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The Christ Life

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Hiking the Mountains

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Many of you know of our love of mountain hiking. Our family has hiked and climbed mountains across this county and in other parts of the world. From the Adirondacks of New York to Mount Rainier in Washington; from the Canadian Rockies to the Mourne Mountains of Ireland, we are drawn to the magnificent views and the incredible majesty of these earthly pinnacles.

On the first Sunday of Advent, we will hear of a different sort of mountain hiking in these words of Isaiah:

“In the last days the mountain of the LORD’s temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. Many peoples will come and say,

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.’

(Isaiah 2:2-3)

This passage speaks of a day when “many peoples” will invite others to the house of God with the image of God’s temple on Mount Zion in mind. It speaks of a time when nations will be drawn to the splendor and majesty of God and his temple.

Sadly, we are not in those days yet. The sad truth of our day is that we are more likely to invite friends to a movie or a meal with no thought or discussion of God, than to invite them to church.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, we would do well to remember the words of Psalm 100:

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

And as we enter the season of Advent,

“Our King and Savior now draws near; Come let us adore him.”

We go to the “mountain of the Lord” at his invitation. Perhaps you and I can hasten the coming of the Lord by being those people who invite others to “go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob.”

Mountain hiking in the last days... Think about it!

In Christ,

Upcoming Events

Nov. 6 New Consecration Sunday
 9:30 AM Combined Service
 11:30 AM Catered Luncheon

Nov. 20 4:00 PM Hamilton Hill Community
 Thanksgiving Service
 Mont Pleasant Middle School

Nov. 23 12:10 PM Christ Church Thanksgiving Service

<i>Christ Church</i>					
Income and Expense Statement					
OPERATION ACCOUNT, As of September 30, 2016					
	Year to Date	Year-to-Date Bdgt	YTD Budget Dif	YTD Budget %	Annual Budget
REVENUE					
Subtotal Contributions	131,706.68	137,806.47	(6,099.79)	95.57%	183,742.00
Subtotal Other Income	16,276.64	17,700.03	(1,423.39)	91.96%	23,600.00
TOTAL INCOME	147,983.32	155,506.50	(7,523.18)	95.16%	207,342.00
OPERATING EXPENSES					
PASTORAL CARE (includes Rector's salary, Pension, 403b, Health & Dental insurance, out-of-pocket expense reimbursement)					
Subtotal Pastoral Care	78,171.21	75,895.47	2,275.74	103.00%	101,194.00
WORSHIP (Includes Altar Guild, Music, Instrument and Sound equipment)					
Subtotal Worship Exp	1,528.23	1,799.91	(271.68)	84.91%	2,400.00
YOUTH & ADULT MINISTRY					
Subtotal Youth Ministry	4,618.33	5,999.94	(1,381.61)	76.97%	8,000.00
ADMINISTRATION (Includes Parish Administrator salary & taxes, Sexton salary & taxes, office expenses & hospitality)					
Subtotal Administration	17,979.29	18,266.22	(286.93)	98.43%	24,355.00
CHURCH BUILDING & GROUNDS (Includes Maintenance, Insurance, Utilities, Janitorial supplies, Alarm monitoring, snow removal, etc.)					
Subtotal Church Bldng & Grnds	19,338.83	23,798.25	(4,459.42)	81.26%	31,731.00
RECTORY & GROUNDS (Includes Maintenance, Utilities, & Garbage collection)					
Subtotal Rectory & Grounds	6,362.07	7,658.91	(1,296.84)	83.07%	10,212.00
OUTREACH (Includes donations to partner ministries, missionaries & Neighborhood Meal)					
Missions & Outreach	4,227.43	5,625.00	(1,397.57)	75.15%	7,500.00
OTHER EXPENSES (Includes Diocesan assessment, Diocesan Convention, miscellaneous)					
Subtotal Other Expenses	14,647.76	16,462.53	(1,814.77)	88.98%	21,950.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	146,873.15	155,506.50	(8,633.08)	94.45%	207,342.00
EXCESS INCOME\EXPENSES	\$1,110.17				



Christmas Services

December 24
7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

December 25
10:30 am Lessons & Carols



Christmas Offerings

Name: _____

Amount for Christmas Offering: _____

Amount for Christmas Flowers: _____

Memory: _____

Honor: _____

You may cut and mail this in with your check or we have envelopes at the Welcome Tables at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Junior Warden Report

I was asked by the vestry to give a report on what happens behind the scenes to keep the doors open on God's House, on any given Sunday. This list is from my memory, and goes back to the beginning of 2016. I apologize if I have omitted anything that one of you have completed.

- Repair no heat at the rectory, replace two zone valves
- Service and clean rectory boiler
- Replace burned out bulbs in exterior security lights
- Replace light fixture outside that lights up front of building
- Replace burned out bulbs in nave with LED energy saving bulbs
- Replace roof exhaust fan at 4 Swan St. (Church Property)Steve's House
- Replace broken rollers on pantry doors in kitchen
- Clean kitchen sink grease trap
- Replace bad heat tapes on Sunday school wing roofs (to prevent ice buildup)
- Paint door frames in atrium hall way
- Extensive weeding of grounds and putting down mulch
- Repair rotted wood under window in undercroft
- Repair water leaking from outside alone building
- Replace air conditioner in office
- Replace bad timer on Swan St Door outside light
- Install new welcome rugs in both atrium door entrances
- Update Bryant lounge, remove book shelves, remove sliding room partition, Patch holes and paint ceiling, and walls
- Replace toilets in both mens and womens room handicap toilets

As you can see there are many things that go in to maintaining God's house.

I am very grateful to all workers God has given in his service.

In Him,
David Dussault, Jr. Warden

November Birthdays

- 5 Linda Mallard
- 7 Vivette Ram
- 10 Howard Smith
- 16 Tonie Ann Loveless
- 20 Ronke Osipitan
- 22 Ray Davis
- 24 Alexandra Conyers
- 26 Shanya Conyers
- 27 Brad Jones
- 29 Rachel Jones
- 29 Jennifer Wolfe

December Birthdays

- 8 Redal Ram
- 10 Michelle Petersen
- 13 Tolani Osipitan
- 20 Doug Koch
- 24 Hilda Hardy
- 25 Eric Stearns
- 29 Tara Kavanaugh

Anniversaries

Osileke & Taiwo Osipitan -
November 19

Peter & Kay Langton -
December 3

Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!





Christ Church Episcopal

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The Rev. N. Bradley Jones, Rector
The Rev. Peter Schofield, Priest Associate
The Rev. Howard Smith, Deacon
The Rev. Larry Hubert, Deacon
The Rev. Margaret Teetz, Deacon
Ms. Carol Yezzo, Treasurer
Mrs. Louise Popa, Banner (Worship leader)
Mrs. Hilda Hardy, Organist
Mrs. Patricia McCrossan, Organist
Mr. Ben Carlson, Youth Pastor
Mr. David Carlson, Parish Administrator

Vestry:

Deb Bisner, Senior Warden
Dave Dussault, Junior Warden
Chris Dussault
Michelle Diaz
Terry Hurlburt
Doug Koch
Calvin Moore
Patricia McCrossan
Osileke Osipitan
Vivette Ram
Theresa Rinaldo

