many people and grew as a person and as an Episcopalian. God Bless.

Jim
STEWARDSHIP REPORT 2019

“Bless Us O Lord, and These Thy Gifts”
Celebrating a Double Inheritance

Our PLEDGE drive started in October but Stewardship is year round!! We kicked off our program with Salad Sunday on October 20th. We enjoyed a potluck lunch of some WONDERFUL salads made by our parishioners. We also started handing out Pledge Certificates on that Sunday and every Sunday for the next 4 weeks as we enjoyed listening to Jennifer Craven, Mark and Colleen Roth, Cassie Regan and Donna Devlin as they told us what brought them to Christ Church and why they are so committed to our parish. To ensure every parishioner heard their stories, each week following the testimonial, an email was sent that included the testimonial, a picture of the speaker and a pledge progress report.

Our Ingathering Thanksgiving Brunch was held on November 24th at the conclusion to our 10:00 Parish Thanksgiving Service. We enjoyed delicious lunch catered by Jacques of Middletown and Palumbo’s of Little Silver.

The following is a comparison of the pledge data (actual from certificates) for 2018, 2019 and 2020 as of 1/21/2020.

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YOU CAN SEE SOME FOLKS HAVE NOT PLEDGED YET……..PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR FORM AS SOON AS YOU CAN SO WE CAN GET CLOSER TO A BALANCED BUDGET!

Please note that new pledges include people new to our parish and those who may have contributed consistently in past never completed a pledge certificate until now.

The highest pledge to date is $9000 and the lowest is $240. Our average pledge is $2606. We have reached 91% of our goal.

We are always accepting pledges! You can pledge at any time during the year. Pledge Certificates are in the church office or in the back of the church at the Ushers Table. If you regularly put money in the plate but have never completed a pledge certificate, please consider completing one this year. Your pledge helps us plan and maintain our budget. Remember, your contributions are still tax deductible, depending on your situation. Don’t be afraid to pledge. If you circumstance change, you can always change your pledge. Please help make this a great financial year!

Respectfully submitted by Peggy James, Stewardship Commission
The Legacy Wall

Good-hearted people, both members and non-members of Christ Church, have been remembering the church in their wills. These generous gifts that have been bequeathed to us over the years are what make up our endowment, allowing us to fill in the gaps when needed and to plan for our future.

Bequests such as The Sickles Fund is what maintains much of our lawn care and snow removal. The Father Mainer Fund is a resource used strictly to help the poor in our community. The Robert Manson Fund is allowing us to better maintain our Church building. This is the fund that covered the costly lead paint removal and painting of the ceiling in the nave.

For the past 3 years we have been including a line on the “Pledge Certificate” that allows members to indicated that they are planning to remember Christ Church in their will. These generous folks are looking to the future and thinking of those who will follow us and are helping to ensure that the gospel will be preached long after we are on the next leg of the journey. All gifts are appreciated, and none are too small or too large to create a legacy. Many people are not able to pledge as much as they would like but remembering the Church in their will gives them the opportunity to give a final gift.

Have you considered remembering Christ Church in your will? When you consider what you will be leaving to the ones you love, don’t forget the church you love so much! Your wardens will be happy to sit with you at any time to discuss any questions you may have about remembering Christ Church.

The following person have already indicated their intention to remember the Church in their will:

Judith and Stuart Buncher, Robert and Kim Honecker, Jamie Green, Peggy James, Carolyn Marengo, James and Ann Miller, Rev. Lisa S. Mitchell, Joanne Montgomery, Paul and Noel Murgio, Jim O’Connor, Harold (Bud) Paynton, Irwin Rapolla, Barbara Raspanti, Jeffery Veil, Rod and Cindy Webster, and one person who wishes to remain Anonymous.

New to the Legacy Wall:

Nancy and Robert Stewart and Kerry and Kathy Redinger.

We are grateful for their generosity and for their consideration of our future.
In 2019, St. Gregory Choir welcomed Martie Viets, our new choir member. Martie is a versatile musician who sings soprano, alto, and tenor.

One highlight of the year was the Anniversary Celebration of Laying the cornerstone for the building of Christ Church. Musical highlights included Billings’ *Rose of Sharon* and Todd’s *Call to Wisdom*. The choir was joined by Madregalia, our resident a cappella group.

Palm Sunday anthems included Proulx’s arrangement of *We Adore You, O Christ* and *Ride On, King Jesus*, arranged by Olsen. The Maundy Thursday service featured the Mozart *Ave Verum*, and *In Monte Oliveti* by Martini.

Choir members Jamie Green, Barbara Carroll, Patricia Falzone and Lynn Marengo, along with Janet Breslin and Martie Viets, participated in the Good Friday service which included music and poetry from a variety of genres featuring violinist Andrew Olenik. Highlights included Pergolesi’s *Stabat Mater*, *Sharon’s Red Rose* by Beall and Koerts, and *Wondrous Love* by Larkin.

The Easter Vigil Sunrise Service music was provided by Jim Halpern, Jamie Green, Patricia Falzone, Martie Viets, and Lynn Marengo. At the Easter Sunday service, music included the Vivaldi anthem, *All Earth rejoice with Gladsome Voice* arranged by Hopson, and the Handel aria, *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*, featuring Janet Breslin.

The Children’s Christmas Eve Service featured a poem and musical selection presented by the Church School children.

The Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols and Festive Eucharist included PJ Reyes, who sang the child’s solo in *Once in Royal David’s City*. The *Holly and the Ivy* was presented by a women’s trio; the men sang *I Wonder as I Wander* by Niles. Janet Breslin sang the beautiful *O Holy Night*.

Through the kind support of Mother Lisa+ and the Vestry, I took a three-month sabbatical which allowed me to refresh my body, mind and spirit. The following choir members soldiered on under the direction of our interim organist, Jim Palmer:

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*Respectfully submitted by Christine Psolka, Organist and Choirmaster*
ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT 2019

What a rollercoaster year this has been; Anniversary Celebrations, a visit from the Bishop and a very sad ending to the year with the passing of our Senior Warden, Bob Kelly. As I looked back over my archived annual reports I mention him in many of my reports and all that he has brought to Christ Church. I will miss him.

My major job responsibilities do not change too much from year to year. Much of my daily office time is spent prioritizing tasks, managing my workload, and getting the most critical deliverables completed that day. This year we had some special celebrations and projects that required some additional office support.

Christ Church continues to acquire new members. It’s nice to hear that the Church School is growing too. One of my most important responsibilities is helping to keep the parish community up to date with the happenings of Christ Church. I spend a lot of time coordinating and preparing various communications; the monthly newsletter “The Crown”, the weekly emails, and the Sunday bulletins. They are filled with parish information we want you to know so you are encouraged to not just skim over them, but to really take some time to read these.

The “Those Who Serve” schedule continues to be a challenge. If you are currently sitting in the pew and not participating in a ministry during service at least periodically I ask that you prayerfully consider joining one of the teams. There have been some new volunteers in the last few months and I hope that continues. The more volunteers the easier scheduling is for all.

In May, I participate with Christ Church in the Covenant House Sleep Out in Asbury Park. I even convinced my 20 year old niece to join me. What a wonderful rewarding evening it was and for a great cause (just not too much sleeping was to be had.)

I was away the very end of June beginning of July. My family and I were in London to see the Yankees/Red Sox game (yes they played in London) followed by a quick trip to Ireland before returning home. Thank you to all who helped out while I was away.

My sincere thanks to the many who have helped in the office in anyway over the last year and very special thanks to those who lend a hand when it comes time for collating, folding and stapling holiday bulletins and special reports!

If I seem at ease in my job it is because I am. Everyone sincerely makes me feel appreciated. It is the care and respect of the people I interact with that help to make me happy in my work.

Respectfully submitted by Casey Surgent, Parish Administrator
ALTAR GUILD REPORT 2019

The ministry of the Altar Guild is the preparation for the two Sunday services, special Holy Days, weddings, baptisms, funerals, and memorial services. We also trim the church for Christmas, Easter and special Holy Days. The members of the Guild assure the linens, silver, brass and vestments are well maintained so that Christ Church is always a holy and beautiful place to worship.

Cindy Webster is continuing to do a wonderful job as flower treasurer and also we are lucky to have her talents whenever we need to have special flower arrangements.

With much sadness I have to report that Pam Aschettino has moved away and is no longer a member of the Altar Guild.

This year we bid a fond farewell to Mrs. Shirley Badal, Altar Guild Directress, emeritis, who died this year at the age of 98. Shirley served as Altar Guild Directress for many years; we still rely on her detailed manuals and notes! At Thanksgiving, we purchased and dedicated new cruets for the altar in her memory.

The following members have served faithfully this past year----Judi Buncher, Pam Diamond, Phyllis Edwards, Edgar John, Ann Miller, Halina Nibbling, Rachelle Spencer-Makita and Cindy Webster. A special thank you to John Callaghan, Walter Dein and Edgar John for all the assistance they have given me this past year. We welcome Joan and Maryanne Binn to the team who help set up at 8:00am.

The gold chalice with the raised cross and jewels is still in need of repair. We think we may have found a reliable source. We are working on that and meanwhile we are using the Silver Chalice.

We are also trying to find someone that will be able to repair the needlepoint on the kneelers in front of the communion rail.

The Altar Guild thanks Mother Lisa for her direction, prayers, and support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted by Phyllis Edwards, Directress
Christ Church Altar Guild Flower Account

On behalf of the Christ Church Altar Guild, I would like to thank all of the parishioners for helping to decorate and undecorate our beautiful Church for the Christmas season. Thank you to The Dunford family, Walter, Mimi, Kevin, Steven, Marie & Christine, Meg & Laura, Rod, Edgar, George, and the members of the Altar Guild--Ann, Phyllis, Pam, Halina, Edgar, and Cindy. Thank you for continuing to support the work of our Altar Guild in making our Church a more beautiful place to worship.

Cindy Webster, Flower Chair

Christ Church Altar Guild Flower Account

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Each Sunday of our Church year our parishioners offer donations for memorial flowers to adorn our Altar, Narthex and Memorial Candle. We also receive memorials for Easter, All Souls-All Saints, Thanksgiving and the Christmas seasons. Your continued support through these special donations helps to make our Christ Church even more lovely! Thank you for your continued support and dedication to Christ Church. If you would like to make a memorial donation, please sign up on the Flower Chart in the Narthex. (Please make checks out to Christ Church Altar Guild.)

I would like to give a special thank you to Casey, our Admin. Asst., for all of her help in making sure all of the memorials and calendars are perfect!!

Respectfully submitted, Cynthia Webster, Altar Guild Flower Chair
CHRISTIAN FORMATION COMMISSION REPORT 2019

This has been a very exciting year for the Church School. We accomplished our goal of creating a Pre K/K class. I continue to teach the Intermediate Church School students with the assistance of Cassaundra Murphy, Georgette King and Walter Dein. Tara Dunford, Jennifer Craven, Katie Napoletano and Laura Stroebel teach the Pre K/K class.

The PreK-K class has completed its study of the Creation Story and moved onto the Nativity Story during Advent. Lots of story time, fun crafts and activities. The Intermediate class studied the Old Testament Messengers from God, and have moved into a study of the Book of Common Prayer.

Attendance for both classes remains steady and from what I can tell everything is moving along splendidly. We all remain prepared and ready to go forward on a weekly basis.

All of our teachers have completed the Safe Church Training and have been certified by the Diocese. Many thanks to Tara Dunford, Jen Craven, Katie Wachter and Laura Stroebel for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend the day-long seminar at St. Augustine in Asbury Park.

The Christian Formation Commission continues to be successful in offering our children and Youth a loving, cheerful and safe environment in which to explore and learn about our Faith and how to put that Faith into action. It is evident that the commission is on track in that regard.

Church School also includes special activities and programs:

Epiphany Pageant. Donna Devlin accepted our offer to direct the pageant and she did a splendid job of preparing the children and adults for a super presentation. Then it was over to the Parish House for king cake and festivities.

Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast. The children and their parents again sponsored a very yummy coffee-hour treat. Who can resist pancakes drizzled in syrup and crispy sausage? Seems to me this has become a tradition. Stay tuned!

Easter Egg Hunt. Thanks for all the parishioners who donated filled eggs and candy and those who hid the eggs in order to make the EEH a success. So many eggs-so few places to hide them. (You wouldn’t think that possible but it’s true) It was “eggs-citing” for all, especially for those children who found the beautiful Alleluia Eggs made by Marie Maber and awarded the beautiful Lamb Cakes. Lamb Cake Bakers – you are so appreciated. Thanks!

Youth Sunday, June 9, 2019. Kate Apostolacus and Brandon Shin spoke to the congregation as this year’s graduating seniors. It’s always interesting to find out what the Youth of our congregation is taking away from their experience here.

Sincere thanks was offered up for the people who mentored and influenced our children and Youth over the years. Contributions of our many dedicated volunteers was acknowledged. Awards were given out. The program concluded with the traditional Ice Cream Sundaes.

Rally Sunday, September 16, 2019. This day brought us back to Church with a sermon by Sue Napoletano illustrating and celebrating our Double Inheritance.
Halloween Party. Thanks to Andrew Brown and Lauren Birkmire who chaired the event and those volunteers who made this event possible. A fun time for all!

We were unable to hold the annual Blessing of the Stockings event this year but look forward to continuing this activity next year.

In early December we held the in-gathering of toys and gifts for St. Mark’s, Keansburg which, as always, was astounding in number of gifts – a sure sign of a caring and generous congregation. Likewise the mitten and hat tree.

St. Nicholas arrived at the Christmas Eve service to share his special story with us as well some delicious chocolate coins. This tradition is always a good reminder with its lesson for all about the importance of caring and generosity toward those in need.

The Weekly Procession. The Church School children have become very comfortable zipping up the aisle, sitting up front and center then processing out with their own miniature cross. They have begun identifying themselves as an important and special part of the larger church family and are participating more in the service. The older children follow along in the prayer book while the little ones are wiggling in their seats, so excited to soon be receiving Communion up at the altar. The Closing Processional continues to be met with lots of smiles, waves and generally lots of warm fuzzies from our parishioners. We’re starting to fill up the acolyte roster with the addition of Joshua Dunford, Matthew Dunford and PJ Reyes. Who will be next? Stay tuned?

The Christian Formation program at Christ Church would not be possible without the encouragement of our Church Family. I appreciate your enthusiastic support.

Respectfully Submitted by Susan Napoletano, Christian Formation Vestryperson
YOUTH GROUP PRIME

We are into our third year of Youth Group Prime (YG’), preparing our teens for confirmation – and hopefully one day to become healthy, mature adult Christians. We continue to explore the Book of Common Prayer, which gives us all a real appreciation for the Episcopal Church and her beliefs and worship. We are also continuing our dialogue about other Faith Traditions. Last year Mr. Jim Halpern spent an evening sharing with our teens his Jewish Faith; we then visited the Monmouth Reformed Temple for their contemporary service. We met early with Rabbi Marc Kline for a wonderful discussion. Later in the year we had some sessions of Quakerism; we then crossed Sycamore Avenue one Sunday morning after our service to join the Quakers in the “holy silence” which marks their service. Most recently (just last week) we attended a community service at the Red Bank United Methodist Church for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Afterwards we had lunch and discussed what we had experienced. This year we hope to visit some other places of worship. Our goal is to foster some understanding of how we are similar – and dissimilar - to other traditions, and to equip our kids to be comfortable in the many different situations they may discover as they grow up.

We have also participated in CROP Walk (where we delivered a carload of food for local pantries), helped at the St. Patty’s Day Dinner, and wrapped the coffee cans which we use to send flowers to the homebound and to hospitals. We had a fabulous Maundy Thursday; assisting in the Agape Feast in the church and then making many, many cupcakes for Easter Sunday and then headed to the church for an hour of vigil at the Altar of Repose – and we washed each others’ feet!

In September, we kicked off the new season with a pool party at the home of Bob and Susan Van Valkenburgh. We also added another layer to our studies: “Who Is Jesus?” is the theme of our study sessions. As Christians, who Jesus is and what Jesus did/is doing is so very important. And so we continue to meet, to grow in our Faith and to deepen our relationships with one another.

Youth Group Prime is open to any youth in Middle and High School. Come join Georgette King and me; we are having a great time!

Faithfully Submitted,

Rev. Lisa S. Mitchell+
FUNDRAISING REPORT 2019

Fundraising Events are held throughout the year at Christ Church. Not only do these events help raise money that enable us to do the work we are called to do, they themselves are mission work! They foster cooperation and creativity and fellowship among members. They also give us opportunities to invite others into our community of faith; each one enables us to share the gospel.

The parish is very grateful for each of you who participate in these various fundraisers. So many of you take active roles in them that if we were to list them all, we would most likely name each person in the parish directory! Below you will find a list of the financials concerning our fundraisers. However, they do not tell the entire story, for each one has its own life and story, each one has touched many persons in many ways.

The Vestry is hoping to add another fundraiser to our calendar for the year 2020. If you have ideas or would like to participate, contact Mother Lisa or a member of the Vestry.

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SECOND SATURDAY WORKDAY REPORT

The Second Saturday Workdays have a small but dedicated group of people who come to help with small repairs and projects around the buildings and grounds.

This includes replacing the hanging of signs, updating outside lighting, maintaining the Mass on the Grass area, removing broken tree limbs, pulling an endless amount of weeds, temporary toilet repairs (until the bathroom replacement is completed), tightening up of loose parts of the fence, roof gutter cleaning and other general maintenance.

Still undone and needing attention is the church yard fence. It is really a large project broken into four necessary steps; 1) making repairers, (2) power washing, (3) prime painting bare wood, (4) painting the entire fence.

Submitted by Walter Dein, Second Saturday Chair

PROPERTY REPORT

With the reduction in the number of vestry members this past year, the current Vestry did have a not designated Property representative. However, that has not kept us from tackling many property related issues! Walter Dein, while not a member of the Vestry during 2019, attended almost all vestry meetings and was able to report on many things that needed repairs and to take the lead on many of them as well. With the passing of Robert Kelly, who normally would have written the Property Report, we may be unable to relate all that has transpired in this year. The Property Commission Members are: Walter Dein, George Edwards, and Jeff Veil, with Bob Kelly as Convener. With his death, we need someone who will volunteer to convene the meetings, organize a schedule of our work, and help coordinate it with the vestry (all of which Mr. Kelly did in the past). In his absence, I give you a short list of what was accomplished, written in brief:

- Repainting of the church ceiling was our largest single project for the church building. This huge project had us worshipping in the Parish Hall for most of the summer as many layers of paint was removed and the ceiling restored and repainted.
- Second to this has been the professional restoration work in the church graveyard which is in it last phase of completion. See a separate report for details.
- Croes family plot restored and landscaped, many thanks to Walt Dein and Nancy Stewart for their work in cleaning up the plot.
- Installation of Panic Alarm System in the church building.
- Installation and dedication of the Judge John Grimke gravemarker.

Many other projects are underway; from the renovation of the Parish House to tree removal at the Rectory Bathrooms (we are still in need of financial support to be able to tackle these projects). As for converting from heating oil to gas, there are several factors influencing the decision to delay making any changes. The church, where funds are available, has several issues: (1) the real problem is the deterioration of the ducting rather than the furnaces themselves which are still in good condition, (2) the location of removing the un-leaking oil tanks affects both grave sites and the handicap cap ramp, (3) the difference is oil and gas at this point makes any return in investment will take many years to achieve. The Vestry will continue to look at these and the other property challenges that face a Parish like ours with many old buildings!

Faithfully Submitted,
Rev. Lisa S. Mitchell+
CHRIST CHURCH OUTREACH MINISTRIES REPORT 2019

We continue to sponsor a variety of Outreach opportunities throughout the year. Here are listed some of the ways you, our parish family, contribute to our community and the world:

Covenant House: Members from our congregation contribute in so many ways! From donating toiletries and clothes to Christmas Gift Cards. This year we did our first every Christ Church Team Sleep Out in Asbury Park. We had seven people on our team: Peggy James, Cheryl Laperriere, Lynn Townshend, Casey Surgent, Sarah Grady, Jim O’Connor, and Mother Lisa. Our team raised $8,739 for Covenant House. We also sponsored a Day at the Beach (special thanks to Connie Goddard and Jim O’Connor).

Christmas Toys: many toys were donated to St. Mark’s, Soup Kitchen for area distribution. Coordinated by Sue Napoletano and Elaine Feyereisen.

Backpacks: in September we sent St. Mark’s a large number of backpacks and supplies to start the children in a new year of school. Coordinated by Elaine Feyereisen.

Sock and Mitten Tree: the tree was loaded with donations for needy people in our area.

Coat Drive: Dozens of coats were also donated and distributed.

Church in Jerusalem: during Lent we collect special offerings for the work of the church in Jerusalem.

Martha’s Cupboard: Every month Dianne Regiec and her team serve food at Washington Manor and provide other needed services.

CROP Walk: PJ Reyes and Peggy James were our parish organizers for this event in which eight members of Christ Church raised money – and walked! Walkers were Peggy James, PJ Reyes, Sofia Hanhan, Martie Viets, Walter Dein, Mother Lisa, AND ONE MORE?!

Queenie Caay: We continue to sponsor this young woman in her college studies in the Philippines.

Community Garden: Kim Roberts Honecker and her team kept our garden growing all summer, with vegetables donated to Martha’s Cupboard and Lunchbreak.

Books for Books: Every time you buy a book the monies received go to assist our Companion Diocese of Ecuador in their educational endeavors.

OUTREACH ACCOUNT SUMMARY

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Girls Friendly Society is an organization of the Episcopal Church for girls 5 years and older. We have had an active chapter here at Christ Church since 2002. We are currently working into a transitioning/growing time; the 2019-20 year is focusing on recruiting the younger girls and their mothers. The following includes our activities for 2019:

January: We hosted the Parish Epiphany Party which followed the Epiphany Pageant. We also sponsored “Inner Peace: Starting the New Year with a Feast of Yoga, Meditation, and Brunch” which took place at St. John’s, Little Silver. Rev. Kathleen Bishop let 15 moms and daughters in the day’s activities.

February: We once again sold Soup for Superbowl Weekend, our only fundraiser of the year, which was well supported by the congregation.

March: Spring GFS NJ Board Meeting

April: We gathered to make palm crosses for Palm Sunday and to bake Easter Bread for our families! We also participated in Clean Oceans Beach Clean Up at Maple Cove with lunch afterwards.

May: Our Annual Mother/Daughter Retreat was held at Murray Grove Retreat Center, led by Kathleen Bishop. Thirteen moms and daughters attended the event.

July: GFS Camp in Cape May was attended by Cassie Reagan, Stacy Reagan (leader) and Mother Lisa, who wrote the educational program and worship for the week. In “Jesus, Lord of the Dance” we explored the life and teachings of Jesus. And had lots of fun at the beach!

September: Our new program began: “Girls Friendly Society: Junior Addition”. We kicked off the new program year with a Mother Daughter Tea and a sewing project led by Judi Buncher. Seventeen moms and girls attended.

October: We Are Crop Walk! was the theme at our October meeting. We played “Water Charades” and learned about the conservation of water, made posters for the walk and learned a song which we taught the whole parish “A Crop Walk Round”. In addition, Christ Church hosted the Autumn GFS NJ Board Meeting.

November: We made Tea Caddies for the Christmas Bazaar.

December: We unfortunately had to cancel the Blessing of the Stockings due to untimely death of Bob Kelly. But we hope to hold this wonderful day for the community again this year.

We invite all girls and their mothers to come and join us at our meetings and activities. We have lots of fun learning about our faith and getting to know one another.

Faithfully submitted,

Rev. Lisa Mitchell+

# 2019 CHRIST CHURCH CEMETERY FUND FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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**Total Debits:** $41,233.71

| Date       | **Balance**                                                                | $12,950.51|

**No Snow Removal for 2019, until December, but not paid in 2019; will be paid Jan 2020**

Faithfully Submitted,

*Reverend Lisa S. Mitchell*
GRAVEYARD RESTORATION GRANT

As I write this summary of the grant, (mostly information given us by Mr. Robert Kelly) I wish I could say we have sewn all things up and are completely finished with the work under the scope of the recent Graveyard Grant. I do believe the actual work is done, but am unclear of the final pieces of the financial puzzle. Alas, until we are able to go through all of Bob’s papers and files, I do not feel comfortable reporting on that aspect. However, I can tell you that is has been quite a year, filled with almost constant activity by parishioners and professionals alike. Here is a summary “for the record”.

The Gravestone Restoration Grant was a grant we received from the New Jersey Historic Trust to restore gravestones in our 300 year old graveyard. The grant was a 3:2 matching grant. This means that for every $3 the grant supplies we needed to put in $2. This was a wonderful opportunity for us, as it has allowed us to restore may gravestones that were on the brink of disaster and which on our own, we would never be able to afford. The money we used for this did not come out of our Operating Account (and so, not from your pledge dollars) but from the Cemetery Investment Account which is restricted in its use to graveyard related expenditures. This separate fund was established several ago by the Vestry from plot purchases and special donations and assures us that our graveyard will be cared for in the future.

The grant award was for $117,213. This, along with the dollars we put in, allowed about 75 markers to be addressed. Jablonski Building Conservators (JBC) and Peaceable Kingdom were the two firms working with us, with JBC addressing the more difficult problems, and PC working on those that needed less work. In addition, our graveyard conservator, Lorraine Schnabel, was the one who identified which markers needed most urgent care and placed them in the various categories. She then prioritized the work in each category and submits these for pricing by the gravestone restoration firms. If that name sounds familiar, I remind you that Lorraine was the person who several years ago did a condition assessment of each marker (what kind of stone it was made of, what kind of lichen was growing on it, and categorizing it all on line for us).

Lorraine also held a workshop for us on how to clean gravestones. In addition, the Grant allowed us to create electronic versions of the Self-Guided Tour, which were put together through our Monmouth University Intern Program.

We are very thankful for this opportunity to take advantage of this grant. Due to a recent change in New Jersey Law concerning religious institutions, we will no longer be able to apply for State Grants. This is a HUGE loss for our parish; over the past twenty-five years we have been the recipient of hundreds of thousands of dollars for our church, graveyard, and rectory. We were eligible to submit grants because we are on the National Registry of Historic Places, and we have taken this status seriously, doing all we can to make our church open to the public for all kinds of events, groups, and individuals. This may well be the last such grant we will receive.

Although the final financials on this project are not available at this time, we will make them known to the Parish as soon as we finish the books. Finally, it cannot be stated strongly enough that none of this would have been made possible if not for the dedication and faithfulness of Mr. Robert Kelly. We are forever indebted to his generosity of heart and his vision for the future.

Faithfully submitted,
Rev. Lisa S. Mitchell+
What is the Father Mainer Fund? It is the Fund I use to assist people with housing issues, mainly rent and bills. Mostly those from outside the parish, but sometimes parishioners as well. It is ONLY maintained by donations. As you can see, the donations made in the last year has made a difference, but currently as of now they can not keep up with the need. You may wonder what I do with the money you may give me when I officiate at a funeral or wedding; now you know! I often place it in this account where I know it will be used for the most needy among us. So be generous. Our Lord has encouraged to give generously to those most in need. Please consider making a donation to this fund. Make out your check to “Christ Church” with “Father Mainer Fund” in the memo line.

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**End of Year Balance of the Fund:** $2,818.98

Faithfully submitted,

*Rev. Lisa S. Mitchell*
PARISH LIFE REPORT 2019

As in the past three years during my tenure as vestry member, Parish Life in 2019 evolved mostly around the Parish House kitchen, with an emphasis on providing a diverse, delicious and fellowship-friendly weekly coffee hour after the weekly 10:00 am service.

As Mother Lisa wrote in the January 2020 Crown, 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.” Not only does much socializing occur, a fair amount of parish business is also conducted in an informal way. It also is a great opportunity to welcome visitors to our parish family.

Among those who gave of their time and culinary talents to retain coffee hour’s central role among parishioners in 2019 were:

Phillip Andrews (a welcome newcomer)  Marie and Bramley Maber
The Craven Family  Ann and Jim Miller
Walter Dein and friends  Sue Napoletano and her Church School assistants (Pancakes! Ice Cream Sunday(s)!
The Dunford Family (another welcome newcomer)  Halina and Larry Nibbling (those bacon doughnuts!)
Elaine Feyereisen  Jim O’Connor
Girls Friendly Society  Dorrie and Erin Pedalino
Connie Goddard  Stacy and Cassie Reagan
Jamie Green  Colleen and Mark Roth
Jim Halpern (Easter Sunday breakfast!)  Nancy and Bob Stewart
Stephanie Hanhan and her family  Cindy and Rod Webster
Peggy James
Edgar John (our third newcomer)

Thanks to all the Vestry members who provided refreshments after the single service on summer Sundays (many of which were held in the Parish House while our ceiling was being painted). Special thanks to Walter Dein who provides refreshments after every summer Saturday Mass on the Grass.

And Then There Were the Special Events . . .

Many of our intrepid coffee hour hosts also contributed their time and talents to providing food and drink for the multiple church special events held during 2019. Those events included January’s 2019 Annual Meeting covered dish buffet and March’s St. Patrick’s Day dinner (contributors not mentioned above included Mother Lisa, Deacon Vicky and Bill Cuff, Sandra De Murley, Noel Murgio, Janine Evarts, Carolyn Petrie and Joanne Montgomery).

In December, our Christmas Bazaar kitchen crew (Nancy Stewart, Chris Psolka, Lauren Berkmire and Jamie Green) not only sold out our food offerings—including Nancy’s justly famous cole slaw—but also posted a very healthy profit.

The likely highlight of 2019 was the June 30 celebration marking the 250th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the church, and the 300th anniversary of our graveyard. While the entire celebration was orchestrated by our dearly departed Senior Warden Bob Kelly, and the repast following the service was
catered, many hands contributed to the setup, serving and the all-important cleanup of the kitchen and parish house. There was also a cake!

Thanks to all who made our coffee hour on Sundays and our parish-wide celebrations throughout the year models of hard work and fellowship.

Apologies to anyone whose name I inadvertently omitted or, well, that I forgot.

*Faithfully submitted by Jamie Green, outgoing vestry member responsible for Parish Life*

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**2019 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR and LANTERN TOUR ANNUAL REPORT**

The work that resulted in months of planning and fine tuning prior to our Christmas Bazaar and Historic Four Corners Lantern Tour that began in May yielded good results. Despite numerous hurdles, it was a satisfying, exhilarating experience! Here are some of the highlights.

Our Ad Journal looked professional and spectacular thanks to a small team, who created a big-time production of which we can be proud! Certainly, our advertisers, both personal and business, took note and were duly impressed with their ads. It should be noted that there were fewer ads placed this year. This is an area that could use improvement.

The Historic Lantern Tour continued to “Wow” the history buffs who came from far and wide to learn the significant history of our Four Corners! Did you see our costumed performers? Incredible and historically accurate! A fitting celebration for our Anniversary Year! Some coordination and timing of the presentations with our partner locales is necessary. It was also suggested that our presentation be changed so that new points can be explored by our visitors.

Ye Olde Bake Shoppe was highly popular with our guests and all of our Bazaar and Lantern Tour staff members. We were close to being SOLD OUT thanks to the exquisite work of our highly talented bakers!! We had a large “cast” of culinary talent who donated their time and talents to this attraction.

The Calendar Cash Out Game picked up numerous donations and is still going strong. If you want to pick a date (for just $5!), stop by during Coffee Hour and grab some of the left-over days. Hey! ANY date could be a winner! We will find out who when the winning date is drawn on January 26th. By the way: You do not have to be present to win.

Reproduced from drawings created by Cathy Rickerby, a parishioner during the late 1970s and early 1980s, the Christ Church Christmas Cards were back again this year as a beautiful addition to the Bazaar. Many parishioners have taken advantage of the availability of these for personal use.

This year we had 63 Gift Baskets which were: separated, pieced together, described/tagged, assembled, and wrapped to look like they were professionally done. These were very profitable, and, the basket winners were impressed and happy! This was an inordinate amount of work for our Gift Basket assemblers. In the future, we need to ask contributors to more closely follow the instructions and adhere to the due dates.
Ye Olde Shrewsbury Kitchen kept everyone energized and ready to give the Bazaar a second or even third look. Great food always adds to a great experience and this effort is a shining star among our attractions! We were SOLD OUT!

Trinkets and Treasures did exceptionally well in their new, expanded venue in the basement of the Parish. The Kids’ Corner was a very nice touch, too!

The Ye Olde Curiosity Shoppe was busy and was supplemented by four vendors whose efforts contributed to the sales receipts. Perhaps opening the sales floor to outside vendors who would rent table space and contribute a percentage of their sales would breathe new life into this area. We need to review our business model.

Knitting Pearls displayed their beautiful hand-made wares and many other offerings, which, as in previous years, were a delight to look at, feel and purchase as a gift.

Decorating was assisted by a small hand-full of helpers. Nonetheless, our Bazaar looked fabulous and impressive putting everyone in a festive, holiday mood.

Communications, Publicity, Community Liaison, Printed Media, Social Media, Fire Station Marquee, Flyer Design and Printing, all helped to make the general public aware of our event. Next year, we need to increase our public awareness even more.

Our Counters kept tabs on all transactions for both the Bazaar and Lantern Tour. After all, these were fund raisers benefitting our Church.

Lantern Tour ticket sales and 50/50 sales and drawings were busy throughout the entire of Friday evening of the Bazaar.

We had a few General Helpers who were able to fill in and keep things going as well as take on assignments that were more structured. This is another area for future improvement.

The Greeters and Information table was essential in helping our Patrons get the most out of their experience with us.

A major enhancement to our Bazaar and Lantern Tour efforts this year was the much needed addition of Parking Lot Management. Our events rely heavily on parking availability, without which the “bottom line” is most negatively impacted. A major THANK YOU to everyone on this team for enduring the cold and the dark to make parking possible and without the frustrations that turn our potential patrons away. Surely, our event’s profits are a direct result of our parking availability due to your help!

Set Up, Take Down and Clean Up sessions could have used more help.

While you were reading this, your mind is probably pondering something like, “What a monumental undertaking that was!” And, to be sure, you would be right! I am certain that you have heard the expression, “Many hands make light work”. It is your help that is critical toward making our event a success for our Church. Remember, it is the largest fund-raiser of the calendar year. So many months, hours, individual and team efforts, numerous volunteers of all descriptions went into this one crazy weekend. But, everyone who participated did it with singular focus, to raise money for our beloved and historic Church. Selfless people stepped forward to make it all happen. With so many people to thank and adequately express our gratitude, it
would take a volume of names . . . and, we would still run the risk of missing someone. So, we would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every person who stepped up and said (in their heart . . . where it counts) “I am going to make a difference”. You did! You ALL made a tremendous difference that will be remembered in Christ Church History as Christmas Bazaar & Lantern Tour 2019! Thank you. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you all! As of this writing, we do not know the status of the financials, but, we sincerely hope that you enjoyed this year’s events.

One, final thought . . . An area of needed improvement is: participation. Strong, young people as well as seasoned individuals are needed if this annual event is to survive. Next year, please consider what you can do to demonstrate your commitment to our Church’s programs.

Faithfully submitted by Mark and Colleen Roth

Annual Historic Lantern Tour 2019

The Annual Historic Lantern Tour was held on December 6th 2019. Highlights included our Christ Church, Quaker House the Presbyterian Church and the Allen House where approximately 100 tourists were led by costumed guides and the history of these organizations was retold in the 2 hour tour. The direction of the acting guild was once again led by Patrice Thornton. Thank you to these members of our congregation for making their characters come alive in the retelling of the historic story.

The reservations were taken by Elaine Feyereisen who also coordinated marketing for the event with newspaper advertisements, web advertisements and community newsletters/brochures. Assistance with tickets and financial matters was provided by Peggy James. Thanks to Casey Surgent who was helpful with office related tasks throughout the event.

Respectfully submitted, Elaine Feyereisen

SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY GARDEN REPORT 2019

Spring & Summer Treasures, Warmth and Hope! Christ Church is member of the community garden in Shrewsbury. 2019 was our second year! Kim Roberts-Honecker helps to organize volunteers and planting. A big thank you to Connie Goddard for her help and ideas. We are hoping more Christ Church gardeners will participate this season. Look out for information about a meeting date. We were able to donate several large bushels of Tomatoes, Cucumbers and even lavender to Martha’s Cupboard and Lunch Break.

Contact Kim Roberts-Honecker 732 530-7451 or kimroberts05@gmail.com for information or ideas.

Faithfully submitted by Kim Roberts-Honecker
GREETER AND USHER REPORT 2019

When entering the church, the Greeters and the Ushers are the first people a guest or parishioner will meet. They arrive early (about 20 minutes before the service starts) so they have the opportunity to meet everyone as they come in the door. They make visitors feel welcome, answer their questions, direct them to the rest rooms, the nursery, coffee hour and to introduce them to Mother Lisa. The ushers make sure the assigned lectors are present and if not, they find substitutes. Also, they often act as tour guides! After the service, the ushers straighten up the kneelers and the pews, so the church is ready for the next service! They work like a well-oiled machine!

Our 2019 ushers included Jim O’Connor, Walter Dein, Judi Buncher, George Edwards, Elaine Feyereisen, Susan Coene-Perl, Rod Webster, Bramley Maber, Carl Alfano and Peggy James. We welcomed Philip Andrews and Lennox John to the team in 2019.


We would be happy to expand both our Usher and Greater teams for both services. Please consider volunteering! If you are interested in serving or have questions, please see Mother Lisa or myself.

Respectively submitted by Peggy James, Greeter and Usher Coordinator

WEDDING COMMITTEE REPORT 2019

In 2019 we hosted one wedding in September and received one deposit for a wedding in August 2020. Our gross income was $1,125.00, total expenses were zero, and our net profit was $1,125.00.

Our tasks include responding to inquiries, showing our church and parish house to interested couples, helping to coordinate wedding details, directing parking on wedding days, bell ringing and advertising.

I am sincerely grateful to all the devoted committee members and helpers: Tara Dunford, Peggy James, Elaine Feyereisen, Meg Bernhardt, Walter Dein, Jeff Veil, Kim Honecker, Kate Apostolocus, Paul Murgio, Mother Lisa, Casey and the Altar Guild.

Respectively submitted by Noel Murgio, Wedding Committee Chairperson.
KNITTING PEARLS 2019

2020 was another busy year for the Knitting Pearls as we continue to make many knitted items. Our regular group has been together for a number of years. We will continue to work on various service projects, baptism blankets, items to sell at our bazaar, among other handmade items. Sometimes we even make something for ourselves.

We are sad that we had to say goodbye to one of our long time knitters Pam Aschettino who moved away in November. Rest assured however, she will be knitting from her new home in NY and sending her beautiful items our way.

As always we welcome everyone to join us, come regularly or on an occasional basis, Wednesday nights at my home in Seabrook Village. If you don’t know how to knit or need instruction we will gladly teach you. Come join our happy team.

Respectfully submitted by Perky Cameron

MARTHA’S CUPBOARD 2019

Martha’s Cupboard is a part of the Christ Church Outreach Program. The program benefits the tenants at the Washington Manor Senior Building in Long Branch, NJ. Christ Church partners with Fulfill of Monmouth County. Through Fulfill we receive a monthly food distribution which is supplemented by food and cash donations by the parishioners of Christ Church. Martha’s Cupboard has been a staple outreach program for Christ Church for over 10 years. In that time, we have forged long standing bonds and friendships with the tenants at the Washington Manor. We do a monthly distribution on site but we are also available on a weekly basis to offer access to food and programs that benefit the Washington Manor Community. Some of the programs we have offered have been medical related blood pressure screening, musical programs and game days. Washington Manor is a closed Community of Senior Citizens and Disabled People. We are always looking for ways to incorporate volunteerism between Washington Manor and Christ Church.

Special Thanks to everyone who donates their time, food or money to the cupboard on a weekly basis and to anyone whom I may have missed listing above. With the help and support of our congregation we are fulfilling an important and necessary outreach.

My Hope for 2020 is to expand or add to our services and Washington Manor. Anyone with thoughts or suggestions please contact me at dregiec1@gmail.com

Respectfully submitted by Dianne Regiec, Director Martha’s Cupboard, Vestry Member
2019 LAY MINISTRIES REPORT

Acolytes
Kate Apostolacus, Jonathan Badal, Meg Bernhardt, Andrew Brown, Judi Buncher, Kevin Carroll,
Joshua Dunford, Matthew Dunford, Priscilla Gettis, Sofia Hanhan, Nicholas Hanhan,
Judy John, Georgette King, Erin Pedalino, Cassie Reagan, Stacey Reagan,
P.J. Reyes, Brandon Shin, Erin States, Trevor Ban Valkenburgh

Altar Guild
Pamela Aschettino, Joan Binn, Maryanne Binn, Judi Buncher, Pam Diamond, Phyllis Edwards,
Edgar John, Ann Miller, Halina Nibbling, Rachelle Spencer Mikita, and Cindy Webster

Chalice Bearers
Pam Aschettino, Meg Bernhardt, Andrew Brown, Judi Buncher, Walter Burrell, Priscilla Gettis,
Halina Nibbling, Edgar John, Georgette King, Stacey Reagan, Rod Webster

Clock Winders
Walter Dein, George Edwards

Counters
Pam Aschettino, Elaine Feyereisen, Peggy James, Larry Nibbling, Kit Schivao

Greeters
George Edwards, Elaine Feyereisen,
Bob & Kim Honecker, Halina and Larry Nibbling, Jim O’Connor

Lectors
Meg Bernhardt, Walter Burrell, Tom Cameron, Bill Cuff,
Walter Dein, Elaine Feyereisen, Connie Goddard, Bob Honecker, Peggy James,
Robert Maber, Larry Nibbling, Susan Coene-Perl, Kathy Redinger, Bob Zeller

Ushers
Carl Alfano, Philip Andrews, Judi Buncher, Walter Dein, George Edwards,
Elaine Feyereisen, Peggy James, Lennox John, Bramley Maber,
Jim O’Connor, Susan Coene-Perl, Rod Webster

To all of the above, many, many thanks from a grateful Parish.
(Apologies if we missed anyone!)