

Saint Peter's Church

Comings, Goings & Doings in 2018 (a condensed annual report)

Births: Savannah Courtney, Forrest Christensen, Isabella Luz Shames-Ettin

Baptisms: Julia Bagley, Jack Bellis, Henry Harbeson, Athen Nakhla, Alexander Roesing, Emma Cawfield, William Foote, Louis Westerhouse, Louisa Phillips, Charles O'Brien, Churchill Walker, Savannah Courtney, Cacia Greer

Marriages: Amie Porcelli & Emily Ozga, Emma Cawfield & Avery Thompson, Alexandra Noll & Stephen Iacobucci, Kelsey Draves & Michael Brandon

Newcomers: Reid & Alisha Halloran w/ Ellie, Tim Roberts, Jen & Matt Tucker w/ Beatrice, Kristin & Jessica Benson, Elizabeth Walker w/ Churchill, Charles & Elizabeth McGhee Hassrick w/ Edel, Catherine Kerrison, Lance Woodruff, Lark Hall, Laurel Christensen, Laura Sidla & Caleb Gaddes, Chanel Williams, Elizabeth McDermott, Jeri Kaminski, Luis Ramji Nogales w/ Kala & Javier, Emily Ritter, Linda Sheridan, Kathryn Kaminski, Jane Baumgardner, Virginia Schiffino w/ Luca & Guiliana, Ann Kell

Departures: Jim, Nancy, Rufus & Audrey Abbott, Kate Bouser, Carmen Carrozza, Taylor & Lillian Custis, Katherine Hansen, Al & Patrick Heavens, James & Katy Howell, Jay Hummel, Mary Lynn MacKenzie, Wendy Newlon, Andrew Price

Deaths: Carl Mansfield, Susanna Miller, David Stevens, Kate McGarry, Paul Hertel, Dora Lewis, George & Nancy Fago

Ministry leaders in 2018:

Adult Education – Cordelia Biddle & Jeanne Walker

Altar Guild – Johanna Ettin

Anti-Racism – Emy Halpert, Christine Neville & Katherine Sullivan

Archives – Nancy Fago

Bell Ringing – Gail Hauptfuhrer

Book Group – Ann Wilkerson

Children's Ministry – Sean Lanigan

Churchyard – Jill Minick, Anne Eiswerth, Elaine Markezin & Meredith Piotrowski

Eco Committee – Amy Cornelius

Finance – Nora Adelman

Food Cupboard – Ben Bookman

Greeters – Cordelia Biddle

Historic Church Committee – Libby Browne & Keith Betten

Hospitality – Kate Randall

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

Sages – Walt Peters

Stewardship – Lauri Cielo

TNT – Sean Lanigan

Ushers – Steve Zettler

Vergers – Rob Taglieri

VIA – Tina Hogan & Nigel Richards

Youth Group – Emily Porcelli & Genna Woodyard

Vestry: Nora Adelman, Accounting Warden, Cordelia Biddle, Secretary, Jennifer Childs, Rector's Warden

Jared Cram, Lisa Di Cicco, Vincent DiPentino, Kathryn Dunne, Rick Fitzgerald, Peggy Hatch, Sharon Haynie, Lathrop Nelson

Christina Santos, Michael Zullo

Thanks to Kat Dunne, Rick Fitzgerald & Lathrop Nelson 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 2018!

St. Peter's Financial Report Annual Meeting January 2019

	2017 actual	2018 actual	Proposed 2019
Sources of Cash - General Operating Fund			
Contributions Pledged	512,790	463,693	490,000
Routine Non-pledge	13,213	5,710	10,000
Plate, Easter, etc.	27,068	29,049	24,000
Contributions	553,071	498,452	524,000
Routine Transfers from Endowment Funds	220,626	224,951	230,149
Other Income	95,595	94,635	98,595
Subtotal	869,292	818,038	852,744
Non-routine transfers from Endowment Use of Restricted Funds		40,000	0
Total Sources of Cash	869,292	858,038	852,744
Uses of Cash - General Operating Fund			
Clergy	258,276	271,122	284,627
Music and Choral Scholarships	162,438	167,382	174,207
Education, Fellowship and Development	71,197	65,313	66,054
Outreach: Parish Ministries	8,018	4,314	*
Outreach: Diocesan Support	66,935	66,282	66,282
Administration	146,410	151,767	157,599
Property (including projects)	120,138	127,087	103,153
Total	833,412	853,267	851,922
Difference: Sources and Uses of Cash	35,880	4,771	822

* In 2019, Parish Outreach will be funded from a bequest designated for outreach

2018 Ministry Changes and Updates

Adult Education

During the summer of 2018, about 30 parishioners read Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians together, continuing our tradition of intensive summer Bible study. In the fall of 2018, we began a pilot of a new approach to adult education at St. Peter's, featuring two or more offerings on most Sunday mornings, a larger number of offerings led by parishioners, offerings oriented to a wider range of learning styles (more hands-on offerings and more multi-week offerings that facilitate community building), and offerings on a greater diversity of topics and areas of interest. Overall, we have more than doubled participation in our Sunday morning adult learning opportunities and have seen many new faces among our participants. In addition, during the fall of 2018, we also piloted a weekday evening theology reading group, which had 12 committed participants. The theology reading group will convene again during Lent 2019, and all are very welcome to participate.

Anti-Racism Committee

A small group of parishioners met together regularly in 2018, reading several books on racial justice and offering several presentations during the Sunday morning adult education hour to engage the wider parish community. This group will meet more intermittently in 2019 and will advertise specific book studies to the wider parish community, with the aim of encouraging a broader parish conversation on racism in church and society.

Children's Ministry

The 9:00 AM Children's Service continues to have robust attendance, with new families regularly joining our community. In the summer of 2018, our Children's Ministry Assistant, Danielle DeFassio left her position with us in order to focus more fully on her full-time work at the Please Touch Museum. Danielle remains a St. Peter's parishioner. In early fall of 2018, we hired Laurel Christensen as our new Children's Service musician. With a background in music education, Laurel brings many new musical gifts to our service and is building strong relationships with our families. Welcome, Laurel!

In the Tower Room, during the 11:00 AM service, parishioner Sue Mooney continues to share wonderful stories from the Bible using the Godly Play method, which is rooted in the principles of Montessori education. During Tower Room time, children also spend time in prayer, and their prayers are often integrated into the Prayers of the People during the main worship service. Thank you, Sue, for your generous, committed, creative, and thoughtful ministry to our children and families!

Churchyard

The churchyard gardeners planted three American Hop Hornbeams on the walkway to start replacing the aged Hawthorne's. They also planted an Eastern Wahoo in honor of Gaylord Holder's mother.

Unfortunately the sycamore at 3rd and Lombard was removed due to it becoming a hazard for anyone in the area. There was a very successful all-parish leaf raking on December 1. New volunteers are always welcome!

Eco Committee

The Eco Committee, which was started in 2017, spent 2018 developing a seven-year sustainability plan for the church and putting plans into targeted actions that focused on four areas:

- **Communications:** Deepened the sustainability communications program by presenting an Earth Day adult-ed program, participating in the City's GreenFair, developing weekly eco-tips for the Sunday bulletin and blog posts that connect faith to nature focusing parishioners' attention on the role each of us plays on the health and nurture of the world.
- **Utility Demand Reductions:** relamped the church building and the parish house apartment with LED light bulbs and adjusted the church's lighting operations resulting in 48% monthly savings and changed sink aerators and showerheads in the church and the parish house resulting in an 8.9% reduction in water/ sewer demand.
- **Reducing Waste:** Identified areas to change operations or purchasing with the goal of no-waste (using washable towels instead of paper towels), compostability (un-waxed paper coffee cups), recyclable or having recycled content (raising awareness with the staff and ministries about where and how to recycle).
- **Congregational Health:** Focused on Indoor Air Quality by reducing non-toxic cleaning products and establishing a high efficiency HVAC filter schedule.

Food Cupboard

The Food Cupboard focused on improving client experience in 2018, interviewing clients in multiple languages through the help of our summer intern about their needs, preferences, and suggestions. Changes were made to the types of foods being purchased and distributed, to align with the dietary and cultural preferences at each site. The registration process was also tweaked further, after the successful implementation of a new QR code system in the prior year, resulting in shorter wait times, less standing in line, and increased client choice and respect throughout their experience.

Music Ministry

A Mentor Launch Team was formed in November 2018 to begin the process of expanding Saint Peter's Chorister Academy to include research-based mentoring, tutoring and homework help and to reach out to families from diverse demographics. The Mentor Launch Team was awarded a grant to work with a consultant from Mentor Independence Region, a nonprofit organization that specializes in developing and supporting mentoring programs.

Refugee Welcoming Committee

Because of changes in federal refugee laws and policies, the United States is receiving dramatically fewer refugee families each year. As a result, St. Peter's has not been matched with another refugee family, so we are no longer active in providing resettlement assistance. We continue to pray and act for changes to federal refugee policy.

TNT - 20s & 30s Group

Our young adult population is continually transforming, as some young adults arrive in Philadelphia for education and jobs and others leave for schooling and work elsewhere. St. Peter's is pleased to welcome many a new young adults to our community each year, especially during the summer and early fall. We continue to gather monthly in one another's homes for Supper & Scripture and occasionally for other events.

VIA

Tina Hogan and Nigel Richards head up a group who like to go to brunch after church, usually on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Originally targeted toward those in their 40's and 50's, everyone is welcome to join VIA. They try to go to a new restaurant each month, along with an occasional brown-bag lunch or potluck in a member's home. At least once each year, they visit Spruce Street Harbor Park. Purposefully kept low-key with minimal commitment, VIA did, however, participate in leaf-raking with the churchyard gardeners this fall! (Please contact Tina Hogan to join the VIA mailing list: ctfh44@yahoo.com)

Youth Group

In 2018, Emily Porcelli and Genna Woodyard took on leadership of the Youth Group. With Emily and Genna's help, our youth have been building community, learning more about God and one another, and serving others. Thank you, Emily and Genna, for connecting with and inspiring our youth!

In other news:

Outdoor Stations of the Cross: During Lent, we installed outdoor stations of the cross on the wall along Pine Street. These stations, which featured short prayers and drawings, invited passers-by to pray and meditate. The Stations of the Cross will be hung again during Lent 2019.

Photography Exhibit: In the fall, in conjunction with St. Peter's observance of Creation Season, we hosted a photography exhibit. More than thirty people from all over the city submitted photographs and twelve were selected for display.

Planned Giving: In 2018, three additional people joined our 1761 Society, a group that recognizes parishioners who have made a commitment to the future life and ministry of St. Peter's by remembering the parish in their estate plans. St. Peter's expressed its appreciation for the 1761 Society at a special event at the Penn Museum in April 2018.

Stewardship: This year, 174 households pledged to financially support St. Peter's Church in 2019; altogether pledges totaled \$467,983. That was an increase from last year, when 159 households pledged \$448,735. We are also happy to report an especially high number of new pledging households this year -- 34!