

# 2019 Annual Report and Meeting Agenda

## **9:55 am - Call to Order and Opening Prayer**

Appoint Clerk for Annual Meeting – Jane Roos

## **Qualifications to Vote at Parish Meetings**

“Persons of eighteen years of age or more, belonging to the parish, who have been baptized and are regular attendants of its worship and contributors of its support for at least twelve months prior to such annual or parish meeting or since the establishment of such parish, shall be qualified voters at such annual or special meeting unless the Chapter of By-Laws shall specify otherwise” Diocesan Canon 17, Section 2( c)

Those who are age sixteen or older are welcome to vote on non-legal related matters, as per parish vote.

**Report of the Nominating Committee:** Patty Feeney, Brian Romeo, Mary Ann Piacelli

## **Positions to be filled:**

One Warden to serve a term of two years, until January 2021

Two Vestry members to serve terms of three years until January 2022

One Delegate to Convention to serve a term of three years, until January 2022

## **Introduction of Candidates:**

Warden: Joel Hall

Vestry (three year term) Deb Klee, Pete Hertzlin

Delegate to Convention (three year term) Melanie Ysaguirre

## **Open floor to nominations**

**Close nominations, polls open until 11:15am**

*Meeting recessed until after the 10:00am worship service*

## **Reconvene the Annual Meeting**

**Polls closed**

## **Business of the Annual Meeting**

Wardens’ Report: Joel & Pat Feeney

Financial Report: Michelle Nelson

New Business

**Appreciation and thanks to the Parish for their support.**

**Adjournment**

## Parish Organization

The Rt Reverend Prince G. Singh Bishop of Rochester

### Parish Staff

Musician: Stephen Armstrong

### Vestry & Officers

Wardens: Pat Feeney & Joel Hall

Clerk: Jane Roos

Treasurer: Michelle Nelson

2019	2020	2021
Deb Klee	Michele Spath	Brian Romeo
Pete Hertzlin	Mary Ann Piacelli	Jim Burch

**Diocesan Delegates:** Melanie Ysaguirre, Sarah Peters, Lina Laing

### From the Parish Register

#### Weddings in 2018

Donald and Kathy Conklin June 24, 2018

*“What God has put together let no man put asunder”*

#### Burials in 2018

William “Bill” Miller October 20, 2018

*“May he rest in peace and light perpetual shine upon him”*

### Parish Statistics

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Average Sunday Attendance	49	45	40
Total Pledges	43	44	40
Total Pledge	\$65,477	\$70,772	\$64,652
Average pledge	\$1,523	\$1,607	\$1,616

### **Wardens Report**

On behalf of the wardens of St George’s, we would like to graciously thank the congregation for their undying support this past year as we continue on our quest to locate our next rector. I believe we all have been tested through this trying time, but we can say sincerely how proud we are of our fellowship for coming together to support one another and our church making 2018 another amazing year. Let’s take a moment to reflect on some of the outstanding contributions our petite congregation was able to accomplish.

- We must start with our ability to continue to host service every Sunday whether we have supply or not. Watching our families come together to uphold our principles and share our love for one another. Making the extra effort each and every week to see to it that our doors are not only open but we are ready to welcome everyone through them into our loving environment. This is no small task and we should never over look those efforts.

- We continue to host a bible study in an effort to share one's thoughts and experiences with the word of the lord. This group exemplifies the foundation of our beliefs.
- Christmas baskets abound for several struggling families right here in our neighborhood. Doug and Kim once again exemplified hearts full of gratitude as they managed our Christmas drive. Through their display of continued charity our church put together boxes of plenty including food, gifts, and treats, but most importantly love.
- We fed the children of our community through another outstanding year of harvest from our garden. Thank you, Deb Klee, for continuing to lead this monumental task. The tomatoes just didn't want to stop coming. We are certain that the food shelf was extremely grateful for your efforts.
- Speaking of children, how about the accomplishments of the children of St George's. Being led by our very own incredible Burch family matriarch, Lori, and her dutiful daughter Heather, our kids made us laugh and cry tears of joy throughout the year as they were enriched with lessons and crafts. But we were never so proud as the day we confirmed seven of them to now be recognized as outstanding adults in our community. This was only made possible because of the loving guidance so graciously given by Lauren Reed.
- We need to mention the outstanding effort put into making our Hilton Apple Festival booth another enormous success. This fund raiser not only helps keep the lights on at St George's but it brought together so many talented caring individuals for a strenuous weekend of cooking 1000's and 1000's of the most delicious apple sausage, again feeding our community, and sharing two of Gods most valuable gifts.... TIME & LOVE.
- We had another great Recycle Day and Holiday Crafts Fair to continue our outreach into the surrounding area. Thank you to all that take part in these events. It takes a lot of time and commitment to pull these events off and please know it does not go unnoticed.

We have not come close to listing all of the tremendous accomplishments of our small fellowship, please know that it warms our hearts to stand back and watch such amazing people touch the lives of so many.

We would like to acknowledge another outstanding group within our congregation. This group has worked very hard spending countless hours answering questions and creating profiles trying to put the best St George's face out there to the diocese. They are our search committee. Without their leadership, tenacity, and down right spunk we are not certain we would have gotten as far as we have with this ominous task of selecting our next rector. We need to continue to support their efforts in every way possible. We are most certain that they will be interviewing our next spiritual leader very soon. Thank you very much for all your efforts!

Your Vestry continues to work very diligently to make your thoughts and feeling known as they work with us to run your church. It is clear they all exude the will to want nothing but the best for our church as they continue to volunteer time and ideas on how to improve and grow our fellowship. Please continue to reach out to them with any new thoughts of how we can raise attendance and attract more families to join us in worship and fellowship.

There are a few special thanks that we would like to extend this year for unwavering commitment to our church and our family. Please help me show this appreciation by taking the time to personally say thank you to Michele Spath, Tammy Maier, Janet Rauscher, George Lake, Michelle Nelson, Marc Spath, Jim Birch. As always they continue to be mentors with their actions guiding St George's on its path to new beginnings. Thank you!

We may be small in stature, but we make up for it with our large hearts full of love and empathy, ready to shed blessings on all who may show a need. We are so proud to say we are a part of the family of St George's.

God Bless!

Patty Feeney and Joel Hall

The **Parish Life Committee** again helped us celebrate through the year. We made sundaes, ate donuts and cider, shared Thanksgiving dinner, exchanged cookies, sang carols at Hilton East celebrated our loan payoff with noisemakers and enjoyed breakfast or cookies while spending time together after worship. Thank you to Stefanie Miller and Dan Weber and all those who helped make it such fun. Patty Feeney

### **Shampoos For “A Meal & More” Christmas Bags**

We again supported A Meal & More, a soup kitchen hosted by Christ Church in downtown Rochester, with shampoo. Thank you to all who donated shampoo. Patty Feeney

### **Electronics Recycling** EScrap for Camp Good Days and Special Times

St George's has been involved in an electronic recycling event for over 10 years. We partner with Sunking of Brockport in their campaign to support Camp Good Days and Special times.

E Scrap 4 Camp is held on a Saturday Sunking chooses. It is usually a very cold day in the spring .

Sunking delivers large boxes and pallets for us to set up. We then advertise in the Hilton Community for people to bring their unwanted electronics to St Georges for us to recycle. We are providing an opportunity for the people in the Hilton Community to be environmentally responsible and dispose of their electronics properly. It is a win win for both the environment and Camp Good Days. This is another way for St George's to be involved and visible in the Hilton community. St George's collected over 12 pallet of electronics in our 2017 recycle event. We have held this event enough times that we are known in the community for offering this service.

Many thank to all who have helped this past year to make this a success. Special thanks to Rich Maier for keeping us warm with his fire pit and wood, and Mark Spath and Jim Burch for their help. Ronald Klee

### **Garden**

The growing season of 2017 was one of new challenges. I had to take on a leadership role not one of my strong points. Despite the new challenges we as a church family successfully grew over 600 pounds of fresh vegetables for the Hilton Community Food Shelf. We provided the people in need in the Hilton community with Kale, lettuce, spinach, yellow beans, green beans, peppers, eggplant, zucchini and lots of tomatoes. I want to thank everyone that helped with all the aspects of this project. Getting the gardens ready and planted in the spring, weeding ,watering, picking, delivering to the food shelf on a weekly basis and cleaning up the garden in the fall. Special thanks to Jane Roos and Mark Spath for their continued support.

This community garden in very visible to everyone that drives by the church. This helps us be visible to the Hilton Community. We are known by the people connected to the food shelf through this garden.

I hope we can continue to support this community effort for the years of growing seasons in the future,

Please consider getting involved in the spring, I promise to be more organized this spring!! Debra Klee

### **Sunday School**

We have 14 regularly attending students and 6 students who attend occasionally, for a total of 20 students, preschool through high school. We have 3 teachers serving our students, Lori Burch, Heather Young, and Charlotte Turner.

**2018 Winter/Spring Semester - February - June 2018** - At the start of the 2017-18 school year we had divided our students into 3 groups - “Littles” (children of preschool age and in Kindergarten), “Middles” (children in grades 1-5), and “Youth” (children in grade 6 and above) and during the winter/spring semester of Sunday School we continued with that organization with “Littles” attending Sunday School every week, “Middles” attending on the first 3 Sundays of the month, and “Youth” attending once a month on the 4th Sunday of the month.

During the 2018 Winter/Spring Semester our curriculum and activities focused on lessons from the New Testament. We primarily used Year 2 of our Weaving God’s Promises curriculum, drawn from the Gospel of John, with the overall theme of “Weaving Together the Family of God.” Our annual Lenten Outreach Project was a “Kindness Rocks” project. The students painted rocks with inspirational messages about spreading kindness and then offered these to our church family to take to keep, or to give to someone they knew, or to leave anonymously somewhere for others find, in order to spread kindness and positive messages.

In the late spring, 7 of our oldest students participated in a series of Confirmation classes and were celebrated by receiving the sacrament of Confirmation in June.

**2018 Fall/Winter Semester - September 2018 - January 2019** - At the start of the 2018-19 school year, we changed our organizational structure again, in order to continue to meet the changing ages and needs of our students and our recently confirmed "Youth" requested to continue to attend Sunday School and to attend more frequently. So this school year we have our "Littles" group (children in preschool through grade 2) who meet every Sunday, and our "Middles and Youth" combined groups (children in grades 3 - high school) who meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

During the 2018 Fall/Winter Semester we focused on lessons from the Old Testament leading up to and including Advent stories in December. We are in Year 3 of our Weaving God's Promises curriculum which has a theme of "Weaving God's Beloved Community." This fall some of our "Youth" made a presentation and conducted a fundraiser to support the Ugandan Water Project that their school was participating in. During Advent our children once again participated in the lighting of the Advent wreath each Sunday and presented scripture and prayer readings as well. Instead of performing our usual Christmas Pageant during the Christmas Eve service this year, our "Middles" and "Youth" presented a poem, prayer, and song, all illustrating the true meaning of Christmas. In January we have studied the meaning of Epiphany, learned about the role of a bishop, and talked about the seasons of the church year. We will be continuing our curriculum with more lessons from the New Testament, following the Gospel of Luke.

This year we have also added a Sunday School page and a Youth Group page to our St. George's Church website. We keep these pages regularly updated with our lessons, activities and photos. <http://www.stgeorgehilton.org>

Lori Burch

### **Youth Group**

We currently have 10-11 youth regularly participating in Youth Group. This group is service-based for kids in grades 6 and higher. We meet monthly on average. We serve our church family of St. George's, our Hilton/Parma community as well as the greater community. This past year at St. George's our youth hosted a pancake supper during Lent, many volunteered during the Apple Fest, hosted a bake sale for the Holiday Craft Show, made soup and delivered it to our shut-in members as well as hosted a fellowship event at Christmas time, making outdoor ornaments. The youth hosted a PB&J factory for the Open Door Mission, making 50 lunches for the Rochester homeless. This past spring the youth held a donation drive where they collected much needed supplies and cash for Maggie's Kids, a summer camp for children in Rochester. In addition, many of our youth share their talents during weekly service whether as an acolyte, reader, usher, or assisting younger kids during Sunday school. A big thank you to all of our youth who have generous hearts!

Lauren Reed

### **Applefest Applefest 2018**

Our biggest fundraiser was a big success. Good weather and large crowds helped to sell out early on Sunday which is always terrific! The totals after expenses are \$12,707.89. Great job everyone for all your hard work to make this happen. Special thanks to Michele Spath for taking over for me at the last minute and to my special group who always stick out the whole weekend and can not do this event without them are Rich Maier, Mark Spath, Deb Klee and Barb Wegman. We have 9 months till we do it all over again!

Tammy Maier

### **Silver Spoons**

Monthly Luncheons continued to be held on the second Tuesday of the month 8 months out of the year. We do not meet in the stormy weather months of January and February or in the summer months of July and August. We share a good meal, lots of laughter and a relaxing time with friends.

Linda Puckett

### **Altar Guild**

We have a new Altar Guild member, Jane Roos. Unfortunately Gail Ophardt and Kara Watkins had to leave due to illness. They served for many years. We are grateful for their commitment and will miss them. That brings us down to 5 members, Stefanie Miller, Jane Roos, Barbara Perry, Darleen Lake and Janet Rauscher. Please know how appreciated you all are. We would like to add another member. Our work is a vital part of our Sunday service, preparing the altar and church. for our service. Please consider joining us Janet Rauscher

### **Christmas Baskets**

St George's helped 5 families this year. Everyone in the parish helped make Christmas for them brighter with gifts and food. We are always blown away by your generosity and help with this endeavor. The Hertzlins and the Hall families helped with deliveries this year. Thank you for all your contributions and another successful year!  
Kim & Doug Mincer

### **Bible Study**

Thanks to George Lake our bible study group continued to meet on Tuesdays throughout the year. Everyone is welcome to join them at 11:00 am.

### **Building & Grounds**

The property committee is pleased to report that 2018 was another good year for St. George's Building and Grounds. Maintenance and repair activities were completed within budget, and included:

- Installation of new flush valve in north bathroom
- Replacement of Scag hydraulic pump belt
- Scag hydraulic system fluid and filter change
- Routine maintenance on Scag (oil changes, grease, fuel filter, and blade sharpening)
- Replacement of flag
- Cleaned Narthex tile grout
- Installed a new analog phone line and disconnected PBX phone system (which had stopped working)

Don Conklin, Dave Nelson, Chris Wegman, and Mark Spath served as our grounds team. This team mowed and trimmed the lawn from April through November, and ensured that the lawn was well-trimmed for special services. We are thankful for their time and dedication in keeping our grounds maintained. A special thank you to Dave Nelson for stepping in for Patty Feeney as she leads our church during our search for a new minister, and to Tim Reed who helped with trimming. We also thank Jim Burch for planting additional new Spruce trees along the west edge of the mowed area. The committee would also like to recognize and thank Chris Wegman for the wonderful surprise and gift of the total removal of the poplar tree stumps and roots on the west side of the church. Chris managed the removal and cleanup of approximately 17 tree stumps and roots that posed a safety concern and started damaging a portion of the parking lot. With the help and support of his friend Sandor Kovacs, owner of Undercut Tree Specialists, Chris made this project a success, generously contributing time, energy, and funding. And, in support of St. George's, Sandor graciously ground the stumps and roots at a discounted rate. We are grateful for the hard work and effort that Chris and Sandor contributed to this tremendous project. We extend heartfelt thanks to our cleaning volunteer, Theodore, and everyone who helped with the maintenance and semi-annual cleaning events. We look forward to your continued support this year. If you are interested in helping with building and grounds projects, please contact Mark Spath (261-4634).

Mark & Michele Spath

### **Holiday Craft Sale**

Our sale was very successful. Our hall was filled with wonderful items to buy. Thank you to Maryann and Art Piacelli and their committee for their hard work.

## Worship Leaders

St. George's is blessed with a team of committed parishioners who joyfully welcome, serve, read, and lead during worship on Sundays, Holy days, and special services. This past year, we welcomed Ryan Reed to our Lay Reader team and Claire Turner to our usher team. Our 2018 worship leaders included:

- **Ushers** – Kim Mincer, Doug Mincer, Jaymee Turner, Claire Turner, Charlotte Turner, Tammy Maier, Rich Maier, Barb Perry, George Lake, and Jim Burch, Janet Rauscher, and Brianna Young (sub/special occasions) – who welcome worshipers, distribute service bulletins, collect offerings, bring the bread, wine, and offerings to the server, lead parishioners during communion, and record attendance/weather conditions.
- **Crucifers/Acolytes** – Rich Maier, Matthew Reed, Matthew Klee, Deb Klee, and Michele Spath – who help the Celebrant throughout the service.
- **Lay Readers** – Ryan Reed, Mollie DelGaizo, Brianna Young, Jacie Hall, Joel Hall, Patty Feeney, Connie Hertzlin, Mary Ann Piacelli, Janet Rauscher, Brian Romeo, Maureen Romeo, Charlotte Turner, Jaymee Turner, Rebecca Wegman, Heather Young, Melanie Ysaguirre, Michele Spath, and Tammy Maier (sub/special occasions) – who read the Old and New Testaments, and lead the Prayers of the People.
- **Chalice Bearers** – Patty Feeney, Tammy Maier, Janet Rauscher, and Michele Spath – who serve the chalice during communion.

We are always looking to expand these teams! If you would like to serve in any of these ministries, please contact Michele Spath. A willingness to serve is the only prerequisite, and training is provided.

## Food Shelf

As part of St. George's community service mission three teams of parishioners volunteer to man the Hilton-Parma Emergency Foodshelf on Thursday evenings. The volunteers include: Linda Puckett, Lina Laing, Jane Roos, Michele Spath, Barb Wegman, Deb Klee, Kim Mincer, Connie Hertzlin and Jaymee Turner. These volunteers deliver the foodstuff donated by the St. George's parishioners. They sort, store and distribute donated food to Hilton School district residents who are in an emergency situation and in need of food. The produce grown in St. George's garden is also delivered and distributed to Foodshelf clients. Through this mission our parish is directly affecting the lives of the Hilton-Parma community. Jane Roos

## St. George's Church Vestry Highlights/Resolutions 2018

Date	Resolution/Action
<b>January 10, 2018</b>	Fall Craft Show reviewed. A few changes were suggested. Mary Ann Piacelli will form a committee to begin developing plans for this year's event.
	Pledge campaign complete with 37 pledges totaling \$63,812.00
	Annual meeting discussed and planned for February 4, 2018 after worship.
	Vestry approved asking Jane Roos to be Vestry Clerk

<b>January 31, 2018</b>	Paul shared with the Vestry his acceptance of a call to be rector of St Matthew's Episcopal Church in Liverpool, NY. The reverend Canon Johnnie was with us February 4 <sup>th</sup> when he announced this news to the parish.
	Annual meeting was rescheduled for February 11, 2018 after worship
<b>February 28, 2018</b>	Discussion of current status financial reports and current events then Paul left us to discuss with The Rev. Canon Johnnie Ross how to move forward without a rector. St George's is strong and will get through this with the help of our parishioners
	Approval of the Parochial Report
<b>March 14, 2018</b>	Discussion about forming a search committee. It is hoped a committee will be in place by May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2018
	Discussed plans for a Farewell Potluck Dinner on March 18, 2018 were finalized. Joel Hall made remarks and presented a gift to Paul. April 1 <sup>st</sup> was Paul's last Sunday
<b>April 9, 2018</b>	Michelle Nelson reported Paul's salary and benefits have been paid and ended.
	Discussion on the creation of a search committee to bring a candidate to the Vestry for approval
	Lifeline has asked to use the building on July 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2018 and was approved by Vestry
	Discussion on paying off the CDL Loan. \$14,000 has been donated toward this payoff by parishioners.
	Questions were created to be sent to parishioners for input as to what they are looking for in a new Rector.  Tammy Maier has volunteered to gather input from our youth.
	Two groups of five names were proposed for a search committee. Members of the Vestry will approach these individuals and report back to Patty Feeney. A meeting is scheduled with The Reverend Canon Johnnie Ross the end of May.
<b>May 9, 2018</b>	Discussion on paying off our CDL loan and a new grant request for 2019. A special collection will be taken up on May 13 <sup>th</sup> for donations to the CDL Loan fund. We need \$1700.00 to payoff the loan completely.
	Planning for Clean-up Day June 9, 2019
	The Search Committee has been finalized and the first meeting will be held May 31st, The Reverend Canon Johnnie Ross will attend to explain the process.
	Supply Priests will be available for most Sundays Vestry approved to have Morning Prayer when a Supply Priest is not available. Also approved a change of service time to 9:00am for July, and August.
<b>June 6, 2018</b>	Resolution to payoff our Congregational Development loan in the amount of \$41,380.57 <i>Be it resolved that Michelle Nelson is authorized to withdraw \$41380.57 from the CDL Payoff fund, Altar Guild and Bob Strong memorial fund in order to payoff the balance of</i>

	<i>our Congregational Development Loan by June 30, 2018 - confirmed by unanimous vote ( \$21,312.55 was discounted by the Diocese for early payoff)</i>
	Search committee has met three times and has composed questions for a perspective candidate. The community profile was studied by the Vestry. It was decided we need a full time Priest who will be given 4 weeks of vacation including Sundays and be hired as a priest-in-charge, rather than a rector.
	The Pavilion Project was discussed. New suggestions for the project need to be looked at. Joel is working with the contractor and will bring us back more information. We hope to complete this project in Fall 2018
	Diocesan grant application was approved and submitted.
	Spring Clean-Up will be held June 9,2018 rain or shine
	A luncheon to celebrate Confirmation of our youth planned for June 10 <sup>th</sup> . Bishop Rt Reverend Prince Singh will confirm 7 of our youth on June 24 <sup>th</sup> 2018.
	Plans for Holiday Craft Sale approved for November 3, 2018 10-4
<b>July 11, 2018</b>	A moment of silence was held for Caryl Anstedt who passed away over the weekend.
	Payoff of the Congregational Development loan was completed June 22, 2018.
	Deb Klee asked for help with summertime watering of the garden
<b>August 15, 2018</b>	Tammy Maier reported on this year's Applefest. Sausage prices have increased. She proposed increasing our price of the sandwich to \$6.00 and the pound packages to \$11.00. Vestry approved this change.
	Passed a motion from Jim Burch to create a raised bed frame around the church sign and plant flowers.
	Audit has been completed as requested by the Diocese.
	Lifeline used our facilities for health screening on July 27th. They sent a thank you and donation of \$50.00
<b>September 12, 2018</b>	Final planning for Welcome Back Sunday and the start of Sunday School on September 16th
	Tammy reported Applefest committee is ready. A few more volunteers are needed. An announcement will be made in church Sunday
<b>October 10, 2018</b>	Applied and was approved for a \$500.00 Grant from the Rochester/ Monroe district of the Episcopal Diocese for REACH, a program for the homeless
	Discussion on the cost of our Organ Tuning contract resulted in cancelling this yearly contract.
	Planning of a Thanksgiving Luncheon with Turkey provided by the church and pot luck from parishioners for November 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2018

	Make a Difference Day, Oct 27 <sup>th</sup> -12 Hilton Highschool students will join us for Garden clean-up
	Mary Ann reported we have 33 spots sold for Holiday Craft Sale. Advertising will start in October.
	Stewardship Campaign will start the second week of November
<b>November 14, 2018</b>	A stewardship letter was discussed and approved with some changes. The letter and pledge card mailing was completed
	Discussion of Christmas services. It was decided we would have only one service on Christmas Eve. The Reverend Canon Johnnie will preside
	Holiday Craft show report shows profit.
	Caroling at Hilton East, Cookie exchange and Christmas Baskets all on schedule for December
<b>December 12, 2018</b>	Meeting Cancelled