



*Empowered by the Holy Spirit to be faithful disciples of Jesus,
St. James' Episcopal Church serves as a beacon of God's love and as a caring
Christian family for the community, the nation and the world
by seeking to restore all to unity with God and one another
and by proclaiming the Good News through worship,
witness, education, fellowship and service.*

2016 Annual Report

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Message from the Rector



Minutes from the 2016 Annual Meeting

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

January 17, 2016

Father Charles Brock called the Annual Meeting of the Parish to order at 11:30 a.m. He led the parish in the opening prayers.

The minutes for the 2015 Parish Meeting were presented. Bob Fitz moved that the minutes be approved as written. Francesca Rusk-Wallace seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

In the absence of Treasurer Bill Iber, Junior Warden Mike Morgan presented the Year-End Financial Report for 2015. Mike discussed the actual receipts and expenditures and answered questions concerning his report.

Mike Morgan, Junior Warden, presented the Budget for 2016. Mike discussed the individual line items and answered questions. Alan thanked the Vestry for his salary increase.

Fr. Charles presented the nominees for Vestry: Mary Bramley, David Lowe, Peggy Rudesheim and Ray Smith. He thanked them for their willingness to serve. Mike called for nominees from the floor. There being none, a motion to elect the nominees by acclamation was made by Sara Thompson. Heidi Brock seconded the motion and the nominees were elected by a unanimous vote.

Cheryl Viani, outgoing Senior Warden, thanked Ray and Marge Smith for their help throughout the past year. She also thanked Ellen Cleary, Marge Katz and Mary Jane Van den Berg for organizing the Pot-Luck luncheon today. She also thanked the 2015 Vestry for their cooperation and hard work. Cheryl recognized and presented gifts to the outgoing Vestry members: Mary Jane Van den Berg, Marghe Bowker and Sara Thompson.

Mike Morgan, Junior Warden, presented Cheryl with a gift from the Vestry and thanked her for her leadership and dedicated service.

Fr. Charles said that 2015 had been a good year, with good worship, great music, successful adult education and outreach. He mentioned the special events during the year, the Yard Sale and the Arts & Craft Fair and thanked their leadership. We now have The Vine Preschool using our facilities which is a great help to our finances. He also thanked the outgoing Vestry members for their service.

Fr. Charles closed the meeting with prayer and a dismissal at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Smith

Letter from the Senior Warden

Junior Warden

Administration/Finance/Planning

Parish Family

Christian Education

Plant & Property

Growth & Evangelism

Local & World Outreach

Music



Altar Guild

The Order of the Daughters of the King

The mission of the International Order of the Daughters of the King is the extension of Christ's kingdom through Prayer, Service and Evangelism. Each Daughter takes a lifetime vow to live by the Rule of the Order which encompasses these essential components.

The St. James', Mount Vernon Chapter of the Daughters of the King has carried out our mission and maintained an active ministry in spite of the loss of several members who have moved to other areas of the country. They continue to pray for those on our Prayer List and contribute to our mission as they can wherever they are.



Prayer: The Prayer List is activated whenever we become aware that needs exist both within the parish and beyond. During 2016, several members of the St. James' family experienced serious illness, accidents or other medical issues, as well as the loss of loved ones.

Service: The Daughters assist our rector as he serves the parish and as he requests. Included in our service to St. James' is the reading of scripture lessons during worship services, and service as acolytes and serving the chalice. We thank Reverend Charles for his support of our service.

In addition to prayer, the Daughters provided support to individuals and families in the form of transportation and delivery of meals in times of distress and through receptions following funeral services. Several Daughters participated in the preparation and offering of approximately 70 hot meals twice a month to the Rising Hope mission ministry. The Daughters also made a few fleece blankets to Rising Hope for its service to those in need.

Daughters may be observed in numerous other ministries that include: the Altar Guild; Welcoming Team; Choir; hosting coffee hour after Sunday worship; decorating the church for special occasions; and maintaining the church gardens.

We gratefully accept the help of and thank the members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew for their ever present and always willing help in implementing our mission.

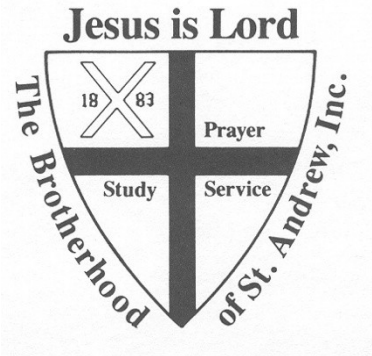
Evangelism: Following the adage of "actions speak louder than words," it is our objective "to live our lives so that those who do not know Christ will come to know Him because they know us." We undertake studies and discussions to help us in this part of our mission.

We invite all women and girls to join us that we all may be more enabled to experience God's love and grace.
Cheryl Nostrand

Diocesan Council and Region VI

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Brotherhood of St. Andrew



Budget: 2016 Actual & 2016 Approved

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Summary Statistics

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Active Baptized Members	405	300	261	238	210	192	194	151	137	127	114	106	102
Average Sunday Attendance	175	164	148	151	112	126	100	103	79	63	74	71	70
Church School Students	67	41	12	20	24	34	30	4	0	4	8	19	21

St. James' Annual Meeting Agenda

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| 1. | Call to Order | The Rev. Charles Brock |
| 2. | Opening Prayer | The Rev. Charles Brock |
| 3. | Approval of 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes | Mike Morgan |
| 4. | 2016 Year-End Financial Report | |
| 5. | Presentation of Approved 2017 Parish Budget | |
| 6. | 2017 Vestry Nominations/Elections | |
| 7. | Senior Warden's Comments | Mike Morgan |
| 8. | Rector's Address | The Rev. Charles Brock |
| 9. | Closing Prayers | The Rev. Charles Brock |
| 10. | Dismissal | The Rev. Charles Brock |

Everyone is invited to a potluck luncheon following the meeting.

St. James' Episcopal Church, Mount Vernon

The Diocese of Virginia

The Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston, Diocesan Bishop
The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff, Bishop Suffragan
The Rt. Rev. Edwin F. "Ted" Gulick Jr., Assistant Bishop

The Rev. Charles F. Brock, Rector

Staff

Alan Moser, Director of Music
Jenny Kennedy, Parish Administrator
Layton Porter, Seminarian

2016 Vestry

Mike Morgan, Senior Warden
Ray Smith, Junior Warden/Administration & Finance
Sean Wallace, Plant & Property
Francesca Wallace, Parish Family
Mark Braden, Publicity & Communication
Peggy Rudesheim, Growth & Evangelism
Mary Bramley, Local & World Outreach
Register, Marge Smith
Bill Iber, Treasurer

Trustees

Peg Iber, Lib Mueller, Ray Smith

