

Archivist

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Please list what the goals of your group or ministry were for 2017.

- ❖ The largest goal was to celebrate the congregation's 290th anniversary. Ancillary to that was to mount more displays in the narthex display case.

Were you able to achieve your goals for 2017? Please be as specific as possible of your successes and failures.

- ❖ Nancy Donohue and Bob Schneider together planned for Anniversary Sunday and the publicity, including the E-pistle articles, leading up to the event. Bob agreed to preach. Eighteen history-related articles were written for the E-pistle, the history tour brochure was updated, two Old First Banners designed by Susan DeAngelus were purchased and installed, and Community Life organized the Anniversary Sunday potluck luncheon. History displays covered Old First's connection to Chateau Thierry, the Dotterer collection of Reformed Church history photos, 50th & Locust, 10th & Wallace, Christmas, and a larger display of photos taken during the restoration of the church. It was decided to re-issue in 2018 the history booklet Bob compiled for the church's 275th Anniversary and include the 290th Anniversary sermon.

Where is your group or ministry area stuck? What is your group or ministry area pondering?

- ❖ That the updated archive database exists only on one computer is a problem. Ideally the database should exist online and thus be visible to the public at large. This can be accomplished through Old First's current database vendor or through an archives-specific vendor. Either option will cost more.

What do you hope to accomplish in the coming 2018 year

- ❖ Bob Schneider and Nancy Donohue have agreed to be co-archivists for the coming year. The list of priorities includes: rearranging the physical storage of the current archives in the most efficient manner and planning for possible removal and temporary storage.

What are the ways that the church can support your team?

- ❖ Ask questions, give feedback, and offer suggestions!