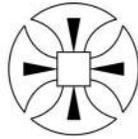


SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH 

ANNUAL PARISH
MEETING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2014





THE RECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

Sometimes it seems hardly possible that another year has passed and it is time to gather as a parish for our annual meeting to “hear this, elect them and EAT.” Then one has occasion to pause and reflect on the year past—the challenges, the accomplishments, the transitions made, the people we have welcomed, those members to whom we have said goodbye—and suddenly 2013 seems a very full year indeed.

On All Saints Day we read the parish necrology, and remembered some truly remarkable souls who have contributed so much to the life of our community over the years. They will be dearly missed, even as we welcomed almost fifty new members into our parish family last year. New faces bring new opportunities for ministry and new challenges for all of us as a congregation as we seek to be a place of spiritual nurture and support.

These opportunities led us to the major task of 2013—responding to the parish’s charge to call a new assistant rector. The search committee, so faithfully led by Barb Keyes and Bill Silliman, worked hard and long and eventually yielded the fruit of the Holy Spirit. (For the record: The Rector is NOT calling the Assistant Rector a fruit). Today we are truly blessed to have Christopher Richardson in our midst, and if you have had a chance to meet Christopher you may be already aware how well they accomplished their mission.

Christopher will be busy in 2014, and has already hit the ground running. He has begun putting together the building blocks for creating a new group of young adults at Saint Mark’s which will provide opportunities for asking questions about faith, God, and how to be a Christian in a frantically paced and deeply divided world. In the next few months he will be meeting with a series of small groups. Some of these groups will be looking at just what type of ministry can best serve these individuals and families. Yet another and distinct set of small groups will be gathered to gain insight into how Saint Mark’s can best combine worship and Christian formation on Sunday mornings.

Sunday mornings? Did he just say change Sunday mornings?

Maybe.

It has been many years since this parish has thoughtfully considered what happens each Sunday, when it happens, how it happens, and who is involved and impacted. This past week Christopher, our Priest Associate—Mary Lynn Dell—and I met with a group of concerned parents who challenged us to rethink the Sunday “line-up.”

We already have one of the finest Christian formation opportunities for children imaginable. Our “Godly Play” program is truly outstanding. How can we help it reach more people? Are there opportunities to touch the lives of those who have special need and are unable to gather for traditional worship? There have been a number of churches in our diocese who have been very creative in finding way to weave together formation opportunities for all ages with beautiful worship and meaningful fellowship. Christopher has spent two years in one of the most successful and inspired parishes in this area. We need to dream: What would it mean to add adult formation to Sunday morning? What would a “children’s chapel” look like for our youngest members? Would it make a difference if we started worship half an hour earlier or later? Hopefully this will be an enthusiastic and informative conversation as we look at our needs and the “best practices” happening today.

Another significant event that happened in 2013 was the Vestry’s creation of the “Organ Completion Fund.” While not a capitol campaign at this point, this fund was established to help begin to raise funds toward the completion of our organ to its originally conceived design. We may have heard in recent months how many of the “stops” or “pulls” on the organ that are supposed to change the sound actually do nothing—because when the organ was installed in the 1980’s there were not enough funds to—literally—“finish it.” With the announcement

of Michael Murray's retirement this June, it was felt that the time had come to make a major push to raise funds for this purpose. The "Organ Completion Committee" was formed under the leadership of Jeff Porterfield and Dianne Silliman, and were charged with determining costs, organizing special events, and raising awareness in general.

Up until this time the parish has been focused on calling Christopher and our annual stewardship drive. With both of those priorities complete, now is the time to look beyond that committee's original charge and see what steps need to be taken toward a major capital campaign to complete our beautiful organ. Many of our ears are still ringing with the magnificent recital Michael gave last night in benefit of the instrument. Let us now begin the conversation about moving forward and raising the very significant sum to complete the organ. AND what is more, not just complete the organ but complete the space. This would put the finishing touches on the renovation of the Nave and Narthex such as the appropriate paint and wood paneling and trim. The time has come to make the dream for our worship space a reality.

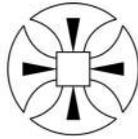
Music and Worship. Christian Formation and Fellowship. When these are at their best they are stirring our hearts and strengthening our hands to reach out to those in need wherever they are found. 2013 saw a banner year of giving for outreach, as Saint Mark's parishioners more than doubled our outreach budget with gifts to projects like the "Help Heal Hunger" Bake Sale, "The Giving Tree," and a record collection to support the healthcare and education ministries in La Labor, Guatemala. That is to say nothing of the dedicated servers at the St. John's Town Street Dinners and the wonderfully dedicated presence of our parishioners at Street Church. As the Outreach Committee moves forward this year they do so with profound appreciation for all that THEY do and help US to do in a hurting world.

As 2014 unfolds may the Holy Spirit guide and inspire all of us—showing us not only new ways to serve God but proven ways we may more deeply and meaningfully engage in the year to come. What would it be like if we had our very own version of Street Church? As Tumnus the Faun says in *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*: "Goodness gracious me" - could it possibly come to THAT?

Well, "goodness gracious me" - at first glance these may indeed seem daunting tasks and a daunting year ahead—yet it is abundantly clear that God IS at work through THIS place. One parishioner, who will remain anonymous, clutches my arm after church from time to time and says: "Don't we just have to give thanks? Look at the people! Feel the Holy Spirit! Don't we just HAVE to give thanks?"

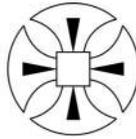
This morning we DO give thanks—for all that God is doing IN this place and THROUGH this place—into our community—and beyond. May God continue to inspire our worship, stir our hearts and embolden our lives to be formed more nearly into the beloved soul we have been created to be. And may each of us ALSO give thanks for the many, many ways this parish family helps make that happen.

Amen.



2014 Annual Meeting Agenda

1. Opening Prayer
2. Approval of 2013 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. 2013 Financial Report
8. Presentation of 2014 Budget
9. Senior Warden's Address
10. Celebrating What's New on Saint Mark's 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 9, 2014

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: Phil Glandon

JUNIOR WARDEN: Kelly Kelleher

YOUTH WARDEN: Trent Porterfield

CLASS OF 2014	CLASS OF 2015	CLASS OF 2016
Elizabeth Anstaett	Cecily Chester Alexander	Martha Belury
Jill Hinton	Anne McCrae Botti	Anne Davidson
Karen Swartz	Martha Lentz	Pat Iams
Aaron Porterfield	Sam Slee	Jim Keyes

2014 Annual Meeting Elections

SENIOR WARDEN

Phil Glandon

JUNIOR WARDEN

Kelly Kelleher

YOUTH WARDEN

Carolyn Botti

VESTRY CLASS OF 2017 (4)

Karen Gebhart

Roberta Hurley

Cathy Utgard

Barbara Wilcox

DIOCESAN CONVENTION DELEGATES (2)

Patrick Hreachmack

Ernie Schoellkopff

DIOCESAN CONVENTION ALTERNATES (3)

Anice Ellis

Jill Hinton

David Yeager

2014 Vestry Nominees

SENIOR WARDEN

PHIL GLANDON



An Episcopalian all his life, Phil first attended church at St. Stephen's on the Ohio State University campus. He and his family joined Saint Mark's in 1962. Phil has served Saint Mark's as an usher for over 20 years, was Saint Mark's treasurer for four years in the early 1990's, and served two five-year terms on the endowment committee. He previously served on the Vestry from 2004-2007 and co-chaired the church's most recent rector search committee in 2006-2007. Phil and his wife, Lynn, have two grown children: PJ and his wife, Grey, and daughter Sala, live in Mount Vernon, Ohio; son Kyle lives in Chicago with his wife, Lacey.

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.

HOSPITALITY

KAREN GEBHART



After graduating from a small college in Iowa and moving several times during the ensuing years, Karen and her family settled in Columbus' Tri-Village area in 1974. Her son, Jeffrey, is a pilot for American Airlines and lives in Chicago with his wife and children.

Karen's professional life has included the fields of education and real estate, with her job, prior to her retirement 2 years ago, being on the staff of Safe and Drug-Free Schools Consortium for 12 years. After hours she was an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church Chancel Choir and a member of the Grandview Historical Society, etc.

In recent years Karen discovered in the Episcopal Church and Saint Mark's, the worship experience for which she had been searching. Karen has found Saint Mark's to be a gathering of warm, welcoming, and caring people, and is happy to be counted a member.

COMMUNICATIONS

ROBBIE HURLEY



Robbie has been a member of Saint Mark's since 1974 when she and husband Tom moved to Upper Arlington. Robbie is a cradle Episcopalian having grown up at St. James' Episcopal in Painesville, back when perfect attendance in Sunday School and Choir was expected! Girls were not allowed to acolyte or be part of the Men and Boy's Choir and the Vestry was all-male. Both of her children, Patrick and Liz, grew up at Saint Mark's and participated in Canterbury Choir and served as Acolytes while in school. During her time at Saint Mark's, Robbie has served on the Vestry (late 1970's), Altar Guild, Choir Mother, Saint Mark's Choir member, and a long-time supporter of the music program. She is currently very interested in improving the communications within the parish and has started *From the Parish Registry* for the monthly Epistle. Outside of church, Robbie is retired from teaching, but is working part-time as a Registered Dietitian in the home care setting. She also thoroughly enjoys her grandchildren, Charlotte and Henry, who have returned to Charleston, SC so travel will be required!

HOSPITALITY
BARBARA WILCOX



Barbara Wilcox first visited Saint Mark's with her husband, Jay, on Ash Wednesday of this year and was immediately drawn to the beauty of the liturgy and the music. Having returned to Ohio after many years out of state to be near their children and six grandchildren, both Jay and Barbara have been impressed with the friendliness and commitment of the clergy and congregation.

Barb works part-time in the Academic Affairs office at Otterbein University, where she served as Assistant to the President for nine years before moving to Minnesota in 1998. She is looking forward to deepening her ties to Saint Mark's through her work on the vestry.

FORMATION
CATHY UTGARD



Cathy Boggs Utgard grew up in Upper Arlington (class of '82) and has been a member of Saint Mark's since 2006. She and her husband, Tom (also class of '82), became Episcopalians while living in Hudson, Ohio. She grew up in the Catholic Church, while Tom was a member of UALC. Together they determined the Episcopal Church best suited their combined spiritual journeys.

Cathy went to Miami University and received her degree in education. She and her husband, Tom, lived in Chicago where she taught in a project area. They then moved to Cleveland where Tom went to Law School at Case Western Reserve. Cathy taught at Laurel School in Shaker Heights and then became the Director of Admissions for the Lower School. In 2000, when their first son, Judson, was born, they moved back to the Columbus area. They became members of St. Alban's church in Bexley. Nick, their 2nd son, was born in 2002. When the family moved to Upper Arlington, they joined Saint Mark's Parish.

Cathy was a member of the Childhood League, The March of Dimes Women's Board, where she was President, along with volunteering within the UA school system. She currently co-facilitates the Upper Arlington Birthday Club (which provides birthday gifts for homeless children) and is in her 2nd year of teaching Sunday school at Saint Mark's. Additionally, she is an Independent Consultant for CAbi.

Serving on the Vestry for Saint Mark's will be a new and exciting venture for her and she feels honored to have been asked to serve our church in such a special way.

YOUTH WARDEN
CAROLYN BOTTI

Carolyn is a seventeen year old junior at Upper Arlington High School. She is the daughter of Chip and Anne Botti and sister of Charles John, Joseph, and Sarah Botti. She is involved with field hockey and softball at her school and is enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program. She has been annually involved in Vacation Bible School here at Saint Marks and participates in Journey to Adulthood every Sunday morning. She has done Christian Service in LaLabor, Guatemala with Saint Mark's in 2010 and looks forward to going again this summer. Carolyn was baptized at All Saints Episcopal Church in Great Neck, New York and has served as an acolyte for Saint Mark's Episcopal Church since 2009. Before that, she served as a Canterbury Choir member for seven years. Looking forward, Carolyn hopes to be of service to the Vestry as the Youth Warden.

CONVENTION DELEGATES

CONVENTION ALTERNATES

Respectfully submitted,

The Nominating Committee
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The Rev. Paul St. Germain

Saint Mark's 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2013

The 2013 annual meeting was held in the parish hall following the 10 a.m. worship service, and included a breakfast potluck. The meeting was called to order with a prayer by the Rector, The Rev. K. Paul St. Germain, at 11:30 a.m. A booklet containing the Rector's report, committee reports, Parish statistics, and items to be discussed at the meeting was available for all who attended, as well as for parish members unable to attend the meeting. Barbara Hyre was appointed as the recording secretary for the annual meeting. Parishioners watched a video celebrating the 2012 year at Saint Mark's.

MINUTES of the 2012 and 2011 annual meetings were, upon *motion*, duly *seconded* and *passed*, approved as written.

VESTRY SLATE

The parish appointed Dot Yeager as treasurer and Barbara Hyre as Vestry Clerk.

The nominating committee, which was made up of outgoing Vestry members, consisted of Ted Keller, Diane Silliman, Darlene Sullivan, and John Goettler. The Wardens and Clergy served as *ex-officio* members. The Nominating Committee brought forth the following slate of candidates for the 2013 Vestry:

Senior Warden – Phil Glandon

Junior Warden – Kelly Kelleher

Youth Warden – Trent Porterfield

Vestry Class of 2016 – Martha Belury, Anne Davidson, Pat Iams, Jim Keyes, and Aaron Porterfield

Diocesan Convention Delegates – Judy Babcock, Mark Baldwin

Diocesan Convention Alternates – Larry Anderson, Patti Blakey, Peter Lenz, Darlene Sullivan

There being no further nominations from the floor, the nominations were closed and by motion, seconded and passed, the nominees were elected by acclamation.

Paul St. Germain thanked everyone for their service, including the Wardens, Vestry, Treasurer, Bookkeepers, Youth Ministers, and all the others who work to keep Saint Mark's running smoothly.

2012 FINANCIAL REPORT AND 2013 BUDGET – Dot Yeager presented the financial report for the year ending December 31, 2012, and the budget for 2013. She began her report by acknowledging and thanking the volunteers who help with the financial records and bookkeeping, including Gloria Wylie, Virgine Heckman, Dale Hartney, and Patrick Hreachmack. Dot also acknowledged the work of the Finance Committee members: Phil Glandon, Don McConnell, Brett Alexander, and Ted Meyers.

Dot explained that the various duties related to Saint Mark's finances are split up to assure checks and balances. The financial reports are reviewed at every Vestry meeting. An annual audit of financial and accounting practices and statements is conducted by an independent CPA, and the results of the audit are presented to Vestry.

Saint Mark's is projected to end 2012 with \$550,000 in receipts from all sources, including slightly higher than expected income from the Redding Road house. Expenses were slightly higher than anticipated due to \$5,000 in non-recurring staff expenses associated with Father Bruce Smith's retirement, and a slightly higher mission share. Saint Mark's ends the 2012 year with a balanced budget.

The 2013 budget was approved by Vestry at the January meeting. Approximately 60% of Saint Mark's budget goes toward salaries and benefits, and 16% is allocated for facility expenses. About 90% of the money coming in to Saint Mark's comes directly from member contributions. The budget is based on pledges and the history of giving.

Dot ended her remarks by saying that Saint Mark's has no long term debt, projects a balanced budget for 2013, and is financially sound.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – Phil Glandon gave the Senior Warden's report. He began by thanking Dot for all her work on the budget and financials. Phil went on to say that Saint Mark's stewardship campaign was very successful this year, thanks at least in part to John Goettler and Cecily Alexander's enthusiasm and hard work. Compared to 2012, there was an overall increase in pledge dollars, 67 families increased their pledge amounts, and 25 new families pledged. The new pledging families more than offset the 11 families that dropped their pledge for 2013.

Personnel changes in 2012 could have been challenging, but the transitions have gone very smoothly. The change from Gary Garber to Matt Bester was seamless, and the music program continues to thrive as a result. It was scary losing Jessie Ellis, but the office is running well under Stephanie Arps' direction. The Stewardship Chairs filled the void created by Bruce Smith's retirement, and the discernment process for filling Bruce's spot is ongoing.

Phil encouraged everyone to read the annual report, because there is a lot to be proud of at Saint Mark's. For example, there has been a 5.4% increase in average attendance (not counting Christmas and Easter), and 60 children are enrolled in church school.

Phil also thanked the outgoing Vestry members for all their contributions.

COMMUNICATIONS

Paul St. Germain reported on the continuing development of Saint Mark's web presence. The sermons are now posted on the web, and include a surprise ending. This is just another way that Saint Mark's can engage with the community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE STAFF – Paul St. Germain thanked the parish staff, including Michael Ellis, Joan Maynard, Matt Bester, Michael Murray, Don McConnell, Brad and Crystal Essex, Bill Ryan, and Stephanie Arps, for all their hard work and dedication.

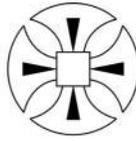
DISMISSAL

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a benediction from Saint Mark's Parish Intern, Chad Slater, at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Barbara Hyre



Summary of Financial Information

SUBMITTED BY DOT YEAGER, SAINT MARK'S TREASURER

Saint Mark's 2013 Annual Report

	<u>2014</u>		<u>2013</u>		<u>2012</u>
	<u>Proposed</u>		<u>Projection</u>		
Member Contributions - pledged	\$ 453,750	90%	\$ 453,672	91%	\$ 410,650
Member Contributions - non pledged	\$ 38,913		\$ 61,843		\$ 105,246
Plate & non-pledge receipts	\$ 23,200		\$ 20,634		\$ 26,702
Other Income	\$ 27,344		\$ 24,225		\$ 27,975
Restricted Gifts/Fund Transfers	\$ 3,300		\$ 8,750		\$ 3,545
Total Revenue	\$ 546,507	100%	\$ 569,124	100%	\$ 574,118
Payroll & Payroll Taxes	\$ 336,157	58%	\$ 272,396	52%	\$ 332,386
Facilities	\$ 85,000	15%	\$ 91,370	18%	\$ 81,332
Diocesan Mission Share	\$ 80,360	14%	\$ 80,760	16%	\$ 78,060
Administration	\$ 43,500	8%	\$ 46,432	9%	\$ 41,669
Outreach	\$ 10,500	2%	\$ 9,469	2%	\$ 9,766
Enrichment & Other (see below)	\$ 10,300	2%	\$ 11,377	2%	\$ 13,552
Christian Education (see below)	\$ 4,250	1%	\$ 5,544	1%	\$ 3,560
Capital Replacement Reserve	\$ 4,212		\$ -	0%	\$ -
Total Disbursements	\$ 574,279	100%	\$ 517,348	100%	\$ 560,325
Non-recurring expenses	\$ 1,050		\$ 3,173		\$ 7,232
Reimbursements (to)/from funds	\$ 28,822		\$ (48,603)		\$ -
Net	\$ -		\$ -		\$ 6,561
Kitchen Supplies	\$ 1,000		\$ 1,079		\$ 1,424
Fellowship events	\$ 500		\$ 1,303		\$ 1,580
Other hospitality	\$ 500		\$ 538		\$ 621
Enrichment groups	\$ 100		\$ -		\$ -
Music	\$ 3,000		\$ 2,753		\$ 4,625
Flower Guild	\$ 3,300		\$ 3,008		\$ 3,070
Altar Guild	\$ 1,100		\$ 1,647		\$ 1,374
Worship expense	\$ 800		\$ 1,049		\$ 838
Enrichment & Other	\$ 10,300		\$ 11,377		\$ 13,532
Elementary ed.	\$ 700		\$ 106		\$ 246
Middle School	\$ 200		\$ 279		\$ -
Nursery care	\$ 800		\$ 960		\$ 700
VBS	\$ 500		\$ 1,187		\$ 1,115
Confirmation	\$ 300		\$ 913		\$ -
Adult Education	\$ 500		\$ 597		\$ 82
Youth group	\$ 1,250		\$ 1,483		\$ 1,269
	\$ 4,250		\$ 5,544		\$ 3,560

2014 Saint Mark's Operating Budget: Total operating receipts are budgeted at \$546,507, operating expenditures of \$574,279 and one-time expenditures of \$1,050. Estimated member contributions for 2014 are based on pledges to date, as well as historic giving patterns. Budgeted expenditures include current staff, including the full-time assistant rector. A transfer from the Staff Fund of \$28,822 balances the budget.

Long Term Debt

Saint Mark's has no long term loans, other than a copier lease.

Summary of Reserve Balances at December 31, 2013

Organ Fund	\$ 65,837	Youth Mission	\$ 3,594
Staff Fund	\$ 57,192	Gentle Worship	\$ 3,000
Trinity Guild	\$ 20,965	Funeral Receptions	\$ 2,522
Memorial Garden	\$ 12,379	Special Gifts	\$ 2,354
Canterbury Choir	\$ 8,937	Women's Ministry	\$ 2,145
Flower Guild	\$ 7,645	Outreach Restricted Gifts	\$ 2,300
Memorial Gifts	\$ 7,521	Vacation Bible School	\$ 1,709
Choir England Trip	\$ 7,296	Altar Guild	\$ 105
Special Music	\$ 5,934	Verger Guild	\$ 47
Gary L. Garber Scholarship Fund	\$ 4,025		

Trinity Guild: Provides for major capital maintenance and repairs.

Saint Mark's Endowment Fund

Saint Mark's Endowment Fund was established in 1978 to protect Saint Mark's long term financial position. The Endowment Fund is governed and managed by a separately elected board of trustees. Its assets are invested in the Income Fund of the Diocese of Southern Ohio's Consolidated Funds. The Fund's yearly investment income is transferred to Saint Mark's for use in the church's operating budget as may be needed. The portfolio value at December 31, 2013 is \$366,061.23.

Saint Mark's Parish Statistics 2013

NUMBER OF SERVICES: Sundays 113 (2012 – 114)
Weekdays 142 (2012 – 165)

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 12,883 (2012 – 14,778) (2011–13,534) (2010 – 13,151)

SPECIAL DAYS:	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
FIRST LENT:	179	192	188	196	261	196
EASTER:	442	494	406	421	388	370
PENTECOST:	277	237	202	207	183	252
CHRISTMAS:	473	490	459	481	468	462

AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE:

JANUARY – MAY: 204 (2012 – 215) (Does not include Easter)
JUNE – AUGUST: 155 (2012 – 151)
SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER: 211 (2012 – 218) (Does not include Christmas)
OVERALL AVERAGE: 194 (2012 – 195) (Does not include Easter and Christmas)

BAPTISMS: 7

NEW MEMBERS: 40

WEDDINGS: 2

BURIALS: 9

CONFIRMATIONS: 6

TRANSFERS OUT: 9

MOVED TO INACTIVE: 130

TOTAL MEMBERS: approximately 783*

ACTIVE COMMUNICANTS: approximately 443*

**In converting the membership records into the electronic directory, we have moved guests and visitors into a new category ("Potential Members") and removed them from the membership category. This has resulted in a lower - but far more accurate - membership this year.*

Senior Warden's Report

As I reflect on the past year at Saint Mark's, I am pleased that we enjoyed such a full and successful year with just a single ordained minister on our paid staff. That success was the result of the incredible dedication of our Rector, Paul St. Germain, and the very strong support of our dedicated members and outstanding full-time staff, particularly Matt Bester and Stephanie Arps.

Paul not only preached creative and engaging sermons on 38 Sundays, but officiated at twelve funerals and two weddings, all the while keeping up with the pastoral needs of the parish and his many educational offerings. Paul managed that incredible workload while maintaining his calm presence and sense of humor.

The Holy Spirit was clearly watching over us this year. Just as Chad Slater and Mary Raysa completed their internships, we were blessed by the arrival of our new volunteer Priest Associate, Mary Lynn Dell. Mary Lynn literally, by the grace of God, showed up at Saint Mark's as a new member, who just happened to be an ordained and licensed Episcopal priest. Mary Lynn preached and celebrated several times and more importantly (for a nervous senior warden) stood ready to serve on a moment's notice. The year would have been considerably more challenging without Mary Lynn.

Whenever Paul was not available, stability and continuity was provided by our gifted volunteer deacon, Joan Maynard. Joan preached and served on several Sundays and provided pastoral care and leadership for our lay ministry programs. She is truly a blessing!

Our membership continues to flourish with a number of new families who have quickly become active in many of our enrichment groups. I doubt that anyone would be surprised to learn that many of our new members, including Mary Lynn Dell, have pointed to our music program as one of the most important reasons they chose Saint Mark's as their new parish home. How can we ever offer enough thanks and praise for having enjoyed the gifts of Michael Murray for so many years, and for finding someone as accomplished as Matt Bester to fill the shoes of Gary Garber?

While our music is clearly a strong attraction, what connects me most to our parish is the people. Similar to the African proverb, "it takes a village to raise a child", it takes a lot of dedicated members to run a church. I could fill many pages listing all the people who make Saint Mark's tick. Every Sunday we rely on volunteers in the role of vergers, chalice bearer, lay reader, acolyte, choir member, teacher, baby sitter, usher, altar guild member, flower guild member, and coffee guild member. When the snow falls and our walkways are covered, some able-bodied souls like Dale Hartney or Dave Yeager will answer the call. Gloria Wylie serves as a leader of our Ushers and Altar Guild while also handling our cash disbursements every week. Dot Yeager has served as our treasurer for many, many years and her husband Dave has saved us thousands of dollars a year by serving as our volunteer IT manager. Whether its Diane Hartney organizing a wedding or arranging flowers, Amy Keller orchestrating the pageant or teaching Godly play, or Jodi Hess keeping the Canterbury Choir in order, our members recognize a need and jump right in to help.

Our parish is also full of God's people doing God's work in connection with, but outside of Saint Mark's and therefore perhaps not as easily noticed. I'm speaking of Cullie and Sally Rechner, who for years have put together the teams and co-ordinated serving dinners at Saint John's Town Street. Kelly Kelleher and Pam Thurston can be found at Street Church on Sundays after noon, not just on the days that Saint Mark's delivers the meal, but every Sunday they are able to be there. They also are both actively involved in prison ministry. Chuck Sechler has helped persons in need at NNEMAP for years and, in addition to the many hats she wears at our church, Pat Iams serves as an active member of the grants committee for the Episcopal Community Services Foundation.

These are just a sample of the generous donations of time and talent by the people of Saint Mark's. There are lay Eucharistic visitors, Stephen ministers, Vestry members, and many, many others who do important work on behalf of our parish. I am so grateful to be part of such a wonderful community of Christians!

Thanks be to God!

Phil Glandon
Senior Warden

Junior Warden's Report

In his book, Pursuit of God, Tozer reminds us that the sacred world God built for us and the secular world are not divisible. As a result, all of our actions should be sacramental. Every conversation with a child of God, every daily routine, and especially every action in community is an offering to the Lord.

Here at Saint Mark's, I am privileged as Junior Warden to bear witness to multiple committees considering the role of church in community, teachers engaged in Christian formation at all ages, pastoral and hospitality service, and many, many meetings to provide governance. For the most part, I get to watch wonderful Christians engaged with the hearts of servants furthering God's work through liturgy, outreach and study.

However, as with any human endeavor, each of us as sons and daughters of Adam often bring our own baggage to some of these meetings with the expected results that sometimes there are hurt feelings, non-productive sessions, and less progress towards realizing God's Kingdom on earth than should be expected.

There are two opportunities for us in such challenges and hurts to shine God's light more broadly. First, we can minister to each other in such moments. When the vote does not go our way, when the schedule does not work for us, when an insufficient amount of money is raised for our pet project, or any frustration or loss is experienced in our community, we have the opportunity to work to heal the divisions among us and the underlying pain that so many of us carry all the time. Gently responding to others and even offering forgiveness in the face of adversity may do more for changing our culture than any modified bylaws, successful fundraisers, or awesome performances.

Secondly, defeats, losses and even sins are chances for us to demonstrate how faithful and secure we are in Christ's sacrifice for us. When we rise from getting knocked down or even our own sins, we show others the power of His love for us and our unwavering faith.

It is a blessing to watch Saint Mark's bring the message of God's love and promise to the community when it is working well and as one community; but even in our struggles over budget, mission, organization, and change, we can see our internal healing and resilience demonstrate our faith for the world and each other.

" Therefore let us keep the feast (the breaking of bread, the new Passover), not with old leaven...of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth" (1 Cor.5:8).

Kelly Kelleher
Junior Warden

Music Department's 2013 Annual Report



What an exciting and eventful year it has been for music at Saint Mark's! I am continually inspired and humbled by the talent and dedication of our choristers, both youth and adults, who give so generously of their time and energy to the worship life of our parish. Both choirs continue to sing at a very high level, and the calendar was filled with special services and events that highlight the wonderful ways in which music enriches our lives and worship. This year we also recognized a significant milestone at our parish, as Michael Murray celebrated his 30th anniversary playing organ at Saint Mark's. The celebration has proved to be bittersweet, however, as Michael announced his intention to retire in 2014.

Michael Murray to Retire This June

The most significant news of the year undoubtedly was Michael's announcement that he will retire as organist at Saint Mark's on June 15, 2014, at the conclusion of the present choir season. Michael first started playing organ at Saint Mark's in the summer of 1983, and over the past 30 years he has blessed our parish exceedingly with his unparalleled artistry and expertise. It is very hard to imagine Saint Mark's without Michael at the organ bench, and it is a considerable understatement to say that he will be missed. His excellence and professionalism are an inspiration to all, and we will endeavor to continue his legacy of distinguished artistry in the music at Saint Mark's.

Meanwhile, the search for the next organist at Saint Mark's already is well underway. A search committee, chaired by Pam Thurston and Dan Morton, met for the first time in the fall. The position was posted in early January, and we have begun to receive applications for the opening. The committee plans to begin reviewing applications later this month, and we hope to have a new organist in place by the beginning of August.

Organ Completion Fund Established

This past year we also established the Saint Mark's Organ Completion Fund in order to receive gifts for the purpose of completing our beautiful Casavant organ to its originally conceived specifications. As many people know, our present organ, built by the Canadian organ building firm Casavant Frères in 1987, was left unfinished at the time when it was built. Original plans called for a full three-manual organ (i.e., an organ with three separate keyboards) each with its own division of available stops, or tone colors. Our present instrument, by contrast, has just two keyboards and two incomplete divisions, limitations that severely inhibit what an organist is able to do, both when playing solo organ works and when accompanying choral works and congregational singing. Put simply, our organ is not able to do justice to the type and quality of music that we do regularly at Saint Mark's. That this deficiency has been masked so well over the past 25 years is a testament to Michael's mastery of the instrument.

Our present organ can be compared to a fine chamber orchestra. Beautiful and well maintained, it does certain things very well, but there are also many things that it simply cannot do. The number of available tone colors is very limited, and the lack of a third keyboard further constrains the organist's ability to highlight certain musical lines or sections in creative ways. Much of the repertoire that we perform on a regular basis calls instead for the equivalent of a full symphony orchestra, with its diversity of colors and timbres. Put another way, one could liken our instrument to a smaller box of 24 crayons. Although many important colors are present, there are many scenes that cannot be created using only those hues. We need the additional shades and combinations that go with a box of 64.

The project to complete the organ also includes certain finishing touches to the nave and narthex (left unfinished during the previous capital campaign), such as painting the walls of the nave with an acoustic-friendly paint and replacing the ceiling of the narthex and chapel to match the ceiling in the nave. These architectural details have the potential to

affect the acoustics of the space, so now is the time to complete this unfinished work, since the completed organ will be voiced specifically for the acoustics of the nave. We also hope to put in place a new system of microphones that will better be able to capture all aspects of our services for online streaming and archival purposes, improvements that will allow us to reach wider audiences, in particular those populations that are unable to attend church regularly in person (such as those who are unable to leave their homes or care facilities).

We estimate the cost of all this work to be about \$800,000. Thus far the Organ Completion Fund has received generous contributions totaling more than \$115,000, including two very generous lead gifts of \$50,000 each by anonymous parishioners. In addition, there is a \$50,000 challenge gift currently on the table, whereby an anonymous giver will match donations to the fund up to that total amount. So far, we have received approximately \$10,000 towards that challenge. Due to an arrangement with the Columbus Foundation, we are pleased to be able to receive gifts in the form of cash and stock. Overseeing the project is the Organ Completion Committee, chaired by Jeff Porterfield and Dianne Silliman. Stay tuned for more information about upcoming special events and announcements regarding the Organ Completion Fund!

Saint Mark's Choir

The Saint Mark's Choir has had a very busy and successful year! The group has welcomed several new members over the past twelve months, helping to boost each of our sections. The choir continued a full slate of services and special events throughout the year. Highlights included our wonderful Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols in December, two services of Choral Evensong (in March and November), and two services of choral Eucharist (in June and November). The choir also provided music for special services on several major feast days, including Christmas Eve, Epiphany, Ash Wednesday, and services throughout Holy Week. In the spring the group continued its very popular Easter Egg fundraiser, raising money for its upcoming choral residency at Lincoln Cathedral, England, in the summer of 2015. Our residency at Lincoln is now just 18 months away, and excitement is beginning to build among our members.

Canterbury Choir

The Canterbury Choir had a busy and exciting 2013. Although the choir is down a bit in numbers this year, the experienced group has been singing at a very high level and performing some very difficult repertoire. In addition to providing the music for the 10 a.m. service on the first Sunday of every month, the choir led the music for several special services, including the 9 a.m. service on Easter Sunday and the 5 p.m. pageant service on Christmas Eve. The choir also continued its recent tradition of singing Choral Evensong at the conclusion of its season, which fell on the feast of Pentecost this past year. In December, the choir again participated in the annual Christmas by the Clock celebration at Tremont Center, singing Christmas carols for the appreciative crowd that was present. In addition to these services and performances, the choristers have embraced the RSCM training curriculum, reintroduced in the fall of 2012, which teaches proper vocal technique, reading music, and music theory. The group also executed two successful fundraisers (Super Bowl subs in the winter and delicious soup mixes in the fall), which helped to raise money for their triennial pilgrimage to Washington National Cathedral, next planned for the spring of 2015.

Additional Special Events

In addition to the usual special events described above, Saint Mark's enjoyed several additional events in 2013. On the Feast of Saint Patrick in March, Saint Mark's held a special Taizé service, with music led by soprano Margaret Wells and a professional flutist. The service was so well received that we decided to make it an annual event, moving the service to the Feast of the Epiphany this past January. In September, we celebrated Michael's 30th anniversary playing organ at Saint Mark's with a special Hymn Festival and Ice Cream Social, led by the Saint Mark's Choir. The event, which included a silent auction to benefit the Organ Completion Fund, was preceded by a parish-wide "Favorite Hymn Voting Contest," which crowned "Lift high the cross" (Hymn 473, *Crucifer*) as the parish's favorite hymn. How thrilling it is to imagine what this stirring hymn would sound like at Saint Mark's on a full, completed organ!

Faithfully,
Matthew Bester

Stewardship Report

In 2013, the Stewardship Committee focused on increasing all aspects of stewardship and in particular, on sustaining our level of financial support to fund a full-time assistant rector. In addition, the Stewardship Committee supported the Enrichment Group's effort to increase member participation in Saint Mark's enrichment groups and ministries. The committee consisted of Cecily Alexander and Martha Belury, the stewardship members of the Vestry, as well as John Goettler, Dot Yeager, Phil Glandon, Kelly Kelleher, Karen Koster, Martha Lentz, Anne Davidson, and Jeff Porterfield, who all contributed their valuable time and insightful ideas. We are grateful for their participation, humor, and dedication to Saint Mark's, all of which make this committee such a great group to work with.

The committee devoted its time to preparing for and conducting the 2013 stewardship campaign. At the end of the summer, the committee recommended that Saint Mark's join TENS, The Episcopal Network of Stewardship, which provides resources and materials for Episcopal Church stewardship efforts nationwide. After doing so, we adopted TENS' theme of Flourishing in Faith for the 2013 stewardship campaign. After much thoughtful discussion, the committee decided to shift away from the Share the Story speaker series during worship services and instead asked the leaders of five major enrichment groups to (1) educate the congregation about what their ministries accomplish with the support of pledges from Saint Mark's members and (2) share how their individual faith has flourished through their involvement in Saint Mark's ministries. Our goal was to show the importance of pledges to our ability to perform Christ's work through Saint Mark's and the strengthening of faith that results from the giving of one's time and talent to Saint Mark's. We were grateful to hear and be inspired by Pat Iams, Pat Barton, Bill Silliman, John Olmstead, and Karen Koster who spoke about Outreach, In-reach, the Assistant Rector Search, Formation, and the Choir, respectively.

In addition, the committee hosted the Flourishing in Faith Stewardship Potluck Dinner in late October, with the support of Aaron Porterfield from the Hospitality Committee. During the potluck, Father Paul, Dot Yeager, and Phil Glandon shared Saint Mark's finances and stewardship goals and Anne Botti shared her poignant and spiritual journey of faith and the significance of Saint Mark's in her life.

The results of the Flourishing in Faith Stewardship Campaign are not yet final at the time of writing this report as some members are still considering their pledges. We do know, however, that we have successfully sustained the pledged level of giving received in 2012. As of January 28, we have received 144 pledges totaling \$451,700. Of the confirmed pledges, we are happy to announce that 47 members increased their pledges and 20 new pledges were received.

Looking ahead to 2014, the Stewardship Committee would like to continue advancing and supporting all forms of stewardship at Saint Mark's and in particular, would like to focus on educating new and young members of Saint Mark's about the importance of stewardship and pledging. We will be meeting monthly on the second Tuesday of each month and will be considering adding new members to the committee in February. As many of you know, John and Valerie Goettler moved to Jackson Hole, Wyoming in January. John was instrumental in forming and guiding this committee after Rev. Bruce Smith's retirement. We owe John a great debt of gratitude for this committee's success in 2012 and 2013 and for positioning this committee to succeed in the future. We will miss his leadership but wish him and his family all the best as they move forward into their new life in Jackson Hole.

Submitted by Cecily Alexander and Martha Belury

Communications Team

Vestry Communications has set out to keep everyone aware of church programs and activities and the benefits of participating in them. During 2013, videos and posters were produced about the church Enrichment Groups. Likewise, videos were produced for the Supper Group and the Golf League. Videos can be seen on the church website. The church and the community learned about the Labor Day Bake Sale through posters in Tremont Center and the UA Library. Visitors to the UA Library also saw a display about Saint Mark's Outreach Program through the church's tree on the Avenue of Trees. Everyone learned about Chuck Underwood's visit with Parish Hall posters and bulletin inserts. Likewise with Vacation Bible School 2013. An on-going effort has been aimed at increasing everyone's awareness and use of the church website. Robbie Hurley also has helped with church communications with her monthly Epistle article reporting news about parish families. She also will join Vestry as part of the Communications Group.

Submitted by Jim Keyes and Sam Slee

Formation, Children and Youth Report

Sunday School

Sunday school for children in preschool through the 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. Currently there are 50 children participating in Church School led by a dedicated group of 18 adult and youth volunteers. At every age level, the children enthusiastically contribute to the class discussions.

- **Preschool through Second Grade:** Children in preschool through the 2nd 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. Recently we began videotaping the stories so that the stories can be posted on the Saint Mark's webpage and watched by families together at home.
- **Third Grade through Fifth Grade:** Children in the third grade through the fifth grade use the Travel Guide series. This year the children are using the Travel Guide to the Parables and the Travel Guide to the 23 Psalm.

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. There are currently 7 youth participating in Rite 13 and 7 youth participating in J2A.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School (VBS) was a huge success this summer thanks to a wonderful group of 17 energetic volunteers who led 40 children in a week of fun and spiritual exploration. This year for the first time, Saint Mark's wrote its own VBS curriculum. The theme was The Marvelous Miracles of Jesus. The Saint Mark's VBS staff is already hard at work on this summer's VBS curriculum based on the parables of Jesus.

Christmas Pageant

The Christmas Pageant continues to be a Saint Mark's tradition. This year's pageant was a marvelous event involving 33 children and youth. In addition, 10 adults and one youth helped with rehearsal, organization, clean-up, and other aspects of the pageant. 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 two paid Saint Mark's youth that alternate Sundays. The children are busy with toys and coloring. It is a loving and caring place to be.

Submitted by Elizabeth Anstaett and Anne Botti



Enrichment Group Ministries

(Formerly Small Group Ministries)

In 2013, Enrichment Groups (EGs) saw some significant and exciting changes! The list of EGs was reviewed, revised and updated. Starting in September, an EG was featured every week, as much in line with the Parish Prayer Cycle as possible. The EG of the Week is listed in the bulletin and announced by the Vestry Person of the Week in the 10 a.m. service. Communications Vestry member, Jim Keyes, came up with 'ads' that were put in to the Epistle to publicize groups whose activities were coming up. In addition, he made signs for the Parish Hall EG location. There is now a place in the Parish Hall next to the podium where an easel stand holds the EG sign, along with changing names of the featured group. The easel is at the location where the EG group leader of the week is to greet any interested members of the congregation, describe the nature of the group, recent activities of the group and take contact information from anyone who might like to join in. A plate of cookies is to be placed on a table to encourage visiting the area. An Operating Procedure for the EG leaders has been added to an envelope attached to the easel with the signs for EGs to help establish an easy to follow protocol. Soon to be added in 2014 will be more consistent use of the screen behind the podium in the Parish Hall to reflect the Group of the Week after the service. We continue to explore other ways that photos and videos can be developed for use on the website to demonstrate the Groups' activities. Please visit the website, www.saintmarkscolumbus.org and click on "Group Ministries" under the Ministry drop down menu or click on "Enrichment Groups" under the Formation drop down. Additionally, a descriptive list of the various Enrichment Ministries is available at a kiosk in the Parish Hall.

Enrichment 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.

Submitted by Anne Davidson and Martha Lentz

Hospitality Committee

The Fellowship Committee, along with volunteers from the Saint Marks' family, was responsible for the receptions following Evensong, culminating in the Advent Lessons and Songs reception in December. The committee also hosted the Newcomer's Brunch and special receptions for the Bishop's visit in April and in celebration of Pentecost in June. On the agenda were several special events such as the ice cream social, the organ fundraisers, the Stewardship potluck, and the Guatamala celebration as well as the annual meeting.

Submitted by Aaron Portefield and Karen Swartz

Outreach Ministry

Once again in 2013 Saint Mark's Outreach Committee followed the two established criteria of giving priority to those things which involve parishioners – "feet on the ground" and faith-based (when possible, Episcopalian) projects when choosing which of the many opportunities to support.

"Jesus said, 'In so much as you have done to the least of these, you have done so to me.'"

Our projects include international, southern Ohio and Franklin County as indicated:

Collections: These are projects which require organization, communication and participation by our parishioners. Joyce Acton, Mary Kirkey, and Chuck Sechler have done a remarkable job of keeping everyone informed about how to contribute and then reporting the results back to the congregation.

Items for Guatemala – (international) – Books in Spanish as well as new and gently used shoes were collected and then delivered during Saint Mark's mission trip to Guatemala.

Homeless Families Foundation (Franklin Co) – School supplies and backpacks were collected as in past years; however, in 2013 a project, the Giving Tree, was begun by Joyce Acton in December to collect requested items for both children and families for Christmas. Items ranged from toys and clothing to cleaning supplies for the families moving into permanent housing. Over 300 items were collected and delivered to HFF to help make a happier Christmas for those in need.

NNEMAP (Franklin Co) – Food items are collected and taken to the food pantry monthly. This year our fall drive concentrated on washcloths and large tubes of toothpaste and toothbrushes as well as miscellaneous items for the grooming kits given out once a year. The annual donation from Outreach was \$1,250.

St. John's Town Street Lifeboat (Franklin Co) – This collection for heavy blankets, coats, gloves, hats for the homeless began in January and continues through the winter months. Monetary donations from parishioners is also encouraged to purchase well fitting boots for individuals.

Monetary Donation Only:

Episcopal Relief and Development (international) - \$1,750 donation

Episcopal Community Service Foundation (southern Ohio) - \$1,000 donation plus the profits from the December "Cookie Walk" of \$922. The Foundation distributes grants to programs administered by Episcopal churches in southern Ohio such as meals, advocacy for the homeless, GED training, and parenting classes.

Habitat for Humanity (Franklin Co) - \$1,000 to the Northwest Partnership of Churches.

Volunteer Participation: Thank you to the many caring individuals who do this work in the local community. The volunteers' participation creates awareness of the issues and problems and, hopefully, inspires others to help and give.

St. John's Town Street Dinners – Under the organization of Sally and Cullie Rechner with a budget of \$1,250, we served dinners four times in 2013 to 100-140 Franklinton neighbors. Volunteers are always welcome to come bond and serve the meals.

St. John's Street Church – With a budget of \$750, Rebecca Morton and others have shopped for the food, prepared meals to be assembled after church on Sunday mornings and served the meals outdoors under a tent regardless of weather conditions four times in 2013. An outdoor service is also held during the meal at St. John's.

Open Shelter Lunches – Volunteers prepared approximately 180 nutritious PB&J sack lunches with fruit and drinks four times during 2013 in the church kitchen and were taken to the Open Shelter by Pat Iams.

"Help Heal Hunger" Labor Day Bake Sale – This was the fourth year for the bake sale with delicious items baked and monetary donations given by many of our parishioners. We were able to donate the proceeds of \$2,538 plus matching funds from the Columbus Foundation for a total of \$2817 to NNEMAP.

Women's Respite – In July, St. Terese's Retreat Center invites 25 low income mothers to come together in a safe place for a mini-vacation. Anice Ellis gave twenty "Birthday Bags" made up of jewelry, purses, scarves, sunglasses, and flip-flops donated by women at Saint Mark's.

Senior Service Saturday – In conjunction with an Upper Arlington Seniors' program, members of Outreach and their families participated in cleaning up yards and doing small outside jobs for several hours on a Saturday morning in May.

Thanks to a faithful group of people who participate monthly in the Outreach Ministry meetings, we have made a lot of progress in defining and carrying out our goals. If you are interested and have any questions, please contact Pat Iams or Jill Hinton.

Submitted by Jill Hinton 2013 Outreach Co-Chair



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The Rev. Joan Maynard, *Deacon*
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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.



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