

Episcopal
141th Annual Parish Meeting
Church of the Redeemer

Coleman Memorial Parish Hall
January 28, 2018

Our Mission Statement

The Church of the Redeemer sees its primary mission

- *To Live a life of faith in the God who loves and cares for everyone.*
- *To Follow in the example and teaching of our Lord, Jesus Christ*
- *To Share God with the world, through our words and actions.*

To Live. To Follow. To Share God

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Minutes of the 140th Annual Meeting of the Church of the Redeemer January 29, 2017

The 140th Annual Meeting of the Church of the Redeemer, Sayre, PA was called to order by Senior Warden, Gretchen Rentschler following a covered dish luncheon. Deacon Hazel Hunt opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes: The minutes of the Annual Meeting of January 31, 2016 were reviewed. Betsy Schumacher made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Jim Shay seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Reports

Nominating Committee: Bruce Carpenter made a motion to accept the nominating committees slate and Kay Shay seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The following were elected to serve on Vestry.

Chuck Preston, Treasurer

Linda Murrelle, Clerk

Kim Davenport, George Lewis and Amy Murrelle to serve three-year terms.

Parish Register – Report reviewed.

Deacon's Report- Report reviewed.

Senior Warden's Report - Gretchen Rentschler announced that we do have a Priest and she will start in April. We will be sharing with St. John Lutheran Church.

Junior Warden's Report- Tracy Schamel reported that he would be stepping down from Vestry this year and wanted to thank all for the help he received in maintaining our church building and grounds.

Financial Reports – Chuck Preston answered questions about our accounts and presented our P&L statement for the year. Jim Shay made a motion to accept the report as presented and Bruce Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2017 Budget-Chuck Preston presented the budget and after some discussion Bruce Carpenter made a motion to accept the budget as presented and Jim Shay seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Hollingshead Educational Fund- Report reviewed.

Memorial Committee – Phoebe Marshall thanked our secretary Jerry Evans for her help.

Bereavement Committee – Report reviewed. Kay Shay said that there was three funeral luncheons provided in 2016 and that anyone wishing to serve on this committee see her or Ruth Barber.

Columbarium Report – Report reviewed.

Souper Bowl Sunday – Report reviewed.

Valley Food Pantry – Report reviewed.

Rummage Sales – Report reviewed.

UTO – Report reviewed.

Community Dinner – Report reviewed.

The Bridge & The Red Door – Report reviewed.

St. Mary's Guild- Glenda Hinsman announced that the group of women who chaired the annual bazaar are stepping down from that position. If no one steps up for this the bazaar will be cancelled. This would mean St. Mary's would not be able to donate to the church.

Liturgy, Worship, Altar Guild- Report reviewed.

Sunday Ministries – Report reviewed.

Redeemer Choir – Report reviewed.

Sunday School – Report reviewed.

Troup 4019 –Report reviewed.

Special luncheon to be held for our supply Priest, Trula Hollywood. Alice Bennett and Glenda Hinsman will be in charge of selecting a gift and Linda Murrelle, Margaret Cole and Debbie Zurn will be in charge of the luncheon.

Thank You – John Hinsman thanked Jim and Kay Shay for their many contributions to our church. Jim Shay made a motion to adjourn- motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Murrelle, Clerk of the Vestry

Nominating Committee Report 2017

A change in Diocesan canons (laws) requires all parishes to have the same by-laws which the Diocese provides. This change came into effect last November. This change affects who may serve on Vestry and in what capacity. Effective immediately, all parish officers (wardens, clerk and treasurer) serve one-year terms and are appointed by the Vestry (as opposed to elected by the congregation.)

Wardens must also be elected to a three-year Vestry term. The clerk and treasurer MAY be elected to the Vestry or be appointed by the Vestry. If they are simply appointed, they do not serve as Vestry members. Without the Bishop's express permission, family members may not serve simultaneously on the Vestry or as Officers nor can family members of parish staff.

| Current Vestry | Elected | Term Expires | |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------|------|
| Gretchen Rentschler | 2015 | Jan | 2018 |
| Rick Rhodes | 2015 | Jan | 2018 |
| Margaret Cole | 2016 | Jan | 2018 |
| Terri House | 2016 | Jan | 2019 |
| Alice Bennett | 2016 | Jan | 2019 |
| Bruce Carpenter | 2016 | Jan | 2020 |
| Amy Murrelle | 2017 | Jan | 2020 |
| George Lewis | 2017 | Jan | 2020 |
| Kim Davenport | 2017 | Jan | 2020 |

Parish Officers: Gretchen Rentschler, Senior Warden; George Lewis, Junior Warden (since resigned); Linda Murrelle, Clerk; Chuck Preston, Treasurer.

Those nominated to run this year for 3-year Vestry terms are: **Doreen Marshall, Chuck Preston and Linda Murrelle**. There are **three** vacancies on the Vestry and voting will be by ballot. Nominations from the floor of Annual Meeting are always accepted with the stipulations that the proposed candidate is eligible for election (who are at least 18 years of age, who are regular attendants at the services of the parish, and who are regular contributors for the six months preceding the meeting to the support of the parish, and are physically present at the meeting.) Please ensure that the candidate is willing to serve if elected.

From the Parish Register 2017

Total Baptized members

(Members in 2016 it was 179 and in 2017 it was 181)

The average Saturday/Sunday attendance for 2016 was

(In 2016 it was 57 and in 2017 it was 47)

Easter attendance was

(In 2016 it was 142 and in 2017 it was 167)

Christmas attendance was

(In 2016 it was 102 and in 2017 it was 97)

Marriages – 3

Confirmations – 0

Baptisms - 3

Funerals – 6

Number of Services in 2017

Saturday/Sunday HE – 108

Evening Prayer – 6

Private HE - 9

Priest-in-Charge Report 2017

At our Annual Meeting on Sunday January 28, 2018, we have an opportunity to reflect on 2017. We will gather together to worship God and as part of our worship assess where we have been, where we are now and where we want to go. The question we need to continually keep in mind is **why?** Why do we find ourselves in this place, at this time? Why do we want to realize a particular vision or implement a particular goal? Why do we come here week after week? Knowing “why,” helps us figure out what we might do, whether something is worth pursuing, how we will do it, and when we will do it.

Our mission statement gives us an answer to “why”: ‘to live, to follow, to share God’ As a newcomer I see us live into our mission statement in a variety of ways. Our members are passionate about our faith community in all aspects of our life. Our altar guild is very faithful in setting up three services a week, plus weddings, funerals and all the holidays. We have reliable readers, chalice bearers, ushers, greeters, choir and acolytes. All of these people are working toward glorious worship of God. Sidewalks get cleared, lawns mowed, pews moved, decorations put up and taken down by our dedicated members.

Our children are well cared for in our formation program (otherwise known as Sunday School) and in Youth Group. The adults work tirelessly in helping our children grow in faith as well as have fun. Additionally, we met a need by sponsoring a new Cub Scout pack, in addition to our sponsorship of a Boy Scout Troop. We give back to our community in our monthly Community Supper, in the Street Faire, and at our rummage sale and Fall Fair. Faith and Fellowship combine at St. Mary’s Guild. A new initiative began in the summer “Healthy Foods/Healthy Families” an informal partnership among many in our community, in order to bring healthy foods to families in need. When I pay attention, it is very easy to see our members live into our mission statement with examples too numerous to contain in this report.

We remain blessed with our staff. Marcella Chaykosky works with a small but joyful group of singers, choosing anthems that the group can easily sing as they praise God. Maria Layton makes our building sparkle and is a willing set of hands for the many groups that meet in our facility. John Paul Jones trouble shoots our many systems, ever mindful of keeping costs down and often finding a creative solution to a malfunctioning boiler or light when a part is not available. Geraldine Evans remains at the operational heart of Redeemer, the cheerful voice at the end of the telephone, the kind presence when parishioners or Bridge clients stop by, the creator of bulletins, schedules and all things church. We are lucky to have long-term staff who enjoy their work. love our people and work well together.

Additionally, our congregation is bold and brave. In addition to making the decision to share a clergy person with St. John Lutheran Church, the Vestry bit the bullet and put on a new roof. Our Junior Warden, George Lewis shepherded this project to completion. He also tackled painting trim and refinishing doors, saving the parish considerable expense. Our Senior Warden, Gretchen Rentschler has served a longer than usual term on the Vestry to provide continuity to the parish during an unexpected clergy vacancy. The job isn't easy and Gretchen made the best of it. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Gretchen.

In the nine months that I have been with you, I see a hopeful vitality in our parish. We are living into our partnership with St. John, sharing our clergy, some of our worship (such as Holy Week), and our fellowship, gathering monthly at St. John for Gather, Eat, Pray, a multi-generational potluck with a formation activity. Some of our parishioners join the other parish for regular Sunday worship. We are getting comfortable with one another. Part of making this bold move is having faith that we will do more than just survive; we will thrive.

Thriving means building on the strengths already apparent in the parish. Lay leadership here is extraordinary, and we are blessed to have such talented, dedicated people here in service to our Lord and parish. Sustaining this level of leadership and lay involvement is critical to the continued vitality of Redeemer. Thriving means a willingness to try new things, such as our (nearly) monthly Gather, Eat, Pray worship/fellowship time. Thriving means also being willing to fail. Thriving requires us to seek out new ways to measure success. Rather than measuring how many people came on Sunday, let's measure our impact on our community. Rather than count the kids in Sunday School, let's measure whether we've provided opportunities and resources for children to learn about our Lord. Continuing to thrive means that we understand that we are also in a season of renewal and rebuilding – a years long process requiring us to recognize and celebrate smaller achievements along the way.

For the first six month in 2018 I plan on concentrating on building a joint youth group between the two parishes. The upcoming Lutheran Youth Gathering in Houston ought to be the spark that ignites some passion for our Youth. I will also be preparing most of our youth for baptism or confirmation in April. Additionally, I am working with some members of the Valley Clergy Association to create a Christ-centered grief support group. I look forward to seeing what the Holy Spirit accomplishes with all of our help.

Listed below here are some of the activities I performed in 2017:

1. Ministry of Worship
 - a. Prepared for and lead worship service
 - b. Prepared for and officiated at 2 weddings and several funerals
 - c. Prepared and delivered sermons
 - d. Conducted wedding rehearsals
2. Ministry of Visitation/Counseling
 - a. Performed general visits
 - b. Performed hospital visits
 - c. Performed shut-in visits
 - d. Performed pre-baptismal counseling visits
 - e. Performed pre-marital counseling visits using Prepare/Enrich
 - f. Performed bereavement visits

- g. Performed pastoral counseling visits
- 3. Ministry of Education/Youth
 - a. Participated in Vacation Bible School
 - b. Agape/Picnic – Gather, Eat, Pray
 - c. Drop by Sunday School most Sundays
- 4. Ministry of Administration
 - a. General office-type duties
 - b. Attended meetings of various committees, Vestry, etc.
- 5. Ministry to the Church-at-Large
 - a. Attend monthly regional clergy meetings
 - b. Attend monthly Valley Clergy Association
 - c. Attend meetings at the Diocese
 - d. Adult leader at Connect Youth Event
- 6. Ministry to Family & Self
 - a. Saturdays are generally “time off” as well as a portion of most Fridays. I have also time off to move as well as a few days after Christmas. A week in Florida awaits me!
 - b. Bible Study and daily prayer

Respectfully Submitted,
 The Rev. Melinda M. Artman
 Priest-in-Charge

Rev. Hazel Hunt Assistant Priest Report

It has been an interesting year at the Church of the Redeemer. We have a new Priest. She and I have been able to work together. Hopefully that will continue for a long time. During 2017 I have celebrated 42 services. Preached at some, not at others. These services were both Saturday and Sunday services. I was also clergy for 2 funerals and I did supply for other churches as some priests were on vacation while others had no priest.

Respectfully submitted
 The Rev. Hazel B. Hunt

Senior Warden’s Report 2017

As the year 2017 began I thought how fortunate I was that we had supportive and reliable parishioners who I knew would continue to do their thing as they had been doing for the last six months. I thank you for your support. I was feeling optimistic that the search committee would be successful and that we would soon have a candidate to fill our pulpit and in April we welcomed Melinda to be our priest. Thanks be to God.

One of our major accomplishments this past year was finally getting the church roof replaced. No more leaking. However, there is much more that needs to be done to maintain our beautiful church. There is a committee to determine what should be done next and another committee to figure out how to fund the project. What does this mean for each one of us? It means we need your physical presence and continued support for you are the heart and life of this church. There are many ways that you can be involved in the life of this church.

You can help with Sunday school and vacation bible school. You can help with the monthly community supper. Join St. Mary's or help with the street fair. These are just a few ways that you can be involved, and you will have fun. Maybe you have an idea for another outreach program. Share your thoughts and ideas. Be involved in our worship and church programs and support our youth for they are our future. The essence of my message is that you should be involved.

It has been an honor to be your Senior Warden, but I must admit I won't miss having to write a Senior Warden report.

Respectfully Submitted
Gretchen Rentschler
Senior Warden

Junior Warden's Report 2017

A number of improvements were made at the church this year. The most notable improvement is the replacement of the roof. Bids were solicited and BSR of Binghamton was selected as our contractor. They removed the slate, replaced underlayment where necessary, and installed new gutters. We anticipate that this action by the Vestry resolves the water leakage issues we've experienced over the last several years. While we contract to have the parking lot plowed in the winter, all of the outside maintenance of the grounds is done by parishioners.

A big thank you goes to all those volunteers. Last winter Tracy Schamel did the bulk of the snow blowing and shoveling of the walks; often coming at 6am before he went to work. Jim Shay and Bruce Carpenter also lent a hand. Throughout the summer Glenn Murrelle, Tracy Schamel, George Lewis, Chuck Preston, Paul Polzella, Jim Shay, Rick Rhodes, Bob & Margaret Cole and Bruce & Rose Carpenter saw to it the lawn was mowed and trimmed. In April we had a work bee to clean out and weed all of the flower beds. (My apologies for not having a list of those who helped at the work bee.)

Finally, a huge thank you to Glenn Murrelle for trimming and pruning all the bushes and trees. Every summer he spends hours and hours making the ground look beautiful. During June and July two hard working high schoolers, Jack Houser and Daniel Joyce, were hired to paint the trim on the first-floor windows. Matching the color to the upper story windows was difficult and a second coat was placed on the windows to more closely match the existing windows. Two sets of doors were sanded and refinished. This was very labor intensive and by doing this job ourselves we saved many thousands of dollars.

We need to take care of the plaster on the north side of the church and we are in contact with a couple of contractors, one of whom has submitted an attractive bid. Through our insurance company, we will be repairing our organ and repainting the interior of the church. Our building is kept in clean condition by Maria Layton, our sexton. She works very hard on our behalf and is always willing to set up for an event, make sure that all tables and chairs are cleaned before being stored, and makes sure our sign has a worthwhile message.

This year the roof project put even more demands on her. Many might not know that during the roof project Maria came in Sunday mornings to make sure all the grit and dust that naturally fell into the church was cleaned up so that we could continue to use the main sanctuary. Our first line of defense is always our Parish Administrator, Geraldine Evans. She was the daily point person for any roofing issues during the construction project as well as the point of contact for groups using our building.

General care and maintenance of our systems continues to be well cared for by John Paul Jones. We have been in contact with security firms and telephone companies about upgrading our systems as our current systems are aging and parts are difficult to impossible to come by. Vestry would like to thank George Lewis for all he did as Junior Warden. Again, apologizes to anyone we failed to mention. Respectfully submitted:
Melinda M. Artman and Bruce Carpenter on behalf of
George Lewis (former) Junior Warden

Financial Reports for 2017

2017 Ending Balances of Parish Accounts (as of 12/31/17)

| Fund/Account | 2016 | 2017 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| Altar Guild Account | \$11,808.04 | \$7,017.88 |
| General Fund Checking | \$66,626.68 | \$143,572.31 |
| Non-Parishioner Rector Discretionary Fund | \$817.08 | \$2,826.67 |
| Guthrie/Meyer Parishioner Discretionary Account | \$1,144.27 | \$2,918.32 |
| Hollingshead/Williams Market-tied CD | \$9,656.03 | \$9,921.46 |
| Hollingshead/Williams Student Loan Fund | \$11,914.78 | \$13,580.24 |
| Memorial Fund | \$6,344.44 | \$6,936.92 |
| Capital Funds Account | \$2,153.74 | \$54.72 |
| Community Super Funds | No Figure Given | \$3406.58 |
| St. Mary's Guild (checking) | \$6,067.36 | \$5,679.61 |
| St. Mary's Guild (savings) | \$4,832.45 | \$5,340.66 |
| Sunday School Fundraisers (restricted) | No Figure Given | \$1853.39 |
| Youth Group Checking | \$963.71 | \$1,867.21 |
| Youth Group Fund Raising (restricted) | No Figure Given | \$457.16 |
| Funds in Diocesan Investment Trust (DIT) | 2016 | 2017 |
| Mary Packer Cummings DIT Trust #217 | \$486,284.74 | \$506,145.26 |
| Guthrie Discretionary DIT Trust No. 230 (Restricted) | \$24,108.73 | \$26,485.93 |
| Bea Meyer Discretionary Fund No. 231 (Restricted) | \$9,627.85 | \$10,574.64 |
| General Unrestricted DIT Fund No. 232 | No Given Figure | \$40,255.74 |
| Guthrie/Baker Unrestricted DIT Fund No. 245 | \$239,973.27 | \$263,635.46 |
| Stevens Discretionary DIT Trust No. 288 (Restricted) | \$9,306.35 | \$10,223.97 |
| Stevens General DIT Trust No. 289 | \$9,306.35 | \$10,223.97 |
| Samuel J. Kresge Trust No. 242 | \$68,943.17 | \$75,741.22 |
| Total Principle in DIT & Investment Accounts | \$ | \$ |
| Annual Revenues from Trust Accounts not in DIT | | |
| Dorothy Tozer Miller Memorial Trust proceeds | \$3,995.16 | \$4,416.94 |
| Ruth Tozer Bixby Trust proceeds | \$8,454.36 | No Given Figure |
| Kresge Trust proceeds (restricted for music) | \$2,600.67 | \$2,791.18 |

Treasurer Report

The big undertaking of the last year has been the roof project and coming up with the money to pay for it. We started with \$56,391.71 in the checking account and ended with \$54,865.64 in the account, but we also through the year moved the altar funds into the main account which is roughly \$7,000.00. So now along with Sunday school fundraising and the Community Supper funds which are restricted and cannot be used this leaves us with a balance of \$42,130.63 to use for everyday bills and expenses.

To pay for the roof we received the following monies: \$2,000.00 from St. Mary's, \$2,100.00 from the Capital Fund, \$5,000.00 from the Altar Guild, \$25,000.00 from the Diocese and we voted to use \$40,000.00 from our General fund as well as various gifts give from people that totaled \$1,200.00 This gave us a total amount of \$74,150.00, the bill however was a total of \$88,000.00 leaving us about \$14,000.00 short so we needed to borrow an additional \$25,000.00 from one of our DIT funds that we voted to pay back as soon as possible to keep solvent and not touch restricted parts of the general fund which is tracked in separate items outside of the general budget so that we always know what is restricted and cannot be touched.

Also \$13,000.00 in the general fund is insurance reimbursement for the water damage to the church from the roof. Paying our full Diocesan Assessment dues and various other additional expenses led us to being \$26,000.00 in the hole on the budget. As you can see it was a tough year financially.

Respectfully submitted
Charles Preston
Treasurer

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual 2017

| End of Year General Fund Balance for 2016 | \$56,391.71 | | |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| January through December 2017 | | | |
| | <u>Jan.-Dec 17</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>\$ Over Budget</u> |
| Investment Income | | | |
| Bixby Trust General Revenues | \$7,778.85 | \$9,000.00 | -\$1,221.15 |
| DIT Quarterly Draw Down | \$25,000.00 | | |
| Total DIT Revenues | \$36,056.84 | \$30,000.00 | \$6,056.84 |
| Kresge Revenues | \$2,730.39 | \$2,500.00 | \$230.39 |
| Tozer Miller Fund | <u>\$3,897.24</u> | <u>\$3,800.00</u> | <u>\$97.24</u> |
| Total Investment Income | <u>\$75,463.32</u> | <u>\$45,300.00</u> | <u>\$30,163.32</u> |
| Open Plate Income | \$2,496.17 | \$3,000.00 | -\$503.83 |
| Other Parish Income | | | |
| Church Faire Income | \$5,227.01 | | |
| Flower Income | \$6.00 | | |
| General Fund Memorial Donations | \$75.00 | | |
| Gifts | \$13,015.00 | | |
| Insurance Reimbursement | \$13,749.36 | | |
| Roof Income | \$25,050.00 | | |
| Other Parish Income | <u>\$617.69</u> | <u>\$10,000.00</u> | <u>-\$9,382.31</u> |
| Total Parish Income | <u>\$58,879.96</u> | <u>\$10,000.00</u> | <u>\$48,879.96</u> |
| Pledge Income | \$71,360.66 | \$75,000.00 | -\$3,639.34 |
| Special Day Offerings | \$2,664.00 | \$3,000.00 | -\$336.00 |
| Special Events | <u>\$600.00</u> | <u>\$100.00</u> | <u>\$500.00</u> |
| Total Income | <u>\$211,464.11</u> | <u>\$136,400.00</u> | <u>\$75,064.11</u> |

Expenses

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Building Expense | | | |
| Kitchen Supplies | \$59.31 | | |
| Repairs & Maintenance | | | |
| Building Contracts Expense | \$1,043.00 | \$900.00 | \$143.00 |
| Maintenance Services | \$3,210.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$710.00 |
| Other Repairs & Maint. | <u>\$5,131.72</u> | <u>\$2,300.00</u> | <u>\$2,831.72</u> |
| Total Repairs & Maint. | \$9,384.72 | \$5,700.00 | \$3,684.72 |
| Roof Expense | \$86,745.03 | | |
| Sexton Supplies | \$489.73 | \$500.00 | -\$10.27 |
| Snow Removal | \$1,761.69 | \$2,000.00 | -\$238.31 |
| Utilities | | | |
| Alarm System | \$297.00 | \$300.00 | -\$3.00 |
| Computer Internet | \$869.64 | \$800.00 | \$69.64 |
| Electric | \$3,457.96 | \$3,200.00 | \$257.96 |
| Heating | \$3,402.00 | \$4,000.00 | -\$598.00 |
| Sewer | \$548.00 | \$550.00 | -\$2.00 |
| Telephone | \$795.21 | \$675.00 | \$120.21 |
| Water | <u>\$766.30</u> | <u>\$735.00</u> | <u>\$31.30</u> |
| Total Utilities | <u>\$10,136.11</u> | <u>\$10,260.00</u> | <u>-\$123.89</u> |
| Total Building Expenses | \$108,576.59 | \$18,460.00 | \$90,116.59 |
| Christian Education | | | |
| Adult Education | \$0.00 | \$100.00 | -\$100.00 |
| Sunday School Expenses | \$296.45 | \$400.00 | -\$103.55 |
| VBS Expenses | \$612.25 | \$400.00 | \$212.25 |
| Youth Expenses | \$67.90 | \$100.00 | -\$32.10 |
| Other | <u>\$0.00</u> | <u>\$100.00</u> | <u>-\$100.00</u> |
| Total Christian Education | \$976.60 | \$1,100.00 | -\$123.40 |
| Clergy Expenses | | | |
| Education Allowance | \$248.00 | \$250.00 | -\$2.00 |
| Health Insurance | \$7,668.00 | \$10,837.00 | -\$3,169.00 |
| Housing Allowance | \$7,245.00 | \$9,660.00 | -\$2,415.00 |
| Life Insurance | -\$94.28 | \$100.00 | -\$194.28 |
| Other Clergy Expenses | \$0.00 | \$5,000.00 | -\$5,000.00 |
| Pension Contribution | \$7,445.81 | \$5,941.00 | \$1,504.81 |
| Rector Search | \$104.60 | \$1,000.00 | -\$895.40 |
| Self Employment Tax | | | |
| Reimbursement | \$1,759.14 | \$2,345.00 | -\$585.86 |
| Supply Priests | \$3,960.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$960.00 |
| Travel Allowance | \$2,770.65 | \$5,000.00 | -\$2,229.35 |
| Clergy Moving Expenses | <u>\$3,767.86</u> | | |
| Total Clergy Expenses | \$34,874.78 | \$43,133.00 | -\$8,258.22 |
| Diocesan Expenses | | | |
| Diocesan Assessment | \$24,603.00 | \$18,000.00 | \$6,603.00 |
| Diocesan Convention | <u>\$891.96</u> | <u>\$1,200.00</u> | <u>-\$308.04</u> |
| Total Diocesan Expenses | \$25,494.96 | \$19,200.00 | \$6,294.96 |
| Fellowship | \$36.15 | \$100.00 | -\$63.85 |
| Total Insurance Expense | \$9,567.28 | \$9,200.00 | \$367.28 |
| Music Expenses | | | |

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|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Supply Organist | \$300.00 | \$300.00 | \$0.00 |
| Music Expenses Other | \$1,221.00 | \$800.00 | \$421.00 |
| Total Music Expenses | \$1,521.00 | \$1,100.00 | \$421.00 |
| Other Parish Expenses | \$2,677.53 | | |
| Total Outreach | \$-65.00 | \$100.00 | \$-165.00 |
| Parish Administrative Expenses | | | |
| Advertising | \$122.50 | \$125.00 | \$-2.50 |
| Computer Expenses | \$312.74 | \$400.00 | \$-87.26 |
| Copier Expense | \$478.24 | \$600.00 | \$-127.76 |
| Dues & Subscriptions | \$880.55 | \$750.00 | \$130.55 |
| Office Supplies | \$1,581.05 | \$2,000.00 | \$-418.95 |
| Postage & Delivery | \$1,438.05 | \$1,675.00 | \$-236.95 |
| Total Administrative Expenses | \$4,813.13 | \$5,550.00 | \$-736.87 |
| Payroll Expenses | | | |
| Secretary Pension | \$2,835.11 | | |
| Payroll Expenses Other | \$1,633.64 | \$1,700.00 | \$-66.36 |
| Total Payroll Expenses | \$4,468.75 | \$1,700.00 | \$2,768.75 |
| Salaries | | | |
| Organist | \$7,285.00 | \$8,835.00 | \$-1,550.00 |
| Parish Administrator | \$11,571.04 | \$12,000.00 | \$-428.96 |
| Rector | \$15,750.00 | \$21,000.00 | \$-5,250.00 |
| Sexton | \$9,783.80 | \$9,800.00 | \$-16.20 |
| Total Salaries | \$44,389.84 | \$51,635.00 | \$-7,245.16 |
| Stewardship | \$0.00 | \$50.00 | \$-50.00 |
| Total Worship | \$264.53 | \$200.00 | \$64.53 |
| Total Expenses | \$237,596.14 | \$151,528.00 | \$86,068.14 |
| Net Income | \$-26,132.03 | \$-15,128.00 | \$-11,004.03 |
| End of Year General Fund Balance | | | \$54,865.64 |
| Restricted Amounts in General Fund December 2016 | | | \$4,491.88 |
| Restricted Amounts in General Fund December 2017 | | | \$12,735.01 |

| | 2017 Budget | Changes | 2018 Budget | 2017 Actuals |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Income | | | | |
| Investment Income | | | | \$25,000.00 |
| Bixby Trust | \$9,000.00 | \$(1,000.00) | \$8,000.00 | \$7,778.85 |
| DIT Revenues | \$30,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$35,000.00 | \$36,056.84 |
| Kresge Revenues | \$2,500.00 | \$200.00 | \$2,700.00 | \$2,730.00 |
| Tozer Miller Fund | \$3,800.00 | \$-00 | \$3,800.00 | \$3,897.24 |
| Open Plate Income | \$3,000.00 | \$-00 | \$3,000.00 | \$2,496.17 |
| Other Parish Income | \$10,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$11,000.00 | \$58,879.96 |
| Pledge Income | \$75,000.00 | \$(5,00.00) | \$70,000.00 | \$71,360.66 |
| Special Day Offerings | \$3,000.00 | \$(300.00) | \$2,700.00 | \$2,664.00 |
| Special Events | \$100.00 | \$400.00 | \$500.00 | \$600.00 |
| Total Income | \$136,400.00 | \$300.00 | \$136,700.00 | \$211,464.11 |

| | 2017 Budget | Changes | 2018 Budget | 2017 Actuals |
|------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Expenses | | | | |
| Building Expenses: | | | | \$86,745.03 |
| Repairs & Maintenance | \$2,300.00 | \$17,700.00 | \$20,000.00 | \$5,131.72 |
| Building Contracts | \$900.00 | \$-00 | \$900.00 | \$1,043.00 |
| Maintenance Services | \$2,500.00 | \$500.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$3,210.00 |
| Snow Removal | \$2,000.00 | \$500.00 | \$2,500.00 | \$1,761.69 |
| Cleaning & Maint. Supplies | \$500.00 | \$(100.00) | \$400.00 | \$489.73 |
| Kitchen Supplies | \$-00 | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | \$59.31 |
| Utilities/Alarm System | \$300.00 | \$-00 | \$300.00 | \$297.00 |
| Utilities/Internet | \$800.00 | \$150.00 | \$950.00 | \$869.64 |
| Utilities/Electric | \$3,200.00 | \$200.00 | \$3,400.00 | \$3,457.96 |
| Utilities/Heating | \$4,000.00 | \$(600.00) | \$3,400.00 | \$3,402.00 |
| Utilities/Sewer | \$550.00 | \$-00 | \$550.00 | \$548.00 |
| Utilities/Phone | \$675.00 | \$125.00 | \$800.00 | \$795.21 |
| Utilities/Water | \$735.00 | \$65.00 | \$800.00 | \$766.30 |
| Christin Education Expenses: | | | | |
| Adult Education | \$100.00 | \$-00 | \$100.00 | \$-00 |
| Sunday School | \$400.00 | \$-00 | \$400.00 | \$296.45 |
| Vacation Bible School | \$400.00 | \$100.00 | \$500.00 | \$612.25 |
| Youth Expenses | \$100.00 | \$-00 | \$100.00 | \$67.90 |
| Clergy Expenses: | | | | \$3,778.18 |
| Education Allowance | \$250.00 | \$250.00 | \$500.00 | \$248.00 |
| Health Insurance | \$10,837.00 | \$77.00 | \$10,914.00 | \$7,668.00 |
| Housing Allowance | \$9,660.00 | \$193.00 | \$9,853.00 | \$7,245.00 |
| Pension Contribution | \$5,941.00 | \$660.00 | \$6,601.00 | \$7,445.81 |
| Self Employ Tax Reimburse | \$2,345.00 | \$47.50 | \$2,392.50 | \$1,759.14 |
| Supply Priests | \$3,000.00 | \$(2,500.00) | \$500.00 | \$3,960.00 |
| Travel Allowance | \$5,000.00 | \$(2,500.00) | \$2,500.00 | \$2,770.65 |
| Diocesan Expenses: | | | | |
| Assessment | \$18,000.00 | \$(2,000.00) | \$16,000.00 | \$24,603.00 |
| Convention | \$1,200.00 | \$(300.00) | \$900.00 | \$891.96 |
| Fellowship | \$100.00 | \$-00 | \$100.00 | \$36.15 |
| Insurance | \$9,200.00 | \$-00 | \$9,200.00 | \$9,567.28 |
| Music Expenses | \$800.00 | \$200.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,221.00 |
| Supply Organist | \$300.00 | \$100.00 | \$400.00 | \$300.00 |
| Other Parish Expense | \$-00 | \$780.00 | \$780.00 | \$2,677.53 |
| Outreach | \$100.00 | \$-00 | \$100.00 | \$(65.00) |
| Parish Admin. Expenses: | | | | |
| Advertising | \$125.00 | \$-00 | \$125.00 | \$122.50 |
| Computer Expenses | \$400.00 | \$-00 | \$400.00 | \$312.74 |
| Dues & Subscriptions | \$750.00 | \$-00 | \$750.00 | \$880.55 |
| Office Supplies | \$2,000.00 | \$(500.00) | \$1,500.00 | \$1,581.05 |
| Postage & Delivery | \$1,675.00 | \$(475.00) | \$1,200.00 | \$1,438.05 |
| Payroll Expenses | \$1,700.00 | \$-00 | \$1,700.00 | \$1,633.64 |
| Secretary Pension | \$-00 | \$700.00 | \$700.00 | \$2,835.11 |
| Salaries-Organist | \$8,835.00 | \$-00 | \$8,835.00 | \$7,285.00 |
| Parish Administrator | \$12,000.00 | \$1,520.00 | \$13,520.00 | \$11,571.04 |

| | 2017 Budget | Changes | 2018 Budget | 2017 Actuals |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Salaries-Rector | \$21,000.00 | \$420.00 | \$21,420.00 | \$15,750.00 |
| Salaries-Sexton | \$9,800.00 | \$270.00 | \$10,070.00 | \$9,783.80 |
| Stewardship Expense | \$50.00 | \$50.00 | \$100.00 | \$-00 |
| Worship Expense | \$200.00 | \$-00 | \$200.00 | \$264.53 |
| Total Expenses | \$145,328.00 | \$15,532.50 | \$160,860.50 | \$237,596.14 |
| Income Less Expenses | \$(8,928.00) | \$(15,232.50) | \$(24,160.50) | \$(26,132.03) |

Hollingshead Educational Fund 2017

Following the final payment of the last outstanding loan in the early fall of 2017, marking the formal end of this program, all records were turned over to Chuck Preston, the church treasurer, and to the church itself. Chairman Hinsman wishes to extend sincerest thanks to all board members for their invaluable support and guidance over this often-tumultuous period. Committee members were Gretchen Rentschler, Chuck Preston, Sid Ranck, Ruth Barber and John Hinsman.

John Hinsman, Chairman

Memorial Committee Report 2017

Memorial donations received in 2017 were given in memory of Sharon Kiddig, Alice Potter, and Marvis Wilcox. Some of these donations were designated for specific groups and projects and those that were not were deposited directly into the Memorial Fund account. The beginning balance for 2017 was \$7,329.44 and the ending balance for 2017 was \$6,936.92

Thank you

Terri House

Vickie Stewart

Phoebe Marshall

Bereavement Committee 2017

This committee offers receptions for family and friends following funerals and memorial services. We are blessed that our parishioners gladly volunteer food and their services to help families during this difficult time. We sincerely thank all of you for your help in making this ministry possible.

Faithful Volunteers

All Saints Chapel Columbarium Report 2017

The All Saints Chapel Columbarium is located in the undercroft of our church. It is arranged for meditation and is open whenever the church is open. Additional time for visitation may be arranged. At the present time it consists of eighty niches, each covered with an attractive brass plate on which a brass name bar is attached. The columbarium was dedicated April 6, 1985, and at present has 44 inurnments. Seven niches have been reserved. A new section has been installed. According to the "Functioning Rules" adopted when the Columbarium was created, niches are available for purchase by "any Episcopal church member, former member and their relatives."

The cost of a niche is \$300.00 and the corresponding ash container is either \$18.00 or \$21.00 as there is a slight difference in size in the section of the Columbarium. The price of the brass plate and engraving are included in the \$300.00 cost. Applications for reservations for niches are available in the church office or from committee members. All records of purchases and inurnments are maintained in the church office. Upon purchase of a niche a "Certificate of

Ownership” is signed by the rector and a vestry member and provider of purchase. At this time the All Saints Chapel Columbarium Committee consists of two members:

Larry Gabb and Phoebe Marshall, chair persons, Jerry Evans assistant.

Souper Bowl Sunday 2017

This marks our 18th year of participation in the National Souper Bowl of Caring. Our parishioners generously donated \$186.16, the entirety given to the Redeemer E&R Community Supper Program. millions were raised nationally.

Valley Food Pantry 2017

Our “red wagon” in the church continues to collect food from our faithful members. These gifts of food and staples help to sustain our local food pantry.

Glenda Hinsman

Rummage Sales 2017

Our first rummage sale was held in 1978. The women continue to hold semi-annual sales to augment the general church budget, but 10% of the proceeds have always been given to a local outreach program. The spring 2017 rummage sale grossed \$989.12 and 10% was given to the Valley Food Pantry. The fall sale was huge, and our profit was \$1,247.90. We gave \$124 to The Bridge. “Thanks” to all who donated items, but even greater and sincerer “thanks” to all the hard-working faithful who respond to our call to set up and clean up.

Glenda Hinsman and Victoria Stewart

Community Dinner 2017

Community Suppers continued for another year serving families on the last Thursday of the month. Linda Murrelle and I have made a few changes to the way the dinners are done. We decided that it would make it easier for all involved that we prepare and serve the dinners with the help of Ruth Barber and Nina Seebeck. We still rely on the sponsors for serving in the dining hall as well as deserts and donations. We are in need of a few new sponsors that I hope to get filled quickly. Redeemer has welcomed one new sponsor so far, and that is the Athens Area Education Association thanks to Doreen Marshall they will be doing Septembers dinner. Linda and I have also recommended doing a December dinner if the dates allow. I have enjoyed being a part of the Community Suppers and look forward to another successful year.

Debbie Zurn

| Month | Date | Group Cooking | Group Serving Dining Room |
|--------------|-------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| January | 1/26/17 | Linda Murrelle/Debbie Zurn | Sayre Rotary |
| February | 2/23/17 | Linda Murrelle/Debbie Zurn | The Bridge |
| March | 3/30/17 | Linda Murrelle/Debbie Zurn | Magnet Nurses |
| April | 4/27/17 | Linda Murrelle/Debbie Zurn | Federated Church Youth |
| May | 5/25/17 | Linda Murrelle/Debbie Zurn | Strong Women Strong Bones |
| June | 6/29/17 | Linda Murrelle/Debbie Zurn | Sayre Christian Church |
| July | 7/27/17 | Linda Murrelle/Debbie Zurn | Grace Episcopal Church |
| August | 8/31/16 | Linda Murrelle/Debbie Zurn | St. Mary’s Guild |
| September | 9/28/17 | Linda Murrelle/Debbie Zurn | Vestry |
| October | 10/26/17 | Linda Murrelle/Debbie Zurn | Greater Valley EMS |
| November | 11/30/16 | Salvation Army | Boy Scouts & volunteers |
| December | 12/28/17 | Linda Murrelle/Debbie Zurn | Volunteers |

The Bridge & The Red Door 2017

Our representatives to the board of this Valley ecumenical ministry are Kim Davenport and Mary Rhodes. Jerry Evans serves as an interviewer and voucher writer. 102 vouchers were issued through our office in 2016. The Bridge is a joint ministry of many Valley Churches and individuals, who work together to take care of emergency situations.

The Bridge provides vouchers for emergency rent, utilities, fuel oil, and furniture. Emily Cole is the head of the Kids at Risk Program, an affiliate of the Bridge. The focus of Kids at Risk is the children in the valley who are lacking basic necessities ranging from clothing and hygiene supplies to larger items such as eye glasses and dental visits. Emily has contacts at the schools throughout the valley, who let her know when they have a student who needs some assistance. She then supplies these items to the schools, where they are then distributed.

St. Mary's Guild Reports 2017

Events Report --- Glenda Hinsman

January – no meeting.

February – The first meeting of 2017 began with a pot luck dinner. Amy Bell was our after-dinner speaker. Amy presented a program about the work of Catholic Charities of Elmira, NY.

March – Todd Babcock, a registered surveyor, discussed his preservation work on the Mason-Dixon Line followed by a stimulating question and answer period.

April – Sayre High School's award winning forensics team. Three students gave presentations in various categories of competition.

May – Mother-Daughter-Friend banquet catered by Yanuzzi's and served by our mens' group Sons of Joseph.

June – Our annual picnic was graciously hosted by Betsy Schumacher at her lovely home.

July – no meeting.

August – The August E&R Community Supper was sponsored by St. Mary's Guild. Guests enjoyed taco salad and ice cream sandwiches.

September – Our organizational meeting was held at the church with a covered-dish dinner. Plans for the Fall Fair were reviewed.

October – Alice Bennett, Food Service Director for The Nutrition Group, presented our program. Alice outlined her responsibilities for planning healthy meals for the Sayre School cafeterias.

November – The 55th annual Fall Fair was chaired by Amy Murrelle and Rose Carpenter. This busy week was supported by Guild members, and was once again a rewarding success, thanks also for the dedicated work of many parish members.

December – Our Christmas party was held at the new Yanuzzi's restaurant in downtown Sayre. The Rev. Melinda Artman offered grace and then presented a short homily on Saint Nicholas, followed by thirty-three members and guests enjoying the buffet dinner and fellowship.

St. Mary's Guild Outreach Summary for 2017

| | |
|---|------------|
| Compassion International Child (Uganda) | \$540.00 |
| E&R Community Supper | \$100.00 |
| Church of the Redeemer – Annual Pledge | \$2,000.00 |
| Church of the Redeemer – Roof Repair | \$2,000.00 |
| <u>Episcopal Church Women (Diocese of Bethlehem):</u> | |
| Book of Remembrance | \$100.00 |
| Kajo Keji Project | \$100.00 |
| Miles of Pennies | \$90.40 |
| Episcopal Relief and Development Fund | \$100.00 |
| The Bridge “Sleep Out” | \$250.00 |
| “Choices” Program for Valley Youth | \$300.00 |
| Catholic Charities | \$35.00 |
| Sayre High School Forensics | \$35.00 |
| Tioga Point Museum | \$35.00 |
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| | \$5,685.40 |

Liturgy and Worship Altar Guild 2017

There is no greater spiritual satisfaction than the preparing of The Lord's Table for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Our church is blessed to have a great devoted group of ladies that each week prepare the Lord's table for the Holy Eucharist. Please appreciate them: Mary Rhodes, Linda Murrelle, Debbie Zurn, Ruth Barber, Joanne Duffey, Amy Murrelle, Alice Bennett, Sherry Gabauer, Mary Brougham, Mitzi Mohn, Rose Carpenter and Jessica Morrow as much as I do, and remember there is always an opening for you.

Phoebe Marshall
Director

Sunday Ministries 2017

We are thankful for the ministry of all the people who serve the parish in liturgical and hospitality roles during our weekly worship.

Readers: Kim Davenport, Glenda Hinsman, Charles Preston, Gretchen Rentschler, Alice Bennett, Victoria Stewart, Amy Murrelle, Margaret Cole, Rose Carpenter, and Lorden Warrington.

Chalice Ministers: Glenda Hinsman, Phoebe Marshall, Victoria Stewart, Amy Murrelle and Rose Carpenter.

Ushers and Greeters: Bruce & Rose Carpenter, Sherry Gabauer, Phoebe Marshall, Glenn Murrelle, Walter Chaykosky, Joanne Duffey, Chuck Preston, Rick & Mary Rhodes, Tracy & Tricia Schamel, Chris McCutcheon and Margaret Cole.

Acolytes: Nate Garrity, Jordan Goodrich, Emily Marshall, Juliana Shay, Jillian Shay, and Sarah Schamel

Redeemer Choir 2017

“Making a joyful noise” is what you were hearing from our Redeemer Choir Pastor Melinda Artman, Alice Bennett, Kathy Haulton, Glenda Hinsman, Gretchen Rentschler, Jim Shay, Kay Shay and Vickie Stewart. The volunteer voices have led the congregation in hymns that closely match scriptures each Sunday.

The choir has presented special choral preludes on the first Sunday of each month, in addition to the offertory and communion anthems. A personal goal is when I am playing the organ or piano for hymns, each congregational attendee will be joining in singing. Also, I would accept any favorites in our hymnal from the congregation to be included in our church service.

Psalm 92:1 reminds us that “it is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High” Anyone who would like to “sing praises” and join the choir can come Thursday at 7:00pm in the parlor from September to May. We have a special bond of music, fun, and fellowship together.

Respectfully submitted
Marcella J. Chaykosky
Redeemer Organist/Choir Master

Youth Group Annual Report 2017

Well what a wonderful year it has been! The youth group has been at a steady 7 members who show such a sense of devotion and stewardship towards this church. They are a fun bunch that loves to laugh, share and eat!!

In January we continued to meet with Melinda and plan our future as a group. Discussions began for the possibility of Confirmation Formation classes ending with a Mission trip.

Feb 28th the youth once again flipped pancakes for all to begin the journey through Lent. They did a great job and we had a good turnout of pancake lovers!

From Friday March 17- Sunday March 19 the youth group “locked-in” at the church for a weekend of learning and discussing the Fruits of the Spirit. I was blessed to have Emily Cole and Emily Schamel as chaperones. We also had a special guest speaker, thank you Amy Murrelle, who came and shared a part of herself with the kids and me. Meals were prepared for us by Bruce and Rose Carpenter, Betsy Schumacher, Bonnie Garrity, and Linda Murrelle. A huge thank you to all of them!!

On Saturday evening the kids walked through “stations” designed to reflect on the Lord’s Prayer. Each station contained visual, audible, taste, and tactile experiences that allowed for some thought provoking time with God. It was received very well by the kids.

We had the pleasure of Compline on Saturday night with Trula Hollywood, after which we

built a little fire in our fire pit outdoors to “send” our concerns and our hurts up to God. It was a special time to share with each other.

In April we presented our Lenten Service. While we were few in number, we did a different format utilizing the Stations of the Cross and once again they did a great job.

In June we were all present and ready to work at the Street Faire. I was so proud that everyone showed up and worked hard to help make the Faire a success, with the exception of the cotton candy!! Wind and making Cotton candy do not work well together!

On June 24th we held a recycling day for a community outreach project to benefit the Open Door Mission. We were there to unload scrap, anything with a cord, from trucks, trailers, cars, etc. Pastor Melinda handed out flyers telling what our church was all about and met lots of folks from the Valley. Amy Murrelle cooked hot dogs for the hungry workers (thank God!!). The Outreach project sounds simple enough, right? Well... we unloaded an incredible amount of scrap, ranging from large screen TVs to can openers.

The Open Door Mission scrapped three large, box trucks totaling \$800.00 worth of scrap. It was a mountain of treasure to be sure, and a mountain of work for the youth group! The project completely wore out the kids and almost broke our priest. We were a tad overwhelmed to say the least. But we did well, met some great people from the Valley, and helped out the Mission. So all in all it was a success! Whew!

In the Fall we began formalizing our plans of Confirmation formation classes and the mission trip.

As some of you know, we are attending “This Changes Everything” the Lutheran Youth Gathering in June being held in Houston Texas. It is exciting to think about going and we are working very hard raising funds for plane tickets, registration and hotels. Stay tuned for more details and fund raisers to come.

I'd be remiss in not thanking this parish for all of your love a support for our youth. The warmth the kids feel from everyone is palpable and appreciated. Thank you also to Pastor Melinda for being a part of our “crew” and being involved with our kids. It means so much for them to know their Priest and feel comfortable to raise questions and learn from you.

It is a time of change and while change is sometimes hard it is also necessary and wonderful too. Our youth group is traveling some of those new paths and they are looking forward to their future at The Church of the Redeemer.

We continue to meet Sundays right after church until 2:00. It is a wonderful group eager to please and have fun. We invite any youth between 7th -12th grades. Bring your open mind and heart and have lunch with us, play a game or two, learn lots and travel with us on your faith journey.

Thanks be to God!

Respectfully submitted

Margaret Cole

Sunday School Annual Report for 2017

Sunday School classes are held each Sunday. The time was changed slightly in September 2017, to 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM rather than 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM. The dismissal time was extended to give Rev. Melinda time to meet with the students. The enrollment has decreased from last year and the students are quite young. The curriculum is from the Blue Book of the *Noah's Park Children's Church- Adventure Trails That Lead to Jesus!* These lessons are supplemented with special lessons for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. The Christmas unit was used as a mini play at the conclusion of the unit.

Betsy Schumacher continues teaching. Doreen Marshall was with us until mid-fall. Her originality and go-to-it personality are very much missed. Emily Garrity assists with the classes when she is home from college. Teens Strawberry Denice, Alexis Frisbie and Rachael Vandermark assisted with Sunday School until the end of our school year in May 2017. They were great working with the students and hopefully their schedules will allow them to help again. Assisting in our program and projects were Gretchen Rentschler, Debbie Zurn, Linda Murrelle, Sheri Stroud, Mary Rhodes, Rev. Melinda, Rev. Hazel, Chuck Preston, Hannah Garrity, Beth Williams, Vicky Stewart, and Rose Carpenter. Also, Jessica Morrow is now preparing the snacks for the kids (and Betsy).

During 2017 the students and/or staff participated in the following activities. The annual Sunday School play *The Manager* was presented on January 22, 2017. The students took part in Palm Sunday and Easter services, and the New Year Eve service. They donated their Mite Box contribution monies to the Heifer Project. This year the students requested a pig be purchased with their contribution. The Sunday school students also served the Mothers' Day Breakfast; collected pennies for the Miles of Pennies (Madison Barnes was the top collector); and helped with the Easter egg hunt, bake sale, Street Faire, dinner fund raisers, candy making, and Thanksgiving Food Basket.

Other events in 2017 were: face painting at Open Forest; the annual Knoebels Park parish fun time event on May 20, 2016; Vacation Bible School *Hero Central* held on July 10, 11,12,13; the Halloween Party on October 29. The deposit plastic bottle collection project continues. This is an ongoing project that Betsy spearheads for benefit of Heifer Project.

The Sunday School fund raisers for 2017 were: Super Bowl Chili/Soup sale, Easter candy sale, bake sale, and two dinners. The proceeds from our fund raisers will be used for our Sunday School and Youth Group activities and needs.

As always, we welcome all who would like to join us in the Sunday school. Your help, support, and prayers are very much appreciated. Thank you.

Bonnie Garrity

TROOP 4019's 2017 Year

The young men that meet in the church basement every Wednesday night are an exceptional group. Currently there are 15 that meet regularly. These are some of their accomplishments.

There were 7 overnight trips in which 15 Scouts spent 102 nights total in a tent. These included Polar Bear in January and various weekend campouts. Six boys also attended the National Boy Scout Jamboree in West Virginia. One served on staff. There were two overnight trips in which 10 Scouts slept indoors. We had several day trips that included canoeing down the Chemung River and rock climbing. To fund these outings they conducted 5 fundraisers.

They worked on 8 service projects ranging from helping the church with their rummage sale to serving Thanksgiving dinner with the Salvation Army. There was also 1 Eagle project completed. The youth totaled 116 hours of community service work, not including the Eagle project.

They earned 44 merit badges and 15 ranks. Nathan Aquilio and Arvid Johnson earned their Eagle Scout.

This summer 8 of us are going to the Northern Tier canoe base in Minnesota. We will be canoeing in the Boundary waters for 8 days. We will be attending summer camp in the Adirondacks.

The troop also has a website at <http://bsatrop4019.weebly.com>. Our calendar and photos along with all kinds of other stuff is on the site.

There are 2 Scouts that are working on their Eagle projects and should earn the rank of Eagle soon. We have several young boys joining our troop in the next few months. We are always looking for more youth and adults.

Thank You

John Johnson

Scoutmaster

A Parish Who's Who – 2017

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Church Email address: credeemer2@stny.rr.com

Staff

Priest-in-Charge: Pastor Melinda M. Artman

Clergy: The Rev. Hazel Hunt

Organist: Marcella Chaykosky

Parish Administrator: Geraldine Evans

Sexton: Maria Layton

Vestry

Gretchen Rentschler, Senior Warden; George Lewis Junior Warden; Chuck Preston, Treasurer; Linda Murrelle, Clerk, Bruce Carpenter, Alice Bennett, Terri House, Rick Rhodes, Amy Murrelle, Margaret Cole and Sherry Gabauer.

Acolytes

Nate Garrity, Jordan Goodrich, Emily Marshall, Sarah Schamel,
Juliana Shay and Jillian Shay

Altar Guild

Phoebe Marshall (Director), Sherry Gabauer, Amy Murrelle, Linda Murrelle, Mary Brougham,
Mitzi Mohn, Mary Rhodes, Joanne Duffey, Ruth Barber, Debbi Zurn, Rose Carpenter,
Alice Bennett and Jessica Morrow

Bereavement Committee

Faithful Volunteers

Church School

Bonnie Garrity (Superintendent), Betsy Schumacher, Doreen Marshall
Debbie Zurn and Shari Stroud.

Columbarium Committee

Larry Gabb and Phoebe Marshall, Chair Persons.
Jerry Evans, Assistant.

Community Supper

Parish Dinners were hosted by parish groups in conjunction with local churches and service organizations. Debbi Zurn (scheduling groups to serve and meals); Phoebe Marshall (setting up dining room); Alice Bennett (supplies for dinners); Linda Murrelle (assisting with bulk food purchases and meals)

Choir

Marcella Chaykosky, Organist and Choirmaster; Pastor Melinda Artman, Gretchen Rentschler, Alice Bennett, Glenda Hinsman, Vickie Stewart, Jim Shay, Kay Shay and Kathy Haulton

Hollingshead/Williams Committee

John Hinsman, Gretchen Rentschler, Sidney Ranck, Chuck Preston, Ruth Barber

Memorial Committee

Vickie Stewart, Phoebe Marshall, Terri House

Parish Communications

Jim Shay Webmaster; Emily Cole, Newsletter Editor

St. Mary's Guild Officers

Glenda Hinsman (President), Vickie Stewart (Vice President),
Linda Murrelle (Secretary) and Rose Carpenter (Treasurer).

Ushers & Greeters

Rose Carpenter, Bruce Carpenter, Joanne Duffey, Mary Rhodes, Tricia Schamel, Amy Murrelle, Margaret Cole, Terri House, Sherry Gabauer, Dolly Marshall, Phoebe Marshall, Glenn Murrelle, Chuck Preston, Tracy Schamel, Rick Rhodes Chris McCutcheon and Walter Chaykosky.

Readers

Kim Davenport, Chuck Preston, Glenda Hinsman, Vickie Stewart, Alice Bennett, Gretchen Rentschler, Amy Murrelle, Margaret Cole and Lorden Warrington.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Glenda Hinsman, Phoebe Marshall, Amy Murrelle Rose Carpenter and
Vickie Stewart.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Kay Shay, Vickie Stewart, Glenda Hinsman

Worship Committee

Gretchen Rentschler, Marcella Chaykosky, Margaret Cole,
Glenda Hinsman, Betsy Schumacher.

Youth Group

Margaret Cole, Adult Advisor
Emily Cole, Adult Advisor