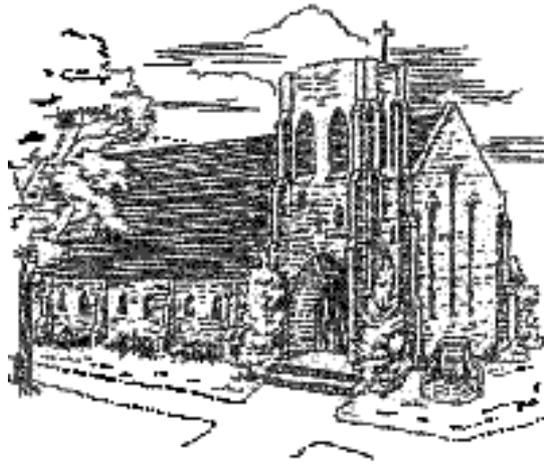


# Christ Church Episcopal



107<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

26 January AD 2014

## **CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL**

### **REGISTER AD 2013**

#### **CLERGY**

The Rt. Rev. C. Franklin Brookhart, Bishop  
The Rev. Joan L. Grant, Priest

#### **OFFICERS**

Julie Pierrottet, Senior Warden  
Craig Hodges, Junior Warden  
Roger Blair, Treasurer  
David Klassy, Clerk

#### **MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY**

Marilyn Eberly '14  
Maarten Fisher '16  
Craig Hodges '15  
David Klassy '14  
Julie Pierrottet '15  
Mark Norley '15  
Pat Sylvia '16  
Kristine Stanfield '16  
Ann Thurnau '14

#### **CONFIRMED**

Tasha Felton  
Jaimie Jung  
Jesse Newby

#### **DEATHS**

Bea McLaughlin  
Avery Thayer

Average Sunday Attendance: 73 (Adjusted for convention: 70) Average Sunday  
Communions: 67

2 Morning Prayer Services 4 Evening Prayer Services 2 Memorial Services

Holy Week Services: Maundy Thursday: 27 Good Friday: 47 Easter Sunday:  
5:30 am Vigil:

8:00 am: 48 10:00 am: 125 Total: 181

Christmas Eve: Holy Eucharist: 5:30 pm: 92 9:30 pm. 67 Youth Group Play:  
70 Total: 229

Lay and Clergy Eucharistic Home Visits: 69 Communions: 127

2011 Average Sunday Attendance: 55

**107<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING  
CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL  
Sunday, January 26, AD 2014**

**AGENDA**

Opening Hymn *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

I Opening Prayers

II A Word from the Rector

III Reports

- A. Ministry Reports have been posted on the church website;  
Hard copies as requested.
- B. Oral reports  
Wardens, Youth Ministers, Foundation, and other  
Ministry Reports
- C. Financial Report, Budget 2014

IV Congregational Input

V Elections [Ballots to be distributed]

- A. Tellers appointed
- B. Foundation Board
- C. Vestry
- D. Delegates for Convention

VI Other Business

*The 108<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting: January 25, AD 2015*

VII Closing Prayer 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

*The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.*

## **Priest's Report**

Thank you all for the profound privilege of serving as your priest this last year! It is my greatest joy to celebrate the Eucharist with all of you as the Body of Christ in this place each Sunday.

It has been a busy year. Hosting Diocesan Convention was a tremendous amount of work, and we give thanks to Betty Olson for her strong leadership for that event, and we give thanks for every person who contributed in any way. It demonstrated what we can accomplish working together. We received many compliments about how well-organized the event was, how nice the facility was, how fabulous the silent auction was, how awesome our youth presentation was.

And now it is time to move forward with our ministry. Where is the Holy Spirit moving among us to new ministries and ways of serving? Our Red Door Pantry is reaching more folks in our neighborhood who are in need. We have partnered with the Center for Restorative Youth Justice to offer a meal at Thanksgiving, and they have helped us with outside work. Where will we go next?

This last year, our Vestry adopted a new mission statement: to share God's love with all people. May we listen closely for the promptings of the Holy Spirit as we move forward together, to serve our risen Lord.

May the peace of Christ be with you all, and may the bonds of affection among us grow ever stronger!

In Christ, Joan

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## **Senior Warden Report**

It's been a busy year here at Christ Church once again. We had a lot of big projects, events, activities that went on this year. As most everyone knows, we hosted Diocesan Convention here this year. This was quite the undertaking and required a huge amount of planning - thank you Betty Olson and helpers, but the thing that struck me was the amount of work everyone did in the background to make it a memorable event. Also, the labyrinth was completed this year, after years of study, prayer, hard work, and yes, fundraising. If you have not been over there on a beautiful fall day, or after a fresh snow; take a little time out and experience it. We are blessed to have it here and so fortunate to have those that had the vision to turn it into a reality.

We have continued the Red Door Food Pantry, open to the community every Friday, and this was our 2<sup>nd</sup> year planting a community garden. New this year is our environmental/recycling ministry, and Newcomer's Pot Luck evenings. We've had so many great things going on in the church lately - there is a great sense of energy here. I really encourage people to keep up the good work, and if you are interested in sharing your gifts, don't be shy. We have all sorts of great ways to get involved - The Red Door Food Pantry, our Youth Group, our community garden, our music program/choir, the

knitting group, architectural committee, Camp Marshall, Men's group, the Foundation, our Kitchen Czars, environmental ministry; the list goes on and on.

Respectfully,  
Julie Pierrottet

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### **Junior Warden's report to Christ Church Episcopal Annual Meeting, January 2014**

This has been an extraordinarily active year in terms of the maintenance, repair, and upgrading of the parish's physical plant.

The three major building/grounds actions are listed below:

- 1) We began the year with sewage seepage into Griffith's Hall due to a collapsed (determined upon inspection) sewer pipes between the church building and the sewer main in the alley way. Repair could not take place until the spring thaw. Temporary clean up and repair to Griffith's Hall was approved and paid for. In mid-summer the area between Griffith's Hall and Dickey Hall was excavated in order to replace and improve the existing sewer drainage system.
- 2) Due to its age and poor condition, along with damage from water and sewer spills, the Griffith Hall carpet was replaced by the beautiful flooring upon which you now sit. This work took place in late summer.
- 3) In an effort to both beautify our landscaping and offer a place for spiritual reflection and nourishment, the vestry approved the fundraising and construction of our Labyrinth, completed in early fall, in time the diocesan convention.

Additionally, the following maintenance/repair procedures were accomplished:

- 1) Annual furnace/boiler inspection and certification
- 2) Replacement of Columbarium lighting
- 3) Replacement of faulty timer for rear parking lot lighting
- 4) Repair of a number of door hardware systems
- 5) Cleaning of woodwork of sanctuary ceiling and beams
- 6) Semi-annual landscape maintenance by parish members during work days

Many of these projects were accomplished through the selfless donation of parish members' time and energy. Thanks be to God for the blessing of so many skilled, dedicated and giving individuals!

Respectfully submitted,

Craig N. Hodges, Junior Warden  
January 19, 2014

## **LAY READER/LECTOR REPORT FOR 2013**

We have had another very busy, successful year for the Lectors and Lay Readers. At present we have a total of 9 Lectors and 7 Lay Readers. At 10:00 we have 6 Lectors and at 8:00 we have 3 Lectors available to schedule. The numbers are variable at different times of the year because some of the people leave in winter or travel a lot. The Lay Readers have been very accommodating in that they are willing to serve at either 08:00 or 10:00. At anytime we welcome volunteers who would like to get involved in these ministries.

We are becoming comfortable with Joan's preferences for how the service is to flow. We welcome Joan's suggestions and hope we can all remember her requests.

If you are interested in becoming a Lay Reader or Lector please talk with Joan or myself as we are always open to training new people. A good way to start, if interested in being a Lay Reader, is to be a Lector, especially if you are really not sure. Being a Lector or Lay Reader is very rewarding, bringing the liturgy to life and providing a wonderful ministry to Christ Church and our Lord Jesus Christ.

I would like to thank all the Lectors and Lay Readers for your dedicated service and devotion to this ministry and will welcome any newcomers who express an interest.

In Christ, Marilyn Eberly

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## **Godly Play Annual Report 2013**

This year after the summer break we transitioned from a number of volunteers that took turns leading Godly play to dividing the Sundays between Janelle Fuller and the Youth Group, and Ida and Maarten Fischer. The Fischers take the first two Sundays of each month and the Youth Group takes the last two Sundays. We recently decided to provide Godly Play on the fifth Sundays as well. This decision was based on the fact that there is now a solid number of children regularly attending Godly Play and we feel it is important to welcome them any Sunday there is church. On a given Sunday we typically have between 5 and 10 children; occasionally even more. The kids are engaged and seem to enjoy the lessons; age differences remain a challenge but at the moment a lack of volunteers makes splitting into two groups unfeasible.

Respectfully submitted, Ida Basko

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### **Red Door Pantry**

The doors to the pantry have continued to be open from 3-4p.m. each Friday. The support and help from the congregation have made this possible. The pantry provides weekly grocery help from 12-20 people. The shelves are stocked and faithfully watched over by Nancy Faure and Rosemary Woodland. Produce from the garden beds was offered during the summer months. The space has been working well and the addition of a refrigerator has allowed us to offer new items. Any questions or suggestions anyone may have are always welcome. Patty Basko 756-7734 or [2basko@centurytel.net](mailto:2basko@centurytel.net)

Respectfully submitted, Patty Basko

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### **MUSIC Report**

Our music program in 2013 was awesome! The choir grew, and worked exceptionally hard this year. Their efforts have produced excellent, beautiful music which the congregation has enjoyed.

Under the expert leadership of David Klassy, a wide variety of music was sung, and the music program grew. The year 2013 showed great growth in energy in our music program, and a significant expansion of the repertoire.

The Red Door Bells handbell choir, which Mr. Klassy developed and led, also added a new dimension to the joyful sound of music in our worship. In addition, it brought some parishioners into the ministry of music who had not participated in it previously.

Both the choir and handbell choir also sang and played beautifully for the Diocesan Convention in October.

Special Easter and Christmas choirs with an enlarged choir including friends of choir members offered beautiful selections that richly enhanced our worship on those occasions.

Mr. Klassy also worked hard at finding and obtaining free music online for the choir's anthems, an effort that saved the church a considerable amount of money, while broadening the range of music offered at Christ Church.

Mr. Klassy devoted many, many hours to the position of Music Director, far above and beyond what one would expect from a volunteer music director.

Sadly, he resigned in November, in part because he felt he could no longer afford to offer his time and effort as a volunteer, although he stayed through Christmas.

We have also enjoyed guitar music offered by Tom Carlson and Mark David, Camas Carlson and Katie Klassy. They bring in the flavor of Camp Marshall, near and dear to the hearts of many.

Music is a very, very important part of worship. As someone famous once said, "those who sing, pray twice." It is also important that we utilize the gifts of our musicians. Our choir, though not large, is one other churches can envy. Many of our

Musicians are very highly skilled and bring amazingly rich and deep experience with them. Their offerings are treasures, indeed.

In addition, a strong music program is vital for congregational growth. The excellence of the 2013 program is certainly a factor in the growth we have seen over the last year.

At this point, we are in need of both a music director and an accompanist. Julie Crandell, who served faithfully and beautifully as Christ Church's Music Director for 15 years, and who, of her own volition, stepped aside to allow Mr. Klassy the opportunity to lead, does not wish to step back into either the role of accompanist or director role; she is enjoying her freedom! Craig Hodges, who directs the Crown of the Continent Choir, directed church choirs for 30 years, and also does not wish to step back into that role. He has, however, graciously agreed to lead the choir for Easter Sunday.

Tom Carlson and Mark David, and anyone else interested in joining them, will offer more guitar Sundays, which will help us. Some have offered to sing as duets, ensembles, etc.

The choir and Joan have met to discuss options, and will continue to explore and discern the path forward for our music program.

Vestry is discussing whether there is a way it can help the situation. The fact remains that we are in need of both an accompanist and a music director.

We have the ingredients for beautiful music to enrich our worship, and we can trust that God will provide the leadership we need.

Please take the time and effort to thank all of our musicians: Julie Crandell, Colby Wood, Julie Pierrottet, Barbara Alsbury, Neil and Jeanne Grace, David Reese, Jessica Cooper, Roger Blair, Craig Hodges, Tom Carlson, and Mark David.

Thanks also to Jaimie Jung who played trumpet solos' for us in November and December, and to others who have soloed through the year.

Many thanks also to those who have played with the Red Door Bells handbell choir: Don Amundson, Roger Blair, Julie Crandell, Brian Dykhuizen, Marilyn Eberly, The Rev. Carolyn Kuhr, Julie Pierrottet, Colby Wood, Jaben Wood, and Pat Sylvia.

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## **CHRIST CHURCH YOUTH GROUP 2013**

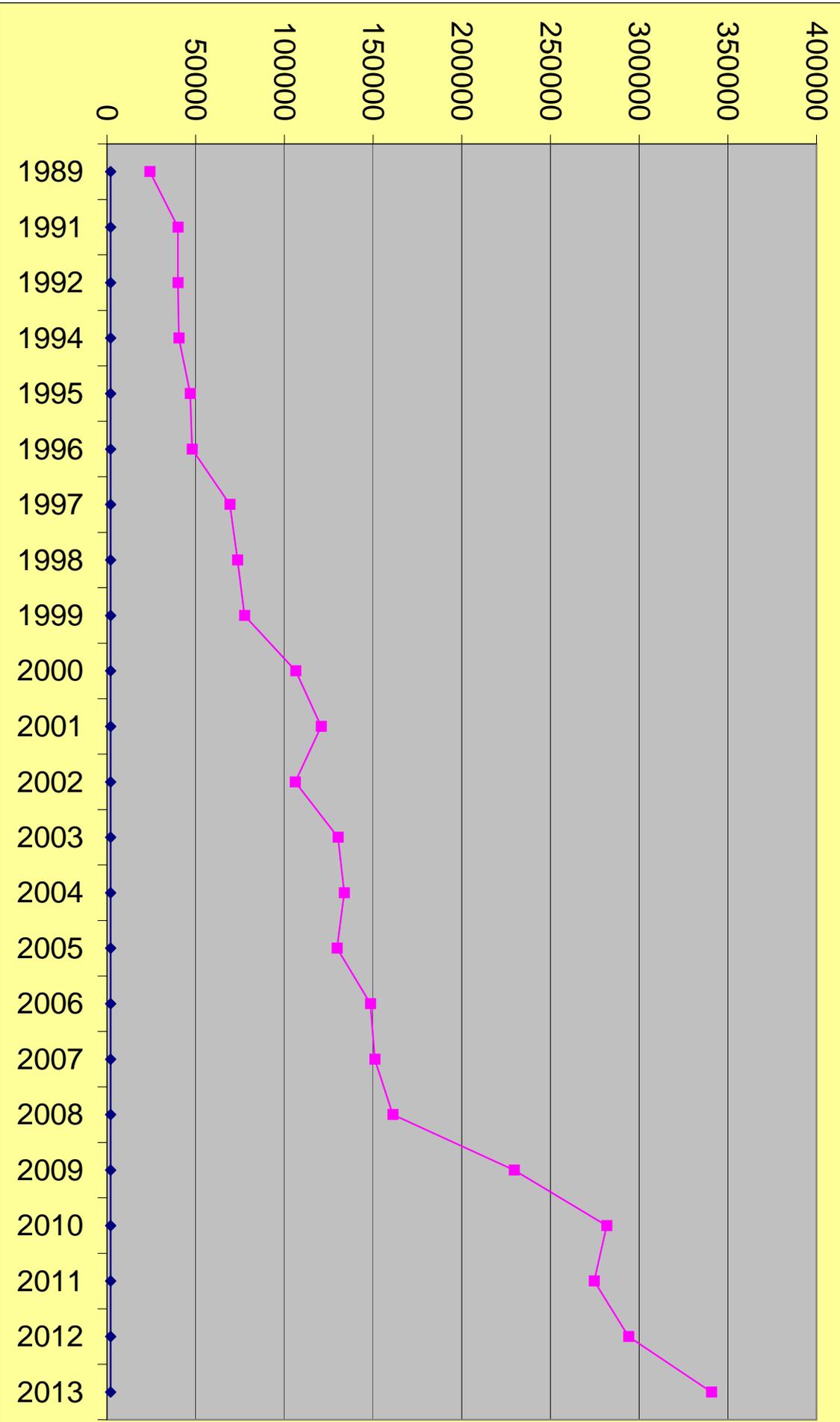
As God tends to do, He blessed our group; and me personally in this last year! I am so thankful for this job, and for this parish. Your support and love mean a great deal to me.

This year was another filled with laughter, learning and even some baby food! We used the Journey to Adulthood program as well as some music based discussions. Our youth have such great thoughts and insights!

The highlights of the year were our state wide youth gatherings. It is so fun getting the youth together to play games and to serve God together! I think it's always a good reminder that they're not alone. This year the spring gathering was in Billings. It was one of my personal favorites. We raced rubber duckies in a creek, served at the food bank (where we mastered putting a food box together in under 5 seconds) and had student leaders speak on how to be imitators of Christ. The fall gathering was held here in Kalispell in conjunction with the convention. The Methodist church was kind enough to host us. The youth did an amazing presentation and dance on the Fruits of the Spirit at convention which was one of the most Holy Spirit filled performances I have ever seen. I am very thankful to Joan for getting us that time on the floor, and so excited to work with Wren our new Youth/Camp Director.

As usual, Senior High camp was filled with moments of encountering God and living into Acts Chapter two. I see such peace and growth in our young people there; and I myself am rejuvenated and restored. I am very much looking forward to working there this coming summer. I am also looking forward to the year ahead with our group. We are re-doing our youth group room, as well as re-evaluating how we 'do' youth group. I trust that God will bless this group and this parish. Again, with a humble heart I thank you for the chance to do this job. It is an honor.

# Christ Church Foundation Value



## **Christ Church Annual Foundation Report 2013**

The Christ Church Foundation was founded in 1982 to manage and disperse money specifically given to the foundation. Since that date the foundation has invested donations primarily in dividend/interest paying stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit and mutual funds, and has returned the earned income from these investments to Christ Church.

On December 31<sup>st</sup> 2013 the foundation funds had a valuation of \$340,769. Last year that figure was \$294,010. That is a 15.9% increase over the previous year. Much of this is attributed to the ubiquitous stock market and an \$8,458 long term gain by selling & buying stock this year. To date the oldest records of the fund I have found had the December 31<sup>st</sup> 1989 valuation at \$24,141 with \$1,923 in dividend earnings going to the parish that year. In 1999 it was valued at \$77,538 with \$6,091 going to the parish. This year (2014) it is projected to provide about \$17,000. See attached chart showing the fund valuation growth over the years.

I would like to emphasize how important it is for members of this parish to remember this fund when compiling their will or if they might need to make a donation for tax purposes. This fund's dividends help to pay a portion of the church's operating expenses. It directly provides money every month to help pay the bills. By giving to the foundation fund you are providing a long term way to benefit the future of this parish.

Minutes of the Foundation Fund meetings (generally quarterly) and statements are available for your review. The foundation officers felt it wise to merely watch the market a better part of this year. The foundation has its own web page now (located under the "Resources" tab from the main web page) and we're working on the ability to take contributions on-line. If anyone would like to review the paperwork just let me know and I can make it available.

Current officers of the Christ Church Foundation are: Greg Scarff President, Jon Olson Vice President, Kris Carlson Secretary, and Julie Pierrottet ex officio (Our Senior Warden).

In Christ,  
Greg Scarff  
Foundation President

## Financial Overview 2013

2013 Total Operating Income	\$120,246.06
2013 Total Operating Expense	\$123,672.12
2013 Total Designated Income	\$21,160.32
2013 Total Designated Expenditure	\$45,566.45
2013 Total Pass Through Recorded	\$41,583.76
Building & Property Assets	\$2,048,800.00 (insured value)

### Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2013

Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
<i>Assets</i>		
1.100.100	First Interstate Bank	\$18,932.53
1.200.100	Whitefish Credit Union	\$76,200.80
	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$95,133.33</b>
<i>Liabilities</i>		
2.100.000	Accounts Payable/Vendors	\$3,241.60
2.100.200	Payroll Withholdings	\$2,457.50
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$5,699.10</b>
<i>Fund Balances</i>		
3.100.100	General Operating Fund Balance	\$1,962.42
3.100.105	Altar Guild Balance	\$2,241.86
3.200.106	Red Door Pantry	-\$54.48
3.200.200	<i>Building Balance</i>	
3.200.201	Building Emergency Balance	\$5,752.58
3.200.202	Building Improvement Balance	\$14,157.60
3.200.210	Labyrinth Balance	\$231.29
	<i>Total Building Balance</i>	<i>\$20,141.47</i>
3.200.300	Columbarium Balance	\$3,949.75
3.200.400	Memorial Balance	\$33,034.99
3.200.500	Godly Play Balance	\$1,212.03
3.200.600	<i>Worship Balance</i>	
3.200.601	Organ Balance	\$1,410.19
3.200.602	Music Balance	\$273.22
3.200.603	Sound System Balance	\$173.50
3.200.650	Special Events Balance	\$116.10
3.200.660	Continuing Education Balance	\$1,000.00
	<i>Total Worship Balance</i>	<i>\$2,973.01</i>
3.200.700	<i>Youth Accounts</i>	
3.200.701	Youth General Balance	\$18.60
3.200.702	Uganda Mission Balance	\$415.00
3.200.704	Regional Youth Event Balance	\$549.97
	<i>Total Youth Accounts</i>	<i>\$983.57</i>
3.200.800	Savings Balance	\$20,000.00
3.200.900	<i>Pass Through Balance</i>	
3.200.901	Pass Through General Balance	\$6.85
3.200.920	Pamphlets/Calendars/etc. Pass Through Balance	\$169.76
3.200.940	Mission - Barb Baumgarten Balance	\$1,000.00
3.200.960	Mission Balance Balance	\$1,813.00
	<i>Total Pass Through Balance</i>	<i>\$2,989.61</i>
	<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$89,434.23</b>
	<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$95,133.33</b>

## Financial Report 2013

It was a busy year at Christ Church Episcopal.

In preparation for hosting the Diocesan convention, many long neglected maintenance and upkeep projects were completed throughout the church. From dusting the rafters to cleaning out the cupboards, Christ Church is looking better than ever. The floor in Griffins hall was replaced with an easy maintenance and beautiful product that will last for many years. The bathroom backup problem was finally completely addresses with the replacement of sewer pipes in the alley. In total \$3,454 was given for the flooring and \$16,983 was spent from the building fund to complete all of these projects.

The Convention itself was very successful. We hosted 160 delegates and guests from around the state for 3 days at the Hilton with total expenses of \$14,436.80. This was paid for with delegates' fees and seed money from the Diocese. Offerings taken during the convention raised \$1,158 for Camp Marshall, \$1,118 for ERD and \$802.43 for UTO. The silent auction was very successful due to the generousness of your donated items and raised \$6,758 for Camp Marshall.

At the conclusion of convention, the Bishop was able to bless our newly created labyrinth. The project has been in the planning for many years, and it was a great joy to see it completed. The total project cost \$11,518.71 and was funded 100% percent with donations from parishioners. It is a beautiful and holy addition to our grounds, and greatly improves the view from the church office window.

While we fell short of breaking even this year, we continue to get closer to that goal. The finance committee worked hard on the budget for 2014 to continue to address the difference while also adding new areas of funding and emphasis. We are using this process with the Vestry to not only look at what we need to keep the lights on but to also establish goals and priorities as we continue to grow and enrich our congregation. We have added line items for a music director stipend and materials for Godly play as well as for new sources of income from a large fundraiser.

For 2014 we have 31 pledges so far and were delighted to have 10 new pledges. When this was balanced against the 5 who did not renew their pledge this year there was an increase of \$945 with \$85,569 in total pledges. The numbers in the balance sheet and budget do not reflect the generosity and good work of Christ Church members. You have given \$4,500 to Barb Baumgarten to support her mission work in Brazil and \$684 to Episcopal Relief & Development. Camp Marshall received \$1833 through scholarships and donations and the adopted family received \$105 for Christmas dinner. The Red Door Pantry has continued to feed many desperate people and spent \$4,536 this year completely through donations. A line item of \$750 has been added to the church's budget to partially fund this effort but it will continue to rely fully on your support.

If you would like to contribute to these, or any of the special accounts, just mark your intentions in the memo line of your gift. One hundred percent of all designated gifts go to the fund in which it was intended and can only be used for that purpose.

The accompanying financial overview gives the ending balances of our bank accounts and allocation of funds in the special accounts. Our total operating expenses were in the red for 2013 with expenses exceeding income by \$3,426.06 and the General Operating Fund Balance decreased to \$1,962.42. The restricted expenses exceeded income by \$21,406, and when accounting for liabilities, our total assets decreased by \$29,001.

John Bertram - Finance Committee