

The 2013 Annual Parish Report



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Gordonsville, Virginia

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A WORD ABOUT THE 2013 ANNUAL MEETING

The canons of the church only require the election of new vestry members during the “annual meeting”. Therefore, 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

This past year has been relatively calm. There have been no major changes in our facilities or our financial systems. We continue to gather for worship and fellowship week in and week out as we are called to do given that we collectively are a small portion of the Body of Christ.

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 our now retired office volunteer Gail Dunne.

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, and through the various pastoral care encounters she has with parishioners. We are truly blessed to have her with us!

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

2. Senior & Junior Wardens' Report

The year 2013 was relatively uneventful. No major projects were undertaken. We modified our investment portfolio to reflect market conditions, reducing our exposure to long-term bonds which are performing poorly at present.

Our greatest need is to gain new members for our parish. Any suggestions which you have for this activity will be carefully considered by the vestry.

We are blessed with a dedicated, hardworking Garden Guild which keeps our church yard in pristine condition. Our thanks go to Stan Dunne, Chairman, and his faithful fellow workers.

Respectfully submitted,
Nelson Tucker, *Senior Warden*
William Grabeel, *Junior Warden*

3. 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.

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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, 2013

ASSETS		<i>as of</i> <i>January 1, 2013</i>	<i>as of</i> <i>October 31, 2013</i>
1.100.100	Bank of America Checking	\$(1,387.96)	\$3,569.14
1.100.110	BB&T Checking	\$27,067.51	\$29,804.05
1.200.100	Christ Church Discretionary	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
1.300.100	Trustees of Dio of Va Fund	\$443,302.99	\$480,257.88
	Total Assets	\$504,613.06	\$474,786.42
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	Total Liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00
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3.100.100	General Operating Fund	\$0.00	\$(20,415.00)
	Total Operating Funds	\$0.00	\$(20,415.00)
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3.500.100	Christ Church Discretionary Fu	\$1,213.92	\$903.21
3.500.120	Altar Guild Fund	\$1,837.17	\$1,486.22
3.500.130	ECW General Fund	\$461.31	\$461.31
3.500.131	ECW Chapter Mission Fund	\$11.35	\$11.35
3.500.140	Outreach Guild General Fund	\$905.84	\$3,088.59
3.500.150	Youth Group General Fund	\$173.77	\$173.77
3.500.160	Gail K Bowers Mem Youth Act Fd	\$5,290.81	\$5,290.81
	Total Designated Funds	\$9,894.17	\$11,415.26
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3.540.100	Christ Church Legacy Fund	\$423,856.78	\$487,418.37
3.550.130	Organ Fund	\$28,446.28	\$29,109.63
	Total Specified Funds	\$452,303.06	\$516,528.00
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3.600.100	St. John’s Chapel Fund	\$7,785.31	\$7,102.81
	Total non-CEC Funds	\$7,785.31	\$7,102.81
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	Total Liabilities and Funds	\$469,982.54	\$514,631.07

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, 2013**

Account #	Name	as of October 31 st	2013 Budget
<i>Income</i>			
4.100.100	Plate Offering	\$1,935.38	\$3,000.00
4.100.200	Pledge Offering	\$51,655.00	\$44,000.00
4.100.210	Regular Giving	\$22,602.00	\$30,000.00
4.100.220	Prior Year Pledges	\$715.00	\$-
4.100.300	Special Offering	\$616.09	\$-
4.100.400	Misc. Income	\$108.00	\$-
4.100.500	Memorials	\$1,935.38	\$3,000.00
4.100.800	Interest	\$51,655.00	\$44,000.00
	<i>Total Income</i>	<i>\$77,631.47</i>	<i>\$77,000.00</i>
<i>Expenses</i>			
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	\$4,320.00	\$5,800.00
5.100.104	Rector Travel	\$380.00	\$2,000.00
5.100.108	Rector Continuing Education	\$-	\$1,000.00
5.100.110	Deacon Expense	\$119.00	\$1,000.00
5.100.130	Organist Salary	\$6,710.00	\$8,052.00
5.100.140	Sexton Salary	\$3,760.00	\$4,512.00
5.100.150	Child Care Salary	\$800.00	\$1,040.00
5.100.160	Supply Clergy	\$1,128.48	\$1,200.00
5.100.170	Payroll Tax	\$800.90	\$1,000.00
5.100.175	Payroll Services	\$147.60	\$700.00
	<i>Total Personnel</i>	<i>\$68,866.18</i>	<i>\$88,638.00</i>
5.100.700	Misc	\$399.88	\$1,000.00
	<i>Total Miscellaneous</i>	<i>\$399.88</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>
5.110.100	Electricity	\$3,599.54	\$6,500.00
5.110.110	Fuel Oil and Gas	\$3,155.56	\$7,000.00
5.110.120	Water and Sewer	\$967.16	\$1,800.00
5.110.130	Telephone	\$2,082.25	\$2,500.00
	<i>Total Utilities</i>	<i>\$9,804.51</i>	<i>\$17,800.00</i>
5.110.200	Repair and Maint	\$2,160.90	\$5,000.00
5.110.280	Lawn Care	\$715.60	\$500.00
5.110.300	Facilities Insurance	\$4,636.50	\$7,200.00
	<i>Total Facility</i>	<i>\$7,513.00</i>	<i>\$12,700.00</i>

5.120.100	Office Expenses	\$917.50	\$2,200.00
	Total Administration	\$917.50	\$2,200.00
5.130.100	Diocesan Pledge	\$9,000.00	\$12,000.00
5.130.105	Diocesan Newspaper	\$235.00	\$400.00
5.130.110	Region 15	\$500.00	\$500.00
5.130.200	Diocesan Council	\$321.20	\$1,500.00
	Total Diocesan Obligations	\$10,056.20	\$14,400.00
5.140.110	Altar Supplies	\$313.12	\$500.00
5.140.120	Choir Supplies	\$35.00	\$1,000.00
	Total Worship	\$348.12	\$1,500.00
5.150.100	Christian Education	\$64.74	\$1,000.00
	Total Christian Education	\$64.74	\$1,000.00
5.160.100	Hospitality Comm.	\$76.34	\$500.00
	Total Hospitality	\$76.34	\$500.00
5.170.050	Evangelism	\$0.00	\$200.00
5.170.100	GF to CEC Discretionary	\$0.00	\$0.00
5.170.200	GF to general outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Total GOB Outreach	\$0.00	\$200.00
	Total Expense	\$98,046.47	\$139,938.00
	Total Income	\$77,631.47	\$77,000.00
	Difference (Deficit)	(\$20,415.00)	(\$62,938.00)

Respectfully submitted,
Claudia Shiflett

4. Music Department

As we approach the end of 2013, 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.

Finally, as Tom and I conclude our twenty-fourth 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 services, funerals, weddings and other special occasions.

Special thanks and appreciation to several groups:

- **Linens:** Gail Parrish for the cleaning of the monthly church linens.
- **Supplies:** Bev tucker for ordering and obtaining the communion wine and wafers.
- **Brass:** Bev & Nelson Tucker and Ben Armistead for cleaning all of the brass a before major feasts.
- **Altar Flowers:** Father Richard for organizing the monthly flower ordering from Colonial Florist. Also to Gale Martin and Claudia Shiflett who often arrange the flowers when they are scheduled for monthly service.
- **Christmas and Easter Decorations:** Tom May, Ben Armistead, Father Richard and volunteers for providing their talent and time for decorating the church for Christmas and Easter celebrations.

Special blessings and thanks to Father Richard for his time, support and guidance.

Thanks to all of the members for their 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-Coordinator

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 your support. We are grateful for your past efforts and look forward to continuing and expanding them in the future.

In 2013 the following projects were accomplished: conducted the Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper, conducted the Annual Rummage Sale, ran the Christ Church booth at the Gordonsville Street Festival and managed the Angel Tree – gifts for a needy family at Christmas time.

Our fundraising activities generated approximately \$3200 in 2013. All proceeds from these activities are used for charitable purposes (some monies are held in reserved for emergency needs if they should arise). In 2013, \$2700 was equally divided between the following five organizations: VIEW(Social Service of Orange County), Rebuild Together Orange/Louisa, Inc., Gordon Barbour Elementary School, Orange Free Clinic and Gordonsville Food Bank (housed at the Gordonsville Baptist Church).

In November the following officers were elected for 2014: Lorrie Pollard, President and Barbara Shaw, Secretary. We thank Fr. Richard and Deacon Mary Beth for their continued support and presents at our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Dunne
President