

The 2011 Annual Parish Report



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Gordonsville, Virginia

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A WORD ABOUT THE 2011 ANNUAL MEETING

The canons of the church only require the election of new vestry members during the “annual meeting”. Therefore this year, the only official business to be conducted will be the election of new vestry members. Once the election is conducted, the official meeting will be concluded. The remaining time will be spent in fellowship over lunch and an informal question and answer period with the Priest-in-Charge.

Questions about the specific content of any of the reports that follow should be addressed directly to the individual who submitted said report.

As always, the Priest-in-Charge is willing to meet and discuss any aspect of our common life in Christ with anyone attending Christ Episcopal Church, Gordonsville. Please feel free to contact him at the office 540-832-3209 or at home or by email rfichterjr@msn.com.

1. Priest-in-Charge

2011 has been a rather remarkable year both in the life of the parish as well as in my own personal life.

This past spring the Vestry approved the creation of the Gail Katherine Bowers Memorial Youth Activity Fund with the proceeds from the gifts received in her loving memory. This fund along with the brass covered Gospel Book, I believe, are a great tribute to a wonderful woman and faithful servant of our Lord.

The Vestry, also in the spring, authorized finishing off the basement. And while I had hoped that we would have already begun this project (for hope springs eternal), I was well aware that we have been running between twelve to twenty-four months behind on such projects. That said, we are nearing completion on the trim work on the church, the rectory bathrooms are nearly done, and I have been told that the lighting in the parish hall will be replaced soon... For a small parish we certainly have a lot of facility to maintain and improve and we are very blessed to have Floyd Hill who has tirelessly worked to get these projects completed. Thank you Floyd! Of course, with the delays new resources have appeared to help pay for the basement work. Henry Taylor's estate gave the church an unrestricted gift of \$5000 that the Vestry has designated for the project. And my grandmother's estate has also given \$5000, which along with the memorial gifts (\$1420) given in her memory I will ask the Vestry to allocate to the project.

I must confess that planning a vacation for November seemed more rationally in June than it did when the time came. For that reason there are some tasks that have yet to be completed such as the budget for 2012. That said, however, I am not expecting that the 2012 budget will look much different from the 2011 budget other than salary adjustments for our organist and sexton and any perceived need to increase utilities allocations. Therefore the budget will be left to the January Vestry meeting. It is my sincere hope that despite the lingering nationwide economic difficulties we will continue to have strong giving in 2012 and hopefully keep our deficit spending below \$20,000. Thankfully, we have been blessed by those who have gone before us who have left us the resources to weather these economically turbulent times!

As a community of faith, you show an abundance of support in your various ministries giving not only of your treasure but also of your time and talents to the Glory of God. And while I cannot in this space thank each of you by name, I do wish to give public thanks to Tom May, our organist; Ben Armistead, our uncompensated choirmaster; Sharon Chapman, our sexton, with her crew, Shannon Boyles our nursery attendant, and to Gail Dunne who is our office volunteer who faithfully comes in each week to help produce the Sunday bulletins as well as other office tasks.

I would like to personally thank the Rev. Mary Beth Wells who has been a real asset to this parish and me personally. Her ministry as our Parish Deacon touches the lives of all of us through her preaching, assistance at liturgy, leading the Episcopal Church Women and through the various pastoral care encounters she has with parishioners. We are truly blessed to have her with us!

I would be very remiss if I did not give a big thank you to Barbara Shaw, who earlier this year tendered her resignation as head of the children's Sunday school program. Barbara's tenure has been measured not in years but decades. She not only deserves our thanks but also a sabbatical. Well done, good and faithful servant!

Finally, 2011 will be a year that I will not forget as my beloved grandmother, E. Marjorie Bell, died on August 21st. She was my sole living grandparent when I was born. We were very close and had many adventures together including four trips to Europe. I will miss her greatly. Words cannot express my gratitude to all of you who helped make the year she spent at Gordon House a very pleasant time. And words cannot express my gratitude for your outpouring of love and support as we celebrated her life with a beautiful funeral and lovely reception. Christ Church will always have a special place in my heart for this ministry you provided to my family and me. God bless you all!

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Richard E. Fichter, Jr.

2. Treasurer

The following unaudited “balance sheet” gives a snapshot of Christ Church’s financial state. It is divided into two major sections. The first section contains the asset accounts. These are the instruments used to maintain Christ Church’s financial resources (i.e. bank and brokerage firm accounts). The second lists the Fund Balances that represent how the monies are distributed. Therefore, the total value of all assets must be equal to the total value of all funds.

The Fund Balances are subdivided into four groupings. The first grouping represents the monies used to operate Christ Church on a day to day basis. The “Designated” funds are those monies with designated purposes. The “Specified” funds are what are commonly called “endowment funds” at Christ Church. Technically and in a legal sense these funds are not endowments but are rather funds set up by prior vestries for specific purposes. Their existence and usage is at the pleasure of the Vestry.

The final subdivision is comprised of those monies which Christ Church has been asked to hold for St. John’s Chapel, which is technically a diocesan chapel. We are merely the local agents for paying the expenses related to the upkeep of said chapel.

THE BALANCE SHEET FOR OCTOBER 31, 2011

ASSETS		<i>as of</i> <i>January 1, 2011</i>	<i>as of</i> <i>October 31, 2011</i>
1.100.100	Bank of America Checking	\$29,658.19	\$10,511.72
1.300.100	Trustees of Diocese of Va Fund	\$26,019.21	\$26,173.72
1.300.110	DMS Fund	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
1.310.100	SS General Endowment Inv	\$134,630.29	\$137,436.55
1.310.110	SS General Endowment MM	\$6,121.71	\$9,580.22
1.310.120	SS SD Outreach Inv	\$158,899.10	\$163,852.47
1.310.130	SS SD Outreach MM	\$8,019.37	\$8,360.69
1.310.140	SS SD Building Maintenance Inv	\$117,123.60	\$119,996.04
1.310.150	SS SD Building Maintenance MM	\$8,537.80	\$11,121.64
1.310.160	SS Organ Inv	\$26,542.07	\$27,086.26
1.310.170	SS Organ MM	\$2,050.27	\$2,780.01
1.310.180	SS Yard Inv	\$4,628.50	\$4,575.64
1.310.190	SS Yard MM	\$721.45	\$851.13
	Total Assets	\$523,951.56	\$523,326.09

	<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>
3.100.100	General Operating Fund	\$0.00	-\$5,142.07
	<i>Total Operating Funds</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>-\$5,142.07</i>
3.500.100	Christ Church Discretionary Fund	\$889.34	\$2,443.95
3.500.120	Altar Guild Fund	\$1,688.52	\$1,277.77
3.500.130	ECW General Fund	\$450.31	\$450.31
3.500.131	ECW Chapter Mission Fund	\$11.35	\$11.35
3.500.140	Outreach Guild General Fund	\$586.96	\$2,845.48
3.500.150	Youth Group General Fund	\$173.77	\$173.77
3.500.160	Gail K Bowers Mem Youth Act Fund	\$0.00	\$5,290.81
3.510.100	Designated Offerings	\$6,590.00	\$7,987.25
	<i>Total Designated Funds</i>	<i>\$10,390.25</i>	<i>\$20,480.69</i>
3.550.100	General Endowment	\$162,316.73	\$168,736.01
3.550.110	Outreach Fund	\$177,718.47	\$182,013.16
3.550.120	Building Maintenance Fund	\$121,877.48	\$119,330.89
3.550.130	Organ Fund	\$26,829.34	\$27,115.67
3.550.140	Yard Fund	\$3,823.58	\$3,900.40
	<i>Total Specified Funds</i>	<i>\$492,565.60</i>	<i>\$501,096.13</i>
3.600.100	St. John's Chapel Fund	\$20,995.71	\$6,891.34
	<i>Total non-CEC Funds</i>	<i>\$20,995.71</i>	<i>\$6,891.34</i>
	<i>Total Liabilities and Funds</i>	<i>\$523,951.56</i>	<i>\$523,326.09</i>

The following is the unaudited "Treasurer's Report on the General Fund", better known simply as "the Budget Report".

**TREASURER'S REPORT ON THE GENERAL OPERATING FUND
FOR OCTOBER 31, 2011**

Account #	Name	as of October 31st	2011 Budget
<i>Income</i>			
4.100.100	Plate Offering	\$1,961.66	\$3,000.00
4.100.200	Pledge Offering	\$72,597.38	\$91,000.00
4.100.210	Regular Giving	\$15,355.00	\$10,000.00
4.100.220	Prior Year Pledges	\$3,424.00	\$0.00
4.100.500	Memorials	\$60.00	\$0.00
4.100.800	Interest	\$65.00	\$0.00
	<i>Total Income</i>	<i>\$93,463.04</i>	<i>\$104,000.00</i>

Expenses

5.100.100	Rector Salary	\$38,750.00	\$46,500.00
5.100.101	Rectors SECA Reimbursement	\$2,700.00	\$3,500.00
5.100.102	Rector Pension	\$9,250.20	\$12,334.00
5.100.103	Rector Insurance	\$4,484.00	\$5,460.00
5.100.104	Rector Travel	\$360.00	\$2,000.00
5.100.108	Rector Continuing Education	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
5.100.110	Deacon Expense	\$104.00	\$1,000.00
5.100.130	Organist Salary	\$6,470.20	\$7,765.00
5.100.140	Sexton Salary	\$3,633.20	\$4,360.00
5.100.150	Child Care Salary	\$800.00	\$1,040.00
5.100.160	Supply Clergy	\$440.00	\$1,200.00
5.100.170	Payroll Tax	\$773.00	\$1,000.00
5.100.175	Payroll Services	\$396.35	\$700.00
	<i>Total Personnel</i>	<i>\$68,160.95</i>	<i>\$87,859.00</i>
5.100.700	Misc	\$41.00	\$1,000.00
	<i>Total Miscellaneous</i>	<i>\$41.00</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>
5.110.100	Electricity	\$2,424.73	\$6,500.00
5.110.110	Fuel Oil and Gas	\$3,377.29	\$7,000.00
5.110.120	Water and Sewer	\$491.72	\$2,800.00
5.110.130	Telephone	\$1,554.02	\$2,500.00
5.110.180	Rectory Electricity	\$2,139.30	\$0.00
5.110.181	Rectory Water and Sewer	\$594.14	\$0.00
	<i>Total Utilities</i>	<i>\$10,581.20</i>	<i>\$18,800.00</i>
5.110.200	Repair and Maint	\$2,504.53	\$5,000.00
5.110.280	Lawn Care	\$142.14	\$500.00
5.110.300	Facilities Insurance	\$4,782.65	\$7,000.00
	<i>Total Facility</i>	<i>\$7,429.32</i>	<i>\$12,500.00</i>
5.120.100	Office Supplies	\$773.82	\$3,000.00
5.120.310	NFS Checks -- service charges	\$0.00	\$0.00
5.120.800	Stewardship	\$0.00	\$200.00
	<i>Total Administration</i>	<i>\$773.82</i>	<i>\$3,200.00</i>
5.130.100	Diocesan Pledge	\$10,000.00	\$12,000.00
5.130.105	Diocesan Newspaper	\$0.00	\$500.00
5.130.110	Region 15	\$0.00	\$500.00
5.130.200	Diocesan Council	\$305.20	\$1,000.00
	<i>Total Diocesan Obligations</i>	<i>\$10,305.20</i>	<i>\$14,000.00</i>

5.140.110	Altar Supplies	\$620.69	\$700.00
5.140.120	Choir Supplies	\$30.00	\$300.00
	<i>Total Worship</i>	<i>\$650.69</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>
5.150.100	Christian Education	\$612.93	\$1,500.00
	<i>Total Christian Education</i>	<i>\$612.93</i>	<i>\$1,500.00</i>
5.160.100	Hospitality Comm.	\$0.00	\$300.00
	<i>Total Hospitality</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$300.00</i>
5.170.050	Evangelism	\$50.00	\$200.00
5.170.100	GO cont to Discretionary	\$0.00	\$0.00
5.170.200	Christian Welfare Board	\$0.00	\$700.00
5.170.210	Fire Department	\$0.00	\$200.00
5.170.220	Theological Education	\$0.00	\$0.00
	<i>Total GOB Outreach</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>	<i>\$1,100.00</i>
	<i>Total Expense</i>	<i>\$98,605.11</i>	<i>\$141,259.00</i>
	<i>Total Income</i>	<i>\$93,463.04</i>	<i>\$104,000.00</i>
	<i>Difference (Deficit)</i>	<i>-\$5,142.07</i>	<i>-\$37,259.00</i>

Respectfully submitted,
Claudia Shiflett

3. Junior Warden

The major improvements to the physical plant involved improvements in the Rectory bathrooms and repairs and repainting of the church building. The grounds continued to be maintained by volunteers. Thank you for keeping the lawn looking so nice. The church lawn mower was repaired several times. Once the painting is completed, the buildings should be in good repair for several years to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. William Garbeel

4. Music Department

As we approach the end of 2011, I would like to thank the members of the choir for their dedication and tireless support of the music program. It would not exist without them.

In addition to Sunday services, your music department has provided support for extra services including, Christmas, Holy Week, the community Thanksgiving service, weddings and funerals. We also will have supplied music for services at St. John's Chapel, Green Springs.

It goes without saying that it would be most difficult to have a more dedicated and talented organist than Tom May; who besides playing at the services and rehearsing the choir spends many additional hours each week practicing.

I would encourage members of the parish to consider joining the choir as we worship God through our music. We welcome those who have joined us this past year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Marcie Hall for her years of service. She has retired from active duty but we will continue to enjoy her beautiful voice as she sings from the congregation.

Finally, as Tom and I conclude our twenty-third year as organist and choirmaster we wish to thank you for all your support and encouragement.

Respectfully submitted,
Benjamin C. Armistead
Choirmaster

5. Altar Guild

Mission Statement: This group prepares for the meeting of the people of God. Each member is devoted to Christ and His Church to give of herself/himself to the service of the altar.

Our devoted members continue to perform in this ministry with much grace.

We wish to give thanks to our monthly Altar Guild members who have continue to keep the altar ready for church service.

Special thanks and appreciation to several groups:

- **Linens:** Bev Allison for the cleaning of the Fair Cloth and to Gail Parrish for the cleaning of the monthly church linens.
- **Supplies:** Bev Tucker for ordering and obtaining the communion wine and wafers.
- **Brass and Silver:** Serena Wiley and Melanie Fredericks for cleaning all of the brass and silver several times a year.
- **Christmas and Easter Decorations:** Tom May, Ben Armistead and volunteers for providing their talent and time for decorating the church for Christmas and Easter celebrations.

Thank you and special blessings to Father Richard for his time, support and guidance.

Thanks to all of the members for your time and service to this ministry. This ministry is a wonderful example of good stewardship and devotion to our Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Parrish & Beverly Tucker
Co-Coordiators

6. Outreach Guild

The Christ Church Outreach Guild meets on the first Tuesday of each month in the Parish Hall or at a members' home as offered. Membership in the Outreach Guild is open to everyone who attends Christ Church. The Outreach Guild's success depends on each of your support. We are grateful for your past efforts and look forward to continuing and expanding them in the future.

In 2011, the following projects were accomplished: conducted the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, conducted the Annual Yard Sale, ran the Christ Church booth at the Gordonsville Street Festival, The Drug-Take-In program with the Gordonsville Police (we collected 28 lbs. of unneeded/expired paten medicine), and managed the Angel Tree – gifts for a needy family at Christmas.

Our fundraising activities generated approximately \$2,800.00 in 2011. All proceeds from these activities are used for charitable purposes. In 2011 donations in equal amounts were made to VIEW (Social Services of Orange County), Rebuild Together Orange/Louisa Inc., Gordon Barbour Elementary School, Orange Free Clinic, and Our Little Roses. In addition we donated clothing items from the yard sale to Gordon Barbour Elementary School.

In November, the following officers were elected for 2012: Stan Dunne, *President*, Nicole Greene, *Vice President*, and Beverly Tucker, *Secretary/Treasurer*. We thank both of our Priest-in-Charge and our Parish Deacon for their indefatigable support and constant source of ideas for new projects. We urge everyone to join this ministry.

Respectfully submitted
Nelson Tucker
President

7. Garden Guild

The Garden Guild of Christ Church has just completed its second year of service. I want to thank the volunteers who came forward to make this happen: James and Patricia Harlowe, Millie Travis, Serena Wiley, Melanie and John Harkness, Bill Grabeel, and Gail Dunne.

I also want to thank Bunky Mundy for his help and guidance in resetting the blue stone near the pond. The gravel edging was also re-cemented.

We also installed a small retaining wall near the South side of the church office.

We are grateful for the volunteers that mow the church grounds weekly. Your continued support will be greatly appreciated. A signup sheet will be available in the Parish Hall in March.

Anyone who enjoys gardening and fellowship is welcome to join us.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stan Dunne
Chairperson

8. Afghans for Disabled Military

Members of Christ Church have been knitting and croqueting Afghans for disabled military persons who are in DVBS-Charlottesville Rehabilitation Program for several years. They are greatly appreciated by this agency as each person in the program receives one. If you are interested in learning more about this program you can go to their website (<http://dvbic.org/Locations/Activities/Charlottesville--Local-Activities.aspx>).

If you have any questions about this please contact me.

Gail Dunne

9. Christ the King Chapter, Daughters of the King

The Order of the Daughters of the King is organized as a religious order. Each Daughter takes a lifetime vow to live by the Rule of Life which includes, the Rule of Prayer, that requires a spiritual discipline of daily prayer and evangelism and the Rule of Service, that requires that daily we seek to do God's will. Because of our vow, we refer to ourselves as an order, not an organization. Our bylaws prohibit us from raising funds and our support comes from donations. We are an order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church, churches in communion with it, or churches in the Historic Episcopate. Today membership includes women in the Anglican Episcopal, Roman Catholic, and Lutheran (ELCA) churches. A National Meeting is held in the year of the General Convention. Diocesan meetings are held in the Spring and Fall of each year with an Annual Retreat in the early summer

In 2011, our local chapter members Beverley Allison and Molly Barrow attended the Spring Assembly meeting at Saint David's Episcopal Church, Ashburn, Virginia on Saturday, April 9. The Reverend Mary Kay Brown Boyer and The Reverend Emmanuel Johnson were the celebrants. Ms. Boyer's teaching was on the Power of Prayer.

We continue to study *Every Day with Jesus*, a daily devotional written by Selwyn Hughes, founder of CWR that enables people to apply God's Word to everyday living and relationships.

February 25, 2011 Christ Church celebrated the installation of Deacon Mary Beth Wells as our Chaplain and the installation of our officers. Ruth Anne Ryan, President/ Secretary, Beverley Allison, Vice President, and Molly Barrow, Treasurer. Following the service our Christ the King Chapter hosted the Parish Hall coffee hour to honor Chaplain Wells.

Monthly meetings are held the second Sunday of each month in the church parlor and we welcome all interested parishioners.

At the present time we are in the process of completing the eight-week study for Gale Martin's admission to the Daughters of the King.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Anne Ryan
President