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# The Annual Report of St. Anne's Episcopal Church

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**6th Annual Meeting - January 28th, 2017**

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## **Agenda for the 6th Annual Meeting of St. Anne's Episcopal Church - Jan. 28, 2018**

- 1.) Call to Order and Opening Prayer
  
- 2.) Appointments
  - Secretary: Susan Slavin
  - Parliamentarian: Pete Hearn
  - Tellers: Jane Holley Wilson and Cathy Battle
  
- 3.) Approval of the Minutes of the 5th Annual Parish Meeting (see page 4)
  
- 4.) Nominating Committee Report and Nominations from the floor
  - Introduction of Nominees (see page 6)
  - Explanation of Ballots
  
- 5.) Balloting to elect:  
Three (3) nominees for Vestry to serve three (3) year terms.
  
- 6.) Election of Delegates and Alternates to the Diocesan Convention
  
- 7.) Reports
  
- 9.) Financial Report & Presentation of Budget
  
- 10.) Other business.
  
- 11.) Closing Prayer and Adjournment

# Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

January 29, 2017

Fr. Rob Donehue opened the meeting with a prayer.

The Appointments were announced:

Secretary Susan Slavin

Parliamentarian Pete Hearn

Tellers Jane Holley Wilson and Cathy Battle

1. The Annual Report of St. Anne's Episcopal Church, including the 2016 minutes and the 2017 budget, was distributed to those in attendance. Richard Lovelace moved to accept the minutes and budget, Rebecca Lovelace seconded. All approved.
2. Bill Collins, Jennifer Ennis and Mary Jo Roberts have consented to be nominated to stand for the vestry as members of the Mission Committee. Jeri Dubbs moved that nominations be closed. Motion was seconded by Donna Catton-Johnson. All approved. Balloting is to elect three (3) for Vestry to serve three (3) year terms. The three candidates were elected by acclamation.
3. In accordance with St. Anne's Bylaws, the Senior and Junior Wardens will be delegates to convention. Rebecca Lovelace and Dan Ennis volunteered to be Alternates. Motion was moved, seconded and approved by acclamation to accept these parishioners as Alternates.
4. Fr. Rob Donehue made a motion to have the minutes show the congregation's gratitude to Fr. Barry Stopfel for his faithful service as priest-in-charge. Motion was seconded by Donna Catton-Johnson and unanimously accepted by all in attendance. Fr. Barry Stopfel in turn expressed his thanks for the support of the Vestry and for the Grace he found with the congregation at St Anne's.
5. Rebecca Lovelace reviewed her Senior Warden report with those in attendance. Rebecca graciously reminded everyone that all are partners with our priest to

work together for the good of our church and our community, joyfully exclaiming "...the sky's the limit!"

6. Jeri Dubbs made a motion to extend thanks to Rebecca Lovelace, Allen Jeffcoat and Nelljean Rice as their terms of service on St Anne's vestry end. The motion was seconded by acclamation. Fr. Rob Donehue added his thanks to each – for their encouragement, support and guidance.
7. A brief synopsis of the budget was discussed, including the need to grow the budget and be self- supporting. It was noted that a \$25,000 grant was received from the Diocese this year, enabling the hire of a full-time priest. This grant will not be repeated in 2018. We are fortunate to have no printing or secretarial expenses, thanks to Richard Lovelace sharing his office and staff with St. Anne's. Fr. Rob Donehue asked that the minutes show his gratitude to Richard for the very comfortable office space he enjoys at the Lovelace offices.
8. Suade Anderson, Director of Music, referred to his reporting in the Annual Report and thanked the choir members for their hard work and dedication.
9. In closing, Fr. Rob Donehue spoke with those in attendance about an upcoming parish survey and the development of a parish directory.

Upon a motion made by Pete Hearn, seconded by Donna Catton-Johnson, the meeting adjourned at 11:25AM.

Respectfully,

Susan Slavin

The Nominating Committee is pleased to report that the following candidates have accepted a nomination to stand for the vestry:

**Drew Kurlowski** - Drew and his wife Jacqueline moved to Conway in 2015 and quickly found a church home at St. Anne's. He and his wife have recently welcomed a daughter, Olivia, to their family, and have enjoyed the joys and challenges of parenthood. Drew holds a Ph.D in political science and is a professor of politics at Coastal Carolina. He is a member of the St. Anne's EGALS, enjoys being a lector for services, and is excited to take up a new role as a member of the vestry.

### **Marvin Schubert**

Marvin was born in 1954 in Jacksonville, Florida and was a southern baptist till adulthood. In 1972 he went on to continue his education at Western Carolina University and became a "lifelong" Catamount. More importantly, it was there that he met his wife and life long partner (they will celebrate their 42nd anniversary on 9/11). He graduated with a BS in Business Administration degree in 1976 with a concentration in marketing and business law. This began a 37 year career in sales and marketing. He has held positions in the flexible packaging industry as Sales Representative, National Account Manager, National Sales Manager, Business Development Manager, as well as executive level positions as Director to Vice President Sales & Marketing. During this career he received his MBA from Brenau University with a concentration in Marketing.

From Marvin: "With this background, I believe I have the education, experience and energy to help St. Anne's maintain our shared values, our inclusiveness, and our growth potential going forward."

### **Holley Tankersley**

Holley is a Professor of Political Science and Associate Dean of the Edwards College of Humanities and Fine Arts at CCU. She grew up in Sylacauga, Alabama (just southeast of Birmingham) and was raised in the Methodist Church. She has lived in Conway for 12 years, but still underestimates Horry County traffic! She and her husband, Dan (an English professor and national award-winning poet – really!), live in Conway with their schnauzer mix, Mindy.

From Holley: "An undergraduate professor of mine once wrote on one of my papers that I always 'want things to turn out right,' and that my primary goal seemed to be parsing different viewpoints in order to find my way to consensus or reconciliation. I took it as a compliment, and it is the gift I would hope to bring to the Mission Committee. I feel blessed to have found St. Anne's and look forward to the opportunity to serve our special community."

## From our Priest

“If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.” (*Philippians 2: 1-4*)

2017 was a year full of excitement at St. Anne’s. Friendships have developed and strengthened, opportunities for ministry have come more clearly into focus, challenges have arisen that brought out the best in our congregation, and in all that we have done, we have maintained that lively sense of joy that is at the very heart of our life together as a Christian community.

Looking back over the past year, I think it fair to say that St. Anne’s has done exceptionally well in meeting the goals that we set at the beginning of 2017. The trend of growth that we saw from 2016 continued throughout 2017: our average Sunday attendance has increased to 72. Our finances are in great shape: we are working with a budget of close to \$175,000 for 2018. This figure is a substantial increase when compared to last year; all the more impressive when one considers that we won’t have to ask for financial support from the diocese. We’ve hosted a number of events that have enriched our life together, from the ECW Italian Dinner and Auction to the backyard Eucharist after hurricane Matthew to the All Saints’ 5th anniversary celebration. We have strengthened our ties with other churches in the Conway area, and we even had an opportunity to appreciate the bonds we have with our fellow Anglicans from across the ocean when Bishop Victor Atta-Baffoe of the Diocese of Cape Coast in Ghana visited with us in October. Sunday by Sunday, and throughout each successive week, we are discovering more about what it means to live in joy.

### Growth

It is clear that St. Anne’s is a growing congregation. Average Sunday attendance has reached 72, a threshold for Lackey Chapel and a clear sign that we are outgrowing the space. While this reality has been noted in the past, my hope is that 2018 will be a year in which St. Anne’s begins to take bold and concrete steps to address our space needs. When Bishop Adams visited with us back in April, he strongly encouraged the Mission Committee to be looking for alternative (and more permanent) space. At the end of 2017, a Committee on Building was formed to begin investigating alternatives



to Lackey Chapel. Their work will continue throughout 2018, and it will be aimed at helping the St. Anne's Mission Committee to arrive at a decision about where and how we might move our regular Sunday worship away from Lackey Chapel.

Another sign of our growth has to do with self-sustainability. Last year, we received a grant from the diocese in the amount of \$25,000. The hope was that those funds would help us to reach a point of being able to sustain all of our ministries on our own. The good news is that we are going to be completely self-sufficient in 2018. The even better news is that by reaching a point of self-sustainability, we are eligible for recognition as a parish of the diocese. The move from being a mission congregation to a parish might not seem like much of a change, but it is something to celebrate because it sends the message that St. Anne's is in it for the long-haul and that our witness to the gospel IS bearing fruit.

Yet another sign of growth is that we are establishing a regular offering of Christian education for the children of the congregation. In 2018, we are looking to have a program for the children at least once a month. The hope is that we'll be able to expand this offering. With the burgeoning acolyte program, children's homilies, and regular Christian education for our young ones, St. Anne's is a place that is actively showing that we want our children to grow up knowing the joy of being disciples of Jesus.

## Worship

Our Sunday services continue to be the focal point for the spiritual life of the congregation, but we also offered a number of other services that enriched our worship. During Lent, we had a series of house Eucharists that went exceedingly well. We plan to have another Lenten series of house Eucharists in 2018. We partnered with First United Methodist Church (FUMC) for a number of services in 2017. Most notably, we had joint services on Ash Wednesday, and we participated in the Easter Vigil there as well. The Easter Vigil was a first for FUMC, and it was very well received. Our Maundy Thursday service was conducted at Lackey Chapel, and we participated in an ecumenical Stations of the Cross service on Good Friday at the Conway Marina park. In December, we partnered with Kingston Presbyterian, Trinity United Methodist, and FUMC to offer a "Blue Christmas" service - a first for many of those who participated. In addition to these extra services, we made the decision to begin offering an 8am service beginning in 2018 in order to accommodate the growth that we are experiencing.

The altar guild continues to amaze me with their ability to turn the relatively nondescript space of Lackey Chapel into a gorgeous and distinctively Anglican-looking worship space in such a short period of time. Every Sunday, the transformation amazes me! We hope to add some members to the altar guild team so



that more of us will be knowledgeable about what goes into our liturgy - and how to get things in and out of the storage closet!

And of course, special thanks go out to our verger and master of acolytes, Barry Dennis. Barry takes a leading role in making sure that our worship on Sundays is dignified and orderly. The fruits of his work are plain to see every Sunday, especially when we have a full contingent of acolytes helping out!

All things considered, our worship throughout 2017 has been vibrant and engaging, and we are finding new ways to express our joy and delight in being members of Christ's body.

### Outreach & Service

Opportunities for outreach grew in 2017, and our focus on outreach remains a priority. Our support of CAP remained steady in 2017, and our collection of food items has really helped CAP to keep their shelves stocked, especially in times of extra need. I think it worth noting that, of all the churches that support CAP, St. Anne's ranks among the top five contributors. Our financial commitment to CAP for 2018 is increased substantially, and my hope is that we'll continue to find ways to help this vital ministry in Conway.

Volunteer support at the Shepherd's Table expanded throughout 2017, and our relationship with the Shepherd's Table has never been stronger. A special thanks goes out to Lynn Smith, who helps to organize St. Anne's involvement with the Shepherd's Table; and to Bobby Smith, John Bittle, and Rebecca Lovelace, who often help prepare the meals that we serve.

Our support of Episcopal Relief and Development increased in 2017, and we were blessed to have Mary Person, the Episcopal Relief and Development Coordinator for South Carolina come and speak to us about what our support means for the work of Episcopal Relief and Development.

We have several participants in the Freedom Readers program, and it is especially worth noting that our volunteers stepped forward on very short notice to fill a need in that program.

There are several other areas of outreach that we were involved in throughout 2017, as well. All told, St. Anne's is showing that we are committed to making a difference in the community, and I hope that this commitment will remain strong and active in the coming year.

As a point of encouragement, if you know of a ministry that you think St. Anne's should be more involved in, please don't hesitate to speak up. The most effective ministries in the church often begin when people "in the pews" identify a need and actively look for ways to address that need. The work of the church is

indeed a shared ministry, and the more we all embrace this idea, the better we will be able to do the work of the kingdom with joy in our hearts.

### Pastoral Care & Eucharistic Visitation

Our Pastoral Care Team continues to do an excellent job of making sure that pastoral concerns are attended to. Through the often unseen work of the Pastoral Care Team, members of St. Anne's who are homebound or sick remain very much a part of our common life.

Our team of Eucharistic Visitors also helps to ensure that those who cannot be with us on Sunday mornings are still able to receive the sacrament and know that they are a part of the body of Christ. A fuller account of the Pastoral Care ministry at St. Anne's is provided below by our Deacon, the Rev. Monty Henderson.

### A Note of Thanks

Lastly, I would like to add a huge THANK YOU to Barry Dennis, Karen Heacock, and Lineta Pritchard. They are rotating off of the Mission Committee this year, and their dedication and service to the mission of the church deserves special applause. Serving on the Mission Committee is often one of those unsung roles in the church that can easily be taken for granted. Barry, Karen, and Lineta have all served with grace and dignity, and their leadership has unquestionably made a difference in how St. Anne's carries out its mission. If you have found that St. Anne's is a vibrant community full of folks who care deeply about our common life, then I encourage you all to say a special thank you to Barry, Karen, and Lineta.

- The Rev. Rob Donehue

## **A Report on Pastoral Care from Our Deacon**

As Episcopalians, we hear the term "pastoral care" used a lot, but many of us may not really understand what this activity is all about. Our sister church in Greenville, SC, Christ Church Episcopal, gives us a great definition – "Pastoral care is the ministry of us all, both clergy and laity, to bring kindness, care, or simply a presence to those in need of joy as we accompany our church family on their individual journeys." So by definition, all of us who attend St. Anne's Church and participate as Christians in our faith practice pastoral care. But we have some of our parish who we do not normally see that often – people who suffer long-term illnesses or the very

elderly – and cannot attend services regularly and participate in Church activities. For these good people, we have several teams of people who attend to these parishioners.

The heart of pastoral care is visitation. As St. Anne's developed, a group of lay persons volunteered to become Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEM's). These folks were asked to visit our sick and shut-ins, but, in addition, were trained to bring communion to them as well. This is not done just at St. Anne's, but at most Episcopal Churches throughout this country and the world, and the training and authorization for providing communion is sanctioned by the National Church. Several years ago, the term Lay Eucharistic Minister was officially replaced with the term Eucharistic Visitor so that ordained persons could be recognized for the same activity as the laity. Our current group of EV's at St. Anne's include Cathy Battle, Bill Collins, and Jennifer Ennis.

These good people alternate on a weekly basis to assure that all of our hospitalized or home-bound members get a weekly visit with communion (if they are able to take communion and wish to participate during any given visit).

In 2017, we decided that – at least for some of our pastoral care recipients – a weekly visit was not really sufficient to support their basic spiritual needs. Accordingly, we asked for and got volunteers to participate in pastoral care activity, but not to participate in providing communion so as to provide multiple visits each week. This activity has been wonderfully successful and welcomed by many of our shut-in communicants. This group has done a wonderful job and include: Bernie and Forrest Allen, Pam Barrett, Gail and Jack Grande, Ann and Bill Hamilton, and Susan Slavin.

Our National Church says in their definition of pastoral care that this ministry of caring is at the heart of the church's life. We agree, and with sincere thanks to our pastoral care volunteers, intend to continue this ministry with zeal this year and every year thereafter.

- The Rev. Dumont "Monty" Henderson

## From the Senior Warden

Greetings and Blessings from your senior warden. We have completed another amazing year at St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Conway and God's presence is palpable among us. We are celebrating our first full year with a full time priest, Rob Donehue, and his beautiful wife Davis, both of whom are simply incredible. We are thankful for the hard work of Rob's predecessor, Father Barry Stopfel, and are so pleased he continues to be a vital member of our congregation.

Financially, we have had a good year, especially with our successful but "quiet" stewardship drive which resulted in 19 new pledges, and increased pledge amounts from \$107,600.00 for 2017 to \$150,532.00 for 2018. These pledge amounts do not include unpledged contributions, which traditionally comprise a significant portion of our overall budget. Our budget for 2018 is \$174,647.00. We are well on our way to meeting our goal of becoming self-sustaining which will allow us to apply for full-fledged parish status rather than a mission church which we are now. Thanks be to God!

We have grown our membership significantly, and are especially proud of our young families who are critical to our vitality and our future. We hope to continue this trend in years ahead with the addition of more children's programs. This year we baptized 4 children into the church.

Our music program under the direction of our music director, Suade Anderson, is simply breathtaking. Suade has given St. Anne's a beautiful gift with his talent and love.

We continue our mission of outreach in giving to the community and others with significant gifts to Churches Assisting People (CAP), The Shepherd's Table, and The Episcopal Relief Fund, among others. As we grow, so does our outreach to others.

We also manage to have fun and celebrated Fat Tuesday at the Shrine Club on the river in Conway. The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) held a "Wild and Crazy" auction in which George Hearn got wild and crazy raising money for worthy causes designated by the ECW. Dan Ennis led the EGALS (Men's Club) in hosting an oyster roast for the benefit of the seminarians in Ghana and Mike Roberts provided his sensational home brew to add to the fun. Dan has visited the Episcopal Seminary in Ghana and the money raised will allow them access to computers which will greatly enhance their education and allow them to spread the life changing Gospel.

I attended the Diocesan Convention in Hilton Head in October with Father Rob, Davis, Rebecca and your junior warden, Barry Dennis. Rob was elected to Diocesan Council which evidences the high standing and respect he has in our Diocese. Congratulations Rob! Rebecca Lovelace has graciously offered to serve as our treasurer and has taken training on Realm, our church software program. Thank you Rebecca. Many thanks to Martha Smith who has served us faithfully for many years as treasurer. I would also like to give special hanks for the work of Barry Dennis as our Verger. He sets up the church flags every Sunday and spends enormous amounts of time behind the scenes. His service is often unseen but never ending. He is an inspiration to us all.

Our growth has resulted in the addition of a “bare bones” 8:00 AM service to help alleviated our nearing capacity at Lackey Chapel. We anticipate the need for a larger venue and have assembled a talented committee to search for larger space. Please pray for this process and for our committee.

It has been a great honor to serve as your senior warden this year and I look forward to our continuing ministry and witness in 2018. To God be the Glory!

### **From the Director of Music**

2017 was an important year for St. Anne’s Music. We said goodbye to both of our Scholarship Singers, Joey Comes and Cailin Aucoin. Both moved back to their respective hometowns to pursue their musical dreams following graduation from Coastal Carolina. Joey and Courtney have popped back in to sing with us here and there including our 2017 Cantata. We said hello to a few guest instrumentalists including Stephen Williams, violin; Redding Soderburg, violin; and JP Taylor, trumpet. The choir also said hello to its newest alto, Jennifer Wilson, and goodbye to our bass, Jerry Eubank.

### **Musical Events of 2017**

This past Christmas, we teamed up with Celebration Presbyterian in Carolina Forest to present “Peace Has Come.” This event proved to be a wonderful night of great instrumentalists including a violin, cello, trumpet, and two percussionists. We also had help from several CCU students and our former scholarship singers, Joey and Courtney.

Just before that, was our FIVE YEAR Anniversary as a church with a fun and exciting Talent Show, including such acts as: competitive dancing brought to us by the Children of St. Anne's, folk stylings of Mike Battle, Story Telling by Donna Catton Johnson, and a sad, sappy song by yours truly.

In April last year, we couldn't possibly forget the Spaghetti fundraiser put on by the ECW. Accompanied by Sarah Abushakra on piano, Meredith (Gratton) Stetson, Rob Stetson, and I performed a full concert of Italian arias and other fun Italian themed pieces.

Fat Tuesday continues to be a big hit with the music lead by Mike Battle and the same will no doubt prove true this year also.

### **The Choir!**

This year, the choir really outdid themselves. We pushed the limits with "Ubi Caritas" by Maurice Durufle, a 6-part a-capella work for advanced choir. In this same category was also the beautiful "Psalm 23". In all, we presented 14 new pieces this year, 4 of which were a-capella. (aca-awesome). I can't forget to mention that we also invited the children of St. Anne's to sing for two pieces this year, and they performed beautifully.

### **Professional Development**

This year, I had the amazing opportunity to study with some of the world's greatest choral conductors at the Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ. I learned advanced warm-up and rehearsal techniques in addition to one-on-one conducting coaching with the greats. I also got to speak with a few of my favorite composers.

### **What's to come?**

In 2018, the new Scholarship Singer, Faith McDougal, will aid the choir and we will continue to search for a CCU student to sing Bari-Tenor. In addition, we welcome Fr. Rob to the choir now that he lives within walking distance of our rehearsal destination. Onward, we will be performing a-capella music as frequently as possible. This year, Sarah Abushakra (from Celebration Presbyterian) and I are brainstorming about presenting something other than a Cantata this year, perhaps a Choral Evensong or a Hymn sing-a-long. My Professional Development this year will include organ lessons, which I am happy to report began on January 15<sup>th</sup>. All in all, I'm excited for 2018 and everything it promises to bring to St. Anne's Music Department. Questions, Comments, Concerns, Suggestions, and Love can be emailed to me at [suade.anderson@icloud.com](mailto:suade.anderson@icloud.com) or [suade.anderson@gmail.com](mailto:suade.anderson@gmail.com)

## Parochial Reports

	2015	2016	2017
<b>Ash Wednesday attendance</b>	72	92	*Combined services with FUMC in Conway
<b>Palm Sunday attendance</b>	78	91	106
<b>Easter attendance</b>	120	102	130
<b>Christmas attendance</b>	126	120	116
<b>Average Sunday attendance</b>	66	69	72

### Baptisms:

Daniel Blake Janosky - Nov. 5, 2017  
 Ethan Paul Janosky - Nov. 5, 2017  
 Zachary Allan Janosky - Nov. 5, 2017  
 John Warner Battle - Nov. 26, 2017

### Confirmations:

Drew Allen Kurlowski - April 9, 2017  
 Mary Jo Roberts - April 9, 2017  
 Holley Tankersley - April 9, 2017  
 Rhonda Etherden - April 9, 2017  
 Alta Smith DuBose - April 9, 2017  
 Terry Schroder - April 9, 2017

### Weddings:

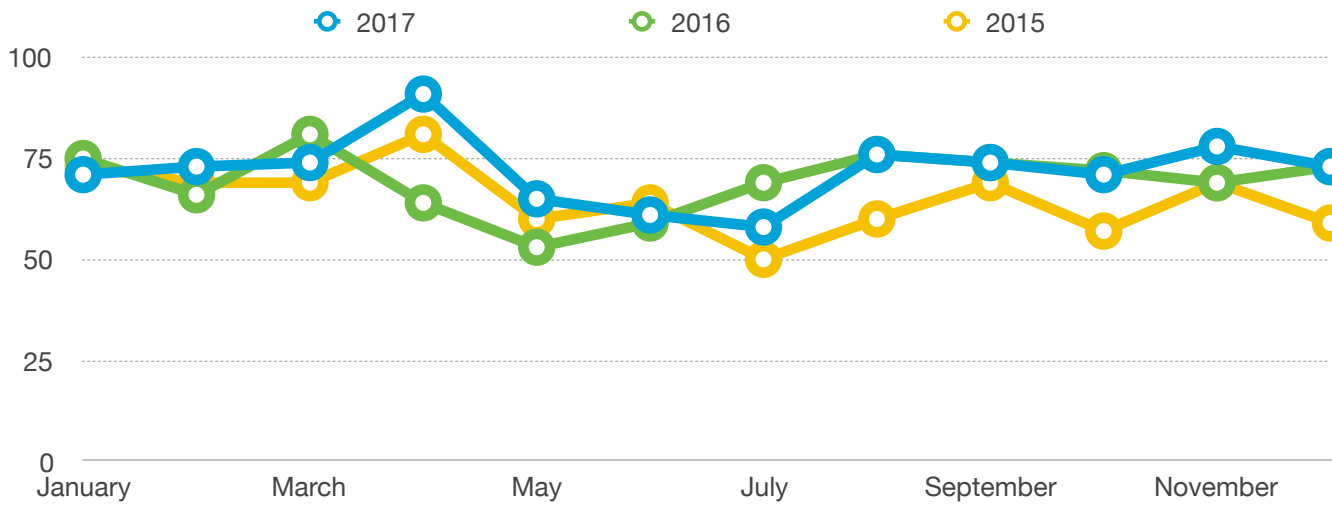
Linda Washburn and Debra Holmes - January 7, 2017  
 Casey Hawkins and Chris Mocarski - May 5, 2017  
 Clio Wilson and Johanna Haynes - May 20, 2017

Transfers out: Allen Jeffcoat, transferred to the Church of the Messiah, Myrtle Beach



### Average Monthly Attendance

	2015	2016	2017
January	73	75	71
February	69	66	73
March	69	81	74
April	81	64	91
May	60	53	65
June	64	59	61
July	50	69	58
August	60	76	76
September	69	74	74
October	57	72	71
November	69	69	78
December	59	73	73

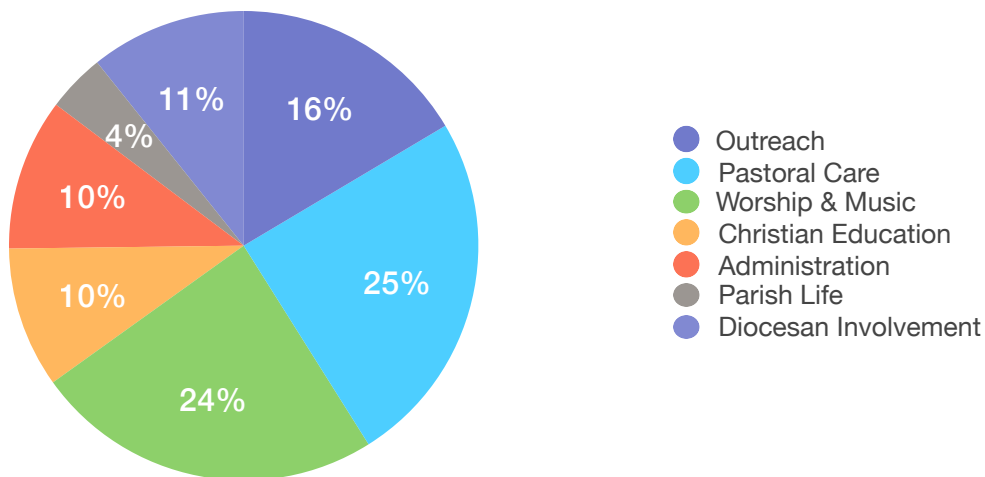


## 2018 Budget Overview

	2018 BUDGETED	2017 ACTUAL	2017 BUDGETED
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>174,647</b>	<b>163,382</b>	<b>159,368</b>
<b>Pledged Income</b>	<b>150,532</b>	<b>105,077</b>	<b>107,600</b>
<b>Unpledged income</b>	<b>24,115</b>	<b>117,161</b>	<b>26,768</b>
<b>Diocesan Grant</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>25,000</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>174,647</b>	<b>222,238</b>	<b>159,368</b>

### Budgeted Expenses by Ministry Area

MINISTRY	BUDGET AMOUNT
Outreach	28,750
Pastoral Care	42,968
Worship & Music	41,975
Christian Education	16,950
Administration	18,254
Parish Life	7,000
Diocesan Involvement	18,750
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>174,647</b>





## **A Prayer for the Church**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of your people  
is governed and sanctified:  
Receive our supplications and prayers,  
which we offer before you  
for all members of your Holy Church,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may truly and devoutly serve you;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.