

2019 Annual Parish Report



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A WORD ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING

The canons of the church only require the election of new vestry members during the annual meeting. Therefore, the only official business to be conducted will be the election of new vestry members. Once the election is conducted, the official meeting will be concluded. The remaining time will be spent in fellowship over lunch and an informal question and answer period with the Rector.

Questions about the specific content of any of the reports that follow should be addressed directly to the individual who submitted said report.

As always, the Rector is willing to meet and discuss any aspect of our common life in Christ with anyone attending Hanover-with-Brunswick. Please feel free to contact him by phone, text or email rector@hwbkgva.org.

1. Rector's Report

In 2019, we lost Jim Smith, our parish's longtime volunteer organist (some 30+ years) and dedicated parishioner. With his death, Jim left a hole in the life of our parish that was far larger than we first understood as his quiet manner hid a great many of the other ministries he had with us. His presence is missed by all of us.

But as the proper preface for funerals states: "For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended"; so too does parish life continue. David Sheffield has increased his volunteer ministry from being Jim's occasional substitute organist to our principal organist. We are also fortunate to have Jasi Hollingsworth play the organ when David is unavailable. And of course, Margie Stevens continues to select the music we sing and keep me somewhat straight with it.

A note of appreciation is also due to Rose Harris who retired as our sexton at the beginning of 2019 for health reasons. Again, many others have volunteered their time to help replace Rose's work with keeping St. John's and the Parish House clean.

As a small rural parish, we are not all that different from many others in mainline denominations. Attendance, general membership and giving are all on the decline. The challenge to all of us is to discern how we can contribute the most with our time, talent and financial resources without it becoming a worrisome burden. We need to be both realistic and hopeful. And as much as I wish I could tell you otherwise, there are no simple answers, no magic formulas, no-one-size-fits-all solutions.

So as we continue our journeys of faith in 2020 as the family known as Hanover-with-Brunswick Parish, I encourage each and every one to be kind and understanding with one another while being grateful for the gifts that each of us brings to the Glory of God. God bless all of you!

The Rev. Richard E. Fichter, Jr
Rector

2. Senior Warden Report

The year 2019 has been a positive one for Hanover Parish. The Rev. Richard Fichter continued to serve as our rector, providing guidance and leadership in our faith journey. He oversees liturgy, Christian education, stewardship, fellowship, outreach, and parish administration and keeps us running smoothly, on task, and on track (mostly). He also has made the Rectory a warm and welcoming home and has been most generous in sharing it with us on numerous occasions, including the annual parish picnic, which he instituted a couple of years ago, and weekly Bible study.

Volunteers have given much of themselves as vestrypersons, choir members, lectors, chalcers, lay Eucharistic ministers, and acolytes. Others have stepped up to spearhead outreach projects including the Thanksgiving baskets and Christmas family projects, Hoagies for Hunter, cooking at the Thurman Brisben Shelter, Summer Lunch Bunch, the Labor Day Yard Sale, and the Cookie Boutique. Everyone who calls this parish "home" has given generously of his or her time, treasure, and talent.

We have met our financial obligations during 2019; Fr. Richard has helped in that regard by doing his own secretarial work. Cleaning of the church and parish house has been done by volunteer parishioners, and the junior warden and others have undertaken numerous building and maintenance tasks at their own expense.

As I wrap up my term on the vestry and as your senior warden, I thank you all for your continuing support and encouragement not only for me as warden, but for the church as a whole. The life of Hanover Parish depends on it!

Michaele Morton
Senior Warden

3. Junior Warden Report

I would like to thank everyone for supporting me these last three years as Parish Junior Warden. From cooking pancakes to assembling a swing set, when I needed help, our great parish folks readily lent a hand.

This past year has been no different from others as general maintenance on all the buildings and grounds requires constant attention. We are fixing and repairing issues as they arise.

It has been a pleasure to work with Father Richard ever since he arrived. He has opened the Rectory to us, and he is a very good steward of the house and grounds. We are indeed blessed to have Father Richard as our spiritual leader and priest.

During my tenure, we instituted the annual Parish Picnic, which is truly a whole parish fellowship. Maybe next year the sun will shine.

My duties as Junior Warden have come to an end, but I will always be available to assist the next Junior Warden as needed.

Frankie Stevens
Junior Warden

4. St. John's Treasurer's Report

Summary of Assets

Checking / Saving Bank Accounts

	<i>01/01/2019</i>	<i>12/31/2019</i>	<i>Delta</i>
St John's Regular Checking	\$11,421.37	\$8,272.63	-\$3,148.74
St. John's Building Fund	\$26,825.58	\$26,845.86	\$20.28
St. John's Regular Savings	\$11,761.20	\$2,525.77	-\$9,235.43
Total Banking	\$50,008.15	\$37,644.26	-\$12,363.89

Investment Accounts

	<i>01/01/2019</i>	<i>12/31/2019</i>	<i>Delta</i>
TOTF - Church Fund	\$2,782.18	\$3,107.95	\$325.77
TOTF - Churchyard Fund	\$111,134.02	\$124,144.96	\$13,010.94
TOTF - Endowment Fund	\$56,843.07	\$63,498.01	\$6,654.94
Total Investment	\$170,759.27	\$190,750.92	\$19,991.65

Summary Income / Expenses

St. John's General Operating Fund

Income

Plate & Pledge	\$69,093.44
Interest	\$34.64
Total	\$69,128.08

Other Sources

Bequest	\$10,000.00
Total	\$10,000.00

Total Income	\$79,128.08
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Expense**Facilities**

Landscaping Expenses	\$3,800.00
Repairs and Maintenance	\$1,920.25
Instrument Repair	\$250.00
Utilities	\$10,029.51
Porta-john	\$195.00
Total	\$16,194.76

Office General

Office Supplies	\$228.39
Music License	\$309.95
Postage and Delivery	\$56.00
Telephone Expense	\$1,938.85
Total	\$2,533.19

Other

Subscriptions	\$325.00
Diocesan Conference	\$215.00
Fee	\$36.00
Total	\$576.00

Personnel Expenses

Rector Stipend	\$48,552.00
Rector SECA Reimbursement	\$3,708.00
Rector Health Insurance	\$9,345.00
Rector Pension	\$13,003.94
Sexton	\$150.71
Supply Priest	\$405.11
Organist	\$660.00
ADP Payroll Processing Fee	\$66.75
Total	\$75,891.51

Total Expense	\$95,195.46
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Net General Operating Fund	-\$16,067.38
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Event Fund

Income

Labor Day Sale	\$2,680.00
Cookie Boutique	\$1,773.49
Total Income	\$4,453.49

Expense

Contribution to Schools	\$750.00
Total Expense	\$750.00

Net Event Fund	\$3,703.49
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<i>Net change to Banking Accounts</i>	<i>-\$12,363.89</i>
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Phyllis Gibson
St. John's Treasurer

5. Altar Guild Report

The altar guilds at St. John's and Emmanuel continue to prepare the sanctuary for weekly services, in addition to the occasional wedding, baptism, funeral, or special service, including Homecoming and the Blessing of the Animals at Lamb's Creek.

The altar guild is funded entirely by donations from parishioners and friends of the parish. Those funds are used to buy altar flowers, wine, wafers, candles, linens, hangings, housekeeping supplies, etc. In the summer, generous gardeners donate flowers for the altar, and we depend on evergreens from local yards, fields, and the churchyard during Advent and Lent, thereby minimizing expenditures for flowers and/or greens.

Members and friends are always welcome to make donations to the altar guild fund for flowers or church furnishings in memory or honor of someone. If that is your wish, please let me know.

Our altar guild members are few. Please volunteer if you can take a Sunday here or there, or a month of Sundays, as most of us on the altar guilds do. No experience is necessary; we will train you. Call me 775-7222 or email at michaelemorton@verizon.net to volunteer.

Michaele Morton
Sacristan

6. The Opp Shop Annual Report for 2019

The Opp Shop is an outreach service organization sponsored by the two Episcopal parishes in King George County to provide a source of low cost clothing and household goods. It is supported by volunteers from both parishes as well as members of the community in general. Profits from the Opp Shop sales are distributed to non-profit charitable organizations. The shop also provides, without charge, necessary items to families in need. The Opp Shop Board maintains two giving cycles each year.

Charitable Organizations	Apr-19	Oct-19	Total
Jackson Feild Home	500	500	1,000
Covington Boys	1,500	1,000	2,500
St. Paul's Discretionary Fund	2,500	2,500	5,000
St. Paul's Discretionary Fund - Shrinemont	2,250		2,250
St. John's Ministries	2,500	2,500	5,000
Bishop Discretionary Fund	250	250	500
Episcopal Relief Development	500	500	1,000
King George Fire Dept/Rescue Squad	1,000	1,000	2,000
Hope House	1,000	1,000	2,000
Thurman Brisben Shelter	5,000	4,000	9,000
Rapp. Big Brothers Big Sisters	1,000	500	1,500
Empower House	1,000	1,000	2,000
Rapp. Council Against Sexual Assault	250	250	500
King George Social Services (Food & Heat)	5,000	4,000	9,000
Fancy's Friends	0	250	250
Haiti Micah Project	500	1,000	1,500
King George Fund for Kids (Parks and Rec)	1,000	1,000	2,000
Little Ark Food	3,000	3,000	6,000
King George Clinic (Social Services)	2,500	2,500	5,000
Colonial Beach Free Clinic	1,000	1,000	2,000
YMCA Open Door Program	500	500	1,000
Scholastic Book Funds	0	300	300
King George Schools - Lunch Fund	0	2,200	2,200
King George HS Scholarships (2)	2,500	0	2,500
KGMS - STEAM Evening	0	500	500
Lunch Bunch	2,000	0	2,000
Micah Ecumenical Ministries	1,000	1,500	2,500
National Child Safety Council	0	500	500
Love Thy Neighbor	1,000	1,000	2,000
Special Olympics Virginia	0	500	500
Wendy's Feline Friends	250	250	500
Young Life	1,000	1,000	2,000
Safe Harbor	500	500	1,000
Totals	41,000	36,500	77,500