Annual Parish Report
For the year 2017

Rector’s Report
Wardens’ Report
Reports of Parish Organizations

February 2018
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RECTOR’S REPORT

Dear Members of St. John’s,

This is my last Annual Meeting with you. My first comment for this report is one of gratitude for the extraordinary privilege to serve St. John’s as rector since the fall of 1994. As Powell Hutton once said, “The hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count our blessings.” Since I announced my retirement as rector, I have been counting the many blessings bestowed by God and you, the people of God, all these years. I am most grateful to all of you for the incredible opportunity I have enjoyed to serve among you.

2017 has been a good year and one that has brought many changes for St. John’s.

1. We completed a successful Capital Campaign raising $3.6 million to renovate the Parish House.
2. We moved our offices out of the Parish House to 1155 F Street, NW. We were able to move to offices provided by the generosity of the law firm Shook, Hardy and Bacon and made possible by the intermediary work of our parishioner, Michelle Mangrum.
3. When the Reverend Sarah Miller departed in June 2018, we became a two-clergy congregation.
4. The Holy Eucharist celebrated at 1:00 p.m. for many years was changed to a service of Evening Prayer (Oracion Vespertina) led by Jesus Lopéz.
5. Guided by the efforts of Jessica Sanchez, Lacy Broemel, Kay Gilley and Gay Pasley, among other members, St. John’s began to explore the possibility of sponsoring a refugee family. I am told that this group is made up of 75 people from the St. John’s congregation.
6. St. John’s hosted a pre-inaugural service for incoming President Donald Trump.
7. St. John’s continued to attract new members to the church as evidenced by attendance at the spring and fall Inquirers’ Classes.
8. We sold the one-bedroom condo owned by the church on Q St. NW and saved the proceeds from the sale so that St. John’s would be able to buy a two-bedroom condo when needed for a new assistant.

There is one red flag that needs to be highlighted. The pledged income for St. John’s peaked in 2015 at $1,069,218. The pledged income declined to $1,025,960 in 2016; $1,009,150 in 2017; and our Annual Giving effort for 2018 lags behind 2017. The Vestry has conservatively estimated pledged income at $985,000 for the 2018 budget.

It has been a pleasure to work with the Vestry of St. John’s and her two Wardens, Hilary West and Richard Metzger. We give thanks for the ministry of the departing Vestry members: Lisa Russo, Brian Schoeneman, Holly Sukenik, and Senior Warden Hilary West. The remarkable staff, which serves St. John’s, has managed the changes to our new location with generosity of spirit, humor, and endless good will. It has not been easy, but they have made it seem easy.

It has been a great honor, privilege and delight to serve God as the 14th Rector of St. John’s. It has been the gift of a lifetime.

Faithfully yours,
The Reverend Dr. Luis León
Dear Parishioners:

I am pleased to report that St. John’s had another successful year in 2017. Our parish remains strong, with outstanding preaching, solid church attendance, engaged new members, active participation in our programs and ministries, beautiful music and continued financial strength.

Positively, we ended 2017 with a surplus. Our vitality allowed us to continue to support worthy causes, such as the Bishop Walker School here in Washington. I specifically direct your attention to both the Treasurer’s and Investment Committee reports, both of which contain good news about the financial health of our parish.

A number of noteworthy events took place in 2017. We said goodbye to Assistant Rector Sarah Taylor Miller who left us in June following her husband’s call to be rector of Immanuel Episcopal Church in Mechanicsville, VA. Sarah’s departure was followed by the introduction of Brent Erstad as our new Assistant Director of Music and Elizabeth Panox-Leach as our new Communications Coordinator.

Following permitting issues, work on the renovation of the historic Lord Ashburton (Parish) House was delayed. While we had hoped for work to begin sooner, we are very pleased that the renovation has begun, and we look forward to returning to a renovated and refurbished Parish House later this year.

Likely the biggest news for our congregation in 2017 was our Rector’s announcement that he will be retiring in May 2018. Words cannot express how much we value and appreciate all that Luis – and Lu – have given to us during their over twenty years at St. John’s Lafayette Square. We will miss them dearly and look forward to celebrating them and their time with us in the months ahead. Moving forward, the Vestry will establish a Search Committee to lead the new rector search process.

The outlook for 2018 is positive. The Finance Committee and Vestry have prepared a balanced budget that allows for a 2% salary increase for the staff while still fully providing for the continuation of our ministries.

At this time of year, the Vestry says goodbye to those members whose terms are ending. Thank you to Lisa Russo, Brian Schoeneman and Holly Sukenik for their commitment and service. They have each been valuable members of the Vestry, and we are grateful for their willingness to serve.

On a personal note, this time also ends my tenure as Senior Warden and of my combined years serving on the Vestry, as Junior Warden and now as Senior Warden. It has been a true honor to serve our parish and to work closely with so many of you. Special thanks to our Rector, the Vestry and the Junior and Senior Wardens I have been fortunate to serve with.

Finally, thanks to all of you. St. John’s could not continue to be the successful institution it is without your continued support, engagement and commitment.

Hilary West
Senior Warden
ACOLYTES AND CRUCIFERS REPORT

2017 was another successful year for this program. Twenty church school students were enrolled as acolytes, and fourteen adults served as crucifers. Those who volunteer for this duty are essential to our worship at St. John’s; imagine a procession without the torches or our beautiful ornate cross!

Two acolytes serve as torchbearers at the head of the procession as our worship service begins, and one additional acolyte carries the clergy cross, which precedes the clergy. Acolyte duties were expanded in the fall as they now remain in church for the entire service, seated up near the altar, and have a few additional responsibilities. We were sorry to lose Annie Gardner, Ellie Garland, Will Huettner, and Natachi Onwuamaegbu to college, and David and Robert Kirchenbauer as well as Lulu Tierney have moved on to other activities. The acolytes for 2017 were:

Clark Agnew
Hugh Agnew
Alexander Anikeeff
Audrey Anikeeff
Reese Crochet
Thea Crouch
David Estes
Carolyn Gardner
Jack Garland
Ben Garland
Caroline Huettner
Oliver Lehmann Weng
Alexander Lehmann Weng
Sebastian Lehmann Weng
Claire Montgomery
Obi Onwuamaegbu
Kosi Onwuamaegbu
Elizabeth Thesmar
Isabel Tierney
Gus Tierney

Our crew of crucifers is comprised of strong armed men and women, many of whom have made this their special ministry for a number of years. The crucifiers for 2017 were:

Paul Barkett
Matt Bode
Wendy Fibison
Andrew Hunt
Stewart Jeffries
Kenny Kraft
Leo Lex
Paul Mandelson
Michelle Mangrum
Brandon Montgomery
Eric Peters
Thom Sinclair
Andrew Tomlinson
Devin Urness

I would like to thank Program Coordinator RJ Gravina for his weekly assistance. We have occasional turnover and always welcome new members, young or old: training sessions are held when necessary.

Deborah H. Hailey
Acolyte and Crucifer Coordinator
The Forum Committee presented the following speakers during the preceding year. We look forward to continuing our work in the new year.

2017 Adult Forums

- **January 8:** Mickey Edwards, Director, Aspen Institute-Rodel Fellowships in Public Leadership. He was a Member of Congress for 16 years, serving on the House Budget and Appropriations Committees and as a chairman of the House Republican Policy Committee. He spoke on *The Death of Bipartisanship.*

- **January 15:** Mark Shields, American political columnist and commentator. Since 1988, he has provided weekly political analysis and commentary for the *PBS NewsHour* and was also a regular panelist on *Inside Washington.*

- **January 22:** Vestry Candidates' Presentation.

- **January 29:** Dr. Robert Jones, Co-chair, Religion and Politics Section, American Academy of Religion. He spoke on his book *The End of White Christian America.*

- **February 12:** Ronald C. White, American historian, author, and lecturer. He has written bestselling and award-winning biographies and books on Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant. He spoke on his book *American Ulysses: A Life of Ulysses S. Grant.*

- **February 19:** Brooks Simpson, American historian and Professor of History at Arizona State University, specializing in studies of the American Civil War. He spoke on his book *Ulysses S. Grant, Triumph Over Adversity: 1822-1865.*

- **February 26:** Joan Waugh, Professor and Vice Chair for Academic Personnel at UCLA History Department. Professor Waugh researches and writes about nineteenth-century America, specializing in the Civil War, Reconstruction, and Gilded Age eras. She spoke on *The Presidency of Ulysses S. Grant.*

- **March 5:** The Rev. Dr. Luis León gave an update on the renovation of the Parish House.

- **March 12:** Evelyn Farkas, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Russia/Ukraine/Eurasia. She spoke on *The State of US-Russia Relations in the Trump Era.*

- **March 19:** Anthony Tambasco, Professor in the Theology Department at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. He is also the author of *Theology of Atonement and Paul's Vision of Christianity* and editor of *Bible on Suffering: Social and Political Implications.* He spoke on *Catholics and Episcopalians: Where Are We Heading?*
• March 26: The Rev. Dr. Nancy C. James spoke on *The Emblems of Divine Love*. She discussed the poems of Jeanne Guyon as they unite with art to express the mystical quality of Guyon’s theology.

• April 2: The Reverend Tom Ward on *Centering Prayer*. Tom has been an Episcopal priest for more than thirty years, serving parishes in Mississippi and Tennessee. From 1994 through 2005, he was University Chaplain at Sewanee, The University of the South. Tom now focuses on the contemplative dimension of the Gospel, teaching centering prayer and leading retreats. He has a special interest in fostering this practice in local congregations. Centering Prayer is a form of prayer that is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship.

• April 30: The Ven. Sharron Dinnie from the Kwasa Centre in Springs, South Africa. The Kwasa Centre, a pre-primary and primary school that serves the children from an informal settlement, is St. John’s partner in South Africa.

• May 7: Bonnie Glaser is a senior adviser for Asia and the director of the China Power Project at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, where she works on issues related to Asia-Pacific security with a focus on Chinese foreign and security policy. She spoke on *U.S.-China Relations*.


• May 21: Steven Rothstein, Executive Director of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation. He spoke on *President Kennedy at 100*.

• October 1: Professor Allan J. Lichtman, Distinguished Professor of History at American University in Washington, D.C. He specializes in American political history and the presidency. Dr. Lichtman has authored or co-authored nine books, and hundreds of scholarly and popular articles. He spoke on his latest book, *The Case for Impeachment*.

• November 5: Michael German, fellow with the Brennan Center for Justice’s Liberty and National Security Program, which seeks to ensure that our government respects human rights and fundamental freedoms in conducting the fight against terrorism. A sixteen-year veteran of federal law enforcement, Mr. German served as a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, where he specialized in domestic terrorism and covert operations. He spoke on *The Balance Between Security and Liberty*. 
• **December 3: The Rev. Canon E. Mark Stevenson**, Director of Episcopal Migration Ministries of the Episcopal Church (a refugee resettlement program). He provides leadership with a dedicated, experienced team in implementing Episcopal Migration Ministries’ national program of refugee resettlement as mandated by federal requirements, as well as any initiatives stemming from General Convention and Executive Council pertaining to refugee and immigration issues. He spoke on *The Global Refugee Crisis.*

Clark Ervin
*Chair*
ADULT INQUIRERS’ CLASSES REPORT

The Rector led two adult inquirers’ classes in 2017. The spring class was held March 18 and March 25. The fall class met October 21 and October 28. Thirty-six newcomers participated in the classes. Each class is a two-day experience of exploring our faith, the history and tradition of the Church, and the spiritual life of the Episcopal Church and St. John’s Church in particular. The class is designed for newcomers to St. John’s; for adults seeking baptism, confirmation and reception into the Episcopal Church; and for anyone, newcomer or longtime member, interested in learning more about St. John’s and the Episcopal Church.

Eight members of the spring class took part in the May 2017 Service of Confirmation at the Washington National Cathedral. Several members of the fall class will take part in the Cathedral service in May 2018.

Kaye Edwards
Assistant for Church Growth
AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Canons of the Episcopal Church require that all parishes, missions, and other institutions be audited annually (I.7: Of Business Methods in Church Affairs). The primary purpose of an audit is to ensure that financial statements for the year were prepared from the financial records and present fairly the financial position and changes in net assets and cash flows of the congregation. While the Canons permit an audit by committee where approved by a diocesan authority, audits completed by CPAs or LPAs are preferred.

An independent certified public accountant, Mr. Gerald A. Miller, P.C., of Bel Air, MD, has performed an external audit of the financial statements of St. John’s Church for several years, and did so again for calendar year 2016. On October 31, 2017, Mr. Miller forwarded three draft documents for review and discussion with the Audit Committee:

(1) Independent Auditor’s Report with accompanying financial statements and supplemental information for St. John’s Church;

(2) Independent Auditor’s Report and accompanying financial statements for the Elsie Howland Quinby Fund; and

(3) a letter to the Vestry and Management on internal control over financial reporting.

Members of the Audit Committee met with Mr. Miller on Sunday, November 19, 2017, at the law offices of Lawler, Metzger, Keeney & Logan, LLC, 1717 K Street, NW – Suite 1075, Washington, DC, to review and discuss his findings: Frank Klotz (Audit Committee Chair), Richard Metzger (Junior Warden), Virginia Bader (Treasurer), Mike Becraft, Martha Ellison, Wande Johnson, and Preston Cherouny (Financial Secretary).

With respect to the financial statements and supplemental information for St. John’s Church, Mr. Miller reported that in his opinion, they “present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and net assets of St. John’s Church, Lafayette Square as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and its support, revenue, and expenses for the years then ended, in accordance with the cash basis of accounting” used by St. John’s.

Similarly, with respect to the financial statements for the Elsie Howland Quinby Fund, Mr. Miller reported that in his opinion, they “present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and net assets of the Elsie Howland Quinby Fund of St. John’s Church, Lafayette Square as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and its support, revenue, and expenses for the years then ended, in accordance with the cash basis of accounting” used by St. John’s.

The Audit Committee carefully reviewed and discussed the two draft auditor’s reports and accompanying financial statements with Mr. Miller. The Audit Committee was satisfied with the draft documents Mr. Miller had prepared, and recommended that he put them in final form for submission to Diocese.

The Audit Committee also discussed the draft letter on internal control. The letter identified those deficiencies that Mr. Miller noted while performing the audit. As he explained, deficiencies fall into two categories:
• “material weakness” (“a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Organization’s financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.”); and,

• “significant deficiency” (“a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.”).

Importantly, no “material weaknesses” were identified during the audit. However, two “significant deficiencies” were noted:

• “investment transactions such as interest, dividends, realized and unrealized gains and losses, and transfers are not recorded in the general ledger.” Accordingly, during the audit, Mr. Miller performed an analysis of the investment activity and proposed general ledger adjustments to the investment accounts as an additional service.

• “several adjustments to list of deposits in transit and the outstanding check list” were proposed and it was necessary for Mr. Miller to reconcile the operating checking account balance as of December 31, 2016, as an additional service.

The same two “significant deficiencies” were identified in the audit for calendar year 2015, and in previous annual audits as well. Mr. Miller has in the past stated that they are common among non-profit entities of similar size and to eliminate both deficiencies from future audit findings would require a certified public accountant to be on contract at St. John’s to perform real-time record keeping in the general ledger. That remedy is neither necessary to maintain solid financial records and accounting practices, nor would it be cost effective. Preston Cherouny volunteered that the accounting software package that he is using as Church Financial Secretary can and will be employed to reconcile the operating checking account balance on a monthly basis, which could potentially eliminate the second significant deficiency noted above.

Following the meeting with the Audit Committee, Mr. Miller finalized and signed all three documents for submission to the Diocese as required by the Canons of the Episcopal Church.

Frank Klotz  
Chair
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

At St. John's we believe that children are treasured members of our community and seek to provide them with formational experiences that will help them grow in their faith and feel the love of Christian community.

January – May 2017 Church School Year

Children age 3 through Kindergarten attended a Godly Play inspired class. Students heard a story told from the Bible and responded through art and activity. Students in Grades 1-3 used Spark, a lectionary-based program that uses age-appropriate games and activities to explore the lessons. Students in Grades 4-6 used Connect, a curriculum developed specifically for preteens. The students discover how the day's story relates to other Biblical stories and to their own lives.

The Confirmation class for students in grades seven and higher that began in the fall of 2016 continued in 2017. Students and teachers followed the Confirm Not Conform curriculum which, in addition to focusing on basics about faith and tradition, encourages students to explore their own beliefs and how they fit into the Episcopal Church. Classes continued until students were confirmed in May of 2017 at Washington National Cathedral.

Summer 2017

Over the summer, St. John's offered a 'one-room schoolhouse' for children up to age 10. We used the Whirl curriculum from Spark House publishers, designed for students in K-6th grade. Thanks to the following parishioners who helped teach a class: Jessica and Alex Sanchez, Sylvia and Stephen Burwell, Lacy Broemel and Emorie Broemel. Pamela Venzke, Annie Froehlich, Aswathi Zachariah. Dixie Noonan, Casey Evans, Megan Bly, and Scott Wunsch.

2017-2018 Church School Year

Renovation of the Parish House dictates the direction for this Church School year. In September, we began a one-room, multiage (ages three to those in fifth grade) chapel/class using the Gospel-based Creative Ideas for Children’s Worship program. Students hear and discuss the Gospel for the Sunday, then join their families for communion in the church. The class is now being held in the Hay-Adams Hotel. Students in grades six through twelve attend a worship service with their families, giving them a chance to experience the full and rich liturgy of the Episcopal Church. The students are incorporated into ministries during the service, including acolyting, chaliceing, ushering, and reading lessons.

Nursery

The nursery for children under age three is held in the Hay-Adams Hotel. Attendants Jessica Ortiz, Eric Zavala, and Bibian Arriaga are on duty each Sunday from 8:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Teachers for 2016 to 2017 Year

Our teachers are committed to being with your children and youth, and they are a blessing to the whole parish community. Thank you to our 2016-2017 teachers:

- Godly Play Storytellers: Nicole Crochet, France Hampe, Kylie Jimenez, Mary Leskosky, and Nora Rigby
- Godly Play Doorkeepers: Virginia Bader, Bessie Doffermyre, Laura Doucet, Anna Ehrich, Casey Evans, Annie Froehlich, Alfred Thesmar
- 1st-3rd Grade: Sara McGanity, Karis Gong Parnham, TJ Parnham, Keiko Yoshino
- 4th-6th grade: Ashley Delamater, Amy Klug, Mark Klug, Ashley Litzenberger, Chrystal Martin, Catherine Outten Olivo
- Confirmation Class: Nikki Allen, Grant Kraus, Meg MacIver, Quin Woodward Pu, Cal Trepagnier.

Thanks to teachers and doorkeepers for the fall 2017 – spring 2018 year:

Virginia Bader, Nicole Crochet, Laura Doucet, Anna Ehrich, Casey Evans, Joanne Hutton, Chrystal Martin, John Martin, Sara McGanity, Karis Gong Parnham, TJ Parnham, Margaux Polanski, Beth Robinson, Laurie Rossbach, Nora Rigby, and Alfred Thesmar.

The Rev. Sarah Taylor Miller coordinated the Church School program through May of 2017, when she moved to the Richmond, Virginia area.

Kaye Edwards

_Interim Coordinator for the Church School_
The Church Growth committee works to expand the number and engagement of our parish members and community.

Much of the committee's work in 2017 was focused on how to maintain growth and vitality of St. John's Church during the closure and renovation of the Parish House. Other parish ministries have been quite active in this: we have eagerly tracked the popular potluck events this past fall.

The focus of our work regarding this has been to expand and refresh the greeters’ ministry and focus on infusing regular parish life with a stronger emphasis on welcome.

Growth Committee members organized two trainings of new and continuing greeters both to accommodate the need for additional greeters each Sunday during the renovations and to institute operational changes such as a "roving" greeter and greeters before the service.

In addition, we have encouraged greeters, Growth Committee members, and all parishioners to serve as part of a welcome team, greeting those who are new, or new to them, at services and other parish events.

Robin Anderson has volunteered to serve as Head Greeter, and she and the other greeters will continue growing this revitalized ministry, working closely with our committee.

Visibility is an important element of church growth, and the committee funds the seasonal banners on 16th Street and H Street that list service times and special events. In addition, we funded a general-purpose horizontal banner suitable for parades and other events. It made its debut at the Capital Pride parade in June.

There are three key continuing initiatives. First, we will focus on maintaining parish connections and growth through the parish house renovation and as we embark on a rector transition.

Second, we will evaluate visitor and inquirer data—both the information that is collected already and what could be collected—permit further, informed engagement work.

Finally, we hope to host a reception for recent inquirers' class attendees to help new members become further connected into the life and ministries of the parish.

Active Growth Committee members are: Andrew Hunt, Chair; Kaye Edwards, Staff Representative; Robin Anderson; Sherill Mason; Sara McGanity; Robin Pennington; Christi Rich; and Quin Woodward Pu. The committee would also like to thank Andrew Clarke, Michael McDowell, Kathryn Pharr, and Adelle Simmons—active members of the committee who stepped down in 2017.

Andrew Hunt  
Chair
Parish support of the Education for Ministry (EfM) program, in its twenty-fourth year at St. John's, has a robust legacy. Sixty-two people have completed the program through our parish, many others have participated for one year or more, and graduates of other EfM groups join our parish from time to time. Nine students currently pursue their studies and explorations one evening weekly throughout the school year. Four participants graduated in May 2017 (Kaye Edwards, Kathryn Pharr, Erin Waddle, and Heather Wilson). Joanne Hutton stepped down at the end of 2017 as mentor; the program continues to be ably led in 2018 by Carolyn Crouch and Lyle Elder.

Most of our EfM participants are parishioners, although we also have benefited from welcoming other recruits who have enriched the texture of our community with their ministries; some have been members of our weekday parish, others belong to a different branch of God’s church. At least two study groups in other parishes have spun off from this one, facilitated by trained lay leaders who are spurred by the power of study, reflection and growth within a small community of seekers where we grow in faith and love.

Learners register for one year of study at a time. The first year investigates Hebrew scriptures, the second takes up the New Testament, the third broadly covers Church History, and a fourth year focuses on theological questions and developing your personal theology. The program forms excellent preparation for future leadership in the church by grounding our ministries in sound theological understanding and reflection.

EfM sets itself apart from other courses of Bible study through its combination of stimulating graduate-level theological studies and a thorough exploration of our call to live out our baptismal covenants through the many and varied ministries we exercise on a daily basis. Prayer, study, worship, conversation, theological reflection, laughter and gathering around a common table are among the joys discovered anew along the way. In our time together we learn to put together and lead worship services; we develop a vocabulary with which to describe our faith and beliefs; we share personal stories and discover their universal dimensions; we spend time with the big questions, reflecting theologically. The study theme for 2015-16 was developing a mature spirituality; another year’s theme was living faithfully in a multicultural world, and this past year we pondered and talked about our journey to God.

Want to be part of this journey? Want to know if there might be another EfM group closer to your place of work or home, or meeting at a better time for you, or even meeting online? Note: you register for only one year at a time! Please contact EfM mentors Carolyn Crouch, 202 271-4216 or Carolyn.crouch819@gmail.com and Lyle Elder, 703 307-1133 or D.Lyle.Elder@gmail.com, for more information, and visit the website at www.sewanee.edu/EFM/. You may read excerpts of the curriculum online.

Joanne Hutton
Chair
**FLOWER GUILD REPORT**

Lovingly arranged flowers and seasonal greens greet parishioners and guests alike, echoing the message, all are welcome at St. John’s Church.

Members of the Flower Guild are privileged to serve in this creative and meaningful ministry. They provide flowers for Sunday services, weddings, baptisms, funeral and memorial services, and special occasions. They observe Lent and Advent by the exclusive use of green foliage.

Members typically work in pairs. Keeping in mind the occasion, they take great care when selecting flower combinations, colors, and designing the shape of the flower arrangement. Easter and Christmas are especially busy and exciting times as the entire team pulls together in celebration of these holy days.

**Weddings**

Anne Harrington continues to serve as our wedding coordinator, communicating the color and flower preferences of the happy couple to the guild members who create special arrangements on a special day.

**Making a Contribution**

Parishioners can honor their loved ones by making a donation to the flower fund. Your contributions can sponsor individual arrangements by specifying the main altar or the narthex, or, you can contribute to all of the church’s arrangements. The names of your loved ones will appear in the Sunday bulletin along with your dedication, which can be in memory, in celebration, or in thanksgiving for a person or event.

**Becoming a Member**

We invite our parishioners to consider joining the Flower Guild. Whether acquiring a new skill or expanding on an existing talent, being a member of the Guild is a rewarding way to volunteer at St. John’s. Newcomers are paired with experienced members who mentor them until they are fully fledged, confident flower arrangers. It is a wonderful ministry with the benefit of newfound friendships. For a typical Sunday, two team members meet on Saturday morning. Please contact Flower Guild Chair Katherine Kyle if you would like additional information at carsonkyle@gmail.com.
Current Members

Sarah Agnew
Karolina Arias
Paul Barkett
Krista Becker
Barbara Bulla Brown
Thea Crouch
Patricia Dalby
Sharon DeAngelis
Amy Emmert
Pamela Farrell Venzke
Barbie Harper

Anne Harrington
Lily Happi
Susan Heil
Amanda Claire Hoover
Joanne Hutton
Wande Johnson
Kristin Josey
Sherill Mason
Nicole Kleman Neufeld
Julia Koster
Katherine Kyle

Elizabeth Lewis
Liz Morin
Mary Raether
Allie Raether
Laurie Rossbach
Adelle Simons
Jennifer Urquhart
Erin Waddle
Ash Zachariah

Katherine Kyle  Pat Dalby
Chair  Co-Chair
Members of St. John’s Greeters welcome visiting guests and potential new members each Sunday, providing information on the church and on the variety of Christian Formation programs offered. The Greeters are the people you see standing near the clergy as you exit the church after services.

Greeters encourage newcomers to attend the Forum after the 9:00 a.m. service and the Hospitality Hour following the 11:00 a.m. service, so that newcomers can meet parishioners and so that we can learn more about our guests’ interests and needs.

We encourage all members of the parish, as members of one body, to consider themselves greeters, whether in an official or unofficial capacity. Only a small amount of time is required and the service provided is invaluable. We invite parishioners to take a few minutes after a service to introduce themselves to people they do not know (whether guests or fellow parishioners) so that we fulfill St. Benedict’s reminder that “All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ.”

The Head Greeter (Robin Anderson) makes the schedules for official Greeters.

Due to the renovation of the Parish House, the Hospitality Hour is being held across the street, at the Hay-Adams Hotel, where an official Greeter will be assigned, in addition to the one assisting the clergy. Parish House renovations are scheduled to be completed in the Fall of 2018.

Please extend a warm welcome to our new Greeters: Russ Brown, Andrew Hunt, Sara McGanity, Christi Rich, Laura Clarke, Kat Kehoe, Chuck Schwartz, Donna Welles, and Brenda and Willy Wolter. We would like to thank Carolyn and Mike Becraft, Robin and Fred Webber, and Lilibet Hagel for their participation over the years, but who have stepped down. We also mourn the death of longtime parishioner, and Greeter, Edwin McLean.

If you are interested in joining the Greeters team, please contact Robin Anderson at finsandgators@aol.com.

The names of St. John’s Greeters are as follows:

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Robin Anderson

Chair
INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Investment Committee’s responsibility is to assist in the oversight and management of the church’s endowment. The members of the Committee in 2017 consisted of: Luis León, Hilary West, Richard Metzger, Krista Becker, and Larry Redway.

Brown Advisory was retained by the church in 2011 to handle the day-to-day management of its investment portfolio. The Investment Committee relies on the advice and guidance of Brown Advisory to achieve its overriding objective of increasing the value of the church’s portfolio over time through capital appreciation and dividend and interest payments. In addition, the church’s endowment annually provides an income stream to support the church’s operating expenses.

The Investment Committee met twice during 2017 with representatives of Brown Advisory. The discussion during these meetings covered a wide array of topics, including the performance of the church’s endowment accounts over the course of the year, developments in national and international debt and equity markets that could affect the church’s portfolio, and Brown Advisory’s assessment of likely changes in financial markets during the year. The Committee generally seeks to maintain a portfolio balance of 60% equity and 40% fixed income investments. In 2017, Brown Advisory continued to rebalance the portfolio and reduced the share of equity holdings to reach the 60/40 allocation.

Both the equity and fixed income have performed extremely well in 2017. In overall, the total value of the church’s investment accounts increased in 2017 by approximately 15% over the value at the close of 2016, as both the equity and fixed income portions of the accounts performed well.

The Investment Committee continues to provide advice to the Vestry, as needed, regarding the plans for financing the cost of renovating the Parish House. In the fall, because of the increase in value of the portfolio, the Committee recommended that the Vestry capture some of the capital gains in the account and increase the amount of the gift from the Endowment by an additional $1 million to use for Parish House renovation expenses. This recommendation was approved by the Vestry at the December meeting. The additional contribution from the church’s investment portfolio will significantly reduce the amount that the church may have to borrow to finance the renovation of the parish house.

Krista Becker
Chair
LATROBE FELLOWSHIP FOR YOUNG ADULTS REPORT

The Latrobe Fellowship is an active, energetic, joy-filled group of young adults at St. John’s Church. Latrobers are single and married adults in their 20s and 30s who find themselves at different places in their life and on their spiritual journeys.

Developing and deepening relationships with God and other young adults is very important to us. We gather on the First Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. for a joyful celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Following the service, we then gather for dinner, fellowship, and an opportunity to learn about food, faith, wine, the Episcopal Church, and a variety of other topics throughout the year.

It’s a great joy to work with the Latrobe Steering Committee as we organize the First Wednesday gatherings and other events throughout the church year. In 2017, Latrobers have gathered for a champagne tasting, a forum on Black History Month, a scavenger hunt around the church and Lafayette Park, a wine tasting led by the Rector, trivia night, an evening with the Rev. Canon Patricia Lyons on Vocational Discernment, and a white elephant gift exchange during the Advent season.

Because of anticipated work on the renovation of the parish house, the Latrobe Fellowship made the decision in the summer of 2017 to relocate (temporarily) for the First Wednesday services. The Church of the Ascension and St. Agnes (1217 Massachusetts Ave NW), one of our sister parishes in the Diocese of Washington, generously offered us use of their church and undercroft spaces for the monthly gatherings. We’ve worked hard to remind Latrobers that we are not meeting at St. John’s during the construction period, and, thankfully, there has not been a decrease in the monthly attendance. Strangely enough, there has been a noticeable increase from month to month. We’re extremely grateful to Ascension and St. Agnes for their hospitality, but look forward to returning to our church and parish house in the fall.

Latrobers also actively participate in the larger life of St. John’s Church by serving on Sunday mornings at ushers, greeters, readers, chalice bearers, musicians, Sunday school teachers, and in many other ways. Additionally, many to serve on vestry, as delegates to Diocesan Convention, and in other parish leadership roles. Young adults have worked on many different outreach projects, including the Christmas toy drive, the clothing drive, W.I.N., and Grace’s Table. As we move into 2018 you will continue to see young adults active and engaged in the good work that is being done in this church and community.

I’m especially grateful to members of the Latrobe Steering Committee: Matthew Taylor, Lacy Broemel, Emorie Broemel, Devin Urness, Martha Spieker, Marshall Collins, Eddie Grove, John Derrick, and Carl Ward.

The Rev. D. Andrew Olivo
Assistant Rector
The core ministry of the music program at St. John’s Church is to lead the music for worship for fifty-two Sundays each year, feast days, weddings, memorial services, major parish events, music festival services, and church concerts. To that end, we invite both professional and volunteer singers to join our choral program, to rehearse weekly, and to offer in worship the finest sacred and liturgical music from ages past to our own day. We are fortunate to have one of the finest pipe organs in the Washington area. In addition, through the generosity of parishioners and friends of St. John’s, we are able to engage, from time to time, skilled instrumentalists to augment our organ and choral resources.

This past year, three adults choirs, The Parish Choir (volunteers), the Latrobe Choir (volunteers), and the St. John’s Choir (staff singers) have led music for over 100 services, which includes Sunday mornings, five Music Festival Eucharists, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday, First Wednesday Latrobe Eucharists, a Pre-Inaugural Prayer Service, plus weddings and parish parties. Parish Choir volunteers have also lead music in the Church School. People who sing together also enjoy opportunities for social interaction, and so we joined together for suppers, retreats, workshops, and parties. Membership growth in the Parish Choir was significant in 2017. Here is the current membership of our Choirs:

**The Parish Choir**

- **Sopranos:** Annette Anfinrud, Caroline Baxter, Ava Coffin, Letha Dolza, Whitley Herndon, Elizabeth Holdefer, Diana Liao, Julia Leonard, Margy Love, Kathy Luhrman, Quin Woodward Pu, Annette Rossi, Robin Taylor, Margo Wiegenstein, and Christina Wilson
- **Altos:** Alison Adkins, Sarah Banks, Barbara Burkhardt, Cay Buser, Wendy Fibison, Sara Josey, Lisa Koehler, Katherine McClintic, Virginia Pasley, LaFleur Paysour, and Imara Rossi
- **Tenors:** Philip Anfinrud, Tyson Anderson, Craig Burkhardt, Nick Levy, Tom Wade, Alex Wilkins, and Will Yale
- **Basses:** Justin Dean, Chris Jones, Bill Josey, Daniel Sherwood, George Taylor, and Tyler Young

**The Latrobe Choir**

- **Sopranos:** Whitley Herndon, Virginia Pasley, and Quin Woodward Pu
- **Altos:** Sarah Banks, Laura Hohnsbeen, Robin Rotman, and Katherine McClintic
- **Tenors:** Gus Chrysson and Will Yale
- **Bass:** Jeff Bozman
The Saint John's Choir

- Sopranos: Dena Goodman, Alicia Lumberry, and Tory Wood
- Altos: Annie Coffman, Lisa Koehler, and Louisa Waycott
- Tenors: Noah Calderon, Sammy Huh, and Nicholas Levy
- Basses: Chris Fominaya, Christopher Jones, and Kevin Schellhase

Music for Festival Services

Thanks to the generosity of parishioners and friends of St. John’s and our Ushers Guild, we are able to augment our music on Music Festival Sundays and Christmas Eve with instruments including strings, brass, and percussion instruments. Festival Services in 2017 included:

- February 26, Music Festival Service: The Washington D.C. premiere of Will Todd's *Little Jazz Mass* with the St. John's and Parish Choirs accompanied by the Dan Dufford Jazz Ensemble
- April 16, Easter Day, sung by St. John's and Parish Choirs with brass quintet and timpani
- April 30, Guest Choir from St. Augustine's University
- May 14, Music Festival Service: Ivor Davies' *Prayers from the Ark*, sung by the St. John's Choir
- October 15, Music Festival Service: Leonard Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms* with harpist Rebecca Smith and percussionist Luis Garay, sung the St. John's Choir
- December 18, 11:00 a.m., Stephen Paulus' *Nativity Carols* with harpist Rebecca Smith and oboist Emily Snyder at the Festival of Lessons and Carols, sung by the St. John’s Choir
- December 24, Music for Christmas Eve with Chamber Orchestra, including Mozart's *Missa Brevis in F*

The Music Festival Services are funded entirely by the gifts of benefactors, and these gifts are always gratefully received. Please consider sponsoring a Festival Service as a meaningful way to mark a milestone or memorial. Contact Director of Music Michael Lodico (Michael.Lodico@stjohns-dc.org) for more information.
**First Wednesday Concerts**

There were nine First Wednesday Concerts in 2017, using not only talent from our music staff but also outstanding artists from the Washington area and the mid-Atlantic region. This past year completed the eighth season of midday concerts and the beginning of the ninth season, which attract not only parishioners and friends of the parish, but also workers from neighborhood offices, retired persons and a loyal group of senior adults from local retirement communities.

- January 4, Janet Yieh, Concert Organist, performs works by Mendelssohn, Messiaen, and the “Beatles Toccata”
- February 1, Jazz vocalist Sara Jones performs *Winter Escape*
- March 2, The Lafayette Square Duo with harpist Rebecca Smith and organist Michael Lodico
- April 5, Soloists from the St. John's Choir Louisa Waycott and Gus Chrysson perform art song from Germany and Latin America
- May 3, Organist Thomas Smith performs a recital of English organ music
- June 7, The United States Air Force Strings performs Bach’s *Brandenburg Concerto No. 2* with trumpet soloist Mary Bowden
- October 4, The United States Army Chorus
- November 1, Organist Brent Erstad performs a program titled *For All the Saints*
- December 6, The Episcopal High School Chamber Choir performs *Music of the Season*, Brent Erstad, Director

I give thanks for the leadership and inspiration of our Clergy, Vestry, and parishioners, and of our wonderful volunteer and staff singers. I am particularly grateful for the help and support of our Assistant Director of Music, Brent Erstad, choir personnel manager, Lisa Koehler, and choir librarian, Tory Wood. All of us who lead music at St. John’s feel most fortunate to be a part of continuing two centuries of worship and ministry on Lafayette Square.

Michael Lodico
*Director of Music Ministry and Organist*
OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

As Christians, we are called at Baptism to “seek and serve Christ in all persons.” At St. John’s, our Outreach ministries are focused on partnerships to serve others, both in our community and around the world. In 2017, despite the unavailability of the Parish House during the fall, the Outreach Committee continued to build many of our long-standing partnerships, and renewed or initiated other important partnerships. Hundreds of parishioners and friends were involved in Outreach during 2017, and we supported and served a variety of communities in Washington, DC, South Africa, and Jerusalem. The Outreach Committee utilized a budget of $95,000 during 2017, and the Committee is grateful to the Vestry for this generous allotment. Our resources were allocated as follows:

EDUCATION: $33,000
- Communities in Schools of the Nation’s Capital $17,000
- King Elementary School $5,000
- Bishop Walker School $8,000
- Iglesia San Juan College Fund $5,000

St. John’s provided significant support to Communities in Schools of the Nation’s Capital (CISNCAP) through funding for the general operations of the organization and through the time and talent of its parishioners both as volunteers in schools and on the Board of Directors. CISNCAP’s mission is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. To do that, CISNCAP places a Site Coordinator in each of its partner schools whose responsibilities are focused on case management, targeted interventions, whole school prevention services, and parent engagement.

Efforts around CIS this year focused on increasing awareness of and participation in volunteer activities throughout the Congregation by offering additional opportunities to volunteer with CIS. These new opportunities include volunteering at the Family Food Market once per month, participating in career fairs at various times throughout the year, reviewing report cards at volunteer-student conferences with children quarterly, and participating in the Journal Project, which was piloted in 2015. The Committee voted to rename the school-specific line budget line item to “CIS Special Projects,” which for 2017 included funding the continuation of the successful pilot journaling project with middle and high school students and Communities in Schools sites.

Bishop Walker School, born of the Diocese of Washington, is a tuition-free institution for children in kindergarten through fourth grade. St. John’s provides a variety of support for the school, including financial support and giving books to students as part of our annual Christmas toy drive. The School currently serves 93 students between kindergarten and sixth grade.

In 2017, St. John’s continued our Iglesia San Juan (ISJ) College Fund to help students from the parish afford a college education. The funding contributed to one ISJ student’s educational goals. Going forward, the Outreach Committee voted to continue sponsoring a general scholarship fund for Parishioners.
PARTNERSHIPS: $46,900

- Grace’s Table $6,000

South Africa

- Kwasa Centre, South Africa $15,000
- Diocese of the Highveld, for clergy education $2,000
- Travel to/from South Africa $5,000

Diocese of Jerusalem

- St. Paul’s Shafr’Amr $5,000
- American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ) $5,000
- St. Paul’s School $5,000

This year the Outreach Committee continued to build our partnership with Grace’s Table, an outreach ministry of Grace Episcopal Church in Georgetown. This fellowship prepares and shares a meal at 11:30 a.m. on Saturdays for persons who are homeless or on the margins of being homeless. Starting in September 2013, we have committed to providing volunteers to host Grace’s Table on the third Saturday of each month. Teams of 3–5 volunteers purchased and prepared the food, and then gathered with guests to eat and socialize together. The number of guests has varied from about 40 to 50, in addition to volunteers. This wonderful local partnership enables St. John’s parishioners to make an impact close to home and build relationships within our community. This year we provided a $6,000 donation to support the operating costs for Grace’s Table, and allocated the remainder of the funds to reimburse volunteers for the cost of the food they prepared and served.

The South African Companion Group partners with the Kwasa Centre and the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul in the Diocese of the Highveld to provide education and other services to children living in an informal settlement near Johannesburg. Our friends from Kwasa traveled to Washington in April 2017. The Outreach Committee hopes to send a group from St. John’s to Kwasa in 2018.

St. John’s continues to partner with the Diocese of Jerusalem. We continued donations to our partners at St. Paul’s Shafr’Amr and the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ). We plan to send a group from St. John’s to Jerusalem in February 2018.

HOUSING: $12,800

- Rebuilding Together $9,000
- Pathways to Housing $3,000
St. John's continued to support Rebuilding Together this year.

In addition to receiving financial support from St. John’s, Pathways to Housing is the beneficiary of items donated by parishioners to our semi-annual clothing drives. This year, we grew our partnership with Pathways as they took a greater role in helping to distribute the donations to appropriate community organizations throughout Washington DC.

In 2017, the Outreach Committee voted to end our partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Washington DC, as we have been unable to schedule a build date for several years.

EVENTS: $1,500

- Sandwich Sunday ($600 x 1) $600
- Clothing Drive 0
- Annual Gift Drive $1000
- Food Drive $1000

In 2017, St. John’s parishioners again gathered after the 11:00 a.m. service in March, for Sandwich Sunday, an outreach ministry that provides sandwiches to Martha’s Table. Materials for Sandwich Sunday were purchased at Costco for approximately $600. With an output of about 1,100 sandwiches, that means that each sandwich was made at a cost of less than 60 cents, making it one of our most cost-effective ministries. Approximately 25 people participated this year, enabling us to assemble the sandwiches in under an hour.

St. John’s continued our tradition of hosting a spring Clothing Drive, again to great success. This year, we built our relationship with Keys for the Homeless to help distribute the generous donations to needy populations through Bread for the City, Central Union Mission, and Clean Perceptions. Our fall clothing drive was put on hold due to the Parish House renovation.

The annual Christmas Gift Drive collected books, clothing, and other gifts for more than 150 children. We worked with four organizations to collect children’s Christmas wishes and distribute gifts: Bishop Walker School (BWS), Southeast White House, St. John’s Community Services, and Advocates for Justice and Education. The gift drive budget was used to purchase supplies for the Angel Tree, to purchase wrapping supplies, and to provide lunch for the volunteer “elves” who participated in the wrapping parties on December 16.

In 2017, the Outreach Committee continued the Lenten Food Drive. The drive was tremendously successful, with food proceeds and the corresponding donation going to No One Left Behind, an organization that helps Afghan and Iraqi interpreters who assisted the US military in combat safely resettle in the United States.
IMMIGRATION: $1,000

In early 2017, we recognized that sponsoring a refugee family would be a huge undertaking, and certainly not the only way to support refugees in Washington. With every resettlement, there is a need for a welcoming community to embrace, support, and connect the refugees to needed resources. Some preliminary research uncovered a number of DMV area parishes active in refugee support, and their progress and ideas helped shape a written proposal for St. John’s to start prayerfully exploring what refugee support might look like for our congregation.

The program created a year-long phased approach to bring attention to refugee issues at St. John’s by developing a focused plan to support refugee efforts already underway in our community. The phases included education and awareness, reflection, and opportunities for action. The purpose was to put our congregation and the Outreach Committee in a stronger position at the end of the year to evaluate the possibility of sponsoring a family, or alternatively, to be better informed of the needs of the refugee community and other opportunities best suited for our parish to contribute to the efforts in an ongoing way. The committee plans to meet in early 2018 to determine the next phase of their efforts.

DONATIONS: $14,500

- Downtown Cluster of Congregations $7,000
- IONA Senior Services $1,500
- Samaritan Ministries $2,000
- Washington Interfaith Network $3,000
- Seabury Resources for Aging $1,000

In 2017, the Outreach Committee continued to expand our partnership with Seabury Resources for Aging by participating in the Aging in Place program. Ten members of the Latrobe Fellowship volunteered with the Aging in Place program on March 4, 2017. It was a great success, enjoyed by all, and the Committee hopes to offer additional service dates with this program in 2018.

Several Outreach Committee members met with Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) Organizer Alison Dunn to discuss additional ways to involve St. John’s in WIN efforts around the city. The Committee has a new lead for this effort and looks forward to seeing how the partnership grows in 2018.

St. John’s continued to provide financial support to Samaritan Ministries.

In addition to the ministries outlined above, St. John’s continued our partnership with So Others Might Eat (SOME). Parishioners pick up an empty casserole pan in the Parish House, fill it with a casserole, and drop it off in the basement freezer. The casseroles feed homeless and low-income persons in DC.
MOVING FORWARD:

At the final meeting of 2017, the Outreach Committee voted to set aside funds in reserve accounts to expand the work of the refugee committee and continue to foster our partnership with the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

Matthew David Taylor
Outreach Committee Chair
In 2016, the original concept for the Renovation of the Parish House was rejected by the Vestry as too costly. In February 2017, the Committee presented a new concept for the renovation—limiting heating, ventilation and air conditioning upgrades to the first floor and a portion of the basement. The Committee also presented the Vestry with the option of creating a centralized entranceway in the connector, an idea that the Vestry endorsed. The entire new plan was then approved. Plans for the new entranceway were designed during the spring and costed by our construction company, Monarc. Savings from limiting the renovation amounted to about $850,000. The plans for the entire renovation were submitted for permit at the end of July, and the permit was granted in December. Monarc Construction was scheduled to begin working on January 2. We anticipate completion in September 2018.

A Design Subcommittee was appointed by the co-chairs to review finishes and decorative detail. Members include the co-chairs, John Irelan, Luis Leόn, Robert Pahnke, and Anne Stewart. The Subcommittee met twice this year and approved a variety of finishes that they believe are aesthetically pleasing and functionally useful. The finishes will retain the historic tradition on the outside of the building as well as repair the damage wrought by weather.

We want to thank the Committee members for their expertise and tenacity as we go into the final stages of the six-year long effort: Paul Barkett, Matt Gaziano, Richard Grimmett, John Peters Irelan, Lisa Kirchenbauer, Luis Leόn, Nancy Mathis, John More, Robert Pahnke, Damaris Rivera, Anne Stewart, and Christina Wilson. Hayden Bryan has served the Committee well as the staff coordinator.

Chase W. Rynd and Sharon Park
Co-chairs
**PARISH LUNCH REPORT**

The Sunday Parish Lunch is a wonderful and important fellowship opportunity at St. John’s. It is a way to meet new friends, catch up with old friends and to welcome visitors to our church. It is good food at a wonderful price. Parish lunch is only possible because of volunteers – individuals, family and friend groups and church committees and groups – who hosted 9 lunches, January – May of 2017.

Special thanks are due to the following individuals and groups who hosted lunches. [Names are listed in hosting date sequence.]

- Adams/Bode Family
- Chili Cook Off Team: Robin Anderson, Anne Grambsch, Martha Jenkins, Eleanor Odom, Nancy Klotz, Kathy Luhrman, Dace Vidins, Jennifer McCann, Denis Faherty, Betty van Iersel
- Crouch Family
- Stephen O’Shields, Miller Winecoff, Will Yale and Karen Zachary
- Education for Ministry
- Cherouny & Redway Families
- The Vestry
- South African Mission Groups
- Flower Guild

In anticipation of the renovation of the Parish House which has eliminated access to the venue for our Parish Lunches we decided to continue and even expand this fellowship opportunity by organizing activities by neighborhood/zipcode. During September to December these events have been pot luck suppers, brunches and cocktail parties in the homes of parishioners. Other possibilities are yet to be explored. There is considerable enthusiasm for this new community building opportunity which we are looking forward to continuing. It has taken considerable effort on the part of our first hosts as we experimented with ways of issuing invitations and advertising the events.

Special appreciation is extended to the following individuals who organized, cooked and hosted these events:

- Eleanor & Peter Odom
- Lisa & James Kirchenbauer
- Martha & Richard Ellison
- Betsy & Daniel Danello
- Livy & John More
- Susan & Peter Carlson & Heather & Jim Wilson
- Ann & John Gardner, Elizabeth & Chris Gardner, Mary & Carl Raether
- Joanne & Powell Hutton

Holly Sukenik
*Parish Lunch Coordinator*
Parish Register Report

Transfers into the Parish in 2017:

- Michael and Nayla Mengel – from St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, Tampa, FL
- Andrew Edward-Charles Tomlinson – from Nativity Episcopal Church, Bloomfield Township, MI
- Deborah Hanson Fuller – from St. Mark’s Cathedral, Shreveport, LA
- Jay Brian Fuller – from St. Anthony on the Desert Episcopal Church, Scottsdale, AZ
- Donna Elizabeth Welles – from St. George’s Episcopal Church, Austin, TX
- Margaret Colgate Love – from St. Mark’s Church, Washington, DC
- Susan and Peter Carlson – from St. Mark’s Church, Washington, DC
- Matthew S. McMurray – from Church of Our Savior, Chicago, IL
- Sally Rose Larson – from Christ Church, St. Simon’s Island, GA
- The Herzog Family (Laura, John, Jack, and Lucy) – from St. George’s Episcopal Church, Nashville, TN
- Cameron Heaps Ippolito – from St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, Savannah, GA
- Olivia M. Franken – from Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis, MO
- Donnice Michelle Turner – from St Paul’s Episcopal Church, Atlanta, GA

Transfers out of the Parish in 2017:

- Paul Harrison Zehfuss – to St. James’ Episcopal Church, Leesburg, VA
- Maren Rose Zehfuss – to St. James’ Episcopal Church, Leesburg, VA
- Judith Donovan – to Grace Episcopal Cathedral, Topeka, KS
- Peter G. Thompson – to Grace Episcopal Church, Washington, DC
- Anne Elizabeth Grambsch – to Christ Church, Georgetown, Washington, DC
- Fernando Alfredo Hermoza – to Episcopal Church of Our Savior, Silver Spring, MD
- Sofia Belen Hermoza and Samantha Hermoza – to Episcopal Church of Our Savior, Silver Spring, MD
- Araceli Ma – to Episcopal Church of our Savior, Silver Spring, MD
- Linda and Jeffrey Dienno – to Christ Church, Alexandria, VA
- Elizabeth Pegram Bruns – to Christ Church, Alexandria, VA
- Edwin D. and Kathe Williamson – to Christ Church, Georgetown, Washington, DC
- Susan Flanagan and Michael McDowell – to Emmanuel Church, Chestertown, MD
- James Nelson Cooper and Carolyn Cooper – to Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota, FL
- Jack Genair Duncan (inactive) – to St. Philip’s Episcopal Church, Charleston, SC
- Joseph Herron Owens, Jr. (inactive) – to St. Philip’s Episcopal Church, Charleston, SC
- Jonathan Nateghi-Asli – to Emmanuel Church, Beckford Parish, Woodstock, VA
Confirmations, Reaffirmations, Receptions, Baptisms in 2016:

Confirmations

- William E. Heaton IV
- Peter Baird Neville, Jr.
- Elizabeth Mead Osborn
- Alexander Holbrook Wilkins
- Philip Goodhue Agnew (Y)
- Audrey Zi-Jie Anikeeff (Y)
- William Reese Crochet (Y)
- Thea Hanh Crouch (Y)
- Claudia King Cutler (Y)
- Elise Forrest Doucet (Y)
- Carolyn Kerr Gardner (Y)
- Margaret Whey Hampe (Y)
- David Albert Kirkpatrick Kirchenbauer (Y)
- Robert Edward Kirkpatrick Kirchenbauer (Y)
- Kosisochukwu Tagbo Ucheora Onwuamaegbu (Y)
- Avedis Thomas Reid II (Y)
- Isabel Lang Tierney (Y)
- Zelalem Shague Tesfaye Waritu (Y)

Receptions

- Nathan John Miller
- Amber Ford Neville
- Kelly Jeanne Olson

Reaffirmations

- Donna Elizabeth Welles

Baptisms in 2017:

- Leonardo Matteo Weeks
- Elijah Zachariah Greene
- Imogen Campbell Hahn
- Thomas McAulay Hankey
- William Harrington Davis Stolar

- Nylah Moon Hawkins
- Elizabeth Lee Holdefer (Adult)
- Leila Paslar Nuzum
- Ava Marie Sluis
- Wilhelmina Roby Sluis
Caroline Marie Klug  
Luke Anthony Parcell  

Audrey Elizabeth Evans  
Sybil Sloan Evans  
Thomas Matthew Hailey  

Jacob Rudiengaard Berlin  
Carter Patrick Kenny  
Catherine Margaret Kenny  
Owen Sheetz Edsall Littleton  
Mary Claire Rich Olivo  

**Weddings in 2017:**  
Kelly Jeanne Olson and Nathan John Miller  
Justin Brooks Dean and Matthew William Sipala  
Elizabeth Anne McCarthy and Christian Vaughn Harris
Every week at St. John’s Church we have members who are committed to the work of pastoral care for those in the congregation in need of support. A group of parishioners work with the clergy to reach out to our homebound and ill parishioners; they make phone calls, send emails, deliver flowers, visit and share communion, and say prayers for those who are in hospital or no longer able to join us in church on Sunday mornings.

Almost every Sunday of the year we say this prayer as we send out our Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs): “On behalf of God and St. John’s Church, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those whom you will visit may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood. Amen.” It’s an important part of our service each week as it reminds us that there are members of our parish who, for a variety of reasons, cannot make it to church and yet are still part of our life together. The LEMs are one way that we stay linked to those who cannot be with us on Sundays. They share communion, they read scripture, they say prayers, and, most importantly, they remind those they visit that they are loved by their church and by God. I am very grateful to the team of LEMs who committed themselves to this important ministry, and I invite the congregation to keep them, as well as the homebound and sick parishioners they visit, in your prayers.

Pastoral care is vitally important to the health of our congregation, and we are grateful to each member who makes time to care for those in need. If you are interested in assisting with any of the pastoral care work at St. John’s Church, please contact the Rev. Andy Olivo for more information. And when you have your own pastoral care needs that arise, please let the clergy know as soon as possible so that we can pray for you and offer you our care and support. The only way that we can know if you are sick, in the hospital, or celebrating a special occasion is if you let us know.

The Rev. D. Andrew Olivo

Assistant Rector
Planned Giving Report

The Planned Giving Committee has remained strong with 62 parishioners committing resources, through their wills, trusts, and beneficiary designations to St. John’s as part of the 1816 Society. Interest in directing Required Minimum Distributions to St. John’s continues to grow as well. 2018 will present an opportunity to revisit estate planning and planned giving with the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

Lisa A.K. Kirchenbauer
Chair
The Properties Committee is responsible for issues involving the condition and operations of the Church's buildings and grounds. It provides oversight and support to the administrative staff in the area of property management, working directly with Hayden Bryan, Executive Director for Operations. The Committee’s members are Rick Busch, Barbie Harper, Joanne Hutton, Patricia Leslie, Richard Metzger, Sam Watson, and Richard Grimmett, Chair of the Committee.

The principal actions taken by the Committee in 2017 involving the properties of St. John’s Church, and implemented under the direction of Hayden, are as follows:

The Committee continued its program for the removal, restoration, and reinstallation of the historic memorial Stained Glass Windows of St. John’s. Church Several windows were designated for restoration this year. The most significant window restored was the Leonard window, located adjacent to the Lincoln Pew on the H Street side of the church. This window was reinstalled before Christmas. Next to the Leonard window is the Hagner window, which is currently under restoration. In phases during 2018, two windows will be removed from the Organ Bay—the Abert and Crane windows—and one from the AFL side of the church: the Randall window. When these four windows are restored, all of the Stained Glass Windows on the main floor within the church will have been restored. During 2018, two windows on the H Street side of the Gallery will be restored: the Markoe window, and the Buchanan window. All of the above windows are original, historic, Lorin windows and were designed and fabricated in Chartres, France in 1883-1884 and all installed by 1885. The Committee continues to use the Shenandoah Glass firm of Front Royal, Virginia to do these restorations. This company has demonstrated its professional skills through its previous restoration of several other Stained Glass Windows in the church. This firm also installed custom-built, state-of-the-art, protective covers, formally termed an Insulated Glass Unit (IGU), on the three windows restored. Now all of the historic Lorin windows have protective covers. These IGUs will protect these windows from damage that results from expansion and contraction of the stained glass caused by excessive heat or cold outside when the temperature inside the church is the opposite, whether during Washington’s hot summers or its cold winters.

Once the above restorations are complete, only four major Stained Glass windows will remain to be restored. Two of these windows are in the Gallery on the AFL side of the church: the Turnbull window and the Presidents W.H. Harrison, Tyler and Taylor window. The other two are Swords and Shields windows located at the lower level of the stairs to the Gallery on the H Street and AFL sides of the church.

Another action taken in 2017 was to have the historic records of St. John’s Church digitized by the Crowley Company of Frederick, Maryland. This project was undertaken in conjunction with the removal of these records from the Parish House Archives when that building was closed for renovation. This digitization project has been successfully completed, thus ensuring preservation of these records in a format that will limit the need to handle the often fragile originals, while providing convenient access to them.

Richard F. Grimmett, Chair
The Stewardship Committee’s main focus will always be on annual giving. Receipts from pledges account for about 40% of the total budget at St. John’s. Here is the record of pledge amounts received over the past few years: 2015 ($1,117,488.00); 2016 ($1,025,960.00 from 427 units); and 2017 ($1,009,150.00 from 389 units).

As of January 30, 2018, we have received pledges from 324 units totally $957,209.21. Pledges have not been coming in as quickly as in past years. For example, at this time last year, we had received pledges from 358 units totally $987,359. Typically, pledges continue to be submitted for several months into each calendar year, as new members join our church or members reevaluate their charitable giving plans. To those members of our parish family who have not yet pledged for 2018, we ask you to carefully and prayerfully consider making a pledge. Any pledge, no matter how small, makes a difference!

Stewardship Committee members carry out the annual canvass in November. Members of this year’s Stewardship Committee include Sara McGanity, Claudette Cox, TJ and Karis Parnham, Natalie Popovic and Chip Sherrill. We are truly grateful for their faithfulness and support. We were also pleased that several members of the Vestry volunteered to assist us in making calls.

I especially want to recognize the outstanding support that the St. John’s office staff has provided in facilitating our Stewardship work. Evangeline Gravina creates the call sheets for the fall canvas, Hayden Bryan organizes them into notebooks for canvassers, and Preston Cherouny maintains records and makes the necessary financial reports to the appropriate church committees and the Vestry. We continue to be blessed as a result of their hard work.

Faithfully,

Ralph Olson
Chair
Theology on Tap Report

Theology on Tap provides an opportunity to explore issues and topics that relate to faith and life in a casual, low-pressure environment. Speakers from churches, universities, and institutions in the DC-area share their thoughts and experiences on a variety of topics to get the conversations started each month. And we do this while enjoying a beer (or Diet Coke) and a burger. We meet the Third Wednesday of most months for these conversations.

2017 was an interesting year for Theology on Tap. For the first half of the year, we continued to gather at the Bier Baron Tavern, but plans for the fall had to be changed. We were pushed out of our normal space at the Bier Baron Tavern into a room that did not allow for robust conversations because of the noise level. We decided to postpone the fall gatherings until a new venue was found, and plan to start up again in 2018. We’re grateful to the Bier Baron Tavern for their hospitality over the years.

Topics discussed in 2017 include: Politics and Prayer, Religion and the Public Square, Practicing Resurrection, and Finding Your Voice For Peace.

I invite you to join us in 2018 as we have many excellent speakers lined up to share thoughts on political advocacy, food, art, and many other interesting topics. Look for information about our new location and speakers soon!

The Rev. D. Andrew Olivo
Assistant Rector
Tour Guides’ Report

Tour Guides are very much a part of St. John’s Outreach Ministry as Guide Elizabeth van Iersel reminded all of us with the following observation: “We sometimes forget that visitors to the parish are not our only audience. We also welcome new members. Recently, I gave a tour to a young man who said he had been attending St. John’s for a while and wanted to learn more about service opportunities, especially those available on Sundays. I was able to tell him about our Lay Eucharist Ministries and flower ministries for those not able to attend a service.”

An extension of Betty’s point includes the opportunity for parishioners to arrange tours for their clubs, organizations, or other groups who might be interested.

For instance, Carolyn Crouch gave a Friday, September 22, tour for 20 people from Wisconsin ("Altar Guild Adventures" from Lisa Saunders’ home parish!). American Christian Tours arranged the tour through Hayden Bryan.

One spring Sunday morning this past year longtime Tour Guide Mac Johnston and wife Barbara were headed to church when they found they had to park many blocks away. Mac was scheduled for the tour following the 11 a.m. Service. In order to get from the car to the church they had to cross the path of great numbers of highly costumed (and some scarcely costumed) marchers. Dressed for church, Mac says that he and Barbara certainly stood out as they crossed a river of protesters (who, by the way, politely made way for them). In Washington you never know what you’ll run into next.

For instance, Valerie Crotty gave a tour to a very nice couple from Grand Rapids, Michigan who had had tried to visit St. John’s 47 years ago when they were first married. However, it was during the Vietnam War and because of demonstrations in Lafayette Square, the whole area was blocked off.

Also in September, Rick Busch greeted two visitors from the Federal Republic of Germany, in town for a scientific conference, and another visitor from Florida, who had come north to stay with her sister in DC for a few days until things began to return to normal following the latest hurricane to hit that state.

However, a visitor from Australia won the “greatest distance” prize this past year.

Also this fall, a couple from Columbia, South Carolina stayed for a tour with Rick. The woman visits Washington from time to time on business and always tries to attend the 12:10 p.m. weekday service. Both visitors were highly complementary of their visit.

On a November tour, Valerie greeted a couple visiting from Texas, whose daughter lives here. They said how welcoming St. John’s has always been on their several visits here.
The same Sunday, a new resident in Arlington brought three friends from California—Rev. Moon, his wife and son. The Rev. Moon is with the Concordia Colleges and remarked on the similarity of the service with the Lutheran practice. He enjoyed hearing about our annual visitors from the Lutheran School in Torrance, CA.

Rick Bush and Valerie Crotty
Co-Chairs
For the past 131 years, Ushers have had an integral role at St. John’s Church, Lafayette Square, more than 200 years after the placement of its cornerstone on September 14, 1815. Over 70 years after services began on October 27, 1816, the Vestry approved the hiring of Ushers from the local community to seat growing numbers of visitors and parishioners. In 1894, volunteer male members of the congregation were given the opportunity to serve as Ushers to offer service to the church on committees and the Vestry. In 1941, the Usher Guild was formed. In the 1970s, volunteer female members of the congregation began to serve on the vestry and in the 1980s as Ushers. In 2003, female parishioners assumed roles as Assistant Head Ushers.

Today’s volunteer Ushers are members of that legacy Usher Guild, and warmly greet and assist parishioners and visitors as they attend services at St. John’s Church. They help with seating so as not to disrupt the worship of others, and participate during the Offertory and administration of the Holy Eucharist. Ushers serve in small teams once a month at each of the three Sunday morning services (7:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.), January through May and early September through December, and at each of the two Sunday morning services (7:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.) June through August. They also serve as Ushers for memorial services, funerals, and other special events. Each year, the Usher Guild sponsors the splendid festival music programs featured at the Easter Day services.

Ushers strive to ensure that appropriate decorum and the personal security of worshipers are maintained. They also assist in the event of emergency situations that may occur during church services. As first responders, the Assistant Head Ushers and many Ushers are certified in use of emergency cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) techniques and automated external defibrillator (AED) equipment.

During 2017, over 60 parishioners served as Ushers. The teams of Ushers are currently led by 10 Assistant Head Ushers: Jeff Agnew, Bud Harrell, Robyne Johnston, Richard Metzger, John More, Ellen Parke, Anthony Pegues, Nora Rigby, Alfred Thesmar, and Samuel Watson. Church growth continued to increase during the year, with total attendance of almost 30,000 worshipers. The Christmas Eve Pageant and Easter Day services were the most highly attended regular services held at St. John’s Church.

Ushers welcome the opportunity to serve the entire St. John’s Church parish and the surrounding community. You are invited you to consider being part of this exciting and dedicated ministry. If you would like additional information, please contact the Head Usher at any time (jczerwonky@verizon.net).

James H. Czerwonky
Head Usher

* Information was sourced, in part, from Green, The Church on Lafayette Square; Harper, Years of Change; and Grimmett, St. John’s Church, Lafayette Square.
VESTRY NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Under the Canons of the Episcopal Church, the Vestry of St. John’s Parish is responsible for the economic health of the Parish and for providing support for the ministry of the clergy. The Vestry consists of the Rector, Senior Warden, Junior Warden and twelve members elected by the Parish. The Vestry is assisted by Parish officers – the Parish Counsel, Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. These Parish officers are appointed by the Vestry annually.

The Senior and Junior Wardens serve one-year terms, while the twelve members of the Vestry serve staggered terms of four years. Accordingly, every year the terms of three Vestry members expire. This year, the departing members are Hilary West (Senior Warden), Lisa Russo, Brian Schoeneman and Holly Sukenik.

On Sunday, December 10, 2017, members of the 2017 Vestry Nominating Committee met to consider potential nominees to fill the impending vacancies. The members of the Committee were Wande Johnson, John More, Lisa Russo, Brian Schoeneman, Holly Sukenik, Hilary West and Luis Léon. Based on the recommendations of the Committee, the following parishioners have agreed to stand for election to the Vestry:

Senior Warden - Richard Metzger

Junior Warden - Paul Barkett

Vestry Member (three to be elected):
Carolyn Crouch
Jeff Hantson
Andrew Hunt
Grant Kraus
Sara McGanity
Peter Odom

The Vestry candidates were introduced and presented to members of the Parish at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 28, 2018. Voting will take place at the Annual Meeting, scheduled for 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, February 4, 2018. The names of the three new Vestry members should be announced prior to the end of the meeting.

Hilary West
Chair
Treasurer’s Report

2017 Highlights

Income

2017 saw fairly stable pledges and plate offerings income. Final pledge income did not match the budgeted amount by approximately $11,000 (a 1% shortfall), and prior year pledge income came in $14,000 below budget (a 71% shortfall). Of note, with the move out of the Parish House the church experienced significant delays in receiving mail through the U.S. Post Office; as a result, a number of 2017 pledges sent in December were not counted in the year-end totals and will be reflected in the 2018 line item for prior year pledge income.

Despite these gaps, due to the decision not to replace a third clergy person combined with savings on various expenditures, we achieved a sizeable surplus of $113,970 in 2017 (see details below).

Disbursements

The majority of St. John’s expenses fall into four categories: Clergy (26%), Parish and Office (29%), Music (13%) and Outreach (13%).

In 2017, $253,750 was allocated to various outreach initiatives. Expenditures in that total included:

- Diocesan Pledge: $150,000 (decreased $14,000 from the prior year)
- Parish Outreach Committee: $95,000 (numerous grants, programs and donations)
- Seminary Support, Washington Interfaith Network and Downtown Cluster of Churches: $8,750

2017 Surplus

Because we did not replace Sarah Miller’s position after she departed, there have been savings in our clergy expenses for part of the year. We also experienced cost savings in several expense categories and strong pledge and plate income; as a result of these combined factors, St. John’s ended 2017 with a surplus of $113,970.

Anticipating Debt Service Needs for Parish House Renovations:

In light of the impending borrowing needed to fully fund the Parish House renovations, a new account was established in 2016 to begin to service that debt, and roughly $25,000 was allocated to that reserve account from the 2016 surplus. The Vestry has approved supplementing that account in anticipation of the renovation costs and allocated the 2017 surplus as follows:

- An additional $100,000 was distributed to the reserve line item, “Capital Campaign Debt.”
- $13,970 was donated to the Bishop Walker School.
2018 Budget

The Vestry approved a balanced budget for 2018. This balanced budget was achieved with the same, historically low, reliance on the interest from the endowment to cover operating expenses (4.8%). Due to a combination of continued strong pledging and the decision to not hire a third clergy person, the 2018 budget includes some key commitments:

✓ Staff and clergy salaries have been budgeted with an increase of 2%.
✓ A part-time position for church school director has been allocated at $20,000.
✓ The Diocesan pledge is budgeted at $164,000 (returning to the historic high level in 2015).

Based on current pledges and prior-year collections, the 2018 budget conservatively sets pledge income at $985,000 (approximately $24,000 lower than 2017 actuals).

Historically, income is taken from the endowment accounts equal to 5% of the average December 31st Endowment accounts balances from the prior three years. Funds are transferred monthly in equal installments to the operating account and are used for day-to-day church expenses. For the 2018 budget year, endowment income will remain at the reduced level of 4.8% and is reflected as such in the balanced budget.

Virginia Bader
Parish Treasurer
The following are comparative statements of Annual Operations (Cash Basis) for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016. Investment Valuations and Reserve Fund Balances are as of December 31, 2017 and 2016.

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**TOTAL INCOME** | **$2,178,444** | **$2,087,638** | **$2,222,683** |
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**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS** | **$2,178,444** | **$1,973,668** | **$2,222,683** |

**EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS** | **$0** | **$113,970** | **$0** |

**INVESTMENT VALUATIONS**

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**RESERVE FUNDS**

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Welcome!

AT ST. JOHN’S CHURCH, we believe Christ is calling us to be a renewed church in a changing world. Empowered by the Spirit of God, we respond to Jesus’ call as we deepen our bond with Christ through worship, become a community where all are accepted, and work together as laity and clergy to do God’s work in the world.

ST JOHN’S WAS ORGANIZED IN 1815 to serve as a parish church for Episcopalians residing in the neighborhoods in the west end of the District of Columbia. Its cornerstone was laid on September 14, 1815, and it was consecrated on December 27, 1816. Beginning with James Madison, every person who has held the office of President of the United States has attended a service at the church. Several Presidents have been communicants. Thus, St. John’s is often referred to as the “Church of the Presidents.” Pew 54 is the President’s Pew. The architect of the church was Benjamin Henry Latrobe, who assisted in the rebuilding of the U.S. Capitol and the White House after the War of 1812. Twenty-five of the stained glass windows in St. John’s were designed and executed by artisans of the noted Lorin firm of Chartres, France.

BROCHURES DESCRIBING PARISH LIFE, the history of St. John’s, and the Episcopal denomination can be found in the church entrance. If you are visiting, please fill out the visitor information card found at the end of each pew to enable us to welcome you personally into the life of our parish.

ST JOHN’S WEBSITE WWW.STJOHNS-DC.ORG has up-to-date information about the Church including the weekly calendar, the Sunday service schedule, Adult Forum speakers and topics, the music calendar and newsworthy events.

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**Vestry**

Hilary West, *Senior Warden*

Richard Metzger, *Junior Warden*

Virginia Bader, Paul Barkett, Andrew Clarke, Martha Ellison, Carrie Garland, Lisa Russo, Jessica Sanchez, Brian Schoeneman, Thom Sinclair, Anne Stewart, Holly Sukenik, and Audrey Wood.

Virginia Bader, *Treasurer*

Nkem Onwuamaegbu, *Assistant Treasurer*

Sara McGanity, *Secretary*

Christopher R. Wall, *Parish Counsel*

**Head Usher**

James H. Czerwonky

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Preston Cherouny

*Financial Secretary*

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