

Saint Peter's Church

Comings, Goings & Doings in 2017 (a condensed annual report)

Births: Fiona Dunne, Rory Legans, Will Kobetitsch, Camille Krogh, Harry & Simon Yee,

Baptisms: Christopher Eagens, Heinrich Sarker-Moore, Llewyn Sarker-Moore, Sylvie Wright, Claire Cielo, Fiona Dunne, Julia Hangley, Rory, Legans, Will Kobetitsch, Harry Yee, Simon Yee, Carter Farry, Camille Krogh

Marriages: Kristi Smith & Spencer Bement, Wallace Umberger & Peter Jin Kim, Francesca Kotey & Deanna Wozniak, Lauren Teune & Edward Colberg

Newcomers: Mike, Amber, Claire & Caroline King, Kate McGarry, Emily & Stephanie Sheetz, Kimberly, Donny & Rory Legans, Wendy & Marc Raspanti, Genna Woodyard, Mary Lynn MacKenzie, Bill Lee, Patrick, Marja & Beau Fitzgerald, Emma Cawlfild & Avery Thomson, Lorena Cortes, Christine Moore, Andrew Price, Katie, Chris & Liam Foote, Wayne & Holly Wright, Julia, Sal, Rocco & Sal Guerrero

Departures: James Cottone, Bryan DeSilva, Colin Dill, Rachel Ford, Thomas, Tiffany & Christian, Tim, Michelle & Jasmine Julet, Francesca Kotey, Ben Liberatore, John & Faith Midwood, Pat, Kimberly, Leo & Emerson Morrissey,

Deaths: Cara Carroccia, Hal & Frannie Kellogg, Emily McDonald, Dorothy Stevens,

Ministry leaders in 2017:

Adult Education – Cordelia Biddle & Kat McGee

Altar Guild – Johanna Ettin

Anti-Racism – Christine Neville & Karen Krogh

Archives – Nancy Fago

Bell Ringing – Gail Hauptfuhrer

Book Group – Ann Wilkerson

Children's Ministry – Danielle Defassio & Sean Lanigan

Churchyard – Jill Minick

Eco Committee – Amy Cornelius

Finance – Bill Cass

Food Cupboard – Ben Bookman

Greeters – Cordelia Biddle

Historic Church Committee – Libby Browne

Hospitality – Dale McClendon & Ray Mohr

Investments – Allen Hall

Knitting Group – Ann Wilkerson

Meditation – Christina Miller

Monday Counters – Pat Fusco

Music Committee – Jonathan Miller

Pastoral Care – Kate Randall

Personnel Committee – Elaine Markezin

POWER – Hildegard Kent

Property – Gaylord Holder

Refugee Welcoming Committee – Sharon Haynie & Gail Trimble

Sages – Walt Peters

Stewardship – Sheila Jamison- Schwartz & Lynn McCormick

TNT – Allison Phillips & Caroline Slingluff

Ushers – Steve Zettler

Vergers – Rob Taglieri

VIA – Tina Hogan & Nigel Richards

Women Who Wonder – Cordelia Biddle, Johanna Ettin, Emy

Halpert, Sharon Haynie, Kat McGee, Christina Miller, Sue

Perry & Allison Phillips

Youth Group – Dale McClendon & Cecilia Wagner

Vestry: Nora Adelman, Accounting Warden, Cordelia Biddle, Secretary, Jennifer Childs, Rector's Warden Lisa Di Cicco, Vincent DiPentino, Kathryn Dunne, Rick Fitzgerald, Sharon Haynie, James Keller Hildegard Kent, Christina Santos, Michael Zullo

Thanks to **Jim Keller & Hildegard Kent** for their years of service.

Thanks to all ministry members including Sunday morning liturgical ministers and chorister walkers and sitters.

Thanks to everyone for all your hard work in 2017!

St. Peter's Financial Report Annual Meeting January 2018

	2016 actual	2017 budget	2017 actual	Proposed 2018
Sources of Cash - General Operating Fund				
Contributions Pledged	484,344	510,000	512,790	510,000
Routine Non-pledge	7,243	7,000	13,213	11,000
Plate, Easter, etc.	24108	22500	27068	24000
Contributions	515695	539500	553071	545000
Routine Transfers from Endowment	214514	220626	220626	224951
Other Income	97877	100000	95595	98200
Subtotal	828086	860126	869292	868151
Non-routine transfers from Endowment				
Use of Restricted Funds	8969			
Total Sources of Cash	837055	860126	869292	868151
Uses of Cash - General Operating Fund				
Clergy	240906	261540	258276	276875
Music and Choral Scholarships	159270	167496	162438	169689
Education, Fellowship and Development	66824	79706	71197	77412
Outreach: Parish Ministries	16539	12629	8018	7950
Outreach: Diocesan Support	64332	66935	66935	66282
Administration	157788	156964	146410	158493
Property (including projects)	128628	114514	120138	106853
Total	834287	859784	833412	863554
Difference: Sources and Uses of Cash	2768	342	35880	4597
General Endowment Contributions	79000	0		0

2017 Ministry Changes and Updates

From the Rev. Sean Lanigan:

All of our ministries have been growing and deepening throughout the past year. But only some have had significant changes. In this year's annual report, we've decided to highlight only new ministries and ministries that have experienced changes. We hope that this briefer format will help you to hone in on what's new and different in our life together.

Thank you to leaders and participants in all ministries for their ongoing faithfulness in ministry this past year.

The following groups have experienced some changes in 2017. Please read on for details.

Adult Education Committee -- In the summer of 2017, a group of about 30 parishioners read the Gospel of Luke in its entirety. Throughout the year, we have continued to offer a wide range of stimulating talks during our Sunday@10 Adult Education hour. Ideas for future talks are always welcome!

Anti-Racism Team -- In 2017, there were several opportunities for St. Peter's parishioners to learn about racism and to develop skills to undo racism in the contexts where we live and work. In February, about 40 parishioners participated in a Saturday day-long training developed in collaboration with Training for Change. In October, about 30 parishioners participated in an evening-long training developed in collaboration with SURJ (Showing Up for Racial Justice). In November, 12 parishioners chose to participate in a three-session training cohort, also developed in collaboration with SURJ. A subset of this group will be working together to facilitate ongoing anti-racism training opportunities for our parish.

Eco Committee -- Formed during the fourth quarter of 2017, the Eco Committee is working on a sustainability statement for the church as well as long- and short-term goals and strategies for becoming a more sustainable parish. As a first step, the committee targeted four actions areas:

- Developing weekly eco-tips for publication in the Sunday Bulletin to help parishioners take the message home and working to expand this messaging to the St. Peter's blog and website.
- Conducting a lighting inventory of the church and analysis of the church building and parish house utility bills with the idea of performing a lighting retrofit and a full energy analysis of the two buildings in 2018.
- Analyzing the waste stream including compost, recycling and landfill bound waste to identify ways to reduce all waste in 2018.
- Identifying non-toxic cleaning products and methodologies for both the church and the parish house, non-toxic pest management contractors and engaging the staff in the why's and how's of adopting more healthy ways to operate the facility.

Food Cupboard -- The St. Peter's Food Cupboard has seen a number of changes in 2017, beginning with the hiring of a new manager, Ben Bookman, in May/June. Over the summer, volunteer debrief experiences were added, bringing a heightened sense of community and collaboration to Saturday morning sessions. Starting in October, the entire client registration process was digitized, and all clients now register using personalized ID cards, embedded QR codes, and electronic data scanners, which cuts down on waiting time and improves both the client experience and data management system for the cupboard. Partnerships with our Mobile Cupboard sites at St. Simon the Cyrenian and St. Gabriel's Churches have grown as well, with peak-season increases in food deliveries and an increased number of local volunteers from each of the communities.

Meditation Group -- Christina Miller has taken on leadership of the meditation group. The group meets Wednesdays at 6pm in Rev. Claire's office for a contemplative practice including a time of silence. Christina now sends our weekly emails, which often include thoughtful reflections on the spiritual life. You are welcome to join the email list even if you don't attend the group. If you are interested please contact Lauri Cielo, Director of Communications.

Refugee Welcoming Committee -- In 2017, a dedicated team of 11 St. Peter's parishioners formed to welcome the Gurung family from Bhutan to their new home in Philadelphia. Working in collaboration with HIAS (founded as Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society), the Welcoming Committee developed a deep and supportive relationship with the Gurungs, visiting with them at least twice each week. As the family moved toward self-sufficiency, the St. Peter's team began to explore the possibility of welcoming another family. We concluded our formal relationship with the Gurungs in December of 2017. Unfortunately, welcoming another family has been delayed due the dramatic reduction of the United States' Refugee Resettlement Program.

VIA -- VIA (shorter form of Via Media) is a group with a core of 40's and 50's parishioners that goes out for lunch after the 11:00 service one Sunday a month. People of all ages are welcome and friends of parishioners are welcome as well. We keep it informal, for those of us who have busy schedules this is a time to relax and enjoy the wonderful people who come to St. Peter's and the wonderful restaurants in our area.

Youth Group -- The end of 2017 marked the end Dale McClendon and Cecilia Wagner's three and a half years of faithful and generous service as our Youth Group leaders. Thank you Dale and Cecilia! Beginning in 2018, two young adult parishioners, Genna Woodyard and Emily Ozga, will take over leadership of the youth group. Welcome Genna and Emily!

In other news:

New Website--In September 2017, St. Peter's launched its newly redesigned website at www.stpetersphila.org. The new website has an integrated sermon player, modern font and design, enhanced worship and clergy pages, and improved ability to feature video, audio, and photographs.

The Archives--The Archives received a \$6,000.00 grant for a conservation assessment of its holdings. St. Peter's archives will also be scanned and put in a data base along with 6 other "older city churches and synagogues" through a grant procured by Christ Church making our records available more readily online to researchers.

Women Who Wonder --We are an intergenerational gathering, meeting monthly to discuss our spirituality, our differing life experiences, interests and passions, and the place of women in society, in the church, and in our civic life. All who identify as women are cordially invited to join us. We meet at 313 Pine starting at 6 PM, concluding at 7:30. Upcoming dates: February 12, March 12, April 16.

2017 Music Ministry Updates

In addition to participating in weekly rehearsals and services during the program year, choir members, choir families and music committee members worked hard to prepare for our 2017 Choir Residency at Saint Paul's Cathedral, London from August 7 – 13. In the course of the year, funds were raised and repertoire was learned so that we could present 6 Choral Evensongs and a Choral Communion Service during our time at Saint Paul's. Choristers and adults also had opportunities to enjoy the many tourist attractions that London has to offer. Everyone, including our youngest trebles, youth and adults, came back to Philadelphia feeling like the trip exceeded their expectations musically, socially and spiritually. Many thanks to our staff and our volunteers who gave so generously of their time and talent to make this trip a success.

In addition, during the 2017 program year, staff and volunteers have begun to explore the possibility of expanding our Chorister Academy to include research based mentoring, tutoring, homework help and expanded outreach. Our exploration continues as we partner with Mentor Independence Region (MIR), an organization that strengthens the youth mentoring field through collaboration, training, technical assistance, data collection and advocacy. MIR will provide us with a step-by-step process to research needs and solutions to provide a diverse community of choristers with the best possible musical training along with academic services and supportive mentoring. This initiative grew out of several aspirations expressed by the parish as a whole and endorsed by the Vestry in the 2015 document, "The Way Forward."