

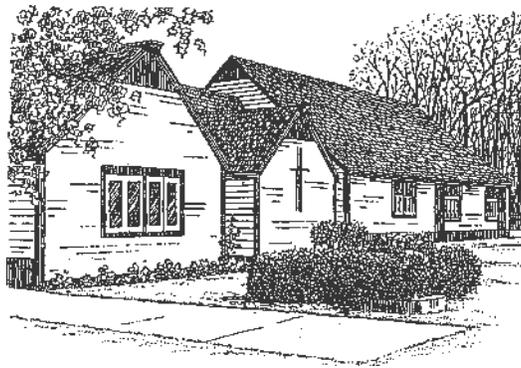
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Ninth Annual Meeting

January 24, 2016

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Church of The Apostles

Tenth Annual Meeting

Agenda

January 24, 2016

1:00 PM Annual Meeting called to order

- I. Opening Prayers and Necrology
- II. Treasurer Bob Bickerstaff - Financial Reports for 2015 & 2016 Budget
- III. Diakonate Report: Archdeacon Bill Sexton
- IV. Elder Blessing Jacobs

Tenth Annual Meeting Adjournment

Eleventh Annual Meeting – Sunday, January 22, 2017

Church of The Apostles Ninth Annual Meeting

Minutes taken from January 25, 2015

The Ninth annual meeting of Church of The Apostles (COA) was called to order by Superintendent Galloway at 1:00 p.m.

Fifty –four members of Church of The Apostles were present.

Elder Mark Tellier opened the meeting in prayer, Superintendent Galloway read the necrology.

Canterbury Mission Society (CMS): In early 2014, a discussion was begun concerning the relationship between the governing boards of The Canterbury Mission Society and Church of The Apostles (two separate non-profit corporations). CMS is the legal owner of the land and building where COA meets, but COA pays all the bills related to that property. The ownership of the property cannot easily be transferred from CMS to COA because a condition of the purchase of the property from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island in 2006 stipulated that the Episcopal Diocese would have the right of first refusal to purchase the property for 50 percent of the appraised valuation in the event of any potential sale or transfer of the property.

While the arrangement of having separate boards of directors for the two corporations had always worked well up to this time, there was a concern that at some point in the future, a conflict could develop between those boards, possibly resulting in division within our church body. In order to preclude any potential future conflict, a proposal was made and accepted to reconfigure the CMS board of directors so that at any given time the Canterbury Board would consist of the members of the Church Council of COA. As an intermediate step in accomplishing that goal, the Canterbury Board met on May 13, 2014, and five of the six members of the Board (Chairman Ed Farrell, Secretary Dianne Sacchetti, Treasurer Don Pillsbury, Director Judy Robinson, and Director Sue Clarke) submitted letters of resignation while at the same time nominating and electing Bill Sexton, Bob Bickerstaff, Joan Clarke, Tom Bourn, and Harry Sacchetti to the Board. Superintendent Galloway's position as President (ex-officio) of the Board was not affected.

Also in May 2014, most of the financial assets of Canterbury were transferred to Church of The Apostles. The amount of the transfer was \$2,396.90, and that amount was placed in a newly-created Missions Fund.

To complete the transition of unifying the boards of directors of the two corporations, the new Canterbury Board met on December 14, 2014, and unanimously voted to amend the Canterbury bylaws to reflect that the Canterbury Board is to be comprised of the members of the Church

Council of Church of The Apostles and that the four officers of Church of The Apostles (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer) will be the officers of The Canterbury Mission Society.

Treasurer Bob Bickerstaff reported God has been faithful in providing us with the financial resources needed to carry on his work here at Church of The Apostles. Although our income in 2014 was less than anticipated, the final year-end General Fund balance was \$1,329.61. An amount which has been carried over into 2015. Even though our income in 2014 was less than anticipated, we ended the year with a surplus, even after transferring an extra \$10,000.00 into our savings funds. One change in the budget for 2015 is the Superintendent took a 4% pay cut in order to help in compensating Elders Rob Geoffrey and Mark Tellier, The rest will come out of New Ministries Fund.

Bob thanked the Sunday Counters for their time and devotion. He also thanked Erin Mead for maintaining the day to day records. Details of the financial report are in the annual report.

A question was raised if Rev. Blessing Jacobs is he going to receive any compensation? The Treasurer explained he will be receiving compensation, however he will not be on the Church's payroll or considered an employee. Superintendent Galloway continued the conversation explaining Rev. Jacobs is on loan from his Diocese and can't be an employee, however as Superintendent he is able to license Blessing to allow him to work for both his Diocese and COA.

Deacon's Election: Doug Stomberg's name was brought before the Annual Meeting to ratify his election to the Board of Servants. Having received the required $\frac{3}{4}$ affirmative vote of the Church Council on December 18, 2014 in accordance with Article X.5 of the Constitution and Bylaws, a motion was made by Susan Farrell and seconded by Barbara Bickerstaff to ratify the Diaconal Minister's election to the Board of Servants. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Deacons: Kathy Kettle stated that there is a common thread running through all of the deacons annual reports. That thread is we are not here to promote ourselves but to glorify God. With the formation of the mission board, I can focus on what I feel called to do: that is work with the Superintendent as we deal with the many temporal needs that come up from the Congregation and outside our church. And to work with and encourage the people involved in the different ministers and bible studies going on within our Congregation. Archdeacon Bill Sexton reported the Men's Breakfast has been meeting monthly for 6 years. Men from our Congregation and other churches come together to break bread, fellowship and discuss issues that men struggle with. Deacon Tom Bourn highlighted the story of the shepherds keeping watch over their flock when they heard the good news of the birth of our savior Jesus. These shepherds became the first evangelists and Tom asked the question: Wouldn't we as Christians want to proclaim to all

that Christ is with us? Deacon Deb Adams reported it has been an very interesting year. The Lord has plans for us this past year that were not as we had planned and that sometimes we forget who is in charge. Harry Sacchetti focused on reviewing the many small and several major projects that were accomplished this past year and said he looks forward to welcoming and working with Doug Stomberg. We thank Doug for answering God's call to ministry.

The Lord has poured out blessings after blessings on us. Some of them we are not even aware of but definitely His abiding presence has been with us through the year and in the year to come. All praise and glory we give unto Him.

The 2014 Annual Meeting closed in prayer by Superintendant Galloway at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Mead Pro-tem

SACRAMENTS & PASTORAL ACTS FOR 2015

REGISTER OF THE RITE OF BAPTISM

No Baptisms in the year 2015

REGISTER OF THE COMPLETION OF

HOLY EUCHARIST INSTRUCTION

Aiden Matthew Felice

REGISTER OF THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION/REAFFIRMATION

Rebecca Dorothy Craig
Joshua Andrew Glynn
Adam Douglas Stomberg
Donald Robert Galloway
Patrick Michael LaSalle
Lynette Marye' Courtney

REGISTER OF THE RITE OF MARRIAGE

No Marriages in the year 2015

REGISTER OF THE RITE OF BURIAL

Alfred "Bud" Smith
Bruce G. Bainton
Charlotte F. Luther
James F. Doyle
Annette Y. Heald
Jody Zinno

Elder Blessing Jacobs

Choice agape greetings in the name of our Lord, Amen! I know that the Lord is blessing you in this New Year. The year 2016 is replete with great opportunities to share your stories of what the Lord has done for you. Stories of how good the Lord has been to you and your loved ones. Your stories of how God, through His son Jesus Christ is using His church (you and I) as instruments to reconcile the estranged world to Himself. For the Christians, January is a time of thanksgiving, when we look back and thank God for what He did for us in the past year, and thank Him for what He is doing for us in the present, and trust Him for what He will do for us in the ensuing year.

As one of your Elders, I have been given the privilege of sharing in the ministry with the Superintendent and with my brother Elders in the “cure of souls” here at the Church of The Apostles as the royal priesthood of believers and as ambassadors for Christ. You may be wondering what I mean by “cure of souls” (and probably screaming in your heads at Barbara and Erin for not proof reading and editing this report). No. It was not a typo! I used the term “cure of souls” intentionally, because not only was it an earlier designation for the clergy’s roles in providing pastoral care to parishioners; the term also underscores the rigorous nature and high demands of pastoral ministry that we offer not only to our brothers and sisters here at Apostles, and to some among our ranks that are not able to worship with us in person. The “cure of souls” is a dated translation of the Latin: *cura anima*, which is better rendered today as “care of souls.” We do this through sermons, admonitions, administration of the sacraments, ministry of non-anxious and compassionate presence, and counseling.

As Elders, we are also given the enormous responsibility of shepherding the flock of Christ (see Psalms 78:52; 23), a very arduous but a humbling responsibility to be found worthy to serve God’s people in this capacity. It is a task that we, the Elders, do not take lightly and will sacrifice every other area of our lives to fulfill. Part of my role as your Elder is to share in the oversight of our Congregation’s spiritual welfare, and in the context of my annual report, to share my perspective of the blessings and challenges that we have faced in the past year, and, with a great deal of optimism, to trust God for His blessing in this new year. I believe that with God all things are possible!

One of the exciting things about the faith we profess is that it is built on a solid rock that cannot be moved. The relevance of this acknowledgement is that regardless of what the Evil One may throw our way, the church of God will continue to march on. Church of The Apostles will continue carry out its mission of representing Christ through our obedience to His Mandate to expand the borders of the kingdom of God, by sharing the good news of God’s sovereign rule over the lives of those who do not know Him. Each and every one of us here at this church has been called to collaborate with the soon coming King in ushering in this sovereign rule.

Let me talk about “calling” for a moment. When the term calling or call is utilized, there is always the tendency for some church members to think that only the Elders and the Deacons are “called.” However, if you have worshiped here at Apostles for a couple of months, you will discover what a myth that is. Every Christian is called. This call is to reflect God in this world as His image bearers. In numerous references, the New Testament calls the Christians “saints.” We are called a holy nation, a royal priesthood, and a chosen people (see 1 Peter 2:9). This comes with a great responsibility. The word holiness in all of its forms is utilized about 1000

times in the Bible. Holiness in itself has nothing to do with right or wrong. It absolutely had nothing to do with moral character in the ancient world and nations that share similar culture. Holiness is what theologically is known as the concept of ontology or a state of existence. Holiness is divinity. In the Ancient world, for something to be holy meant that it belonged to the realm of the divine. There was this constant dread and terror of the divine realm. There was that which belonged to the realm of the divine and that which belonged to the land of the human, and both worlds never met (I will write more on this at a later time), but Holiness calls and commissions. When you become holy as the New Testament calls us, it is your call and commission. Holiness does not mean that you are a good person, because our holiness is a derived holiness that emanates from the holiness of God. It simply means that we have been called and set apart solely for God's use.

In the Old Testament when someone brings his or her golden bowl to be used in the Temple, it cannot be used for anything else except for the services of God. When we become holy, we are useless for this world. The only job that we have is to reflect God in every area of our lives. It is from this holiness encounter with God that our calling originates. If you have listened to my sermons, you must have heard me talk about reflecting God in our daily lives. It was expected in the Old Testament that anyone one who had an encounter with God, would be responsible to reflect Him. That means that if God defends the weak, you and I ought to defend the weak. If Yahweh cares about the poor, we should care about the poor. It is for this reason that the New Testament calls us holy, and it is our commission to reflect God in every area of our lives. So we are all called, and our ministry is that of a royal priesthood.

Establishing God's kingdom (sovereign) was the sole purpose of Jesus' ministry when He walked the planet earth. The world we live in today, though far removed from Jesus' in so many ways, has many things in common. Jesus faced opposition from the powers-that-be for being obedient to His Father's mission to bring back apostate Israel and the Gentiles alike into relationship with Him. The status quo weren't interested in the message that Jesus had. Instead, they wanted a system that oppressed the poor, and preyed on the weak. Jesus came to show God's love to the dying world, but the powers-that-be thought that His ideas would upset their routine. Jesus' ministry was centered on sharing God's love with both the Jews and Gentiles alike, the poor, the outcasts, those who have no voice, prostitutes, the homeless and the lists go on; but His message was always met with resistance. Does this sound familiar?

As the Church of The Apostle strives to carry out Christ's mandate, she will also face obstacles. I am reminded of words of the Holy writ that forewarns of the schemes of the Evil One. We learn in 1 Peter 5:8-11: *"Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you. To Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen."*

The Apostles Paul admonishes his audience in 2 Corinthians 2:11: *"so that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes."* I believe he is speaking to us today as well. He was well aware of the dangers that the Evil One poses for those who believe in Christ and are living for Him. We must then heed the Apostle's admonition and not be ignorant of the schemes of the Evil One. As People of God, we must be careful to understand the devices

that the Evil One uses and familiarize ourselves with how He uses his key weapon in targeted ways to do us harm as individuals and corporately as a church. The Evil one will target us through fear, anxiety, division, lack of unity. Our job is to recognize when he creeps in to steal our liberty and to cause division among us. Being forewarned about the schemes of the Evil One helps us to be prepared at all times. There is a saying in the Army that “failing to prepare is preparing to fail.” If we underestimate the power of the Evil One, then we are failing to prepare. The church is a living organism. As a living organism, it grows and becomes vibrant. It can also die and wither away if it is not nourished. That is why coming together in corporate prayer on Wednesdays is very strongly encouraged “*so that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes.*” (2 Corinthians 2:11).

We experienced a great deal of challenges in the last year with the Superintendent’s unexpected retirement, one of our beloved Elders choosing to leave the ministry and the temporary leave of absence of another. The fact is that it did not take God by surprise. God knows everything. He is omniscient. There is nothing that is hidden before Him (which is very scary, in a way). The sages and wisdom writers in their quest to see that Israel stayed true to their covenant with Yahweh constantly admonished them that since God is the omniscient God of counsel, the nation of Israel should turn away from pagan allies and trust God alone. Through the grace and mercies of God our church remains strong and vibrant despite the challenges of the past year. There is nothing wrong with the Congregation feeling a sense of loss, or being afraid of what the future holds for this church. I can’t tell you why bad things happen to good people or why God lets evil prevail. But what I know for certain is that when bad things happen to good people, community happens. We have witnessed this phenomenon here at this church, as we have seen members come together and take up more responsibilities to ensure that the work of God continues. Isn’t God good?

Challenges and tough times should be a testimony that our church is a threat to the kingdom of darkness. The Evil One would not bother with us if He didn’t view Church of The Apostles as threat to his kingdom. He knows that God is using this church in such a mighty way to bring healing and restoration in our communities and around the globe, and He will stop at nothing to stop us. But He is a loser, because our church is on the move and God is in control!

As we continue to seek God for His will for us here at Apostles, let us continue in steadfastness in our walk with Him. Let us continue to love and pray for one another, knowing that He who began a work in our lives, will complete what He began. I want to leave you with words of the prophet Isaiah: “*‘For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,’ declares the LORD. ‘For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth and making it bear and sprout, and furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; so will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it’*” (Isaiah 55:8-11).

Shalom!

Yours for the sake of the Cross,
Blessing U. Jacobs+

Congregational Care Minister

I could open my report with numerous appropriate Scripture readings but let me summarize them by stating that “GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME; ALL THE TIME GOD IS GOOD”.

Once in a while, I review past issues of our publication, Church Notes. While doing just that, I read Deacon Deb Adams’ article in the April 2015 issue. I want to share two paragraphs from her article which is entitled “What’s your life centered on or Why the Cross should define our lives”.

1. “The Bible tells us that, while there are many different callings and many possible areas of service to God, one simple truth should motivate our work and affect every part of who we are: Christ died for our sins. If there’s anything in life that we should be passionate about, it’s the Gospel! Passionate about thinking about it, dwelling on it, rejoicing in it, allowing it to color the way we look at the world, and yes, sharing it”.
2. “As I read and reread the devotional book The Cross Centered Life (by C. J. Mahoney), I realized God isn’t asking us to live a single minded life, he’s asking us to let the Good News color the way we look at the world. He’s asking us to bring his Word into the way we think about family, the way we interact with others we know or meet, and how we interact with strangers.”

If I were to summarize these two paragraphs, I would say, the closer we get to God, the more we behave like Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God.

Looking back at 2015, I would say that we’ve experienced many challenges. And you would say; Bill, you have a knack for stating the obvious. I won’t go into the details of these challenges but I do want to share some thoughts about them. There are two choices that one has when confronting a challenge; 1. Give up, give in, shut down, surrender, retreat, OR, 2. Fight, hang tough, persist, rise to the challenge. Only each individual knows what is best when choosing. I give thanks to God because you, my dear brothers and sisters in Christ and members of the Body of Christ here at Church of The Apostles, have chosen the latter. It is obvious to everyone that the attendance is down and the budget has been reduced. This is a phenomenon which occurs when a congregation is in the search process. Why, I don’t know.

On January 3, 2016, Elder Rob submitted a letter, which everyone received in the mail, outlining his need to step back for a while. Again, each one of us knows when it’s time to rest and recharge. Our prayers are with Rob and Sharon as they take this time off from active ministry here at Church of The Apostles. Our “Retired Bishop” has stepped forward to fill the gap in Rob’s absence (a letter you received from Mark).

I won’t go into a lot of detail about the Deaconate activities for 2015. Each report from your deacons will highlight the many accomplishments. I just want to thank Kathy, Deb, Doug, Tom and Cathy (Deacon *Emerita*) for their dedication and wisdom as we travel through

uncharted waters. I also want to thank Elder Rob and Elder Blessing for taking on additional responsibilities in the absence of a superintendent.

Dave Swann and I continue to visit our members who are not able to worship with us. It is such a blessing that we receive from every visit. The men's breakfast is in its eight year. We meet the second Saturday of each month (except July and August). Dave Swann, Charlie St Martin and other volunteers make sure the attendees are well fed before the discussion period begins. Thank you gentlemen.

2016, what does it look like? Well, only God knows for sure. We will continue to seek God's will. The Call Committee and Church Council will work and pray for the arrival of a new Bishop/Superintendent. And we will pray together that, as the priesthood of believers, God's will be done in our individual lives and as the Body of Christ here at Church of The Apostles.

In closing, I want to thank everyone (without naming names) who make the wheels turn. Just know that I am so grateful that God has planted you here to share your many gifts.

Thanks Be To God,

Bill Sexton, Archdeacon

Servant Evangelism Minister

“Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted and Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold. I am with you always, to the end of the age.’” (Matthew 28:16-20)

Does it show that some doubted? Are we not doubtful that some doubted; that we too have doubted in our reading the gospel at some point in our faith journey?

Jesus tells us that all authority has been given to Jesus by Our Father, his Savior. Knowing this then, we are commanded by Jesus to make disciples of all nations. This is Evangelism.

For the last two years men and women in our church have been studying courses with the efforts to evangelize others we have dealt with, or otherwise been acquainted with or met in the course of our daily lives.

Among the Bible selections we have studied are the Letter of Paul to the Romans, the Letter of James, and the Letter to the Hebrews. We have also enrolled in “The Truth Project,” and watched “Your move is...”, a series of videos on life’s occasions by Andy Stanley.

In our efforts to evangelize, we need to remember Paul’s teaching in his First Letter to the Corinthians:

“What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God’s fellow workers. You are God’s field. God’s building.” (1 Corinthians 3:6-9)

In God's Peace,

Thomas Bourn
Servant Evangelism Minister

Outreach Minister

“God’s work, done God’s way, will never lack God’s supply.”
(Hudson Taylor, China Mission Inland Founder)

The above quote by a man dedicated to spreading the gospel to the unreached is one of my favorites. In its simplicity it sums up how we are to... trust God and lean not on our own understanding (Proverbs 3:5). This quote challenges us to recognize that God is in control and is using his people to accomplish his mission...and the mission is never impossible!

Looking back and reflecting on 2015, we see both accomplishments and challenges, we see the fruit of our labor and more work to be done. I have no doubt that it will be the same for 2016. But then we must remind ourselves that the “*Lord is at Hand*” (Philippians 4:5).

At Church of The Apostles, God has given each one of us the gifts we need to do his work and I thank you for your dedication and love of the Gospel message. While we are mindful of the challenges that await us in 2016, we should also be confident that God’s grace is and will be sufficient and God will continue to lead and guide us in our mission to obey, bear witness and follow Jesus Christ.

Within the Diakonate each Deacon recognizes his or her calling to serve the Congregation with the ultimate goal of serving God. We encourage each other in our ministries and realize that it is by the guidance of the Holy Spirit that we undertake our responsibilities. By participating and/or leading Scripture studies and serving to the needs of this Congregation and beyond the doors of this building, we try to stay true to the Great Commission (making disciples) and Great Commandment (love God and love neighbors).

A specific role I have been charged with is overseeing the Outreach Discretionary Fund. Thirty-five percent of the total Outreach Fund is directed to the Outreach Discretionary Fund. It is the responsibility of the Outreach Deacon to manage this money as needs arise. If you look at the financial report that is found in this booklet you will see that a wide variety of needs are being met. Financial assistance is given to individuals, families, organizations and other churches that have needs that have been brought to our attention. Working together with the Superintendent or Archdeacon, we strive to be good stewards of the finances but also understand that money is not always the answer to the problem.

Personally, I continue in my calling to Haiti. Working with members of several churches, I travel to Haiti numerous times a year to conduct medical clinics and to be involved with a small orphanage called Loving Hands Orphanage. I encourage you to see me if you are interested in finding out what a short-term mission trip is about or specifically for information about Haiti. I wish to thank the members of this Congregation for your support of money and supplies and most importantly prayers.

I want to extend a big thank you to Barbara Bickerstaff and Erin Mead for their partnership in ministry and all their hard work and dedication. I am also thankful for all of God’s blessings this past year, grateful for the support, encouragement and devotion of so many who are called to worship at Church of The Apostles and I am looking forward to the year ahead as we continue to follow the path that God sets forth for us all.

Praise God from whom all Blessings flow!
Kathy Kettle

Stewardship Diaconal Minister

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: the one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.” (1 Peter 4:10, 11)

I give thanks and praise to God, through Jesus Christ, his Son, our Savior, for allowing me to serve as your Stewardship Minister for this past year, my third year!

Stewardship, or managing our time, talent and treasure, for the glory of God is an important aspect of our life whether we are at church or in the life we lead once we walk out the doors. Stewardship is about how we live out a lively faith wherever we find ourselves.

Thank you to all who came forward to give an oral or written testimony as to how your Faith affects your stewardship. Those who volunteered to present an oral testimony were so numerous this year that we had a different speaker for each service for three weeks. Praise God! Usually there is a bit of coaxing. As St. Peter encourages us, *“Always be ready to give a defense for the reason for the hope that is in you” (1 Peter 3:15).*

As I look back on this past year, I hear the sweet sounds of the Women’s Chorus! I am sure you would all agree, the Women’s Chorus has been a joy to hear, especially when they combine their talents with the voices of the Men’s Chorus as we heard at the Christmas Pageant. You can imagine yourself looking up and seeing our Lord looking down and smiling at hearing such a joyful song to him. *“Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the whole earth” (Psalm 96:1).* It is also nice to see the youth of our church singing their youthful praise to our King. We all have gifts given to us according to God’s grace. Seeing our youth realize that they have gifts that are a part of the body of Christ is marvelous in His eyes.

The Digital Prayer Group, led by Kristina Fitzgerald and Scarlett St. Martin showed us that you really can receive something in an email that you look forward to receiving! It felt like a breath of fresh air to find one of their thoughtful devotions in my “in box”. I thank the Lord that he has put it on their hearts to approach their spiritual journey through sending us an inspiring message that is grounded in Scripture. I know I especially appreciated their devotions during the Advent season. It was helpful in reminding us what is important at Christmas time and what is not.

The Homeless Project, through the work of the Holy Spirit in the heart of Emma St. Martin, one of our youth, extends an act of kindness to the homeless people that we may encounter in our daily travels. The first collection was distributed in the Spring, 2015. We are currently seeking to collect for a second distribution this winter. Many thanks to those who have donated items, as

well as to those who graciously shared a prepared bag with a homeless person to brighten their day.

Some ministries are currently on hold such as the Shepherd's Table due to health concerns of the chef at Phenix Baptist Church. We pray for this worthwhile ministry to be up and functioning soon. This soup kitchen was well attended by a population of people in Phenix area.

Some ministries continue on year after year, like a faithful friend. We appreciate the Friday midday and Saturday morning Scripture-centered studies and discussions. In order to be a witness to the Word, it is incumbent upon us to know the Word.

This past Fall we hosted the Truth Project in coordination with Riverpoint Advent Christian Church. The Truth Project has been attended by many at our church in the past as it has been hosted several times over the past years. What a wonderful study of a biblical world view, what Scripture tells us how God intended our world to look and what our world actually looks like today.

This report is not intended to be an update on each ministry available at our church, only a brief highlight of some of the most recent ones. There are many and diverse opportunities to serve Jesus, to be an ambassador of Christ. You only have to be willing!

We sadly saw the decline in Superintendent Galloway's health and his eventual retirement as Bishop. Though he is still worshipping with us, and assisting with preaching and teaching as we wait for the call of a new Superintendent, please remember him in your prayers. We also pray for Elder Rob while he takes a much needed break from ministry. We thank Elder Blessing for answering the call to become an Elder at our church, and he will need our prayers as he takes on more responsibility.

It is with steadfast patience and excitement that we wait to see who the Lord will call to be our next Superintendent of Church of The Apostles. We look to the Lord for strength and direction and wisdom as we wait to see who will answer His call.

Thank you to all who donate your time, talent and treasure so faithfully for the glory of God. May our Lord bless you that you will continue to be a blessing to others.

God Bless You,
Deacon Deb Adams

Buildings and Grounds

“For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.”

(1 Corinthians 3:9)

My first year as Building and Grounds Minister has been both challenging and rewarding. As the year started, it appeared to be a gradual “easing in” of building and ground duties, and then it changed along with the New England weather. We saw late winter ice and snow that turned the Church of The Apostles into an ice castle. Ice damming leakage caused interior damage. Our aging building is beginning to show weaknesses. The Building Committee had already begun roofing plans, but winter events had presented a sense of urgency. Due to the size and cost of a full roof project, it was prudent to replace the “older half” of the building roof, which was the half of most concern.

The church was fortunate to capitalize on insurance to effect repairs to the building interior; however, interior repairs cannot be made until after the roof repair. Roof work delays became a nonfactor as the Lord blessed us with a mild winter start.

The spring and fall yard clean-ups were also successful due to turnout and mild weather.

I would like to thank Mike Edwards for his dedication to our building maintenance and snow removal. He is a steady gear.

Jim Quinn has been missed as Building Technician. I thank Jim for his dedication and thank the Lord he is still with us. I look forward to continue working with him on the Building Committee.

I would also like to thank committee members, Erin Mead, John Adams, Bob Singleton, and Charlie St Martin for making my first year a success. They deserve all the credit.

“As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.” (1 Corinthians 12:20)

There is much anticipation for the coming year. Along with scheduled clean-ups, we will be planning and working repairs of water damaged interior areas. I look forward to the smell of fresh paint.

The Lord be with you,
Deacon Doug Stomberg

Church Administrator

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared before hand, that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:10)

Being created as God’s workmanship for good works is a difficult thing to live up to in life. However, if we keep in mind God has a plan and has prepared us for what we can handle, then we can take each situation as it comes, one moment at a time, with God by our sides. This past year as Church Administrator I have seen many changes; however, they have all been in God's plan and continue to be as we move forward into 2016. I have been blessed to be in the position I am in as your administrator to oversee our church family and assist in any way I can to help us grow together as children of God.

There are many challenging days and there are many rewarding days and I am happy to say the good outweigh the bad. When I am challenged in my work I look at what an amazing church family we have here and all of the different gifts God has given each one of us to use to spread his good Word. I have been blessed to have some wonderful volunteers donate their time and talent to the church office. Paulette Donovan, Linda Jones and Joan Clarke, thank you for your help in numerous office tasks. My father Ron Swanson has been helping out once a week with many odd jobs here in the office. Treasurer Bob Bickerstaff works daily with me on the finances of the church. Barbara Bickerstaff has edited all of the annual reports and many other helpful tasks throughout the year. Mike Edwards is always around to help out when anything needs to be done around the building and grounds. Kerri McMahon has devoted her time and talent creating many different documents over this past year.

I look around at our church family and am so proud to be a part of this unique bond we all share as the Priesthood of Believers: sharing our gifts God has given to us to encourage and strengthen each other as we forge into 2016 together. May God continue to bless us and keep us united as we grow together in faith, love and trust in his holy Word.

“Each one should use whatever gifts he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” (1 Peter 4:10)

Your Servant in Christ,
Erin Mead
Church Administrator and Financial Secretary

Communications Officer

“Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” (John 20:30, 31)

The Saturday Morning Women’s Bible Study, Joyful Women, recently began a study of the Letters of John. In his gospel, the apostle John explains the purpose of his gospel writings: so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. In his letters, John writes to these new believers to instruct them how to live godly lives. He wrote lovingly to encourage them to live lives of Christlike compassion and obedience *“so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus” (1 John 4:17)*. These beautiful and timeless writings provide instructions as to how to live life in our complex and chaotic world but are also a constant reminder that we are Christ’s ambassadors in the world.

My role as Communications Officer is as a conduit of information and I see evidence of our Elders, Deacons, Ministry Leaders and Congregants living Christlike lives in the world through the wealth of information provided to me each month for Church Notes. More than just a newsletter of “current events,” this publication is packed full of encouragement, instructions for godly living, and opportunities to be ambassadors for Christ. I am happy to meet the challenge of making all this information fit in the relatively small publication. In addition to this monthly endeavor, we published an issue of the Apostles Journal in the spring and our annual stewardship testimony and teaching booklet in the fall.

Ongoing is the weekly printing of the Sunday liturgy booklets. I’m excited that the end is in sight for our new Prayer Book. This new book will encompass all the Sunday, seasonal, and special liturgies we use throughout the year, along with the Daily Offices, Catechism, Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, Psalter, and much, much more. Many of these documents are now published in-house, a time consuming and costly task. The new Prayer Book will eliminate the need for these individual publications. Currently the Prayer Book is in the editing and proof reading stage and I am grateful to The Reverend Chad Tvenstrup and The Reverend Conrad Ruppert for their help and this area. I would be remiss not to thank our Bishop-retired Mark Galloway for not only his countless hours of work on this book, but also for all the work he has done and continues to do for the Kingdom and for his guidance and friendship during our many years in the ministry.

As always, much of the production work that comes out of this office is accomplished through the efforts of many hands. Thank you to all those who “pitch-in” and help out with the folding, stapling, stuffing and sticking. I would particularly like to thank my coworker in the ministry Erin Mead who keeps me up-to-date, Joan Clarke who volunteers each week to deconstruct and then reconstruct (affectionately called ‘fluffing and stuffing’) the Sunday liturgy booklets, and Susan Farrell who faithfully folds the weekly lectionary inserts. It is all part of the process of being Christ’s ambassadors in the world.

Your sister in Christ,
Barbara Bickerstaff

Christian Education

“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it.”
(Proverbs 22:6)

Heavenly Father, thank you for blessing us with such faithful, talented, dedicated teachers: Beth Sexton, Donna Stomberg, Roger Hall, Matt Felice, Deacon Doug Stomberg, Scarlett St. Martin, Rebecca Craig, Deacon Emerita Cathy Morgan and Ed Habershaw. Watch over them and bless them today and always. Amen.

As I look back on Snowy 2015 I recall one morning where most of our teachers were here with only three students to teach. Now that's dedication! Please take a moment to thank them for bringing God's Word into their students' lives.

Have you ever thought about what affect Christian Education has on us and our children? Archdeacon Bill Sexton's Advent letter described a card he received in Sunday School that was probably the first time he experienced Christ. That letter made me think about what we are doing here at Apostles.

Last June we celebrated the end of classes with the New Generation Day. If you were present at the 10:30 a.m. service, you witnessed youngsters from three years old to pre-teens, teens and several of our graduates “running” the service. The readers, acolyte, crucifer, ushers, singers and guest speaker were all members of this new generation. Hymns were selected by our preteens, solos were sung by Emma St. Martin, Ella Oliveira and Kyleigh Felice, and our Little Lights and Followers created and acted out skits based on what they'd learned in class.

It truly was a special day for all. I know this new generation will make a difference in this world.

“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)

Linda Jones
Director of Christian Education

Health and Wellness



The mission of the Health & Wellness Ministry is to promote positive lifestyles by supporting members of the Congregation in caring for their spiritual, physical, emotional, and social needs.

The Health and Wellness Ministry works to assist the Congregation in recognizing the role of good health and wellness in their ability to be useful in the service of the Lord. We attempt to offer information and tools to promote a healthy lifestyle in accordance with God's plan for every individual.

Our bodies are God's gift and we nourish them with food, work relationships, prayer, Bible study and worship. We are integrated beings, so our body, mind and spirit must work together if we are to be the "whole" person designed by God. This combination of inner and outer wellness is essential to our fulfilling our role to be effective in ministry.

Over the past year the Health & Wellness Ministry continued to provide monthly articles in the Church Notes. Topics included weariness, contentment, authenticity, anxiety, community resources, summer safety tips, and flu prevention.

Some of the activities that were offered in 2015 included: Italian Fiesta dinner to benefit the CCCC Women's Ministry; annual flu clinic with the help of Phusion Pharmacy and Rhode Island College nursing students; a turkey dinner to kick off Walking to Bethlehem; and a walking group.

As we move forward in 2016, our goal is to continue to provide the tools and support to help members' live healthier lifestyles in body, mind and spirit. We will continue to write monthly articles that reflect a diversity of relevant health related topics to address the "wholistic" needs of God's people. Some events planned for 2016 include the 4th annual Italian Fiesta (February 6th - Save the date!) to support women in ministry, Walking to Jerusalem, continuation of the Saturday morning walking group (Soles of Church of The Apostles), a healthy lifestyle support group, and a summer wellness initiative.

We realize there is a need for education and support as we try to live out Paul's exhortation to the Corinthians... "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. *Therefore honor God with your body*" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). "*Knowing that you are the temple of God and that the spirit of God dwells in you*" (1 Corinthians 3:16), the members of the Health and Wellness Ministry are committed to helping the Congregation become the best possible stewards of the bodies God has entrusted to us. It is our privilege to serve you.

Sharon Galloway, RN, MSN
Health & Wellness Ministry

Organist and Music Director

Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have assisted in the Music Ministry here at the Church of The Apostles. From soloists to instrumentalists, from choir members to behind the scene assistants, you have been important as we join in worshipping our Lord in music.

Organ music continues to be provided at both Sunday Services. Thanks to Shyanne Slinko who plays some of the early services and at other times when requested. Also thanks to the Praise Band and to Barbara Miller, who have filled in when I have been away.

The Praise Band, under the direction of Sharon Galloway and Sara Oliveira, continues on a regular basis to present new music to the Congregation. The Men's Chorus, led by Ed Farrell, sings at various Sunday Services. New this past year is a Women's Chorus directed by Barbara Miller.

The Handbells have been kept busy in 2015, with ringers providing solos, duets and small ensembles. We also are pleased to have four young ladies, known as Spirit and Youth, who have begun to play Handbells. Various Instrumentalists participate either on a regular basis or as needed to add to special presentations.

This year we again presented our Christmas pageant "Advent to Epiphany". The cast included the very young and those not so very young. Apparently they all did some great acting as many compliments have been received on their portrayal of the events surrounding the birth of Jesus.

I wish to express my appreciation to everyone who has participated or assisted in the Music Ministry at Church of The Apostles. Thank you to everyone, including those who rebuilt the manger for our pageant, Barbara Bickerstaff who helps put everything together all of the time, and also John Adams, who can always manage to find another mike when it is needed.

In closing, all of the music groups would welcome anyone who is musical, or would like to become involved in music. June 2016, will mark 49 years since I crossed Main Street in Crompton to become organist at St. Philip's Church. It has always been a pleasure working with you. Let us continue to make "*A Joyful Noise Unto the LORD*" (Psalm 100:1).

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne H. Salisbury
Organist & Music Director

Sacristy Minister

Altar Guild

“The LORD is my Shepherd; I shall not be in want.”
(Psalm 23:1)

Our new Liturgical year (Year C) started on the First Sunday in Advent which was November 29, 2015. The Altar Guild uses Churchman’s Ordo Kalendar as a tool in letting us know what celebration the church will be observing every week. It also gives us information on what liturgical color altar hangings we will need to put out. There is a reason why we use certain colors for different church seasons. Stated on the back of our Ordo Kalendar the following is printed:

“God has flooded earth and sky with color, so the Church has sensed the symbolic use of color in its worship. As dominating colors in nature change with the seasons of the fourfold year, so in the Church year there is a structured change in the colors of the Eucharistic vestments, the liturgical colors. This sequence of liturgical colors has a principal role in Christian visual education, in teaching the Gospel through the eye.”

During the past few weeks the Altar Guild has had to be on our toes, so to speak, making sure that the correct candles are set out to be lit. I’m not talking about the two candles that are lit for every worship service on the altar Table; I’m talking about the special candles that the church uses. On Christ The King Sunday, November 22, 2015, the last Sunday in our liturgical year for Year B, the candle that represents Christ The King was lit. For the next service of that week we had to put away that candle to celebrate our Thanksgiving Eve Service. The following Sunday the Advent wreath, stand and Advent candles and our Christ The King candle was set out. But only one Advent candle was lit the first week, then two the second week and so on. It was not until Christmas that the Christ The King candle was lit along with all four of the Advent candles. These candles were lit for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and the First Sunday after Christmas. On January 3rd, The Second Sunday after Christmas Day, the day we celebrated The Epiphany, they were lit again along with the small votive candle on the altar next to the wise men. On Sunday, January 10th, the Baptism of Our Lord, our Pascal Candle and the Pascal stand was set out for that worship service. All the Advent candles and Christ The King candle and the small votive candle were packed away. Those candles have a place in our liturgy. They have a meaning. We begin our church calendar in Advent in the light and progress in the light - in the celebration of the birth of Christ Jesus - in the light that was shown to the wise men and in the light of our Lord’s Baptism.

I was happy to serve another year with all the ladies in this ministry and I thank them for their good service. I am also delighted to see the little ones learning about this ministry in Sunday School and it fills my heart with joy when I see them help out. I also want to express my gratitude to Rob Geoffrey, Bill Sexton and Mike Edwards for helping with the hard lifting in bringing down the Nativity Set and Christmas Tree from the attic and the help in packing it away. And a big thank you to Doug Stomberg in finding the problem that was blocking or sacristy sink and fixing it. It is a very good thing to have a proper working sink so we may wash our holy vessels after each service.

In the past my annual report would reflect on what was new in the Altar Guild or what was improved on. This year we had no new members join the Altar Guild Ministry but we did not lose any members either. We did not have any new purchases to our Altar Guild and Sacristy, only purchases that we normally use to supply our worship services such as communion wafers, wine, oil for our candles and sanctuary candles. Every week for the past year each of our four teams of Altar Guild members took their turn in setting up and cleaning up for every worship service here at the church. These ladies did not skip a beat and I feel blessed that they served in this ministry with me.

But on a personal side 2015 was a year of loss that affected me in my personal life and in the people I am close to. Loss was also felt here in our own church family. When we think of the word loss we think of it as the end: end of life, end of what we know of life and the end in the comfort way we are living our life. To lose someone in death means you will never get them back on this side of heaven. But the loss we feel that is not associated with death is a challenge. As a Christian and as a member here at the Church of The Apostles I felt surrounded with people who encouraged me in love and in prayer. During the year 2015 Psalm 23 was the psalm I heard the most. I must admit I have always thought of Psalm 23 as a gloomy psalm. A psalm associated with sadness and loss that you only hear sometimes at funerals. However the more I heard it the more I realized what **power** those words have. But how can a psalm that is used for a loss be a prayer or hymn that will give us hope or give us joy? Well maybe, just maybe, this is where studying the words comes in and not just reading them. This is the psalm that we use for The Confession of Saint Peter The Apostle (one of Jesus' appointed Shepherds here on earth), celebrated the third week in January, and it is the same psalm that the shepherds sang long ago. Verse one is written simply for us to understand that our Heavenly Father is our Shepherd (what more could one ask for?). The confidence and conviction in this verse puts no other gods or material things present in our lives first. In verses two and three the psalmist gives us hope in the peace that God promises us. Hope in the future as He guides us in the paths of righteousness. Yes, paths. Life is full of twist and turns but with God's help He will guide us in the right one. We become conformed by the good that we see and by His grace we will be made new. Verse four gives us comfort from days of pain, days of darkness and days of fear. Comfort knowing that the Lord will protect us even in our loss. Verses five and six lift us up as believers for we know that the grace of God will be with us in all our troubles and in all our pain "all the days of (our) life." And that "(we) will dwell in the house of the LORD forever" (v. 6). What better place to dwell—surrounded by our Heavenly Father's goodness and love?

Barbara Battey
Sacristy Minister

Mission Board

Mission Statement: The Mission Board is dedicated to promoting and assisting ministries which propagate the spread of the Word of God.

The Mission Board was formed in the spring of 2014 to be a promoting and aiding umbrella system for the various ministries at Church of The Apostles.

It was our pleasure to provide monetary assistance to purchase supplies for a Mission Trip to Haiti. The follow up conversations showed how life-changing these ventures are, both for the people being ministered to and the people who are doing the ministering.

Next, we contributed to an evening of food and entertainment at the Upper Room of the Artic Mission where Church of The Apostles people mingled with others for a night of fellowship.

Our final contribution was to CareNet Pregnancy Center or Rhode Island at their annual dinner.

We are in the process of creating, with Erin Mead, a booklet of the various ministries at Church of The Apostles. We realize the evangelistic value of each of these ministries whether they interacted with one or two people or a few hundred at a time. When an opportunity to do God's work and spread His message is in front of you, you should not pass it up.

The ministries include: Altar Guild, Building and Grounds, CD/Sound System, Counters, Crossroads, Financial Counseling, Flower Guild, Food Donations, Galatians 6:10, Handbell Choir, Health and Wellness, Holy Couples, Instrumental Groups, Intercessory Prayer, Kitchen, Lay Visitation, Loaves and Fishes, Men's Bible Study, Men's Breakfast, Men's Chorus, Mission Board, Office Volunteers, Pocket Prayer Shawl, Shepherd's Table, Short Term Mission Trips, Spirit and Truth, Spirit and Youth, Sunday Brunch, Sunday School, Tent Meeting, Ushering, Video Home Studies, Women's Bible Study, Women's Chorus, Worship Services, and Youth Group.

These ministries are all done to give Glory to God in the Highest. A number of them are performed behind the scene (so to speak) but all are needed.

Mission Board:

Ed Farrell, Chair

Kathy Kettle, Vice Chair

Deb Adams

Marcia Camp

Steve Ronci

Strengthening Christian Marriages (Holy Couples)

The “Strengthening Christian Marriages” ministry, known as “Holy Couples”, was started by Rick Bonin and Roberta Tvenstrup about ten years ago. The intent was to bring biblical meaning to marriage and the various difficulties married people face, from newly weds to financial problems to children to empty nests to the death of loved ones. These and many more questions were discussed over the years.

The basic agenda was appetizers then talk then dessert. Yes, there was always some socializing and food involved. Without food, many participants probably wouldn’t recognize it as an Apostles ministry. The socializing allowed many of us to get to know each other and to recognize that we are all in the same boat as far as life is concerned. The topics being discussed were well researched, usually by Chad Tvenstrup, and everyone was encouraged to contribute.

However, “Holy Couples” has run its course. There will be a new ministry in the future which will involve everyone in the Congregation who wants to be involved. There will be more communication when we get closer to launch time.

Don’t worry, there will be food.

Ed Farrell

We have some DVD video series if anyone would like to borrow them.

**Our Mission is to
Obey, Follow and Bear Witness to Jesus Christ**

2015

Ministries

Acolytes	Missions Board
Adult Education	Office Volunteers
Alpha	Pocket Prayer Shawl
Altar Guild	Shepherd's Table
Blood Drives	Short Term Mission Trips
Buildings & Grounds Committee	Spirit and Truth
CD/ Sound System	Spirit and Youth
Counters	Sunday Brunch
Crossroads Ministry	Sunday School
Financial Counseling	Tent Meeting
Flower Guild	Ushering
Food Donation	Women's Bible Study
Galatians 6:10	Women's Chorus
Hand Bell Choir	Youth Group
Health & Wellness Ministry	
Holy Couples	
Instrumental Groups	
Intercessions Prayer Group	
Kitchen Ministry	
Lay Readers	
Lay Visitation Ministry	
Loaves & Fishes Ministry	
Men's Breakfast	
Men's Bible Study	
Men's Choir	

Treasurer's Report

All the time, God is good! Although our income in 2015 was significantly less than anticipated, we ended the year with only a small deficit. The operating income for 2015 was \$298,683.56, and the operating expenses totaled \$304,776.00. Since we received expense reimbursements of \$4,241.33 during the year and had a carry-over surplus of \$1,329.61 from 2014, the General Fund deficit at the end of 2015 was \$521.50, a negative amount which has been carried forward into 2016. Thank you for your continued committed giving of tithes and offerings, as well as for your prayers of praise and thanksgiving to God for his faithfulness.

The Operating Budget for 2016 anticipates total budget income of \$292,000.00 and total budget expenditures of \$291,980.00. The Church Council approved this budget on November 19, 2015, accepting without change a budget proposal prepared by a Finance Committee consisting of Ranking Elder Rob Geoffrey, Elder Blessing Jacobs, Archdeacon Bill Sexton, Deacon Doug Stomberg, Treasurer Bob Bickerstaff, Financial Secretary Erin Mead, and Active Members Debby Glynn and Tom McMullen. The income projection in the budget is very conservative due to the smaller size of our Congregation at this time, and our spending in 2016 will also have to be conservative, but our leadership believes that we can live within this budget and that whatever resources we have will be sufficient to accomplish God's mission. The amount allocated for our next Superintendent's salary may seem to be rather modest, but we have complete faith that if we trust God, he will provide just the right leader for us.

As always, I want to thank Erin Mead, our Church Administrator and Financial Secretary, for her work in managing the day-to-day finances of Church of The Apostles. Erin is our bookkeeper and financial records custodian and maintains our payroll, contributions, and other accounting records so that I have the information I need in order to report the status of the church's finances to the Church Council and the Congregation. Thank you Erin!

I would also like to thank our Sunday counters, especially our lead counter Sue Clarke who is on hand almost every Sunday of the year. Currently, our other counters are Beverly Brown, Joan Clarke, Linda Greco, Lynne Habershaw, Trish Meitner, Barbara Miller, Sue Pillsbury, and Jane Venditto. Linda Quinn was one of our counters during the first part of 2015, and Barbara Battey has filled in as a substitute. Many thanks to all our counters for their dedication to this important ministry!

The following pages contain a detailed look at our 2015 finances and the 2016 budget. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time with questions, comments, or concerns about the finances or financial reports of our Congregation.

Your servant in Christ,

Bob Bickerstaff
Treasurer

Financial Summary Report

January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

Balance on Hand as of January 1, 2015		\$135,482.09
Checking Account Balance	\$27,493.47	
Savings Account Balance	<u>\$107,988.62</u>	
Total	<u>\$135,482.09</u>	
Balance of Designated Funds in Checking Account	\$26,163.86	
Balance of Designated Funds in Savings Account	\$107,988.62	
General Fund Balance (in Checking Account)	<u>\$1,329.61</u>	
Total	<u>\$135,482.09</u>	
Receipts		
General Fund Offerings & Donations	\$298,683.56	
General Fund Reimbursements	\$4,241.33	
Savings Account Interest	\$335.09	
Designated Fund Income/Receipts	<u>\$58,448.94</u>	
Total		\$361,708.92
Disbursements		
General Fund/Operating Expenses	\$304,776.00	
Operating Expense Transfers to/from Designated Funds	(\$22,868.37)	
Designated Fund Expenses/Disbursements	<u>\$107,421.91</u>	
Total		<u>(\$389,329.54)</u>
Balance on Hand as of December 31, 2015		\$107,861.47
Checking Account Balance	\$19,944.16	
Savings Account Balance	<u>\$87,917.31</u>	
Total	<u>\$107,861.47</u>	
Balance of Designated Funds in Checking Account	\$20,465.66	
Balance of Designated Funds in Savings Account	\$87,917.31	
General Fund Balance (in Checking Account)	<u>(\$521.50)</u>	
Total	<u>\$107,861.47</u>	
Investment Assets		
Bristol-Myers Squibb Company Common Stock Donation of 68 Shares received on April 8, 2015 Market Value as of December 31, 2015		\$4,677.72
Indebtedness		
Mortgage Loan from Centreville Bank (6/1/2010)	\$586,000.00	
Principal Balance as of January 1, 2015		\$487,949.91
Payments during 2015: \$36,682.32		
Applied to Interest	\$22,879.69	
Applied to Principal	<u>\$13,802.63</u>	
Total	<u>\$36,682.32</u>	
Principal Balance as of December 31, 2015		\$474,147.28

Checking Account Report

January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

Balance on Hand as of January 1, 2015 **\$27,493.47**

General Fund/Operating Income

Weekly Offerings & Pledges	\$285,527.49
Loose Offerings	\$2,631.41
Initial Offerings	\$201.00
Birthday Offerings	\$288.00
Ash Wednesday Offerings	\$787.50
Maundy Thursday Offerings	\$654.00
Good Friday Offerings	\$454.00
Lenten Offerings	\$312.00
Easter Offerings	\$1,805.00
Thanksgiving Offerings	\$553.00
Advent Offerings	\$292.00
Christmas Offerings	\$2,807.00
Special Offerings	\$1,177.00
Youth Offerings	\$274.16
Group Donations	<u>\$920.00</u>
Total	\$298,683.56

Reimbursements to General Fund/Operating Expenses

For Ministerial Expenses	\$2,248.00
For Christian Education Expenses	\$15.00
For Fellowship Expenses	\$1,788.57
For Administrative & Office Expenses	<u>\$189.76</u>
Total	\$4,241.33

Income/Receipts for Designated Funds

See Fund Balances Report for Details \$58,448.94

Transfers in from Savings Account

See Fund Balances Report for Details \$35,406.40

Total Receipts into Checking Account **\$396,780.23**

General Fund/Operating Expenses

Outreach (Transfer to Designated Fund) *	\$29,868.37
Capital Reserve Savings	\$0.00
New Ministries Savings (Transfer from Designated Fund) *	(\$7,000.00)
Superintendent's Salary, Housing, & Pension	\$91,769.50
First Elder's Salary & Housing	\$5,300.00
Second Elder's Salary & Housing	\$2,000.00
Church Administrator's Salary & Pension	\$22,816.50
Communications Officer's Salary & Pension	\$23,320.00
Property Maintenance Technician's Salary	\$4,252.50

Checking Account Report (Continued)

General Fund/Operating Expenses (Continued)

Organist's Salary	\$10,673.00	
Assistant Organist's Salary	\$5,087.50	
Sexton's Salary	\$8,321.00	
Payroll Taxes	\$5,696.95	
Superintendent's Business Expenses	\$1,017.90	
Leadership Continuing Education	\$754.69	
Ministerial Expenses (See Note 1)	\$7,795.81	
Worship Supplies	\$660.54	
Music Ministry	\$887.43	
Christian Education (See Note 2)	\$2,472.72	
Youth Ministry	\$84.68	
Fellowship (See Note 3)	\$4,428.08	
Administrative & Office Expenses (See Note 4)	\$12,963.51	
Postage	\$2,057.81	
Telephone & Internet Service	\$1,930.16	
Property Expenses	\$5,945.72	
Snow & Ice Removal	\$3,105.48	
Gas (Heat, Hot Water, Etc.)	\$6,918.39	
Electric	\$5,208.19	
Mortgage	\$36,682.32	
Insurance	<u>\$9,757.25</u>	
Total Expenses	\$304,776.00	
* Total of Designated Fund Transfers	<u>(\$22,868.37)</u>	
Expenses Disbursed from Checking Account	\$281,907.63	
Disbursements from Designated Funds		
See Fund Balances Report for Details	\$107,421.91	
Transfers out to Savings Account		
See Fund Balances Report for Details	\$15,000.00	
Total Disbursements from Checking Account		<u>(\$404,329.54)</u>
Balance on Hand as of December 31, 2015		\$19,944.16

Notes to Checking Account Report:

- 1 The Ministerial Expenses line item was partially funded by reimbursements of \$2,248.00.
- 2 The Christian Education line item was partially funded by reimbursements of \$15.00.
- 3 The Fellowship line item was partially funded by reimbursements of \$1,788.57.
- 4 The Administrative & Office Expenses line item was partially funded by reimbursements and rebates of \$189.76.

Savings Account Report

January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

Balance on Hand as of January 1, 2015		\$107,988.62
Balance in Money Market Deposit Account	\$47,988.62	
Balance in Certificate of Deposit Account	<u>\$60,000.00</u>	
Total	\$107,988.62	
Capital Reserve Savings Fund Balance	\$24,550.60	
New Ministries Savings Fund Balance	\$64,995.16	
School Savings Fund Balance	\$13,366.72	
Altar Guild Fund Balance	\$1,206.27	
Memorial Fund Balance	\$2,784.00	
Ann Livsey Fund Balance	<u>\$1,085.87</u>	
Total	\$107,988.62	
Interest Income		
Applied to Capital Reserve Savings Fund	\$99.99	
Applied to New Ministries Savings Fund	\$180.77	
Applied to School Savings Fund	\$41.82	
Applied to Altar Guild Fund	\$0.13	
Applied to Memorial Fund	\$9.02	
Applied to Ann Livsey Fund	<u>\$3.36</u>	
Total		\$335.09
Transfers in from Checking Account		
For Capital Reserve Savings Fund	<u>\$15,000.00</u>	
Total		\$15,000.00
Transfers out to Checking Account		
From Capital Reserve Savings Fund	\$23,000.00	
From New Ministries Fund	\$11,200.00	
From Altar Guild Fund	<u>\$1,206.40</u>	
Total		<u>(\$35,406.40)</u>
Balance on Hand as of December 31, 2015		\$87,917.31
Balance in Money Market Deposit Account	\$57,916.99	
Balance in Certificate of Deposit Account	<u>\$30,000.32</u>	
Total	\$87,917.31	
Capital Reserve Savings Fund Balance	\$16,650.59	
New Ministries Savings Fund Balance	\$53,975.93	
School Savings Fund Balance	\$13,408.54	
Altar Guild Fund Balance	\$0.00	
Memorial Fund Balance	\$2,793.02	
Ann Livsey Fund Balance	<u>\$1,089.23</u>	
Total	\$87,917.31	

Note: The Ann Livsey Fund was created by a bequest and can only be used for the maintenance and repair of the church's stained glass windows.

Fund Balances in Checking Account

January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

Fund Name	Balance 1/1/2015	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance 12/31/2015
Outreach Fund *	<u>\$4,601.27</u>	\$0.00	<u>\$26,378.49</u>	
Transfers from General Fund		<u>\$29,868.37</u>		
Outreach Fund Totals	\$4,601.27	\$29,868.37	\$26,378.49	\$8,091.15
Capital Reserve Savings Fund *	<u>\$6,417.42</u>	\$28,847.20	\$43,100.00	
Transfers from Savings Account		<u>\$23,000.00</u>		
Transfers to Savings Account			<u>\$15,000.00</u>	
Capital Reserve Savings Fund Totals	\$6,417.42	\$51,847.20	\$58,100.00	\$164.62
New Ministries Savings Fund *	<u>\$5,000.00</u>	\$0.00	\$9,200.00	
Transfers from Savings Account		<u>\$11,200.00</u>		
Transfers to General Fund			<u>\$7,000.00</u>	
New Ministries Savings Fund Totals	\$5,000.00	\$11,200.00	\$16,200.00	\$0.00
Altar Guild Fund *	<u>\$876.94</u>	\$2,307.00	<u>\$3,062.46</u>	
Transfers from Savings Account		<u>\$1,206.40</u>		
Altar Guild Fund Totals	\$876.94	\$3,513.40	\$3,062.46	\$1,327.88
Missions Fund *	\$4,202.97	\$20.00	\$196.50	\$4,026.47
Memorial Fund *	\$1,701.03	\$560.00	\$0.00	\$2,261.03
Superintendent's Discretionary Fund	\$150.00	\$8,709.00	\$8,859.00	\$0.00
Youth Group Fund	\$1,656.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,656.35
Designated Offerings Fund *	\$3,295.10	\$647.15	\$1,070.00	\$2,872.25
Miscellaneous Fund *	(\$1,737.22)	\$17,358.59	\$15,555.46	\$65.91
All Designated Funds	<u>\$26,163.86</u>			
Income		\$58,448.94		
Transfers from General Fund		\$29,868.37		
Transfers from Savings		<u>\$35,406.40</u>		
Expenses Paid Out			\$107,421.91	
Transfers to General Fund			\$7,000.00	
Transfers to Savings			<u>\$15,000.00</u>	
Totals for All Designated Funds	\$26,163.86	\$123,723.71	\$129,421.91	\$20,465.66
General Fund	<u>\$1,329.61</u>			
Income		\$298,683.56		
Reimbursements		\$4,241.33		
Transfers from Designated Funds		<u>\$7,000.00</u>		
Expenses Paid Out			\$281,907.63	
Transfers to Designated Funds			<u>\$29,868.37</u>	
General Fund Totals	\$1,329.61	\$309,924.89	\$311,776.00	(\$521.50)
Checking Account Balances	\$27,493.47			\$19,944.16

* See Separate Report

Outreach Fund Report

January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

Outreach Fund Balance as of January 1, 2015		\$4,601.27
Receipts		
Monthly Transfers from General Fund Outreach Line Item	<u>\$29,868.37</u>	
Total		\$29,868.37
Disbursements		
Conservative Congregational Christian Conference	\$10,000.00	
Outreach Discretionary Account *	\$10,683.28	
Superintendent's Discretionary Account **	\$4,558.40	
Haiti Orphan Support	\$1,000.00	
Congregational Care Ministry Expenses	<u>\$136.81</u>	
Total		<u>(\$26,378.49)</u>
Outreach Fund Balance as of December 31, 2015		\$8,091.15

* Thirty five (35) percent of each month's Outreach Fund income is transferred (after the first of the next month) to the Outreach Discretionary Account, to be administered by the Outreach Deacon at her discretion. See separate financial report.

** Fifteen (15) percent of each month's Outreach Fund income is transferred (after the first of the next month) to the Superintendent's Discretionary Account, to be administered by the Superintendent at his discretion. See separate financial report.

Memorial Fund Report

January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

Memorial Fund Balance as of January 1, 2015		\$4,485.03
Memorial Fund Balance in Checking Account	\$1,701.03	
Memorial Fund Balance in Savings Account	<u>\$2,784.00</u>	
Total	\$4,485.03	
Receipts		
Donations in Memory of Bud Smith	\$50.00	
Donations in Memory of Bruce Bainton	\$135.00	
Donations in Memory of Jim Doyle	\$375.00	
Savings Account Interest	<u>\$9.02</u>	
Total		<u>\$569.02</u>
Memorial Fund Balance as of December 31, 2015		\$5,054.05
Memorial Fund Balance in Checking Account	\$2,261.03	
Memorial Fund Balance in Savings Account	<u>\$2,793.02</u>	
Total	\$5,054.05	

Altar Guild Fund Report

January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

Altar Guild Fund Balance as of January 1, 2015		\$2,083.21
Altar Guild Fund Balance in Checking Account	\$876.94	
Altar Guild Fund Balance in Savings Account	<u>\$1,206.27</u>	
Total	\$2,083.21	
 Receipts		
Offerings for Flowers, Wine, & Sanctuary Lamp Candles	\$815.00	
Offerings for Easter Plants & Flowers	\$635.00	
Offerings for Christmas Plants, Flowers, & Greens	\$857.00	
Savings Account Interest	<u>\$0.13</u>	
Total		\$2,307.13
 Disbursements		
Christmas Plants, Flowers, & Greens (2014)	\$993.90	
Easter Plants & Palm Sunday Palms	\$562.40	
Weekly Altar Flowers	\$510.18	
Sanctuary Lamp Candles	\$99.45	
Communion Wine	\$84.90	
Set of Glass Cruets	\$147.75	
Christmas Plants, Flowers, & Greens (2015)	<u>\$663.88</u>	
Total		<u>(\$3,062.46)</u>
 Altar Guild Fund Balance as of December 31, 2015		 \$1,327.88
Altar Guild Fund Balance in Checking Account	\$1,327.88	
Altar Guild Fund Balance in Savings Account	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Total	\$1,327.88	

Missions Fund Report

January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

Missions Fund Balance as of January 1, 2015		\$4,202.97
 Receipts		
Individual Contributions	<u>\$20.00</u>	
Total		\$20.00
 Disbursements		
Medical Supplies for Mission Trips	\$43.53	
Alpha Course Expenses	\$17.98	
Upper Room Evening Expenses	\$34.99	
Donation to CareNet RI	<u>\$100.00</u>	
Total		<u>(\$196.50)</u>
 Missions Fund Balance as of December 31, 2015		 \$4,026.47

Capital Reserve Savings Fund Report

January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

Capital Reserve Savings Fund Balance as of January 1, 2015		\$30,968.02
Capital Reserve Savings Fund Balance in Checking Acct	\$6,417.42	
Capital Reserve Savings Fund Balance in Savings Acct	<u>\$24,550.60</u>	
Total	\$30,968.02	
Receipts		
Insurance Payment for Water Damage	\$18,796.88	
Donation from Bruce and Virginia Bainton	\$10,000.00	
Savings Account Interest	\$99.99	
Dividends from Bristol-Myers Squibb Stock	<u>\$50.32</u>	
Total		\$28,947.19
Disbursements		
Roof Project	<u>\$43,100.00</u>	
Total		<u>(\$43,100.00)</u>
Capital Reserve Savings Fund Balance as of December 31, 2015		\$16,815.21
Capital Reserve Savings Fund Balance in Checking Acct	\$164.62	
Capital Reserve Savings Fund Balance in Savings Acct	<u>\$16,650.59</u>	
Total	\$16,815.21	

New Ministries Savings Fund Report

January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

New Ministries Savings Fund Balance as of January 1, 2015		\$69,995.16
New Ministries Savings Fund Balance in Checking Acct	\$5,000.00	
New Ministries Savings Fund Balance in Savings Acct	<u>\$64,995.16</u>	
Total	\$69,995.16	
Receipts		
Savings Account Interest	<u>\$180.77</u>	
Total		\$180.77
Disbursements		
Transfer to General Fund	\$7,000.00	
Ministerial Grant	\$5,200.00	
Donation to Galatians 6:10 Project	<u>\$4,000.00</u>	
Total		<u>(\$16,200.00)</u>
New Ministries Savings Fund Balance as of December 31, 2015		\$53,975.93
New Ministries Savings Fund Balance in Checking Acct	\$0.00	
New Ministries Savings Fund Balance in Savings Acct	<u>\$53,975.93</u>	
Total	\$53,975.93	

Designated Offerings Fund Report

January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

Designated Offerings Fund Balance as of January 1, 2015		\$3,295.10
Funds for Outreach/Missions	\$2,739.91	
Funds for Galatians 6:10 Project	\$500.00	
Funds for Haiti Orphan Support	<u>\$55.19</u>	
Total	\$3,295.10	
 Receipts		
Donations for Miscellaneous Outreach Projects	\$200.00	
Donations for Galatians 6:10 Project	\$60.00	
Donations for Haiti Orphan Support	\$167.15	
Donations for CareNet Rhode Island	\$100.00	
Donations for CCCC Women's Ministry	\$65.00	
Donations for Operation Christmas Child	<u>\$55.00</u>	
Total		\$647.15
 Disbursements		
To United In Faith Account for Galatians 6:10 Project	\$550.00	
Haiti Orphan Support Payments	\$200.00	
Checks to CareNet Rhode Island	\$100.00	
Purchases for CCCC Women's Ministry	\$65.00	
Operation Christmas Child Expenses	\$55.00	
New Year's Eve Celebration Music Expense	<u>\$100.00</u>	
Total		(<u>\$1,070.00</u>)
 Designated Offerings Fund Balance as of December 31, 2015		\$2,872.25
Funds for Outreach/Missions	\$2,839.91	
Funds for Galatians 6:10 Project	\$10.00	
Funds for Haiti Orphan Support	<u>\$22.34</u>	
Total	\$2,872.25	

Miscellaneous Fund Report

January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

Miscellaneous Fund Balance as of January 1, 2015		(\$1,737.22)
Receipts due to United In Faith Acct for Galatians 6:10	\$1,040.00	
Dinner Receipts due to Outreach Discretionary Acct	\$406.00	
Funds for CCCC Women's Ministry	\$278.74	
Funds for Payment of Outreach Discretionary Acct Expenses	\$626.49	
Funds for Payment of Reimbursed Personal Expenses	\$7.12	
Galatians 6:10 Expenses due from United In Faith Acct	<u>(\$4,095.57)</u>	
Total	(\$1,737.22)	
 Receipts		
Reimbursements from Outreach Discretionary Account	\$1,880.81	
Reimbursements from United In Faith Acct/Galatians 6:10	\$4,339.49	
Reimbursements from Superintendent's Discretionary Acct	\$3,437.00	
Donations for Superintendent's Retirement Party/Gift	\$5,270.00	
From Outreach Discretionary Account for Galatians 6:10	\$500.00	
Event Receipts due to Outreach Discretionary Acct	\$453.00	
Event Receipts for CCCC Women's Ministry	\$745.00	
Event Receipts for Galatians 6:10	\$423.00	
From Quidnick Baptist Church for Event Expenses	\$58.82	
Personal Expense Reimbursements	\$7.24	
Electric Bill Refund	\$144.23	
Payments for Hall Use Sexton's Fee	<u>\$100.00</u>	
Total		\$17,358.59
 Disbursements		
Purchases for Outreach Discretionary Account	\$1,084.99	
Event Expenses Paid by Outreach Discretionary Account	\$1,422.31	
To Outreach Discretionary Account (Event Receipts)	\$859.00	
Event Expenses Paid by United In Faith	\$243.92	
To United In Faith Acct for Galatians 6:10 Project	\$1,963.00	
Purchases for Superintendent's Discretionary Account	\$3,437.00	
Superintendent's Retirement Party Expenses	\$3,458.71	
Retirement Gift to Superintendent	\$1,811.29	
Purchases for CCCC Women's Ministry	\$957.83	
Event Expenses Paid by Quidnick Baptist Church	\$58.82	
Personal Expenses (Reimbursed)	\$14.36	
Electric Bill Payment	\$144.23	
Sexton's Fees	<u>\$100.00</u>	
Total		<u>(\$15,555.46)</u>
 Miscellaneous Fund Balance as of December 31, 2015		\$65.91
Funds for CCCC Women's Ministry	<u>\$65.91</u>	
Total	\$65.91	

Superintendent's Discretionary Account Report

January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

Balance on Hand as of January 1, 2015		\$448.51
Receipts		
From Outreach Fund	\$4,558.40	
Individual Contributions	\$8,059.00	
Receipts for Funerals	<u>\$800.00</u>	
Total		\$13,417.40
Disbursements		
Individual and Family Assistance	\$8,945.66	
Donations to Outside Organizations/Ministries	\$1,700.00	
Ministry Expenses	\$812.00	
Ministry Gifts	<u>\$100.00</u>	
Total		<u>(\$11,557.66)</u>
Balance on Hand as of December 31, 2015		\$2,308.25

Outreach Discretionary Account Report

January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

Balance on Hand as of January 1, 2015		\$3,282.71
Receipts		
From Outreach Fund	\$10,683.28	
Reimbursement for Retirement Party Expenses	\$3,300.00	
Receipts from 2014 Pageant Dinner	\$406.00	
Receipts from CareNet Dinner	<u>\$453.00</u>	
Total		\$14,842.28
Disbursements		
Individual and Family Assistance	\$6,504.61	
Retirement Party Expenses	\$3,300.00	
Donations to CareNet Rhode Island	\$800.00	
Donation to the Galatians 6:10 Project	\$500.00	
Donations to the CCCC	\$400.00	
Donation to The Artic Mission	\$150.00	
Pageant Dinner (2014) Expenses	\$177.04	
CCCC Women's Ministry Dinner Expenses	\$272.83	
CareNet Dinner Expenses	\$477.17	
Annual Partnership with "The Good News Today"	\$270.00	
Crossroads Family Shelter Visit Expenses	\$81.70	
Miscellaneous Ministry Expenses	<u>\$28.79</u>	
Total		<u>(\$12,962.14)</u>
Balance on Hand as of December 31, 2015		\$5,162.85

United In Faith Account Report

January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

Balance on Hand as of January 1, 2015		\$299.51
Funds for United In Faith Events	\$0.00	
Funds for Galatians 6:10 Project	<u>\$299.51</u>	
Total	<u>\$299.51</u>	
 Receipts for Galatians 6:10 Project		
Donation from Church of The Apostles	\$4,000.00	
Receipts from 2014 New Year's Eve Celebration	\$1,090.00	
Receipts from Summer Lawn Concert	\$373.00	
Individual Donations	\$550.00	
Donation from Apostles Outreach Discretionary Account	<u>\$500.00</u>	
Total		\$6,513.00
 Disbursements for Galatians 6:10 Project		
Kitchen Project Expenses	\$4,095.57	
New Year's Eve 2014 Dinner Expenses	\$143.95	
Summer Lawn Concert Expenses	<u>\$99.97</u>	
Total		<u>(\$4,339.49)</u>
 Balance on Hand as of December 31, 2015		\$2,473.02
Funds for United In Faith Events	\$0.00	
Funds for Galatians 6:10 Project	<u>\$2,473.02</u>	
Total	<u>\$2,473.02</u>	

Operating Budget for 2016 With Comparison to 2015

	2015 Budget	2015 Actual	2016 Budget
Income			
Weekly Offerings & Pledges	\$319,700.00	\$285,527.49	\$280,000.00
Other Offerings & Donations	<u>\$17,500.00</u>	<u>\$13,156.07</u>	<u>\$12,000.00</u>
Total Budget Income	<u>\$337,200.00</u>	<u>\$298,683.56</u>	<u>\$292,000.00</u>
Expenses			
Outreach	\$33,720.00	\$29,868.37	\$29,200.00
Capital Reserve Savings	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Ministries Savings	(\$7,000.00)	(\$7,000.00)	\$0.00
Superintendent's Salary, Housing, & Pension	\$90,038.00	\$91,769.50	\$60,060.00
First Elder's Salary & Housing	\$5,200.00	\$5,300.00	\$6,500.00
Second Elder's Salary & Housing	\$5,200.00	\$2,000.00	\$6,500.00
Church Administrator's Salary & Pension	\$22,386.00	\$22,816.50	\$23,062.00
Communications Officer's Salary & Pension	\$22,880.00	\$23,320.00	\$23,569.00
Property Maintenance Technician's Salary	\$14,742.00	\$4,252.50	\$0.00
Organist's Salary	\$10,623.00	\$10,673.00	\$10,893.00
Assistant Organist's Salary	\$5,295.00	\$5,087.50	\$5,425.00
Sexton's Salary	\$8,164.00	\$8,321.00	\$8,411.00
Payroll Taxes	\$6,433.00	\$5,696.95	\$5,460.00
Superintendent's Business Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$1,017.90	\$1,500.00
Leadership Continuing Education	\$1,000.00	\$754.69	\$1,000.00
Ministerial Expenses *	\$8,000.00	\$7,795.81	\$7,000.00
Worship Supplies	\$1,200.00	\$660.54	\$1,200.00
Music Ministry	\$1,500.00	\$887.43	\$1,500.00
Christian Education *	\$5,000.00	\$2,472.72	\$4,000.00
Youth Ministry	\$2,000.00	\$84.68	\$1,000.00
Fellowship *	\$6,000.00	\$4,428.08	\$5,000.00
Administrative & Office Expenses *	\$14,000.00	\$12,963.51	\$14,000.00
Postage	\$3,000.00	\$2,057.81	\$2,500.00
Telephone & Internet Service	\$2,000.00	\$1,930.16	\$2,000.00
Property Expenses	\$10,000.00	\$5,945.72	\$9,500.00
Snow & Ice Removal	\$3,000.00	\$3,105.48	\$3,500.00
Gas (Heat, Hot Water, Etc.)	\$7,000.00	\$6,918.39	\$7,000.00
Electric	\$6,000.00	\$5,208.19	\$5,500.00
Mortgage	\$36,700.00	\$36,682.32	\$36,700.00
Insurance	<u>\$11,000.00</u>	<u>\$9,757.25</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$337,081.00</u>	<u>\$304,776.00</u>	<u>\$291,980.00</u>
Tentative Budget Surplus (Deficit)	\$119.00	(\$6,092.44)	\$20.00
Reimbursements Received		\$4,241.33	
Actual Budget Surplus (Deficit)		(\$1,851.11)	
Surplus (Deficit) from Prior Years		<u>\$1,329.61</u>	
Surplus (Deficit) to Carry Forward		(\$521.50)	

* See Notes to Checking Account Report regarding reimbursements to these line items in 2015.

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Sunday 9:15 a.m.

Sunday Brunch

Sunday 12 Noon

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Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Morning Prayer

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m.

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