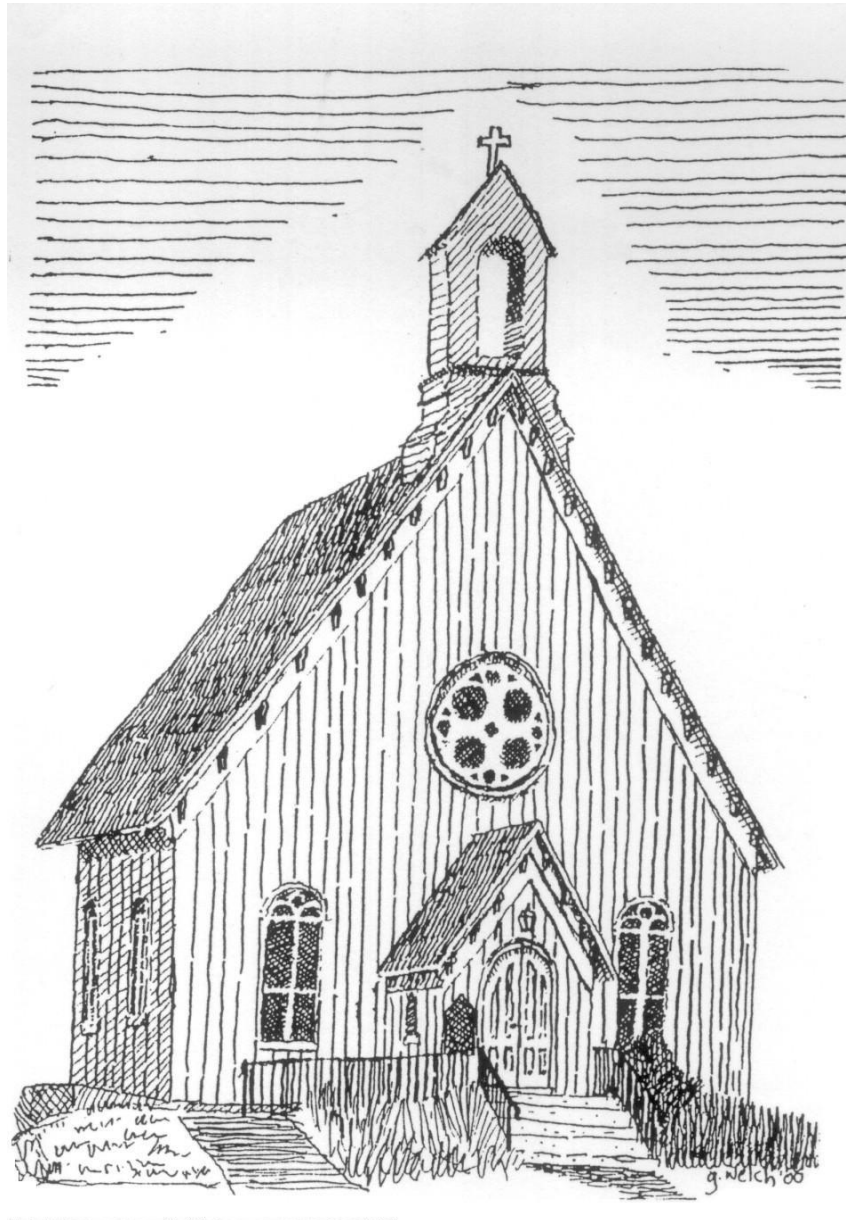


SAINT MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2016 ANNUAL REPORT



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ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

January 29, 2017

“Celebrating the year 2016 as we begin our 150th year!”

(Note: *indicates an item requiring a vote.)

- 1. Appoint Clerk – Quorum of at least 25 over 16 years required.**
- 2. Call to Order – Opening Prayer for the Celebration of Holy Eucharist at 10 am Service.**
- 3. Reconvene – in the undercroft at 11:15 am.**
- 4. Approve 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes**
- 5. Approve Agenda**
- 6. Treasurer’s year end report 2016 (colored pages)**
- 7. Thanks to our Diocesan Delegation, to our Sr. Warden, Vestry, Clerk and Treasurer who served out terms of office through 2016.**
- 8. Nominations and process –**
 - a. See Ballots on Sunday Bulletin – review names – floor nominations**
 - b. Tellers:**
 - c. Ballot Instructions – Declare Ballots open for vote**
 - d. Declare Ballot closed**
- 9. a. Sunday Drivers Trophy Presentation –**
 - b. 7th Annual Outreach Award of ‘The Bugbee’**
 - c. Tower of Faith Award**
- 10. Parish Operating Mission Budget Presentation – see colored pages**
- 11. Thanks to the Continuing Vestry Members, Wardens, Staff and Volunteers**
- 12. Election Results**
- 13. Parish Program Reports – see pages:**
- 14. *Old Business – Motion to Amend Constitution**
- 15. *New Business – Motion to Replace Constitution with By-laws**
- 16. * Motion to Adjourn**

**Annual Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2016**

1. Clerk appointed and quorum recognized
2. Call to order at 10am worship
3. Reconvene 11:30 in the undercroft, opening prayer
4. Approve the 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes (J. McKim/J. Kroehler); accepted.
5. Approve the 2015 Annual Meeting Agenda (J. Kroehler/S. Sennett); accepted
6. Approve the 2015 Treasurer's Year End report. The Rector will highlight some things on the report.
 - Total Contributed Support - Line 32 –Amazing when a voluntary organization can say it reached 98.72% of its projected income!
 - Account 4080 - CCC - Line 30 – we had hoped for \$18,500, received \$23,037! The 2016 budget sets this value to \$20,000 so as not to be dependent on CCC revenue. The CCC has volunteers from all over the community, not just St. Matthew's parish.
 - Total Expense - Line 146 – Only spent 94.65% of budget so came out ahead.
 - Balance Sheet Account/Line 3110 – 27 – St. Matthew's Capital Reserve – has a balance of \$42,265.
 - Jane Exner recognized and thanked Kelly Kennerson noting she does 98% of the Treasurer's work.
 - Review of Outreach financial report, noting yard sale and donation income. Outreach helps someone every week.(J. McKim/J. Kroehler); accepted.
7. Thanks to Diocesan Delegation
8. Nominations and Process
 - Warden – Angela Battey
 - Treasurer – Lauren Tennett
 - Clerk – Morgan Pierce
 - Vestry members – Nancy Clark and Leo Steffens
 - Youth delegate - Katherine McKim
 - Delegates – Sarah Ambrogi, Karyn Battey, Nancy Nichols, Shea Sennett, Sharon Benard, Deborah McCarter Spaulding, Linnae Peterson
 - Delegates (alternates) Barbara Carbonneau
 - Nominations closed and Motion to cast one vote for uncontested positions; (B. Ambrogi/ J. McKim) accepted.
 - Folks cast votes for delegates.
 - Steve & Rosemarie Fry – the vote counters
9. Sunday Drivers Trophy – every year in June St. Matt's has a 9-hole golf tournament. Chip Sennett and Steve Fry organized. Team Exner won 2015. Father Bill+ requested that 2016 tournament please be held in very early June.
 - Joan Alayne Stevens, on behalf of Outreach, presented Roger Fortier, outgoing Outreach treasurer a "retirement" fund.
 - The Bugbee – outreach oriented – Presented by Joan Alayne Stevens to Bill and Jane Exner for all they have done over the years.
 - Tower of Faith – Presented to Joan Alayne Stevens and Angie Battey by Father Bill+. Joan received a St. Matthew's Church figurine that was her parents originally and she had returned to the church after their passing. Angie received a St. Matthew's tile.
 - Flowers were given by Father Bill+ to:
 - Kelly Kennerson for all her work running St. Matthew's office
 - Alice Kelchner as recognition for her assistance with office tasks
 - Darlene Poole for her wonderful work as organist
10. Parish Operating Budget for 2016 presentation. By canon the Vestry sets the budget and we hope the parish supports it. Pledge goal slightly lower than last year. Capped CCC contribution. It takes about \$16,000 per month for St. Matthew's to do what it does. There is a healthy youth budget for

2016. Addition of expense account 8401 – Line 42 – 150th Celebration for \$1000. Ben Ambrogi noted that typically St. Matthew's has to dip into account 7843 (line 107) operating reserve but did not have to this year. J. McKim raised question about looking into use of grants to pay for things. Father Bill+ relayed that a \$3,000 grant was used to start volunteers at Crispin's House. Update on pledges – approximately \$10,000 short but estimates show that there may be \$2,000 from another source and \$2,000 from additional misc donors so may have approximately \$4,000 that won't come in.

Motion to affirm the budget (B. Ambrogi/S.Sennett); affirmed.

11. Thanks given to continuing vestry members: Randy Cheyne, David Betz, John Reed, Rick Simons, Joan Alayne Stevens. Thanks to St. Matthew's Office Administrator, Kelly Kennerson. Father Bill+ noted that Caroline Harlow will be joining as Assistant Treasurer. Jane Exner is training both her and Lauren.
12. Joke of the Year – Presented by Jack Kroehler. Jack noted special thanks for the fact he has been line item 12 of the St. Matthew's annual meeting for the past consecutive 16 years.
13. Election results – Sarah Ambrogi, Karyn Battey, Nancy Nichols, Shea Sennett are delegates and Sharon Benard, Deborah McCarter Spaulding, Linnae Peterson, and Barbara Carbonneau, are alternates. NOTE: actual delivery of results took place between Junior Choir and Outreach reports below but listed her as part of bulleted items.
14. Father Bill+ noted page 6, and the listing of Official Acts of the Clergy at St. Matthew's Church. There were no confirmations in 2015 due to the Bishop coming in December of 2014 and February of 2016.
15. Parish program reports – please take time to read the all of the St. Matthew's ministry reports. Additional points noted below.

Sr. Warden report, Joan Alayne Stevens: This year, the Long Range Plan report is not included in the annual report but Joan provided an update. The plan was started in the summer of 2012 and was broken into short term, midterm and long term (2020) goals. We are presently in the midterem section. The best improvement area has been in buildings and grounds in the efforts accomplished to improve energy efficiency.

Jr. Warden report, Angela Battey: Thanks to Bill+ and Joan for the training. Amazed by all that the St. Matthew's community accomplishes.

Office of St. Matthew's report, Kelly Kennerson: Thanks to Alice and the SHINE group (who are not just folks from St. Matthew's) for all the assistance with folding bulletins and such.

Music Ministry, Josh Desroschers: Glad to be on board and getting to know the organ.

Junior Choir/Orchestra, Jane Exner: Thanks to parents for their support of the Junior Choir and participants in the Orchestra.

Outreach, Leo Steffens –Money is given out locally, nationally and internationally. Charities are vetted through Charity Navigator. Amy Poisson reported on CCC – The CCC will have been open 7 years this spring and has over 70 volunteers and is open 9 hours a week. The donations of clothes to groups and organizations are far reaching. She read a thank you from a child in Haiti that received clothes from the CCC.

LifeLong Spiritual Formation, Joan Alayne Stevens – Book group met this past week and reading "Crazy Christians" by our presiding Bishop. Next meeting in May.

Sunday School, Melanie Sherwood: Thank you to Jenn and parents. Always accepting additional teachers. Deb Haines complimented Melanie, Jenn and others by relaying how wonderful it is to see the looks on the children's faces when they come up to the church from Sunday school. Her grandson loves it!

Youth Group, Shea Sennett: Youth Group keeps going strong. More cabins are needed for the retreat this year as more attendance. This is the third year for the retreat. Diocese going to start a youth retreat and is going to also be doing it at the Barbara Harris Center.

SHINE, Barbara Carbonneau: Lost some, gained some – have some folks in their 90's! Looking for more programs.

Prayer Chain, Deb Haines: Going strong, folks can send in thanksgiving prayer requests as well. For any prayer request names do not have to be provided, just submit the request.

Peace Meals, Father Bill+: Learn skills for personal peace making.

Fellowship, Angela Battey: Leo Steffens took Christmas goodie baskets to Goffstown Fire and Police on Christmas as a thank you. Leo thanked the many volunteer bakers that assisted with the baskets.

Building and Grounds, Angela Battey: Huge thank you to the many volunteers that assist with our large amount of buildings and grounds. It's great St. Matthews is putting aside money in the capital reserve for things like church repainting and window re-leading. Jean LeDuc said to his wife before he passed that if she won the lottery to please fix the windows at St. Matthew's. We are having challenges with our alarm system – keeps going off- addressing this is in the works. Last year's old business was better access to the undercroft. Research showed that this is not a viable option unfortunately without hugely changing the building. It will remain on the agenda but no plans to move forward with it at this point.

Stewardship, Randy: Thank you to all the volunteers that allow St. Matthew's to do what it does. While we are always happy to have financial contributions, donations of time and talent drives the St. Matthew's community. Regarding health insurance costs on the budget; this has been underfunded in years past due to the ability of the Exners to cover this, but we may need to cover eventually so an additional \$10,000 was added to the budget.

Rector's Discretionary Fund, Father Bill+ : No additional comments, people are very generous.

Pastoral Care, Leo Steffens: This is the flip side of outreach. It is the internal care of parish members. Mention of the AWE (average weekly encounters) report. It is a count of all folks that the St. Matthew's community touches outside of just mass attendance; things like CCC and Food Network visitors and volunteers, SHINE, outreach, yard sale attendees, etc. There are 400 -500 folks that have interactions with some aspect of the St. Matthews community on a weekly basis. James McKim noted that the AWE is a new thing the Bishop has asked parishes to track to learn how the church truly impacts its community.

16. Old Business – None.

17. New Business – Joan Alayne Stevens, Sr. Warden, presented a Constitutional Amendment. The Constitution has not been looked at since 2001. The amended amendment cannot be voted on at today's annual meeting, simply presented today to be voted on at the 2016 annual meeting. Discussion held until next year.

18. Motion to adjourn. 1:20pm (B. Ambrogi/J. McKim); accepted.

SERVICES AND SACRAMENTS AT ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

1.	<u>CELEBRATIONS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST</u>	2015	2016
	Sundays	88	95
	Weekdays	16	9
	Private	27	32
2.	<u>DAILY OFFICES</u>		
	Sundays	3	2
	Weekdays	20	17
3.	<u>CONFIRMATIONS</u>	0	6
4.	<u>RECEPTIONS</u>	1	8
5.	<u>BAPTISMS</u>	9	9
6.	<u>MARRIAGES</u>	5	1
7.	<u>BURIALS</u>	6	6

<u>CONGREGATIONS:</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>2016</u>
8. Households	83	577		*	*
9. Total Members		1,352		*	*

*We are presently reporting more members and households than we have on our mailing list. This suggests that our membership numbers need to be adjusted before we report them to the Episcopal Church in the annual Parochial Report.

10.	<u>ATTENDANCE AT ALL SERVICES</u>	1985	2015	2016
	Total Attendance**	4,883	7,703	8,203
	Average Attendance 8:00AM	20	16	20
	Average Attendance at 10AM Service	64	94	99
	Average Sunday Attendance	84	110	105
	Average Summer Attendance	34	61	59

**Total Attendance includes attendance at all church services in which St. Matthew's participated.

11.	<u>TOTAL COMMUNIONS</u>	4,131	6,448	5,853
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2016 Interim Rector's Report

A roadmap for a congregation in transition

St. Matthew's church is distinguished by your many varied and vibrant ministries. As a newcomer, I am both impressed and inspired by all I see going on, both within and outside of your walls. I am also very grateful for your ability to carry on with these programs independently. (And I'm particularly grateful to your Wardens, Joan Alayne Stevens and Angie Battey, for skillful and dedicated leadership with all your ministries.) Rather than comment on each program, I've decided to leave that part of this Annual Report to the individual ministry leaders. For my part, I want to be your tour guide as you travel to the next phase in the life of your parish. I hope to show you a sort of roadmap of the interim journey—where you started when Father Exner retired last summer, and the road forward. And somewhere on the map there will be some big red stars, labeled “You are here.”

Scholars who study churches have identified five developmental tasks of the interim period:

- Come to terms with your congregation's history,
- Deal with shifts in leadership roles,
- Renew relationships with the Diocese and the Episcopal Church,
- Discover your special identity, and finally,
- Commit to a new Rector.

These tasks themselves are a sort of roadmap. The first three will get you to the fourth, and when you have done all four, you'll arrive at the last task—embracing a new Rector. So let's take a look at those first three tasks:

Coming to terms with history: It's a happy coincidence that you're preparing to celebrate your 150th Anniversary this year! The research your anniversary team is doing, and the information-gathering being done by the Rector search team will provide you with lots of useful information about St. Matthew's history. But there's also a *spiritual* history-taking that involves all of you—both individually and corporately. That spirit-led process requires prayer and reflection about how your years with Father Exner changed and strengthened your parish; how has the character of St. Matthew's been shaped in those years? That's where we should place the “You are here” star. And here's a picture of the road ahead: What parts of that character and which of those strengths will you keep and build on, and what parts do you need to let go of? Make these questions part of your prayer life, and talk to one another about what you are discovering as God guides you in this task.

Dealing with shifts in leadership roles: Usually this means expanding the lay leadership of the parish by opening the way for folks who have not previously held decision-making positions. Bill Exner started this process shortly before he retired by finding new leaders to take over several programs. such as Bob McKahan to lead the acolytes, Sharon Benard with the Community Clothing Center, and Josh Desrochers as Music Minister. It's great to see that three candidates are eager to join the Vestry: Eric Battey, Chris Haines, and Sue Chretien. Please support them and pray for them as they grow into new roles, and also pray for those who have volunteered to be delegates to Convention: Karyn Battey, Sharon Benard, Debbie Haines, Tony Howd, Nancy Nichols, Linnae Peterson, Amy Poisson, and Shea Sennett.

But shifts in leadership roles can also mean expanding the responsibilities and skills of existing leaders. A red “You are here” star goes here, to mark the initiatives your Vestry has taken in updating your by-laws, and helped by the stewardship team, revising your policies for managing and investing your funds. These projects, Vestry priorities for the last six months, are new territory for all involved.

Renewing relationships with the Diocese and The Episcopal Church: Although several of you serve on important Diocesan councils and committees, many others are relatively unaware of the role of our Bishop, and the importance of the Bishop and his staff to the day-to-day workings of this parish. Recent Diocesan assistance with by-laws, with the Rector search process, and with financial management guidance have demonstrated these connections to more of you. I hope those of you who have had recent contact with the Diocesan office will tell others what you have learned from that experience. But The Episcopal Church is more than just our Diocese. We're part of a nationwide, and in fact, a worldwide Communion. In this time of change it's helpful to rediscover what it means to be an Episcopal Church. Here's where the "you are here" star belongs right now. One of the ways I've been trying to help with this task has been to introduce traditional Anglican customs into our worship, such as the recent Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, and to try out some worship practices that are being followed in other Episcopal churches in New Hampshire. I'm also enjoying sharing the theological and liturgical distinctiveness of the Anglican tradition in the course, "Putting English on It." This does not mean that strict adherence to custom is the only or even the best way to do things. But tradition can often be an anchor of stability in times of change. In addition, when we depart from tradition, our worship will be more intentional and more enlightening if we recognize what we're departing from.

Your work on these three developmental tasks will contribute to the new identity you are gradually discovering. Once you know your new distinctive character, you'll make the best possible choice in a new Rector—one you will welcome as a partner in your new life together.

May God bless you on your journey in the year ahead!
Celeste+

Sr. Warden's Report

Dear fellow parishioners,

What a whirlwind year of transition 2016 has been for St. Matthew's. We said farewell faithful servant to Reverend William Exner and his bride, Jane, in mid-June and welcomed our interim rector, Celeste Hemingson, to guide us for 12-18 months or so. And that she has, is and will do for us with gusto. What a wonderful fit she is with this parish. I will repeat what I said last year, that the best tribute we can give Bill is to remain the active faith community that we are during this time of transition and beyond. Through it all this has been another year filled with blessings. Our pews have been pretty darned full and we have attracted quite a few new parishioners including young families.

One only needs to look at a few highlights from this past year to realize how active and successful this little parish has been:

- + More new parishioners and the faithful who return to join in Sunday worship.
- + Tuesday evening Insight Meditation classes continue.
- + Music, music everywhere and a choir that is filling the choir stalls to capacity not to mention their beautiful sounds that fill our sanctuary.
- + The Community Clothing Center thriving as each shift caters to its followers.
- + Homilies or activities on monthly Family Sundays that draw children in.
- + Sunday School children returning to join their families and the congregation for Holy Communion.
- + Permanent Endowment ministry planning for St. Matthew's future.
- + Energy efficient lighting continuing to be placed in our buildings.
- + The Grove property behind the church with the granite bench for outdoor meditation.
- + Thanking Kristie Curtis for her service and welcoming a new Youth Group leader, Kellie Denoncourt.

+ The commissioning of the Search Team that will result in the calling of a new rector.

Stay tuned for what is to come in 2017 including the celebration of St. Matthew's 150th year in mid-September 2017, a focus on social justice to help this community and beyond help those who need it most and a Pastoral Care team will form to keep in touch with our own when they need us.

When all is said and done we find ourselves truly blessed with the best interim rector we could have hoped and prayed for. We are grateful, too, for our wonderful office administrator, sexton, music director, youth leader, vestry, volunteers and parishioners who make St. Matthew's such an amazing spiritual home in which to pray, play and stay.

In faith,
Joan Alayne Stevens
Senior Warden

Jr. Warden Report

Last January, Father Exner's goal for the Vestry was to equip us with the knowledge and support necessary to keep St. Matthew's going strong. I do believe that with God at our side we have been, and will continue to be, successful at that goal.

I think of this past year in two parts, the first six months being the process of saying our farewells to Father Exner, learning as much as we could from him in the process. How fortunate I feel to have had the opportunity to walk with him through each building as he explained where things were and told the history of the church as he knew it. Joan Alayne and I had six months to absorb as much as we could. His love and passion for, in his words, "God's Outpost" is immeasurable. He has truly left his mark on St. Matthew's. I feel very blessed to have been able to serve with him.

The last six months have been about the process of preparing for our future. The Bishop knew exactly what he was doing when he recommended that Reverend Hemingson become our Interim Rector. She is steadfast and calm in a time when most of us feel a little uncertain about what the future will bring for St. Matthew's. With her support, we are readying ourselves. Her unwavering faith in us has shown to me that St. Matthew's is so much more than the Rector at the helm. We are a group of people who support one another, and the greater community. With Christ as our example, this community accomplishes great things: we offer assistance to those in need, we take care of those who are sick, we visit those who can't come to us, we support our elderly and engage our youth. One recent Sunday, I was speaking with a parishioner that had not been to church for some time, she talked about how she had missed the church and the people here. She felt like she had come home. Looking towards the future of St. Matthew's, it is clear to me that this community that we have built is most certainly prepared.

Over the last six months I have realized that this change is good. Sometimes we just need a little jolt to get things moving in a forward direction. The Vestry has had the opportunity to look at the sometimes simple and small details, such as bylaws, procedures, and balance sheets with fresh eyes. We are working to clarify some things and simplify others, all while protecting St. Matthew's for future generations.

This transitional time has brought a few challenges but it also has refreshed my faith in both God and the people of St. Matthew's. We have an incredible and capable group of faithful people on the search for our new Rector. It seems every week we are welcoming a new parishioner. Our community is stronger every day and our future is bright.

While there are many people to thank for the help and support received over the past year, I particularly want to share my gratitude for Joan Alayne Stevens as her time on Vestry, and as our Sr. Warden, comes to an end. She has been a steadfast and constant force for many years at St. Matthew's. She is a true leader; gracious, and faithful. I admire her greatly and all that she has done for the betterment of "God's Outpost."

Father Exner's final charge to the Vestry in June, under new business was to "Continue in faith and firm resolve." We will do just that.

Faithfully submitted,
Angie Battey, Jr. Warden

Rector Search Team

The search team was chosen by the Vestry and commissioned at the end of July.

The team members are:

Karyn Battey
David Betz - vestry liaison
Bonnie Calhoun - co-chair
Barbara Carbonneau - chaplain
Michael Domingue - co-chair
Bob Jones
Roger Macon
Laeny McKahan - secretary
Kathy McKim - youth representative
Abby Poisson - youth representative
Shea Sennett

We had our first meeting with Canon Hannah Anderson in the middle of August where she described the search process. This consists of three phases:

- 1) Creation of a Parish Profile
- 2) Initial Interviewing and Candidate Visits
- 3) Final Interview Process

We have held numerous meetings with the Parish to collect input on what parishioners feel are the is important about St. Matthew's Church and its ministries. We have also conducted a Parish-wide survey. This information will be used in the creation of a Parish Profile that will be posted to Diocesan and National web sites where potential candidates can review it to learn about our Parish. We are currently in the process of creating the Parish Profile.

The entire process of finding a new Rector is expected to take between one and half and two years. We will be providing updates to the Parish at regular intervals throughout the process.

We have also written a prayer to guide our journey toward finding a new Rector:

Loving God, giver of all good gifts, guide us throughout our time of transition. Open our hearts and minds as we search for our new rector. Empower each one of us to use our unique gifts in ministry, to share our thoughts openly and honestly, to respect the opinions of others, and to encourage humility, patience and joy. Keep watch over the one you have chosen for us while

you instill in us a vision of the Church's family; that, guided by your Holy Spirit, we will be united in love and joyfully accomplish this mission through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Please keep us in your prayers.

David Betz, Vestry Liaison to the Search Team

Office Report

Office hours during the program year are Tuesday mornings 9:30-12:30, Wed 9:30am-1:30 and Thursday 9:30am-12:30. Summer hours were Tu/Th mornings. The office produces weekly bulletins, special bulletins for weddings and funerals, weekly parish notes, prepares for monthly vestry meetings and Annual Meeting. The parish notes are emailed out. Please make sure the office has your current email address as well as phone and mailing information. If you would like to be included in the weekly Prayers of the People please send in your birthday and/or anniversary information.

The regular volunteers are invaluable as they fold over 100 bulletins weekly. The bigger volunteer force gets called in when it is time to mail the annual letters for Easter, Stewardship (pledge and time & talent offerings), and Christmas as well as quarterly Matthean's. A special thanks to Alice Kelchner for coordinating the volunteer group.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Kennerson

Acolyte Report

Faithful service at the Lord's Table is an essential part of Episcopal worship and liturgy. St. Matthew's acolytes, all 23 of them, fulfilled their roles while learning about teamwork and commitment in 2016. From our weekly Sunday celebrations to weddings and burial rites on weekdays, plus special week night liturgies during Holy Week, our acolytes were ready and prepared to assist the clergy and help lead the congregation. I am grateful to our adults and young people who serve in this capacity. We had a wonderful Acolyte training and we have created our very own St. Matthew's Acolyte manual for old and new members.

Thank you to parents who are supportive of their children and helpful in making sure they make it to worship and offer themselves in service.

Bob McKahan

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Visitors, Lay Worship leaders and Ushers

Three Eucharistic Visitors—Deb McCarter, Deb Haines, and Barbara Carbonneau—bring Communion from the altar on Sunday Morning to those in our community who are unable to join us in Church. Between the four of us, everyone is receiving the Sacrament once a month. Barbara Carbonneau and Pauline Wood are continuing a regular prayer service at Bel Air Nursing Home.

The office of Morning Prayer is a wonderful opportunity for folks to hear some of the most beautiful passages in the Bible. I'm glad that we can offer this during on Sundays when I'm away, and glad we

have Lay Leaders who know how to lead the office. If you would like to learn more about leading Morning (or Evening) Prayer, please ask me.

I deeply appreciate the assistance of our 14 Licensed Eucharistic Ministers who administer the chalice on Sunday mornings. The vestry recently approved a license for one new Eucharistic Minister, and others are welcome to assist at the altar in this ministry.

One of the features that makes Episcopal worship special is the sound of many voices reading lessons and leading the prayers of the people. I'm delighted to see that more of you have come forward to join in this ministry. More Lectors are always appreciated, especially for the 8:00 service. I would love to have young persons join this ministry on Family Sundays and at other Sundays as well. Please let me know if you would like to know more about it.

St. Matthew's is one of those churches that has frequent visitors, so friendly, helpful ushers are very important. Many of you who are familiar with all the functions in the church have been quick to step in when ushers are needed. This is another area where we could use more ushers on our schedule for the 8:00 service.

Celeste+

2016 Altar Guild Annual Report

Under the direction of Reverend Hemingson, the Altar Guild prepares and maintains the Altar for Sunday worship services and other special occasions, such as weddings and memorial services. In addition to preparing the Altar by setting out the altar hangings, linens, and other articles that are part of an Episcopal Mass, the Guild cleans the linens used, ensures that flowers are in place for most services, and maintains the supplies used throughout the year. St. Matthew's is blessed with a wonderful Altar Guild; I am so grateful for their work on our behalf. While we were sad to see the departure of longtime and much loved Guild member Jane Exner, we are very pleased to welcome Sally Booth to our roster. Other members of the Altar Guild are Roger and Brenda Fortier, Julie Greiner, Kelly Kennerson, Dianne Macon, John Yost, Margie Battey, Christina Dickey and Joan Alayne Stevens.

We also conduct two special cleanup days each year. On these days the church undergoes a thorough cleaning in preparation for Advent and for Holy Week. Many thanks go to the parishioners who have pitched in on those days, helping to keep St. Matthews looking great.

The Altar Guild is a peaceful, rewarding, "behind the scenes" ministry. We are always looking for new members. If you are interested in joining us, please feel free to contact either myself or the Parish Office to find out more.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Greiner

Music Ministry

In this year of transition for St. Matthew's we continue to hope that the music ministry enhances your worship and brings you closer to the Holy during our times together.

The Senior Choir continues to meet for rehearsals on Wednesdays and sings at 10am worship most Sundays during the program year. The Choir Advisory Board and particularly Paul Peterson have been

invaluable helping to plan anthem selections throughout the year. Paul also organized a summer choir this past July to welcome Rev. Celeste. The choir participated in the annual Community Thanksgiving Service, caroled at Bel-Air Nursing Home and helped Rev. Celeste with this Advent's Festival of Lessons and Carols, which we hope becomes an annual tradition!

Our Family Sunday Folk Group has remained active on second Sundays. Special thanks to Bill Gannon, James McKim, Kathy McKim and Allison Buckless for helping with this ministry! Additional musicians are always welcome!

Debbie Haines has stepped up to help with the Junior Choir this year. They rehearse Sundays during Coffee Hour and sing during Family Sundays (second Sundays of the month). They are making excellent use of our gift of chimes.

Our annual instrumental group has been led by Jane Exner for many years and it was fitting to assemble that group on the Exners' final day with us last June. What a glorious and joyful bit of music we made that day!

Our Johnson Tracker Pipe Organ had a tuning ahead of Easter 2016 and we discovered a missing pipe in the Oboe stop. We were able to use budgeted funds to replace the pipe and have been enjoying it since.

My work with all of you is incredibly meaningful to me personally -- thank you so much for all the support.

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua Desrochers
Minister of Music

Outreach Committee

It's hard to believe that another year has gone by so quickly! On behalf of everyone we would like to thank the committee for having the faith in Amy and myself to lead this most important ministry. We owe a debt of gratitude to Susan Osburn for her wonderful leadership these past years. The good news is that local requests for our help have significantly decreased. We are all hopeful that the economy has improved enough and this will continue. Unfortunately need never goes away. With the decrease in local requests we are able to contribute to so many other struggles that are going on in the world. We have given help to Haiti as well as Syria who are dealing with humanitarian disasters. With your help we will continue to provide our little piece of offering some hope and joy to all our neighbors near and far. Thank you all for being part of this whether you flipped burgers, made fried dough, baked brownies, or sold that old kitchen table. Without you we would never have been able to bring comfort and peace to so many. Life is good! God Bless!

Roger Fortier & Amy Poisson

Community Clothing Center

James McKim, chairperson for the Commission on Human Dignity and Creation Care, and I spoke recently about the common threads that bind us together as people being much like the threads of different textures and fibers that weave together to make up the wondrous fabrics comprising the articles of clothing we have at the Community Clothing Center. Think of the various single, probably quite

fragile, strands coming together, standing strong when working and bonding with other strands to become a beautiful tapestry – an interesting way to look at our clothing center at work.

One strand is our volunteers. We have 50+ dedicated, caring, compassionate men and women who volunteer to make sure our shop is open to the public, our racks full of clean clothing, our donations sorted, and our customers' needs met. We not only make sales but we minister to them – listening to their stories, helping them find special items, sometimes watching their children, offering kindness and love when life isn't particularly kind to them. Sometimes our smiles are the only ones these people will see in their day. It goes without saying that the clothing center could not operate without the dedication of these individuals who take time out of their busy schedules to make outreach a priority, and I am enormously grateful for all they contribute. I am equally thankful to Amy Poisson, who managed the CCC for 7 years before transitioning to co-chairperson of the Outreach Committee. Stepping into her shoes was no easy task and I am still learning every day, but it was made a lot easier with the firm foundation Amy had in place.

Another strand is a very generous community spirit. Our garage door opens and shuts with people dropping off donations on a regular basis. One recent retiree donated 50 hats she had knit this fall. When I met to thank her, I gave her a tour, explained our mission, and was pleased when shortly after she called, asking to become a regular volunteer. We are doubly blessed with Georgette. Emily crochets blankets in her spare time, donating 5-10 blankets at a time. Her only request is that they not be sold, rather given to needy individuals. OSRAM-Sylvania's Community Engagement Committee collected winter coats to augment our supply, and the Lions Club was generous with a monetary donation.

One strand is how our merchandise is processed. Although a large portion of our stock goes on racks to be sold, some is sorted for other purposes. New Horizons Shelter, Hope for NH Recovery, Our Place – Catholic Charities, Habitat for Humanity, St. Joseph's Closet, 1269 Cafe, and the Manchester Mental Health Center are some of the places we regularly donate to. Our winter coats have made it as far as to the Dakota pipeline. The Goffstown Police Department Chaplain has a working relationship with one of our volunteers to get family assistance for the needy. Another volunteer helps CASA children. Our largest contribution this past year was to the Winter Coat Drive in Manchester, where 700 coats were given away to the needy in November. Unfortunately the event was supposed to run from 11-3 PM but closed early because they had run out of coats. I have been brainstorming with an organizer to increase our goal of coats to 1000 so the event can run for a full 4 hours and everyone who wants a coat can get one.

So, these individual threads – the volunteers, the donations coming in and going out - all woven together serve to make us a very strong outreach program with vast potential. I believe we have a strong leadership team that can together map out and implement exciting new ideas for the clothing center. Those same threads can serve us in a larger scope – Goffstown, the greater Manchester area, the Diocesan state level, nationally and internationally. I believe combining those “threads into fabric” we can work together with other agencies to give more people the benefit of our donations. For example, one path to explore is to connect with other diocesan-associated thrift shops in the state, networking, sharing ideas and perhaps inventory if the need arises, and even documenting the journey for all to experience the common threads that bind us together. Stay tuned to hear more about the exciting common threads!

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Benard

Adult Lifelong Spiritual Formation

In my sojourn with St. Matthew's, I have learned a lot about the Wisdom literature in the Bible at the weekly Bible Chat led by Paul and Linnae Peterson. I'm looking forward to getting to the Book of Job before the year is over! Linnae and I have started a question and answer gathering during coffee hour on the first Sunday of the month. So far we've addressed timely doctrinal topics, such as Episcopal Saints and the significance of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please join us at our table for additional "Table Talk."

And here is the whole of 2016, reported by Linnae Peterson:

Sometimes you don't realize all that has happened till you have a moment to reflect on the year. In 2016 we

- 1) Continued our daily meditations on Facebook. Everyone is invited to write one. We would love to hear your reflections on where God is meeting you.
- 2) We gathered during Lent to reflect on our journey in Christ
- 3) The book group discussed Crazy Christians by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Our Only World by Wendle Barry (led by Tim King), Sabbath in the Suburbs by MaryAnn Mckibben Dana Flunking Sainthood: A Year of Breaking the Sabbath, Forgetting to Pray, and Still Loving My Neighbor by Jana Riess. We continue to look for the best time to meet for everyone who would like to participate.
- 4) The book table continues to grow with new books for both children and adults. Feel free to borrow anything that looks interesting.
- 5) The library was cleaned and reorganized this Fall. (Thank you Angie Battey for all your help!)
- 6) The Bible Chat continues for it's 20th year
- 7) This year we offered two new opportunities for member of St. Matthew's to take home activities for Spiritual Formation. The first was the "Lent in a bag" with meditations for each day of Holy Week. The second was "Advent in a box" with a number of activity options for all ages.

Plans are underway our Spring programs all of which will focus on some aspect of prayer including the Lenten program, the next book group and a "take-home box" full of ways to pray.

Deb Haines
Chris Calhoun
Linnae Peterson
Sally Booth
Deb McCarter
The Rev. Celeste Hemingson

Sunday School

2016 was an eventful year for the St. Matthew's Sunday School Program! Our program consisted of 4 different classes: Pre-K (ages 3-kindergarten), Primary (grades 1-2), Intermediate (grades 3-5), and Young Teens (grades 6-9). We had a great group of committed teachers and greeters each week who ensured the success of our program and made it possible. We utilized the Whole People of God curriculum, which follows the lectionary cycle, so that our children are exposed to the same teachings that are presented in the weekly mass readings. On average, our student numbers for attendance hovered around 15-20 in total. When numbers were lower, we combined the primary and intermediate groups. Over the course of the year, the students participated in a variety of arts and crafts, games, movement activities, skits, visualization activities, songs, and written exercises, all aimed at creating a closer relationship with Christ. A highlight of our year included the creation of two memory books with photos and writings to celebrate the retirement of Father Exner, which were presented to him at his celebration in June 2016.

We would LOVE the opportunity to add more teachers to our teaching team, and can easily accommodate new members mid-year/mid-curriculum. If you would like to support and help educate

the children of our church and encourage them in their faith journeys, please contact myself (mksherwood@comcast.net) or Jenn (jennifertetreault@comcast.net).

Jenn Gilliland

Youth Group

Our Youth Group started 2016 off with a bang, discussing things in our lives that we could do to bring us more peace in the New Year. It was our own take on New Year's Resolutions, and a lot of our ideas focused on time management and community involvement. We continued with monthly meetings and thank the many parents who were able to join us for the group, most especially Lynn Reed who was always willing to stay as 2nd adult when needed. Once again, the Super Bowl subs fundraiser was a big Youth Group team effort, and helped to fund our May retreat for two nights at the Barbara Harris Center. We were able as a Youth Group to spend some time talking through our feelings regarding Fr. Exner's retirement, and even made time during one of our meetings for him to answer questions about what happens next, and the process of how the Episcopal Church moves forward following a retirement. Just like the adults in our parish, our Youth Group kids (and facilitator!) felt a mix of emotions with this momentous change, as many of our kids grew up with Fr. Bill as their only rector, spiritual leader, and friend. It was wonderful for our group to be able to have a place to process these feelings together in Youth Group. Our retreat was fabulous in May, and we send a heartfelt thank you to the parents who chaperoned our trip this year, as well as providing snacks and other goodies. We had so much fun "getting away from it all" for the weekend. In June we planned for Youth Sunday, where participants in Youth Group take responsibilities for Mass. We also bid Fr. Bill a fond farewell at his retirement party in June, presenting him with a stone bench on the grounds of St. Matthew's as a thank you for his service and unwavering support of the youth in both our parish and throughout our community. We also presented him with a video we made during our retreat with our own special goodbyes as a keepsake for him. Once the program year was over, I needed to resign as the Youth Group Leader as I had so many growing responsibilities with my 3 young children. When I started with Youth Group I was pregnant with my 2nd, Abby -- what a change a couple more babies make! I was fortunate to work with the Vestry and Celeste to find a wonderful and energetic replacement, Kellie, to take the reins for the upcoming year. Serving St. Matthew's as the Youth Group Leader for the past five years was an immensely fulfilling and wonderful experience -- I genuinely looked forward to each meeting because, well, have you met our youth?! They are all inspiring, amazing individuals who will better the world in their own ways on their future journeys.

Kristie Curtis, Youth Group Leader

September was a transitional meeting where Kristie was leaving and Kellie was jumping on board. We said farewell to Kristie and brainstormed ideas for what we wanted to do for the 2016-2017 year. October we planned on apple picking however it was POURING rain so we made apple crisp together and hot chocolate and did some pumpkin decorating in the Undercroft. On Halloween night Celeste & Joan Alayne handed out candy from the steps with some youth. In November we met and put together the Advent Wreath for the sanctuary. We also made some Advent Calendar treats to bring home and had Bunny Huddleston speak to us about the Heifer Project. That was a lot of fun and I was so pleased with how many showed up on a Saturday morning. December we met at the Battey's for the annual cookie making/Yankee swap/pizza eating extravaganza and then went to church to perform a live Nativity. Shea also talked to the youth a little bit about what they might want to see in a new rector for St. Matt's. It is an honor to be here with these kids. They are really awesome and you should all be very proud.

Kellie Denoncourt

SHINE Report

The Senior Health Inventory Network Endeavour, commonly called “SHINE”, met each Wednesday morning this past year with the exception of July and August. On average, a group of eight to ten seniors in their eighties and nineties, gathered in the parish house of ninety minutes to socialize, exercise their brains and bodies plus enjoy and assortment of nutritious and tasty food. They also have the opportunity to visit with Sue Jepson, our parish nurse with any health concerns and to have their blood pressure checked. SHINE is an appropriate name for this group of seniors who share the wisdom of the past and present through their personal stories and experiences.

Throughout the year a wide variety of programs were presented by Goffstown area residents and business owners that include: Librarian Sandy Whipple, Apotheca Flower Shoppe, “Girls at Work”, Goffstown Historical Society member Dan Reidy, Barbara Mace, local historian, Pianist/Entertainer Paul Bordeleau, and last but not least, Sue Jepson, who provided speakers on a variety of health issues. Many of our SHINE members fold the Sunday bulletins each Wednesday if time allows, a job which is greatly appreciated by Kelly Kennerson, best parish administrator ever, she is a treasure.

My thanks go to those who helped with food and program assistance during the past year, in particular, Deb Haines, Joan Alayne Stevens, Sue Jepson, Donna DiBello, plus the ongoing support I received from Father Exner, and more recently, the Reverend Celeste Hemingson, our interim rector.

My involvement with SHINE continues to be a highlight of my week and I look forward to another year of friendship and fun with this shining group of seniors.

Barbara Carbonneau, SHINE Coordinator

St. Matthew’s Prayer Chain

Blessings go to Prayer chain for continuing their ministry of ongoing Prayer Chain/Intercessory Prayer Ministry at St. Matthew’s Church. Though always a prayerful community, new technology and emphasis on prayer, plus an increasing number of requests for the prayers of the church from people inside and outside our walls have confirmed the need and appreciation of this ministry. Here is how it works - the requests come to Deb Haines and she sends it out many times with a specific prayer to go with it. But we don’t have to know who or what the need is - God Knows, it is just offering up prayers for the well-being of those we pray for. Many weeks there are several faithful souls offering prayers to meet the needs of those who contact us with their concerns, hopes, celebrations and deep needs. This is the Lord’s work and we are blessed to have many willing to share in it.

Deb Haines

Fellowship

Fellowship is a wonderful Ministry at St. Matthew’s Church! We strive to provide opportunities for members and potential members to meet and socialize and feel welcome and included as a means to enhance spiritual growth. It is our goal that everyone at St Matt’s feels confident in their relationships with other Mattheans and open to spiritual growth and loving service of God.

2016 was a year full of fellowship opportunities at St. Matthew's Church. Our weekly coffee hour gatherings after the 10 am service are wonderful and supported by a great group of dedicated and generous volunteers (Thank you!). The monthly Warden's breakfasts (every 3rd Sunday of month) are well attended and a great time of fellowship. Everyone is welcome and invited to these ongoing delicious events where great relationships are built!

During 2016 we were blessed for the time and talented contributions from many in support of events that included: January - Pot luck lunch at the Annual Meeting, June - Mass on the Grass with pot luck barbeque and swimming hosted at the Clark's home, and we said Good Bye and Good Luck with retirement to Father William Exner, December - Progressive Dinner and Yankee Swap fun!

In closing we would like to thank all of many our volunteers for our Coffee Hours, Parish Breakfasts, SHINE Group, cooks that opened their homes for the Christmas Progressive Supper, bakers for Special events like cookies and snacks for our local Police Fire Departments and all those who volunteered and/or provided food and most of all shared yourself in loving kindness to others. We are always looking for more fellowship participants and opportunities. Please feel free to contact a Vestry liaison for this ministry - Angie Battey or John Reed

Buildings and Grounds Annual Report

2016 was a busy year for Buildings and Grounds. Even though last winter did not bring us a lot of snow, the cold snap did cause a sprinkler line to burst in the Parish House. It was pretty amazing how quickly things were repaired and we were able to get the Parish House to a point where we could continue our good work for the community, for Network and SHINE, within a few weeks.

After a couple of frustrating winters with the Parish House furnace, it was finally determined that the power vent for the furnace was the issue and it was replaced. Our alarm systems were completed and final inspections done. We are now in compliance with the town's codes and will continue to have both the fire and sprinkler systems inspected on an annual basis. Our Organ also had some repairs done and that is also now on an annual inspection and tuning schedule in order to keep it working properly.

We started, and are continuing, to replace old fluorescent lights with the more energy efficient LED types. Our Bishop lounge got a makeover this past year. Thank you to Nancy Clark for reupholstering the chairs and Nancy Duval for the window treatments.

Our yard cleanup in conjunction with the Stewardship roadside clean-up was a great success. With the help of many coming out to trim, rake, and spread mulch, The Grove took shape, with poison ivy gone and stone pathways put down. Kudos to everyone! I particularly would like to thank the Buckless family for their continued assistance with the grounds and overseeing improvements. Our campus looked spectacular in time for a tent to be erected and a party to be held for Father Exner's retirement.

The Sunday School closet was organized and shelving put in place and the Library was cleaned out. We continue to work on organizing various spaces, rooms and closets, so that the space we have is used to its best purpose. Thanks to Nancy Clark in particular who has spent much time working on the choir closet, sacristy, and Regalia room.

As we look to the coming year, and to preparing our buildings for a new Rector, we are going to need to have discussions about how and when we are going to take care of some of the bigger items that need our attention. We have deferred maintenance for things like exterior painting, care of our stained glass windows, sewer lines, and church insulation needs to name a few. These and others will be discussed and a plan put in place for 2017. We will be seeking your help and input. The goal is to continue preserving and caring for our buildings for the next 150 years.

Many thanks to Randy Cheyne and Rick Simons who were your Vestry liaisons for Buildings and Grounds. Much work was done by them behind the scenes. Their dedication to St. Matthew's is a true blessing.

Faithfully submitted,
Angie Battey, Jr. Warden

Stewardship

The Stewardship Ministry thanks each member of the parish for the opportunity to serve St Matthew's in 2016. The charge to Stewardship at St. Matthew's is to adequately finance resources to enable the parish to reach its goals and mission to serve as stewards of God's green earth.

The Diocese has shared that historically, many churches who lose a rector of long standing often suffer a loss of parishioners as well as a drop in Time, Talent and Treasure pledges. It is with pleasure that the Stewardship committee is able to report that despite the loss of long time and treasured Rector Exner, most membership has remained strong and pledge income is within 10% of the 2016 budget. Our ministries throughout the church have been able to continue with the generous donations of Time and Talent from members. We are evolving from a charismatically led Parish to a cohesive group of worshipers doing God's work together. Pledges for 2017, though, have been slow and less than what we need to meet our budgeted expenses. The coming months may require budget adjustments or additional fund raising to meet the Church's needs.

In closing, each of us deserves a big hug of thanks. Thank you to everyone who attends services with a smile. That includes children, parents, grandparents, tweeners, couples, and individuals who brighten God's home with their presence. Thank you, all volunteers for your Time and Talent – teaching, singing, leading youth and worship, running the Community Clothing Center, maintaining our facilities, reaching out to the community, and visiting with members with physical limitations. Thank you all members who have made or increased their pledges. We are all in our church, in God's hands together performing acts Jesus has commanded us to do.

And now the numbers:

- “Official” St. Matthews membership stands at 1,352 individuals and 8,203 in regular attendance – matching 2016. All God's children are welcome to this parish.
- Pledge commitments for 2017 may be late and lower than hoped but are strengthened by observable continued pledge in the plate or via direct deposit. Pledge commitments at the time of writing are \$144,916 against \$160,000 budgeted. To be updated.
- A fund drive from January to June in honor of Reverend William and Jane Bluhm Exner, grossed \$50,000 in unrestricted funds. We are grateful to all who contributed.
- Our spring and fall Yard Sales again did well producing enough to help us help others locally, nationally and internationally.
- Income from the Community Clothing Center again surpassed its annual goal of \$18,500 at the end of October and provided clothing, housewares and toys to residents in our area. Congratulations and thank you to all our volunteers and customers!
- We paid our Diocesan assessment as we always do.
- We have continued our commitment to environmental stewardship with multiple efforts to recycle (clothing and rags at CCC and yard sale goods as well as church waste) and with two roadside cleanup operations performed by intrepid volunteers on our adopted corridor.
- Outreach and community fellowship have been the basis of our successful Stewardship. Our parish reflects the model adopted for Stewardship by The Episcopal Church.

Faithfully submitted,
Vestry Liaisons to Stewardship
Randy Cheyne and Joan Alayne Stevens

Permanent Endowment/Legacy Society Ministry

The Permanent Endowment/Legacy Society Ministry consists of people who are interested in working on the long term financial future of St. Matthew's, including vestry members, wardens, and other parishioners who have interest and /or expertise in financial matters. The Permanent Endowment refers to funds which are set aside for the long term use of the parish, and from which the operating budget receives income. The Legacy Society refers to those people who have or intend to remember St. Matthew's in their will or trust, and to the effort to educate parishioners about how to do this. This Ministry serves as an advisory committee to the vestry, which is ultimately responsible for all decisions about our investments.

We welcome any interested parishioners to join us at our meetings, which take place approximately quarterly and are noted in the weekly electronic bulletin. In 2016, we focused on supporting the fundraising efforts taking place in honor of Fr. Bill's retirement, and on becoming better educated about how best to build and manage endowment funds. We have also been supporting the Wardens' efforts to better understand the different funds on our balance sheet so that we will be certain about the funds we have to work with moving forward. For 2017, our focus will be on the Legacy Society portion of ministry - we are planning education, outreach, and possibly an event to coincide with the celebration of St. Matthew's 150th year.

Faithfully submitted,
Sarah Ambrogi

Rector's Discretionary Fund Update

The Rector's Discretionary Fund exists to enable the Rector, or the Senior Warden during a transition period, to respond to extra-ordinary needs arising in people's lives and in the greater community. It serves both as an emergency fund and as a prevention resource depending on need.

Funding comes from several sources including an offering on the annual Parish Operating budget line, generous members and community neighbors making occasional donations, and on occasion, a member or two even after they have moved away, who make donations for crisis needs.

Over the years, 2016 included, the Rector's Discretionary has been applied in the following ways- emergency housing needs for several households, direct aid for utilities, heat, car repairs, food, help with prescriptions, appliance repair, and more.

Though the economy is recovering for a great many, a number of elderly or undereducated or disabled neighbors are left behind, living very close to the edge daily. Collaboration between the Discretionary Fund, The Outreach Committee, Goffstown Welfare, and the Goffstown Clergy Association makes help possible at modest levels. The systemic issues of how public policy influences the lives of the needy is a matter taken up by the prophetic witness of people of faith. The Discretionary Fund responds to the Gospel imperative to clothe and feed and care. St. Matthew's is grateful for the generous hearts of all who contribute to this aspect of our ministry.

Joan Alayne Stevens,
Sr. Warden and Almoner

Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Care ministry of St. Matthew's church is there to provide assistance and support for our fellow parishioners whenever they are dealing with any kind of trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or

adversity. This support may be offered by Rev. Hemingson or it may come from one of our many parish volunteers. In all cases, this support is offered with an appropriate level of discretion.

Pastoral care relies on and thanks its numerous volunteers that have helped throughout the year. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the parish office or check off the appropriate section on your Time and Talent form.

We will gratefully accept your help in providing this type of support to our St. Matthew's family:

- Visiting people in the hospital or nursing home
- Providing meals when needed
- Giving somebody a ride to a medical appointment or to church
- Running or assisting with errands
- Knitting comfort shawls
- Praying for those in need
- Participating in the prison softball game

Faithfully, Leo Steffens

PARISH NURSE PROGRAM 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

The Parish Nurse Program remains committed to serving the Goffstown Community and thanks St. Matthew's church for its continued support. Although the number of clients using the PNP has declined, those utilizing its services continue to benefit from them. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Priscilla Hamilton, RN at (603) 663-8004.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Jepsen

Office Visit Report 2016

Month	Office Visits
January	6
February	4
March	5
April	4
May	7
June	1
July	Closed
August	Closed
September	2
October	2
November	3
<u>December</u>	<u>5</u>
Total	39

St. Matthew's Outreach Account

BALANCE	12/31/2015		6,003.33
1/9/2016	695	Local Assistance:Rent	-312.00
1/29/2016		paper statements Fees & Charges:Bank Fee	-2.00
2/29/2016		paper statements Fees & Charges:Bank Fee	-2.00
3/17/2016	696	Local Assistance:Heat	-169.90
3/31/2016		paper statements Fees & Charges:Bank Fee	-2.00
4/29/2016		paper statements Fees & Charges:Bank Fee	-2.00
5/6/2016	697	storage fees for Go...Local Assistance:Other	-194.10
5/31/2016		paper statements Fees & Charges:Bank Fee	-2.00
6/2/2016	698	Local Assistance:Rent	-500.00
6/7/2016	700	Yard Sale Expense	-255.04
6/7/2016	699	Local Assistance	-50.00
6/10/2016		Yard Sale Income	3,886.55
6/17/2016	701	auto repair for pari... Local Assistance:Other	-319.94
6/27/2016	702	International Assistance	-250.00
6/27/2016	705	International Assistance	-250.00
6/27/2016	703	International Assistance	-250.00
6/27/2016	704	National Assistance:US	-250.00
6/30/2016		paper statements Fees & Charges:Bank Fee	-2.00
7/5/2016		Donations	264.00
7/29/2016		paper statements Fees & Charges:Bank Fee	-2.00
8/24/2016	706	Local Assistance:Rent	-425.00
8/30/2016	707	Louisiana Flood Vi... National Assistance:US	-250.00
8/31/2016		paper statements Fees & Charges:Bank Fee	-2.00
9/23/2016	708	Local Assistance:Rent	-150.00
9/30/2016		paper statements Fees & Charges:Bank Fee	-2.00
10/3/2016	709	gas cards Local Assistance:Gasoline	-200.00
10/11/2016	710	trailer for yardsale Yard Sale Expense:Trailer	-160.00
10/11/2016	711	Local Assistance:Utility Bills	-50.00
10/19/2016	712	Local Assistance:Heat	-150.00
10/21/2016	713	food Yard Sale Expense:Food	-26.90
10/21/2016	715	Haiti Fund International Assistance	-200.00
10/21/2016	714	Yard Sale Expense:Food	-240.00
10/24/2016		Yard Sale Income	3,118.54
10/24/2016		Donations	42.95
10/26/2016		Donations	50.00
10/26/2016	716	Local Assistance:Utility Bills	-197.01
10/31/2016		paper statements Fees & Charges:Bank Fee	-2.00
11/2/2016	717	Local Assistance:Utility Bills	-125.82
11/30/2016		paper statements Fees & Charges:Bank Fee	-2.00
12/7/2016	718	Local Assistance:Rent	-460.00
12/7/2016	719	reimbursement for l...Local Assistance:Other	-100.00
12/19/2016		Donations	230.00
12/27/2016		rent reimbursement Donations	200.00
12/27/2016		Donations	100.00

12/27/2016	720	Gifts for local famili... Local Assistance:Other	-200.00
12/27/2016	721	Syrian relief International Assistance	-250.00
12/27/2016	722	Local Assistance:Rent	-200.00
12/27/2016	723	gas cards Local Assistance:Gasoline	-200.00
12/29/2016	724	auto repair Local Assistance:Other	-204.50
12/30/2016		paper statements Fees & Charges:Bank Fee	-2.00

BALANCE 12/31/2016	7,281.16
TOTAL INFLOWS	7,892.04
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	-6,614.21
NET TOTAL	1,277.83

2017 Pledge Breakdown Summary

	Number	Amount
2017 Pledge Goal	100	\$167,000
Pledges in to date	76	\$144,916
Children's pledges	0	\$ 0
Total	76	\$144,916

New Households	1
New Children	0
Increases	25
Decreases	11
Renewal of 2016	39

Pledges breakdown

\$10,000 and above	1
\$5,000-10,000	4
\$3,000-5,000	13
\$1,000-3,000	31
\$500-\$1,000	19
\$1-\$500	8