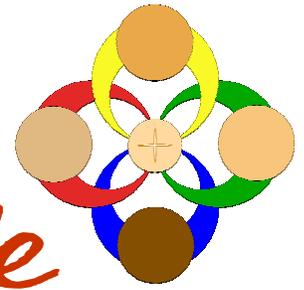


CREATOR

Chronicle



"As a congregation named for our Creator, we are children of the Living God, beloved brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, selflessly living out our faith in worship, fellowship, giving, education and outreach."

February 2019

The Holy Spirit of Grace, Mercy, and Peace be to you from God our Father through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ ... Amen.

A few years ago, I participated in a session on the "Body of Christ" with a small group of a dozen people. To begin, each group member lay down on a sheet of newsprint while another member drew an outline of their body. Then we taped the sheets of newsprint with the outline of each person on the wall. Each of us was asked to look at the outline of our body and draw or write on the sheet which parts of our body of which we had limited use ... (bad back, injury, weak heart, etc.). Then we were asked to write on the sheet what we had learned from our limited or weaker parts ... (while in hospital some learned patience ... others learned to rely on friends for help because of their limited abilities, etc.). Next, we were asked to identify on the newsprint the parts of our bodies most important for reaching our goals in life (our hands, our muscles, or the strength of our bodies, our eyes, our minds, etc.). After this, when everyone had a chance to look at what each had written or drawn on their newsprint, we began to share, our joys and frustrations with the use of our bodies.

Then, we read passages from the Epistles where Paul describes the Body of Christ such as I Corinthians 12 and Romans 12. It was pointed out to us that Paul talked about the followers of Christ as parts or *members* of the Body of Christ, and that each were given gifts for the common good of the body. As we heard in today's Epistle:

Now there are *varieties of gifts*, but the same Spirit; and there are *varieties of services*, but the same Lord; and there are *varieties of activities*, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. *To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.* To one is given through the Spirit the *utterance of wisdom*, and to another the *utterance of knowledge* according to the same Spirit, to another *faith* by the same Spirit, to another *gifts of healing* by the one Spirit, to another the *working of miracles*, to another *prophecy*, to another the

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discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of *tongues*, to another the *interpretation of tongues*. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just *as the Spirit chooses*. 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

We do not each have *all* the gifts; and, we do not all have the *same* gifts; so, no one can do *all* the work of Christ's Body by her/himself. However, when we acknowledge that all the gifts for doing Christ's work exist within a given community of faith, with each person being graced with different gifts, together, we are able to continue Christ's work.

Then, we traced another body on newsprint and pasted it on the wall. We named it, "*The Body of Christ*".

Then we sat in a circle and each person was given a piece of note paper. Each of us wrote her or his name on our piece of paper.

Then each of us passed our paper to the right and received the paper from the person on our left. (It is important to note that we had been together studying and doing activities for several weeks; so we knew each other pretty well.)

When we looked at the name at the top of the sheet we received, we were directed to list the spiritual gifts that we saw in that person. We passed the sheets around until everyone had a chance to list the gifts, we thought each person possessed. When our sheet returned to us, we found our gifts, as identified by others, listed for us to see.

We pasted our lists on the newsprint *Body of Christ* and immediately got a snapshot of all the gifts available in our small group to continue the work of *Christ* in the world. It was a profound experience. (1)

Three understandings emerged for me out of this session.

One was that we recognized the number and the variety of gifts already existing in our small group.

It was simply amazing. I think it surprised everyone. I don't think anyone realized all our gifts before we went through this exercise,

Secondly the individual members of our group didn't realize the gifts we had until they were identified by others.

When we looked at the list of gifts under our names, we were overwhelmed. We began to question ourselves, "Am I using my gifts appropriately and to their full potential? We were also surprised as to what might be possible for us to do as a Community of Faith if we used our gifts for the common good.

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*The **third** thing that I realized was that these gifts were not gifts for personal glorification but were **Gifts of the Spirit** to be used for activating the **Body of Christ**.*

A speaker at a Stewardship Conference was talking about the gifts of the Spirit and making the point that the gifts that we needed to give were not the gifts that we necessarily thought were important for ourselves but what the body of Christ needed at a particular time. It was *not* a case of somebody saying, "I have a gift, and I'm going to give it to the Church whether they need it or not". No! It was more of a question of what the church needed to do a particular ministry and whether we had a gift to offer that would fill that need. The example he gave was related to his ability to play basketball. He had been a particularly good basketball player in high school and always played forward. When he went to college, he was ready and willing to offer his skills to the college basketball team. He went to try out for the team and discovered that they didn't need another forward on the team. They did need someone to play defense. He realized that if he wanted to make the team, he would have to learn to play defense. (2)

The need of the particular team or the need of a particular community of faith in order to accomplish its mission is always the most important factor. So, it is a matter of discovering how our spiritual gifts connect with the needs of the Body of Christ in our particular time and place.

Let me leave you with the words of this simple but wonderful hymn:

One Bread, one body, one Lord of all.

One cup of blessing which we bless

And we, though many, throughout the earth

We are one body in this one Lord.^{[L][SEP]}

Gentile or Jew, servant or free

Man or woman no more^{[L][SEP]}

...We are one body in this one Lord.^{[L][SEP]}

Many the gifts, many the works

One in the Lord of All^{[L][SEP]}

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...We are one body in this one Lord.^[SEP]

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown

Gathered to one for all^[SEP]

...We are one body in this one Lord. (3)

We are one body in this one Lord. Think of it!. Live it!

In Jesus' Name ... Amen.

Pastor Bob Blanton

(1) This exercise was based on "The Journey and the Body of Christ" the seventh session in *Telling My Story Sharing My Faith* by Anne Bishop and Eldon Hay

(2) based on an address by Graydon Snyder at the Stewardship Conference by the Stewardship Division of National Council of Churches, West Palm Beach, Florida, December 1977

(3) *One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All* by John B. Foley SJ, Oregon Catholic Press.

Adult Acolyte Program Announcement

I have been truly blessed by this ministry over the last twenty years. Sadly though, all things one day must eventually come to an end. We currently have six Acolytes and at the end of May 2020 there will be four. Landon will graduate the following May leaving three. That being said, beginning September 2019, we need to begin planning for the future.

I will be scheduling several training sessions this coming summer for any adults who would like to serve as Acolytes. You will go through the same training as our youth and beginning in September, 2019 adults will begin serving one Sunday each month.

If you are interested in becoming part of this rewarding ministry, please contact me by email.

Mike Milone

michael-milone@comcast.net



Healing Service and Prime Timers

Wednesday, February 6

12:00 - Healing Service

12:30 - Prime Timers' Pot Luck Lunch



Pack & Troop #345

We will be celebrating the birthday of Scouting on February 3, (*February 8 is the anniversary of the founding of Scouting in America*).

Pack and Troup 345 will be participating in the 10:30 service by ushering, greeting, and reading.

Scoutmaster: Chuck Runyan

Cubmaster: Mike Milone

Committee Members:

John Lanford - Chairman, Edie Hill, John Fox



Come and Join Us!

Monthly Church Work Day

Saturday, February 16 (8-12am)

There is a lot going on and we could really use some extra hands!



FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

(3rd Sunday each month)

When you are grocery shopping, please remember to pick up some extra, non-perishable food goods and bring them to church the next time you come. We will be continuing this outreach ministry each month on the third Sunday each month, so mark the dates on your calendar.

Upcoming Lenten Study Series

There will be a series of classes presented each Wednesday night at 6:30 during Lent.

(These classes will also qualify as part of confirmation class requirements)

Below is the list of class subjects.

God | Faith is a Quest | Brian McLaren: “If you ask me, ‘Is God real?’ I first have to ask, ‘Which God are we talking about?’” With these words, Brian McLaren gives voice to a common struggle among people of faith – who exactly is this God we worship? Is God a mighty fortress, solid and unchanging? Is God a mystical, unknowable force that floats around us like a vapor? How can we speak of faith if we can’t even speak of God with any certainty? How can we chart a course through the often-murky waters of Christian tradition and find our way to God?

Religion | Spirituality Is Not Enough | Lillian Daniel: What does it mean to be spiritual? Is it the same as being religious? Lillian Daniel pushes back at this question that has been stirring up the cultural conversation for a while now. She asks us to consider how the seeds of faith to take root and thrive. What role does organized religion play in helping – or hindering – growth? If religion is the problem, why has it held fast for thousands of years? In this age of religious pluralism, is it possible or even desirable to stick with our age-old traditions?

Jesus | The Revolution Of Love | Mark Scandrette: What does it mean to walk in the way of Jesus? To explore this question, Mark Scandrette looks to the ancient Japanese concept of the Dojo. What if our churches became places where we practiced being like Jesus? What if we were serious about joining in with Jesus’ Revolution of Love? What if we took the kind of social and economic risks Jesus took and reshaped what it means to be a Christian? As Mark invites us into the Dojo, we find ourselves looking at a Master who might be asking us to walk down a path we never imagined.

Salvation | Abundant Life Now | Shane Hipps: The cross of Christ stands as a symbol of God’s saving work. But what, exactly, does it mean to be saved? From what? For what? Is salvation a reward we claim at death or something meant to change our lives right now? For Shane Hipps, these are the questions we need to answer if we are to truly receive the release that comes with salvation in the here and now.

Cross | Where God Is | Nadia Bolz-Weber: The cross sits at the center of our faith, and yet our understanding of what exactly happened on that cross remains conflicted and confusing. Was Jesus our proxy? The payment? The only way to appease an angry God? Nadia Bolz-Weber reminds us that our theories about the cross tell us as much about ourselves and our view of God as they do about Jesus and salvation.

Bible | A Book Like No Other | Lauren Winner: Why read the Bible? This is Lauren Winner’s central question. For Lauren, an avid reader, there remains something odd about the way Christians read the Bible. Why do we keep turning to the same stories in search of some new revelation? What is it about the Bible that makes it worth repeated reading? What gets in our way as we read the Bible and try to make sense of it? These are issues the church has wrestled with for centuries and yet we keep at it. We keep coming back to this book and its strange narrative full of plagues and miracles and destruction and rebirth. So why do we do it?

Church | An Imperfect Family | Bruce Reyes-Chow: Bruce Reyes-Chow knows he’s not inventing the metaphor of the church as family. So he suggests we take our changing notions about what it means to be a family and let them seep into our understanding of the church. For Bruce, it’s the messiness, the dysfunction, and the joy that comes from complex relationships that make church worth hanging on to. So how do we stay connected to this sometimes-broken family system? What does it mean to commit ourselves to the church family, for better or for worse?



Pack 345

Cubmaster: Mike Milone
Pack Committee: John Lanford, Chairman, Edie Hill,
 John Fox



Pack 345 Calendar - 2017 - 2018

<p>September</p> <p>16 Pack Committee Meeting, 11:30 am</p> <p>20 New Parent Orientation, 6:30 pm</p> <p>27 Pack Meeting, 6:00 pm</p> <p>October</p> <p>12-14 Akela Cub Weekend</p> <p>19-21 Akela Cub Weekend</p> <p>27 Brighton Park, 2:00 pm, Water Rockets</p> <p>November</p> <p>29 Pack Meeting, 6:00 pm, Flag Retirement</p> <p>December</p> <p>2 Pack Committee Meeting, 11:30 am</p> <p>TBD <i>No Pack Meeting</i>, Winter Pack Outing</p> <p>January</p> <p>24 Pack Meeting, 6:00 pm</p> <p>February</p> <p>3 Scout Sunday (@ church @ 10:00 am)</p> <p>8-10 Cub Scout Polar Weekend</p> <p>28 Pack Meeting, 6:00 pm (Pinewood Derby)</p>	<p>March</p> <p>1 Camp Card Sales Begin</p> <p>TBD District Pinewood Derby</p> <p>28 Pack Meeting, 6:00 pm</p> <p>April</p> <p>25 Pack Meeting, 6:00 pm</p> <p>25 Camp Card Sales End (money due)</p> <p>26-28 Cuboree Weekend</p> <p>May</p> <p>5 Pack Committee Meeting, 11:30 am</p> <p>16 Year-end Parent & Den Leader Meeting, 6:00 pm</p> <p>30 Blue & Gold Banquet, 6:00 pm</p> <p>Graduation</p> <p>June - July</p> <p>TBD Cub / Webeles Summer Camp</p> <p>TBD District Day Camp</p> <p>TBD Pack Summer Outing</p>
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Vestry Digest

January 14, 2019

Present: Bob Blanton, Priest in Charge, Joyce White, Senior Warden, Chuck Runyan, Jr. Warden, John Lanford, Deborah Runyan, Jennifer Duncan, Doug George, Dianne Martin, Treasurer, Bettye Sue Hennington, Clerk of the Vestry

Absent: Andrew Wilder

Visitor: Rhea Estes, Ross Turner

Treasurer's Report:

- The budget is what was expected for the month of December. The budget for 2019 was discussed in great detail.
- There was also discussion on how to streamline the budget for the future.
- The money remaining in the Deacon's Discretionary Fund will be moved to Outreach.
- Last year we had 36 pledges, 32 of those were completed. 2019, we have 30 pledges which total \$108,000.
- Deborah Runyan moved to reduce our Diocesan support from 5% to 1% due to our budget revenue projection being down for 2019. The Vestry passed the proposed 2019 budget. The 2019 budget will be presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting on January 20, 2019.

Junior Warden Report:

- Repairs to stucco wall are completed. The job was well-done. Flashing was added and the stained glass window was re-sealed. Frank Hennington and Mike Wright completed the final repairs to the exterior area where there was a leak. The Junior Warden wanted to say 'Thank you' to Frank, Mike and Monty Braley.
- Chuck Runyan, Frank Hennington and Doug George will check on the thermostat situation for the educational building.

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Old Business:

- Bettye Sue Hennington has received all dedications for the plaques for the Stations of the Cross except three. She will order plaques for the existing dedications by February 20, 2019.
- Discussion followed regarding the hotel rooms for the Creator members going to 2019 Council.

New Business:

- Discussion was held regarding reducing the number of persons on the Vestry. The suggestion was to decrease the number of voting members on the Vestry from 5 to 3 (other than the Junior Warden and Senior Warden). The decision of the Vestry was to keep the number on the Vestry at 5 for 2019.

Upcoming Calendar:

- Annual Meeting for Creator is January 20, 2019.
- Diocesan Council is in Hattiesburg, January 25-27, 2019.

Minutes of vestry meetings may be found on the bulletin board outside the administrator's office following their approval and correction if needed. If you would like a copy, please call the office and a copy will be provided to you via email.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING REPORTS

January 20, 2019

Senior Warden Report

Joyce White

First, I am very humbled, blessed, thankful and grateful for the opportunities I've had as senior warden. I feel that I have grown in spirit, compassion and "thinking out of the box" by this experience. Therefore, it is with mixed emotions that I hand over the reins to my successor, Rhea Estes.

During 2018:

We had 36 pledges, 32 of which were completed.

We joined in community with Safe Harbor (UCC) church, which has been a mutually beneficial partnering for both congregations.

The parking lot retaining wall (right parking lot) was reworked by Larry Estes.

The trim on both the parish hall (by our parishioners) and the church (professionally hired) has been repainted.

We once again have a full time organist. The hiring of guest organists has been a major expense off and on this year.

We participated for first time in BBQ on the Boulevard in downtown Clinton.

We have a new website, still in the planning stages.

We purchased a new computer for the church office after ours was hacked.

We located and repaired a water leak in left parking lot.

The stucco wall under the stained glass window was repaired and sealed.

Deborah Runyan and Dianne Martin delivered presents for a family with four children with toys and gifts from Creator members as an outreach project.

We presented "Blind Man Walking" a new play by John Maxwell as part of the Martha Weatherall Fund for Performing Arts.

We have been busy and hope to remain connected to our community of Clinton and more importantly, to support and encourage each other in our walk with Christ.

Annual Diocesan Council will be held in Hattiesburg next weekend. Please support morning prayer here at Creator.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce White, Senior Warden

Jr. Warden Report

Chuck Runyan

I volunteered to take up the responsibilities of Junior Warden this last June after Tom Kany passed away. Since June, there have been a few things that I had to take care of and at least one that I was blessed to have other members of the Parrish to take care of while I was ill.

Last summer during a service, water started dripping into the Organ's pipes from an air intake. Fortunately, the Organ did not suffer any damages as a result. The problem was caused by a clogged condensation drain pipe on the A/C unit for that area of the Church. After the clog was cleared, I started preventive maintenance for the air handling systems with includes monthly changing of the air filters and a biannual treatment of the condensation drains.

The Stucco wall beneath the large stained glass window was found to be open to the weather and rotting as a result. A carpenter was hired. He replaced the wall, and all the damaged materials within, as well as installing flashing to prevent this from happening again. He also sealed the window and wall.

While I was taken ill, a water leak was discovered on the north side of the church. Several members of our church, who possess the ways and means, were able to make the repairs to the broken water line. As a result, they saved the church a lot of money. I am forever grateful to all who helped.

Ongoing projects I have are, the replacement of all damaged exterior light fixtures on the property and the creation of a Junior Warden Handbook to pass on to future Jr. Wardens.

We will continue with the once a month, Saturday morning, cleanup of the property program. Everyone is invited to join in the fun. You don't have to be there for all four hours, and all help is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Runyan

Acolytes

Mike Milone

The Corps of Acolytes enjoyed another wonderful year here at Creator. In September, on Acolyte Recognition Day, we recognized Landon Daniel and Jonathan Dacus as Acolyte of the year, Ruby Lanford, Maddie Gray Braley, and Max Lanford as Honor Acolytes.

I have been truly blessed by this ministry over the last twenty years. Sadly though, all things one day must eventually come to an end. We currently have five Acolytes and at the end of May 2020 there will be four. Landon will graduate the following May leaving three. That being said, beginning September 2019, we need to begin planning for the future. I will be scheduling several training sessions this coming summer for any adults who would like to serve as Acolytes. Please contact me if you would like to participate in this rewarding ministry.

I hope everyone here at Creator recognizes and appreciates all the hard work and effort these young people put forth, at every service, during the year to enhance our Eucharistic experience.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Milone

Altar Guild

Rhea and Larry Estes

The Altar Guild is responsible for the setting up and maintenance of vessels and linens for the celebration of the Eucharist and any other Sacraments. It is a ministry provided by the Altar Guild in service to the entire congregation.

The Altar Guild would again like to express our appreciation to Jess Tackett, owner of World of Wines & Liquor on Springridge Road in Clinton for donating some of the Taylor port wine used by the church for Communion services.

Much thanks goes to the Altar Guild team which includes: Beth Braley, Larry & Rhea Estes, Tommye Kirksey, Katy Lanford, Sandra Randall, Ross Turner, Joyce White, Beverly Wilder and Pamela Wilder. If there is interest in joining the Altar Guild, please contact Larry Estes at 601/813-3863 or email at jrestes@bellsouth.net.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhea and Larry Estes

Adult Choir

Ezra Wall

Music Department Report 2019

This year has brought both blessings and challenges in the music department at Creator. We continue to be blessed with the wonderful piano left to us by our dear Martha! It has enhanced the variety of music we are able to include in our worship services. The choir continues to inspire me with their dedication to our church and their commitment to high-quality, traditional choral music. The big "choir service" of the year is obviously Lessons and Carols on Christmas Eve. This year's service went remarkably well, with the help of everyone involved. I am incredibly proud of the choir's contribution to that service, and our worship throughout the year.

In this year we have had two so-called permanent organists/pianists, a long train of temporary substitutes, and a few a cappella services. That has created a great strain on myself, and has resulted in a bit of instability in the choir's offerings. I am thankful to the choir for bearing with me through a very challenging year. Starting the last week of January, Jeneane Mixon will join us as our permanent organist/pianist. That will certainly add some stability to the choir's routine and enable us to more effectively lead in worship.

In addition to our staffing issues, the organ has been in a declining state of repair for some time. Before I arrived three years ago, tuning and mechanical maintenance had already been delayed for some time. And as a result of the organ having to be moved because of an HVAC maintenance issue, some further mechanical problems have occurred. Billy Trotter was kind enough to spend most of a day helping me get the organ as tuned-up as we could, but there are still several problems. I have spoken with David and Susan Finch, who are the organ technicians most often recommended to me. They will be making a central Mississippi trip - probably in late February - and will assess the needs of our organ at that time. Then, as they say in the South, "Lord willin' and the creek don't rise," we should have repairs to the organ completed before Easter.

Thank you for another wonderful year at Creator! And thank you - the congregation and leadership of the Episcopal Church of the Creator - for your commitment to artistic excellence in worship!

Respectfully submitted,

Ezra Wall

AA and Al-Anon Activities

Vicky Donaho

The Church of the Creator is home to several weekly AA and Al-Anon Meetings. The DOA Group, an open AA Big Book study with Al-Anon participation (for friends and loved ones of the alcoholic), meets Monday nights at 7:30 and has a weekly average attendance average of 15. Mondays and Thursdays at noon is an open AA meeting, which averages 5-10 attendees. Every Saturday night at 5:00 an open AA meeting is held, as well as an Al-Anon meeting, both of these meetings average 5-10 attendees weekly. An open AA men's group meets at 7:00 pm on Wednesdays, averaging 10-15 attendees. In 2018, a seventh meeting was added, on Tuesdays at noon. These meeting groups each make a small monthly monetary donation to the church.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicky Donaho

Boy Scouts of America

Chuck Runyan

Over the past year, Troop 345 has enjoyed some great successes. We have had 6 young men achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. Four of them on the same day. We currently have 3 more young men who are set to complete the requirements for Eagle Scout this spring.

Unfortunately, we have not had any success in recruiting new members to the Troop, and Cub Scout Pack 345 does not have any members that are old enough to bridge over at this time. The Troop is down to its last 3 Scouts. All of whom will turn 18 years old by the end of this current school year. This means that, by summer, the Troop will not have any Scouts and will have to close its doors until it can recharter with a minimum of 6 Scouts and 2 or more Adult leaders.

The Scouting program, under the Boy Scouts of America, has under gone some changes during this past year. The most misunderstood of which is the establishment of all girl Scout Troops and Cub Dens. The program does not permit coed Troops or Dens. I have been an adult leader in Scouting for more than 20 years and I wish I had a penny for every time I've heard a girl wish that they could be in Boy Scouts. Simply put, I believe that Scouting BSA is the best program available to prepare our youth for the challenges of Adulthood and I would like the church to consider talking to the Andrew Jackson Area Council about the establishment of an all female Troop.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Runyan

Scoutmaster Troop 345

Cub Scouts

Mike Milone

This year we currently have 13 boys enrolled in Pack 345. They are divided into three dens (groups). They are kindergarten through second grade. We also have three registered adults as leaders.

Our Pack Committee consists of: Rev. Bob Blanton - Organization Executive, John Lanford - Chairman, Edie Hill, and John Fox - Committee Members, and Mike Milone - Cubmaster.

Edie has been such a blessing leading us in songs and games at our monthly Pack meetings and assisting me where needed. We (leaders, parents and the boys) have had a great time this year: launching "water rockets" and participating in a flag retirement ceremony with Troop 12, from First Baptist Church. Next month it is Pinewood Derby time! Most of the boys have attended at least one week-end camp at Hood Scout Reservation.

We would love to add to our staff. If you enjoy working with young boys and have a little time to share one night a month, your knowledge, talents, or skills to help build our future leaders, please consider Cub Scouts.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Milone

Cubmaster Pack 345

Home Communion Report

Edie Hill

The home Eucharistic lay minister for Creator currently is me, Edie Hill. During the calendar year 2018, the third Sunday of the month normally was the day visits were performed. Up until about a month before he passed away, Tom Kany and Edie Hill were lay ministers. The regular home communion recipients were Shirley Gayle and beginning late in the year Elizabeth McGahey, both in Clinton. These ladies always express their deep gratitude and are good examples of shining faith. I am always amazed at the upbeat, hopeful attitude they maintain even when they are battling such taxing and painful physical ailments.

It would be helpful to have more home communion visitors to allow individual visitors to visit maybe every other month instead of every month.

Respectfully submitted,

Edie Hill

Hospitality, Luncheons & Special Events

Vicky Donaho and Doug George

Our main focus in 2018 was Creator's Fall Festival. Creator's scouts were chosen as the charitable organization. The church again partnered with the Arts Council of Clinton for an Artist Showcase during the Festival where the artist who supplied art work for sale received 70 percent of those pieces that sold, and 15 percent went to the Arts Council while the remaining 15 percent went to Creator's scouts. BBQ meals were served, with Doug George helping to oversee this process. Once again, Open Road supplied musical entertainment. The event continues to grow and become bigger and better, every year. A total of 1,853.94 was raised, after all expenses paid, from this event. This amount raised was given to our scouting programs.

Creator held several pot lucks throughout the year and all of them were well attended. We appreciate the help in setting up tables, decorations, cleaning dishes, silverware and tablecloths, and take down from members of the congregation.

Thank you to those that have assisted us in making Creator's Hospitality events a wonderful time for fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicky Donaho

OUTREACH

Outreach continues to gather non-perishable goods for the 4Cs pantry and our donations are taken to the 4Cs when the basket in the narthex is full. We participated in the Angel Tree project with the Salvation Army this year for the first time. Thanks to the generous support of our congregation, 4 children had their Christmas wishes come true.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Runyan

Outreach Funds are committed to support our scouting programs.

Lay Ministries

Mike Milone

As we begin another liturgical year, I cannot think of a more appropriate time to consider serving our Lord through service to others. At our Baptism we joined in the eternal priesthood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and as Christians we are bound by His teachings to go into the world to love and serve others.

We offer several opportunities for you to serve Christ here at Creator. Please consider becoming: an **Usher**, **Lector** (reader), **Chalice Bearer**, **Home Visitor**, or **Worship Leader**.

To bring the sacrament of His precious Body and Blood to our brothers and sisters at the altar rail or at home is a profound spiritual privilege beyond measure. As Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors, one's first and primary ministry is to the Lord Himself. The desire to serve others must grow out of an even deeper desire to serve Him and grow in our relationship to Him. Our devotion to Christ opens us up to the suffering, pain and acute needs of others and these ministries are an expression of Christ's ministry to them; it is, in fact, one of the ways God touches others – through us.

I ask you to pray about growing your faith in Christ through service to others and please consider offering Him some of your time and love by volunteering as: an **Usher**, **Lector**, **Eucharistic Minister** (Chalice Bearer) or **Eucharistic Home Visitor** (Home communion) or **Worship Leader**.

Please contact me if you are interested in further information in any of the above ministries.

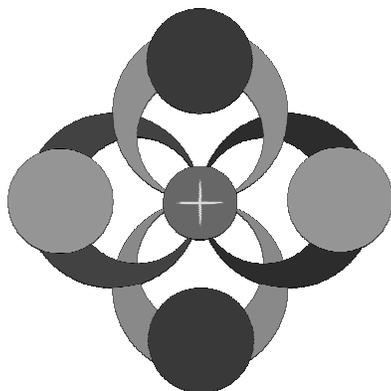
Respectfully submitted,

Mike Milone, Worship Leader

Public Relations Committee

Joan Blanton, John Lanford, Ezra Wall

The first project of the committee was the design and Vestry approval of a new logo for Church of the Creator:



Shown here in grayscale, the logo has a four-color edition and represents a diversity of people holding a communion host.

Second Project: Facebook. Ezra has done a great job of frequently posting pictures of Creator's many activities and personalities.

Third Project: New Web Site. Laughlin Fields' firm has been chosen to create the new web site. She has come up with a lovely design and the committee has been working with her to populate the site and make it possible to sell tickets and collect funds online.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Blanton

Chair of the PR Committee

Flower Guild

Becky Wright and Bettye Sue Hennington

This past year we were able to fill the church and Narthex with Easter lilies during Easter and with poinsettias during Christmas. We decorated the altar, the windows, and the Narthex for both Easter and Christmas. The greening of the church was an especially fun time because all the members of Creator were invited to help with the plan that the Guild laid out. There were several times during the past year that we had special arrangements made by Carl Young to celebrate life, birthdays and anniversaries. Members of the Flower Guild were able to supplement these arrangements so that they lasted for longer than one Sunday.

We also want to thank those Creator members who give generously for altar flowers throughout the year. Call us anytime and we will schedule altar arrangements to be made to your specifications.

Our work as members of the Creator Flower Guild is a wonderful way to praise the Lord! We also enjoy fellowship with a talented and very special group of folks. The flower arrangements that are placed on the altar give beauty to our church and offer a way to express thankfulness.

We work together on Easter and Christmas to create a beautiful and spiritual environment. We are often responsible for flowers displayed in the church during weddings and funerals. We also like to place our flower creations in the Parish Hall when we have special events there.

We would love for you to join us. You are sure to learn a great deal about flower arranging and make new church friends.

Respectfully submitted,

Bettye Sue Hennington and Becky Wright

Lay Ministries

Mike Milone

As we begin another liturgical year, I cannot think of a more appropriate time to consider serving our Lord through service to others. At our Baptism we joined in the eternal priesthood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and as Christians we are bound by His teachings to go into the world to love and serve others.

We offer several opportunities for you to serve Christ here at Creator. Please consider becoming: an **Usher**, **Lector** (reader), **Chalice Bearer**, **Home Visitor**, or **Worship Leader**.

To bring the sacrament of His precious Body and Blood to our brothers and sisters at the altar rail or at home is a profound spiritual privilege beyond measure. As Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors, one's first and primary ministry is to the Lord Himself. The desire to serve others must grow out of an even deeper desire to serve Him and grow in our relationship to Him. Our devotion to Christ opens us up to the suffering, pain and acute needs of others and these ministries are an expression of Christ's ministry to them; it is, in fact, one of the ways God touches others – through us.

I ask you to pray about growing your faith in Christ through service to others and please consider offering Him some of your time and love by volunteering as: an **Usher**, **Lector**, **Eucharistic Minister** (Chalice Bearer) or **Eucharistic Home Visitor** (Home communion) or **Worship Leader**.

Please contact me if you are interested in further information in any of the above ministries.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Milone, Worship Leader

Treasurer Report

Dianne Martin

Enclosed is the proposed budget for 2019 based on the current 30 pledges received, totaling \$108,000.00

For each of the past three years, the Church of the Creator has, for the general fund, taken in less money than it spent. Even so, we have been able to continue to pay for part-time staff, building and property maintenance and cleaning, worship needs such as flowers and communion elements, and outreach support. We have been able to do this due to our having cash reserves we accumulated in more prosperous times. We should be able to do much the same in 2019 barring any unforeseen emergency expenses. However, we may need to also use some monies previously allocated for programs we no longer offer.

If nothing changes, we will have a year, or maybe a very few years, to continue the status quo. At that point, we will need to make some hard choices. We will need to decide what is most important and what we can do without. I really hope we won't get to that point. I felt like there was so much energy in the meeting we had in November to discuss our mission. We can trust in God, grow in God's Spirit, and let the resulting energy bring new life to our church however God wills. Our church has so much to offer those who need to realize that they are accepted by God and by God's church.

I look forward to this new year and its possibilities!

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Martin

Treasurer

Revenues	4100.01 - Plate Offerings	\$18,000.00
	4100.02 - General Fund Pledges	\$108,000.00
	4400.00 - Other Income -Safe Harbor	\$7,200.00
	Total Revenues	\$133,200.00
Expenses		
Rector's Compensation	5100.01 - Rector's Stipend	\$24,000.00
	5100.15 - Rector's Housing Expense	\$12,000.00
Music Ministry	5200.01 - Music Director's Salary	\$14,400.00
	5205 .00 - Organist	\$12,000.00
	5210.00 - Music Services, Fees	\$2,500.00
Worship	5400.00 - Acolytes	\$200.00
	5405.00 - Altar/Communion Supplies	\$400.00
	5405.01 - Altar Flowers	\$500.00
Outreach	5605.00 - Diocesan Support	\$1,260.00
	5610.00 - Outreach	\$1,500.00
	5615.00 - Delegates to Counsel	\$1,120.00
	5625.00 - Scouts	\$600.00
Building Maintenance / Repair	5705.00 - Building Maintenance/Repair	\$3,000.00
	5710.00 - Yard and Grounds Maintenance	\$2,880.00
	5715.01 - Kitchen and bathroom supplies	\$400.00
	5715.00 - Janitorial	\$9,600.00
	5725.00 - Electric Power	\$11,000.00
	5730.00 - Water service	\$900.00
	5735.00 - Hazard and Liability Insurance	\$6,150.00
Administrator's Compensation	5800.01 - Administrator's Salary	\$24,000.00
	5800.02 - Administrator's Social Security	\$1,836.00
	5800.03 - Administrator's Pension	\$2,160.00
	5800.04 - Administrator's Health Insurance	\$6,291.00
Office Expense	5805.00 - Office Supplies	\$500.00
	5805.03 - Telephone and DSL	\$2,600.00
	5806.01 - ACS Support and Training	\$1,750.00
	5810.01 - Postage	\$200.00
	5820.01 - Copier Maintenance & Supplies	\$600.00
	5825.00 - Bank Charges	\$20.00
	5827.00 - Web Site	\$2,500.00
	5830.00 - Worker's Compensation Expense	\$688.84
	Total Expenses	\$147,555.84



February, 2019

The Episcopal Church of the Creator

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 5 pm: AA / Al-Anon Meeting
3 8:00 am: Mass 10:30 am: Mass 2:00 pm: Boy Scouts 6:00 pm: Safe Harbor Scout Sunday	4 7:30 pm: DOA—Big Book Group	5 12:00 pm: AA Meeting	6 12:00 am: Healing Service 12:30 pm: Prime Timers 6:00 pm: Cub Scouts 7:00 pm: Adult Choir 7:00 pm: Men's AA Group	7 12:00 pm: AA Meeting 6:00 pm: Cub Scouts	8	9 5 pm: AA / Al-Anon Meeting
10 8:00 am: Mass 10:30 am: Mass 2:00 pm: Boy Scouts 6:00 pm: Safe Harbor	11 7:30 pm: DOA—Big Book Group Parish Hall Rental 4-9pm	12 12:00 pm: AA Meeting	13 6:00 pm: Cub Scouts 7:00 pm: Adult Choir 7:00 pm: Men's AA Group	14 12:00 pm: AA Meeting 6:00 pm: Cub Scouts	15	16 5 pm: AA / Al-Anon Meeting Church Work Day 8am-12pm
17 8:00 am: Mass 10:30 am: Mass 2:00 pm: Boy Scouts 6:00 pm: Safe Harbor FOOD PANTRY for the 4 C's	18 6:30 pm: Vestry 7:30 pm: DOA—Big Book Group	19 12:00 pm: AA Meeting	20 7:00 pm: Adult Choir 7:00 pm: Men's AA Group	21 12:00 pm: AA Meeting	22	23 5 pm: AA / Al-Anon Meeting
24 8:00 am: Mass 10:30 am: Mass 2:00 pm: Boy Scouts 6:00 pm: Safe Harbor	25 7:30 pm: DOA—Big Book Group	26 12:00 pm: AA Meeting	27 7:00 pm: Adult Choir 7:00 pm: Men's AA Group	28 12:00 pm: AA Meeting 6:00 pm: Cub Scouts		

	3 Scout Sunday	10	17	24	
Chalice	Bob White	Mike Milone	Bob White	Mike Milone	
	Joyce White	Wendy Brantley	Chuck Runyan	Tori Meyers	
Lectors	Boy Scout	Ross Turner	John Lanford	Fred Shirley	
	Boy Scout	Max Lanford	Deborah Runyan	Joan Blanton	
Prayers	Wendy Brantley	Janie Fields	Chuck Runyan	Deborah Runyan	
Acolytes	Maddie Gray Braley	Landon Daniel	Ruby Lanford	Maddie Gray Braley	
	Rowan Braley	Max Lanford	Manny Diaz-Olarra	Landon Daniel	
Ushers	Beth Braley	Doug George	Beverly Wilder	BettySue Hennington	
	Boy Scouts	Abby Donaho	Pam Wilder	Frank Hennington	
Altar	Rhea Estes	Ross Turner	Beverly Wilder	Katy Lanford	
			Pam Wilder		
Home Communion			Edie Hill		
Vestry Person of the Day	Chuck Runyan	Doug George	Rhea Estes	John Lanford	



Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays

- 4 Isabel Mills
- 5 Rhea Estes
- 6 Landon Daniel
- 7 Fred Shirley
- 10 Marty Singletary
- 11 Hannah Gardner
- 15 John Lanford

24 Wendy Brantley

25 Mitchell Singletary

Anniversaries

Episcopal Church of the Creator

Church Office Hours:

9:00 am—2 pm, Monday—Thursday

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