

The Third Annual Meeting of

GRACE CHURCH

an Episcopal Community in the Southern Berkshires

January 18, 2015
Crissey Farm, 426 Stockbridge Road,
Great Barrington, Massachusetts



The Five Marks of Mission

A unifying commitment of
The Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Church

The Mission of the Church is the Mission of Christ...

To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom

To teach, baptize and nurture new believers

To respond to human need by loving service

To seek to transform unjust structures of society

To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

Q. What is the mission of the Church?

A. The mission of the church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 855 (Catechism)

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AGENDA

Call to order

Opening Prayer (all say)

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, as we begin our third year together as Grace Church, hear our prayers. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Old Business

Minutes of the 2014 Grace Church Annual Meeting (January 19, 2014) as printed in this booklet.

Recognition of Executive Officer and Vestry Member

Geoff Perkins, Treasurer
Susan Gore

New Business of Grace Church

Vestry and Convention Delegate Nominations and Elections
Presentation of the Ministry Budget of 2015

Presentation of Wisdom Group Initiatives

Remarks from the Priest in Charge

The Blessing

May God give you grace to never sell yourself short, grace to risk something big for something good, and grace to remember that the world is now too dangerous for anything but truth, and too small for anything but love. (William S. Coffin) And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen

The Dismissal

People's response "Thanks be to God."

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MINUTES OF THE SECOND ANNUAL MEETING
January 19, 2014 Crissey Farm, Great Barrington, Massachusetts

The second Annual Meeting of Grace Church was called to order by Senior Warden Kathy Clausen at 11:47 a.m. Susan Gray was appointed Acting Clerk. After an opening prayer, the minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting were accepted as submitted. The Wardens' and Ministry reports were also accepted. Kathy thanked and recognized Sally Brooke and Dindy Anderson for their work and efforts as they leave the Vestry.

Under New Business, John Cheek reported for the Search Committee. They have met with the Diocese several times and have formed a questionnaire. They have met with six candidates. They will keep the Vestry and Congregation informed as they progress.

Sally Brooke presented the slate of nominations as put forth by the Nominating Committee:

OFFICERS:

Senior Warden	Kathy Clausen	(1 year)
Junior Warden	Rick Gore	(1 year)
Clerk	Susan Gray	(1 year)
Treasurer	Geoff Perkins	(1 year)
Asst. Treasurer	Louise Robitaille	(1 year)

VESTRY:

Class of 2015	Susan Gray Susan Gore
Class of 2016	John Cheek Louise Robitaille
Class of 2017	Ian Booton Sarah Sieber

DIOCESAN CONVENTION DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES:

Vestry Delegate	Susan Gore
Lay Delegate	Lee Cheek
Vestry Alternate	John Cheek
Lay Delegate	Dindy Anderson

The slate was accepted and passed.

Geoff Perkins, Treasurer of the Vestry, presented the budget for 2014. It was accepted and passed. Geoff then thanked Louise Robitaille for all her help as Assistant Treasurer.

Kathy Clausen's report as Senior Warden touched on several points and ideas to consider.

- We have worshiped as a church without walls for sometime now. How has this experience shifted our concept of "church"?
- Our numbers do not reflect our commitment, passion, or vitality.
- Despite our numbers and income, what more can we do?
- We have created conversations with the community about how we "do" church
- We have several new missional projects in the works.
- With no walls to maintain, we are focusing on what we do outside.
- We are not sitting back, waiting for someone or something to happen. We are doing it all by ourselves.

The closing hymn was "Sing a New Church", followed by the blessing given by Rev. Bill Eakins. The meeting was adjourned at 12:50.

by Susan Gray, Clerk

REPORT FROM THE PRIEST IN CHARGE

I arrived at Grace Church on September 1, 2014 following the call to serve as your Priest in Charge. My first day moving into the Grace Church office at 67 State Road was eventful. But I soon learned that this community is incredibly effective in restoring order and providing support in times of unexpected events. Working closely with Kathy Clausen, Senior Warden, and Rick Gore, Junior Warden, the “water feature” in my office has been completely concealed by a handsome and functional cabinet.

My first two months were filled with meeting people of Grace Church, being introduced to clergy in the Berkshires and Western Massachusetts, and learning about mission partnerships in our community. I met with ministry groups at Grace. I attended Foyers Groups, Year-Round Stewardship Meetings, and with Pam Mott, Canon to the Ordinary for the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts, met with vestry and council members from Grace, Christ Trinity and St. Paul Churches. These gatherings offered the community of the three churches opportunities to share fellowship, planning, and worship as we seek to serve God and our neighbors in this part of Massachusetts.

I was able to join the last two of the four Community Network Dinners held at the Guthrie Center sponsored by the Wisdom Group of Grace Church and a grant from the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts. These dinners allowed our three churches to meet people who live in our area and to imagine ways in which we could work together. At the third dinner, I was able to learn about the nutritional and emotional needs of people who are isolated due to age, disability, or illness. The final dinner invited children and youth who participate in our Gideon’s Garden to share what they have learned working in the garden and how their work has affected the way they view service to the community. The Community Network Dinners initiated a meeting between Ananda Timpane, Director of the Railroad Street Youth Project, Gwendolyn Van Sant, Founder and Director of Multicultural BRIDGE, and members of Grace Church to discuss ways we could partner with these established organizations to support youth in the Southern Berkshires. A project was proposed and in December, our Vestry approved a grant to support JV Van Sant’s work with youth in Pittsfield and Great Barrington.

Since I have joined Grace Church, we have worshiped in many exciting and beautiful settings. I began worshiping with the community at Crissey Farm, but the next Sunday we pitched our tent at Gideon’s Garden. The choir set up on a platform with the piano. The Rev. Don Peet and Rick Gore brought grills to cook, Rob Clausen set up the sound system, and many people contributed wonderful food as we celebrated together and then joined in fellowship under a cool, but brilliant fall sky. We celebrated St. Francis’ Feast Day by blessing the animals at Taft Farm. Pennie Curry and Harley J. Margraf led our group of worshipers to visit and bless each animal rescued and cared for at the farm. We have recently changed the orientation of our worship space at Crissey Farm so that we face the windows that look out on the garden, allowing a wonderful view of God’s beautiful creation. We will continue to explore our space for the best placement to worship God and provide a welcoming place for all who gather on Sunday mornings. On Christmas Eve, we celebrated the Eucharist at Taft Farm in their greenhouse surrounded by children’s stockings, bunnies, and turtles. Two weeks before, we hung a banner at the entrance to Taft Farm inviting people to join us in worship. Pennie Curry and Sue Hayden created a lovely setting for our service, Chris Clark played the guitar to accompany our singing, and many family members and guests joined us in celebrating the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We plan to offer at least two worship services at Gideon’s Garden in 2015.

On Thursdays, our Eucharist and Healing Service continues to gather a small, but committed group. Sue and Rick Gore have prepared wall hangings that will allow us to double the size of our Chapel for larger services to be held in this space.

A Celebration of New Ministry was held on Sunday, October 26. Bishop Douglas Fisher served as the Celebrant, the Rev. Pamela Mott, Canon to the Ordinary, served as Assistant Clergy, and the Rev. Peter Elvin preached at a service that was filled with joy and love. Members of Christ Trinity Church in Sheffield and St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Stockbridge joined us in worship. The Rev. Anne Ryder, rector of Christ Trinity and the Rev. Tom Damrosch, rector of St. Paul's served at the Eucharist. Members of their choirs joined our Grace musicians to create a beautiful chorus. Sey's and my sons and grandson, as well as two beloved colleagues from St. Patrick's Episcopal Church and Day School in Washington, D.C., traveled to be present. Lee Cheek made an exquisite umbrella composed of ribbons containing blessings offered by the Grace Church community. A sumptuous lunch, organized by Susan Gray, followed the worship service. I received a "ceremonial" snow shovel and other gifts to celebrate my new home at Grace Church. It was a wonderful day to recognize the joy of our new beginning.

Opportunities for adult formation included our weekly Tuesday night Lectionary Group where a group of engaged parishioners gather to study and explore the scripture for the following Sunday. Once a month, people in our church and other communities gather to share their reading in our Books and Bread group. In Advent, we gathered to discuss our experiences of darkness and how we can find God in the midst of challenging times. We used Barbara Brown Taylor's book, *Learning to Walk in the Dark*.

We are a church that loves to be together. Our fellowship time after worship on Sunday mornings is always filled with wonderful food and great conversation. On the third Sunday of each month, a group of Grace Church folk gather at a restaurant to share food and stories. I am very grateful to George Raymond for making restaurant arrangements and gathering us together.

Pastorally, your priest has had the opportunity to offer care for parishioners who are ill or in need of spiritual support. I have officiated at the funeral services of one parishioner and the family members of two other parishioners since my arrival. We hold these families in our prayers as they grieve the loss of those they love and see no longer.

Finally, I am working to continue to develop relationships with our surrounding community. I have visited Bard College at Simon's Rock and met with Kuukua Yomekpe, Spiritual Life Director, to identify ways Grace Church can serve as a resource for students. We will also explore a new ministry serving five persons in our area who are in need of a visit and possibly nutritional support. I am very grateful to be a part of the ministry and community of Grace Church, an Episcopal Community in the Southern Berkshires. May God continue to bless our worship and our work.

by the Rev. Janet Zimmerman, Ph.D., Priest in Charge

REPORT FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

At our Annual Meeting in January of 2014, as we sat in a big circle, we realized that we were at the threshold of another new beginning. We had just begun to get to know the Rev. Bill Eakins, who was going to be our supply clergy for seven months, our search committee was reviewing the first batch of candidates, and we were preparing to steer our own ship for an unknown number of months. It seems like two years ago!

Much of the work of the Vestry entailed keeping the business side of the church fully functioning and healthy. We monitored finances and kept abreast of the various committees that energized our members. At every vestry meeting, we took time to delve into scripture through the practice of Dwelling in the Word. Our most important function though was to keep focused on what God was calling Grace to be and do

in this community. So we were very attentive and supportive when initiatives came from the Wisdom committee this year and worked to fully support those efforts.

In February, I met with the Rev. Annie Ryder, rector of Christ Trinity, the Rev. Tom Damrosch, rector of St. Paul's, the Rev. Pam Mott, Canon to the Ordinary of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts, and a few of the laity of the respective churches to begin to explore how we can connect as congregations. The initial goal of these conversations was to get better acquainted and to look for collaborative projects. There was much discussion about joint services at first, which we have done for years, and we did find ways to accomplish this over Holy Week. Additionally, the three churches jointly donated to Construct's fund-raiser in May.

In March a number of us attended the Wardens, Vestry & Leadership Gathering sponsored by the Diocese. We were energized by the speakers and workshops and truly embraced the words of the Rt. Rev. Greg Rickel, Bishop of the Diocese of Olympia, in his presentation at the Church Buildings Fund Symposium on "Inertia." (There is a link on our website under "Episcopal Church.") We felt validated in that Grace Church is continuing the process of listening to the Spirit as we discover innovative ways to be a church while still honoring our traditions. We do not feel that we are stuck in the past, nor do we feel we do things just because "that's how we've always done them." We are in uncharted territory and hearing many of the comments at the Leadership Day helped us to feel confident that the way forward will be blessed by the Spirit's guidance.

We managed to make it through the winter (!) and were inspired by Bill's sermons each Sunday, as we continued our commitment to one another and to the vision of a fully missional church. The Rev. Noreen Suriner continued to preside at the Thursday noon Eucharists at the chapel. On April 27, the Sunday after Easter, we were delighted to welcome the Rt. Rev. Douglas Fisher, as our celebrant and preacher. Bishop Doug had declared, "The Sunday after Easter is often referred to as 'low Sunday'...make 'low Sunday' into "Momentum Sunday." He did just that at Grace on that Sunday. He was encouraging of our continued progress when he met with the Vestry at lunch, assured us that there was a priest somewhere who would answer our call, and we were, in turn, inspired by him.

In May under the expert leadership of Ian Booton, assisted by his wife, Mary, we held an Open House at the office. Ian and Mary had hand delivered invitations around the neighborhood and we were ready with refreshments and balloons. It is true that the only attendees were members of Grace Church, but it was an important exercise in outreach and experimentation.

During the summer under the leadership of Elizabeth Holland and George Raymond, a steering committee planned a series of dinners called Foyer Groups among the three churches. In these Foyer Group dinners, members of all three churches form small (6-8 members) groups who dine together at one of the members' houses and enjoy casual conversation. The three vestry/councils enjoyed a mini-retreat in late September, which allowed the leadership to become better acquainted. In February of 2015, there will be a joint vestry/council meeting which will include a review of the Foyer Groups and perhaps planning for more joint activities. All three churches are facing issues common to all New England Protestant churches: declining and aging membership and the effects of the general marginalization of institutional religion. At this time there is no road map for these three churches in the Southern Berkshires; we are still exploring how we relate to one another and what we might do together to continue being a witness to God's love in our geographic location.

This summer and into the fall saw the Wisdom Group leading us into new conversations with our neighbors through the four Community Network Dinners. A full report is included later in this booklet, but I must give a big shout out to the co-chairs, Pennie Curry and Doreen Hutchinson, along with the members of the

Wisdom Group: Dindy Anderson, Sally Brooke, Sue Gore, Margaret Layton, Dutch Pinkston. Countless hours went into the planning and execution of each of these meals and even more time went into the reflection on what was learned and how it will shape our work as Grace.

It was a glorious day in June when the Search Committee finalized its recommendation to the Vestry and we called the Rev. Dr. Janet Zimmerman to serve as our Priest in Charge. There were a truckload of prayers of gratitude offered that day! Certainly the biggest event this year for Grace was the welcoming of Janet as our new Priest in Charge. By accepting our call, she certainly demonstrated a faith that is incredibly strong, a spirit that is adventuresome and trusting of God's guidance, and a wisdom developed from living a life open to learning from others. What a joy it has been for me personally to get to know her over these past four months and see how she has moved into the leadership position with confidence, generosity, and care. Thank you God for Janet!

After welcoming her on September 7, her first Sunday, in our usual worship space at Crissey Farm, we enjoyed a joy-filled service the next Sunday, September 14, at Gideon's Garden. Many hands made that remote service possible and it enabled many members of the Gideon's Garden crew and their families to celebrate with us. The BBQ lunch that followed was the icing on the cake.

The Celebration of New Ministry on October 26 gave us all a chance to truly roll out the 'red carpet' and welcome Janet, her family and friends, along with Bishop Fisher and Pam Mott plus local clergy and members of St. Paul's and Christ Trinity to an incredibly festive service and luncheon at Crissey Farm. What a beautiful service it was, with innumerable details attended to by worship leaders, Chris Clark, and members of the choir. We were treated to the preaching of the Rev. Peter Elvin of St. John's, Williamstown who, during his sermon, asked the people of Grace to stand and he said to us, "This new pastoral union calls you to present yourselves as bearers of encouragement and support, bearers of grace, as you keep recognizing where and how God is active in this world, as you keep growing what you're doing, as you keep shaping a circle ever wider, workers at work in fields of grace."

Much of the work of the Vestry this year centered around planning, preparing, and praying for a new leader. But in addition always present at our meetings are discussions about how to make Grace better known in our community. We continue to support the efforts of those who serve as our communicators, Elizabeth Holland and Sally Brooke. In November, Vicki Ix the Diocesan Minister of Communications, attended a vestry meeting, reviewed our website and Facebook page, and their contents. She praised our efforts in these 'new' modes of communications and underscored the vibrancy of Grace's story in the world. She encouraged us to continue to explore ways to reach new members of our local community.

This has been a look back at 2014 from my perspective as Senior Warden. I have been incredibly thankful for the efforts of the members of the Vestry and the unflagging faithfulness of each and every member of all our worship groups who create a sacred experience for us each Sunday. I have been literally held up by the prayers of this community more than once this year and am deeply grateful for the challenges and joys of serving in this position. It has given me a chance to explore and learn and thereby deepen my faith. I'll leave you with a thought from a blogger I am fond of reading. In this quote he seems to echo the words of Peter, that we must be "shaping a circle ever wider, workers at work in fields of grace":

Churches that become passionate about people outside their walls will be far more effective than churches that are passionate about keeping the few people they have inside their walls. Carey Nieuwhof, Eleven Traits of Churches That Will Impact the Future, May 5, 2014

by Kathy Clausen, Senior Warden

REPORT FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN

On Janet Zimmerman's first day at the office, the landlord installed a new water line into the building. As luck would have it the old one was in Janet's office so they opened up the wall and installed the new line along with a water meter. The owner then had someone come in and install a cabinet over it. What a way to start a new job.

We also outfitted Janet's office with a new desk, bookcases, file cabinets, and a love seat.

There has been a group who have been meeting at the storage unit in Sheffield to sort through and inventory all of the items there. Items that were of no value were thrown away. There was a rug and small red chairs that we gave to Taft Farms. We stopped meeting out there due to the weather but plan on meeting in the spring to finish in Sheffield and then move on to Finnerty & Stevens Funeral Home and then to the Lee Storage unit. Our goal to consolidate all off our "stuff" into the Sheffield unit and have a complete inventory. We then can decide what we want to keep, sell or donate.

by Rick Gore, Junior Warden

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

During Lent, copies of Episcopal Relief and Development's 2014 Lenten Meditations were distributed to all parishioners. This year the daily meditations focused on economic empowerment.

Weekly lectionary study continued during the interim period on Tuesday evenings at the Office Chapel. The evenings began with prayer—the upcoming Sunday collect—and closed with compline which included time for thanksgivings and intercessions. The Rev. Ted Cobden and Richard and Pat Edelstein were new attendees and have added greatly to the discussions. The Rev Dr. Janet Zimmerman is now leading our group as it continues into 2015.

Anyone with any interest in the upcoming lectionary or in learning more about what the Scriptures mean for us today is invited to attend regularly or irregularly. No preparation is needed, but any preparation is included in the discussion.

by Lee Cheek, interim adult education convener

BOOKS & BREAD

During 2014 the Grace Church book group met eight times for an evening of fellowship and discussion. We read both fiction and non-fiction. On one occasion we enjoyed the poetry of Billy Collins. The special perspective of our discussion is to ask what the book might say to our faith and our walk through life.

The titles of the books read are *Defending Jacob*, *Faith*, *The Power of the Dog*, *The Assault*, *Stoner*, *Lone Wolf*, *Sailing Alone Around the Room*, and *How It All Began*.

We are grateful to our hosts: Connie and Kirk Garber, Valerie Smith, Marion Gaenzle, Don and Charlene Peet, Sally Brook, Mark and Dindy Anderson, Pam and Bill Drumm, and Martha Katz. Nancy Cobden

and Sally Brooke did the publicity for *Tuesday's Child* and the weekly bulletin and made the Sunday announcements.

We met on January 14 to nominate books for the coming year. All are welcome to come to these evenings and enjoy the book discussions.

by Ted Cobden

CHURCH SCHOOL

Our big project this year was during Lent. The church school children spearheaded the Episcopal Relief and Development project Nets for Life. They learned about Malaria, made posters, collection cups, and shared information with the congregation. This was a dual project with Pennie Curry's congregation in Texas. Between the two churches over 120 nets were provided for families in Africa. In addition, the children participated in the planting and weeding of Gideon's Garden.

We continue to use the Beulah Land Curriculum, a story-telling felt board curriculum. At the older children's request, it is being supplemented by additional curriculum and reading the stories from the Bible in order to look at these stories in more depth. The children are always amazing in their questions and the discussions that follow.

Throughout the year, children from Taft Farms/Gideon's Garden and other children who come on Sunday morning have joined us. These visits are a great blessing and joy to us.

Finally, a thank you to those who are always ready to assist in teaching these wonderful children on Sunday morning: Ian and Mary Booton, Margaret Layton, and Elizabeth Holland.

by Dindy Anderson

THE FOOD PANTRIES: LEE and PEOPLE'S PANTRY

Food, donated by parishioners, is collected at Grace Church each Sunday. Although we have an "Item of the Week", which provides focus, any food donations are welcome. The food is then transferred, on an alternating basis to either the Lee Food Pantry, operated by Grace, or to the People's Pantry of Great Barrington.

by George Raymond

THE LEE FOOD PANTRY

Beginning Balance	\$19,079.14
Income: 2014 Donations	\$14,001.00
Expenses: Food Purchase	\$16,743.72
PO Box – Lee	124.00
Total Expenses	\$16,867.72
12/31/14 Bank Balance	\$16,212.42

Distribution Counts – 3 Yrs.

TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS SERVED		TOTAL INDIVIDUALS SERVED	
2014.	1681	2014	4404
2013	2096	2013	5554
2012	1670	2012	4026

Our totals are down this past year supporting the fact that our economy is gaining strength. I am pleased to say that giving has also been steady. Being reminded that our location is only a temporary one, we need to be mindful of relocating at some time in the future. Our location is for sale along with all the buildings that surround it. We've been discussing the possibility of approaching the developers of the Eagle Mill location to see if they may be willing to have us as part of that development. The Lee Food Pantry is now a part of the Berkshire Diaper Project receiving and distributing diapers. We also continue to distribute pet food through Irie's Pet Pantry.

by Susan Gore

INFORMATION ABOUT PEOPLE'S PANTRY
reprinted from Grace Church Annual Report, January 19, 2013

People's Pantry, our Great Barrington Food Pantry, was founded in the mid- 90's, and was then housed in the small garage behind St. James' Church. Over the years it has moved several times, but has continued to serve people in need of assistance in procuring food for their families, people who live in the Great Barrington area and surrounding "Hill Towns". The Pantry is now housed in the lower level of the Calvary Christian Church on Route #41 which is located about a mile and a half north of downtown. It is open every Thursday from 10AM to 1PM. The Pantry is staffed by volunteers from local churches, synagogues, and other organizations in the area. Food that is collected for the Pantry comes from religious communities, secular organizations, businesses and many individuals. Food is also purchased as needed with money donated by groups and individuals. Farm produce is provided by local markets and farms and by gardening groups like our Gideon's Garden.

by the Rev. Don Peet

GIDEON'S GARDEN~SIX YEARS AND GROWING

We are so blessed that our garden continues to serve so many in so many different ways. This will be our seventh year serving our community with fresh produce that our youth maintains. We had 56 youth from age two to age 22 working in Gideon's Garden this year. The youth come at different times spending as much time as their schedule allows. We have learned that once we get someone in the garden they really want to come back.

Kyle Gangell continues to be a very competent Youth Supervisor along with Adult Supervisor Ethan Novick. Anyone who has driven past the garden this year saw how beautiful that garden looked all summer and fall. We added the greenhouse to the garden and started picking tomatoes in early July. We were able to deliver lettuce two months earlier than ever before and extended the season by an additional thirty days due to the planting in the greenhouse. Kyle learned a lot this year about greenhouse growing and planning the garden on the two acres and in the greenhouse. Ethan has been such an added asset to Gideon's Garden. During the time Kyle is still in school Ethan is the one that oversees the care of the garden.

We will be adding a drip irrigation system this next year. We are all so excited to install drip irrigation and

do away with our little watering cans which took the youth hours to water the many rows of produce. We will be buying a water pump, rows of drip tape, drip line fittings, and filters. T-Tape Drip Tape is installed on the ground or under plastic. This tape is used in a variety of crops to help reduce water consumption, increase crop quality, and increase crop yield. We have lots to learn before we install our system and Kyle and Ethan will have their homework cut out for them this winter. Sue Hayden, Taft Farm Greenhouse Manager, will work with Kyle and Ethan supervising the layout of the system and its use. Our greenhouse will also have drip irrigation which means we will plant more during our season from June to the end of October. A big thank you to our anonymous donor who is making our dream come true for a drip irrigation system in the field, bless you. We are happy to report to you that our chickens continue to do a great job fertilizing our garden. We have also shared fresh eggs with the community provided by our gorgeous hens.

Our youth distributed fresh produce to six organizations five days a week for five months. We were able to host five families who came to the garden each weekend to pick their own vegetables in order to receive a little help with feeding their families.

I think the participation of our youth in the Wisdom Group's Community Network Dinners was really wonderful. Everyone who attended that last dinner heard how special these young gardeners are and how proud they are of Gideon's Garden and the work they are doing for their community. The opportunities for learning while volunteering in the garden are numerous. Respect is the key word that flows through the garden; respect for one another, respect for the land, the crops and for all our guests who visit the garden and to all who receive fresh vegetables during our growing season.

Our purchase of the Worm Factory this year will provide another means of beneficial organic soil structure. The five thousand worms released in our garden this coming summer will work along with our chicken fertilizer to produce healthy organic soil. We will also treat our greenhouse rescue turtles to a special worm treat from time to time.

We will be welcoming John and Brian to the garden this summer. These two young men are in high school and have been working at the farm this year. Kyle and Ethan will welcome the help and our community will gain two more young men who understand the importance of giving back and serving others. We will be looking forward to welcoming friends from Railroad Street Youth Project and youth from Multicultural BRIDGE to the garden this summer. We hope to see many of our brothers and sisters from Grace come by and walk this garden filled with love and respect for all. I am truly blessed to work with all these youth and we are all blessed to have been given this garden in order to serve so many.

God's peace and love to all.

by Pennie Curry

GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The committee had one phone meeting this year. We had no applicants for scholarships this year. We did give one \$500 grant to support a partner from Multicultural BRIDGE to attend a program for one week at Kripalu. The program was Positive Psychology, taught by Marie Sirois and Dr. Tal Ben Shakar, former Harvard Professor. This course is a ten month program, designed to bring about community building.

We have also given a \$1,000 grant to support a collaborative project between Multicultural BRIDGE Railroad Street Youth Project and Monument Valley Regional Middle School. It includes peer mentoring training, implementation, and support for youth.

by Doreen Hutchinson

HEALING MINISTRY

Each Sunday during the administration of Holy Communion an opportunity for healing prayer is offered at a station in back of the congregation. One may come for healing for oneself or for another. Prayer is offered in the assurance of Christ's ever-present care and power of newness of life.

Members of the healing ministry are Pennie Curry, Don Peet, Charlene Peet, Elizabeth Holland, Kathy Clausen, Sue Gore and Ted Cobden

by the Rev. Ted Cobden

HOSPITALITY AND COFFEE HOUR

"Nothing would be more tiresome than eating and drinking if God had not made them a pleasure as well as a necessity." Voltaire

Every week coffee hour is a great pleasure, for the palate and the eyes. We had twenty-seven hosts and hostesses this year, who served up varied and delicious treats. In August, we had special Good-bye party for the Rev. Bill Eakins, our Supply Priest. A few weeks later, we welcomed the Rev. Janet Zimmerman to Grace Church as our new Priest in Charge with a sumptuous table of treats. In October, Pennie Curry and the kids from Gideon's Garden, took over hostessing duties, and presented a bounty from the garden. This was capped off by a festive Celebration of New Ministry.

We give thanks to all who have been willing to host coffee hour. We are always looking for new hosts and hostesses, so if you would like to be part of this special ministry, please let us know. At Grace Church we do food very well!

by Susan Gray and Dindy Anderson

MEN'S GROUP

The purpose of the Grace Church Men's Group is to provide fellowship and to enrich the faith of all who participate. Although we do not meet every month, when we do meet, it is usually on the fourth Wednesday. We meet at a residence from 6-9 for supper and discussion focused on specific topics. All men of the parish and their guests are invited. There are no attendance requirements or attendance expectations. Now and then someone can come to a particular meeting that interests him or he can become a "regular" by attending most of the meetings. At the evening meetings we average about 10 although there are about 20 on our mailing list. We meet at 6:00 pm for soft drinks, wine and cheese followed by supper. Our discussion begins at about 7:30 pm and we adjourn promptly at 9:00 pm.

During 2014, we had three meetings:

Date	Venue	Topic/Program	Presenter
January 15	Raymond/Kimball Farms	Grace Church: Survive or Thrive	The Rev. Pam Mott
March 26	Cobden	"End of Life Issues: Practical and Spiritual"	The Rev. Bill Eakins
August 27	Doyle	An Introduction to Janet Zimmerman	The Rev. Janet Zimmerman

We feel God at work in our fellowship and care for one another. We are strengthened when we share our life stories and feel the support of the other men. This year we are once again thankful for the fellowship the Men's Group provides.

If you would like to monitor the group's activities by being on the mailing list or would like to attend a particular evening meeting, please contact George Raymond (637-7224)

by George Raymond and Ted Cobden

SEARCH COMMITTEE

After the announced retirement of the Rev. Francie Hills a search committee was convened by Grace Church. It was determined by the Bishop and the Diocese that it would be best to call a priest in charge instead of a rector because of our uncertain future with or without building ownership.

The committee was at first co-chaired by John Cheek and Debbie Holmes. The other members were Ed Hutchinson, Dindy Anderson, Tom Doyle, Pennie Curry, Sue Gore, and Dutch Pinkston. We began our meetings in November 2013 and formulated interview questions. The diocese submitted names and CVs of interested priests. We studied and discussed these, read résumés, conducted many interviews via Skype, interviewed references by phone, invited candidates here for in depth interviews and visits, and made visits to the candidates home parishes to observe them conduct services and to interview parishioners whenever possible.

The first round of names did not reveal a match for us, so we continued with a second set submitted again by the Diocese. At this point Debbie Holmes needed to leave the committee because of other commitments and she was replaced by Carmen Perkins. John Cheek continued as sole chair. We continued with the same interview methods as before and in early June made the unanimous decision to call the Rev. Dr. Janet Zimmerman as Priest in Charge.

I am deeply grateful for the very long hours of hard work put in by our committee and am also especially grateful for the wonderful work of the profile committee who in a very short span of time drew up a profile that gave a vivid sense of who we are and where we wanted to go. This was of incalculable worth in generating interest and in attracting the right match for us.

by John Cheek

TUESDAY'S CHILD

2014 was our second full year for *Tuesday's Child*, having begun on January 22nd 2013. Every week an email is sent to a mailing list of just under 100. About 60% of those people open the email. Though it would be best if that number were 100%, 60% is a very good percentage for not-for-profit and religious e-news letters. The 'click rate', a measure of how many people click on links or articles, is about 25%, again, a very good statistic for not-for-profit and religious e-news letters.

Tuesday's Child includes basic information including worship time, ROTA, lectionary and food donation for the coming Sunday, upcoming events and other information, etc. Also included is a personality from the Calendar of Saints (Episcopal Church), a weekly depiction with art work of the coming Sunday's readings, and links to various church related web sites. Links are included with directions to specific event's locations or for more information on particular topics. New this year is a Definition of the Week which is taken from

the lessons for the coming Sunday and found at the Episcopal Church web site glossary (<http://library.episcopalchurch.org/glossary>)

The intent of *Tuesday's Child* is to be a simple but interesting and attractive newsletter for Grace members and other interested people. Help is needed from all members on how to make *Tuesday's Child* more interesting, useful and serviceable.

by Elizabeth Holland

THIRD SUNDAY SUPPERS

The "Third Sunday Suppers" program was begun in May, 2013. Each month, parishioners are invited to join together on a Sunday evening at a local restaurant for some fellowship and dining.

During 2014, we had 12 suppers at 12 different venues. Attendance varied from 11 to 21.

Date	Dining Venue	Cuisine	Location
January 12, 2014	Shiro	Japanese	Great Barrington
February 16	Morgan House	American	Lee
March 16	Mario's	Italian	Great Barrington
April 13	Aegean Breeze	Greek	Great Barrington
May 18	Chez Nous	French	Lee
June 15	Koi	Chinese	Great Barrington
July 27	Stockbridge Country Club	American	Stockbridge
August 24	Cork N' Hearth	American	Lee
September 21	Fiesta	Mexican	Great Barrington
October 19	Perigee	American	South Lee
November 16	Alpamayo	Peruvian	Lee
December 21	Barrington Brewery	American	Great Barrington

It will be noted that, because of particular circumstances, the actual date of the event did not always fall on the third Sunday of the month. We try only to go to restaurants that will allow each participant to order off the menu and receive a separate check. We did go to one dining venue (Barrington Brewery) where, in lieu of separate checks, participants paid a fixed price for a special menu that allowed for several choices of entrée.

The program has been successful and apparently well received. The current intention is to have a supper during each of the months of 2015. The first supper of 2015 is scheduled to take place at the Morgan House in Lee on the date of the Grace Church Annual meeting, January 18.

by George Raymond

WELCOMING AND USHERING COMMITTEE

The first year of the reconfigured Welcoming and Ushering Committee has been a success. Three members of the committee come early each Sunday to set up the welcoming table at the door with bulletins, programs, publications, name tags and a bulletin board. They sit towards the back of the seating area once service begins, to welcome latecomers and count the number of those in attendance.

After the Peace, loose plate collection is the next duty. Two members of the team make the collection and bring the plates to the altar. One plate contains a slip of paper with the number of attendees that morning. After the choir goes up for the Eucharist, they let parishioners go up row by row, and only receive the Eucharist when everyone else is done. At the end of the service they take down and pack the displays on the welcoming table.

Serving on this committee is a wonderful way to greet newcomers and old friends right at the start, to make sure everyone is supplied with programs and a name tag, and to get the service off to a warm and friendly start. Members of the team for 2014 were: Debbie Holmes, Cecily Mills, Viola Bagnaschi, Sally Brooke, Anne Andrews, Sue Gore, Rick Gore, Doreen Hutchinson, Ed Hutchinson, George Raymond, Sarah Sieber, and Marcia Doelman, with occasional help from others when needed.

by Sally Brooke

WISDOM / OUTREACH

The committee met six times, using both conference call and face-to-face methods. We consistently accomplished activities that aligned with the purpose we developed last year (see Alignment, below).

We wrote and received a Congregational Development Grant from the Diocese for \$2,290 to support our four Community Network Dinners.

2014 WISDOM DISBURSEMENTS

Balance January, 2014	\$10,000
Disbursements through November 1, 2014	- 4,135
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	\$5,865.
Drip Irrigation – Green House	- 500
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	\$5,365
Support Project with Railroad Street Youth Project and BRIDGE, creating engagement of youth as Youth Operational Board; plan Martin Luther King Services with Youth Community and Interfaith group; work with Simon's Rock to plan Diversity Day	- 1,000
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	\$4,365
Support project with Monument Valley Middle School, which includes peer mentoring, training and support	- 1,224
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Remains December, 2014	\$3,121.

MONTH	ACTIVITY	PURPOSE ALIGNMENT	AMOUNT EXPENSED
Jan., 2014	Congregant requested we support Berkshire Grown	“Listen to and hear the needs of those in our Congregation.”	\$250.
March, 2014	Request to help a student mission trip to Bolivia	Same as above	\$500.
April, 2014	Supported “Nets for Life” part of Episcopal Relief and Development	“Seeking partners by becoming partners”	Raised \$2,076.
May, 2014	Participated with Christ Trinity & St. Paul’s to donate to Construct	“Caring for those in need in our Community”	\$333.
July, 2014	#1 Community Dinner: Focus- Youth	“Listening to and Hearing Needs” “Becoming Partners”	
Aug., 2014	#2 Community Dinner: Focus – Hispanics	“Embracing and Befriending the diverse cultures in our community”	
Sept., 2014	#3 Community Dinner: Focus – Nutritional needs of youth, families, elders	“Caring for those in need in our community.”	
Oct., 2014	#4 Community Dinner: Focus – Gideon’s Garden Reported on the outcomes of our Congregational Grant	“Being Partners” “Listening to and hearing the needs” “Being good stewards of our gifts, talents and resources	
Nov., 2014	Held a Retreat to discern which projects we want to support from the list of needs identified at our dinners.	“Prayerfully discern what needs we are realistically capable of meeting.”	

Discerned recommendations from our Retreat are as follows:

1. Identify members of the congregation to be trained as mentors to youth from Railroad Street Youth Project.
2. Support two projects with youth listed in our budget disbursements.
3. Provide space in our office once a month for Mothers’ Group
4. Offer recipes and how to use Gideon’s produce to all distribution points. (Translate into Spanish)
5. Adopt five shut-ins: Distribute food and visit regularly. Recommend Christ Church and St. Paul’s each adopt five.
6. Provide a drip irrigation system for Gideon’s Garden.
7. Provide a drip irrigation system for Greenhouse.
8. Purchase worm farm for turtle food and soil replenishment.
9. Education to schools to be given by adult and youth supervisors.

by Doreen Hutchinson

WORSHIP

Much activity for Grace's worship services takes place behind the scenes. Planning for the Sunday service begins a few weeks before a new liturgical season with members of the following groups: Acolytes (Ed Hutchinson); Altar Guild (Debbie Holmes and Lynn Walker); Music (Chris Clark, John Cheek, Lee Cheek); Lectors (Louise Robitaille) and the priest. The Rev. Bill Eakins, supply priest for Grace Church, was an active member of the committee through August 2014. The Rev. Dr. Janet Zimmerman joined us in time to plan Advent and Christmas.

We give many thanks to our faithful Altar Guild this year for their exquisite and loving preparations for the Lord's Table before each service. Their care is always evident, no matter where the table is set: Crissey Farm, Gideon's Garden tent, Taft Farms greenhouse, or 67 State Road in Great Barrington. After many years of service on the guild, Cecily Mills moved to native Maine. Members include Sara Sieber, Edna Leavenworth, Lynn Walker, Pennie Curry, Ed Hutchinson, Debbie Holmes, Elizabeth Holland, Valerie Smith, Sue Happ, Viola Bagnashi and Elinor Hamill.

On June 15, Trinity Sunday, Gabriel and Olivia Perkins were commissioned as new altar servers along with others, some of whom have served many years but have never been commissioned in a worship service: Kathy Clausen, Cathy Haywood, Louise Robitaille, Ethan Novick, and Ed Hutchinson, Acolyte Warden. We offer thanks for Ed's five decades of training altar servers in The Episcopal Church. We are blessed by his ministry of holy attention and teaching.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Douglas Fisher, Bishop of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts, visited Grace Church twice; the first occasion was on what is now called "Momentum Sunday," the Sunday after Easter (formerly "Low Sunday"). Kayla Dillon from St. Paul Episcopal Church, Stockbridge, was confirmed. The bishop's second visit, October 26, was the occasion of Celebration of New Ministry for our new Priest in Charge, The Rev. Dr. Janet Zimmerman: a combined 10 am service for Grace, St. Paul, Stockbridge, and Christ Trinity, Sheffield. The altar guild preparations were augmented by ficus trees and other greenery provided by Taft Farms. The Grace Choir was augmented by choristers from Sheffield and Stockbridge. Vestments were worn by all choristers. The room orientation was changed to accommodate the enlarged choir and liturgical participants, with the altar in front of the eastern windows of the entry hall. Acoustics were enhanced with the hard wood floors there as well as the great height of the ceiling. This configuration was enthusiastically received and is now the arrangement for our Sunday morning services.

A liturgical umbrella was introduced in this service and accompanied the bishop in the procession and recession. The fringe on the umbrella was created from the colorful fabric ribbons that parishioners inscribed with their thanksgiving during the month of September as a part of the "Season of Creation Care." Acolyte Ethan Novick was Grace's first liturgical umbrella bearer, possibly the first in Berkshire County.

In addition to a noonday Ash Wednesday service at the Grace Office Chapel, services were shared with Christ Trinity and St. Paul. Holy Week services were shared with Christ Trinity (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday) and St. Paul (Good Friday). No Easter Vigil was planned for this year.

After Janet's first Sunday September 7, a Eucharist and Parish cookout was held on September 14 in a tent at Gideon's Garden. The challenges of a couple of days of soaking rain were overcome with nifty work and preparations by Pennie Curry and her farm crew. Rick Gore and his crew brought chairs and tables from the office chapel. It was a sunny day and a joyous service. During the service four parishioners were blessed and commissioned to walk in the Climate March in New York City on September 21: Dindy Anderson, Elizabeth Holland, John and Lee Cheek.

The Rev. Zimmerman presided at the Christmas Eve Eucharist at Taft Farms, 3 pm. Most of the Spanish-speaking families were away this year, but a large crowd, including customers at the farm stand, joined for this lovely, simple, and humble service. Bunnies, turtles, and guinea pigs were in attendance as well. Music Director Chris Clark accompanied the congregation on the guitar. More carols will be planned for next year!

In addition to Bill Eakins and Bishop Fisher, other preachers and celebrants during 2014 included The Rev. Ted Cobden, The Rev. Pam Mott (Canon to the Ordinary), The Rev. Libby Wade, The Rev. Jane Tillman, The Rev. Peter Elvin, and Mrs. Lee Cheek, licensed lay preacher. The Rev. Noreen Suriner continued to preside at the noon worship on Thursdays, held at the church office and chapel on State Road. Our new Priest-in-Charge began September 7.

Many thanks this year to those who prepare and proofread the bulletin in cyberspace via many emails, to Valerie Smith who staples the bulletins, and to John Cheek who picks up the bulletins in time for choir rehearsal.

Chris Clark, music director, continued to lead the Grace Church musicians who have been faithful and flexible as they provided solid support and inspiration for congregational singing in a variety of styles with beauty and rhythmic aliveness. Sara Keene continued as keyboardist, bringing her talent and grace to the worship service. The choir rehearses from 9:00-9:45 on Sunday morning.

by Lee Cheek, interim Worship Committee convener and Choir Liason

YEAR ROUND STEWARDSHIP

The Year Round Stewardship Committee continued meeting on a monthly basis, with Bruce Rockwell from the Diocese. We begin our meetings with Bruce's guidance using the Dwelling in the Word format to reflect on stewardship and gratitude within Grace Church.

The series Walking The Way was used each Sunday leading to in-gathering Sunday. We continued our one minute sermons focusing each Sunday on a different ministry on the work and devotion and service to Grace, leading to a Gratitude Moment each Sunday.

We started joint meetings with stewardship persons from Christ Trinity and St. Paul's sharing new ideas and devotion to Stewardship. We are pleased to have our Priest in Charge, Janet Zimmerman, and Patricia Edelstein join our committee as we continue our spiritual life of gratitude and generosity. The committee gives special thanks to Nancy Cobden for her wonderful service, leadership, and friendship.

by Viola Bagnaschi, John Cheek, Tom Doyle, Patricia Edelstein

LITURGICAL RITES CELEBRATED IN 2014

Sunday/Saturday Night Holy Eucharist	53
Mid-week Eucharist	47
Private Communion	3
Burials	1
Garden Blessings	1
Animal Blessings	1

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee, comprised of Sue Gore and Geoff Perkins, is pleased to present the following slate for Officers, Vestry, and Diocesan Convention Delegates for 2015.

OFFICERS

Senior Warden	Kathy Clausen	(1 year)
Junior Warden	Richard Gore, Jr.	(1 year)
Clerk	Susan Gray	(1 year)
Treasurer	Louise Robitaille	(1 year)

VESTRY

Class of 2016	John Cheek	(1 year)
	Louise Robitaille	(1 year)
Class of 2017	Ian Booton	(2 years)
	Sarah Sieber	(2 years)
Class of 2018	Paula Doyle	(3 years)
	Ethan Novick	(3 years)

DIOCESAN CONVENTION DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

Diocesan Convention Delegates	Sue Gore, John Cheek, Lee Cheek
Alternate Delegate	Dindy Anderson

TREASURER'S REPORT AND FINANCE

In November, Anne Andrews, Ed Hutchinson, John Grammer, Sue Gore, Tom Doyle, Louise Robitaille, Kathy Clausen, Janet Zimmerman and Geoff Perkins came together to form the finance committee for Grace Church. This group is charged with reviewing financial reports and discussing financial issues and questions as they arise. They will also prepare recommendations for the vestry to consider. On the agenda for early 2015 is a meeting with Mick Kalber to discuss the allocation of our financial resources.

by Geoffrey H. Perkins

BALANCE SHEET

Assets	12/31/13	12/31/14
Banking	\$ 199,823	\$ 244,306
Trustee Account (3rd qtr figures)	\$ 1,678,455	\$ 1,777,136
Total Assests	\$ 1,878,278	\$ 2,021,443
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable/Vendors	\$ -00	\$ -00
Fund Balances		
Operational Funds	\$ 215,497	\$ 291,578
Building Funds	\$ 1,144,496	\$ 1,194,163
Mission Funds	\$ 15,201	\$ 14,099
Memorial Funds	\$ 497,470	\$ 516,437
Columbarium Fund	\$ 1,737	\$ 783
Rector's Sabatical	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Gideon's Garden	\$ 1,707	\$ 2,357
People's Pantry	\$ 85	\$ 13
Lee Pantry	\$ 85	\$ 13
Total Funds	\$ 1,878,278	\$ 2,021,443

Income		2014 Budgeted	2014 Actual	2015 Budgeted
	Weekly Collection			
	Pledge	\$ 137,410	\$ 142,021	\$ 142,150
	Loose Plate	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,806	\$ 1,000
	Special Offering	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,440	\$ 1,500
	Investment Income			
	Trustees	\$ 42,500	\$ 45,743	\$ 60,000
	Crane Trust	\$ 3,300	\$ 7,069	\$ 3,560
	Other	\$ 27	\$ 6,418	\$ 25
	Other Income			
	Flowers	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,490	\$ 1,200
	Wisdom Fund Carry Over	\$ 9,448		\$ 6,426
	Total Income	\$ 197,885	\$ 207,987	\$ 215,861
	Expenses			
	Worship			
	Flowers	\$ 1,350	\$ 724	\$ 1,350
	Liturgical Equipment	\$ 500	\$ 603	\$ 600
	Special Services Expense	\$ -00	\$ 845	\$ 1,700
	Music Supplies	\$ 500	\$ 109	\$ 200
	Piano maintenance	\$ 250	\$ -00	\$ 250
	Supply Musicians	\$ 250	\$ 300	\$ 500
	Supply Clergy	\$ 5,130	\$ 13,366	\$ 1,400
	Benevolence - Mission - Outreach			
	People's Pantry	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
	Lee Food Pantry	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
	Gideon's Garden	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,825	\$ 1,500
	Multicultural Bridge Initiative	\$ -00	\$ 533	\$ 3,200
	Crane scholarships/grants	\$ 1,500	\$ 500	\$ 1,500
	Assessment for Common Ministry	\$ 22,381	\$ 22,381	\$ 19,300
	Clergy's Discretionary Fund	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 800
	Christian Nurture			
	Adult Education	\$ 300	\$ 401	\$ 300
	Church School	\$ 150	\$ 148	\$ 150
	Vestry Formation	\$ 350	\$ 302	\$ 350
	Coffee Hour	\$ 450	\$ 407	\$ 650
	Special Receptions	\$ -00	\$ 2,699	\$ 1,200
	Greeters Table	\$ 250	\$ 197	\$ 200
	Office and Administration			
	General Supplies	\$ 1,000	\$ 272	\$ 400
	Postage and Box Rental	\$ 250	\$ 239	\$ 275
	Printing and Duplicating	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,859	\$ 1,600

Expenses				
	Advertising	\$ 1,500	\$ 694	\$ 1,500
	Web/Constant Contact Expenses	\$ 360	\$ 307	\$ 420
	Accounting Software	\$ 1,740	\$ 1,665	\$ 1,620
	Audit Expenses	\$ -00	\$ 425	\$ 425
	Office Cleaning	\$ -00	\$ 70	\$ 840
Rent, Utilities and Maintenance				
	Office Rental	\$ 16,800	\$ 16,800	\$ 17,200
	Crissy Farm Rental & Set-up	\$ 18,300	\$ 17,960	\$ 18,300
	Storage Rental	\$ 2,040	\$ 3,200	\$ 2,100
	Electric	\$ 960	\$ 639	\$ 895
	Gas	\$ 1,356	\$ 1,688	\$ 1,750
	Phone	\$ 720	\$ 2,377	\$ 2,220
	Insurance	\$ 2,600	\$ 1,578	\$ 1,320
Personel Expenses				
	Salary and Benefits	\$ 98,434	\$ 59,561	\$ 127,753
Total Expenses		\$ 184,721	\$ 157,473	\$ 215,768
Net		\$ 13,164	\$ 50,514	\$ 94
Unbudgeted Income				
	Diocesan Grant - Breaking Bread Together		\$ 2,290	
Total Unbudgeted Income			\$ 2,290	
Unbudgeted Expenses				
	Office renovation expense		\$ 8,113	
	Priest in Charge Search		\$ 4,912	
	Breaking Bread Together Expense		\$ 4,563	
	Columbarium Expense		\$ 954	
Total Unbudgeted Expense			\$ 18,542	
Unbudgeted Net			\$ (16,252)	
Pass Through Income				
	Nets For Life		\$ 1,398	
	Domestic and Foreign Missionary		\$ 185	
	Gideon's Garden		\$ 3,600	
	Construct		\$ 512	
	Food Pantry (Turkey Fund)		\$ 958	
	Multicultural Bridge		\$ 533	
	Rectors Discretionary Fund		\$ 1,000	
Total Pass Through Income			\$ 8,186	

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