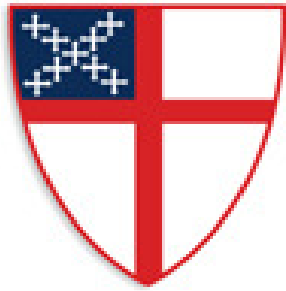


# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

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## THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

BLUE SPRINGS, MISSOURI

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# ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

## JANUARY 21, 2018

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer
2. Remembrance of the Faithfully Departed
3. Declaration of a Quorum
4. Appointment of a Clerk
5. Approval of Minutes of 2016 Annual Meeting
6. Discussion and Approval of Amended Bylaws
7. Recognition of Retiring Vestry Members
8. Nominations for Vestry
9. Election of Vestry
10. Delegates to Diocesan Convention
11. Appointment of Senior Warden by the Rector
12. Rector's Report: The Reverend David Lynch
13. Warden's Reports
14. Ministry/ Committee Reports (By Title)
15. Stewardship Report
16. 2018 Budget
17. New Business – Strategic Planning Committee
18. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

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## CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION VESTRY

The Rev. David Lynch, Rector

John Biggs, Senior Warden\*

Les Woodward, Junior Warden

Buzz Atkinson

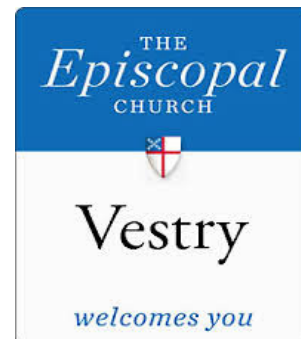
Janece Buckner

Ken Griechen

Frances Lingrel\*

Jim Gilligan

Meg Swant



*\* Retiring Members*

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## 2017 COMMITTEE & GUILD CHAIRS

**Acolytes:** Ray Lingrel

**Altar Guild:** Gabe Conn

**Building & Grounds:** Les Woodward

**Christian Education:** Gabriella Benson

**Communication:** Jim Gilligan

**Hospitality:** Diane Gerlach, Terri Smith, Janet Woodward

**Nursery Care:** Sheria Parrish

**Outreach:** Stew and Annie Scott

**Parish Life:** Bill Carle

**Pastoral Care:** Janece Buckner

**Safety/Security/Emergency Planning:** Meg Swant

**Stewardship:** Jim Gilligan

**Worship:** David Lynch+

# MINUTES FROM 2016

## ANNUAL MEETING (JANUARY 22, 2017)

PAT CARLE, SECRETARY

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The meeting was called to order by Father David Lynch at 10:55 a.m. A quorum in accordance with the church bylaws (at least 10 members) was certified as 60 members were in attendance. An opening prayer and remembrance of the faithful departed, especially Anna Mae Whitaker, were offered. Pat Carle was appointed Vestry Clerk. The minutes of the January 24, 2016 annual meeting were approved. John Biggs was appointed senior warden, and Jim Gilligan was appointed treasurer. (The Vestry will elect a junior warden at its February meeting.)

### Elections

Retiring Vestry members this year are: Bill Carle, Randy Goyer, Kitty Hampton, Mary Liddle, and Janet Woodward. They were given a sincere thanks for their excellent service and were each given a gift of the Prayer Book of St. Augustine. Nominations were opened to fill those seats. A slate of five candidates to fill the vacancies was presented: Buzz Atkinson, Meg Swant, and Les Woodward (each for 3 years), and Janece Buckner and Ken Griechen (each for 2 years). There were no nominations from the floor. Bill Carle moved, and Frances Lingrel seconded, a motion that this slate of individuals be accepted; the motion passed by voice vote.

The election of delegates to the Diocesan Convention, Deanery Council, and Clericus Meetings was the next order of business. John Biggs and Jim Gilligan have agreed to stand for election, and the floor was opened for other nominations. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Steve Flaigle and seconded by Buzz Atkinson that the nominations cease and that the nominated ballot become the elected ballot. That motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

### Rector's and Senior Warden's Reports

The Rector's and Senior Warden's Reports are included in the Annual Report. Evangelism was the central topic of the Rector's Report. Parishioners were encouraged to determine how

we can make a difference in the lives of others and reach out to our immediate community to those in need. Fr. David also expressed a willingness to listen to suggestions and openly discuss how to improve our pastoral experience.

The Senior Warden introduced all nine of the 2017 Vestry members. He thanked Elaine Gilligan for the many services she provides for the church. Her efforts have been very positive for the Church of the Resurrection. Individuals representing the Outreach Committee (Annie Scott), Christian Education (Gabriella Benson), and the Altar Guild (Gabe Conn) spoke briefly about current activities in those areas. All in-reach ministries (ushers, Eucharistic ministers, acolytes, friends of the pancake, etc) were recognized and thanked.

### Stewardship Report

Stewardship calls over the last five years, including the one just completed, reflect results that are basically flat. The 2017 pledges, 2016 financial results, and 2017 budget were reviewed. The Treasurer explained the Vestry's recent decision to notify the Diocese of the parish's inability to pledge to pay the full assessment for 2017. He also noted that the Vestry is discussing a future capital campaign to enlarge the narthex, install the lift, and perhaps do some other work needed on the building. The current organ is also in need of replacement and could cost \$35,000 to \$55,000.

The Annual Report may be found on the church website. There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. following a closing prayer.

# RECTOR'S REPORT

THE REV. DAVID LYNCH †



"Grace and Peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ...." These words, said by many a minister to their flocks and congregations, following the language of St. Paul to his many churches, are words of greeting and encouragement that I send to all of us at Resurrection Church. As a spiritual body of Christian disciples we have grown together

to do our best to live out Christ's call to spread the gospel and care for our neighbors as we would want our neighbors to care for us. I am continually overjoyed to repeatedly report the accolades of those who devote their time, talents and treasure to this parish for the building of God's Kingdom and furthering the actions of Christ in our communities.

The 2017 calendar year has been an active year for doing Christ's work in the many outreach programs and for preparing our parish to be a safe place of worship and fellowship for all who come to share in our experiences. I would like to once again thank the members of the Emergency Planning Committee and the other volunteers who helped to improve safety for the church building and grounds. Being safe is about being aware of our surroundings and the possible risks that exist, and how we manage those risks. The team continues to work on a written plan that will be shared with the congregation in steps as it is ready to be implemented.

Our parish, as an organization of people, is functioning very well with the lay-leadership that exists in our vestry and the numerous working groups that strive to support the mission and values of the parish and our Christian faith. As your priest and rector, my roles are made more effective with the work that happens in cooperation with those who really do the work of evangelism, teaching and caring for those in need. This year we became a member of the Blue Springs Chamber of Commerce and have helped to support some other their community efforts, and they have been a resource for us in identifying services available to our needs and the other com-

munity programs we support. Our relationships with the Community Service League, St. Michael's Pantry, the Blue Springs School district, Uplift and other community service and outreach agencies is a testament to our missional priorities. I am very proud and humbled by all of you who contribute to and participate in these and the many various other ministries fostered by all of you in our parish.

We are blessed by good church leadership that exists in our vestry and through all who coordinate the many ministries and working groups that make up our church. Without our leadership we would be like a ship without a rudder and aimless in our work to help in the building of Christ's kingdom. Folks, we are a great organization of people with direction and purpose, accomplishing the tasks of sharing God in places where others may not seek him or feel they could ever find him. This not only happens on a Sunday morning, but every time one of you shares your Christian gifts and talents to make someone's day better today than yesterday, and to help them for tomorrow.

As I reflect upon this last year, I am reminded of our milestones in those people who have been confirmed and received into the Episcopal Tradition and have become members of our parish family. I am excited for our newly baptized and saddened by the losses of those who have gone before us. I am also saddened by those whom we have lost to other places, either by choice or the need to move on due to life changes or a desire to find something that speaks to them in other ways. This is the life of the church; a place for solace, spiritual growth, finding God, being baptized, becoming a member of the church family, making a choice to be confirmed or received into a specific Christian tradition, getting married and yes being buried. It is also a place of transition and challenge for a person's faith and understanding of one's own spirituality.

The hardest thing for a "church" to be; is to appeal to "everyone" all the time. We are a church with a specific style and liturgy that not all people understand, find easy to be a part of, and may feel does not always speak to them spiritually. Like many of the traditional denominational churches,  
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we struggle to find the best ways to tell our story in such a way that it is attractive to those seeking a true and meaningful place to worship. We find it difficult to attract and keep young families, and because we do not have resources for large youth programs and are not the type of church that offers a recreational outlet for services that are more entertainment driven, we will struggle to be a place that fulfills the needs to be sensational in ways that we are not.

This said, we have much work to do to chart the course for our future. We need to be willing to ask some tough questions, like what will our parish look like in the next three to five years. What are we willing to do to be a church that reaches out to those who need a spiritual place that will draw people who will see the beauty of who we are as an Episcopal Church and lead it into the future? Are there things we can do that make it feel more comfortable and appealing to worship in our beautiful space without changing who we are? There are no easy answers, because the answers lie in making changes that could mean doing things differently than we are currently doing them.

Churches who are successful in answering these kind of questions have learned how to make changes in such a way that still appeal to those who want the traditions they know and love, as well as to offer new traditions and spiritual settings that grow different meaningful ways to worship and feel God's presence. I do not see our parish making drastic changes in how we conduct the services we are currently experiencing; but what about considering adding something different, done in a different way. ...different enough that it speaks with a different style that can appeal to others who find meaning in more different iterations for how "church" can be experienced?

I believe we must be a parish that is willing to take some risks and to experiment, although deliberately and in a well planned out fashion, to see if we are a church that can speak a language that does not strip away who we are as an "Episcopal" church. I envision offering an additional service on either a Saturday or Sunday evening that is different enough from our other Sunday services that can appeal to others looking for an Episcopal spirituality that can speak to them.

Work from our strategic planning team along with information from our recent parish survey will perhaps help us identify what we as a parish, can do to present and share our tradition in ways that can draw the interest of those seeking something different and without chasing away anyone who enjoys are current beautiful worship as it is. I ask your prayers for our future and what it holds, to ask God for the courage to seek

out some tough answers and to meet Christ in people in different ways.

Through 2017 we have been investigating ways to promote a new capital campaign to continue plans to renovate the narthex and remove the dangerous stairs and put in a long anticipated elevator/lift to allow for easier and safer access to our church. We continue to pursue contractors who would be willing to take on the work. The next step of the plan will be to meet with contractors who will give us acceptable bids to do that work. Once we have some options we will be in a better place to unveil a more concrete plan to the parish and to finally make this needed improvement happen. I ask your prayers for this progress and the perseverance to move ahead with our needed improvement.

Included in this renovation consideration will be the need to consider the replacement of our current electronic organ in the nave. Vaughn has worked to secure bids for what it will take to replace the instrument. Our current instrument is a first generation electronic organ that has served our parish for longer than fifteen years. It has been repaired and parts have been replaced but it is quickly and more frequently deteriorating. Whether we consider a replacement as part of the capital campaign, or a separate campaign, we will need to consider options for getting a new or newer instrument. Please pray for this. Our liturgy and worship is dependent upon the ability to provide good and acceptable music.

As we experience growing pains, we must remember the mission and values of who we are. Always present with a fervent faith, ...it is our ability to share God with those who choose to visit and become a part of our parish family. I continue to say family, because that is who we are in God's sight. As his children, we live, move and have our being in all that God wants for us as a church family.

In all these things we are blessed, ...blessed to be a place where anyone can come and share in our worship experiences, ...blessed because we are an inviting congregation of people that care about how God can be experienced in our traditions of good liturgy, good fellowship and through a welcoming and inviting attitude.

Dear people of Resurrection let us look to our future. Let us embrace the challenge to make the vital changes necessary to welcome the unchurched and to reach those seeking to find a tradition of faith and spirituality that meets people where they are and where they can be.

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I am forever thankful for the opportunity to serve you and this wonderful church; to learn, grow and share what gifts I have to offer for the building of the kingdom of Christ with you as guides and participants on the journey.

May we rejoice in our 2017 accomplishments and experiences and yearn for what this next New Year will, and can bring to us as a parish family of faith and Christian service.

May God continue to bless you as you so bless those you touch and serve in His name.



# VESTRY NOMINEES

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## **John Biggs**

Married to Joyce, began attending The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection in May of 2012. Was elected to the vestry in January of 2015 and served as Senior Warden in 2017. I am close to a cradle Episcopalian as I began attending All Saints Episcopal Church in 1957 at the age of 8. I served on the vestry of All Saints several times while a member there. While in college I served as a youth representative to the Department of Christian Education for the Diocese of West Missouri.

I have been in the Life Insurance business for 44 years and have spent the last 25 years teaching a cram course for State Insurance Licensing, mostly with our company, Biggs Insurance Services since 2001.

I consider it a privilege to have served on our Vestry for the past 3 years and would appreciate the opportunity to continue to be a member for another three years.

## **Jim Whitaker**

I am interested in the Vestry and have been a member of Resurrection for four years. I serve as an acolyte and am very active in the outreach programs that include the Kansas City Kitchen, Uplift and Community Services League projects. My interest in serving on the Vestry is to learn about and positively contribute to the inner workings of the parish.

## **Arla Witte**

Hello, my name is Arla Witte. My children and I have recently become regular attendees at the 10:30 service. My children – Emma, Nicholas and Alexandra (Alex) - and I have been members of Resurrection since 2010. I am an attorney, but currently work for the US Citizenship and Immigration Services as a Privacy Officer. We have lived in Independence since 1998 and now we have found a permanent home at Church of the Resurrection. Since regularly attending Sunday services, I have found a new sense of community and spiritualism in my life.

I feel a need to serve the Church and one way to accomplish that is to serve on the Vestry. Helping to shape the future of the Church and be a voice for the membership is just one of many ways I can serve the needs of the congregation and contribute to Resurrection's success.



# SENIOR WARDEN REPORT

JOHN BIGGS

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The year of 2017 has certainly been an extremely busy and eventful year at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, Blue Springs, MO. What follows is an overview of Parish life for us during the year.

## VESTRY

The 2017 Annual Meeting on January 22nd saw Buzz Atkinson, Meg Swant and Les Woodward elected to three year terms to the vestry while Janece Buckner and Ken Grieshen were elected to fulfill two year terms. Vestry Members completing their terms this year are Frances Lingrel, John Biggs and Luke Pearce. Returning Vestry Members include Jim Gilligan, Janece Buckner and Ken Grieshen. For 2017 Les Woodward has served as Junior Warden and John Biggs as Senior Warden.

## SPIRITUAL

In 2017 we continued to have a fulfilling spiritual program with regular services at 8:00 am (rite I "said") and 10:30 am (rite II "choral") Eucharist. Lent offered many opportunities for worship with Stations of the Cross and praying of the Rosary. Then Holy Week supplied us with services offered daily. Popular Healing Services were offered during the year as well as Morning Prayer being incorporated into the Eucharist on the last Sunday in months that contain 5 Sundays. Once again we joined with All Saints Lutheran for an outdoor Eucharist and fellowship at Blue Springs Park which was well attended. We had a number of persons confirmed and received during the year. Following the actions of St. Francis of Assisi we had a blessing of the animals, open to all in October. We met several new friends from the neighborhood. A spiritual highlight of the year was when a number of us ventured to the Power & Light District Stage to worship and be inspired by our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry. This was quite a production with rave reviews. We continue to strongly support Daughters of the King with many women from our Parish.

## MUSIC

Vaughn Scarcliff, our long standing music director and organist again provided inspiration from the choir with his organ accompaniment. We also welcomed vocal groups to enhance our spiritual experience on occasion.

## BUSINESS

In 2017 we became members of the Blue Springs Chamber of Commerce, in which Fr. David has become active. The cham-

ber membership is providing opportunities for networking within the community. Fr. David is now active as a Chaplain for the Blue Springs Police Department and that is also creating opportunities to help those in their darkest hours. Last spring we organized our Security Committee for our Parish, which under the capable leadership of Meg Swant, has developed guidelines and procedures which the vestry has adopted, to keep us all safer in our church environment. During the year the vestry determined that our bylaws needed to be reviewed and updated. Mary Liddle and Pat Carle undertook this project and presented the new bylaws to the vestry and they were approved. The new bylaws will be submitted to the congregation at the annual meeting for their approval. 2017 also saw the birth of our Strategic Planning Committee. This group met to enhance our awareness of various parish business structures and opportunities for alternative funding which could be useful for us. Our archiving committee continues to uncover and digitally record our proud history so that it might not be lost. This year brought us into a relationship with the Girl Scouts and we are now allowing two different troops to utilize our facility for their regular activities. As Church of the Resurrection we continue to be active on the Deanery and Diocesan levels to stay abreast and make our desires known within our spiritual community.

## OUTREACH

Outreach may well be our Crown Jewel here at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection. Our Parish continues to support the Necessity Pantry at St. Michaels Episcopal Church and the Back Snack program at Thomas Ultican Elementary School. We also provide help to the Kansas City Community Kitchen and providing Blessing Bags for use of not only our own Parishioners to hand out but also others including the Blue Springs Police Department. This year we have increased our support for the Uplift program by preparing and helping to disperse meals for the homeless. We also continue to provide support for the Community Service League in Blue Springs. We contributed to our mitten tree to provide hats, scarves and gloves to those in need. Hurricane relief was also a program that we contributed generously too this year. Soles for Shoes provided shoes for many in need. Resurrection was blessed with a grant of \$3,500 to help support our Blessing Bag and Back Snack programs. Resurrection joined with our neighbor, First Christian Church in the "Freezing for a Reason" program to provide coats for those in need.

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#### EDUCATION

There were many opportunities for education during the year. We continue to provide a Nursery for the very young children and Church School class for those a little older. All ministries provided training including acolytes, altar guild, ushers and more. We had inquirer's classes and confirmation classes for parishioners. Weekly Bible Study continued along with the "Faith thru Fiction" book club. We provided CPR training and had members attend CERT Training. Bill Stancil also provided Bible study on several Sunday's between the services. We had Evangelism Work Shops at the Parish and from the Diocese in anticipation of our Presiding Bishop's visit to Kansas City. A number of us went to the Sprint Center to worship with and be inspired by the Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry.

#### SOCIAL

Social Activities at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection are served by a foundation of cordial and appetizing coffee hours following most Sunday services. Our Hospitality Committee also hosted and served at receptions for numerous activities for special occasions. Friends of the Pancake continue to lure us and reward us with a scrumptious meal, usually on the first Sunday of each month between the 8:00 and 10:30 services. A new bridge group began meeting once a month this year and will continue into next year. They are planning to increase their meeting times in 2018. Our ever popular Dinner Go Round continues to help us to get to know

each other better either meeting in parishioner's homes or going out to a restaurant to help us to better know each other. 2017 marked the inaugural year for our new Men's Group which meets every other month and attends outside activities once a quarter. In 2017 the men attended a T-Bones baseball game and a Mavericks hockey game. The new Men's Group also provided a special steak dinner to honor our Hospitality Committee for their relentless efforts for the Parish on an ongoing basis. Special dinners were provided at the church in recognition of St. Patrick's Day and for "A Taste of Italy". Revenues go to help support the parish. New this year we had "Movie Nights" and "Game Nights" on Friday evenings with pizza. Each was well received by all. Early winter offered a cookie exchange in anticipation of the holidays. We also had a "guest Sunday" where we were encouraged to invited new folks to share in our worship experience.

I would personally like to thank Fr. David for the opportunity to contribute to the parish as Senior Warden. It has been a pleasure to meet and work with him on a weekly basis. I would also like to give a special THANKS to Bill Carle, Elaine Gilligan and Jim Gilligan for there "above and beyond" assistance and support. Les Woodward also has provided significant assistance in helping me to carry out this ministry.

The Parish looks forward to our new year of 2018 with a great deal of enthusiasm and pride, looking forward to what our Lord has in store for us.

## DID YOU KNOW? . . . 2017

**\$847.71** in cash donated to the Necessity Pantry

**\$4,322.63** of in-kind contributions given by members during 2017

**\$1,318.38** sent to *Episcopal Relief & Development* for Hurricane Relief

**\$530** in cash donated to the Rector's Discretionary Fund



# JUNIOR WARDEN REPORT

LES WOODWARD

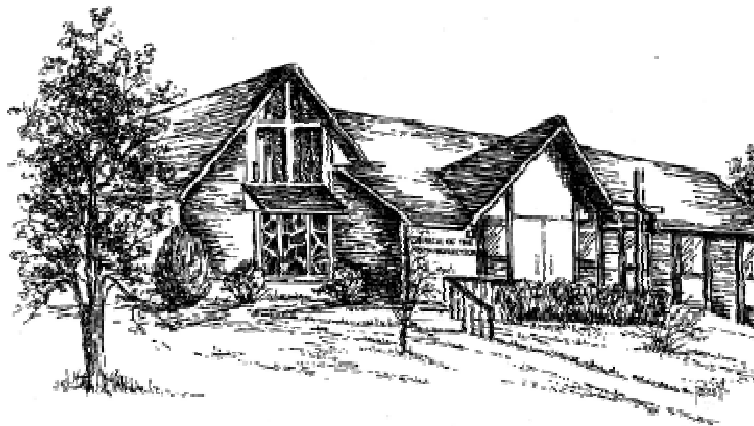
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2017, much work was done to keep our building and grounds looking good and in top operating condition. Given the resources available, I believe that our little church is one of the nicest looking in the community. It takes many hands and hearts to take care of the Lord's house, and without individuals willing to invest their time and skills to keep the costs down, this would not be possible. Many have donated their time and talents during the year, but I would like to especially thank Gabe Conn, Rich Conn, Bill Carle, Stu Scott, Ray Lingrel, Frances Lingrel and Father David Lynch. There may be other names that should be included so to all who helped—thank you. The major items which were accomplished in 2017 are the replacement of the piscina and drain lines; replacement of exit and emergency lights throughout the building; light switch dimmers for the sanctuary and altar area; installation of a second stove in the kitchen; and replacement of a furnace fan motor. A number of other minor items were also accomplished during the year.

Future projects we hope to accomplish are as follows:

1. Burying the drainage pipe from the downspouts on the west side of the building to carry rain water away from the building.
2. Installation of new plants along the west side of the church to bring this side up to the same level of appearance as the front.
3. Replacement the water-damaged cabinetry in the undercroft, including new countertops.
4. Upgraded lighting for the corner monument sign.
5. Additional signage at the corner monument sign.
6. Clean-up of the handrail and cross at the front entrance and paint.
7. On-going clean-up and general maintenance of the building and grounds.

There is always something to be done and skilled hands are always welcome. If you want to help, please contact the Junior Warden. Thank You.



# COLUMBARIUM/ MEMORIAL GARDEN

The Columbarium Board oversees the Columbarium and Memorial Garden business and reports to the Vestry.. The Board consists of five members of the Church. The Senior Warden serves as Chair of the Board while the Rector serves on the Board and appoints the remaining three members (each to serve a three-year term). Board members include Fr. David Lynch, Sr Warden John Biggs, Frances Lingrel (term expires January 2018), Mary Liddle (term expires January 2019) and Elaine Gilligan (term expires January 2020.)

The purchase of a Right to Inurnment in the columbarium is priced at \$1,500. All funds received from the sale of Rights to Inurnment are separately accounted for and maintained in a restricted account for Columbarium purposes. Sixteen of the forty niches have been reserved as of the end of 2017. Parishioners interested in the purchase of a Right to Inurnment should speak with a Board Member.

There only activity in the Columbarium Fund during 2017 was donation of \$200. The balance in the fund at the end of 2017 was \$13,428.43.

In December 2016, the Vestry authorized the Columbarium Board to establish an outdoor Memorial Garden, set appropriate guidelines for the operation of the garden and to purchase a suitable plaque to list the names of those whose cremated remains are interred in the garden. The Memorial Garden was dedicated on November 5, 2017.

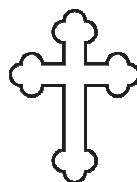
## MEMORIAL GARDEN DEDICATION

On Sunday, November 5, 2017 we dedicated our new Memorial Garden located outside the doors of the nave by the Columbarium. The Memorial plaque was purchased using Church Memorial Funds. Interment including service and nameplate is priced at \$350.

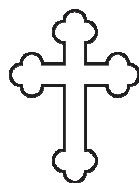


***“In him there is no  
darkness  
at all”***

1 John 1:5



**Samantha Annette Morris**  
May 11, 1983 - Oct 22, 2017  
(Age 34)



**Gerald Lee Spray**  
Dec 21, 1956 - Nov 24, 2017  
(Age 60)

# ALTAR GUILD

## GABE CONN

The Resurrection Altar Guild continues to be a blessed, devoted, and active committee. We have a wonderful group of 14 people. They are Janeece, Judi, Diane, Kitty, Beth, Bev, Jody, Maxine, Jan, Joan, Brenda, Janet, and myself. I can't forget the unofficial member, Rich. This seems like a lot of people but we are always happy to give information to others who would be interested in this ministry. You can never have too many members.

Our mission is to assure that the altar is prepared for all church services and assist with any extra celebrations during the year. To have everything ready and set up, allowing Fr. David to conduct a meaningful mass with as little stress as possible.

We have a budget through the vestry and most of it is spent on altar bread, candles, wine, incense. As our church grows so does the use of these items. We occasionally need some new small linens to replace those that need to be replaced from wear.

Our goal this year is to hopefully replace one or two of the altar linens as they have seen many services. At our Altar Guild luncheon we discussed a possible fund raiser. We will be doing an information "show and tell" in January for everyone.



# WORSHIP

## FRANCES LINGREL

We continued to have strong attendance at Sunday services and special services such as Holy Week, 2 Christmas services. We also took part in the Lenten services with the other churches in the group. This was well attended.

Our Choir, Eucharistic Ministers, acolytes, lectors, greeters and altar guild continue to enrich our service. We have had training for the many people who touch our service each Sunday. We have had several new people and young people join in our worship service. Anyone who is interested in any of these ministries can contact the following people to get more information: Eucharistic or Lector Ministries – Fr. Lynch; Acolytes – Ray Lingrel; Greeters – Chuck Sprofera; Altar Guild – Gabe Conn; Choir – Vaughn Scarcliff.

Altar flowers are provided each week by parishioners – see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. These flowers not only brighten our altar during the service, but the Daughters of the King also share these flowers to help brighten people outside the church's day – if you know of anyone who might benefit from this, please get with any of the DOK that Sunday and please let them know.

The Worship committee meets as the seasons of the church change and as needed and coordinate many special services. Thank you to the many hands that touch our weekly worship! I will be leaving the vestry after this year, but it has been an honor and a privilege to work with a wonderful group of caring people.

# MUSIC

VAUGHN SCARCLIFF

The church choir at Resurrection Church remains steadfast as ever in their ministry to lead the congregation in the singing of hymns and sung liturgy. Through the year they have offered various styles of musical selections from major classical works by Johann Sebastian Bach, George Frederick Handel, Felix Mendelssohn and John Rutter, just to name a few. Also during this past year there have been choir members who have offered solos and duets sung by Miss Crista Pinkston, Miss Rosie Smith, Miss Allison Maple, Mr. Jackson Ritche, and Mr. Jim Jandt.

In addition to our choir providing musical offerings at our services, I would like to give special acknowledgement to Mr. Phil Clark for being with us and adding such a richness to our music at Easter Vigil and other events when he is able to be with us.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our choir. These folk give of their time and dedication to lead us in our worship. We are always looking to add singers, so if you would like to come and be part of our small, but fearless group, please do so, I believe you will enjoy being with us. I look forward to this New Year with anticipation and much excitement.



# SAFETY

MEG SWANT

The Safety/Security/Emergency Planning Team was organized May 20, 2017 with the charge to develop comprehensive protocols for responding to a variety of emergency situations at Episcopal Church of the Resurrection. The team was comprised of John Biggs, Bill Carle, Rich Conn, Gabe Conn, Meg Swant, and Les Woodward. Serving as consultants to the group were Fr. David, Darron Blankenship, Emil Spears, and Mike Wallace. Initial efforts focused on providing security for our children during Church services by securing the lower level east door and providing communication tools (walkie-talkies) for the Nursery and Children's Chapel staff to contact ushers for assistance as needed. Updated Usher guidelines were distributed to current ushers during brief trainings held several times in November to expand their duties to insure a safe environment for all during service times. Additionally, responding to citations from the Annual Fire Inspection on June 1, all exit signs throughout the building were updated to insure their functionality; all smoke detectors were replaced, and exit maps were prepared and placed in all rooms directing parishioners to the closest and safest egress should evacuation be required. After previewing a number of safety flip-charts from various organizations, the team developed a set of quick-look protocols and created E.C.O.R.'s Emergency Plan Flip Chart. These charts have been posted in the office, the kitchen, choir loft, and sacristy. A sign directing parishioners to the main door during service times has been posted on the East Lower Level door which will be locked at the start of services. A doorbell was installed to announce individuals who need access at other times. Door hardware has been replaced with lever-style handles to expedite egress. 2018 will focus on revising the comprehensive emergency plan to be appropriate for ECOR's purposes. The team will be chaired by Rich Conn.

# FIRST SUNDAY BREAKFAST

DAVID SWANT

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Friends of the Pancake is a men's group that serves under the auspices of the Hospitality Committee. We prepare breakfast for church members on the first Sunday of most months between the 8:00 am and 10:30 am services, as well as Shrove Tuesday evening. A typical breakfast would include bacon, sausage, eggs and pancakes, as well as milk and juice and a big dose of friendship. In 2017 our group was represented by Buzz Atkinson, Rob Brooks, Steve Campbell, Bill Carle, Rich Conn, Steve Flaigle, Randy Goyer, Ken Griechen, Drew Hampton, Herman Meisel, Luke Pearce, Charlie Reese, Cosmo

Sprofera, Dave Swant, Mike Wallace and Jim Whitaker.

A free will offering is collected at each of these events and is used, not only to cover the cost of the food for the meals, but also to provide coffee, paper goods and kitchen items that are used by the parish on a regular basis. We have every reason to believe that 2018 will allow us to continue this significant ministry to our parish. Any gentleman interested in becoming part of our ministry should contact Dave Swant.

# PASTORAL CARE

JANEECE BUCKNER

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Our purpose is to be there in times of sickness and in joy, in sorrow or celebration, in crisis or transition; to pray; to listen, to share. Starting January 2018 we will be meeting quarterly. Father David leads up our ministry. We have been active in assisting with pastoral needs under Father David's direction through calls, cards, visits and prayers. The team has completed a review of "The Wounded Healer" by Henri Nouwen. The discussion is led by Father David.

The ECOR prayer chain is managed by Debbie Carle. Members of the congregation may request prayers for themselves or others by clicking on the link ([ECORPrayers@att.net](mailto:ECORPrayers@att.net)) in the

weekly newsletter. Other ways to request prayers is to call our church at (228-4220) or call any committee member listed below. The prayer request is then sent to those who have volunteered to pray for others.

Committee Members: Janeece Buckner, Father David Lynch, Debbie Carle, Ina Lewis, Kitty Hampton, Joan Short and Roy Hatfield.

All members of the congregation who are interested in sharing our purpose are welcome to join us.

# BEST CHOICE LABELS

MEG SWANT

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A hospitality outreach project of saving Best Choice Labels has enabled us to send \$120 (2016) and \$60 (2017) to the Necessity Pantry. We are, in essence, eating to feed others. For 2018, we are already almost one quarter of the way to our first \$30. We need an additional 768 Best Choice UPC Labels to complete this first \$30. Imagine what we could do

if every month we had multiple hundreds of these labels to redeem. The next time you shop at Price Chopper, try some of the Best Choice products and cut and drop in the container in the narthex at church.

*(PS: Always Save labels don't count)*



The Parish Life Committee (formally the Growth and Planning Committee) coordinates and schedules the congregation's social and spiritual activities as well as the use of the church building and grounds. Led by Fr. David, Bill Carle, and Elaine Gilligan, this committee meets with the leadership of our various parish ministries to set the church calendar and to improve communication and support of our programs. Some of the events held during 2017 include several baptisms, the July 16 service in Blue Springs Park with All Saints Lutheran Church, family movie and game nights, the October 14 Blessing of the Animals Service, Dinner Go Round gatherings as well as our traditional St Patrick's and Columbus Day dinners. The Committee worked with the Christian Education leadership to schedule guest speakers and other parish Christian Education events. Visitors to Resurrection were recognized and celebrated. Local visitors were welcomed with home-delivery of a small gift and gift bags for all young visiting children were prepared. The parish directory was updated in March 2017 through the work of Elaine Gilligan and Ron McIntire. Members of the committee helped to publicize events through the use of yard banners and online communications. Members of the committee also worked to schedule and support use of the church by outside groups including three Girl Scout troops, soccer teams, craft gatherings and the Bishop's Wife's Luncheon during the Annual Diocesan Convention in November.

## HOSPITALITY

### DIANE GERLACH

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The members of the Hospitality Committee during 2017 were: Diane Gerlach, chairperson, Terri Smith and Janet Woodward, co-chairpersons. The following were invaluable members of the committee: Joyce Biggs, Sherri Brooks, Janeece Buckner, Linda Campbell, Dixie Flaigle, Diane Griechen, Jodi Kavanaugh, Carolyn Laster, Elaine Marshall, Vicki McGill, Judy Ramirez, Judy Spears, Linda Spray, Brenda Sprofera and Meg Swant.

As usual, the Hospitality Committee had a very busy year. Some of the highlights are listed below.

- Organized a potluck lunch after the annual meeting in January
- Hosted a reception after the Bishop's visit in February
- Prepared and served dinner for the Ecumenical Lenten event in March
- Collected Best Choice labels and sent \$120 to the food pantry at St. Michaels
- Organized the Agape Dinner with soup prepared by Rich Conn
- Set up and clean up for the wine and cheese reception following the Easter Vigil

- Glorified coffee hour on Easter Sunday
- Coordinated coffee hours after both Sunday services and recruited volunteer hosts.
- Provided cake and punch for Baptisms
- Luncheon receptions following funeral services for Samantha Morris and Gerry Spray
- Hosted continental breakfast and Christmas cookie exchange.

As you can see, this committee is always busy but we have a lot of fun too. If you would like to join in the fun, we would love to have you. See anyone of us to talk about it. My personal thanks to all the members and especially Terri Smith and Janet Woodward who are always so willing to take over when I am out of town. I am also grateful to the congregation for their continued support.



# DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

JAN PAHLAS

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It has been a good year for the daughters. We have held our monthly meetings and had good attendance. In the Spring several daughters attended the retreat in Springfield. We then held the annual luncheon for the ladies of Resurrection the end of July. We had good attendance for this and an excellent speaker. In the Fall the daughters retreat was held at Resurrection. Again we had excellent attendance and a wonderful speaker. In November we had 3 ladies of the church join our group. We are now up to 15 members strong. The Daughters of the King members are Frances Lingrel, Janice Pahlas, Dixie Flaigle, Diane Gerlach, Jodie Kavanaugh, Carolyn Laster, Debbie Lynch, Elaine Marshall, Sue Montgomery, Judy Ramirez, Joan Short, Brenda Sprofera, Vickie McGill, Sherrie Parrish and Joan Spease. In December we contributed to the Back-Snack program by putting together a stocking for each of the kids with candy and hot chocolate plus gloves and a stocking cap for a little extra for the kids during the holidays.

If any lady of the church would be interesting in joining us for God's prayers and service, just ask any of us.



## OUTREACH

ANNIE SCOTT

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The Outreach Committee has produced a separate, comprehensive report in booklet form. Please visit the Church Website to read the report. The names of parishioners who have helped make this ministry a huge success are listed under each category in the booklet.

Do you have ideas for other ways to help those in need? Please let us know. Our committee meets the first Sunday of each month at 9:15 in the Outreach room at the bottom of the stairs.

Feel welcome to join us!

# STEWARDSHIP

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Results of the Church of the Resurrection's annual Stewardship Campaign:

**Total Pledges for 2018: \$147,566**

**Number of Pledges: 49**

**Average Pledge: \$3,012**

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<b>Number of Pledges that Increased</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Number of Pledges that remained the same</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Number of Pledges that decreased</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Number of New Pledges</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Number of dropped Pledges</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Net change in Pledges</b>	<b>(5)</b>

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2018			
Range	Number	Amount	Average
\$1 - \$999	7	\$3,820	\$546
\$1,000 - \$1,999	16	\$21,130	\$1,321
\$2,000 - \$2,999	5	\$12,496	\$2,499
\$3,000 - \$3,999	4	\$14,100	\$3,525
\$4,000 - \$4,999	6	\$26,680	\$4,447
\$5,000 - \$5,999	6	\$31,820	\$5,303
\$6,000 - \$6,999	1	\$6,500	\$6,500
\$7,000 - \$7,999	2	\$14,220	\$7,110
\$8,000 - \$8,999	2	\$16,800	\$8,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>\$147,566</b>	<b>\$3,012</b>

2017		
Number	Amount	Average
10	\$5,120	\$512
17	\$24,030	\$1,414
6	\$14,016	\$2,336
4	\$14,050	\$3,513
6	\$26,500	\$4,417
6	\$31,420	\$5,237
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3	\$22,020	\$7,340
2	\$16,680	\$8,340
<b>54</b>	<b>\$153,836</b>	<b>\$2,849</b>

# FINANCIAL REPORT & BUDGET

	2017 Budget	2017 Actual	Proposed 2018 Budget
Plate	\$ 12,500	\$ 11,732	\$ 12,500
Pledge - current year	150,736	155,472	147,566
Pledge - prepayment	(5,135)	24,420	(24,420)
Prior Year Pledge Payments	500	260	-
Diocesan Operating Grants	-	(1,350)	-
Other Income	25	91	25
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 158,626</b>	<b>\$ 190,625</b>	<b>\$ 135,671</b>
Rector's Stipend & Housing	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
Rector's Insurance (Employee + Spouse)	17,560	17,560	18,796
Rector's Pension	10,800	10,800	10,800
Rector's Expense Reimbursement	2,000	1,500	500
Supply Clergy - stipend & mileage	1,080	357	1,080
Diocesan Convention	350	315	350
General Office/Supplies/Postage/Copies	1,400	1,285	1,400
Bldg Repair and Maintenance	7,500	7,077	9,125
Grounds and Parking Lot	5,000	5,720	5,000
Utilities (electric, gas, water, trash, phone)	8,485	7,400	7,925
Christian Education	1,880	2,326	1,980
Diocese of West Missouri	14,000	14,621	10,000
Hospitality and Pastoral Care	400	73	300
Insurance	5,900	5,588	5,675
Altar and Liturgical Supplies	1,300	1,408	1,300
Nursery Care	1,200	880	1,000
Musicians	6,000	7,275	7,500
Music Director/Substitute Organist	13,455	13,678	13,800
Music	450	644	700
Finance and Stewardship	1,941	1,838	1,969
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 160,701</b>	<b>\$ 160,345</b>	<b>\$ 159,200</b>
<b>Net Cash Flow</b>	<b>\$ (2,075)</b>	<b>\$ 30,280</b>	<b>\$ (23,529)</b>

Diocesan Assessment for 2018 is **\$23,190**