

# 2018 Annual Report



*Grow with us  
in Christ*

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## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, NOVEMBER 19, 2017

The meeting was announced on November 5 and 12 at the services.

The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. with prayer by Father Jeff.

Members present: Members in good standing were in attendance.

Father Jeff and Gordon Graham explained the highlights of a proposed agreement with the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh. We would have to pay the Episcopal diocese 3.25% of our prior year's income for the next 20 years and then 1.75% in perpetuity. They would have the use of our buildings for events with our permission and in line with our theology.

After a discussion Relton (Pete) Starr made a motion to accept the terms of the agreement. Ruth Manson seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeffery Wylie +, Acting Secretary

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

March 4, 2018

After a combined Holy Eucharist service which started at 9:30 a.m., the Annual Meeting of Christ's Church was called to order at 10:40 a.m. in the nave by Father Jeff with a prayer.

A motion to approve the minutes from March 19, 2017, Annual Meeting was made by Alan Fleissner and seconded by Gene DiPrimio. Motion passed.

Father Jeff gave the opening remarks talking about the agreement with the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh. The documents have all been signed and presented.

ELECTION OF VESTRY: Amy MacMannis and Alan Fleissner have agreed to have their names submitted for re-election, and Nick Lynch has submitted his name to be added to the slate. Being that no other names were added from the floor, Father Jeff asked for a motion to vote all three together. Ruth Manson moved, and David Manson seconded the motion. Motion passed. David Manson then made a motion to accept the slate and Ruth Manson seconded. Motion passed.

CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP: Father Jeff then introduced Kathy Sloan, the local director, to tell us about this program. She opened with a video clip that talked about the importance of teaching children about the love of God. Kathy talked about how children today need hope. She says she has the best job in the world because she gets to tell children about hope. CEF has three parts: Good News Clubs in schools; Five-day Clubs in the summer, one of which will take place at Christ's Church this Summer; and teacher training. Christ's Church has given this group office space in the old nursery of the CE Building. March 17 she will have an open house.

BOY SCOUTS: Father Jeff announced two scouts are completing their Eagle Scout projects here at Christ's Church. One project is the library, and the other is the playground.

REPORTS:

FINANCIAL - Marsha Tallant, Treasurer, reviewed the 2017 Unaudited Statement of Financial Position and the Statement of Activities and the 2018 budget as presented in the Annual Report.

Father Jeff thanked Marsha Tallant for her work preparing the finances and for her work on the vestry.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Tom Thompson talked about how precious children are to God – loud and sticky. He thanked Amy Dancu and Dennis Hyland for their work with the children. He also mentioned Esther Yant and her dedication.

A new middle school education program has started on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Men’s Bible study has been a big success on Thursday mornings.

Women’s studies on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings continue to draw a nice number of women.

Last year the Nursery was moved to the undercroft.

FELLOWSHIP/OUTREACH – Ann Yutz and Dee Claiborne Thanks for all the help with various projects over the year especially those who knitted hats.

Help is needed for Coffee Hour after the 10:30 a.m. service.

In 2018 we will continue holding a Food Drive and coat drive. We will also continue our association with Bishop Lamido.

Dee talked about the Attitude for Gratitude when motorcycle riders get together to thank God for a safe season and pray for those who didn’t make it. The first year three attended and there were 14 this past year. We serve food to feed their physical body and prayers for their spiritual needs.

Dee had presented a four-part series about opioid addiction. It was not well attended, but she hopes that in the future more will attend.

CHRIST’S CHURCH WORKERS – Freda Schultz announced that the past Friday 114 people attended the Salad Bar. She thanked everyone for all their support during the year.

COMMUNICATIONS –Father Jeff announced that we now have a fabulous webpage. He stated that we need a Communication Minister, a Website Minister and a Word Minister.

PROPERTY – Gene DiPrimio reported that the South porch is almost ready to paint. He thanked Nick Lynch and Don Born for painting windows. He reviewed how his budget was spent.

Gene and Alan Fleissner talked about the fact that the air conditioning system is on its last leg.

They introduced a Three-year Capital Building Campaign. The projects included in this are:

Air Conditioner - \$36,000  
Men's Bathroom - \$20,000  
Steps down the side of the CE Building -  
New lights in the sanctuary -

Total \$80,000

The ushers passed out pledge cards for the Three-year Capital Building Campaign.

WORSHIP - Marsha Tallant thanked all who volunteer as part of the Worship. She asked for more volunteers.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT - Passed

DEACON'S REPORT - Gretchen Peske reported on her involvement in the Greensburg Ministerium representing Christ's Church.

In November she participated in a Catholic Deacons' panel which discussed the role of ordaining women in the church.

She also talked about Christian Women Together and their monthly outings.

RECTOR REPORT - Father Jeff talked about a Pastoral Care Class he is hoping to start. Talk to him to sign up for it.

Father Jeff talked about the statistics in the church.

Q&A - Deacon Ruth Manson asked for people to join the intercessory prayer group that meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Redstone.

Howard Yant made a motion to adjourn the meeting at noon Many seconded. Motion passed.

Father Jeff closed us in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marsha Tallant  
Secretary

## RECTOR'S REPORT OF 2018 FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING



This past year has been another fantastic year of spiritual growth. Attendance and growth seemed discouraging from 2018 until November. The last two months were incredible in growth with 17 additions and 9 baptisms. The average Sunday attendance for those two months more than doubled. How wonderful the youth are evangelizing their parents and other adults! Thanks to Lee Klingenberg, we restarted The Word parish newsletter which is getting rave reviews. Thanks to Patrick MacMannis and his amazing website engine for our parish website, we are now continuing to overhaul and add to the content available to viewers.

Not quite as exciting as our end of year growth but the most impactful event that had occurred this past year when the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania accepted our agreement between the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh and Christ's Church. The legal process for this agreement was ongoing until Fall of 2018. Our first payment will be due at the end of the first quarter of 2019. Please continue to pray for the healing of all those involved along as well as for unity across the Body of Christ worldwide.

This past year has been another year of feeding Greensburg, Western Pennsylvania, and the world the message of Jesus Christ. Christ's Church Workers (CCW) continue to do a stellar job in showing the hospitality of Christ in feeding hungry souls as well as bellies in the undercroft. Another successful coat drive helped many people in Western Pennsylvania. We were blessed to have Venerable Ramadi Wanole to share with us how they have been blessed by our generosity by showing us the fruit of those blessings. This relationship is a continuation of Archbishop Lamido and assuredly will be a long-lasting blessing for years to come.

With many blessings of new faces at Christ's Church, there were many painful and sorrowful goodbyes. I know that those who went to the Lord are celebrating the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. My prayers go out to their amazing families. It is indeed a blessing to serve you, and I look forward to this upcoming year in feeding hungry people with the Love of Jesus, side-by-side.

Blessings,

Fr. Jeff

## THE SLATE OF NOMINEES FOR VESTRY ELECTION

Gene DiPrimio has agreed to run again. Marsha Tallant has also agreed to have her name put forth for election.

The vestry has passed a resolution to have Ann Yutz filled an empty seat for one year.

### VESTRY 2018 - 2019

Dee Claiborne, Fellowship & Outreach (2020)  
Eugene DiPrimio, Jr Warden & Property (2019)  
Alan Fleissner, Senior Warden & Assist Treasurer (2021)  
Nick Lynch, Worship (2021)  
Amy MacMannis, Communication (2021)  
Tom Thompson, Christian Education (2020)  
Ann Yutz, Fellowship & Outreach (2019)

### VITAL STATISTICS

#### MEMBERSHIP

Active Baptised Members	208
Baptisms in 201	12
Confirmations or Receptions	2
Deaths	4

#### ATTENDANCE AND SERVICES

Average Attendance at Principal Services	95
Services	
Principal	108
Holy Days	0
All Other	159

#### Other

Marriages	2
Burials	4



## TREASURER'S REPORT

In 2018, as seen on the Financial Statements, we just about broke even with only a small net gain in the Operating Fund. Thank you to all the people of the church who love God and this parish enough to support it adequately. New to this year's Financials:

- We have a new fund called Epiphany. This is because we are assisting Ligonier with their payroll. They reimburse us monthly for their payroll expenses.

Everything else has remained the same.

Our investments with Morgan Stanley lost value toward the end of the year as did the Stock Market. We lost about \$10,000. Most of this has been regained in 2019.

The audit of our 2018 books was done by Jeff Simpson, and he found no major discrepancies. Copy of report included.

The budget for 2019 remained about the same as prior years. There is a significant increase in Property because of the expectation of the cost of renovating the men's bathroom. Not enough money was raised in the Three-year Capital Building Campaign to cover all that will be needed for the bathroom and to replace the steps along the side of the CE Building parking lot. Father Jeff, Marsha Tallant, and Sara Frye received a 5% pay raises.

Thank you again for the continued support.

Marsha Tallant, Treasurer  
Alan Fleissner, Investment Committee Member



**Christ's Church, Greensburg  
Statement of Activities for 2018**

	Total to Date	Approved Budget 2018	Current %	Prior Year
INCOME			1	
OPERATING FUND INCOME				
PLEDGE INCOME				
Pledge Income	140,222.20	140,000.00	1.00	151,558.20
Non-pledge Income	61,993.27	63,000.00	0.98	45,294.74
Prior-year Pledge	390.00			650.00
Subtotal Pledge Income	202,605.47	203,000.00	1.00	197,502.94
INVESTMENT INCOME				
Transferred in from Investments		10,000.00	0.00	
Subtotal Investment Income	-	10,000.00	0.00	-
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME				
Loose Plate Offering	4,388.07	5,000.00	0.88	4,209.00
Miscellaneous Donations	130.00			
CE Director	3,500.00			7,100.00
Miscellaneous Income	875.00	1,000.00	0.88	1,100.00
Subtotal Miscellaneous Income	8,893.07	6,000.00	1.48	12,409.00
SPECIAL OFFERINGS				
Christmas Offering	2,521.00	2,000.00	1.26	2,342.00
Ash Wednesday Offering	431.00	450.00	0.96	421.00
Lent/Maundy Thursday Offering	182.00			
Good Friday Offering	379.00	300.00	1.26	295.00
Easter Offering	2,494.00	1,500.00	1.66	1,482.00
Thanksgiving Offering	315.00			420.00
Other	25.00	-		-
Subtotal Special Offering	6,347.00	4,250.00	1.49	4,960.00
TOTAL OPERATING FUND INCOME	217,845.54	223,250.00	0.98	214,871.94

EXPENSES				
OPERATING FUND EXPENSES				
DIOCESAN EXPENSES				
Godly Share Expense	13,748.00	13,748.00	1.00	19,906.30
Episcopal Diocese	<u>6,619.00</u>	<u>6,619.00</u>	1.00	<u>6,619.00</u>
Subtotal Diocesan Expenses	20,367.00	20,367.00	1.00	19,906.30
PERSONNEL EXPENSES				
Rector	72,462.90	68,078.00	1.06	67,177.85
CE Director	22,357.89	22,000.00	1.02	21,529.82
Music Minister	9,228.00	8,910.00	1.04	7,517.38
Deacon	600.00	1,000.00	0.60	565.00
Office Staff	17,342.12	16,700.00	1.04	16,700.00
Sexton	18,130.34	24,300.00	0.75	20,055.28
Nursery Worker				688.96
Other Personnel Expenses	<u>1,006.79</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	0.67	<u>976.94</u>
Subtotal Personnel Expenses	141,128.04	142,488.00	0.99	135,211.23
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Insurance	5,784.00	7,075.00	0.82	7,074.00
Utilities	20,798.71	18,000.00	1.16	17,772.46
Property Maintenance	8,225.71	10,000.00	0.82	10,369.63
Office	11,055.93	9,000.00	1.23	9,710.07
Worship	902.43	1,500.00	0.60	1,397.42
Other Operating Expenses	<u>592.32</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	0.59	<u>926.38</u>
Subtotal Operating Expenses	47,359.10	46,575.00	1.02	47,249.96
MINISTRY EXPENSES				
Fellowship	3,588.79	3,000.00	1.20	2,739.29
Outreach/Mission	1,115.05	2,000.00	0.56	1,089.37
Worship	1,031.56	2,000.00	0.52	1,014.76
Christian Education	181.78	2,500.00	0.07	1,062.65
Communication	691.27	250.00	2.77	354.39
Youth	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	1.00	<u>1,896.51</u>
Subtotal Ministry Expenses	7,608.45	10,750.00	0.71	8,156.97
OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES				
Miscellaneous	<u>1,327.41</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	1.33	<u>600.00</u>
Subtotal Other Operating Expenses	1,327.41	1,000.00	1.33	600.00
Transfers In/Out *	<u>-</u>	<u>2,070.00</u>	0.00	<u>-</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>217,790.00</u>	<u>223,250.00</u>	0.98	<u>211,124.46</u>
Net Gain/(Loss)	55.54	-	0.00	3,747.48





**Christ's Church, Greensburg  
Proposed Budget for 2019**

	Actual EOY 2018	Approved Budget 2018	Proposed 2019
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Net Gain/(Loss)	55.54	-	(0.00)



October 24, 2018

Jeffrey D Simpson  
513 Taylor Street  
Greensburg, PA 15601

Christ's Church  
145 North Main Street  
Greensburg, PA 15601

To the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry;

I have examined the following books and record for the calendar year ending December 31, 2017 in the following areas:

Disbursements:

- All of the disbursement transaction were reviewed
- All invoices were approved
- All checks were properly signed
- All check were properly endorsed
- All disbursements were properly record in the cash disbursement register
- All disbursement were recorded in the general ledger
- All the bank statements were reviewed.
- All the bank statements were reconciled

Receipts:

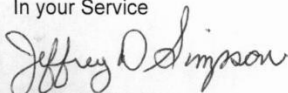
- All of the receipts transaction were reviewed
- Deposit packets were available
- Counter sheets were appropriately signed
- Deposits were on the bank statements
- Deposits were recorded on the cash receipts register
- Deposits were recorded in the general ledger
- Adding machine tapes were available
- Contribution statements reviewed.

Payroll:

- All payroll transaction were reviewed
- All payroll tax forms were reviewed
- All payroll taxes were submitted.
- All W-2's and 1099's were prepared.

I find no acceptations or deficiencies in the books and records of Christ's Church. There are no recommendation for change to reports. I respectfully submit this audit letter to you for approval of the December 31, 2017 financial statements.

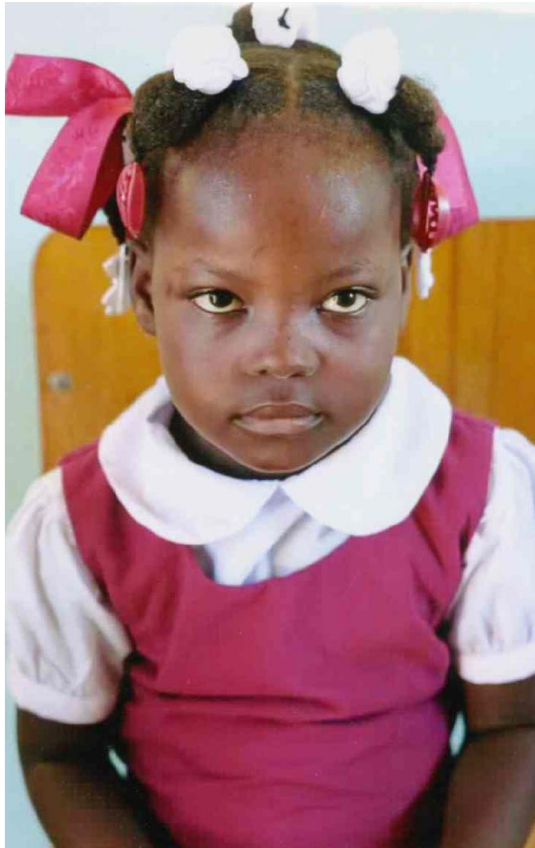
In your Service



Jeffrey D Simpson  
Audit Committee.

## OUTREACH & FELLOWSHIP

There are many opportunities at Christ's Church to reach out and touch someone in our community and beyond. Several times each year we collect much-needed items for different charities. This year we collected non-perishable food items and soap products for The Westmoreland County Food Bank, coats and blankets for Shepherd's Heart, and shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Many ladies also crocheted or knitted quilts



for Project Linus. This incredible organization gives handmade blankets to children who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need. Anyone wanting to continue to make blankets for this project can take them to a participating Joann Fabrics store.

Gael Celestin, our sponsored child from Haiti, is having a great year at school. She is learning to read, write and do the math. She also receives a hot meal at school every day. The proceeds from the holiday parade were used to purchase uniforms, school books and a Christmas present for her. I encourage each one of you to pray for Gael and her family and to send cards or letters telling her about the love of Jesus and her Christ's Church family.

The annual parish picnic was held at Hempfield Park on August 26. A service was held before the picnic with Father Jeff officiating and Sara and Dave Frye leading the music. Peter Zakim also made a guest appearance as an up and coming guitarist. Marsha Tallant chaired the event and provided us with homemade Sloppy Joes and many other delectable items. Everyone enjoyed the return of the magician and his bag of tricks. About 75 people attended, and all had a great time.

The annual Greensburg Christmas Parade was held on November 17, the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Although the weather was chilly, parade-goers found warmth and fellowship in the undercroft. Hot dogs and kraut, homemade cookies, snacks, popcorn, and hot drinks were enjoyed by all. Leftover food was sent to The Welcome Home Shelter

On February 3 we welcomed Bishop Hobby for his annual visitation. An excellent breakfast was held for him following the early service sponsored by Freda Schultz and

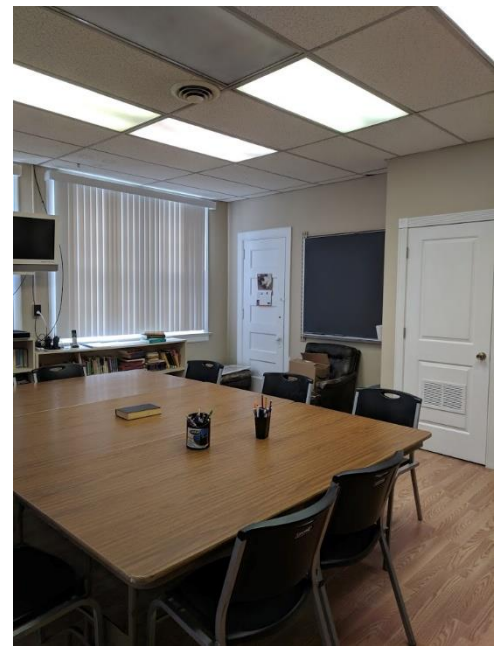
Many other volunteers. After the service, a reception, catered by Rodney's, was held in honor of his annual visit.

Let us all pray on how God is calling us to serve Him and others in Greensburg and the world around us. If you have any ideas for future outreach projects or fellowship events, please contact Ann Yutz.

## PROPERTY REPORT

The annual meeting is here once again, as the saying goes, how time flies when we are having fun. We did accomplish a lot in the year 2018. As always, we had to do a lot of repairs and replacements, just like home. As you are aware, we did replace the Air Condition system. We have had a good number of people say how comfortable they are now. The system has allowed us to save on the hard use of the boilers, as we did not have to rely entirely on them for our heating this winter. We are trying to prolong the life of those boilers, because, to replace them will be very costly.

We also gave the library in the C.E. Building a brand-new look! Thanks to the Eagle Scouts, under the excellent direction of Devon Gilbert! The library does have an entirely new look. It was enjoyable for me to work with them. We do have more projects planned with the Scouts in the future.



Keeping up with upkeep and maintenance of two buildings is never-ending. I am confident that 2019 will also be a challenge, but, as long as the budget, my knees, back, and mind co-operate, we will be facing that challenge is giving it our best shot.

Gene DiPrimio, Property

## COMMUNICATIONS

The new website is up and running. Further information is being added weekly. The Word, church calendar, past sermons, Salad Bar news, Youth Group events, and other ministry information are just a sampling of valuable information found there. Also, special service times and weather-related cancellations can be found on the site. Please make sure to check the website before venturing out in inclement weather.

You can also call the church's main number and select option 8 to check for cancellations.

Make it a habit of checking the website often, so you don't miss out on important church news. You can access the website at [www.ccagbg.org](http://www.ccagbg.org).

Amy MacMannis

## WORSHIP MINISTRY

The Worship Ministry is made up of The Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Greeters, Altar Guild, Choir, Acolytes and Projection Team – all the ministries that work together to make sure that the worship services flow smoothly.

Marsha Tallant currently schedules the LEMs and Lectors and sees to it that they have what they need. In 2018 we added Steve Swencki to the list. They always do a great job reading the lessons and helping to serve communion. Dale Poole continues to do a great job of taking Eucharist to our shut-ins and nursing homes. He also conducted services at Weatherwood on a regular schedule. Deacon Gretchen also performed services at nursing homes.

The Altar Guild under the guidance of Marsha Tallant, worked very hard to see that the sanctuary was ready for all services. New members for 2018 included Marsha and Lilly Cook. They are still really in need of new members. Please consider this when you think about how God is calling you to be used in the life of the church.

The Acolytes worked hard and sporadically because their numbers are so few. We are continually looking for new servers.

The choir was lucky to add new members this past year. When all are present, we have five men and six women. Thanks to Sara for her continued work to provide music for the 10:30 a.m. service.

Under the direction of Howard Finney and Greg Andreyko at the 10:30 and 8:00 services, respectively, the Greeters and Ushers continue to see that our services run smoothly from the rear of the nave. Howard also ensures we have ushers at funerals and holy day services.

We are expecting that new Prayer Book for the Anglican Church in North America will be coming out in the summer of 2019.

Many thanks to all the members of each of these groups – without them we would not be able to worship God smoothly



If you of you are interested in joining any of these group, please talk to Father Jeff or Marsha Tallant. We will be delighted to have you join in.

A new Celebrant's chair, in memory of Robert Plummer, was purchased from the Memorial fund in 2018. In 2019 two matching side chairs, in memory of Robert Wicker, were also obtained from the Memorial Fund.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

This year we continued to educate our children and youth about our Lord and our faith, with the Lord's help.

The elementary Sunday School classes met from 10:30 – 11:00, and were taught by our dedicated Sunday School teacher, Amie Dancu assisted by our Christian Education Director, Dennis Hyland. Each week the students are prepared based on the weekly Bible lessons. Then the children related what they learned during the worship service. The elementary classes were small last year, but we are hoping for growth in the coming year.

The middle school class continued to meet from 9:30 – 10:15. For the first part of the year, they conducted an overview of the books of the Old Testament, looking at each book briefly and how they fit into the Bible. The class completed their outline in the fall then began Confirmation Class. The Confirmation classes were taught from late November to the end of January, leading to eight confirmands being confirmed by Bishop Hobby on February 3, 2019.

The Men's Bible continued to meet on Thursday mornings under the leadership of Dennis Hyland, with the men attending reporting how much they have learned about the Bible. They began going out to breakfast on the first Thursday of each month instead of their Bible lesson.

Seasonally on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, in the CE Building, Women's Day Out meets. They study a variety of books. In the fall the Tuesday class studied the book *Listen, Love, Repeat* while the Wednesday class studied *Five Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith*. The classes are independent of each other. For more information talk to Karen Artuso.

## CHRIST'S CHURCH YOUTH GROUP REPORT

A typical evening with the causal conversation by asking each person in attendance to talk about the Highs and Lows for the week. This gives each person a chance to share a bit of what is going on in their life and a chance to get to know each other. We then proceed with the lesson for the night, generally a biblically based experience that will



allow the members to identify how they might be better able to use the Bible in their everyday life.

We started the Inviting, Servicing and Outreach portion of this year with a retreat at Camp Allegheny. We had 14 youth attend this year. This was followed up by the annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. From there as a group, we went to see the movie *I can Only Imagine*, next up the Salvation Army Ringing of the Bells. We started the New Year with a lock-in. Several of the youth group members invited friends and all had a good time. Lots of fun and games. In February we went to Redstone Highlands and played bingo with the residents. Also in

February, we spent some time with the Sunday school kids during one of their lessons. As the Lenten season approaches the ever-popular Pancake supper was held on March 5. We will finish up the year with the Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday and something new this year called a Sunday Fun Day! We generally have anywhere from 3 to 7 members that attend regularly.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Leslie and Jeff Simpson

## CHRIST CHURCH WORKERS

The mission statement of the CCW is: "To glorify God in relationships and activities, and to encourage a servant's heart toward God, the church family, and our community." We have many opportunities to practice this mission statement with our unique ministry.

The CCW had another excellent year. Our fundraisers are thriving, and the support from the church family has been outstanding. Some highlights of the year are as follows:



Our **Salad Bars**, six each year, continue to be a major fundraiser and provide many opportunities for ministry and fellowship. Christ's Church is recognized in Greensburg for delicious, homemade food at its salad bars, and our goal is to serve at least 100 guests regularly. However, our attendance has been somewhat lower due to the ever-present lack of parking.

Be assured that our salad bars are so much more than the money. Fr. Jeff is asked many times for prayers and counsel, another essential part of his ministry.

The salad bars run smoothly with our seasoned helpers, because everyone knows what to do, and they do it well. One of our guests, who attends regularly, has given the CCW a \$50.00 donation at Christmas for the past few years. No leftover food is wasted; first to the helpers in appreciation for their help; the Welcome Home Shelter, a needy person or family. .whatever situation presents itself.

The **Lunch, Soup, and Bake Sale**, in December only, is a trendy event and is our biggest and best fundraiser. In 2018, we had a variety of homemade soups and baked goods, and our net income was \$1,393.47. This sale requires a considerable amount of work but is definitely worth the effort.

Our **Frozen Pie Sales** are another fundraiser, held twice a year – one in May and one in November for the holidays. We offer 16 kinds of pies (including no-sugar-added) in addition to pumpkin rolls. Many orders come from outside the church regularly.

Scheduling our **Christmas Dinner** on a Saturday after the holidays has been one of our best decisions. About 100 adults and children attend, far more than in the past. Our next dinner will be on Saturday, January 4, 2020, at Lakeview.

At our January 5, 2019 dinner, Gary Pratt, a local singer, entertained us with a variety of songs. It was a great evening.

**Funeral Luncheons** are a ministry that the CCW provides to help and comfort parishioners in the death of a loved one. The CCW and the family work with a caterer to present their choice of food. We serve the food, provide tableware and centerpieces, and do final clean-up. We also offer a sheet cake and beverages at no expense to the family.

**Donations** from our fundraising events during the past year helped us to be good stewards of Christ's Church and our community as follows:

- \$1,000.00      Five local charities: Blackburn Center, Noah's Ark Child Center, Union Mission of Latrobe, Welcome Home Shelter, Westmoreland County Food Bank (\$200.00 each)
  
- 25.00          Students from Clelian Heights - a gift card from Dairy Queen in appreciation for distributing salad bar flyers
  
- 100.00        Christ's Church - Office - use of copier
  
- 500.00        Christ's Church - Fellowship - use of kitchen supplies

Checks are written in June, after the last salad bar, and usually includes a sizable check to Christ's Church for the Building Fund.

The CCW also assists with various Fellowship events, as needed.

We welcome ALL members to be a part of our ministry because it provides an opportunity to be "ambassadors" for Christ's Church. We sincerely appreciate the continued support of the church family and look forward to sharing good times at our many events.

Freda M. Schultz  
Chairman, CCW Ministry



## CHRISTIAN WOMEN TOGETHER



Christian Women Together continue to meet monthly, usually the second Monday and go to a restaurant together. Fellowship and food are always delightful. Some months we have had almost 25 attendees. Watch for the announcements in the bulletin or talk to Deacon Gretchen for information.

## FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM

A new initiative for 2018 is the first Impressions Team (FIT). This was developed because of the rise in attacks on religious organizations. The design is to watch over the services and activities of the church to evaluate and welcome new attendees and to make sure our children are safe. To date only a few members have signed up to be part of the FIT, more are needed. If you are interested, please speak to Tom Thompson.

## MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

In the fall of 2018, our CE Building began being used for sign language classes. Sign With Tracy uses the Diane Robertson Room one or two days a week to offer courses to the general public.

Also our buildings are currently being used by Friday NA, a Saturday 12-Step Support Group, and Child Evangelism Fellowship of PA.