

The View from St. Chad's

January 2017

Greetings from Senior Warden

Happy New Year and Welcome to 2017!

The start of a new year brings a sense of excitement for me—fresh beginnings and the chance to set new aspirations for my life. At St. Chad's, we have a great deal about which to be excited in 2017. Our new rector Father Jeremiah Griffin will celebrate his first service with us on Sunday, January 8th. Please make plans to attend one of our Sunday services to help welcome Father Jeremiah and his family. We'll enjoy a **very special** reception for Father Jeremiah after each service—please watch for details in this newsletter.

Thank you to all who have completed a pledge card for 2017. Your prayerful giving has helped the Vestry to build a solid operating budget for the year, one that will meet the needs of our growing ministries and to plan for our future growth. Your commitment to St. Chad's makes a difference.

The Parish Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29th, after the 10 am service. A potluck luncheon will be served, and your help is greatly appreciated. Marge Hardison is chairing the committee for the potluck. Please contact her with any questions and watch for the sign-up sheet for potluck food items to be provided.

My role as Senior Warden will change with the arrival of Father Jeremiah such that I will be able to step down as the administrative leader for the parish. 2016 was an incredible year in my service to you as your warden and I am grateful for your prayers and support. Thanks for a wonderful experience!

Cindy Frost, Senior Warden

Meet Father Jeremiah!



Father Jeremiah Griffin is joining St. Chad's after his service to St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Marfa, TX. He was called to serve in the clergy after a career at the McDonald Observatory in Houston, TX. While at the Observatory, Father Jeremiah worked as a grant writer and event planner, but what he most enjoyed was working with scientists to translate their research into articles for non-scientifically-minded folks.

Father Jeremiah met his wife Meredith at the Kerrville Folk Music festival. She was about to finish college and go to volunteer at clinics established by Mother Teresa in India. This was something that Father Jeremiah had also wanted to do, so he went with her. They spent about three months in India caring for people with AIDS, leprosy, and tuberculosis. These experiences had a profound impact on Father Jeremiah and Meredith and proved to be life changing.

As a young married couple, they often hosted a small group of the college-aged members of their church. They wanted to integrate some sort of ministry into their new life together. They initially planned to use their home as a meeting place but soon the students were asking Father Jeremiah and Meredith for some kind of lesson—which they hadn't counted on! This led Father Jeremiah to begin an in-depth study of scripture and theology. He found that his prayer life deepened and he fell in love with this work. It was during a long car ride with his brother, sister-in-law, and Meredith that Father Jeremiah realized God was calling him to the clergy. After serving as a hospital chaplain and Associate

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Mother Jan's Corner

Thank you to all the wonderful people who made our Christmas services so special—the music, the “Greening,” the pageant, the servers, breakfast brigade, and everyone who participated...the Holy Spirit is alive and well at St. Chad's.

This is my last newsletter article as your Priest-in-Charge. As most of you know, I depart for Uganda on January 10th, returning the end of the month. After that I will spend some time with Father Jeremiah. Then I will be off on Sabbatical.

Many of you have asked, “What happens then?” Sabbatical is a time of refreshment and discernment and I will most certainly do both. January marks my tenth anniversary at St. Chad's and beckons a transition. God and I will have a long chat while I'm away to help point me in the right direction. Father Jeremiah will also have time to experience life at St. Chad's and figure out what he needs to continue and expand ministry here.

The last 16 months have been an exciting time of continued ministry, development of new ideas, and on-going pastoral care. I offer a special thank you to Mother Jean Campbell for her love, compassion, and outstanding ministry here. It has been my honor and privilege to serve you and walk with you during this transition. An additional special thank you goes out to the wardens, vestry, search committee, and ROW. All of you are committed to building up the Kingdom of God in the various ministries at St. Chad's. You are a personal blessing to Bruce and me.

I'll end with the motto of the Daughters of the King:

For His Sake...

I am but one, but I am one.

I cannot do everything, but I can do something.

What I can do, I ought to do.

What I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.

Lord, what will you have me do?

God Bless you! Mother Jan+



Contemporary Holy Eucharist

January 14th & 28th @ 5 pm

Join us on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month for a contemporary Holy Eucharist.



Sunday Adult Christian Formation

Join Joe Allotta & Rosalie Rice in the choir room 9:15–9:45 am to study *The Jesus I Never Knew*.

Tuesday Bible Study

10–11 am

Join Paul and Carol Brocard in the choir room for a study of Ezekiel. Invite friends and neighbors!

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Curate, he became the Rector of St. Paul's in January 2015.

In addition to being an avid hiker, camper, and busy father of two, Father Jeremiah was once an apprentice swordsmith and knife maker.

Throughout grad school, he lobbied for small farmers and ranchers at the Texas Legislature and worked nights as a "pedi-cab" (bicycle taxi) chauffeur in downtown Austin.

Cindy Frost

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Exciting Opportunity!



Here's a once in a lifetime opportunity for three lucky St. Chad's parishioners to join the Vestry and serve with Father Jeremiah Griffin in his first year as our rector!

That's right! We're seeking three candidates for Vestry positions being vacated by Robert Solorio, Paul Titus, and Jeff Wieneri who currently chair the Worship, Stewardship, and Membership committees respectively.

Who can be a member of the St. Chad's Vestry? Vestry members include any "adult communicant member in good standing whose name is enrolled on the Parish Register." In plain English, if you are a member of St. Chad's who has received Holy Communion at least three times during the last year and you are at least sixteen years of age, you're eligible! ***It's that easy.***

Our vestry meets on the second Tuesday of every month. As the chair or liaison to a parish committee, i.e., Fellowship, Worship, Membership, etc., your committee might meet once a month also. Each Vestry committee is responsible for sponsoring one or two of the weekly breakfasts also.

Do you have a glad heart, willing hands, and a need to give back to St. Chad's for the blessings in your life? Do you want to be a part of the first St. Chad's Vestry that Father Jeremiah serves with? If so, please contact Robert Solorio, Paul Titus, Jeff Wieneri, or the Wardens. *Cindy Frost*

Message from Father Jeremiah

At Christmas time, we celebrate God's act of incarnation in the Christ child—an event revealing that God was not content to remain distant, but came to dwell amongst us. This happened so we could experience a relationship with God and redemption—big concepts with a big meaning that we must strive to wrap our minds around. For this reason, I see the season of Epiphany that follows as vital...because we need time to process all this and wrestle with its implications.

If what we proclaim on Christmas day is true, then as people seeking to know God better and embody God's ways, these things should have bearing on our lives. For ours is a God who has moved for the benefit and transformation of all people...all creation really. And, as those already coming to know this, we are called to share this news with others. This is our mission. Hence, Epiphany's themes of evangelism, outreach, and insights ever call us to change.

As your new rector, I can only imagine all the ways we will try to unpack the meaning of Christmas and live the mission of Epiphany together. For only time will tell what new forms these things will take on. But if history is any indicator, I'm confident that God will continue to call new hearts into relationship and continue the work of transforming lives. And that our common mission of outreach and evangelism will continue as extensions of this work that God is already up to.

Please know that I and my family are excited to join St. Chad's and its many thriving ministries. We're looking forward to all the new people we're sure to meet and the stories we'll hear. And, perhaps most of all, I'm eager to begin combining our imaginations and energy to discover what God, who is always already busy making all things new, has in store for our future together.

Father Jeremiah+



Children Ministry

Happy New Year! Thank you to all of you who have made the health,

maintenance, and growth of our children's Christian Formation program possible. I don't dare name names because there are SO MANY of you who have made 2016 a wonderful year for our program. Thank you to the volunteers who help with the spiritual growth of our children in the classroom each and every week. Thank you to the parishioners who are so patient while children are learning how to behave in church. Thank you to the staff who help both logistically and spiritually. Thanks to the volunteers who have made our classrooms look great and function well through cleaning, painting, and light fixture and heating/cooling repair. Thank you to those who have provided food and activity support for our many social events. Thank you to the vestry for their support of our program. Thank you for the donations for our outreach projects and our various activities. Thank you for making things and being creative along with me and the kids. Thank you for those of you who have listened to and encouraged me when I was having doubts. Thank you to those who so willingly say, "Yes, I'll be glad to help," when I ask. Thank you to the emergency crew who took on the Christmas pageant while I was lying at home sick on dress rehearsal Sunday! At every turn this position has been a blessing to me, and I am so thankful for you encouraging and supporting me as I work to encourage our children. I look forward to more blessings for our program in 2017!

Leslea Lehoucq

Tool Talk

The re-roofing project for the commons, office, and kitchen was carried out during the week of December 5th. The contractor, Lone Mountain Roofing, did a great job and was a pleasure to work with. A special thank you to those who donated funds and to St. Chad's Foundation for their help making this project a reality! We have a roof that will last a very long time!

The columbarium project will be starting soon. Work to prepare the site for the columbarium and courtyard will begin once the columbarium committee secures funding for the project. The columbarium and courtyard will be located on the exterior west-facing wall of the sanctuary, south of the main doors. The columbarium committee is working on finalizing the design with contractors, securing funding, and developing conceptual sketches and drawings to present to everyone in the near future.

Wow! 2016 was a busy year for Building and Grounds! I want to thank everyone on B&G for all their time, talent, and treasure to keep St. Chad's such a wonderful place! I thank those who volunteered their time and talent during the Spring and Fall clean ups! Here's to 2017! If you have any questions or comments, please contact me. Thanks!

Gunnar Mutz, Building & Grounds Chair

Saturday Eucharist- 3 Kings Party-Chili Dinner

Come and be part of the fun, food, and fellowship of the Annual Family Chili Dinner sponsored by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew's on Saturday, January 4th, at 5:45 pm following the Saturday Contemporary Holy Eucharist. Following the service is the children's Three Kings Celebration so worship, food, and activities for all ages will be part of the evening's events. You will have a variety of delicious chilis cooked by St. Chad's finest chefs, salad, bread, drinks, and ice cream and cookies. Bring your family, friends, and an appetite. If you wish, you may bring a chili to enter into the chili cook-off contest and the winner will receive a prize that will last for a year. Cost: \$4 per person or \$12 per family. Net proceeds will be donated to charitable organizations. Please sign up on the fellowship bulletin board if you plan to attend.



Joe Allotta

Fellowship News



Although the Reception for Father Jeremiah on January 8th does not technically fall under the Fellowship umbrella, it certainly can be considered “fellowship.” There will be two receptions: one immediately following the 8 am service and a second immediately following the 10 am service. We are planning a Champagne/Crepe Brunch, and many of you have already volunteered to assist with this event and provided generous donations to help with the reception costs. Because it is being served differently from our normal Sunday breakfasts—the brunch is not an open buffet with continuous service—please choose one of the reception times to attend. We hope everyone can be here to welcome our new Rector!

Please don't forget the De-Greening that will take place on Wednesday, January 11th, at 2 pm. Normally the de-greening follows the second service after Epiphany Sunday. Due to the Champagne/Crepe Brunch on that Sunday, the removal of the Christmas decorations is being delayed a few days. We need as many able-bodied people to come and take down the Christmas decorations and tree and pack them up for storage until the next year. Your assistance is GREATLY appreciated!

As you have read in other portions of this newsletter, the Annual Meeting on January 29th, is preceded by an Annual Meeting Potluck Luncheon following the second service. There will be the proverbial sign-up poster in the Narthex for you to indicate what you will be providing for the potluck—a main entre, salad, side dish, bread, or dessert. The Fellowship Committee will provide the drinks. The sign-ups will also ask for help with the set-up on the day before, assisting with kitchen duties on the 29th, and the necessary clean-up tasks. For information contact Marge Hardison.



There will be some slight changes in our Sunday Breakfasts this coming year. A few breakfast groups require assistance with setting up, taking down, and dish washing. There will be a sign-up on the fellowship bulletin board in the Narthex for you to volunteer to be part of a team for one of these tasks. We will create as many teams as we have volunteers. The teams most likely will be called upon only once a month (or even less if we get lots of volunteers!). The group responsible for breakfast will contact the teams as they are needed.



Set-up Teams will set up the tables and chairs for breakfast on Saturday—put out the tablecloths and basic equipment used for breakfast and fill the coffee pots and get them ready to be plugged in on Sunday morning. There will be two or three persons on each team. It takes about an hour or less to perform these tasks. Directions for what to do will be provided.

Dish-Wash Teams will be responsible for washing dishes, running the sanitizer, and putting the dried dishes away. We need two or three persons on this team. Dish washing is needed following both breakfasts on Sunday mornings.

Take-Down Teams will assist the breakfast group in removing breakfast items from the commons following the 10 am service breakfast—bundle up the dirty tablecloths, return the tables and chairs to storage, and sweep and wet mop the commons and kitchen floors. There will be two or three persons on a team. It takes about an hour or less to perform these tasks.

If you can assist with the duties of any of these teams and help the breakfast groups that are short-handed, please sign up. You might earn a special place in heaven!

Eileen Simpson, Fellowship Chair

Outreach Update

St. Chad's outreach has been expressed in many ways during 2016 through formal activities and donations of the Outreach Committee and through the individual efforts of Parish members. The following is a summary of some of the activities:

Donations: For each quarter of 2016, donations were made to: St. Martin's Sunday services, The Storehouse meals for the working poor, Albuquerque Heading Home, Rock at Noonday lunch program, and Meals on Wheels wait-listed individuals and families.

Blood Drive: United Blood Services brought their bus to St. Chad's on a Sunday morning and processed 14 volunteers.

Habitat for Humanity Unit House #1 build. Fourteen parish members helped the Habitat staff with many chores as they readied the house for occupancy. Part of St. Chad's contribution was providing lunch for all those working on the site. The meal was delicious and warming on a chilly day.

Easter Sunday: The activities had a fun outreach component. The Easter egg hunt organizers added to the fun-filled event an opportunity for the children to participate in outreach. Each plastic Easter egg contained *Easter Bucks*. After all the eggs were found, the kids donated their *Easter Bucks* to their choice of three charities: APS Title 1 food program, Grace Camp, or Meals on Wheels *Love on a Leash* pet program. Some of the parents even donated real bucks!

Saranam: St. Chad's volunteers helped prepare one of ten apartments for new program families. The mission of Saranam is to empower families to end their homelessness and poverty through housing and education while participating in a supportive community. With education and personal development, vocational development, job placement and support, and independent living, the families progress to self-sufficiency and independence. This is accomplished in an apartment complex owned by Saranam. The

complex provides a community of common interests and support. One of the apartments is now the school house used for parent and children education, tutoring, and counseling. Over the last ten years, 73% of the families have successfully completed the program. Of the families leaving the program successfully, 100% remain stable after one year.

Project Share: Three meals were prepared and served by Parish volunteers.

Road Runner Food Bank: Parish members are helping the food bank with collections and distribution.

Bean Can Donations: These donations go to The Storehouse to help provide food to the working poor.

Hats, Gloves, Scarfs, Coats, Clothing, and

Pillowcase dresses: These donations help several organizations in our area and throughout the world.

Healthcare Volunteers: These angels provide needed care at St. Martin's Hospitality Center.

Youth Group Activities: Members of our youth group participated with the Diocese Youth Group preparing casseroles for St. Martin's Hospitality Center. Our youth group also made Christmas cards for the Borderland Ministry gift bags.

Diocesan Relief Fund: St. Chad's made a donation to assist victims of the East Mountain Dog Head Fire.

If your individual effort is not listed here, please fill out one of the forms by the outreach box on the usher's table and drop the form in the box. You don't need to put your name on the form. We just want to know about your efforts so we can share with the parish the many things St. Chad's is doing to help our community. We are looking for your input on enhancing St. Chad's outreach efforts. Please contact any of the outreach committee members. 2017 will bring many more outreach opportunities. We are blessed to have the resources and volunteers to do God's work.

Happy New Year!

Larry Bost, Outreach Chair

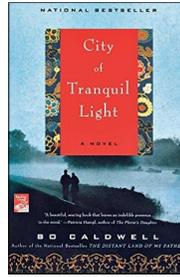
January Birthdays

- 1 Matt Blankenship
- 8 Henry Gerard
- 10 Don Smiset
George Vavra
- 15 Joan Gourdin
Jaclyn Lehrman
- 17 Rosalie Swanson
- 18 Stormy Gaus
- 21 Barbara Krueger
- 23 Gabriel Schoenmann
Genevieve Schoenmann
- 27 Jack Hahn
- 31 Paul Martin

January Anniversaries

- 1 Paul Apodaca & Sue Casarez
James & Susan Carson
- 4 Rich & Eileen Simpson
- 23 Steve & Andrea Prickett

If your Birthday or Anniversary is not on this list or the date is incorrect, please contact the church office.



Book Club

Meets at 2 pm on Monday, January 9th, at the home of Sue Poet to discuss *City of Tranquil Light* by Bo Caldwell. All are welcome!

Mark Your Calendars!

Foundation Spring Fever Fest! Saturday, May 6th

Join this fun evening of great food, enticing auction items, and fabulous entertainment... all in support of St. Chad's.
Jim Frost, 293-4898

Youth Snow Slam

February 17th-19th @ Camp Stoney

Youth grades 6th and up are invited.
Register by February 3rd, cost \$30
Register after February 3rd, cost \$40
Watch for more details.
For more info contact Leslea Lehoucq.



TREASURER'S CORNER

As of November 30, 2016

	2016 Actual YTD	Annual Budget	% Annual Budget	2015 Actual YTD	Change
Income					
Offerings	327,597	341,648		340,325	(12,728)
Other	2,756	2,750		2,217	539
Total Income	330,353	344,398	95.92%	342,542	(12,189)
Expenses					
Operations	77,792	143,572		70,855	6,937
Ministries	188,314	200,826		247,129	(58,815)
Total Expenses	266,106	344,398	77.27%	317,984	(51,878)

St. Chad's Episcopal Church

January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Adult Christian Formation 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Come to the Cross 10:00 am Youth Sunday School	2 Office Closed 5:00 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	3 Vestry Reports Due 10:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Stewardship	4	5 11:00 am Holy Eucharist @ La Vida Llana 12:00 pm Healing Holy Eucharist 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	6 Annual Reports Due	7
8 Welcome Father Jeremiah! 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Welcome Brunch 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Come to the Cross 10:00 am Youth Sunday School 11:00 am Welcome Brunch	9 2:00 pm Book Club 5:00 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	10 10:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Vestry Meeting	11 10:00 am PEO Meeting	12 11:00 am Holy Eucharist @ Montebello 12:00 pm Holy Eucharist 6:30 pm Cibola Search and Rescue 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	13	14 9:00 am Computer Club 5:00 pm Contemporary Holy Eucharist 5:45 pm Three Kings Party & Chili Cookoff
15 Newsletter Deadline 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Adult Christian Formation 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Come to the Cross 10:00 am Youth Sunday School	16 Office Closed 5:00 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	17 10:00 am Bible Study	18	19 12:00 pm Holy Eucharist 12:00 pm Foundation Board Meeting 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	20	21 7:30 am Brotherhood of St. Andrew
22 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Adult Christian Formation 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Come to the Cross 10:00 am Youth Sunday School	23 5:00 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	24 10:00 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Building & Grounds 7:00 pm Rector Search Committee	25	26 12:00 pm Holy Eucharist 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	27	28 5:00 pm Contemporary Holy Eucharist
29 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Adult Christian Formation 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Come to the Cross 10:00 am Youth Sunday School 11:30 am Annual Meeting & Potluck	30 5:00 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	31 10:00 am Bible Study 1:30 pm Knutty Knitters	Mother Jan on Mission Trip January 10-28.			

Room Codes	
Choir Room	CR
Come to Cross	CTC
Commons	C
Kitchen	K
Meeting Room	M
Miscellaneous	
Off Site	
Sanctuary	S
Youth Room	Y
	CR
	CTC
	C
	K
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	Y