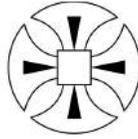


SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH 

ANNUAL PARISH
MEETING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2012





THE RECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

In the Name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Preparing the annual address this year has been both a challenge and a blessing. It is always an opportunity to celebrate where we have been as a congregation—and to set forth challenges as to where we may be going and how we may further engage Christ's ministry through this wonderful community.

As many of you know, the last few months have been long ones for my family as we said goodbye to my father who passed away in January. Losing a loved one is always a painful and difficult process. On occasion the passing is accompanied by what is sometimes described as "Jordan's blessings." These can take the form of being surrounded by family and caregivers, uplifted in prayer by so many people, and having the opportunity to say things that need to be said and to listen to things that need to be shared. I consider it a great privilege to have experienced so many "Jordan's blessings" in the last few weeks, and want to thank yet again the many people who stepped forward and allowed me the space to be where I needed to be, and journey through what has been a very "grace-filled" time.

The Epistle article I wrote in February was entitled "On Jordan's Bank," and it uplifts Jordan's bank as a place where we all find ourselves. I do not mean that we all have—or will someday—be separated for a time from those we love. Instead I mean that we all live out our lives in this world in hope of resurrection.

Think about it for a moment.

We hope for the resurrection of those we love and see no longer, we hope for resurrection in our own lives, we hope for resurrection of our world more nearly into the place God intends it to be, we look for faith and assurance of the resurrection of Jesus Christ which is the miracle that breaths life to all the rest. In so many ways you and I live our entire lives standing "On Jordan's Bank."

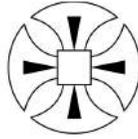
What does that mean for us?

What does it mean for the church?

What does it mean for the creation into which God sent Jesus Christ?

We can begin to look at these questions by remembering what happened 2000 years ago in this very river: Jesus was baptized and began his earthly ministry. Here the voice of God declared: "This is my Son, the "Beloved" with whom I am well pleased." So in one way living "On Jordan's Bank" is to acknowledge Jesus as our own Savior, living into our own Baptismal Covenant and being about his work and trying to live a life of which God would be "well pleased" as well.

We can further delve into these questions by remembering where the Jordan River goes geographically: it flows south into the Sea of Galilee, that great fresh water lake around which so much of Jesus' ministry took place. It was on the Galilean hillside where Jesus fed the five thousand demonstrating God's abundant love. Here Jesus preached the sermon on the mount and overturned the social order of His day. On these waters he showed the disciples how to be "fishers of people." Here Jesus calmed the storm and challenged Peter to step out of the safety of a boat with only faith in his Savior as his support. It was here where the disciples saw Jesus literally "walking on the water."



THE RECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

There is an old “church bulletin blooper” of which I am particularly fond. It goes like this: “Today’s sermon: Jesus walks on water.” Next week’s sermon: “Searching for Jesus.” (!!!)

The humor in this anecdote comes from the idea of Jesus sinking and not performing a miraculous act. It is an example that our world—and indeed many of us—have come to not expect the miraculous to occur. We are very much caught up in the day to day details of our lives, the “gee-whiz!” technologies (and latest smartphones) of which we can boast. There is little room for expecting or thinking about miracles.

Or perhaps—just perhaps—we don’t think much about “miracles” because we have been disappointed. We asked for a miracle and didn’t get one. Or to be more accurate we asked for the miracle we wanted and in our disappointment were unable to notice a different miracle that may have been around us all the time.

My friends, the great truth is that if we seek the hope of resurrection, we have to claim the miraculous as real. I don’t mean the magical or the superstitious—I mean the fact that ultimately you and I were created to transcend this world and “Cross the Jordan” into another and even more grace-filled place. When we acknowledge this, when we can embrace this, and when we can live our lives in the blessed hope of resurrection to eternal life—when we can do these things than there is only one question left to be asked.

In the prophetic words of J.R.R. Tolkien: “All that is now left to decide is what we are going to do with the time given us.”

A simple and momentous question. A question for each of us gathered here this morning and a question for Saint Mark’s as a congregation.

As a community blessed with gifts beyond measure, with combined talents that could be considered no less than awesome, with a spirit of compassion for one another and the hungry stranger we have just met: “What is Saint Mark’s going to do with the time that has been given us?”

In the year to come this is my charge to the parish:

- To get to know itself and the many things that are happening here even better.
- To be more deliberate and intentional about welcoming new people into our community (currently very much a “hit or miss” process)
- To continue to strengthen our outreach ministry (not only in places like Guatemala and inner Columbus but right here in Upper Arlington—“There are people in need in U.A.?” Yep!);
- And finally, to maintain a worship experience that inspires us to engage all of the above with a sense of the MIRACULOUS presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

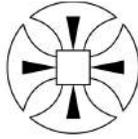
A tall order? Not for people who believe in miracles, resurrection, and eternal life standing together on Jordan’s shore.

Let us do these things together.

Let us begin again now.

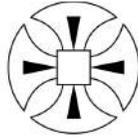
For truly our cup does “runneth over” and we will “live in the house of the Lord forever.”

Amen.



2012 Annual Meeting Agenda

1. Opening Prayer
2. Approval of 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes
3. Introduction of Current Wardens, Vestry and Convention Delegates
4. Recognition
 - Outgoing Vestry Members
5. Presentation of the Nominating Committee Report
6. Election:
 - Junior and Senior Warden
 - Youth Warden
 - Vestry Members
 - Convention Delegates and Alternates
7. 2011 Financial Report
8. Presentation of 2012 Budget
9. Senior Warden's Address
10. Introducing Saint Mark's New Website
11. Introduction of Saint Mark's Staff
12. Discussion for the Good of the Parish
13. Closing Prayer and Adjournment



Report of the Nominating Committee

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2012

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF OUTGOING VESTRY MEMBERS,
AS WELL AS THE CLERGY AND WARDENS WHO SERVE EX-OFFICIO.

Current Saint Mark's Vestry

SENIOR WARDEN: Barb Keyes

JUNIOR WARDEN: Phil Glandon

YOUTH WARDEN: Trent Porterfield

CLASS OF 2012	CLASS OF 2013	CLASS OF 2014
Steve Brindza	Justin Griest	Elizabeth Anstaett
Suzanne McConnell	Ted Keller	Jill Hinton
Patti Blakey	Dianne Silliman	Anne Johnson
Bill Reddington	Darlene Sullivan	Karen Swartz

2012 Annual Meeting Elections

SENIOR WARDEN

Phil Glandon

JUNIOR WARDEN

Kelly Kelleher

YOUTH WARDEN

Trent Porterfield

VESTRY CLASS OF 2015 (4)

Cecily Chester Alexander

Anne McCrae Botti

Martha Lentz

Sam Slee

DIOCESAN CONVENTION DELEGATES (2)

Jean Gabel

Robbie Hurley

DIOCESAN CONVENTION ALTERNATES (4)

Dave Campbell

Jill Hinton

Bill Karl

Bill Loveland

2012 Vestry Nominees

SENIOR WARDEN



PHIL GLANDON
Current Junior Warden

JUNIOR WARDEN

KELLY KELLEHER



Kelly is the father of three young adults who are teaching him patience and tolerance. “Miraculously,” he states, “I am tolerated by all three children, two dogs, a cat and my amazing wife, Andi.” Liking the weather where he resides in Columbus, Ohio, Kelly rarely sits still because there is so much to do and enjoy. His favorite activities include exercise of any type, eating, and staying involved at church. Kelly has worked in the nursery, as an usher, and as verger at Saint Mark’s inside the building and at Street Church and Kairos outside the building.

And he also likes to work, a lot. In what Kelly calls his “spare time” he is Professor of Pediatrics and Public Health at Ohio State University and Vice President of The Nationwide Children’s Hospital for Community Health. Mr. Kelleher feels fortunate to be in this position working with experts around the country seeking to improve the delivery of health and mental health services to children and families in poverty.

FORMATION

ANNE MCRAE BOTTI



Anne grew up in a suburb near Philadelphia and joined the Air Force after receiving her Bachelor of Science degree at Villanova University. This afforded her the opportunity to travel all over the world as well as earn her medical degree at the George Washington University in Washington, D.C. While completing residency training in San Antonio, TX, Anne met her husband Chip, and together they moved to Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi to finish both of their military obligations. They moved to Columbus in 1998 when Chip was offered a position in Interventional Cardiology at Riverside Hospital, and began raising their family. The Bottis have four children – Carolyn (15), CJ (12), Joe (11), and Sarah (8), and have been members of Saint Mark’s since 1999. This is Anne’s second term on Vestry, as she had the opportunity to work on children’s spiritual formation six years ago. She is especially interested in missionary work and enjoyed taking her daughter, Carolyn, to Guatemala with Saint Mark’s in summer of 2012. She looks forward to continuing her work in youth spiritual development and feels fortunate to be a part of such a vibrant and active church.

STEWARDSHIP

CECILY CHESTER ALEXANDER



Cecily grew up and currently lives in Upper Arlington and has been a member of Saint Mark’s all her life. She graduated from Columbus School for Girls in 1988, Amherst College in 1992, and Northwestern University School of Law in 1997. Following law school, Cecily practiced corporate and real estate law in the Columbus office of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP and real estate law in the Chicago office of Rudnick & Wolfe, now known as DLA Piper. She now stays home with her four children, Brooke (10), Cynthia (8), Sarah (5), and Graham (4). Cecily is married to Brett Alexander, who is a Managing Director of RockBridge Capital.

Cecily has served on the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio Board of Trustees. She was a member of The Childhood League where she served on the League’s Executive Board. She has been a member of the Columbus School for Girls Alumnae Board and is a past president of the Alumnae Association. Currently she serves on the Board of Trustees of Columbus School for Girls and the Riverside Methodist Hospital Development Board. Cecily is also a member of Childhood League Assisting Board XIII, where she has served as Auction Chair and Social Chair, and she fundraises for Amherst College as a class agent.

HOSPITALITY

MARTHA LENTZ



Martha has been a member of Saint Mark's since 1997, when she moved to Columbus from Tucson, Arizona and specifically sought a church with an excellent music program. (Thank you, Gary and Michael.) Before that, she lived in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Her adult children are Margaret and Bill Wells, of Columbus, and Shaw Lentz, of Chapel Hill, NC. She has served in the Episcopal Church as chorister, Vestry member, heroically inadequate substitute organist, interim diocesan communications director, junior warden, adult seminar leader, Stephen Minister, licensed lay reader and Eucharistic visitor, and verger. She currently participates in the lay preaching training program with the Diocese of Southern Ohio. She has an undergraduate degree in journalism from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, an MBA from Wake Forest, and she completed the course work in a master's program in religion at Wake Forest (with an emphasis on Hebrew scripture). Marty enjoys editing, tutoring students in writing, cycling, pilates, and yoga, and she also runs and swims, even though she doesn't enjoy that. To support these habits, she is a medical practice management consultant, and she usually has at least four opportunities per week to be invited to "sit back, relax, and enjoy the flight." She finally realized this is good theology.

COMMUNICATIONS

SAM SLEE



Sam is a graduate of Georgetown College in Political Science and Business Administration and was married to Nancy Brothers at Saint Mark's. Together, Sam and Nancy have one son, Eric, who recently graduated from The University of Cincinnati. Sam has been a member of Saint Mark's Choir for nearly 19 years, and has also served as a lay reader, chalice bearer, and as head of the acolyte program. He looks forward to being involved with Vestry and helping to energize parish communications.

YOUTH WARDEN



TRENT PORTERFIELD

Current Youth Warden

CONVENTION DELEGATES

Jean Gabel, Robbie Hurley

CONVENTION ALTERNATES

Dave Campbell, Jill Hinton, Bill Karl, Bill Loveland

Respectfully submitted,

The Nominating Committee

Steve Brindza, Suzanne McConnell, Patti Blakey, and Bill Reddington

The Rev. Paul St. Germain

The Rev. Bruce Smith



ASSOCIATE RECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2011

Dear friends in Christ,

This past year has been a year of transition for me and for my ministry among you. As most of you know, I have been on part time status since March 1, 2011 due to budget cuts. That change has taken some adjustment, not just for me, but for staff and parishioners as well. These changes reflect a growing reality in our diocese and in the wider church as churches continue to feel the effects of the recession. There have been some real and unexpected blessings to Saint Mark's, however, notably the ministry of our two parish interns, Mary Raysa and Chad Slater, who bring so much to the life and ministry of Saint Mark's. The establishment of Stephen Ministry and Lay Eucharistic Ministry has also been important to Saint Mark's.

Now for a summary of my ministry in 2011:

At Saint Mark's:

I am in the office Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays and assist in worship on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. I am also present for major services such as Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, Easter, and All Saints' Sunday. This past Christmastide, I presided and preached at all services during Paul's absence.

I continue to share our ministry to Friendship Village in Dublin and First Community Village in Columbus with Paul, where we celebrate the Holy Eucharist and join our parishioners for lunch. This has been a wonderfully rewarding ministry for me over the years.

This past fall, Paul and I recognized the need for more adult formation, so I led an Advent series (two Sunday afternoons) and an Advent Quiet Day (at our home on a Saturday). I am also leading a monthly Sunday afternoon Bible study on the Gospel According to Mark, which began in October and runs through June 2012.

In addition to liturgy and formation, there is the pastoral side of my ministry which continues, including visiting those in the hospital, premarital counseling and officiating at weddings, and being present to those who are grieving. I especially love baptisms, as we welcome new members into the Body of Christ. For each baptism, I add a few drops of water from the Jordan River where Jesus was baptized by John.

I also share responsibility for welcoming newcomers to Saint Mark's and that included coordinating the welcome brunches last spring and this past fall.

Summer Sabbatical:

As many of you know, I was granted a three-month sabbatical last summer, and while the time flew by, it was a wonderful break for me. In addition to a lot of "R and R," I also enjoyed more study leave than normal: a course on Celtic Christianity at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, a week at the Chautauqua Institution in western New York, and a course on the psalms at Lawrence University's Bjorklunden campus in beautiful Door County, WI. Many thanks to Paul and the wardens and Vestry for granting me this time to recharge my batteries and to take some needed Sabbath time to smell the roses!

In the Columbus Deanery:

I participate in the weekly "Bible Buds" clergy Bible study, which now meets at St. Patrick's, Dublin. The group discusses the Scripture readings for the coming Sunday as a group, which is very helpful for sermon preparation. Our group ranges in number from around 4 to 10 deacons and priests. This same group also gathers every other month for a Quiet Day (retreat) at St. Therese's Retreat Center on the East Broad Street. This is a wonderful setting for prayer, study, fellowship, Eucharist, and quiet time. This group of clergy has grown very close over the years. We share with each other the joys and burdens of our ministries, and we work and play well together!

In the Diocese of Southern Ohio:

I serve our diocese in these capacities:

- as Chair of the Affirmative Aging Commission, which hosts the Annual Meeting of the Simeon and Anna Society at Procter (for more information, please check out our ministry on the Diocese of Southern Ohio website: www.diosohio.org);
- as a member of the Diocesan Finance Committee which meets in Cincinnati (I participate by phone);
- as a supply priest: I have been serving Trinity Episcopal Church/McArthur Presbyterian Church in Vinton County on the third of the month since September and will continue in that ministry through 2012. I have also served as supply priest this past year at Trinity, London; Trinity, Columbus; St. Philip, Circleville; and St. John's, Columbus. From Thanksgiving 2011 through mid-January I also made myself available for pastoral emergencies at Saint James, Clintonville, whose rector left to accept a position on diocesan staff;
- I served as Chair of the Mission Share Restructure Task Force, which recommended a new Mission Share Funding Plan for the Diocese which was approved at the special session of Diocesan Convention in May 2011. This took effect on January 1, and the new structure results in lower payments (estimated as a decrease of about \$10K) by Saint Mark's to the Diocese of Southern Ohio. The actual payments are based on a percentage of current income in calendar year 2012, and will vary depending on actual parish income. That is a big change from the former plan, which was a set amount based on income from a prior year.

Episcopal Retirement Homes:

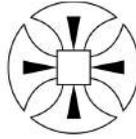
For several years I have served as Chair of the Central Ohio Advisory Board of ERH. Because efforts to establish an affordable housing presence in the Columbus area have been stalled by outside forces, our group is no longer meeting and hosting fundraisers for ERH.

Saint Mark's is a great parish, and I am so blessed to have been a part of this community of faith for almost 12 years!

Shalom,



The Rev. Bruce Smith
Associate Rector



Summary of Financial Information

SUBMITTED BY DOT YEAGER, SAINT MARK'S TREASURER

2012 SAINT MARK'S OPERATING BUDGET:

- The attached 2012 budget has been proposed after a thorough review of each revenue and expenditure line item. The following notes provide the rationale for the budget.

OVERALL:

- Total operating revenues are \$541,000, compared to expenditures of \$541,000 for a break-even budget.

REVENUES:

Pledges/member contributions:

- Member contributions for 2012 have been estimated at \$483,500, which reflects 154 pledges to date, as well as historic giving patterns.

Redding Road lease revenue:

- The Redding Road house was improved during 2011, is currently leased and is expected to result in net revenue of approximately \$10,000.

Bell Tower revenue:

- While negotiations continue for use of the tower, no revenues have been reflected in the 2012 budget.

EXPENDITURES:

Salaries and benefits:

- Current clergy and youth minister staffing levels will continue in 2012, while the Music Department transitions to the retirement of Gary Garber later this year. Otherwise, health insurance costs have increased, and staff salaries are projected at a 2% increase. This is the first increase in staff compensation since January 1, 2009.

Facilities:

- After a thorough review of the janitorial services, the facilities team changed vendors to improve quality and reduce cost. Utilities will also be reviewed in 2012 for opportunities to reduce usage and rates.

Long term debt:

- Saint Mark's has no long term loans supporting operations. The Capital Campaign construction loan balance is \$52,500 at December 31, 2010, down from \$97,500 last year. Voluntary principal payments can be made at any time during the three-year term which will end on July 1, 2012.

Other:

- Bequests and other gifts restricted to Saint Mark's Endowment Fund totaled \$81,950, bringing the total assets to \$365,744.37 at December 30, 2011.
- During the year, \$58,248 was received in unrestricted bequests. Of that amount, \$40,000 has been designated to replenish the Trinity Guild, Saint Mark's building fund.
- Over \$3,000 in gifts restricted for outreach purposes were received during the year. The unexpended amount of \$2,000 has been carried over to the 2012 budget for Outreach Ministry.

Endowment Fund Update

SUBMITTED BY CRAIG ZIMMER

An Endowment Fund was established at Saint Mark's in 1978, with the specific purpose of protecting the church's long term financial health. The Fund is governed and managed by an elected Board of Trustees; funds are invested in the Income Fund of the Diocese of Southern Ohio's Consolidated Funds. That Fund's yearly income is subsequently transferred to our parish for use in the operating accounts as may be deemed necessary and warranted. As of December 31, 2011, the Fund's balance was \$365,744.37. A copy of the Fund's balance sheet is available in the Parish Office for review.

Saint Mark's Episcopal Church
2011 Projection and 2012 Proposed Budget

	2011	2011	1/17/2012
	2011	Annual	2012
	Projection	Budget	Proposed
Receipts:			
Pledges/member contributions	\$ 498,796	\$ 483,500	\$ 483,560
Endowment Fund income	9,389	9,240	9,425
Non Pledge Receipts	13,784	10,000	10,000
Plate	7,580	7,800	7,800
Outside groups	6,616	4,250	5,851
Visitor receipts	6,741	4,800	4,000
Redding Road lease	9,815	10,000	10,000
Special purpose offerings	1,915	2,100	2,100
Other (includes restricted gifts)	<u>3,278</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
Total receipts	557,914	531,790	532,836
Add: reimbursements from other funds	3,043	6,645	3,800
Add: reimbursement from unrestricted bequests	-	-	2,666
(Less)/Add: carry over restricted gift to 2012	<u>(2,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Total receipts and other sources	558,957	538,435	541,302
Disbursements:			
Staff-ministry	168,907	164,109	168,351
Staff-music	88,992	86,848	95,469
Staff-office	41,846	42,108	43,142
Staff-payroll taxes and other	10,321	10,467	10,092
Administration	40,079	36,000	38,400
Facilities	85,633	85,000	85,000
Outreach	11,645	10,645	10,500
Diocesan Mission Share	97,873	97,873	76,973
Christian education:			
Elementary ed.	321	350	350
Middle School	230	200	200
Nursery care	820	800	800
VBS	231	522	500
Confirmation	871	-	-
Adult Education	193	500	500
Youth group	1,283	1,250	1,250
Fellowship/hospitality	1,603	1,600	1,600
Small groups	162	475	475
Music	4,701	2,500	3,000
Flower Guild	3,097	3,300	3,300
Altar Guild	1,179	1,100	1,100
Worship expense (includes funeral reception)	<u>748</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>
Total disbursements	<u>560,735</u>	<u>545,947</u>	<u>541,302</u>
Surplus/(deficit from operations)	(1,778)	(7,512)	0
Non-recurring Redding Road expenses	(8,163)	-	-
Special gifts	<u>10,325</u>	<u>7,525</u>	<u>-</u>
Receipts in excess of disbursements	<u>\$ 384</u>	<u>\$ 13</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

Summary of Financial Information

CONTINUED

Summary of Reserve Balances as of December 31, 2011:

Trinity Guild	\$ 37,328			
Unrestricted Bequests	\$ 18,248		Women's Service Ministry	\$ 2,145
Staff Fund	\$ 11,889		Youth Mission	\$ 2,498
Memorial Garden	\$ 16,145		Outreach Restricted Gifts	\$ 2,000
Memorial Gifts	\$ 16,372		Special Music	\$ 1,992
Canterbury Choir Funds	\$ 4,230		Funeral Receptions	\$ 2,198
Flower Guild	\$ 3,952		Verger Guild	\$ 89

Trinity Guild:

Provides for major capital maintenance and repairs. \$3,700 was used during 2011 for sidewalk improvements.

Memorial Garden:

\$3,000 was expended for the Memorial Garden tablet.

From Generation to Generation

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REPORT

RECEIPTS				
	Pledges and gifts received - 2008			\$ 327,145
	Pledges and gifts received - 2009			202,812
	Pledges and gifts received - 2010			165,754
	Pledges and gifts received - 2011			<u>22,200</u>
	Total pledges and gifts received			717,911
	Construction loan proceeds			<u>200,000</u>
	TOTAL RECEIPTS			<u>\$917,911</u>
DISBURSEMENTS				
	Education Wing			\$ 416,760
	Campus Phase			226,806
	Accessibility			85,906
	Miscellaneous			<u>20,199</u>
	Total project expenses, including loan interest			749,671
	Loan repayment			<u>147,500</u>
	Total			<u>\$897,171</u>
PROJECT BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES:				
	Chase Checking			\$ 5,716
	Huntington Checking			\$ 6,441

Junior Warden's Report

As I reflect on my second year as Junior Warden, once again it is clear to me that our church is not just a building but a wonderful assembly of caring Christians. So many of our members serve weekly in Saint Mark's Choir, Flower Guild and Altar Guild, or as vergers, lay readers, acolytes, ushers, greeters, teachers, nursery helpers, and coffee servers. Added to those are the Vestry, the Epistle folders, the volunteers at Street Church, the dinner providers at St. John's, and many other volunteers who organize a number of other events. Our active members are truly a blessing!

At our Vestry retreat we discussed the message in 1 Corinthians 12, that we are all just one part of the larger body, each with our unique and special talents. One of our hopes is to more fully engage every one of our member's special talents. Another "hope" that was identified at the retreat is to energize our members to become active in one or two substantive outreach missions.

I was fortunate to attend the fourth trip that Saint Mark's members have made to LaLabor, Guatemala to experience the extreme poverty and the amazing work that is being accomplished by Sister Dani Brought's Healthcare Project and Sister Kris Schrader's school. I am grateful that Paul has offered that opportunity to us on an annual basis and I highly recommend it. We hope to expand our local outreach and develop greater participation in mission work in central Ohio. Our work with the St. John's dinners and Street Church are great projects to build upon.

The past few years have been difficult financially. Member financial support has remained flat as younger members replace older members of greater means. As a result, last year we reached the point where our reserves were depleted and we needed to make significant budget cuts. Fortunately Associate Rector Bruce Smith was willing to accommodate our need to reduce his position to part time as he moves toward retirement. Bruce continued to serve a very important role even with his reduced hours, for which we are grateful.

We had hoped to add revenue in 2011 through the leasing of our bell tower to T-Mobile and by increasing the rental income from our house on Redding Rd. Unfortunately, raising the rent for the house also demanded that we address some maintenance issues and our net cash flow went down, not up. Those one-time costs will benefit us in 2012 when we expect the house to net \$10,000. T-Mobile continues to express interest in our tower but has made no commitment.

In closing, I would like to express a special thank you to Barb Keyes, who is retiring from her position as Senior Warden. Barb's leadership during the past four years as Junior and Senior Warden has been outstanding. When asked to join the Vestry many years ago, she was both surprised and flattered. She wondered what qualified her to be on the Vestry. I was fortunate to witness and learn from the many special gifts and talents she has offered. She will be dearly missed on the Vestry. Thank you, Barb, for your wonderful leadership!

I look forward to continued service and I am excited about the future of Saint Mark's!
Phil Glandon



Phil Glandon traveled to LaLabor, Guatemala with a group from Saint Mark's in summer 2011.

Music Department's 2011 Annual Report

Canterbury Choir, in its 2011-2012 season, grew to a total of 18 members. We began our fall season with Choir Orientation in September. For the Choir's autumn fundraiser, the boys and girls again made and sold buckeyes. In January each year, they make and sell Super Bowl subs—the proceeds of which support the Canterbury Choir Fund, which provides for our pilgrimages, every three years, to Washington National Cathedral. The Choir is scheduled to go to Washington in the spring of 2012. Two potluck dinners, fall and spring, followed by Compline, offered fellowship with choir parents and the Director of Music. The choir parents are an enthusiastic and warmly supportive group, and we thank each of them very warmly. Special thanks once again this year to our wonderful choir mother, Jodi Hess, for her dedication and many hours of work!

Saint Mark's Choir's 23 members represent a wide range of abilities, from volunteer singers to professional. Young adults from high-school age onward are welcome. The Choir presents choral evensongs and Advent Lessons and Carols each year, and provides music for our Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday liturgies and for the Great Vigil of Easter. Twice yearly, for Trinity Sunday and for the Feast of Christ the King, the choir does a full sung Holy Eucharist – this year, the *Vierne Messe Solennelle* and the Howells *Collegium Regale*, respectively. In August 2012, the Choir will be spending a week in residence at Worcester Cathedral, singing choral evensong daily and also two Holy Eucharist liturgies while the cathedral choir is on vacation. Needless to say, our choristers are very excited at the prospect of this residency in England, and are working hard to learn all the extra music and to raise funds for the trip. The Choir will rehearse here through August 10, and will be singing additional choral evensongs at Saint Mark's in preparation for the trip. Both here, and at Worcester Cathedral, the Choir is continuing and furthering Saint Mark's prayer life.

In the early summer of 2011, Gary Garber began transitioning into retirement, as Matthew Bester began directing the Saint Mark's Choir, planning its repertory, and planning hymns and service music for our weekly services. Gary and Matt began sharing the position of Director of Music in the fall of 2011, with Gary continuing with the Canterbury Choir. Gary will step down this summer, at the beginning of his 30th year at Saint Mark's. We are excited and very fortunate to welcome Matt as our Director of Music. Matt, Stefanie, and their two daughters are well known to us all in the parish, and Matt has extensive experience and expertise as a choral conductor. He did his undergraduate work at Harvard, received his Master's degree in music from Ohio State, and will also receive his doctorate in Musicology from Ohio State. The Choir has proposed giving Gary a royal retirement party on its last night in Worcester this summer.

Members of the Choirs, the choir parents, the choir mothers, and others give generously of their time and work for extra rehearsals on Saturday mornings and on other occasions, and for special activities of many kinds, and they arrive an hour ahead of time for each liturgy they sing. Each member of the Saint Mark's Choir volunteers more than 400 hours of service to the parish every season. To each and every individual who contributes so much in time, energy, talent, and dedication, our heartfelt thanks!

Gary L. Garber,
Director of Music



Formation, Children and Youth Report

Sunday School

Sunday School for children in preschool through 5th grade meets at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday during the school year, except the first Sunday of the month when the Canterbury Choir sings. Amy Keller is the lead teacher and prepares the teaching schedule. As of the end of December, there were 45 children registered for Sunday School.

Preschool through 2nd Grade:

Children in preschool through 5th grade use the Godly Play curriculum. Godly Play presents parables and sacred stories using wooden figures, simple language, and liturgical action to help children become more fully aware of the mystery of God's presence in their lives. Children in preschool through kindergarten hear stories presented by Amy Keller and Lynda Weaver. Children in first and second grades hear stories presented by Anne Botti and Elizabeth Anstaett. A wonderful group of 14 dedicated parents and five young adult volunteers assist the storytellers.

3rd through 5th Grades:

Children in the 3rd through 5th grades use the Travel Guide series from Group Publishing. This year the children are using the Travel Guide to the Armor of God and the Travel Guide to the Ten Commandments. The class is lead by returning teachers Park Zimpher and Martha Belury and new teachers Sara Turner and Kathy Utgard.

J2A & Rite 13

Junior High and High School:

Junior high and high school students use the Journey to Adulthood (J2A) and Rite 13 curriculum. Rite 13 is the first two years of the program and celebrates the individuality of each young person and their creative potential, while exploring Bible stories of God and God's people. J2A, the next segment of the program, helps young people create and understand the importance of Christian community as they develop critical thinking and other skills they will need in adulthood. Kathy Drobny leads J2A and is continuing with an ongoing group of five young people that has been meeting for three years. Jim Keyes, with assistance from Andi Waller, started a new Rite 13 group this year with four sixth graders. The two groups combine for certain activities.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School (VBS) was a huge success this summer under the leadership of Kathy Drobny. VBS uses material from Group Publishing as supplemented by the hard work of our Saint Mark's volunteers. This year's theme was *Pandamania, Where God is Wild About You!* and a wonderful group of energetic volunteers led 36 children in a week of fun and spiritual exploration. The entire congregation was able to experience the excitement of the children and adults as shared through music during church the Sunday after VBS.

Christmas Pageant



This year's Christmas pageant was a wonderful event under the direction of Amy Keller. The Christmas pageant continues to be a Saint Mark's tradition with 22 children playing a role in the pageant, four reading a portion of the Christmas story, and 17 singing in the Canterbury Choir for a total of 43 children and young adults participating in this year's pageant! Amy was assisted in directing and organizing this year's pageant by Kathy Utgard and Lynda Weaver. The McCays provided snacks during rehearsals. Susan and Nigel Bruce captured the event in still photos. Everyone present felt the magic of Christmas.

Nursery

The nursery is growing in popularity with both infants and toddlers. We have wonderful coverage with parent/grandparent volunteers as well as a full-time worker. The children are busy with toys and coloring, and it is a loving and caring place to be!

Submitted by Elizabeth Anstaett and Suzanne McConnell

Communications Team

This past year has been a slow one for the Communications team. Our primary emphasis has been keeping the Saint Marks website updated and relevant to events within the parish. Photo sizes have been increased and new YouTube videos have been added. The videos can be found on the Mission and Outreach pages.

Ted Keller is working on creating logos for the many small groups within Saint Mark's. Outgoing Vestry member Steve Brindza is looking forward to assisting newcomer Sam Slee to ensure he has the right software, photos, and text to use to better communicate Saint Mark's mission throughout the community.

—Steve Brindza and Ted Keller

Hospitality Committee

The Hospitality Committee, along with volunteers from the Saint Mark's family, was responsible for four receptions following Evensongs, culminating in the Advent Lessons and Carols reception in December. The committee also hosted two newcomers' brunches, one in May and another in October. The Hospitality Committee hosted special receptions for the Bishop's visit in April and in celebration of Pentecost in June. The committee was also responsible for the Annual Meeting in February as well as providing food for the annual Vestry retreat.

—Karen Swartz and Patti Blakey



Small Groups Ministries

Even collapsed balloons didn't dampen the mood of this year's Ministry Fair in September, when parishioners had the opportunity to learn about and sign up for any of the approximately 36 small groups: everything from social groups, parish support-related groups (such as Sunday School staff, Vacation Bible School staff, Stephen Ministry, our Youth Group, and new this year, Lay Eucharistic Ministry), and Outreach-related groups. The fair took place after the 10 a.m. service and was very well attended, resulting in new participants signing up for the various ministries and groups offered. Our trivia game was tackled by 23 people and produced three knowledgeable winners with numerous "runners-up."

A descriptive list of small group ministries has been made available at the Small Groups kiosk in the Parish Hall. In August a letter was sent by the two Small Groups Vestry representatives to the leader of each group in an effort to touch base and offer to bring any concerns to the attention of the Vestry. Continued budget reductions have not adversely affected our small groups as they all find ways to function and continue their ministries.

Small group involvement is critical to our parish mission through support of our parish programs, worship, and community outreach, as well as to the fostering of friendships and caring response to members of our parish family. Membership in all groups is open at all times to anyone in the parish and your participation to try new ones is always encouraged!

Submitted by Darlene Sullivan and Dianne Silliman

Outreach Ministry

The Saint Mark's Outreach Committee had an active year in 2011. We continue to focus on local, regional, national, and international projects that meet the following criteria established by the Rector and the Committee five years ago.

The criterion that guides our work is:

- Gives priority to those things that parishioners are involved in – "feet on the ground."
- Supports faith-based (when possible, Episcopalian) organizations.

Using that as our guiding directive, the Outreach Committee approved a budget for 2011 totaling \$10,645 with additional "special" one-time-only gifts in 2011 totaling \$2,750.

The committee oversees several collections as well as makes decisions as to what organizations should receive monetary contributions. In addition, we have many people within our parish that volunteer their time and give of their talent to serve others.

Collections

- **Homeless Families Foundation** (local) – School supplies and backpacks were collected in the fall and Halloween costumes were collected in October.
- **Operation Christmas Child** (international) – Once again, shoeboxes were filled and sent to third world countries around the globe.
- **Winter Warmies** (local) – Gloves, hats, and scarves were gathered in late December and early January for the Homeless Families Foundation.
- **Books for Guatemala** (international) – Books written in Spanish were collected and delivered during Saint Mark's mission trip to Guatemala.
- **Food items (monthly) and grooming kits and items** (December) were collected once again to benefit those being served by NNEMAP, a local food pantry serving people in the near northeast side of Columbus.

Monetary Donations only

- Habitat for Humanity (local) – \$2,000
- Episcopal Relief and Development (international) – \$1,500
- One time special gift for NNEMAP (local) – \$1,000
- Episcopal Community Services Foundation (regional) – \$1,500
- Episcopal Retirement Homes – \$500 (designed for Canterbury Center)

Volunteer Opportunities

The quote by John Haywood, “Many hands make light work,” has never been truer than at Saint Mark’s. Whenever a call (or e-mail!) goes out, there are always people ready to step up and help do whatever needs to be done. A significant portion of the Outreach budget supports the work of our volunteers. The people involved in the various ministries listed below would be too many to list individually. As chair of the Outreach Committee and on behalf of the Rector and Saint Mark’s Vestry, thank you to all who participated in any of the Outreach activities below. We could NOT have done it without you!

- St. John’s Columbus dinners
- St. John’s Street Church
- Open Shelter lunches
- Guatemala Mission Trip scholarship
- NNEMAP “breakdown” party
- Labor Neighbor Day Bake Sale

Thank you to the many “hands and feet” who do this work. If you are interested in joining the Outreach Committee or participating in any of the activities described in this report, please contact Anne Johnson, Outreach co-chair, via e-mail: adcampjohn@gmail.com, or by phone: 261-9293.

*“No one can whistle a symphony. It takes a whole orchestra to play it.”
H.E. Luccock*



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Mission Statement:

Saint Mark's seeks to be a Christ-centered congregation where people can come to understand and strengthen their relationships with God. We want everyone to feel included, to be nurtured spiritually and for our worship together to be a bond for Christian education and fellowship. As a caring community we strive to be faithful stewards of God's gifts, ministering to one another both within and beyond the parish.



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Part of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, Saint Mark's held its first worship service in 1951 in a converted Methodist church in Grandview. Ground was broken in 1953 for the Parish Hall (now the Education Building) where services were held until the current Nave and Sanctuary was completed in 1958. Office space in an adjacent building was purchased in 1989. Major renovations of the entire facility occurred in 2004 and 2008 creating a campus today that empowers Christ's ministry within and beyond our parish.



Saint Mark's is a member of the Episcopal Church in the United States – a community of 2.4 million members in 114 dioceses in the Americas and abroad. *Episcopal* means a church with bishops. Bishops are the leaders of the church and spiritual descendants of the apostles of Jesus Christ. We are also part of the worldwide Anglican Communion consisting of 70 million members in more than 160 countries. *Anglican* are those churches who trace their history to the Church of England.



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