



Annual Report, 2016

St. Peter's Church Vision Statement

St. Peter's: a thriving urban parish, welcoming to all, whose members nourish one another in journeys of faith, share the love of Christ, and serve the people of this neighborhood, city, and beyond.

A Church on a Mission:

St. Peter's is a church on a mission: To embody the love of God as Christ's heart, mind, and hands.

Our Core Values

- We are people on a journey seeking to live in the way of Christ.
- We feed people in mind, body, and soul.
- We pray as individuals and together; we worship God, sing and rejoice,
- We offer open hearts and open minds as we welcome one and all at Christ's table,
- We provide a safe place to ask questions and a supportive environment in which to live those questions.
- We reach beyond our congregation to serve others and strive for a just society.
- We call forth, share and honor the gifts of every person.

Saint Peter's Church in the City of Philadelphia

Comings, Goings & Doings in 2016

Births: Claire Frances Cielo, Adelaide Liu Houck, Christian Thomas Ippolito, Parker Robert Moyer, Piper Elizabeth Zullo

Infants & Children Baptized: Matthew Christopher Pidgeon, Eloise Grace Larkin, Reese Josephine Larkin, Piper Elizabeth Zullo, Thomas Ippolito, Tiffany Ippolito, Parker Robert Moyer, Christian Thomas Ippolito, Thaddeus George Smith, Titus Alexander Schultz, Keira Noelle Linares, Allison Phillips

Adults and Youth Confirmed & Received into the Episcopal Church: Christina Maria Santos, Laura Jeanne Nadon, James Connolly Cottone

New to the Parish in 2016: Jim Hughes, J. D. Nichols, Allegra Esposito & Nicolina, Katharyn Christian McGee, Rachel Ford, Lynn McCormick, Amie Porcelli & Emily Ozga, Dan Hart, Cynthia Crumlsh, Chris Beggy, Allison Phillips, Marlene McPherson, Sharon Wallace, Courtney Sarah White, Chris, Allison & Beatrice Berena, Pat, Kim, Leo & Emerson Morrissey, Allison Vail, Doug Wright, Alyssa Boyle & Sylvie, David, Renee, June & Parker Dorsey, James Cottone & Acacia Pappas, Carmen Carrozza, Kristen Foote, Caroline Slingluff, Becky Kaufmann, Marjorie Spraycar, Stephanie Abrahams, Amy Lambert, Rich & Karen Hoerner, Russ & Katherine Sullivan

Marriages: Frances Jensen & Jeff Berry, Kristin Vasmanis & Samuel Lichmira, Lindsay Krieg & Jared Cram

Departures: Miguel Alvarado & Joe DePalma, John & Susan Gummere, Ben Houck, Katrina Liu & Adelaide Liu Houck, Patricia King, Tony Krumbhaar, Peter Maher, Abby Roche, Benjamin Maher & Hazel Maher, Curt & Sarah Merrill, Paula Nadon, John, Esther, Vera, Thaddeus & Titus Schultz

Deaths: Peggy Anderson, Cappy Hurst, Peter Hopkins

Thanks for ministry leadership:

Some leaders are stepping down, others are staying put and some are stepping up.

Adult Education – Cordelia Biddle & Barbara Tobin
Altar Guild – Johanna Ettin
Archives – Nancy Fago
Bell Ringing – Patricia King
Book Group – Ann Wilkerson
Children's Ministry – Danielle Defassio, Sue Mooney & Caroline West
Churchyard – Jill Minick
Finance – Bill Cass
Food Cupboard – Kat Dunne
Guatemala Committee – Hannah Poole, Barbara Tobin
Greeters – Cordelia Bidle
Historic Church Committee – Libby Browne
Hospitality – Dale McClendon & Ray Mohr
Investments – Allen Hall
Knitting Group – Ann Wilkerson
Meditation – Barbara Tobin

Monday Counters – Pat Fusco
Music Committee – Jonathan Miller
Pastoral Care – Stacey Auerweck
Personnel Committee – Elaine Markezin
POWER – Hildegard Kent
Property – Gaylord Holder
Refugee Welcoming Committee – Jay Newlin
Sages – Walt Peters
Social Justice – Leadership team is in formation.
SPPIT – Katie Lachance Duffy
Stewardship – Peggy Hatch
TNT – The Rev. Sean Lanigan
Ushers – Steve Zettler
Vergers – Rob Taglieri
VIA – Tina Hogan & Nigel Richards
Youth Group – Dale McClendon & Cecilia Wagner

Parish General Operating Finances

	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	2017 Budget
Sources of Cash - General Operating Fund			
Contributions Pledged	500,277	491,587	517,000
Plate, Easter, etc.	24,173	24,108	22,500
Contributions	<u>524,450</u>	<u>515,695</u>	<u>539,500</u>
Routine Transfers from Endowment	205,055	214,514	220,626
Other Income	100,272	97,877	100,000
Subtotal	<u>305,327</u>	<u>312,391</u>	<u>320,626</u>
Non-routine transfers from Endowment			
Use of Restricted Funds	<u>43,619</u>	<u>8,969</u>	
Total Sources of Cash	873,396	837,055	860,126
Uses of Cash - General Operating Fund			
Clergy	252,119	246,494	261,540
Music and Choral Scholarships	142,910	159,399	167,496
Education, Fellowship and Development	68,756	66,824	79,706
Outreach: Parish Ministries	21,446	16,539	12,629
Outreach: Diocesan Support	61,858	64,332	66,935
Administration	155,272	157,788	156,964
Property (including projects)	155,870	128,628	114,514
Total	858,231	840,004	859,784
Difference: Sources and Uses of Cash	15,165	(2,949)	342
Contributions to Endowment	142,883	79,000	

Sources of Cash - General Operating Fund

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Total Parish Finances

	2016 NetCash Flow	12/31/2016 Assets
Other Funds		
Music Fund	(1,536)	28,624
Food Cupboard	(22,746)	33,985
Memorial Garden	2,190	41,320
Anderson Bequest	50,000	50,000
Building Our Future	(117,286)	258,477
Way Forward Fund	<u>1,524,773</u>	<u>1,524,773</u>
Sub-Total	1,435,395	1,937,179
General Operating	<u>(2,949)</u>	<u>5,219,415</u>
Total	1,423,060	7,156,594

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Adult Education and Formation

In 2016, the adults of St. Peter's had a wide variety of opportunities for learning and formation. Some of our Sunday morning 10:00 AM *Faith Matters* programs included:

- A series of talks on faith and ecology with Swarthmore religion professor Mark Wallace
- Several sessions on poetry with parishioner and poet Jeanne Walker.
- Several intergenerational events, including events focused on Lent, on getting to know our churchyard, on celebrating our mothers and other women who've shaped us, and on All Saints' Day.
- A Lenten series on Rowan William's book *Christ on Trial*.
- Sessions on religious themes in art and art history with Marilyn MacGregor, Doug Schaller, and Dick Ullman.
- Several Bible studies and theological conversations with the Rev. Claire Nevin-Field.
- A series on the spiritual and psychological elements of major life transitions, with the Rev. Joe Schaller facilitating and several parishioners sharing their expertise.
- A series on the history of St. Peter's with Libby Browne and Cordelia Biddle.
- The summer Bible Challenge in which over 50 parishioners read the entire Bible together in 90 days.
- A series on hunger, including perspectives from a Lutheran Seminary Biblical scholar, from the executive directors of Philabundance and the Philadelphia Coalition Against Hunger, and from the staff of St. Peter's Food Cupboard and Broad Street Ministry.
- A series on prayer, including a presentation by a neuroscientist from Jefferson and a session on contemplative prayer with the Rev. Sharline Fulton.
- A conversation with our new Bishop.

Toward the end of 2016, the Adult Education Committee re-named *Faith Matters*, which now goes by the name *Sunday@10*. In addition to the programs above, we also offered a weekday evening gathering weekly during Lent, which always included a soup supper, lectionary-based Bible study, and a service of evening prayer. Finally, during Advent 2016, we hosted a series of House Church gatherings in parishioners' homes, which featured a simple celebration of Holy Eucharist followed by a potluck meal and time for fellowship. Members of the Adult Education Team in 2016 included: Cordelia Biddle, Sharon Haynie, Barbara Tobin, Jeanne Walker, Beverly Woods, Katharyn McGhee, Christina Miller, Katy Howell, James Howell

Youth

The Youth Group (6th through 12th graders) is led by Dale McClendon and Cecilia Wagner and meets regularly with five to twelve young people. The group gathers twice monthly from October to June; once for a conversation about God, the church, and their daily lives and challenges, using the *Stories and Rituals* lessons from the Diocesan Youth office; and once for a service project such as volunteering at Morris Animal Refuge, making and serving dinner for the Old First Reformed winter shelter, or bringing some cheer to residents at St. Barnabas Mission. For all gatherings, eating pizza and saying prayers are the first items on the agenda (and sometimes ice cream for special birthday gatherings). In 2016, the group also collected cleaning supplies for a popup Women's Shelter at 8th & Bainbridge, assisted St. Peter's gardening crew with a Sunday afternoon of leaf-raking, and toured Lore's Chocolate factory. For 2017, more outreach excursions are planned as we find ways to share this youthful joy and energy throughout Philadelphia .

Children

In 2016, the Children's Service underwent some significant changes. In early 2016, Danielle Defassio, a new parishioner, began helping lead music and activities for our children on a volunteer basis. Danielle is an actor, a musician, and a teacher, as well as a veteran of Lutheran summer camps, and her joyful presence quickly helped to make the Children's Service even more animated and engaging. Beginning the Fall of 2016, we were able to hire Danielle to work at St. Peter's for four hours per week, and Danielle subsequently developed the new *Faith In Action* component of our worship service in collaboration with Sean, Claire, and Maryann Younger (our seminarian). *Faith In Action* offers a hands-on, multi-sensory exploration of Biblical stories that engages the whole child in learning about the life of faith. Throughout the Fall of 2016, the Children's service has continued to grow in numbers and in enthusiasm, and we're blessed to have a number of new families actively participating as well as many existing families participating more frequently. For 2017, the Vestry approved more hours for Danielle, who can now work up to eight hours each week on behalf of our children

and families. All parishioners are welcome to visit the Children's Service any Sunday. Come and see what all the buzz is all about!

In addition to the expanded Children's Service, Sue Mooney also generously continues to lead Godly Play, a Montessori based approach to church school in which children hear the great stories of faith and enter them through play and wonder. Godly Play takes place on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM for children of all ages. Sue also tells a Godly Play story in the Tower Room during the 11:00 AM service.

On Being

On Being is an informal opportunity for conversation based on the NPR series of the same name. This group discusses what they've heard on the radio program, using Krista Tippet's interviews as a starting point for in-depth discussions. On Being's website describes itself as "opening up the animating questions at the center of human life: What does it mean to be human, and how do we want to live? On Being explores these questions in their richness and complexity in 21st-century lives and endeavors. On Being pursues wisdom and moral imagination as much as knowledge and esteems nuance and poetry as much as fact." The On Being discussion group meets once per month following the 11 o'clock service. Listen to the broadcast on WHYY at 7 a.m. Sunday morning or to the podcast which is available from Thursday on each week or just come for the discussion. All are welcome!

OUTREACH

Food Cupboard

The St. Peter's Food Cupboard continues to provide fresh fruits, vegetables, and other food staples to individuals and families experiencing food insecurity.

In 2016, we distributed over 140,000 pounds of food to the surrounding community. We served an average of 150 households per week and as many as 200 on peak weeks. Many parishioners help with the operation of the Food Cupboard, as do many other volunteers from area schools, colleges, and community organizations. Financial support from parishioners is also an important part of our budget. In March, Lisa Gaidanowicz stepped down from her service as our Food Cupboard manager. Kat Dunne took over as our new manager shortly thereafter. In addition to our Saturday morning distribution at St. Peter's we are serving 150 families from our mobile food cupboard. We have partnerships with the St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church (in the Feltonville neighborhood of North Philadelphia) and St. Simon the Cyrenian Church (in the Point Breeze neighborhood of South Philadelphia). The mobile food cupboard is currently operating every 1st, 3rd and 4th Saturday of every month.

Guatemala Partnership

For many years, St. Peter's has had a vibrant partnership with the Canterbury School in Guatemala. Many St. Peter's parishioners have made friends in Guatemala through this partnership, and St. Peter's has also contributed a great deal toward improving the school's facilities and infrastructure. As a result, the school's enrollment has grown significantly, and they now have the capacity to be self-sufficient.

St. Peter's did not sponsor a trip to the Canterbury School in Guatemala in 2016 because of an insufficient number of interested participants within our congregation. \$10,000 was still sent to the school in late 2016, however, and we expect a report soon on how it has been used this year.

Because St. Peter's has not been able to gather a group to travel to Guatemala for the past few years, and because so much of the work we set out to do at the Canterbury School been completed, we have now begun the process of seeking a new international partner community. We celebrated and marked the end of our formal relationship with the Canterbury School during Sunday worship on November 13, 2016.

POWER

St. Peter's is a member congregation of POWER (Philadelphians Organized to Witness, Empower, and Rebuild). POWER is a network of congregations from across the city, intentionally bringing people together across the lines of race, faith, income level and neighborhood to work for social justice. In 2016, POWER went through a great deal of restructuring and refocusing, and a new Executive Director is now in place. In 2016, POWER worked for fair funding for all Pennsylvania public schools, on a voter registration drive, and on planning a major march and rally on Martin Luther King Day. POWER also hosted a Poverty Summit and was a major participant in a Black Lives Matter march and rally after several fatal shootings of unarmed Black men in the summer of 2016, in addition to numerous other activities. 2016 saw an increase in the number of St. Peter's parishioners participating in the activities of POWER. Several parishioners played significant leadership roles in the MLK Day march and rally.

Refugee Welcoming Committee

A strong desire to help resettle a refugee family arose at St. Peter's in late 2015. In early 2016, a group of nearly 30 parishioners began meeting to explore how our parish might engage in this important ministry of hospitality and accompaniment. We initially sought to partner with Lutheran Children and Family Services (LCFS) and were prepared to welcome a family by late Spring of 2016. The Vestry also approved \$6,000 of funding to support this resettlement ministry. Unfortunately, LCFS closed its doors just as we were getting everything in order to begin our sponsorship of a refugee family. As a result, St. Peter's had to begin a search for a new partner agency. In the Fall of 2016, we began building a relationship with HIAS, a Jewish resettlement agency that works with people of all faiths and cultures. Because of some recent staffing changes at

HIAS, however, we have faced more delays in moving toward welcoming a family. We remain hopeful, however, that we will be matched with a refugee family sometime in 2017.

The Refugee Welcoming Committee is comprised of Jay Newlin, Sharon Haynie, Gail Trimble, Beverly Woods, Alyssa Jacobsen, and Peter Ross and is coordinated by the Rev. Sean Lanigan.

Social Justice Team

The Social Justice Team, which was started in early 2016 by the Rev. Sean Lanigan, has been meeting 1-2 times per month to explore how St. Peter's can get more involved in our Philadelphia community as an advocate for and agent of equity and justice. About 30 parishioners regularly or semi-regularly participate in these meetings. Initially, we focused on learning more about public education and exploring possibilities for partnership with a public school. We are currently developing a relationship with an afterschool program based at Courtyard (a subsidized housing community due south of St. Peter's, between Christian Street and Washington Avenue) that primarily serves students from Nebinger Elementary School. Several parishioners have begun tutoring there on weekday afternoons, and we hope to expand the relationship in the months to come. In addition to our work on engaging issues facing our public schools, the Social Justice Team also worked on a voter registration drive in collaboration with POWER. Toward the end of 2016, we began turning our attention toward issues of racial justice. We aim to maintain this focus for much of 2017, with an emphasis on building relationships and partnerships with communities of color.

Episcopal Community Services

St. Peter's conducted a successful school supply drive in the summer of 2016, benefitting the students in ECS's Out of School Time program, in collaboration with the Social Justice Team and our parish ECS liaison, Sheila Jamison-Schwartz.

Small Groups & Sunday Ministries

Book Group

The St. Peter's Book Group meets monthly to discuss books, both fiction and non-fiction. There is no designated leader of the discussions which are held in members' homes. Occasionally the group attends and later discusses a play or a movie based on relevant subject matter rather than reading a book. Newcomers are always welcome to attend as many or few meetings as their interests and schedules allow.

Guides

2016 saw the guides on a sounder footing with more consistent scheduling and more recruitment. More of the same is expected in 2017.

Knitting Group

The Knitting Group is a diverse group of individuals, both parishioners and others from the greater community, who share an interest in getting together to knit, crochet, needlepoint or mend. The group meets monthly in members' homes and spends two hours working on individual projects or for community outreach, receiving encouragement, ideas and/or instruction and engaging in discussions on a variety of topics, as well as enjoying refreshments. The welcome mat is always out for anyone from beginning to experienced knitters who would like to join this congenial group on a regular or occasional basis.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care continues to provide assistance to the St. Peter's community. We provide meals, provide transportation, and take Communion to those unable to get to church.

Sages

The Sages enjoyed another year with a wide range of programs. In March, we heard from John and Bonnie Raines who broke in to the Media FBI office IN 1971 and exposed secret files that the FBI was keeping on individuals. Later in the Spring, Marjorie Jones visited us once again and talked about the biography of Philadelphia Quaker Mary Vaux Walcott (1860-1940), known as the Audubon of Botany. Parishioner and poet Jeanne Walker talked about her book *Helping the Morning* and shared her love of poetry with the group. Parishioners Nancy Fago and Marcia Rogers filled the room in the fall when they talked about the St. Peter's archives. By the way, you don't have to be considered "senior" to enjoy these gatherings. All are welcome. The group meets on the third Wednesday of each month.

SPPIT+, St. Peter's Parents of Infants and Toddlers + School Age Children

For many years, SPPIT was a group that provided an opportunity for parents of small (and not so small) children to get together and share the joys, questions, and adventures of parenthood. In 2016, SPPIT met infrequently, largely due to significant changes in the format and structure of the Children's Service, which began providing more time for families to connect and socialize. In early 2017, a new Parent Committee is being formed, and this group will organize and promote a bi-monthly fellowship or service activity for all families with children in our parish. The members of the new Parent Committee will be Liz Blum, Lisa Hardy, Erin Sammis, and Caroline West.

TNT – 20s & 30s Group

The St. Peter's Twenties and Thirties group gathers formally two times every month during the program year. Brews & Beliefs is a longstanding monthly gathering over food and drink at Bainbridge Street Barrel House. At Brews & Beliefs, we catch up on one another's lives, discuss current events in our city and our nation, and learn about what's going on in the life of St. Peter's. Supper & Scripture is a new monthly gathering that we began in early 2016. Each month, we gather in one of our young adults' homes, share a delicious potluck meal, and then spend some time doing Bible study. This additional monthly gathering has helped us to deepen our relationships with one another and to build a strong sense of interdependent community. In addition to regularly scheduled gatherings, TNT also worked with Lauri Cielo to install a labyrinth in the churchyard during Lent and to create an art installation over the Pine Street gate during our hunger awareness campaign in early Fall. TNT also held several special events during the year, including a summer BBQ, a tour of the Eastern State Penitentiary, and a tour of the new Mormon Temple. We also hung out together during the summer concerts in the churchyard and enjoyed a number of other informal social gatherings.

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Sunday Ministries

What follows is a list of all the liturgical ministers who make our Sunday services possible. Thank you!

Allegra Esposito
Amie Porcelli
Andrew Field
Anne Eiswerth
Barbara Tobin
Beaty Bock
Ben Cornelius
Brian O'Donnell
Bruce Herndon
Chris Cielo
Christine Magne
Christy Santos
Connie Moore
Cordelia Frances Biddle
Dan Colburn
Daniel Hart
David Dorsey
Denise Colliers
Donna Wechsler
Douglas Schaller
Elaine Markezin
Eliud Alvarado
Elizabeth Dipentino
Emy Halpert
Francesca Kotey
Gail Hauptfuhrer
Gail Trimble
Gaylord Holder
Gina Caruso
Grace Wohlsen
"Gregory P. Duffy"
Hannah Poole
Herb Snyder
Hildegard Kent
James Howell
James Shannon
James Wirt
Jane Banning
Janine Utell
Jay R Newlin
Jeanne Walker
Jen Childs
Jerome Whitehead
Jessica Skinner
Jill Minick
Joan Snowden

Joe Fanelli
Johanna Ettin
Jonathan Miller
Joshua Glassman
Julian Slowinski
Katherine Hansen
Kathleen Stephenson
Katy Howell
Keith and Mimo Betten
Ken Doran
Lisa Cover
Marc Johnson
Margaret Ullman
Marianne Lipson
Marjorie Muecke
Maryann Younger
Michael & Jo-Anna Moore
Michael Zullo
Minne Iwamoto
Nancy Shore Abbott
Nigel Richards
Nora Adelman
Pam Harper
Pat Fusco
Patricia King
Paul Minick
Peggy Hatch
Peter Ross
Ray Mohr
Richard Fitzgerald
Rob Noll
Robert Taglieri
Robin Herndon
Scott Greer
Sophia Boyd
Stephen M. Dunne
Steve Zettler
Sue Dudkin
Ted Wohlsen
Terence Champion
Terese Zeccardi
Theresa Smith
Tina Hogan
Tony Weber,
Vincent DiPentino
Walter Peters

Music Ministry

Since the last Annual Report, the music program has grown in several areas. We hosted our first summer choir camp, *SING Philadelphia!*, as an outreach program to surrounding schools and as a way to attract new choristers to our choir program. The week-long camp included 24 students from 14 different schools and varied demographics. A wonderful mix of black, Latino, Asian, East Indian and white campers ranging in age from 7 – 13 participated in the camp. In the course of each day campers participated in 2 hours of choir rehearsals, an hour of drama instruction provided by Walnut Street Theatre, an hour of art exploration provided by our very own Danielle Defassio as well as music theory instruction. On the final day of camp, family members and friends were invited to a presentation that included a choral concert, original dramatic skits and an art exhibit! Many, many volunteers assisted with providing lunch and snacks. We were very pleased when a significant number of campers decided to join Saint Peter's Choir of Boys, Girls and Adults and continue their participation throughout the program year.

After careful consideration and conversations with staff, the music committee and vestry, we decided to adopt the name "Saint Peter's Church Chorister Academy" to describe the portion of our music program that prepares boys and girls to sing on a professional level with our adult singers in "Saint Peter's Choir of Boys, Girls and Adults." Similarly, if you look at Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue in New York City, you'll see that "Saint Thomas Choir School" prepares boys to sing in the "Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys." Today, our intergenerational Choir of Boys, Girls and Adults reflects the tradition of our historic Choir of Men and Boys, established in 1868, while fast forwarding to the 21st century and including both girls and women.

Even more significant is the fact that our boys and girls are now rehearsing twice a week and singing regularly on Sunday mornings. The commitment of these children, youth and their families is having a profound impact in our weekly worship where choristers present on average a psalm setting, two anthems and support congregation singing of service music and hymns. The choristers also participate in additional choral services, like Evensong, concerts and major liturgical observances during the Advent, Christmas and Lent. The sense of community and mutual support among these choristers is strong and is being strengthened by reincorporating a mentoring component between choristers that includes music theory and other skill sets. Parental support is also noteworthy with families enthusiastically supporting old traditions and creating new traditions that strengthen bonds between choristers, helping with snacks, and assisting with many other aspects of the program.

The Chorister Academy also recognizes and appreciates the support of 20 volunteers who serve as "walkers" and "second adults." Walkers escort choristers from their school to the church for rehearsals and Second Adults are present during rehearsals to comply with Diocesan policies and to assist with choral library work. Our program is literally dependent on this outpouring of support.

The formation of Saint Peter's Compline Choir and the offering of Compline as part of our liturgical fabric have been warmly embraced by those who sing in the choir as well as those who regularly attend Compline. Saint Peter's Church joins many other churches throughout the country that have added Compline to their worship schedules over the past 20 years. The ancient texts set to plainsong seem to provide the Holy Spirit with a venue to soothe and calm our souls during these turbulent times.

In addition to our choirs, we have a dedicated team of bell ringers who provide beautiful music following our Sunday morning services. These ringers typically practice and present hymns that have been sung at the preceding service and are constantly broadening their repertoire.

The Music Committee, with Jonathan Miller as our Chairperson, has recently expanded its number of committee members and supports the Music Director in countless ways. Most recently, the committee is working closely with specific choir members as we prepare for our 2017 Choir Residency at Saint Paul's Cathedral, London. The trip will provide our Choir of Boys, Girls and Adults with an international experience that will strengthen musicianship, formation, community and perspective.

STEWARDSHIP

Finance Committee

Oversaw the annual financial review conducted by an outside firm. Streamlined reporting to be clearer about special funds (Music, Food Cupboard, Building Our Future) and received with gratitude a \$50,000 bequest from Peggy Anderson to be used for outreach projects. Continue to track revenue and expenses each month with an eye toward improving our financial position, always conscious of our responsibility to steward resources to fulfill the church's mission.

HSPCPC

Historic St. Peter's Committee

In the course of the last year, it was determined by the Vestry and the Board of the Historic St. Peter's Church Preservation Corp., formed in 1991 as a separate 501 (c) 3 organization to raise funds for the historic church building and grounds, to put the organization in a state of dormancy since IRS regulations had changed. A new committee of the Vestry, the Historic St. Peter's Committee, was formed to carry on the job of communicating our history to parishioners and the outside world and to work with the Property Committee on preservation projects. The committee is comprised of 12 members: Libby Browne (chair) and Hannah Poole, representing the HSPCPC Board, Keith Betten, Cordelia Biddle, Nancy Fago, Ron Francis, James Howell, Jay Hummel, Elaine Markezin, Doug Schaller and Claire Nevin-Field and Kate Randall, ex-officio.

Investment Committee

Continued to monitor AllianceBernstein's management of our endowment funds. The equity markets performed well but the bond market posted marginal gains. The net result for our assets was a gain of 4.8%. Mid-year we shifted 5% of our bond allocation to equities (small caps in particular). The timing was fortunate as equities rallied and bonds sold off after the election.

Personnel Committee

St. Peter's Church is blessed with a remarkable staff. During the past year, our newer members have settled into their roles, making them their own; our veterans continue to exceed expectations. Please accept the Personnel Committee's heartfelt thanks on behalf of the entire congregation.

Property Committee

In 2016 we confirmed the 4th street wall is unstable and may be in danger of falling, and are in the process of getting quotes and a design for repairing it. The stained glass was removed from the basement and sent to Beyer Studio for evaluation. The doors in the tower were repaired and the sound system in the church was upgraded. Getting quotes to replace the carpeting in the church is underway. Ongoing evaluation of needed repairs or ??? is ongoing. Care of the churchyard by our dedicated group of volunteers continues keeping our churchyard in such wonderful shape. Going forward, our goals include ensuring that our properties are environmentally sound. We continue to be a proactive group that still does not meet regularly but still responds quickly to issues as they arise thanks to a dedicated team.

Stewardship Committee

This year our "Giving in Gratitude" stewardship campaign coincided with the liturgical season of Creation. It was perfect timing. Thank you for bringing in your pictures of flowers, sunsets, mountains and creatures of all shapes and sizes. They surrounded us with joy and wonder at God's creation. How could we not feel grateful for all of God's many blessings!

Heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for making your pledge to St. Peter's. It takes all of us to further God's kingdom here at the corner of 3rd and Pine. It takes our prayers and presence ... our time and talent ... and yes, our treasure!