



## Annual Report for 2017

**The Reverend Maggie Leidheiser-Stoddard, Rector**  
**The Reverend Rick Incorvati, Deacon**

**Bonnie Shelburne** ..... **Senior Warden**  
**Dana Waggoner** ..... **Junior Warden**  
**Ken Bladh** ..... **Treasurer**  
**Kelly Zeller** ..... **Parish Administrator and Program Coordinator**  
**Gayle Culler** ..... **Bookkeeper**  
**Paul McAfee** ..... **Facility Manager**  
**Dr. Christopher Durrenberger** ..... **Director of Music**  
**Denise Wells** ..... **Parish Life Coordinator**

### 2017 Vestry Members

<b>Dawn Ivy</b>	<b>Don Wheeler</b>	<b>Marilyn Howat</b>
<b>Ann Chitkara</b>	<b>Jake Studebaker</b>	<b>Chris Wells</b>

**Christ Episcopal Church**  
**February 11, 2018**  
*Celebrating 184 years of ministry in Clark County: 1834- 2018*

**Annual Parish Meeting Agenda**

Opening Prayer: The Rev. Maggie Leidheiser-Stoddard

Appointment of a Secretary

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the Minutes from 2017 Annual Meeting

Report of Nominating Committee: Bonnie Shelburne

Nominees for Vestry

Senior Warden: Dawn Ivy

Junior Warden: John Richardson

At Large Vestry: Kathleen Schubert, Brian Shelburne, Chris Oldstone-Moore

Nominees for Diocesan Convention

Dawn Ivy, Jack Ivy and Ann Chitkara

Recognition of retiring Vestry Members:

Bonnie Shelburne, Dana Waggoner and Jake Studebaker

Presentation of the 2018 budget

Senior Warden's report: Bonnie Shelburne

Junior Warden's report: Dana Waggoner

Deacon's report: The Rev. Rick Incorvati

Closing Prayer and Necrology: The Rev. Maggie Leidheiser-Stoddard

Adjournment of the 184rd Annual Meeting

**CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 12, 2017**

At 10:27, after the opening prayer led by The Rev. Margaret Holt Sammons, the 183<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of Christ Episcopal Church was called to order. Rev. Margaret Holt Sammons conducted the meeting.

Eman Trillana made an announcement about Christ Church t-shirt orders.

Bill Yeazell moved to approve the agenda of the 183<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting. Jack Speer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Changes to the Constitution of Christ Episcopal Church were discussed. Changes include:

1. A clear statement that this congregation is part of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.
2. Instead of electing three At-Large Vestry Members per year, only a sufficient number to complete the Vestry will be elected.
3. The quorum of parish meetings is reduced from 50 to 40
4. The Vestry will consist of nine Members, in addition to one or two Youth Members.
5. A Warden to the Vestry may serve a fourth year during a transition between Rectors.
6. The Amendment added on 2/15/09 is struck from the Constitution

Chris Oldstone-Moore moved that the penultimate sentence of Article III, Section A in the Constitution be changed from "...and Junior Warden, plus one (1) or two (2) Youth Members" to "...and Junior Warden. In addition there will be one (1) or two (2) Youth Members." Chris Durrenberger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fred Bartenstein moved that Amendment added on 3/7/16 be struck from the Constitution. Ty Buckman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Joyce Spangler moved to accept the changes to the Constitution. Brian Shelburne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Vestry moved to approve the minutes of the 182<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting. Dana Waggoner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dana Waggoner reported on the Vestry Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee's candidates are:

Senior Warden:	Bonnie Shelburne
Junior Warden:	Dana Waggoner

Dawn Ivy moved that Bonnie Shelburne continue serving as Senior Warden. Marilyn Howat seconded the motion. Motion carried. Brian Shelburne moved that Dana Waggoner continue serving as Junior Warden. Angus Randolph seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Candidates for Vestry at Large:  
Marilyn Howat, Ty Buckman, Chris Wells

Bill Hicks moved to confirm the candidates for Vestry at Large. Liz Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Candidates to be Vestry Youth Members:  
Sophie Smith, Helena Buckman

Bill Yeazell moved confirm the candidates to be Vestry Youth Members. Bill Hicks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Brian Shelburne gave an update on the Parish Profile, which is now complete.

The delegates to the Diocesan Convention are:  
Bonnie Shelburne, Brian Shelburne, Ken Bladh, Ed Hasecke

Dawn Ivy moved to confirm the candidates to the Diocesan Convention. Dodi Holmes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Alduino, Eman Trillana, Anita Beardsell, Don Ehlinger, and Ian Waggoner were acknowledged and thanked as retiring Vestry Members.

Bonnie Shelburne gave the Senior Warden Report, outlining the timeline of the Search Committee. She said they hope that a call for a new Rector will be issued on July 30 and that a new Rector will arrive in late September.

Dana Waggoner gave the Junior Warden Report, describing the new security system and anticipated work on the parking lot.

Rick Incorvati gave the Deacon's Report. He spoke about the potential Interfaith group for the youth.

All who are involved with Christ Church ministries were recognized and thanked.

Rick Incorvati gave the closing prayer, and read the Necrology.

Chris Oldstone-Moore moved to adjourn the meeting. Bill Yeazell seconded the motion. The 183<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sophie Smith

**CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**FINANCIAL RESULTS – Feb 2018**  
**Actual Dollars for 2010-2017; Vestry-approved Budget for 2018**  
**Ken Bladh, Treasurer**

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>EXPENSES</b>									
Worship	4,899	3,812	5,248	4,202	6,883	4,537	6,913	4,561	6,200
Education	6,110	3,625	3,859	3,429	5,439	4,587	3,087	2,923	3,920
Pastoral Care	177	86	51	18	51	268	633	87	400
Fellowship	1,089	369	270	283	704	430	375	795	750
Stewardship	60,239	52,064	56,346	59,978	59,106	58,642	63,445	67,429	68,200
New Member Ministry	1,552	360	793	932	1,375	573	424	156	500
Administration	12,599	10,761	10,583	12,884	12,666	14,504	16,551	15,825	15,000
Vestry	39,727	38,889	34,957	34,350	34,762	35,665	39,803	29,907	39,757
Communication	775	526	694	555	1,134	557	551	1,624	1,500
Clergy	88,578	86,056	87,154	89,410	88,803	91,679	46,594	43,470	105,361
Staff	70,531	65,905	63,398	69,646	67,729	75,169	90,942	88,942	93,210
<b>TOTAL SPENDING</b>	<b>286,276</b>	<b>262,453</b>	<b>271,284</b>	<b>276,041</b>	<b>278,652</b>	<b>286,612</b>	<b>270,991</b>	<b>255,719</b>	<b>334,798</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>									
Pledges	214,556	204,240	203,967	213,688	203,530	211,538	192,703	180,234	185,141
Special Offerings	758	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plate Offerings	3,813	4,858	4,412	4,049	3,812	9,677	2,604	2,397	2,800
Episc. Retire. Homes	--	--	--	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Endowment Transfer Restricted (Cat. I)	3,750	3,034	2,807	2,144	1,946	2,314	2,356	2,246	2,245
Endowment Transfer by Vestry for Ops	41,229	27,000	24,500	24,500	45,095	37,455	27,059	23,714	99,113
Endowment Transfer by Vestry for Staff	10,333	5,847	11,004	11,004	9,170	13,500	31,500	31,499	31,499
Miscellaneous Income	9,306	17,662	19,712	15,800	9,769	9,813	9,769	10,630	9,000
Restricted Income	238	361	211	195	330	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>283,983</b>	<b>263,302</b>	<b>266,611</b>	<b>276,379</b>	<b>278,652</b>	<b>289,604</b>	<b>270,991</b>	<b>255,719</b>	<b>334,798</b>
Net Income (Loss)	(2,293)	849	(4,673)	338	0	2,992	0	0	0
						Full-time Priest Part-time PA	Part-time Priest Full-time PAPC	Part-time Priest Full-time PAPC	Full-time Priest Full-time PAPC

## **VESTRY**

### **Senior Warden**

This has been another very busy year, ending on a high note in December with the call of the Reverend Margaret (Maggie) Leidheiser-Stoddard as our new rector!

The Vestry of Christ Episcopal Church met faithfully throughout 2017 and continued to support parish ministries. The regular duties of the Vestry include approving large expenditures, receiving officer and parish reports, overseeing the budgeting process, and the annual stewardship campaign, among other things. The Vestry worked with the Rev. Margaret Holt Sammons, who continued to serve as our Transition Priest-in-Charge throughout the search process and remained with us until the end of December.

In 2017, in addition to fulfilling their typical responsibilities, the Vestry accepted the Parish Profile Committee's parish profile that would serve to represent Christ Church to potential rector candidates. The Vestry appointed the Rector Search Committee to screen and interview rector candidates and recommend a rector candidate for Vestry approval. Thanks to the tireless work of so many members of the congregation, the Vestry was pleased to call Rev. Maggie Leidheiser-Stoddard as our new rector.

I am grateful for the incredible support this year from Kelly Zeller (Parish Administrator), Dana Waggoner (Junior Warden), Ken Bladh (Treasurer), Rick Incorvati (Deacon), Vestry members, the Rev. Margaret Holt Sammons, the Parish Profile Committee, the Stewardship Committee, and the Rector Search Committee. I feel blessed to have experienced the faithful support of all of the members of our parish as we continue to do the work Christ Church has been called to do.

**Bonnie Shelburne**

## **Deacon Report**

The past year of transition at Christ Church has been a season of beginnings. In 2016, the youth baked cookies for exam-week care packages that went to each of the international students at Wittenberg University, and their interest in reaching out to diverse people grew in 2017 as they were instrumental in forming the Springfield Interfaith Youth Alliance. In just one year, this community group participated in the program for the annual Peace Walk (a tradition started by our Islamic friends at Masjid Al-Madina), they made it into the *Springfield News Sun* for their visit to Temple Shalom, and they received a standing ovation for their message at the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at High St. United Methodist Church. In the spirit of forming broad community, 2017 also saw Christ Church launch a Taize worship service that captured the spirit of the intentional community founded in Taize, France: the gathering (very ably guided by Rev. Margaret Sammons) was quiet, contemplative, and ecumenical. In the coming year, we'll share the hosting role with our friends at First Baptist Church and St. Raphael Catholic Church. This year saw new outreach support go to Welcome Springfield (an immigrant advocacy organization spearheaded by Pastor Carl Ruby at Central Christian Church), the Young Woman's Mission (an outreach which has long enjoyed the support of Christ Church parishioners), and the Freedom School (a 6-week summer reading program organized by Covenant United Methodist Church). Over the past year Christ Church also deepened its involvement in the Promise Neighborhood by participating in the fall Promise Festival, by donating candy to the Halloween celebration, and by teaming up with Covenant Presbyterian Church in supporting the Christmas Store and the Christmas Banquet. I've also continued to support our local LGBTQ community through Equality Springfield's involvement in the annual Pride Festival, a billboard campaign, and ongoing dialogue with City Hall in the hopes of gaining nondiscrimination protection in Springfield.

## **The Rev. Rick Incorvati**

### **Junior Warden**

#### **2017 Major Projects Completed**

1. New Internet Router, Wiring and Access Points in Church and Hollenbeck to provide internet service throughout buildings.
2. Tile Floor Repaired near Chapel
3. Exterior Masonry Repair and Waterproofing – west wall church, west wall Hollenbeck
4. Powerwash East Entrance Wall and repair east chancel windows
5. Bell Tower Repairs – downspout, flashing, watersealing
6. Parking Lot Repairs/Sealing – repairs completed in fall, sealing to occur in spring 2018
7. Replaced Furnace servicing east side of sanctuary
8. 2 Productive Outdoor Work Days in Spring and Fall
9. Tablet for Ushers to view security cameras/parking lot/doors during service.

#### **2018 Major Projects to Consider**

1. Choir Room and Sacristy Air Conditioning Upgrade – quote received
2. Organ Work: Chimes Upgrade and Bellows Replacement

## **Dana Waggoner**

## **Endowment Fund Annual Report for 2017**

### **Finance Committee**

I am honored to report to you as chairman of our Finance Committee. The past year was an excellent year for endowment fund earnings. The total market value of the endowment increased about 12% due to stock market gains. We did not receive any new gifts to the Endowment Fund this year.

It is the Finance Committee's responsibility to safeguard the donations and contributions of parishioners and previous generations of the Christ Church family. We provide advice to the Vestry concerning the financing of capital improvement projects, and provide support for the annual operating budget. I am proud to report that we have been faithful in performing this task. I would like to thank the other members of the committee, Dan McGregor, Ted DeLong, Ken Bladh, and myself.

The Finance Committee would like to thank Jim Kreckman and the trust department at Security Bank for their assistance in successfully navigating a good investment year.

I would like to bring your attention to the Bushnell Society of Christ Church. The Bushnell Society recognizes those of all generations who make a financial provision for Christ Church through a planned gift. We honor and thank those who have chosen to become members of the Bushnell Society. Please view the Bushnell Society plaque in the Parish Hall to honor those who have remembered & supported Christ Church Endowment fund with financial gifts. If you would like additional information, please contact me or any member of the Finance Committee.

**Respectfully,**  
**Scott Yeazell [scott@triec.com](mailto:scott@triec.com)**  
**Chairman Committee**



## **EDUCATION**

### **Christian Education-Children and Youth**

The High School classes are led by Judy Johnson; this class meets in Youth Room. They are looking at Scripture stories that will help them understand biblical allusions in texts used in advanced English classes. The Middle Grades classes are led by Chris Oldstone-Moore; this class meets in the Youth room immediately following the 10 am service. The Middle Grades class are exploring and focusing on bible study and spiritual growth. A special thank you to all the parents that volunteer to be the second adult and send in treats!

### **Kelly Zeller**

### **Nursery**

We are blessed with two Wittenberg University students in the Nursey. Kayla is studying computer science and mathematics. Kayla has been with Christ Church for three years and does an amazing job with the kids. Rebecca Watkins is studying early childhood education. She has lots of experience with children through internship programs. Rebecca has been with Christ Church for two years and does a great job!

### **Kelly Zeller**

### **Flash Compline and Pub Theology 2.0**

Compline is a brief service of prayers to end the day, and as weather allows, we are holding these under a streetlight on City Hall Plaza, at 7 pm on a Thursday evening. We then go across the street to Seasons Bistro and Grill for thoughtful conversation, on topics like how/what do we pray for the difficult people in our lives. Please join us, and bring a friend!

### **Children's Chapel**

Children's Chapel occurs during the Liturgy of the Word on Sunday mornings during the 10 am service. Children in kindergarten through third grade are invited to the chapel to hear and experience the gospel lesson for the day in a way that is age appropriate and fun for them. Children's chapel always includes a story, and then might also include a song, craft, game or other activity to help the lesson come alive for the children. Each week, one adult is the leader and another adult is the second person. Many thanks to Lori Swafford, Audra Trillana, Cathy Waggoner, Mark Brooks Hedstrom, and Karen Carter, for the wonderful ministry they provide.

### **Kelly Zeller**

## **OUTREACH**

### **Outreach Ministry Team, Off Campus**

During 2017 Christ Church continued to serve food at the Rainbow table and Interfaith Hospitality Network. Members from church formed groups to serve dinner together. With the cold weather, the need is great. We continued our support for The Springfield Peace Center, Springfield Farmer's Market, and Clark County Literacy Coalition. If you would like more information about any of our Outreach Programs, please contact me.

**Lori Swafford**

### **Outreach Financials**

Christ Church's 2017 outreach for financial support of outside organizations (account 5030) and special projects (5040) was \$6,850 and \$4,895 respectively. Two general guidelines direct where these moneys go: to organizations where the amount of our donation makes a real difference and where Christ church people are applying their own time, talent and/or treasure. This year the selection committee continued support to The Literacy Center, The Peace Center, Children's Rescue Center (The Ark), The Fuller Center for Housing, Rainbow Table, Project Woman, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Springfield Farmer's Market, Springfield YMCA, The Episcopal Community Services Foundation (ECSF), Shawnee Place activities and gift cards, and Second Harvest. Vestry approved four new groups to receive grants: Interfaith Youth Group, Welcome Springfield, Freedom School, and Young Woman's Mission. Vestry approved contributions again this year for the Equality Springfield billboard and a table at the Pride event at the Bronze level. The parish also assisted a destitute family in the Hayward School district with a donation of household items (kid's beds, bedding, towels) on the recommendations of a parishioner and approval by Vestry.

The Episcopal Church Service Foundation operates under our diocese's umbrella but is supported financially by individual parishes. The Foundation receives grant requests and distributes the parishes' contributions according to the Foundation's criteria. In 2017, Christ Church contributed \$1,000 and received \$5000 in grants that were passed on to IHN and the Peace Center.

Personal contributions of time and talent by members of our congregation, in addition to the financial support, have benefited IHN, the Pantry, Rainbow Table, The Literacy Center, Promise Neighborhood, Shawnee Apartments and the Children's Rescue Center.

**Ken Bladh, Treasurer**

## **Food Pantry**

Christ Church Food Pantry had a very active year in 2017 and touched many lives in our congregation and community. This year the pantry was open the 3rd Wednesday of each month and served 1,522 (1,738 in 2017) clients, representing 4,997 (5,265 in 2016) people. We distributed 75,234 pounds (37.61 tons) of food. Most of the items distributed by our pantry are obtained through Second Harvest Food Bank of Clark, Champaign and Logan County and are either free or cost very little, helping keep our total expenses down. Brown paper bags are purchased from Save-a-Lot on Main Street at cost.

The congregation was very generous to the food pantry in 2017. We were able to distribute at least one roll of toilet paper to each household every month. Clients appreciate this item. We have at least one member of our congregation donate bars of soap each month. This is placed on our miscellaneous table also called "clients choice" along with all the other miscellaneous donations - canned goods, toothpaste, toothbrushes just to name a few items. Clients really appreciate this table.

Some items that would also be appreciated are: bags of sugar, laundry detergent, dish soap, feminine hygiene products and spices. Second Harvest Food Bank is encouraging all pantries to distribute food using the client choice distribution method whenever possible rather than pre-packed bags. I applied for a grant that was available as part of the affordable care act and we were awarded a new freezer and new refrigerator. These new ENERGY EFFICIENT appliances replaced very old pieces of equipment that had been donated used to the pantry. Our obligation is to become a more client choice pantry wherever possible. We are meeting this obligation by having much more available on our client choice table and by asking about protein preferences at time of check in of the client. We will continue to develop more ways to increase client choice. This method leads to greater client satisfaction and less food waste.

Thank you to those of you who contribute financially to the pantry. The pantry is funded solely by contributions, in 2017. The total income was \$5,204.67 and expenses were \$8,998.31. Money is required for purchase of the food and bags used every month. Would you consider donating a small amount each month based on the number of clients served? We served 77 households in January 2018 (a bitter cold day), consider giving \$0.10 per household - \$7.70.

Each month Anne Randolph spends hours lining up volunteers to work 1 or 2 shifts in the pantry. We continue to have a partnership with Covenant Presbyterian Church and they are a Godsend. Ginnie Estrop, from Covenant, recruit's drivers who go to Second Harvest Food Pantry on East Columbia Street to pick up and deliver the food two Wednesday mornings each month. Members of Christ Church and Covenant gather and unload large quantities of food in amazing time. Volunteers stay and help unwrap and prepare food for distribution.

Food pantry has many volunteer opportunities. The second Wednesday of each month starting at 9 am until about 10:00 am we need volunteers to help unload a few trucks and cars, take plastic off the flats. The third Wednesday of each month starting at 9 am until 2 pm there are various jobs to volunteer for including: interviewing clients, computer entry, hostess, bagging groceries, breaking down cardboard, making double bags, and helping clients take food to vehicle.

As we begin 2018, there are no indications of a decrease in clients. Each month our clients express great appreciation for the items we are able to provide. Our pantry gives very generously each month - nice protein choices and fresh produce whenever possible. Thank you to the Congregation of Christ Church for supporting this project in so many ways.

**Ann Chitkara**

**Literacy Center**

Christ Church donated \$133.28 in 2017 to the Springfield Literacy Center, located in the Old Public Library setting. with a small start of \$2.00 for 2018. Please save pennies and change, put in a plastic bag and deposit in collection plate. It will be forwarded to me. When I collect 25.00 or so, I send it to the Center. Thanks for all your help in this most worthwhile endeavor.

**Dodi Holmes****Kroger Plus Cards**

The total amount of rebates received from Kroger in 2017 was \$687.88. 4% of your Kroger purchases tied to your Kroger Plus Card, and designated to Christ Episcopal Church is received by the church as a rebate. If you would like to participate in this program, please contact the church office.

**Kelly Zeller****Shawnee Place Apartments Outreach**

During 2017 we hosted four birthday parties for the residents at the Shawnee Place Apartments on:

- Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 32 people attended
- Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 34 people attended
- Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 40 people attended
- Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 55 people attended.

In addition, our congregation provided \$25 gift cards for each of the residents as holiday gifts in December. The response to our outreach efforts has been very positive and we will continue this effort in 2018. Many thanks to all who have donated side dishes and helped serve at these events. As we continue to explore ways to interact with the residents, we will welcome any and all volunteers. Those who have participated in 2017 are: Joann Albright, George Anderson, Anita Beardsell, Ann Chitkara, Dodi Holmes, Justin Lehman, Sally Schwarz, Joyce Spangler, Marj Vasileff, Stacy Whitt, Bill and Laura Yeazell and Gwen Scheffel.

**Gwen Scheffel**

## **HOSPITALITY**

### **Early Coffee Hours**

After the 8 am service, parishioners meet in the Guild Room to enjoy coffee and other delicious treats. The best part though is the fellowship. Hosts are Joann Albright, Gwen Scheffel, Dodi Holmes, Ann Chitkara, Dawn and Jack Ivy, Sharon Wells and Marj Vasileff. Thanks to those who provide our lovely coffee hours. Each Coffee Hour is a special gift given to us by these wonderful, generous members. Please come join us. If you are interested in hosting a coffee hour, please let me know.

### **Marj Vasileff**

### **Coffee Hours following the 10am Service**

Coffee Hour is an important part of Christ Church's hospitality ministry. 10 o'clock hosts serve about once in a 1 1/2-month period. Our team is currently made up of Anita Beardsell, Stacy Whitt, Martha Chaney, Sally Schwartz, Kathleen Schubert and myself. Please know that what you serve does not have to be elaborate and can come from the cookie aisle of your favorite grocery store. Our goal is to provide a snack, not lunch. To aid in clean up, you have the choice of using either disposable coffee cups or china. If you are interested in becoming part of this rewarding ministry, please contact me at [937-767-9971](tel:937-767-9971) or at [kaydavid7485@att.net](mailto:kaydavid7485@att.net).

**Cheers,  
Kay Koeninger**

### **Pastoral Care**

The pastoral care team provides meals for parishioners who have been ill or had surgery. Soup and bread are also delivered to parishioners who need a little TLC. The team also visits people who are about to have surgery and offers prayers for them. If you like to cook or are interested in helping to meet the needs of members of our congregation when they are most vulnerable, please consider this ministry and contact Denise Wells.

### **Denise Wells**

### **Lunch Bunch**

This Christ Church lunch group continues to meet on the second Tuesday of each month at a different local restaurant. We have met at some very interesting places this year: O'Charley's, Teaberries, Mel-o-dee, The Mills Park Hotel, and Olympic Coney Island, just to name a few. It has been formed for men and women available during the day for lunch. New members are always welcome. Please contact Anita Beardsell if interested - we will provide a driver if necessary.

### **Anita Beardsell**

### **Peace and Patches Quilting Group**

After more than thirty years the quilting group is calling it quits, we have emptied our treasury as follows:

- \$255.04 Christ Church Food Pantry
- \$200.00 Interfaith Hospitality Network
- \$100.00 The Literacy Center
- \$100.00 The Heritage Center
- \$50.00 Springfield Peace Center
- \$50.00 Springfield Soup Kitchen

We will continue to meet Wednesday mornings at 9 am to work on individual projects. We welcome anyone interested in a little company to join us. Bring along your knitting, crocheting, beading, jewelry making or any craft you're interested in working on. Build friendships or pick up a new hobby and enjoy a laugh or two, we would love for you to join us.

### **Charlene Schreiber**

#### **Prayer Chain**

Christ Church has a Prayer Chain where you can submit your prayer requests. Your requests will be forwarded to members of the congregation who have offered to pray for you. New members of the Chain are always welcome. Please contact Anita Beardsell if you are interested.

### **Anita Beardsell**

#### **Shrove Tuesday and Talent Show**

Jokes, songs, skits, laughter and fellowship were the order of the day at The Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Talent Show in 2017. We came together as a parish family before we began our Lenten journey.

### **Chris Oldstone-Moore**

#### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Shawls are available at the East Entrance each Sunday and can be given to anyone in need of comfort in difficult times, such as surgery, bereavement, illness, etc. New members are welcome. If you would like to a part of this ministry to knit/crochet shawls, please contact me at [jahurley500@gmail.com](mailto:jahurley500@gmail.com).

### **Joan Hurley, Coordinator**

#### **Episcopal Church Women**

The remnants of the Episcopal Churchwomen met in the Parish hall for the Spring session. Our speaker was from the Heritage Center and lunch was catered. In September, we held a potluck luncheon in the home of Dodi Holmes to make plans for future meetings and general fellowship. Our December Christmas party was held at the home of Joanne Albright, with Anita Beardsell in charge of the program. Our lunch was catered. Any questions concerning our group should be directed to Juanita Artis.

### **Dodi Holmes**

## WORSHIP

### **8 am Ushers/Greeters**

Ron deLanglade, Barbara Gray, Sharon Wells, Gwen Scheffel, Dawn Ivy, Jack Ivy, Juanita Artis, Joann Albright and Justin Lehman served as ushers/greeters for the 8am service. This is a dedicated group that is very supportive of one another, and would welcome new members.

### **10 am Ushers**

I want to thank all of the Usher teams for their continued service to Christ Episcopal Church this past year. It has been another active year for the teams during our transition, and a pleasure to have worked with Margaret Holt Sammons and visiting clergy. Our new security camera monitoring of the East Entrance by the Ushers has worked well and will continue to evolve to insure the safety of the parking lot and access to the Church during the service.

We welcome new (or returning) members to join our Usher teams. Ushers greet everyone attending, hand out the service bulletins, take up the offering, assist the congregation during Communion, and generally assist the Clergy with the smooth running of our beautiful service. Duties are once a month and at our special services during Easter and Christmas. Please contact me at [arandolph6@aol.com](mailto:arandolph6@aol.com) or the office at [zellerk0611@gmail.com](mailto:zellerk0611@gmail.com) if you are interested.

Looking ahead, we are all excited to have Maggie become our rector and will be looking for guidance on new ideas for the Ushers and our ministry at Christ Church.

**My best,  
Angus Randolph**

### **10 am Greeters**

We are all greeters in the name of Christ as we introduce ourselves to someone we don't know and make visitors feel welcome. In addition, before the 10 am service assigned volunteers greet everyone as they enter the building, introduce themselves to visitors and provide assistance as needed. Greeters find that it's also a great way to meet other parishioners as well as newcomers. A big thank you to our current group of Greeters: Martha Chaney, Myra Dean Banion, and Claire Perks. It only takes 30 minutes of your time. We would love to have you join this simple yet meaningful ministry!

**Kelly Zeller**

### **Tellers**

The tellers of Christ Church serve week after week immediately after the 10am service to start processing the plate offerings. I want to thank the current tellers, Wayne Southward, Amil Anderson, Pat Duncan, Joan Hurley, Liz Wheeler, Marilyn Howat, Martha Chaney, and Dana Waggoner, for their continued diligence and devotion. If you would like more details about this ministry, please contact the church office.

**Kelly Zeller**

### **Acolytes**

Christ Church has a great group of Acolytes and the team captains are excellent! In 2017, we welcomed Katrina Dooley back and Miles Dooley joined this wonderful ministry. If you are in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade or above, and are interested in becoming an acolyte, please let me know. The acolytes work in four teams and serve every four weeks and for special services as needed and available. Thank you as well to Bill Yeazell, who serves faithfully every Sunday at the 8 am service.

### **Lay Eucharistic Visitors**

“I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, so that those to whom you go can share with us in the Body and Blood of Christ.” Our service often includes those words, as the deacon hands the box containing the Sacrament to one of Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEVs). This ministry is so important to our homebound parishioners, which helps them feel more connected to their parish family, and to Christ. Our current LEVs are Dodi Holmes, Christopher Wells, Anne Strothman.... If you are interested in this ministry, please let me know.

### **Oblation bearers**

One of the many wonderful customs at Christ Church is that the Children’s Chapel children carry the bread and wine to the altar at the offertory. Thank you to Anita Beardsell for assisting and organizing them each week.

### **Lectors**

Lectors read the Scripture lessons at both Sunday services, as well as at special services during the year. Youth can be lectors beginning in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The requirement for all lectors, regardless of age, is that they are able to read well in public, and are willing to prepare before the service. If you would like to become a lector, please let me know.

### **Chalice Bearers**

If you are interested in assisting during our worship service consider being a Chalice Bearer. We’re always looking of new recruits especially as lately the number of Chalice Bearers are somewhat down. If interested contact any one of us who are currently serving (someone is up there very Sunday assisting with Rick or Maggie) or contact me, Brian Shelburne. I’ve been a Chalice Bearer before and ever since coming to Christ Church Springfield and I still enjoy helping out.

### **Brian Shelburne**



### **Columbarium**

Our columbarium is located on the north and east walls of the Chapel of the Heavenly Rest in the church undercroft. A second unit was added to the existing columbarium during 2012. Together they have 120 niches constructed of aluminum with aluminum covers. Each niche is located in a group of four and is covered by a cast bronze plate with a leaf and vine design. Each of the two units is enclosed in an attractive walnut frame.

Five niches are still available in the original unit (east wall). Each niche costs \$300, which is a one-time cost. Fifty-eight niches are available in the new unit (north wall), each for \$500. These prices represent the actual cost to the parish of the two units at the time of their acquisition.

Those interested in purchasing one or more niches are invited to view the Christ Church Columbarium, and if you have questions, please feel free to the Church office. Viewings, by appointment, and sales, may be arranged through the Church Office.

### **Kelly Zeller**

#### **Altar Guild**

The Altar Guild is made up of four teams of ladies (men are welcome to participate) who each work one Saturday/Sunday morning each month to clean and set up the Chancel area for Sunday worship. We also work weddings, baptisms, and funerals. These ladies are very devoted to their work. If you would like to be a part of this vital group, please contact me at [jahnurley500@gmail.com](mailto:jahnurley500@gmail.com). No experience is necessary.

### **Joan Hurley, Directress**

## **The Music Program**

Having completed seventeen seasons as music director at Christ Episcopal Church, Dr. Christopher Durrenberger continues to provide musical leadership and musical offerings at regular scheduled worship services, funerals, memorials and weddings.

Special and regular worship services were enhanced with guest musicians again this year including the Wittenberg Brass Quintet for Easter. Musical offerings at the early Christmas Eve services were provided by cellist Paul Schubert, and Xavier Davenport on classical guitarist at the late service. Cathy Hasecke accompanied the choir each Sunday in Advent as our music director joined the offertory anthems on cello. Other special musicians included vocalists Joy Carter, Sarah Schubert, classical guitarists Jeff Carter and Greg Sammons, and guest organist, Tim Utterback.

The Christ Church Choir continues their loyal service providing music for regular and special worship services. Please contact Chris or Maggie if interested in joining this enriching ensemble!

### **2017 Christ Church Choir**

<u>Sopranos</u>	<u>Altos</u>	<u>Tenors</u>	<u>Bass/Baritone</u>
Marilyn Howat	Liz Wheeler	Chris Oldstone-Moore	Ed Hasecke
Joy Carter	Emily Hasecke	Amil Anderson	Fred Bartenstein
Joan Hurley		Jake Studebaker	

**Christ Episcopal Church  
Necrology**

Rosemma C. Anderson

March 20, 2017

Scott Alan Warren

April 8, 2017

Jack Neil Speer

October 15, 2017

I am resurrection, and I am Life, says the Lord.  
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,  
even though he die.