

# St. James-Santee Episcopal Church



**311th Annual Meeting  
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**AGENDA**

Call to Order and Invocation

Appointment of Secretary

Minutes of 2016 Meeting

Vicar's Report – The Rev. Dr. Jennie C. Olbrych

Treasurer's Report – Jeri Sullivan

Membership Report – The Rev. Dr. Jennie C. Olbrych

Deacon's Report – The Rev. Melissa R. Timmerman

Senior Warden's Report – Robert Hopkins, Senior Warden

Junior Warden's Report – Doug Hurteau, Junior Warden

Brick Church Report – George Geer, Co-Chair, Brick Church Committee

Other Reports or Orders of Business

Elections:

1. Nominations – Three New Vestry Members (for three year terms)  
One new Vestry Member (for one year unexpired term)
2. Nominations – Two Delegates to Diocesan Convention

Adjournment

## **St. James Santee Episcopal Church – 310<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, 10 January 2016**

The 310<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of St. James Santee Episcopal Church opened at 11 am with a prayer.

A sign-in sheet was passed around and a quorum being present, Vicar Olbrych asked Cheves Leland if she would take minutes. She offered to do so provided no one else wanted to. After a pause, there being no one else interested in the job, Ms. Leland borrowed a pen and accepted the task.

The minutes from the 309<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting were accepted and approved.

### **Vicar's Report - The Rev. Dr. Jennie C. Olbrych**

The Vicar reported an increase in attendance, new members and increased pledges, noting that there are five new members, four of whom transferred in and one baptism. We lost four members, two to death, Jackie Morrison and Sally Vann, and two were moved to inactive status. During the past year, the Vicar officiated at one baptism, two weddings and eight funerals or memorial services. She noted a demographic shift in membership, with most of the younger members being teens and the other members not getting any younger.

Vicar Olbrych focused on three major points regarding the future of our congregation in her report. She questioned how we will respond to the challenges represented by these demographics, suggesting that growth and ministry development which meets the needs of this area and the congregation are strategic. The second point is the stewardship of our buildings which need work and for which we will need to raise money. The third point focused on the development of ministries of spiritual growth and she challenged the congregation to take the lead, with the clergy serving as resources for us. This would encompass small groups and fellowship, study and prayer – moving from a Sundays only congregation.

The report ended with thanks to all those, named and unnamed, who served faithfully during the past year.

### **Treasurer's Report – Greg Frampton**

Greg noted that he is stepping down as Treasurer and that it has been a privilege to serve St.JS which has an amazing, generous congregation, making his job much easier. He thanked Jeri Sullivan for filling in when needed and Carol Koontz for being a wonderful penny-pincher and for spending money when needed, but not for wants. The Balance Sheet shows that 2015 was a year of generous contributions with pledgers giving more than pledged. Our savings revenue is low as expected, but that is nothing to worry about. Greg pointed out that income increased due to new contributions and said that the congregation honors its pledges. The new HVAC system helped keep operating expenses down and Outreach moved from 15% to 17% of the budget. The proposed 2016 budget is \$105,000.

Greg noted that splitting the Treasurer's duties means there is more internal control between check writing and deposits. He asked that we let him know of any discrepancies or errors and offered to answer questions after the meeting. Applause followed his report.

### **Membership Report - The Rev. Dr. Jennie C. Olbrych**

The total active congregation numbers 101 and Sunday attendance is up to an average of 54, four more than 2014.

### **Deacon's Report - The Rev. Melissa R. Timmerman**

Melissa began by thanking the congregation for their support and prayers for her health. She noted that she visited many people during the past year and was honored to be allowed to spend time in our sorrow and joy and said that St.JS is a little church with a big heart. Jane Parker served as Vestry Liaison for Outreach and helped organize outreach to the South Santee Senior Citizens' Center and its after school program. She also oversaw outreach to Windward Farms, Water Missions International, Christmas boxes, Secret Santa and the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy Program. The Smash Glass program run by Melanie Hartnett is growing and transforming brokenness into beauty, as well as making connections in the community. It serves as outreach to unchurched members of the community and crosses economic and racial divides. Sarah's Sewing Ministry is also a great success, involving many members of the community. Both are in

need of built-in shelving, racks and desks in the Vestry House. Please stop by and see what is going on and find out how you can help.

### **Senior Warden's Report – George Geer**

George began by thanking Jennie and Melissa. He noted the death of Gary Stegall, one of our organists, and thanked Sue Tanner for organizing the memorial service. George said that Outreach reflects the generous spirit of this church. He mentioned Robert Hopkins' trip to Honduras, Altar Guild, the Christmas wreaths donated by Snoots Howard and Bob Baldwin's large smilax contributions. Greg and Jamie Lewis will both be leaving the Vestry this year, but Glenn Keyes has been retained to make an assessment of the physical facilities and his final report is almost ready. He says the buildings are basically sound, but do have some issues which need to be dealt with in 2016. The Buildings Committee is comprised of Doug Hurteau, Chris Bates, Aaron Baldwin, Larry Mellichamp and Jim Fulcher.

### **Junior Warden's Report – Jamie Lewis**

See printed sheets. Jamie was not present and his report was not read.

### **Brick (Wambaw) Church Report – George Geer**

The roof of the church was replaced with a copper roof, chosen because it will last longer and is less heavy than other types of roofing. He noted the death of Nancy DuPont Reynolds Cooch, a generous donor and supporter of Brick Church. Her last gift was leaving the endowment \$387,535.00 for capital expenses with a five year repayment clause.

### **Vestry Elections**

The Nominating Committee proposed Macy Frampton, Marcia Purvis and Tom Morrison. There being absolutely no nominations from the floor, the slate was elected by loud acclamation from those gathered.

### **Delegates to Diocesan Convention**

There will be one meeting, followed by the convention which will probably be held in Charleston in November. Two delegates and one alternate must be elected. The Senior Warden of the Vestry is one of the delegates, but since no one knows who that will be, three people need to be elected. There was no flurry of

people desiring to serve, but finally Paula Mellichamp, Alice Jordan and Cheves Leland offered and were hastily elected. They will decide which is the alternate.

**Concerns from the Floor**

It was noted that the music we have needs help. Alice Jordan offered to help, but noted that she wants another person to work with her. No one volunteered.

Cheves Leland requested that the Vestry publish an outline and suggestions for funeral services and noted that Miss Sally's was not handled well.

The Vestry will meet after this meeting for a few minutes.

There being no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 11:51 am and the congregation left for coffee and food in the Morrison House, followed shortly thereafter by the Vestry.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cheves Leland*

Harriott Cheves Leland

Secretary for the 310<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of St. James Santee Episcopal Church

**A Prayer for the Ending of an Old Year and the Beginning of a New Year...**

Lord, give us I pray:

A remembering heart for the things that have happened...

An attentive heart to what we have learned

A forgiving heart for what has hurt

A grateful heart for what has blessed

A brave heart for what may be required

An open heart to all that may come

A trusting heart to go forth with You

A loving heart for You and all your creation

A longing heart for the reconciliation of all things.

A willing heart to say "Yes" to what You will.

*Leighton Ford*

## Vicar's Report - 2016

One gift of a New Year is that we are afforded a brief opportunity to reflect on the year just past. As I consider what has unfolded at St. James-Santee during 2016, I feel amazed at it all and, perhaps, just a little bit tired! Together we have walked the round of the Church year. Beginning in January, we marked Epiphany with a Celebration at Palmetto. We broke bread (pancakes!) once again on Shrove Tuesday. Thank you, Howards and Friends! From there, to Ash Wednesday and Lent. The Forty Days witnessed the first meeting of McClellanville Ministerial Association with both white and African-American clergy present. March saw a Fun Music Morning put on by Sue Tanner and Elsie Pollock-our wonderful and ever-encouraging Church musicians. Holy Week services were well attended, and our Easter celebrations were simply and profoundly joyful. The Rev Alex Barron was our Brick Church preacher this past year where we also witnessed two baptisms.

Wonderful happenings have unfolded at the Brick Church in 2016. The Restoration Committee oversaw the long-awaited replacement of the roof (copper!) which provided the opportunity to look more closely at the construction of the 1768 building. Bud Hill reported that when the new roof was first put on, the sun reflected so brightly that he could not sit and read in his favorite chair next door in the Wambaw House. The roof is now well on its way to the more familiar oxidized color associated with copper roofs. The Restoration Committee also authorized painting all of the woodwork (including the portico!) and glazing of all the windows. The results of these labors are magnificent, and the Brick Church surely looks as beautiful now as the day it was built.

April witnessed a congregational meeting to consider the question posed by the Diocesan Futures Committee - how shall we proceed with regard to our next Bishop? This was made necessary by the retirement of the Rt. Rev. Charles VonRosenberg. The Diocesan process culminated in the appointment and confirmation in September of a new Provisional Bishop - The Rt. Rev. Gladstone "Skip" Adams. Bishop Adams will make his first visit to St. James on May 14th.

May saw the formation of a Newcomers Welcome Ministry under the capable leadership of Macy Frampton and her energetic committee. St. James also happily received a sound system for the great benefit of our members and visitors. In June, we grieved as the terrible nightclub shooting in Orlando occurred almost a year to the date of the Mother Emmanuel shootings. June was also marked by the launch of the Lift High the Cross campaign for the repair and restoration of the Chapel of Ease and the Morrison House. It was concluded (remarkably!) in three months and raised the needed funds and more! We continue to give thanks to God for your faithfulness and sacrificial generosity. I would be remiss if I did not note our gratitude for Mr. Doug Hurteau who oversaw the bid process for the needful work and now is continuing to oversee the work on both the Morrison House and the Church building. On behalf of the congregation, thank you, Doug!

In July, the Fifth Sunday Unity services continued with St. James hosting the gathering that month. We also marked the death of the Rev. Dick Thomson - much loved former vicar of St. James- and we continue to hold Mary Lou in our thoughts. In August and September, the school year launched once again, and we held our annual Blessing of the Backpacks. Our St. James children are growing up!

In October, we gave thanks for the minimal damage inflicted on McClellanville by Hurricane Matthew while recognizing its terrible impact in other parts of our state and, in particular, Haiti.

A different kind of storm was brewing and then raging around us this past year with the presidential primaries followed by elections in November. I cannot recall a more difficult campaign season and pray daily for healing of the wounds inflicted on our country by that process. I invite you to join me in praying for our country, for wisdom in our leaders, and genuine compassion in our citizenry. On the other hand, November saw some wonderful happenings at St. James. Melanie Hartnett, our first Artist in Residence, and her large cast of artists and helpers mounted a marvelous, barrier-breaking show at the Art Center, and the four-man a cappella group, The Charlestons, offered an excellent and well-attended concert at Brick Church. Our spur-of-the-moment offering for the Awendaw Food Bank was a fitting expression of thankfulness at Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving brought us to Advent - the four Sundays leading up to Christmas. We offered our first ever Blue Christmas service, and then followed with our annual Christmas Eve service which started late because we had to keep getting more folding chairs! The Greening of the Church, led by Betsey Geer and assisted by many folks, resulted in a remarkably beautiful transformation of the Chapel of Ease. Smilax, arrangements in each window with candles and greenery, angels on the piano, and the crèche all made for a space which cheers the heart and reminds us that all creation celebrates the birth of the Christ Child.

What a remarkable place St. James is! I'm so very thankful for the Brick Church Committee under the leadership of Mr. George Geer, the Lift High the Cross campaign co-chairs- Kelly Phillips and Patrick Smith and the committee members whose guidance and leadership made it happen! I have loved serving with your Vestry and your wardens: Robert Hopkins and Doug Hurteau have served so very faithfully. Thank you to our outgoing members: Paula Mellichamp, Robert Hopkins, and Alice Jordan. Our Clerk, Paula Mellichamp, and Treasurer- Jeri Nickerson-Sullivan kept us on the straight and narrow with much grace. I continue to be grateful for the ministry partnership of our deacon, The Rev. Melissa Timmerman and our Church Musicians- Sue Tanner and Elsie Pollock- whose considerable gifts lift us each Sunday. Once again, I thank Carol Koontz whose excellent organizational abilities and sense of humor help us stay on track!

In closing, G.K. Chesterton, the English writer and poet, noted that "The object of a New Year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul and a new nose; new feet, a new backbone, new ears, and new eyes." Dear friends, I am thankful for each of you and pray that we will have new souls, new ears and eyes for the work of the Gospel in the coming year. I remain,

Very warmly yours, In Christ,

Jennie+

## **Deacon and Outreach Report – 2016**

Thank you again for your continued prayers, support and kindness regarding my health. After getting on the right track to recovery I do hope that this year will be filled with improvement and better days.

Though at times it has been limited, during the past year I have had the honor of being part of the needs and care of our parish family. It has been a blessing and privilege for me to visit parishioners at home, in the hospital and care facilities in times of need, or a time of sorrow or of rejoicing. I thank you for allowing me into your lives and sharing with me such precious time.

It never ceases to amaze me at the way God works when we follow God's will. Smash Glass ministry continues to grow with Melanie Hartnett's vision and energy, which was never more evident than with the exhibit at the Art Center appropriately called 'Shine'. God continues to 'shine' through this powerful ministry with the afterschool program, the Awendaw and South Santee Senior Centers and the women who help and participate in the program. As of the beginning of 2016 Smash Glass Studio is officially housed in the SJS annex and at times there were afterschool and weekend classes, monthly senior center workshops, and adult evening (and sometimes morning) sessions as much as once or twice a month. Participants span multiple ages, ethnicities, cultures and beliefs. Smash Glass Studio now offers sessions with artists in many disciplines and many non-artisan friends come and share time and love—bringing their collective gifts to the studio. People are discovering the beautiful story of human brokenness and Divine Love and healing—and the amazing possibilities that are all around us and that we can all help to shine. [1]

And speaking of shining it has been year of joyous giving for St James Santee church. "The Little Church with a Big Heart". The Food Bank Project continues to thrive under Betsy Geer's guidance and she has several others working with her. We continue our relationship with the South Santee Senior Citizens Center and at the center in Awendaw. Myra Yost who has a special place in her heart for the children in the after school program at the South Santee Center. Myra not only delivers the snacks to the Center but also is willing to jump in and help out wherever the need may be! And then there are all those who continue to donate snacks for that ministry We also were able to give gift cards to each child in the afterschool program for Christmas.

Contributions have been made to several of their projects in addition to the on going contribution. Contributions were made to Sewee to Santee, Coastal Crisis Ministry, Water Missions International and Lamb. Larry Mellichamp continues his ministry Kairos and has provided many delicious homemade snacks. We thank Natalie Lewis for organizing the Christmas Shoebox project for children in Africa. Also at Christmas, 5 families in the community were recipients of a substantial gift from Secret Santa to make Christmas brighter. This church does an amazing amount of outreach to assist community families in need as well as our world mission partners. Thank you all for your generosity.

It continues to be a joy to serve with Jennie and the vestry in the many and varied ministries at SJS. As always, I look forward to all the new ways God will be revealed in our steps ahead and our continued journey together.

Blessings and Peace,

The Rev. Melissa R. Timmerman, Deacon

Melanie McClellan Hartnett, Artist in Residence, Smash Glass Ministry

Jane Parker, Vestry Liaison for Outreach

# St. James Santee Episcopal Church

## Revenue & Expense Summary

### 2016

	Budget 2016	2016	2015
<b>Income</b>			
<b>Operating Revenue</b>			
Pledges	\$ 75,000		\$ 55,770
Non-Pledge Income	\$ 22,000		\$ 35,905
Plate Offering	\$ 8,000	\$ 106,144	\$ 9,385
Other Income			
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 105,000</b>	<b>\$ 106,144</b>	<b>\$ 101,060</b>
<b>Non-Operating Revenue</b>			
Vicar's Discretionary			\$ 4,900
Memorials			\$ 2,745
Addition to Investments Designated			\$ 5
<b>Total Restricted Revenue</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 7,650</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 105,000</b>	<b>\$ 106,144</b>	<b>\$ 108,710</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
Buildings	\$ 15,000	\$ 5,055	\$ 14,216
Operations	\$ 14,000	\$ 30,605	\$ 13,824
Personnel	\$ 52,000	\$ 55,576	\$ 51,274
Education & Worship Fellowship	\$ 3,000		\$ 3,366
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 84,000</b>	<b>\$ 91,236</b>	<b>\$ 82,680</b>
<b>Outreach</b>			
Diocesan Pledge	\$ 6,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 5,000
Mission	\$ 2,500	\$ 4,800	\$ 2,400
Outreach	\$ 12,500	\$ 6,759	\$ 11,040
<b>Total Outreach Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 21,000</b>	<b>\$ 14,559</b>	<b>\$ 18,440</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 105,000</b>	<b>\$ 105,795</b>	<b>\$ 101,120</b>
<b>Net Income/Loss</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 349</b>	<b>\$ 7,590</b>

# St. James Santee Episcopal Church Budget - 2017

Income	2017		2016	
<b>Operating Revenue</b>				
Non-pledge income	\$	21,000	\$	22,000
Pledge income	\$	80,500	\$	75,000
Plate offering	\$	8,000	\$	8,000
Other				
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>109,500</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>105,000</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
<b>Congregational</b>				
Building	\$	2,000	\$	15,000
Operations	\$	30,500	\$	14,000
Personnel	\$	56,000	\$	52,000
Education & Worship			\$	3,000
Fellowship				
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>88,500</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>84,000</b>
<b>Outside Congregation</b>				
Diocesan pledge	\$	6,000	\$	6,000
Mission	\$	2,500	\$	2,500
Outreach	\$	12,500	\$	12,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>21,000</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>21,000</b>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>109,500</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>105,000</b>
<b>Estimated Net Income/Loss</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>
 <b>Lift High The Cross</b>				
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>88,733</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>65,000</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>19,633</b>

**St. James-Santee Episcopal Church  
McClellanville, SC**

**2016 Parish Membership and Attendance Statistics in Brief**

**Total Active Baptized Members of Record as Reported at the End of 2015 – 101**

Increases- 5

2 - By Holy Baptism: Oliver Harrington Morrison and Samuel Ellic Pavone

3- By Letter of Transfer: Elmira Edith Feaster Yost, Karol Yost Hodge, Robert William Hodge

Decreases – 3

2 – By Transfer – Caroline Mauldin to St. Stephen's, Charleston, SC

Ellen Baxter to St. Stephen's, Charleston, SC

1 - By Active Members moved to Inactive status.

*An Active Member is one whose record of Membership is recorded in the Parish register, who has Received Communion at least three times in the previous calendar year and is known to the Treasurer. Members are removed from the Parish register only in the case of transfer to another congregation or death. Inactive Members wishing to be restored to Active Status have only to speak with the Vicar.*

**Total Active Baptized membership Reported at the End of 2016 -103**

**Sacramental Acts:**

Baptisms – 1

Confirmations - 0

Weddings – 1

Funerals/Memorial Services – 0

**Sunday Services**

Eucharists – 44

Morning Prayer -8

**Average Sunday Attendance in 2016 – 56 (Increase of 2 from 2015)**

**Persons in Attendance Not Yet Members - 33**

## **Vestry Roster by Class-2017**

**Macy Frampton (2019)**

**Jim Fulcher (2018)**

**Robert Hopkins (2017)**

**Tom Morrison (2019)**

**Doug Hurteau (2018)**

**Alice Jordan (2017)**

**Marsha Purvis (2019)**

**Jane Parker (2018)**

**Paula Mellichamp (2017)**

**Officers: Robert Hopkins, Senior Warden**

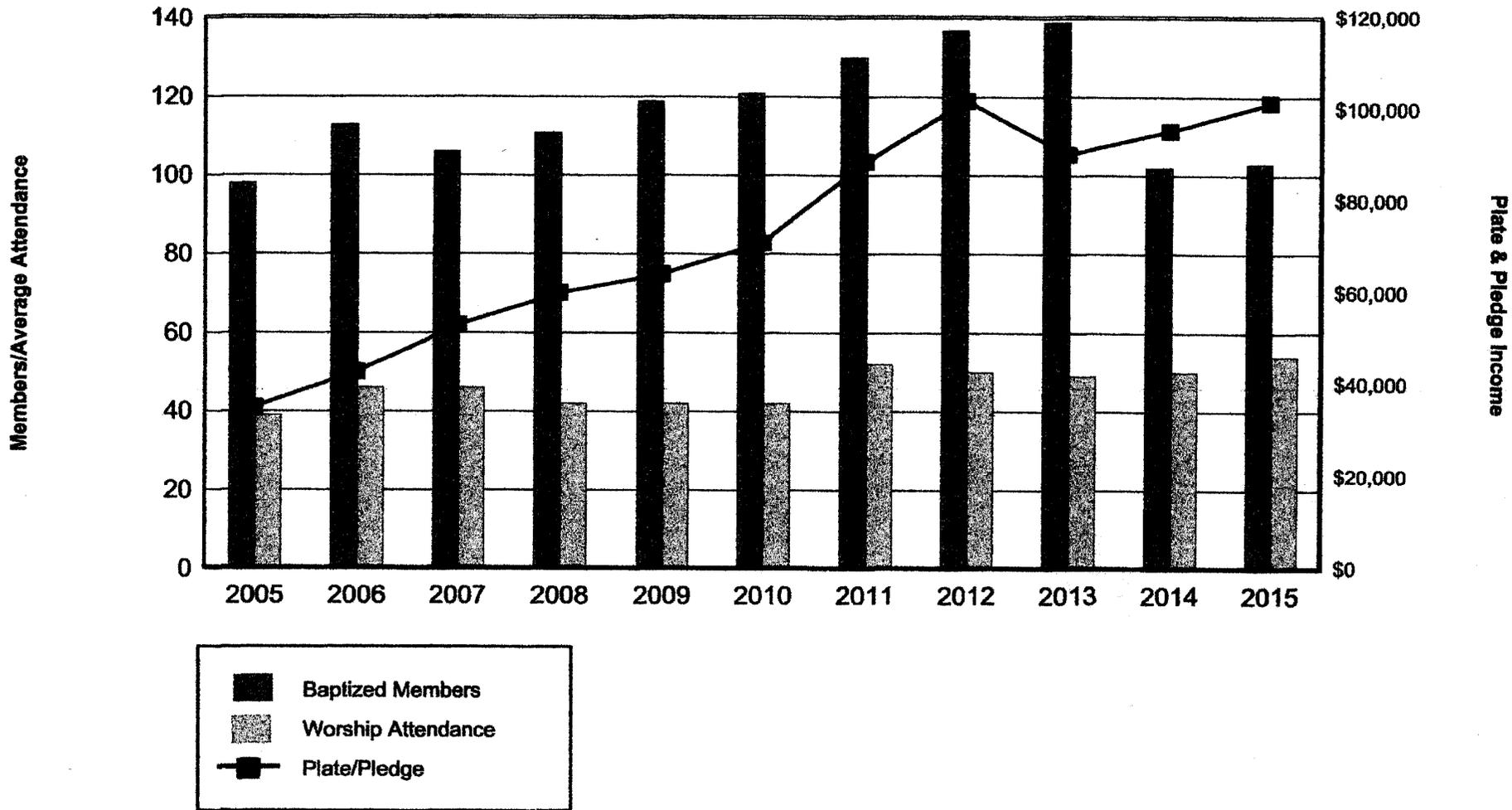
**Doug Hurteau, Junior Warden**

**Paula Mellichamp, Clerk**

**Jeri Sullivan, Treasurer**

## Participation & Giving Trends

### St James (Santee), McClellanville, SC (3867-3612)



## Senior Warden's Report

St. James Santee Episcopal Church seeks to be a peaceful healing place where Christ is made known. 2016 was a good year for St. James-Santee Episcopal Church and, though a small church, we accomplished many great things this year as we all worked together to carry out this mission. We have mourned the passing of some members of our congregation while welcoming the addition of some new members and our church is growing!

Our Lift High the Cross campaign was a success and this is allowing us to make repairs and improvements to both the chapel and the Morrison house. These necessary repairs and improvements will not only help us enjoy these buildings today but also help to preserve these historic buildings for the future. Initially, we thought this capital campaign may take years however we reached our goal in a few weeks. Much of the work has been completed on the exterior of the Morrison house thanks to the efforts and persistence of Doug Hurteau. Much of the work on the chapel will take place in 2017.

More work on the Brick Church has been completed and we were able to enjoy this historic church at our annual Easter Service and picnic. We gathered there a second time to enjoy a concert by the Charlestons to take advantage of the acoustics there. As the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that Church building approaches there is the hope that we will be able to utilize this beautiful location more frequently.

With the help of our home mission partners (Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy, South Santee Senior Citizens' Center, Sewee to Santee, Smashed Glass Ministries) and our world mission partners (LAMB in Honduras, and Water Missions International), we have made a difference locally and internationally. Smash Glass is our own "homegrown ministry" and through the hands of Melanie Hartnett we have accomplished a lot of good in the community. This healing art ministry has made a difference in the lives of many both young and old.

It is life-giving and spirit filling to be a part of this church family. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve on the Vestry. Bella dog and I thank you all very much. I look forward to 2017 and the continued opportunity to both worship and serve our Lord in and through St. James-Santee Episcopal Church

Robert Hopkins

Senior Warden

## **Junior Warden's Report 2016**

I want to thank you all for allowing me to serve as your Junior Warden for 2016. It has been a busy year with a lot going on in regard to our buildings. As we began the year we were aware of considerable work needed on both buildings. We began defining the scope of work to be done and requesting contractor's quotes. Once this was completed and the needs made clear the Vestry decided to conduct a fundraising campaign and 'Lift High the Cross' was launched. The expectation was that it would take several months to reach our fundraising goal. The goal was reached in just a few weeks! That is wonderful testament to the devotion of this congregation! To date, the exterior of the Morrison House has been painted and a new roof has been installed. The work on the Chapel of Ease commenced this week as the masonry chimney has been removed and the electrical, roof and cupola repairs are underway. Once all of the work is completed we can be proud that we have taken proper steps to ensure that our beautiful, historic buildings are protected for years to come. I would like to extend a big thank you to all that mow, weed, trim, sweep, wash and pray, to continue to make St. James Santee such a warm and loving place to worship and fellowship with one another.

Yours in Christ,

Doug Hurteau

**St. James Santee "Brick Church"**  
**Restoration and Preservation Committee**  
**P.O. Box 704**  
**McClellanville, SC 29458**

George Geer,  
*Co-Chairperson*  
W. Howell Morrison,  
*Co-Chairperson*  
James W. Lewis,  
*Secretary*  
Richard Kay,  
*Treasurer*  
The Rev. Dr. Jennie Oibrych,  
*Vicar*  
Robert Hopkins,  
*Senior Warden*  
William McG. Morrison,  
*Chairman Emeritus*

Patricia B. Manigault  
Thomas W. Graham  
Dargan Moore  
E. Gregorie Frampton  
Richard Howard  
Dr. Lee Morrison  
Dr. Thomas M. Leland  
William L. Wallace

*Honorary Members*  
Oran Baldwin, Jane Lucas Thornhill  
The Rt. Rev. C. FitzSimons Allison

The Brick Church Committee is responsible for assisting Saint James Santee Episcopal Church in preserving and protecting the historic "Wamba or Brick Church". Last year the approximately 80 year old roof of Brick Church was replaced with a new copper roof. This year all of the windows were glazed and the exterior woodwork was repaired and painted colonial white, which is appropriate for this church built in 1768. Also the ceilings of the porticos were painted sky blue to discourage nest building by mud doblers. Tommy Graham gave his time and expertise to guide this work, for which we are very thankful. The Church's appearance is the best it has been in many years.

Due to the prior fundraising by William McG. "Bo" Morrison, with the significant support of Nancy DuPont Reynolds Couch, and the generosity of numerous supporters of Brick Church, the funds for this work were available. The investment committee: Rick Kay (treasurer), Greg Frampton, Richard Howard and chaired by Dargan Moore do an excellent job of guiding us financially.

The entire community was invited to a concert at Brick church by The "Charlestons". Those of you who attended can attest to the excellence of the event. It was a wonderful opportunity to share the unique Brick Church with others. The singers were very complimentary of the acoustics, and expressed a desire to again perform in such a wonderful setting.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Howell Morrison  
Co-chairman

George R. Geer Jr.  
Co-chairman

## **SJS Planning Calendar 2017**

January 7 January 8	5:30 PM – Epiphany Party / Oyster Roast Annual Meeting (after church)
February 5 February 28	Souper Bowl Sunday Shrove Tuesday pancake supper (to be confirmed)
March 1	Ash Wednesday – 6:30 pm
April 8	Chapel of Ease Clean up
April 9	Palm/Passion Sunday – Holy Week begins
April 13	Maundy Thursday – 6:30 pm
April 14	Good Friday – Noon
April 15	Decorate Chapel of Ease for Easter
April 16	Easter Day & Easter Egg Hunt
April 22	Brick Church Clean-up and Decorate
April 23	Annual Brick Church Service followed by picnic
May 6 May 14	Blessing of the Fleet and Shrimp Festival Bishop's Visitation
July 10-14 July 14	Village Vacation Bible School (tentative dates) VBS Closing and Cookout - 6:00 pm
August 20	Blessing of the Backpacks
October 1	Sunday, Blessing of the Animals – 4:00 pm
November 23	Thanksgiving Day
December 3	Advent I
December 17	Advent IV – Greening of the Church (after church)
December 24	Christmas Eve - Sunday, 6:30 pm