

Annual Reports

2018 Amended

Vision Statement

GRACE is God's gift of unconditional love made known to us in Jesus Christ. Our vision is to live with grace as an open, welcoming Christian community. In the pew or at the altar, we invite you to be part of our faith journey. No matter where you are, we will meet you there.



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2018 ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2019, 10:45 AM

- 1) Call to Order and Opening Prayers: Tom Westerfield, Fr. Kirk.
- 2) Appointment of a Secretary: Tom Westerfield to appoint Amy Watts
- 3) Approval of Minutes of January 28, 2018 Meeting
- 4) Nominating Committee Report – Tom Westerfield
 - For Senior Warden:** Phil McAuley (Vote for One, 1-year term)
 - For Junior Warden:** Nora Bollinger (Vote for One, 1-year term)
 - For Vestry:**
 - 3 year terms (4): Karen Marshall, Lisa Hildebrand, Rich Carney, and Dan Menna
 - 2 year term – (Completion of 1 unexpired term): Michael Guerriero
 - 1 year term – (Completion of 1 unexpired term): Jennifer Gardner O'Donnell
 - For Convention Deputies - Saturday, March 2nd, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cherry Hill**
(Top 3 votes to be elected as Deputies and next 3 to be Alternate Deputies:
Phil McAuley, Nora Bollinger, Al Schmidt, Nominations from the floor.
 - For Camden Convocation Representatives** (6 may be elected):
Karen Murdock, Betsy Murphy, Nominations from the Floor
- 5) Nominations from the Floor: Nominees are required to meet the qualifications for Voters below, and Warden Nominees must also have been Received into or Confirmed in the Episcopal Church.
- 6) Appointment of Tellers
- 7) Balloting. The polls remain open at least thirty minutes.
- 8) Small Group Discussions – 2019 Priorities (assigned by table)
- 9) Treasurer's 2018 Report and 2019 Budget Presentation - Bill Sweeney
- 10) Submission of Annual Reports and Discussion from Floor
- 11) Recognition of the retiring Warden & Vestry members: Tom Westerfield, Elizabeth Perdichizzi, J.P. Russell, Ed Strom, Jay Kaufman, Karen Murdock
- 12) Installation of new officers
- 13) Closing Prayer & Adjourn – Fr. Kirk

VOTING REQUIREMENTS: TO VOTE, A PERSON MUST BE: BAPTIZED, AT LEAST AGE 16, ON RECORD AS RESIDENT IN THE PARISH, OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER, ADHERING TO THIS CHURCH AND NO OTHER RELIGIOUS BODY, REGULAR ATTENDANTS AT PARISH SERVICES, MEANING THOSE WHO ARE MORE FREQUENTLY PRESENT THAN ABSENT UNLESS FOR GOOD CAUSE PREVENTED, REGULAR CONTRIBUTORS TO THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE PARISH FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS BEFORE THE ANNUAL MEETING, AND SHALL HAVE RECEIVED HOLY COMMUNION AT LEAST THREE TIMES IN THE LAST YEAR.

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Darlene Haines, Accounts Receivable

THE VESTRY

The Wardens

Tom Westerfield, Senior Warden ~ Retiring

Phil McAuley, Junior Warden

Class of 2018 ~ Retiring

Jay Kauffman

Karen Murdock

Elizabeth Perdichizzi

JP Russell

Ed Strom

Class of 2019

Bethann Flagg

Mike Peacock

Chris Strasser

Class of 2020

Portia Fudala

Sutton Hamilton

Amy Watts

2018 Delegates to the Diocesan Convention

Tom Westerfield

Michael Luther

Al Schmidt

INTERIM RECTOR'S REPORT

It has been an honor and privilege for me to serve as Interim Rector beginning July 2nd and continuing up to the arrival of The Rev. Jenni Ovenstone Smith on March 25, 2019, as your new rector.

My agreement with the Vestry is that I would work four days per week: Monday, Tuesday, Saturday, and Sunday, approximately 8 work units of 3-4 hours each per week. I have spent this time leading services, visiting hospitals, and calling on home-bound members.

I am impressed by the organization of the parish office and staff. I thank Jeanne Mugler, former Parish Administrator, who accepted another position in late October, and Betsy Murphy, her successor, for their extensive assistance to me and the parish. Max Esmus completed his five years' service as Organist and Music Director January 2nd, and he too has been a blessing to work with. I look forward to working with his successor, Diane Caruso, who began January 2nd as Interim Organist and Music Director. Our initial agreement with Diane is that she will serve for the first six months of 2019, after which a mutual review will be made.

I want to also thank Al Schmidt, Joe Waller, and the other members of the Property Committee for all the work they do to keep our facilities in good repair. They have all functioned as a great team, with several contractors, this year preparing the Rectory for your new rector.

Grace Church is a welcoming and warm community of faith, and a strong agent of Christ's love to the world. I'm very optimistic that the parish will thrive with your next rector and continue to grow in love and service.

Jeffrey M. Kirk

DEACON'S REPORT

It has been an interesting and enjoyable year at Grace, and I have gotten to know many of you. Grace has been blessed with a great staff and music department, but most of all a supportive and caring congregation. You are involved with so many different outreach ministries that could not exist without a commitment to assist along with the financial support from all of you, and Camden Christmas is a prime example of your dedication.

Fr. Carmen, before being ordained, was the Arch-Deacon and his activities were well known. So, what does this deacon Jim do? Some of you know that, other than being your deacon, I have many diaconal ministries outside the church.

I am a Hospice chaplain with Samaritan Hospice and one of the days that I have been committed to is Sunday. The Bishop has agreed to this with the stipulation that I be present for all Saturday evening services and one Sunday a month.

I also have a prison ministry at the Garden State Prison Yardville Correctional Facility

I am involved with Interfaith Hostility Network/Family Promise. It is a ministry to the working homeless with children. I do this with Holy Trinity Wenonah and St Thomas Glassboro.

I sit on the board of "The Kitchen of Hope" affiliated with the Gloucester County Food Bank.

When I have the time, I visit five different Hospitals, which I did on a regular basis before Samaritan opened the new center in Voorhees.

The many funerals I do per year are for those from Samaritan Center who have no church affiliation but are what I call Christians without a church home.

I am also a member of "The Brotherhood of St. Andrew." The Brotherhood of St. Andrews is an Episcopal men's group ministering to men and boys. It started in Chicago in the late 1880's and spread through the country. It was active in NJ until the 1970's when the feminist movement claimed it was discriminating against women, but the counterpart is called the Daughter's of the King, and they are both under the same umbrella. The active chapters decided to shut down, and they drifted into other men's groups not affiliated with the church. In 2002 I contacted province two for information and got permission from the Bishop to reestablish the Brotherhood in NJ. After I was ordained, Bishop George instructed me to hand off the Diocesan Coordinators position to another member, Sean Garvin, who is the present coordinator. We have 11 chapters through the Diocese and the prison is one of them.

Deacon Jim

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

As my time as Sr. Warden is coming to an end, I have been reflecting on all that occurred in the two years I served as a Warden. It was a busy time, as we were blessed to celebrate Grace's 175th year anniversary. For the first time in 20 years, we launched a 3-year Capital Campaign allowing us to work on the necessary renovations of the rectory as well as upgrade the aging heating and cooling systems in the church and parish house. We celebrated Father Pat's retirement and went through the search process for a new Priest and celebrated Deacon Carmen's transition to the Priesthood. We hired a new Interim Director of Music to replace Max as he moved to become a postulant for monastic orders, replaced our Parish Administrator and hired a new Church Secretary. This was all in addition to the ministries we support throughout the year. I am thankful for the Supply Priests and Father Kirk for providing us with spiritual support and guidance during this time of transition. I am hesitant to thank anyone individually in this report for fear of missing anyone, but I do have to say this congregation really came together and supported each other as we ventured into this new chapter of our parish life. I was very fortunate to lead a Vestry that was very committed and pulled together for every challenge put before us. Grace has much to offer, and I believe 2019 will be a year of new beginnings. I am very excited to see where we go under the new leadership of Revered Jenni Ovenstone Smith.

I would ask that you continue to offer the support you provided me to Phil McAuley and Nora Bollinger as the new Wardens. I pray that we will also continue to work on stewardship, as while our ministries and members continue to grow, our overall financial support has decreased over the past five years. We must ensure we continue to have the resources needed to answer God's call to us.

In closing, I do want to thank my wife, Michele, for being understanding with the time commitments this position required. It was my honor and pleasure to serve you as a Warden, and I would recommend everyone consider the opportunity when asked to serve on the Vestry or as a Warden.

In His Service,
Tom Westerfield

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

A year of "New Beginnings"

2018 was a good year. Even with all the transition, we met most of our challenges and made a difference in the lives of many people. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for a great year and to recognize Tom Westerfield, our Senior Warden, for guiding us through the process. We were truly blessed to have Tom at the helm.

Now that we are past the transition, I invite you to help plan the future as we work with our new rector, Mother Jenni, to carry forth a vision for Grace Church, for our congregation, the surrounding community, our children, our grandchildren and beyond. What we do at Grace is all Good!

The world searched for 'good' in 2018 more than ever before, according to Google Trends. Google reported that both online and in the headlines, "we looked for reasons to smile, ways to help, and milestones to inspire." This sounds very much like our Grace Family!

At Grace, I am always inspired that we do not need Google to find the Good. We live it. I was enthused during the Stewardship Campaign. How easy it was when I solicited individuals to share their favorite good news from the many ministries we support! The people that participated wanted to share their stories and as a result, each story gave us a warm reason to smile. The timing of the Stewardship messaging was great for the parish because of all our transition; many people got to hear all the good we do as a church family. To me, it not only cemented what a great community we belong to, but helped ease the transition uncertainty for some.

I was equally encouraged that the congregation could capture the essence of our good news and convey our passions into a vibrant parish profile. It was this profile that made it possible to find a new rector. The Discernment Committee and all that participated in building the profile deserve some heartfelt thanks.

We had a great send off to Father Pat in the spring. If he left a legacy, he prepared all of us to work through the transition with love, passion and perseverance. We have a great Vestry and a great Congregation, good operating committees and leadership. We are well prepared to move from a year of "Transition" to a year of "New Beginnings," with the welcoming of new rector, a new music director, and a new office staff. The fact that we already live God's word is GOOD!

God Bless,

Phil McAuley, Junior Warden

TREASURER'S REPORT

In 2018, Grace experienced a relatively small operating surplus of \$3,249. The gross income recorded of \$518,554 was \$12,554 over budget. The income categories significantly over budget were Loose Offerings and Space Use Fees. On the expense side the total expense for all categories was over budget by \$9,719. I refer the reader to the Income & Expense Summary Report for the detail.

One account in the expense category, A/C 755 in the Property Category, Maintenance and Repair deserves comment. The repair expense of \$64,469 was significantly over budget and includes an emergency repair of a sewer line (\$13,952) and a provision of \$23,100 for a roof repair, which will take place in January 2019. These costs are reflective of maintaining our aging buildings and are indicative of future expenses required to maintain our aging buildings.

As in past years, Grace continued to experience the strong support of its parishioners allowing Grace to meet its mission goals. This commitment also enabled Grace to pay \$68,000 toward the fair share payment requested by the diocese. As in prior years, this fair share payment was slightly below the amount the diocese requested but represents a significant payment by Grace.

It is important to recognize that in addition to the operating budget, Grace has received donations from parishioners and others for outreach projects unrelated to operations. This is an important part of the commitment of Grace to the community and a strong reminder of our effort to support our Christian mission beyond Grace's doors. An example of such is the \$15,000 donation by the Philadelphia Phillies Charitabilities to the St. Wilfred's Open Door Clinic.

Regarding the financial resources available to Grace to complete our mission, the total funds of Grace, both restricted and unrestricted, at the end of 2018 was \$448,394. The unrestricted portion of this balance was \$218,944. These funds are available to Grace to meet operating expenses and other needs of a discretionary nature and provides a slight margin of security for the near future.

Concerning the temporarily restricted funds (\$229,449), these are funds are set aside and reserved for specific purposes. The more significant temporarily restricted funds include the Capital Fund Drive (\$136,051); St Paul's Food Program (\$10,248); Kids' Alley Café (\$3,538) and St Wilfred's Open Door Clinic (\$27,130).

Moving forward to 2019 there will be new beginnings for our parish, and new beginnings often require a financial commitment, which we must be ready to meet. We must remain faithful to our purpose and goals and pray to you, Lord, for guidance in our days ahead.

I close my report by thanking all those individuals who enabled me to perform the function of parish treasurer. These individuals are Jim Perrin and Al Schmidt – assistant treasurers; Lorraine Winyard, who writes the checks to pay the bills and takes care of the payroll; Darlene Haines, who records the donations and maintains the stewardship rolls; and members of the Finance Committee, Tom Westerfield – Senior Warden, Phil McAuley – Junior Warden, Rob Gallo, Mike Peacock and Carl Willers. Without their help and support I could not complete my duties

Respectively Submitted,

Bill Sweeney

2018 BUDGET

2018 Income & Expense Summary and 2019 Budget - Operating Account

<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Year 2018 Results</u>		<u>(Under)/ Over Budget</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>		
Pledges Received	\$ 380,000	\$ 375,246	\$ (4,754)	\$ 365,000
Loose Offering	50,000	65,343	15,343	56,000
Thrift Store	9,000	10,441	1,441	9,000
Easter & Christmas	23,000	18,799	(4,201)	20,000
Miscellaneous	8,000	8,323	323	8,000
Space Use	21,000	33,010	12,010	25,000
Fund Raisers Transfers	15,000	7,393	(7,607)	10,000
	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Revenue	<u>506,000</u>	<u>518,554</u>	<u>\$ 12,554</u>	<u>\$ 493,000</u>

2018 BUDGET

<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Year 2018 Results</u>		(Under)/	2019
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Over</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Rector				
Salary	\$ 27,876	\$ 27,876	\$ -	\$ 48,333
Social Security Offset	6,000	6,000	-	5,419
Professional Allowance	611	2,432	1,821	4,500
Annuity				2,300
Pension	9,000	8,122	(878)	13,612
Health & Group Life Insurance	7,908	6,052	(1,856)	18,919
Search Committee Expense	2,700		(2,700)	1,019
Supply Clergy - Compensation	4,000	4,485	485	
Supply Clergy - Travel	1,200	461	(739)	
Moving Allowance				10,000
Continuing Education	400	299	(101)	1,008
Interim Rector - Salary	18,318	18,318	(0)	6,106
Interim Rector - Social Security Offset	1,302	1,302	-	467
Interim Rector - Professional Allowance	1,125		(1,125)	375
Interim Rector - Continuing Education	262		(262)	100
Priests			-	
Substitute Priests - Travel Expense	133	133	(0)	
Fr. Legnani - Compensation	3,200	1,795	(1,405)	2,800
Fr. Legnani - Travel	280	351	71	200
Deacon Stipend	2,400	1,175	(1,225)	1,200
Deacon Conferences	1,200	100	(1,100)	1,200
Substitute Clergy	667	750	83	1,500
Total Rector	\$ 88,582	\$ 79,650	\$ (8,932)	\$ 119,058

2018 BUDGET

Year 2018 Results

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>(Under)/ Over</u>	<u>2019</u>
Administrative Support				
Administrative Assistant Salary	\$ 35,828	\$ 28,915	\$ (6,913)	\$ 31,200
Secretary Salary		765	765	16,500
Administrative Assistant - Pension Contribution	1,791	1,269	(522)	1,560
Administrative Assistant- 403(b) Match	1,433	1,045	(388)	1,248
Administrative Assistant Health Insurance		2,018	2,018	11,856
Administrative Assistant Dental	756	623	(133)	747
Secretary - Pension Contribution			-	825
Secretary Salary- 403(b) Match			-	660
Office Supplies	5,000	5,355	355	4,500
Coffee Hour Expense				500
Postage	3,000	2,604	(396)	3,000
Telephone	2,800	2,647	(153)	2,800
Equip. Leasing	10,000	9,395	(605)	10,000
Other Expense		1,313	1,313	
Total Administrative Support	<u>\$ 60,608</u>	<u>\$ 55,947</u>	<u>\$ (4,661)</u>	<u>\$ 85,396</u>

2018 BUDGET

	<u>Year 2018 Results</u>			<u>2019</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>(Under)/ Over</u>	
Parish Life				
Parish Life	\$ 2,500	\$ 146	\$ (2,354)	\$ -
Publicity	600		(600)	
Stewardship	200	537	337	1,500
Hospitality		305	305	600
Conventions		382	382	500
Vestry		251	251	300
Miscellaneous	<u>600</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>(555)</u>	<u>600</u>
Total Parish Life	\$ 3,900	\$ 1,666	\$ (2,234)	\$ 3,500
Education				
Education Committee	\$ 750	\$ -	\$ (750)	\$ 750
Adult Education		472	472	
Church School	4,500	4,253	(247)	4,500
Youth Group	800	267	(533)	800
Conferences	300	205	(95)	300
Director of Religious Education - Salary	20,400	22,150	1,750	
Director of Religious Education - Pension Contribution	1,020	545	(475)	
Director of Religious Education -403(b) Match		296	296	
Director of Religious Education - Health Insurance				
Nursery	1,000	280	(720)	600
Confirmation	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,005</u>	<u>(495)</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Total Education	\$ 30,270	\$ 29,473	\$ (797)	\$ 8,450
Finance				
Finance - Other Expense	\$ -	\$ 92	\$ 92	\$ -
Accounting	750	736	(14)	750
Returned Checks	-	(40)	(40)	
Brokerage & Banks	2,500	2,279	(221)	2,500
Payroll Administration Expense				3,000
Bookkeeper	3,300	3,173	(128)	3,300
Professional Financial Review			-	5,000
Total Finance	\$ 6,550	\$ 6,240	\$ (310)	\$ 14,550

2018 BUDGET

	<u>Year 2018 Results</u>		<u>(Under)/ Over</u>	<u>2019</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>		
Music				
Director of Music Salary	\$ 34,638	\$ 34,638	\$ -	\$ 24,731
Dir. of Music Pension Contribution	1,732	1,656	(76)	1,237
Director of Music 403(b) Match	1,386	1,594	208	989
Director of Music Health & Life Insurance	12,000	11,183	(817)	26,141
Supply Organist	1,200	905	(295)	1,200
Continuing Education	1,200	971	(229)	1,200
Music Supplies	1,200	924	(276)	1,200
Miscellaneous	500	579	79	500
Organ & Piano Maintenance	2,000	2,595	595	2,000
Total Music	\$ 55,856	\$ 55,045	\$ (812)	\$ 59,198
Outreach				
Outreach Committee - Other	\$ -	\$ 177	\$ 177	\$ -
Diocese Fair Share	68,000	68,000	-	68,000
Rector Discretionary Fund	5,000	6,187	1,187	5,000
Other Outreach		142	142	
Total Outreach	\$ 73,000	\$ 74,506	\$ 1,506	\$ 73,000
Property				
Property Committee - Other	\$ -	\$ 756	\$ 756	\$ -
BF Steam - Cleaning	38,303	38,203	(100)	38,965
Maintenance & Repair	25,000	64,469	39,469	28,000
Security & Fire Alarm	3,600	4,198	598	3,600
Utilities	55,000	39,045	(15,955)	50,000
Snow Removal	200	260	60	300
Grounds Maintenance.	3,300	4,031	731	3,500
Insurance	16,947	18,641	1,694	18,500
Miscellaneous	4,000	359	(3,642)	3,500
Internet		2,036	2,036	
Janitorial Supplies	3,200	2,499	(701)	3,000
Total Property	\$ 149,550	\$ 174,496	\$ 24,946	\$ 149,365

TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>Year 2018</u>		<u>(Under)/</u>	<u>2019</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Over</u>	
Worship				
Worship Program - Other	\$ -	\$ 456	\$ 456	
Acolytes	500	65	(436)	500
Worship Supplies	3,500	4,300	800	3,500
Total Worship	<u>\$ 4,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,821</u>	<u>\$ 821</u>	<u>\$ 4,000</u>
Miscellaneous - Other	\$ -	\$ 7	\$ 7	\$ -
Payroll Taxes Expense	8,682	7,917	(765)	7,500
Reserve for Contingencies	24,588	25,538	950	
Total - Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 33,270</u>	<u>\$ 33,462</u>	<u>\$ 192</u>	<u>7,500</u>
Total Expense	<u>\$ 505,586</u>	<u>\$ 515,305</u>	<u>\$ 9,719</u>	<u>\$ 524,017</u>
Surplus(Deficit)	<u>\$ 414</u>	<u>\$ 3,249</u>	<u>\$ 2,836</u>	<u>\$ (31,017)</u>
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2018 INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

On June 30, 2011, the Investment Committee, as authorized by the Church's Vestry, began a program of investing available Church funds by opening a brokerage account with Charles Schwab & Company. Earlier this year, the Vestry authorized the opening of another investment account, this one with Fidelity Investments. Most of the funds used for investing are now in the Fidelity account. The portfolio, originally valued at \$80,000, is monitored by a committee consisting of Church Treasurer, Bill Sweeney; and Church members Rob Gallo, John Poliero, Mike Peacock, Ron Cox and Carl Willers. During the year, one of our original members, Fr. Pat Close, left the Committee upon his retirement.

The Committee's financial advisor is Mark Crivaro, Senior Financial Advisor at Wealth Management Associates in Cherry Hill. Mark is authorized to make all buy/sell decisions subject to the guidelines set out for the portfolio's investment as described below. Mark is a registered fiduciary and provides his services to the Committee on a pro bono basis.

During 2018, the Committee met three times with Mr. Crivaro to discuss portfolio performance, assess general market conditions and make recommendations for enhancing portfolio performance. During the year, it was determined to authorize Mr. Crivaro to make all buy/sell decisions in order to respond much more quickly to rapidly changing market conditions. In general, overall financial markets turned very bearish in the second half of 2018. Because of this, for the year 2018, the portfolio decreased in value from \$106,055 to \$104,440, a decrease of 1.8 per cent. By comparison, the market, as measured by the Dow Jones Index and the Standard & Poors 500 index fell by 5.63 per cent and 6.24 per cent respectively. Since inception, the portfolio has increased in value by 30.2 per cent, which translates to an annual, compounded growth rate of about 3.6 per cent..

Investments in the portfolio are carefully selected consistent with the financial goals and risk profile previously approved by the Vestry. In general, the portfolio is structured with the goal of producing annual returns in the range of 4-6% by investing in a mix of mutual funds, exchange traded funds (ETF's) and bonds.

During 2018, we continued to use the Schwab account as a cost-effective vehicle to receive donations of appreciated stock and other financial instruments from parishioners. Such donations are sold as soon as they are deposited in the Schwab account, and the proceeds are then transferred to the Church's operating account. Donors then receive a receipt from the Church acknowledging their donation for tax purposes. During the year, we received three such donations. With the Capital Campaign ongoing, parishioners may want to consider donating stock, mutual funds or ETF's to meet their financial commitment. Such donations must have been owned by the donor for at least one year and have appreciated in value. Parishioners who are considering this approach should contact Rob Gallo or Bill Sweeney for further details.

Noting changes in the new tax law effective for 2018, parishioners who are required to take a minimum distribution from their retirement account are now allowed to direct retirement withdrawals to Grace Church. While charitable donations made in this way are not deductible for federal income tax purposes, neither is the amount of the donation reported for federal income tax purposes.

As always, we recommend that you discuss these matters with your tax professional or financial advisors.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Gallo, Committee Chairman

2018 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REPORT

The 3 year Capital Campaign Goal was \$375,000 with a stretch Goal of \$400,000. We received 155 pledges totaling \$332,128 and have collected \$168,822.30 to date. Of the \$332,128 pledged, we have identified approximately \$13,000 of the uncollected funds are from parishioners who are no longer attending Grace Church and our effective pledges look to be reduced to \$319,128. The remaining effective balance to be collected over the next 2 years is \$150,305.70

The estimated expenditures for the three proposed areas were:

Heating and Cooling;	\$140,000
Rectory Kitchen, Baths and Windows;	\$115,000
Parish Hall Kitchen;	<u>\$110,000</u>
Total Estimated Costs	\$365,000

As for the Capital Improvements we have paid the following:

Grant For Energy Improvement Items;	\$ 25,460.53	
Roof-Top AC Replacement;	\$ 55,702.00	
Boiler Air Handler Configuration;	\$ 2,265.06	
Rectory Kitchen Upgrades;	\$ 32,660.00	\$ 5,000 Still to be paid (Estimated)
Rectory Windows	<u>\$ 19,500.00</u>	\$13,025 Still to be paid (Contract)
Total Expenditures to Date	\$135,587.59	

We currently have \$33,234.71 in receipts over expenditures, some of which will be used to complete the remaining (\$18,025) rectory kitchen and bath items. In addition to the two in process items noted above, the following items are still to be completed as funds allow:

Rectory Baths	\$ 20,000
Completion of Heating and Cooling (new boilers);	\$ 56,000
Parish Hall Kitchen;	<u>\$110,000</u>
Total Remaining Estimated Costs	\$186,000

We still look to be slightly short of pledges to complete the projects but savings on the rectory upgrades will help in working to completion. The plan is to complete the rectory upgrades by March 1st for our new rector and then when the money is available, install the new boilers followed by the Parish Hall kitchen remodel. In the interim, we will be purchasing a new commercial dishwasher with available funds to help the functioning of the kitchen.

If you have any questions regarding the Capital Campaign, please direct them to me or Phil McAuley.

Tom Westerfield
2018 Sr. Warden

COUNTER'S REPORT

The Grace Church Counting teams perform a most important function for keeping track of the offerings received each Sunday from Grace parishioners. This task involves giving proper credit for individual pledge contributions and numerous other contributions; making sure that the checks and cash received equal the total contributions made; making the bank deposit for each Sunday's receipts; and assuring that the credit for the contribution is given to the proper individual. In the last counting cycle ending in December 2018 there were eight counting teams performing this task. Each team consists of three persons, one controller and two counters. Each team is assigned to count in turn for two consecutive Sundays. In 2018 we had eight counting teams, which meant that each team would have been assigned to count three two-week cycles per year. Looking forward to 2019, the number of counting teams appears to be stable. Ideally, we would like to have ten counting teams, in which case each team would only be assigned to count twice a year. I would like to thank individually the members of our counting teams: The controllers are: Darlene Haines, Glen Raicyk, Bethan Strom, Don Ryan, Shirley Kuhn, Gene Riley, Fred Shindle, Mike Peacock, and Barbara Linn. Our counters are Mary Ann Barrett, Carol Tatem, Millie Seneski, Chris Strasser, Marianne Buzby, Rob Gallo, Mickey Cotter, Joyce McCauley, Roger Perry, Bobbie Schmidt, Karen Sweeney, Amy Christopher and Michele Westerfield, and Earl Bennett. Earl is a new member of our team and we welcome his participation in the group. I also want to recognize the one member of our counting team that will be unable to continue in 2019. This individual is Mickey Cotter, a long-term member. I would like to thank Mickey for her faithful service and she will be missed. Additional thanks also are in order for Kate Myers and Shirley Kuhn for their valuable help in preparing the schedule and contacting team members regarding assignments. Please remember, the counting teams need and would welcome new members. We encourage anyone who would like to become a member of the team please contact either Shirley Kuhn or myself.

Bill Sweeney

FUNDRAISING REPORT

The multitude of fundraising events we hold each year are an important part of Grace Church's mission by helping to fund our outreach ministries as well as overall operating expenses. I am extremely grateful to all of our church members, families, and friends that volunteer, participate, donate, and/or attend these events as without this support we would not have had the successful year we did. As in all things, we can always improve and we can all help by spreading the word far and wide to make everyone feel invited and welcomed to attend these events.

Our major fall fundraiser event underwent a radical change this past year from a German themed event to a Renaissance themed event with live actors from the Collingswood Scottish Rite Theatre. It was an evening of merriment, songs, and playful audience interactions that brought smiles and laughter to all that attended, even some members of the vestry dressed up in Renaissance Faire garb to help set the mood. In my own humble opinion, the event was a great success and the change of style was very well received.

Our fall fundraiser always requires a lot of time and effort from the volunteers and donors, whom are too many to mention here, but I want to give a special call out to the event co-chairs Bethann Flagg and Amy Watts who coordinated and ran the event this year. This year I could not dedicate as much time as needed, and these two wonderful ladies really stepped up and did an amazing job, so please let them know how much you appreciated their efforts.

In keeping with the philosophy of ever growing and changing, we are exploring options on how to improve upon how we do fundraising. So keep watch out for new and exciting fundraising events that are coming this year, as well as changes to some existing events.

With thanks and blessings to all,

JP Russell

Fall Frolic Chair

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

The theme of this year's Stewardship campaign, "celebrating our ministries," was certainly an auspicious moment to highlight and share with the congregation all the good things we do at Grace Haddonfield. With all the change and adjustments we had to make this year, with our priest retiring, our music director moving to follow a spiritual calling, our deacon becoming ordained, and our office staff changing, anticipation and hope concerning our search for a new priest. For Stewardship, with all the change and transition, it was a good year for the whole Grace family to take a step back and reflect and share and celebrate all that we do! Celebrating our many ministries seemed an appropriate theme because our ministries comprise an incredibly strong component to who we are as a church family – Stewardship is our Grace Family. It is also our Grace family who is primarily responsible for the vitality, numerical growth, and financial stability of this church. The ties between Stewardship and our Grace Family were pointed out during the Celebration of our Ministries Campaign as members got up to share some personal and inspirational God moments from their experiences, supporting our outreach and many church activities whether it was Santa sharing a moment experienced at Camden Christmas to experiences with our choir and youth ministries, to a meal being offered to one of our beloved priestly volunteers. Each moment that was shared throughout the year had a warm and special meaning. I thank all that shared their stories.

During a Stewardship seminar at the Diocese this past summer, it was pointed out during the sessions that statistically a far greater percentage of people attend, give, and stay at a congregation because of the sense of welcome and community they feel from the congregants themselves. Hospitality, kindness, strong ministries, outreach, and fellowship are the responsibility, the opportunity, the gift entrusted to each one of us at Grace. Our sense of community was mirrored in our Parish profile. Your invitation, your welcome, your attitude and actions to everyone in our midst and those outside of our walls directly affect the growth and well-being of our parish. People are more likely to give to a cause they are passionate about. Giving to support our passions should help increase Stewardship at Grace. Explaining how the church operating budget and our passions are incredibly intertwined was subtle but important messaging the Stewardship campaign attempted to convey to Grace congregants.

The Celebrate our Ministries annual intended giving campaign has seen a variety of results. Certainly, from an emotional perspective, we hit a "home run." Especially with all the changes at Grace, it was a good thing and important to focus on what makes our parish family strong. We did see some individual increased pledging, and that is a good sign. Even with some individual increases, compared to the same period last year our total pledges are slightly behind, and annual pledged income is in a deficit position at approximately \$28,000K -- As of this writing (December 18, 2018), we have received a total of 165 pledges for \$ 348,818 compared to 179 pledges for the same period last year. To accommodate the deficit, the Vestry has been challenged with looking at alternative ways to meet our financial objectives. This will most likely take the form of a spring fundraiser. Our hope is that some who have not yet finished their planned giving to the annual "Celebrate our Ministries Campaign" find it in their hearts to make contributions and may even explore increased giving to Grace. I cannot stress enough how important it is for every family in our faith community to commit financially to the well-being of our parish through the support of the annual budget. Historically, we will continue to receive pledges in January.

It goes without saying that a strong annual budget will make it possible to continue to grow, to celebrate our ministries of Grace, to function as they do, and to serve so many. Activities that we support (like IHOC, Kids Alley, Youth programs, St Wilfred's, St Paul's, Camden Christmas etc.), these very ministries cannot exist at Grace without the direct financial support of all of us to the church's annual operating expenses.

We – meaning the whole Grace family – are primarily responsible for the financial viability of Grace, which enables our opportunities for further outreach and support our surrounding communities. Regardless of each person or family's economic position, every one of us needs to intentionally discern how important this congregation is to us and our surrounding community, to evaluate our financial commitment to Grace, and to give from the heart. This makes our ministry together both vibrant and possible.

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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In closing, I cannot express enough how grateful I am to be part of all the wonderful things we do at Grace church. This year's campaign was particularly inspiring to hear all the wonderful stories. We are so blessed with outstanding Vestry leadership (a major sounding board for Stewardship), lay leadership, finance committee members, office staff and clergy, and with so many congregants who are willing to give of themselves to see God's goodness made real right here, offering up their time, talent, and treasure, serving one another and our wider community.

We will continue with the "Celebrate our Ministries" campaign throughout the year, and we will broaden our approach to messaging. We will look to continue presentations to celebrate what we do well because Stewardship should be an all year endeavor. In addition to our individual celebration moments the Stewardship committee will have presentations on planned-giving to reinvigorate programs that were geared at the planning for the future needs of parish life. Gifting and church endowment, remembering Grace, will require special Stewardship presentations and education, so opportunities in estate planning can be looked at both individually and as a congregation. I believe planned giving is an important component of Stewardship and I welcome input as we look to increase endowment and estate giving to support the growing needs of the church and congregation.

We are always looking for people who would like to help in developing special stewardship programs and who want to get more involved in Stewardship. Contact Phil McAuley or the church office if you are interested.

My Best to All,

Phil McAuley Stewardship Chair.

MUSIC IN WORSHIP

The mission of the music program at Grace Church is to foster and enable congregational song by inspiring, teaching, and leading the singing of the entire people gathered to worship. The people's worship is also elevated by organ and instrumental solos, choral music, and vocal solos. We strive for the highest standards in every aspect of our diverse music-making, fostering beauty and dignity that reflects the infinite beauty of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Our music draws primarily on the traditional hymns of the Episcopal tradition, as found in the *Hymnal 1982* and *Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS II)*. These resources are further enriched by the inclusion of a wide variety of styles, from contemporary to jazz, old spirituals to modern gospel, ancient plainchant to classical choral music.

CHOIRS

The **Grace Choir** (adults and teens by permission) rehearses weekly from September to June, leading worship on most Sundays at the 9:30 a.m. Eucharist. The Grace Choir serves to lead the congregation's song in hymns, psalms, chanted prayers, and canticles. The choir also performs choral anthems from a wide variety of traditions, from Anglican anthems to African-American spirituals, singing music from the 8th century to the 21st century.

In 2018, the Grace Choir enjoyed many additional performance opportunities, including a festival Evensong on Sunday Oct. 14, held in conjunction with the SouthWest Jersey Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and the choir of Trinity Episcopal Church in Moorestown. We also participated in the Haddonfield Choir and Hymn Festival at Haddonfield United Methodist Church and the Haddonfield Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior. Both events bring together the choirs and directors of five local churches. The Grace Choir also had the joy of providing music for the ordination service of Carmen J. Viola.

The Grace Choir welcomed four new members in 2018: Max Murphy, Luke Soumilas, Denette Beluch, and Michelle Baker.

The **Summer Choir** leads worship at 9:30am services mid-June until September. This informal ensemble rehearses on Sundays at 9:00am and doesn't wear vestments or walk in the processional. The Summer Choir is open to anyone who wishes to sing with us, including teens.

The children and youth choir program at Grace Church is dedicated to nurturing the social, emotional, and spiritual development of young people through singing in community. Choristers aged 2nd grade through 12th grade comprise two ensembles, the **St. Michael's Singers** and the **Teen Choir**. These choirs each performed about once per month, at the 9:30am Holy Eucharist. Singers learned sacred music from the medieval era to today, practicing healthy vocal skills, music reading, and engaging their craft with focus and discipline. The **St. Michael's Singers** welcomed four new members this year.

MUSIC IN CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Each Sunday following church school, students gather on the second floor for "Music Time" before departing with their parents. In a relaxed environment, Mr. Max led young people in singing classic Sunday school songs, spirituals, and Christmas carols during Advent and Christmas.

MUSIC FUND

Grace Church engages professional guest artists on major holidays and other occasions to elevate the level of artistry of our worship. These singers, conductors, and instrumentalists are not covered by the regular music budget, and are provided for by the Music Fund. The Music Fund raised about \$8,000 in 2018, including gifts given in loving memory of Betty Rodda.

ASSISTANT ORGANIST OF THE DAY

In spring 2016 we launched a new program to introduce people to the organ and give a behind-the-scenes perspective on the role of the organist in worship. The assistant organist helps pull stops, prepares sheet music, turns pages, and gets a chance to play the instrument for fun after worship. About 20 people participated in 2018, including children, teens, and adults.

ADDITIONAL MUSIC INFORMATION

During the choir break each summer, offertory music at the 9:30am Eucharist is provided by guest musicians from our congregation and from the community. Our thanks go out to these people for sharing their gifts with us.

In August, Grace Church purchased a pre-owned Yamaha upright piano for classroom 316 to be used for rehearsals and music lessons in conjunction with HCSPA. The Yamaha replaced an aging piano that had become prohibitively expensive to maintain.

In December, we purchased and installed a “Dampp-Chaser” humidity control system inside the Steinway grand piano in the Choir Rehearsal Room. We anticipate that this will reduce the need for frequent tunings of this, our most-used piano, which experiences uneven climate in its third floor corner room.

MUSIC TRANSITION

At the end of 2018, I depart to try my vocation to the monastic life at Holy Cross Monastery in West Park, New York. I’d like to submit a personal note of thanks to the clergy, staff, choir, and entire congregation of this church for welcoming me five years ago and for sharing in what has been a beautiful journey of music-making and faith during my tenure here.

Starting January 2, the music director of Grace Church is **Diane Caruso**, serving on an interim basis until June, pending the discernment of the best path forward by our new rector, Jenni Smith. I couldn’t be more pleased that the music program of this church will continue in the hands of such a skilled, capable, and experienced leader.

Respectfully submitted,



Maximillian Esmus

Music Director, Grace Church

Artistic Director, Haddonfield Center for the Performing

FORMATION COMMITTEE

The Formation Committee at Grace Church is a group of volunteers that works with the Director of Christian Formation to plan the activities of Church school. It advises on curriculum and scheduling, They also work to support our church school teachers and families. The committee meets on the first Sunday of odd numbered months year-round after church school in the Kindergarten and First Grade Classroom on the second floor of the parish hall. Our next meeting is March 3 at 11:45; all are welcome to join us. Current committee members are Amy Watts, Dana Cotter, Marianne Poisel, Shannon Morris, Dorlisa Young, and Shelia Combs.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Each Thursday morning at 10 am, a small group meets in the Parish Hall library for Bible Study.

Beginning in April 2018, Nora Bollinger took over leading the Thursday morning Bible Study. It currently has 5 regular members. In Lent, the group discussed C.S. Lewis' *The Lion, the Witch and The Wardrobe* and viewed the movie. Currently, they are completing *Bible Women* by Lindsay Hardley. The group is exploring readings for Lent 2019. ~ submitted by Nora Bollinger.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Church school meets Sunday mornings on the second floor of the Parish Hall after Communion is received during the 9:30 am Holy Eucharist. All who attend Grace Church are welcome and encouraged to explore our Church School programs. We have fully inclusive classrooms and encourage cooperation and support among all of our children. All who participate in church school are asked to register online, to provide us with up-to-date information in case of an emergency. We request a small donation to help cover some of the expenses of the church school program. We have an average weekly attendance of 30 children.

We carefully use our budget each year to refresh and restock all of our classroom supplies including crayons, markers, pencils, construction paper, and glue. We have been carefully purchasing classroom sets of reading-level-appropriate Bibles for the classrooms, with the exception of Pre-K. Monthly birthday cakes cost \$335.88, we receive about \$100.00 in donations annually to offset this cost. The curriculum for the year costs \$468.00.

We are continuing to use the *Weaving God's Promises* curriculum. The curriculum is divided between older grades and younger grades, so while all of the classes have the same readings, the older grades are entering a deeper thought process about the readings and their relationship to them. From January to June 2018, the overarching theme of the curriculum was "Weaving Together the Family of God." From Epiphany through Lent, the classes read about individuals and their interactions with Jesus. After Easter the classes learned about some of modern followers of Christ and their works. We begin the year in September 2018 with lessons from the Old Testament; in Advent, we moved to New Testament stories about Jesus' birth. The overarching theme is "Weaving God's Beloved Community." The curriculum does not follow the lectionary, and allows flexibility to our lesson planning, and provides direct connection to the Episcopal church.

I would like to thank our dedicated, and fun-loving teachers: Dana Cotter and her assistant Jane Martine in Pre-Kindergarten, Marianne Poisel in Kindergarten and first grade, Amy Watts, Shannon Morris and Dorlisa Young in second and third grade, Shelia Combs in fourth and fifth grade, Karen Marshall in sixth and seventh grade, and Nora Bollinger in high school.

COMMUNION CLASS

The Communion Class met on Sundays during Church School from Sunday, February 18, 2018 to Sunday, March 18, 2018. There were 20 second graders who participated in the class, the Seder dinner and Holy Communion celebration on Maundy Thursday, March 29, 2018. The families that participate in Communion Class receive *A Child's Guide to the Holy Eucharist* as a supporting text to the classes. The classes focus is on the parts of the Holy Eucharist, the history of our Sunday readings and the history and meaning of Communion.

While most children at Grace Church Haddonfield already receive Communion, we have continued the tradition of Communion class as a special opportunity for children in the second grade to begin learning more about the history, traditions, symbols and meanings of Holy Eucharist.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

On November 11, 2018, Bishop Rodney Michel, Assisting Bishop of the Diocese of Philadelphia, lead a Holy Eucharist during which ten youth and four adults were Confirmed. In addition, four adults were received into the Episcopal Church.

Prior to Confirmation, on Friday, September 14 and Saturday, September 15, Deacon Carmen and Betsy Murphy led the youth who were to be Confirmed on a retreat to St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Stone Harbor, NJ. During the retreat, the youth discussed and considered their future roles at Grace Church and living a Christian lifestyle. Thank you to Laura Miller and Karen Peterson for chaperoning the trip.

Confirmation classes meet on the third Tuesday of every month from September to May in the Parish Hall. Classes are open to all teens who are in the sixth grade or older. The classes cover the *Bible*, the Nicene Creed, history of the Church, vocation and gifts, prayer and spiritual practices, music, Holy Week and Easter, The Eucharist, the Seder dinner and the Episcopal Church today.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

This year's Summer Sunday School program was run by Betsy Murphy. It met every Sunday from 9:30 am to 10:10 when the children went church to receive Communion with their families. We averaged about 4 children each week. We read and talked about the Gospel reading, worked on a craft and had a song or activity as time allowed. It was open to all children who attend the 9:30 Holy Eucharists in July and August.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School of 2018 was scheduled to run from Monday, July 9 to Friday, July 13 from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Due to lack of registrations, the program was cancelled and the Vacation Bible School Committee and Formation Committee members are discussing ways to best fill the formation needs of our families during the summer months.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The Annual Christmas Pageant took place on Monday, December 24, at 4 pm in the church, a record four hundred and twelve people attended the service. Mary was Anne B., Joseph was Henry M., Jesus was Evie F. The narrators were: Grace W., Natalie D., Sophia W., Allison N., Madison W., Cecilia C., Libby M., and Elena D. Gabriel was Grace M.; Elizabeth was Ella F.; The Wiseman were Tito, and William O; The star was David H.; Herod was Peter C.; the parts of angels, shepherds and animals were played by the many children who attended the service. Thank you to the many parents who helped with this service and to Dana Cotter who help to store the costumes.

~Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Murphy

ACOLYTES

The Acolyte team held two training sessions in 2018, one in March and one in October. We welcomed the following new members: William O, Alex V., Ronan R., Sophia W., Audrey D. and Lucy Cate K. Joshua D. and Natalie D. were promoted this year from servers to crucifer. We currently have 30 acolytes on our team. Four of them serve at the Saturday, 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist. We currently need servers, children in the fourth grade or older to join our team. All children who are in the first grade or older are welcomed to join the acolyte team. Our next training will be April 7, 2019; we will be preparing for Palm Sunday and Easter and meeting Jenni, our new rector.

Respectfully submitted

~ Nora Bollinger and Betsy Murphy

ALTAR GUILD

Our dedicated Altar Guild members work in a ministry that is very important to the life of Grace Church. Our mission is to prepare the Lord's table for Holy Eucharist with care and affection; to anticipate the needs of the priest and the people; and to encourage members of our parish family to join us as Sacristans in this joyful work. Whenever Holy Eucharist is celebrated at Grace Church, there is an Altar Guild member or members working quietly behind the scenes.

I would like to thank my hard-working group of Sacristans for everything they do. Those who served this year were: Mary Ann Barrett, Sue Comfort, Beth Deitelbaum, Alice Diamond, Laura Miller, Karen Orlando, Betty Phillips, Maureen Stanton, and Karen Sweeney. I would especially like to thank our friends Sue Comfort and Betty Phillips who have retired from service to our ministry. Their dedication and hard work have been appreciated. We will miss seeing them in the sacristy and wish them well.

Special thanks to Josh Deitelbaum for always helping his mom with our Parish House Eucharist! Thank you also to the members of the Property Committee who always lend a helping hand when needed!

We are in need of new members! Please consider joining this very important ministry and contact either the Office or me at BARB010259@verizon.net or (856) 693-2921.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Linn

Altar Guild Director

BOOK CLUB

The Grace Church Book Club continues to thrive. This year three new members joined the group. We have also expanded into the Movie Goers Club which meets on a Tuesday afternoon once a month for lunch and a movie.

As always, an interesting variety of books was selected: *The Aviator's Wife*, *Falling Leaves*, *The Wonder*, *Pavilion of Women*, *My Life with Bob*, *The Magician's Nephew*, *The Road to Character*, and *There There*.

The group traveled to the Pearl S. Buck International Foundation in Perkasie, Pennsylvania. A tour of the house and grounds was taken. Afterwards, a discussion of Pearl S. Buck's book "Pavilion of Women" was led by a member of the Foundation's staff. Some members of the Club returned for the Foundation's annual craft fair in November. The proceeds of the Foundation go to help children around the world. Our annual trip has become a highlight of the Book Club's year.

The Book Club meets the second Monday of the month in the Parlor. We recess in June and reconvene in September. Come experience the adventure with us!

"Books are the plane, and the train and the road. They are the destination and the journey. They are home." – Anna Quindlen.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene B. Alexoff

EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY (EYC)

The EYC is in need of a few adult volunteers who are willing to coordinate outreach and spiritual events. The group worked on a few outreach projects in 2018 including St. Wilfrid's Open Door Clinic, and the Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. They are looking for dedicated leaders that can help them to regroup and grow; we currently have several youth interested in the EYC. Dana Cotter and Betsy Murphy are willing to provide support and help, and Shannon Morris has helped to guide and support the youth group for several years. If you are feeling a calling to work with our teens, please contact Betsy Murphy by email, bmurphy@gracehaddon.org.

Faithfully Submitted,
Betsy Murphy

1ST SATURDAY BREAKFASTS

Comradery, fellowship, sharing, friendship, learning and a sense of community are but a few words to describe the First Saturday Breakfast at Grace Church. Each month Grace Church sponsors a free breakfast for all those who are able to arrive at the Parish House by 7:30 am on Saturday (no easy task). Under the leadership of Al Schmidt, the chefs Chris Strasser, Bob Horn, Bill Sweeney, and John Poliero, prepare either pancakes or scrambled eggs and sausage. There is also plenty of maple syrup, orange juice, coffee, muffins, and good conversation.

According to Chris Strasser, the idea for the breakfast came from Grace Church in Moorestown. Around the year 2000, Dennis Dobie started the breakfast and ran it until 2010 when Fred Shindle took over. In 2012 Al Schmidt joined Fred and, as of January 5, 2019, there are approximately 20 to 25 people who regularly attend.

Not only do the attendees share a meal together, but they also enjoy an informative presentation. For example, below are the topics/speakers from January 2018 to April 2019.

Year /	Topic	Speaker
2018 Jan	U.S. Electrical Grid – Part 2	Al Schmidt
Feb	U.S. Electrical Grid – Part 3	Al Schmidt
Mar	The History of Grace Church	Mark Heston
Apr	David	Brandon Hamilton
May	Alexander Hamilton	Allison Green & Reader's The-
Jun	Honduras	Nevan Soumilas
Sep	Iran	Phil Rychert & Maris Kukainis
Oct	The Status of Grace Church	Tom Westerfield
Nov	The Biltmore Mansion in North Carolina	Al Schmidt
Dec	Into the Garden – A Conversation about Life	Allison Green & Reader's The-
2019 Jan	Northern Italy	Bill Wilhelm
Feb	History of the Delaware River	Hal Taylor
Mar	Harriet Tubman – The Underground Railroad	Lester Owens
Apr	Sugar and Spice	Allison Green & Reader's The- atre

Everyone is invited to attend. Hope to see you there!

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Carney and Al Schmidt

GRACE GARDENERS

Grace Gardeners is a group of volunteers who help to beautify and maintain the grounds of Grace Church. We raised money for our various projects through the sale of annual and perennial plants in the spring and the sale of mums in the fall. By the spring, we hope to have raised enough money for a fountain in front of the Johnson window bench.

As non-working social events, we attended the Hellebore Festival in Ottsville at Linden Hill Gardens on April 7 and can't wait to go back again. On September 29, we enjoyed the fountains & fireworks at Longwood Gardens. Plans are being made to go again in 2019.

Several property clean-up days were shared with the Property Committee. We also beautifully decorated the gardens for Christmas.

No gardening knowledge or experience is needed to join in our efforts - all are welcome.
Every flower is a soul blossoming in nature. ~Gerard de Nerval

Gretchen Poliero & Ellen Berntson

KITCHEN COMMITTEE

The winter focus is preparing to welcome our new rector and finding ways to make the kitchen more manageable. We are looking for folks who are interested in donating an hour or two per month as part of a regular cleaning cycle. Ideally we are looking for folks who could come in on a Friday afternoon, coordinate with office staff regarding leftover food for disposal, and prepare the kitchen for the weekend by organizing and wiping up. We will continue to meet on the first Sunday of the month, after the coffee hour, for overall usage issues.

Some additional projects:

Coffee: improve coffee station, make it easier and safer to get a cup of coffee

Are there opportunities to improve the quality?

Print new simple signs on "how to" support Coffee Hour

Organize supplies used for coffee hour

Start to reduce multiple purchases of supplies because "we can't find it" (6000 plastic forks)

Long-term we are looking at the plans to update the kitchen as part of our Capital Campaign. The Kitchen Team needs to ensure that the project is done responsibly, on budget, and meets the needs of our parish for years to come. We are actively in the process of replacing the dishwasher which will make hospitality so much more hospitable!

Finally, the kitchen is an important space for fellowship and preparation of food for coffee hour, fund raising events, outreach and inreach group support, celebrations and more—our mission is to ensure a clean, safe and easy-to-use space for Grace Church.

Thank You—Kitchen Team

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (LEMS)

Lay Eucharistic Ministers are people licensed by the Bishop to administer the consecrated elements of the Eucharist, bread and wine. A training took place for Lay Eucharistic Ministers in December 2018. We currently have a total of 21 LEMs, two for the 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist, 4 for the 8 am Holy Eucharist and 15 for the 9:30 am Holy Eucharist. If you are interested in learning more about LEMs or becoming a LEM, contact Betsy Murphy by email, office@gracehaddon.org

~Respectfully submitted, Betsy Murphy

LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Lay Eucharistic Visitors are licensed by the Bishop to go from a Sunday Eucharist or other principle celebration to share the sacrament with members of the congregation who are unable to be attend church due to illness or infirmity. Lay Eucharistic Visitors in the Diocese of New Jersey must also complete Safe Training. We currently have three licensed Lay Eucharistic Visitors and are working on re-organizing and restructuring our Lay Eucharistic Visitors program. If you are interested in learning more or becoming a Visitor, please contact Nora Bollinger or Betsy Murphy. Please call the office at (856) 429-0007 or email office@gracehaddon.org if you know of someone in need of a home visit.

~Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Murphy

LAY READERS

Lay readers are members of the congregation who assist in the service by reading our lessons from either the Old Testament or New Testament. They are also able to lead morning and evening prayer and stations of the cross. There are currently three volunteer lay readers for the 5:30 pm Holy Eucharistic, three volunteer lay readers for the 8 am Holy Eucharist, and seventeen readers for the 9:30 am Holy Eucharistic.

~Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Murphy

ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Magnanimiter Crucem Sustine

“With heart, mind and spirit uphold and bear the cross”

For His Sake

The members of the Order of the Daughters of the King pray for the needs and concerns of the Congregation and specific requests brought to our attention personally or presented to us on the prayer request cards found in the pews, completed and placed in the collection plate. Prayer requests sometimes are sent from The Order of the King New Jersey Diocese President by email to be included with our prayers. DOK members pray for the people and concerns on this list daily and look for ways to continue their service to others through prayer and service while going about their daily lives.

This winter/spring we are looking to regroup and determine a meeting time and increase our membership.

We welcome like-minded women of the church to join us as we meet for our 38th year. Please check our bulletin board in the hallway between Betsy Murphy’s office and the ladies room for the information regarding our Chapter, and notice of when regular meetings will resume.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Poliero, Vice-President

NURSERY

Grace encourages children to attend and participate in all our services. We understand that sometimes this may create stress for their caregivers. On the second floor of the Parish Hall is a playroom. We currently have three volunteers to cover the nursery, which is available from 9:30am until 10:45 am. In 2018, the nursery was utilized about five times. We could use additional volunteers to help with the nursery.

~Respectfully Submitted, Betsy Murphy

PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

The Parish Life Committee had a very successful year. We hosted a Newcomer's brunches in the Performance Hall, Palm Sunday brunches and coffee hours. We would like to thank all who brought food and helped to set-up and clean-up for those events, We hope that fellowship and great food was enjoyed by all. We would love to have you join our group.

Respectfully submitted,
Nora Bollinger, Elizabeth Perdichizzi, and Amy Christopher

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Your Property Committee is responsible for the maintenance of the physical plant (buildings and grounds) of Grace Church. To this end our members work to identify work items, obtain bids from contractors where required and oversee the completion of the work. We also schedule work parties for less complex work that does not require a contractor. The on-going work of the Property Committee results in substantial savings for our parish family.

Our members view this opportunity as a chance to do God's work while experiencing history first hand. It is also a labor of love as well as an exciting adventure in discovery and education about old and new construction as we work to be good stewards of all of the items under our charge. We welcome people with an interest in maintenance of buildings and grounds to join our committee. While some of our work is manual labor, we also have to work with contractors for specific repairs and manage continuing contracts for maintenance.

2018 offered us challenges as we entered the eighteenth year of maintenance for our now not-so-new Parish House. This past year we worked with the Vestry in beginning the implementation of items on our Capital Campaign. The first items were upgrades to our Rectory. With Fr Pat leaving, we had a vacant house to do our work. The project included upgrades to the kitchen and the first floor windows. This involved working with contractors as well as the Historic Preservation Commission. While we were able to do the demolition ourselves and save some money, the installation work was left to contractors. We are also upgrading the kitchen appliances and were thankful to have the help of Michelle Westerfield, Bobbie Schmidt and Sharon Cottrell in the design, decision making and in the selection of items for the kitchen. Our master demolition team of Joe Waller, Chris Strasser, Mike Peacock and Al Schmidt put a lot of sweat equity into this work.

With the help of Art Flagg, we have the electrical wiring ironed out. Bob Mugler (on loan from Jeanne) helped us with plumbing. Marty Rosica donated the work of his company, Hawks, to update the ductwork to the kitchen and to upgrade the Rectory HVAC. (What a team!)

While this was going on, Mike Peacock was busy upstairs repainting the rooms to give them a 'move-in' level of colors and get the walls looking 'like new'.

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With the completion of our search for a new Rector, the list of required updates to the Rectory grew and we are in the process of implementing those as well.

During the year, we have continued to maintain the HVAC systems, as well as the buildings to keep them safe, secure and healthy.

As we do any of this work, we continue to discover/learn more of the historic construction concepts employed on our buildings and grounds.

Should you ever find an item that needs fixing but cannot find a Property Committee Member to tell about it, we have a quick and easy way for you to let us know. Just send a note to property@gracehaddon.org and we will add it to our list of work items.

Listed below are some of our more significant accomplishments of the past year.

Church

Repainted Parish House exterior trim and doors.

Maintained snow shield over crypt stairway.

Continued to explore audio/visual upgrades for church and parish house.

Obtained replacement microphones for pulpit and altar

Installed carbon monoxide detectors in church and parish house as required by new state and local regulations.

Parish House

Replaced ballasts/re-lamped lights as needed

Maintained the Computer Network.

Ensured required annual inspections of elevator, kitchen hood and fire and smoke alarms.

Re-negotiated Annual Maintenance Contracts.

Continued preventative maintenance of the Heating and Air Conditioning.

Patched and painted stairwell ceiling leading to Performance Hall.

Rectory

Repaired storm door.

Replaced backyard gate

Grounds

Replaced trash area gate

"Cleaned up the grounds and trimmed."

Installed new spot lights for the front sign were installed.

Renegotiated a new grounds maintenance contract.

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Kept gardens and the Speed Line side of the church clear of weeds.

Maintained gardens and plantings, including mulching the Gardens.

Removed trash and debris from grounds on an ongoing basis.

Snow removed as needed.

A special thank you to the Grace Garden Club for the beautiful seasonal flowers, bulbs, and plants.

Combined work parties with Grace Gardeners to rework gardens and clean up the grounds.

Fixed the kitchen sink

Got the dishwasher operational

Goals for 2019

Work on patches to inside ceilings showing water damage.

Schedule more Parish work parties to give opportunities for involvement to the entire parish. These will include re-pointing our walkway and refinishing damaged wall corners.

Complete the work on our Operations Manual for the Campus.

Switch our existing PC network to a server-based system for easier data security & backup.

We also completed a host of other small and not-so-small projects that got attention throughout the year. Members of the committee also consult with borough officials and other town commissions as necessary regarding our property and facilities. The committee also performs duties formerly done by a paid sexton.

Our group consists of spirited, hardworking people sharing and enhancing their talents as they face the challenges in meeting the physical needs of our church. If you are interested in joining our group, please contact any one of us or the church office. We appreciate all offers of help. If you can help from time to time, please do.

As the Property Committee continues to work without ceasing in our endeavors, we wish to thank all of those dependable and faithful parish members who helped us in our work parties during the year and so willingly gave of their time, energy and experience. We also extend our appreciation to the wardens and vestry for their assistance and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Ratcliffe & Al Schmidt

Property Committee Members

Lee Albright

Art Flagg

Mike Peacock

John Poliero

Bill Ratcliffe

Marty Rosica

Dan Santora

Al Schmidt

Sterling Sproul

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)

ST. ANNE'S GUILD

We had a very busy year. Thanks to all the women of the church and some special men for all your help. We had two very successful Rummage Sales this year as well as a Foxfire Jewelry Sale raising \$5,313 and \$270 respectively. We provided PB&J sandwiches for St. Wilfred's through the ECW Camden District as well as Easter Baskets for Kids Alley, and PJs and Books for Valentine's Day. St Paul's continues to receive winter gloves, hats and toiletries for their Christmas Bags and Attitudes & Images appreciates the handbags with feminine products for women re-entering the workplace. The sock kits are fun to make at our intergenerational coffee hour and so appreciated by the homeless. The support we receive from the church for all we collect as well as Confirmation and funerals is gratifying.

This is the 2nd year for our fundraiser "Soup for Syria" providing funds to U.S.A. for UNHCR (UN High Commissioner for Refugees). The 10 recipes to 'celebrate our shared humanity' were cooked by 10 women and raised \$821 for this cause. The soups were sold as individual servings or tastings during the Haddonfield Fall Festival. Our amazing cooks were Jean Horn, Amy Christopher, Sheryl Kuhn, Lisa Hildebrand, Karen Marshal, Jen Gardner, Linda Cooper, Chris Campbell, Jane Leichner, Kate Varevice; Sharon Cottrel made Chocolate Crumble cookies for sale. Gretchen Poliero was cashier, and Shannon Morris and Becky Perry handled the behind-the-scene and cleanup. We sold out by 2:00; catch us next year!

United Thank Offering raised \$507 this year. The UTO through grant programs has become a worldwide effort to support programs that address human need and that make a significant impact on expanding the mission and ministry of the church. Local churches with the support of the Diocese may apply for grants as well.

ECW, St. Anne's Guild, meets regularly on the third Wednesday of the month at 10:30, and we welcome anyone interested in helping with our many projects or offering new ideas.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bobbie Schmidt, Treasurer

OUTREACH FUNDS GIVEN by ECW (ST. ANNE'S GUILD) 2018

ECW Diocese	\$800
Interfaith Caregivers	\$100
Seamen's Church Institute	\$50
St. Paul's Food Basket	\$200
Project Interaction	\$580
St. Paul's Camp Faith (3)	\$1,200
Haddonfield Council of Churches Social Worker	\$100
Kids Alley Café Easter Baskets, Lunches & Camper	\$900
United Thank Offering	\$50
Episcopal Relief & Development	\$500
Camden Christmas Bike & Helmet	\$80
Grace Church Music Fund Memorials (1)	\$50
Grace Church Altar Guild Memorial Fund (1)	\$50
Soup for Syria	\$821
Interfaith Caregivers Memorial Fund for Rachel Heston	\$500
Total	\$5,981

GRACE'S THRIFT SHOP

The Grace Thrift Shop ended the year with an increase from last year just shy of \$4,000.00 – our best year ever! Half of the annual Thrift Shop income is allocated to the church operating budget; the other half for the year ending in December 2018 has not been dispersed to outreach as of this date, but has been earmarked, at least partially, for St. Wilfred's in Camden.

Grace Thrift Shop operates on donations from parishioners, residents of Haddonfield and surrounding communities, and donations from Haddonfield businesses. The shop is open every Friday and Saturday from 10 AM to 4 PM from January thru the end of June. We close for the summer with the exception of the Haddonfield Arts and Crafts weekend in July (which incidentally, is a very good money-maker for the Thrift Shop). We re-open in September through the end of December. This year, we did not close the shop at all in December due to Christmas and New Year's Day falling on a Tuesday.

Unsold household items and clothing are donated to St. Anne's Guild for the bi-annual rummage sale and Goodwill in Haddonfield; unsold clothing and baby items are taken to St. Wilfreds by the free clinic volunteers, and towels, sheets and blankets that have not sold are taken to the Animal Welfare in Blackwood. Rowan University is being considered as a donation site (Glassboro, Stratford, and Camden campuses) for students needing appropriate job interview attire.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our volunteers who sort donations, sell, and socialize with our customers and fellow volunteers. Three hours per month is all that is requested from TS volunteers. I invite any parishioners who have never visited the Grace Thrift Shop to do so. I think you will be very pleasantly surprised, and you may even want to join us as a volunteer.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen K. Berntson, Thrift Shop Committee Chairperson

USHERS

Ushers offer hospitality by welcoming members, visitors, and guests. Ushers provide everyone with a service bulletin. In addition, ushers provide whatever assistance is needed during the service. They collect and present alms and offerings, invite two people per family to present the elements to the Celebrant, assist the Clergy, and invite worshippers to the altar rail for Holy Communion. We currently have seven volunteers who usher in pairs at the 8 am Holy Eucharist and seventeen volunteers who usher at the 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, in groups of four.

WEDDING COMMITTEE

We have a wonderful group of women who are dedicated to making our wedding couples as happy as possible on their special day. Every wedding at Grace Church has its very own pair of coordinators, and we handle everything once the bride and groom enter the church. We are one of the few churches in South Jersey that have Wedding Coordinators. In 2018, we over-saw four weddings. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Denise Sikorski.

WELCOME TABLE

The Welcome Table provides newcomers and visitors with information about Grace Church. This is often the most important 'first' impression they get about Grace Church after being greeted and attending our church service.

When a visitor stops by our table, we collect their name, address, and family information. We offer them our folder of information about Grace Church and offer to introduce them to people at coffee hour who might have similar interests. We pass the information sheet to the church office after coffee hour.

Our Welcome Table is located in the parish hall after the 9:30 service. The Church Office builds the folders that we give out. Each folder contains current information about Grace Church so that visitors can read about what is happening at Grace Church and how they might get involved.

We are always looking for people who can help staff our table.

It is an important mission and takes less than an hour of time during Coffee Hour. If you are interested in helping, please contact the Church Office, Ann Waller or Al Schmidt

CAMDEN CHRISTMAS

In January of 2018, the Camden Christmas group decided to take a leap of faith and more than triple the number of children that they would help for Christmas 2018. They worked with the non-profit Saving Grace Ministries (SGM) which works with over 350 children of all ages who have been left behind due to violent crimes inside the city of Camden. In December 2018, twelve more children came into the group.

Another challenge that we met this year was providing the gifts to the children on Sunday, December 23 instead of the Sunday of the Epiphany. This gave us three times the gifts and two weeks less to get and wrap them. Thank you to all of those at Grace Church who stepped up to help. Grace Church members and groups donated the 42 bikes and helmets that children requested. In addition, many members made cash donations, helped with shopping for gifts and wrapped the many gifts.

Camden Christmas began in 2015 by Deacon Carl Dunn, and is coordinated with Grace Church in Haddonfield through the efforts of Elizabeth Perdichizzi and family. We had a successful and fun evening of Camden Christmas on December 23 at the Camden Aquarium.

IHOC—INTERFAITH HOMELESS OUTREACH COUNCIL

IHOC is a program whose mission is “to serve as a collective parent organization coordinating the people, power and resources of our member congregations and individuals to provide effective outreach to homeless people in our country.” From January 28, 2018 to February 11, 2018 Grace church hosted 12 homeless men. While the men reside at Grace Church, our volunteers helped to provide breakfasts, lunches, dinners, overnight hosts, weekend socialization and evening socialization. Change was also collected for the men to use for weekly laundry, and transportation was provided to the laundry facilities.

KIDS ALLEY CAFE

Kids Alley Café is a program that provides a safe nurturing environment for underprivileged children who need supervision while their parents further their education or work. Their afterschool program provides a healthy snack, tutoring, and arts and crafts. Grace Church hosted this program for a few months in 2018, when their heater required repairs at the location and after they lost their location. In September 2018, the program moved into its new permanent home at the First Presbyterian Church in Haddonfield.

Kids Alley Café also runs a Saturday Live Program that runs every Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm. Grace Church provides nutritious bagged lunches for the Saturday Live program on the first Saturday of the each month, October through June. A total of 100 lunches are made by Grace Church volunteers each month.

Additionally, Grace Church ran a back-to-school backpack campaign in July and August of 2018 to provide backpacks and supplies. In December, we collected new and unwrapped presents and gift cards for their Christmas party. The women of St. Anne’s Guild also provided many Easter Baskets for their Easter rally.

KNIT WITS

The Knit Wits came into being many years ago with the express purpose of supporting the annual mitten tree by knitting hats, scarves and mittens for the children of the Sumner School in Camden. Over the years the Knit Wits have donated hundreds of handmade items to the school and have expanded their efforts to include knitting hats and scarves for the Seaman's Church Institute, an organization that promotes the safety, dignity and improved working environment for the men and women serving in international waters. At one point in our history, we also sold our knitwear to raise funds for worthy projects. We still have some additional funds available if anyone is aware of a program that simultaneously supports knitting and people in need. Our motto is: Making the world a warmer place, one stitch at a time.

The Knit Wits currently meet in the parish house library on the third Saturday of each month from 10 – 11:30 a.m. Coffee and light refreshments are served, and all are welcome, regardless of ability level, whether you knit or crochet. You can come to learn too! We also welcome members who are unable to attend our gatherings but wish to knit from home on behalf of the Seamen's Church institute or the children participating in Kid's Alley Café, now that the Sumner School has closed. Knitted and crocheted goods are generally collected in November for distribution around the holidays. Patterns are available, and please feel free to contact Karen Marshall at 856-795-6420 or kmarshall@clrdesign.com for further information.

Thank you,

Karen Marshall

MLK DAY OF SERVICE

In 2018, The MLK Day of Service went from being cancelled by the Haddonfield Council of Churches to a huge success at Grace Church. A few weeks before the event, Robert Weil approached me about the need for homeless sock kits for the Camden County library system. We were able to collect the items and create 100 kits for the library system to hand out to its needy patrons. We had over fifty volunteers show up to help with the project. Once the sock kits were complete, we decorated placemats to be used at St. Paul's. Thank you to all of those who made this day off a day for others.

Faithfully submitted,

Betsy Murphy

OPEN DOOR CLINIC AT ST. WILFRID'S

The Open Door Clinic averages 50 clients a month. They provide health screening, food, and clothing, and for the first half of 2018, Senator Mendez provided a social worker that assisted clients with their needs in finding housing. At Christmas they provided toys to 108 children. They have about 35 volunteers each month, including youth, that help with Spanish translation.

We are always in need of translators, social workers, and those who would minister to the spiritual needs of the patrons. They also need financial assistance to help with the cost of heating and electricity and gift cards to help with the pantry.

Respectfully submitted,

Nora Bollinger

PROJECT INTERACTION

Project Interaction is made up of a group of Episcopalians representing seven suburban Episcopal churches including Grace Church in Haddonfield. They meet monthly and orchestrate an ongoing series of outreach activities to benefit St. Paul's Camden and the people of that city. Each Sunday morning one of those churches provides a hot breakfast at St. Paul's. Attendees may include the poor, the homeless, the elderly, or anyone in need of a hot meal. Attendance runs over a hundred persons each week. Bobbie and Al Schmidt provide and cook a meal six times a year, working with volunteers from Grace, Merchantville. Grace Haddonfield parishioners also cook on the fourth Sunday of every month.

In, addition, Project Interaction raises money to help fund Camp Faith, a five week summer camp for the children of Camden. They also collect warm accessories and toilet articles to be assembled in gift bags and given out at the last December breakfast. This year, St. Anne's donated fifty warm hats and seventy five containers of shaving cream to be put in the Christmas bags. We also collect coats and other used clothing which is given out on the fourth Sunday of the month. Toni Bonnette is in charge of these two activities.

Fund raising centers on the upkeep of St. Paul's building and especially, bringing it up to code. Each year we make improvements to better serve our guests. 2018 funds are going toward much needed repairs and the purchase of a much needed commercial freezer. The annual raffle and dinner in November was a social and financial success. Many parishioners attended. Others bought raffle tickets, ads in the program, or donated time and money. Many, many thanks to all who supported the event.

Project Interaction meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. In 2018, the meetings were held at Trinity Church, Riverton. Susan Engel chaired the committee and is to be commended for her patience and hard work. In 2019, they will be held here in the library at Grace. We appreciate the support that our parish gives to Project Interaction and St. Paul's and invite you to become involved.

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Bonnette and Jean Horn

ST. PAUL'S FOOD BASKET

The St. Paul's Food Program is the oldest outreach program sponsored by Grace Church having been in continuous operation for 34 years.

The Program is administered by about 25 parishioners as well as a number of other dedicated volunteers. On the fourth Friday of each month we give out 100 bags of food to needy folks at St. Paul's Church in Camden. In the past we had been handing out food there on a more frequent basis, but we are now limited to once per month due to the continuing constraints of money, food donations and volunteer manpower.

In 2018, we handed out approximately 1200 bags of groceries which aided in feeding over 5,000 people. In addition, this past December we were able to obtain 100 turkeys which were handed out just before Christmas.

Grace Church parishioners and other friends of the Program donate all of the money needed to buy food, bags and supplies throughout the year. The Food Bank of South Jersey offers a limited and unpredictable assortment of low-cost food. As a result, we have to go to other resources to make up the difference. It takes about 1200 cans of food and other packaged food items to fill the bags for Friday handing out.

In order to obtain enough food to fill the bags, our parishioners have been very generous in bringing to the Parish Hall canned items like vegetables and fruit, peanut butter, tuna, soup, etc. Cereal and pasta are also very popular items. In addition, generous cash donations have allowed us to buy the remaining food items from Aldi's. Unlike many other grocery stores, Aldi's allows us to buy food in case lots at very competitive prices. To make a monetary donation, we ask that you put cash, or a check payable to Grace Church (with St. Paul's noted on the memo line), in the large jar at the rear of the Church or in your pledge envelope or in the plate during worship services.

Each weekday, volunteers pick up food, pastries and bread from Wawa in Cherry Hill and store them in the freezers at Grace Church. This is a morning activity that usually takes no more than an hour. Each Wednesday morning other volunteers take this food to either St. Paul's on the fourth week of the month, or to other food outreach programs in Camden, including St. Wilfred's Church and Touch NJ. We always need more volunteers to help with collecting the food from Wawa and Starbucks as well as delivering the food to St. Paul's and Touch NJ.

Every month our volunteers work diligently to make this program the success it has been for over 34 years. We greatly appreciate their efforts and urge others to consider joining this dedicated group.

Every two months, Denise Sikorski contacts all of our volunteers to determine availability for the coming period and prepares a schedule for the workers. This requires a great deal of contact and follow-up work. Denise is a hard worker who encourages others to volunteer, but we still find ourselves short-handed at times. Bill Irving has done a great job stepping in to handle the many aspects of our program and to fill the void left by the departure of some of our more senior workers. Without the generous support and dedication of ALL our volunteers, we would not be able to carry out this important ministry.

Opportunities for volunteering include:

- >Wawa and Starbucks food pickup each weekday morning, about one hour from 8:30 to 9:30,
- >Food delivery to St. Paul's and Touch NJ each Wednesday morning, about one hour from 8:30 to 9:30,
- >Help with food shopping at Aldi's and food pickups from the Food Bank of South Jersey
- >Bagging food on the fourth Tuesday of the month, from 9:30 to 11:30,
- >Handing out food bags on the fourth Friday of the month, from 7:30 to 9:30.

We try to limit each volunteer to only a few hours each month and only when they are available. If you would like to help with this great program, please contact:

- >Denise Sikorski, cell [609-670-6074](tel:609-670-6074), email t42wthme@gmail.com
- >Al Schmidt, cell [609-471-8298](tel:609-471-8298), email ajs1106@gmail.com
- >Grace Church office, [856-429-0007](tel:856-429-0007), email office@gracehaddon.org
- >Bill Irving, [856-745-3971](tel:856-745-3971), email william.a.irving@verizon.net
- >Rob Gallo, [856-596-1893](tel:856-596-1893), email rjg19462008@verizon.net

As previously mentioned, we need everyone's financial support since we have to buy much of the food we give away. A check to Grace Church directed to St. Paul's Food Program is always greatly appreciated.

If anyone has a connection with a large grocery outlet that could donate case-lots of food, we could consider expanding the program to more than once per month.

We thank God for all the wonderful efforts and kindness of all who have supported the St. Paul's Food Program and we look forward to your continued support of the Program.

Respectfully submitted,
Al Schmidt and Denise Sikorski

HADDONFIELD CENTER AND SCHOOL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS (HCSPA)

Grace Church hosts an independent non-profit organization, the Haddonfield Center and School for the Performing Arts (HCSPA). The mission of HCSPA is to promote the performing arts in the South Jersey area, specifically by providing a home for performances and lessons at Grace's beautiful facilities. The Center presented seven eclectic concerts in 2018, and has two ensembles in residence, the Greater South Jersey Chorus and the Haddonfield Theater Arts Center. We host the Haddonfield Choir Camp (see below), music recitals by local studios, and music teachers who provide lessons in voice, piano, guitar, violin, viola, and cello.

HCSPA SUMMER CHOIR CAMP

In August, we held the fifth annual Haddonfield Choir Camp in conjunction with the Haddonfield Center and School for the Performing Arts. Choir Camp 2018 was a great success, with 72 participants aged 6 to 18. Over 150 parents, family, and friends crowded into the Grace Performance Hall for our closing concert and celebration on Friday Aug. 10. The camp choirs presented music from a broad diversity of genres and reached an impressive artistic standard in only five days. More importantly, participants experienced the joy of singing good music in community, and some took their first steps on a journey of lifelong singing.

COOPER EPISCOPAL CONSORTIUM (CEC)

CEC had a second year of Christian growth. The group met 4 times with a fifth meeting cancelled due to snow. We continued the expansion of our spiritual network opportunities to strengthen our mission to transform lives through Christian ministry. Participating libraries include Grace Church in Haddonfield; Grace Church in Merchantville; Holy Trinity in Collingswood; St. Bartholomew's in Cherry Hill; St. John's in Maple Shade; St. Mary's in Haddon Heights, and new member, Collingswood Lutheran Church.

Highlights of 2018 for CEC:

May 10, 2018 Ascension Day service at Holy Trinity in Collingswood, as suggested and administered by Father Mark Chattin. The service was attended by about 80 people from six participating churches. Bishop Stokes led the service. Music by the choirs of the churches capped a very spiritual and uplifting event. Susan Stokes presented a program on fostering church formation through family worship at the Business meeting and dinner preceding the Ascension Day service. The Ascension Day service was so successful it will become an annual event.

June picnic at St. Bart's Church in Cherry Hill. Fellowship and food were enjoyed by all.

Learning in Lent series in March had a second successful year. The theme was "If You Want to Walk on Water You Have to Get Out of the Boat." Snow did cause 2 sessions to be cancelled.

Expansion of CEC to include Collingswood Lutheran Church as led by Rector Lorraine Harris.

Development of new partnering opportunities to explore conservation and environmentally conscious projects with St. Matthews Lutheran Church Environmental Committee and Green Faith; and invitation to programs and discussion on Racism at Collingswood Baptist Church.

A year of change with the retirements of the rectors: Patrick Close of Grace Haddonfield, Jeffrey Kirk of Grace Merchantville, and John Charles Powell of St. John's in Maple Shade. Welcome to new rectors Genevieve Bishop at St. Mary's and Anna C. Noon at St. Bart's. Christina Crowthers of St. John's continues on her path to become a deacon. St. John's prepares to close while exploring new faith ministries. Carmen Viola was ordained as a minister.

A productive year of exploring with the Diocese our respective roles, shared opportunities, and ways to strengthen our faith, fellowship, and ministries.

We look forward to expanding our collaborative faith opportunities. We also look ahead to exploring stronger collaborative Christian formation, youth service projects and possible grant opportunities in the coming year.
Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Briant, co-convener of CEC on January 11, 2019

BAPTISMS

Diem Joe Susini Natali
 David William Michael Brown
 Lucy Cate Kirk
 Mary Reese Kirk
 Eliza Grace Kuczynski
 William Preston Joseph O'
 Donnell
 Jacob Dickens
 Jordan Kelley Cuning
 Ethan Russell Guiendon
 Heather Lee Beardsley
 Colin Patrick Fawley

Rhyan Alexa Hadley
 Michael Maurice Baker
 Daniel Jacob Menna
 Ryan Sharple
 Kellan Joseph Crotty
 Mila Grace Crotty
 Macie Frances Crotty
 Sophia Grace Minerva
 Nora Elizabeth Hansberry
 Hank Daniel Hoff
 Dylan Anthony Schaaf
 John Arthur Dronson

Genevieve Anne Flynn
 Michael Jules Guerraty
 Albert Anthony Guerraty
 Brooklyn Lee Quicksell
 Logan Louis Zambrana
 Lucas Michael Zambrana
 Jennifer Anne Gardner O'Donnell
 Earl Jason Bennett
 Zoey Elizabeth Hoffman
 Jakson James Billy
 Lucy Emma Bonnette

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 Hailee Marie Connors
 Natalie Francis Doucette
 DiMaurizio
 Henry Ives McFadden

Sabrina Grace Miller
 Grace Erin Monaghan
 Cameron John Neel
 Alexander Gabriel Nicholas
 Soumilas
 James Jackson Tucker

Earl Jason Bennett
 Daniel Joseph Menna
 Jennifer Anne Gardener O'Donnell
 Daniel Newton Santora, Jr.

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Mary Jane Elizabeth Dougherty
 Katherine Callahan Varevice

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Lisa Karen Green

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 Brittany Jennifer Samartino and Bryan Chuen Ho
 Chan

Natalie Ramzy Nagebb and Raymond Harry Schaaf,
 Jr.

James Alan Diaz and Michael Edward Guerriero

Martin Salvatore Manno and Kevin Michael McNulty

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