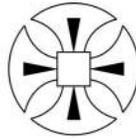


SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH 

ANNUAL PARISH
MEETING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2015





THE RECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

As we gather this morning it may be with a sense of breathlessness for all that has happened in 2014 in the worship and program life of Saint Mark's.

We have welcomed two new staff members into our midst—Tyler Robertson and Christopher Richardson. We have already come to appreciate Tyler's inspirational gifts at the organ console and Christopher's spiritual presence at the altar, in our lives and while we can't say "from the pulpit" perhaps we can say "from the front of the aisle" with his words of enlightened encouragement. We also saw the retirement of Michael Murray after over thirty wonderful years as part of the ministry of music at Saint Mark's, and the launch of the Organ Completion Gifts Campaign which raised over half a million dollars in pledges and fundraising last year. Fundraising efforts included a wonderful recital by Michael and other special events. We are challenged in 2015 to forge ahead toward our goal of just over \$800,000 to complete the instrument and complete renovation to the Sanctuary.

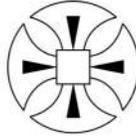
We have also managed to do what is nearly unthinkable for Episcopalians, we have made a... a... a "change." We have moved our principal worship service from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. this Fall as part of "Sunday Re-Imagined" and done so without a drop in attendance or the use of respiratory assistance devices. Quite the accomplishment. As we reach the mid-point of our trial period for "Sunday Re-Imagined" we will be looking at how many of the programs are developing and relating to one another. This will be a logical time to discuss lessons learned and any "tweaks" that may need to be made during the second half of our program year.

2014 could also be known as the "year of the termites" as we discovered the pesky little critters during the renovation of the Canterbury Center. Shepherded throughout by the Herculean efforts of Campus Manager Bill Ryan, that project saw replacement of all the doors and windows with new energy efficient products, including a beautiful "signature" window in the "American Gothic" style. It serves as another visible symbol as to the identity of our building, and the number of people in recent years who live or work near us saying: "There is no church there!" or "What? THAT'S a church?"

A number of "special thanks" are due to some additional remarkable people for their ministry on behalf of Saint Mark's. First and foremost is our indefatigable senior warden Phil Glandon. The HMS Indefatigable was the first ship for C.S. Forester's hero Horatio Hornblower, a navel officer who was always in the right place at the right time and knew the right thing to do. We are blessed as a parish by having a person with similar qualities serve as our senior warden for the last three years. Thank you, Phil. By his side throughout was Kelly Kelleher, whose keen insight and profound spirituality has graced our leadership team for the last three years as well. And I would be remiss if I did not mention Saint Mark's dynamic and dedicated "double 'D's'" of Dot Yeager and Dave Yeager. Dot's gift in the world of non-profit financial management can only be described as stellar, and Dave's understanding of technology and gift of time has carried this congregation into the 21st century (even if the rector really wants to be in the 23rd...)

I could go on listing names of people who have helped the light of Christ shine in and from the congregation in the last year—including our wonderful and dedicated staff—but we would be here all day—and the brunch provided today by the Vestry is already beckoning us toward the Parish Hall. But before that we gather at the Lord's Table to be the Lord's people and join together in His presence and ask His continued blessing upon this congregation in the year to come:

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and that things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. One God, for ever and ever. Amen.



2015 Annual Meeting Agenda

1. Opening Prayer
2. Approval of 2014 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. 2014 Financial Report
8. Presentation of 2015 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

Saint Mark's 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2014

The 2014 annual meeting, including a breakfast potluck, was held in the Parish Hall following the 10 a.m. worship service. The meeting was called to order with a prayer by the rector, The Rev. K. Paul St. Germain, at 11:45 a.m. Fr. Paul had already delivered his annual report during the time of the homily during the morning Eucharist. In addition, this report and other reports, as well as parish statistics and agenda items for the annual meeting, were included in the Annual Parish Meeting booklet available to all in attendance.

Minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting were, upon motion, duly seconded and passed, approved as submitted.

The current wardens, vestry, and convention delegates were introduced and outgoing vestry members were recognized and thanked for their service.

VESTRY SLATE:

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

The nominating committee, consisting of outgoing vestry members, included Aaron Porterfield, Karen Swartz, Jill Hinton, and Elizabeth Anstaett, as well as wardens and clergy serving ex-officio.

The nominating committee presented the following slate of candidates for 2014 service:

Senior Warden—Phil Glandon

Junior Warden—Kelly Kelleher

Youth Warden—Carolyn Botti

Vestry Class of 2017

Karen Gebhart, Hospitality

Robbie Hurley, Communications

Barbara Wilcox, Hospitality

Cathy Utgard, Formation

Convention Delegates—Patrick Hreachmack, Ernie Schoellkopff

Convention Alternates—Anice Ellis, Jill Hinton, David Yeager

There being no nominations from the floor, all were elected by acclamation.

Dot Yeager presented the 2013 Financial Report and the 2014 Budget.

Special questions and callouts included the following:

Discussions of what was “non-pledged income” and “other income”

Proposed budget changes to include salary for the new assistant to the rector

Explanation of the diocesan assessment and how it is calculated

Pledging status “at press time” was reviewed, including a mention of 47 increased pledges and several new pledgers.

Paul explained, in answer to a parishioner's question, that there are several ways to define “active member.” A person can be an active member of a church not only by “transfer of letter,” a policy inherited from the Church of England, but also by baptism, reception, or just being a person who attends services and is “known to the treasurer.”

Fr. Paul also discussed the prospect of adding a “gentle worship” service to accommodate those with special needs.

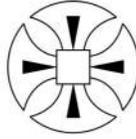
The Senior Warden discussed several encouraging developments during the year and especially expressed the thanks of the parish to the staff, who were introduced to applause from the parish.

Fr. Paul demonstrated new areas and enhancements to the Saint Mark's website.

There being no further discussion or questions, the meeting was adjourned with a prayer at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Lentz



Report of the Nominating Committee

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2015

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: Carolyn Botti

CLASS OF 2015	CLASS OF 2016	CLASS OF 2017
Cecily Chester Alexander	Martha Belury	Karen Gebhart
Anne McCrae Botti	Anne Davidson	Roberta Hurley
Martha Lentz	Pat Iams	Cathy Utgard
Sam Slee	Jim Keyes	Barbara Wilcox

2015 Annual Meeting Elections

SENIOR WARDEN

Craig Zimpher

JUNIOR WARDEN

Jill Hinton

YOUTH WARDEN

Katie Turner

VESTRY CLASS OF 2018 (4)

Dwight Anstaett

Ted Meyers

Scott Milburn

Seth Wymer

DIOCESAN CONVENTION DELEGATES (2)

Anice Ellis

Dave Yeager

DIOCESAN CONVENTION ALTERNATES (2)

Pat Iams

Seth Wymer

2015 Vestry Nominees

SENIOR WARDEN

CRAIG ZIMPHER



Craig's life at Saint Mark's began in 1974 through an introduction to then Rector Ed Chalfant (who later, while Bishop of Maine, married Park and me in 1987). During the preceding 40 years Saint Mark's has played a very formative role in his life; it's where his three sons have been baptized and confirmed; where he's had the privilege to serve twice on our Vestry; represent the parish at annual diocese meetings; serve on the Endowment Fund board; engage in various outreach activities, most recently with St. John's Town Street ministry, and taught summer Sunday school. Most importantly, during a summer stay at North Carolina Episcopal retreat center, Kanuga, Craig had the opportunity to meet the Rev. James Finnhaugen, who authored the lay empowering book, MUTUAL MINISTRY. The book's thesis, which he has also adopted, is that each of us is called to ministry...that's why our Sunday Bulletin refers to "The entire Saint Mark's family" as the ministers! Craig's "day job" now is in public service. After retiring four years ago from Nationwide, Craig was appointed by Gov. Kasich to serve as the Chair of the State Employment Relations Board, the state agency that oversees and adjudicates issues related to Ohio's public sector collective bargaining system.

JUNIOR WARDEN

JILL HINTON



Jill is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University and Former teacher and Purchasing Manager for White Castle System, Inc. Jill has been a member of Saint Mark's since 2007 and is active in numerous Enrichment Groups. She is the co-chairperson of the Outreach Ministry Committee, NNEMAP volunteer, member of Supper Group, Book Club, Altar Guild, Usher, and Chairperson of Labor/Neighbor Day Bake Sale since 2010.

YOUTH WARDEN

KATIE TURNER

WELCOMING/ONBOARDING

DWIGHT ANSTAETT



Dwight has been a member of Saint Mark's for 28 years. Elizabeth Laughlin and Dwight were married at Saint Mark's in 1987. Dwight has served as a lay reader for several years, and is interested in expanding his church life through participating on the Vestry. Elizabeth and Dwight have two grown daughters, Sarah and Rachel, who were raised in this church. Dwight works as an Assistant Director for Career-Technical Education at the Ohio Department of Education. Dwight enjoys spending time with family, fly fishing, and Ohio State sports.

ENRICHMENT GROUPS

TED MEYERS



Ted is a cradle Episcopalian who has been active in church life since an early age. Baptized at All Saints Episcopal Church in Great Neck, NY, Ted grew up and lived in the New York City area until his move to Columbus in 2005. At Saint Mark's, Ted is active in the Saint Mark's Choir, the organ completion committee, finance committee and serves as co-chair of the Friends of La Labor. In his day job, Ted is an investment consultant at Nationwide specializing in public sector retirement plans. This will be Ted's second time serving on vestry.

STEWARDSHIP

SCOTT MILBURN



Scott Milburn and his wife, Stephanie, have attended Saint Mark's since relocating to Upper Arlington in 2010 from the Washington, DC-area. They previously attended St. George's in Arlington, Virginia, where Scott chaired the Stewardship Committee. Scott was raised in the Southern Baptist and United Methodist churches, and he and Stephanie began attending the Episcopal Church when they were married 16 years ago. Scott works in state government and Stephanie works at The Ohio State University. They have two boys, Peter and C.J., who attend Greensview school.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

SETH WYMER



As a recent transplant to Columbus, Seth and his wife, Melissa, (married at Saint Mark's in November 2014) found their parish home at Saint Mark's in October of 2013. Seth has been active at Saint Mark's as a Lector and as a teacher for the Journey to Adulthood program during this last year. Receiving his undergraduate degree in English from the Pontifical College Josephinum Columbus, Ohio and a Masters in Ethics from St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, Pennsylvania; Seth is the Assistant Vice President of Corporate Training and Development and Compliance Liaison for iQor – in this capacity Seth oversees not just New Hire Training, but Leadership Training and their Trainers Certificate Program. He is very excited and humbled to serve Saint Mark's assisting in the Formation aspect of Saint Mark's parish life.

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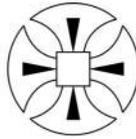
Seth Wymer

Respectfully submitted,

The Nominating Committee

Cecily Alexander, Anne Botti, Martha Lentz, and Sam Slee

The Rev. Paul St. Germain



Summary of Financial Information

SUBMITTED BY DOT YEAGER, SAINT MARK'S TREASURER

2014 Operating Results: Overall results were consistent with the budget. Total operating receipts were \$555,125, operating expenditures were \$583,715 and one-time expenditures of \$1,076. Total net income of \$108 was achieved by a transfer from the Staff Fund of \$29,774, leaving a balance in the fund of \$39,618.

2015 Budget: Total operating revenues of \$561,650 reflect pledges to date, as well as historic giving patterns. Expenditures of \$601,268 include current staff, including the full-time assistant rector. While there are sufficient funds in the Staff Fund to again fill the gap between revenues and expenditures of \$39,618, this will be an area of focus for the Vestry in the coming year.

Summary of Designated Fund Balances at December 31, 2014

Altar Guild	\$ 575	Organ Fund (see note)	\$ 315,688
Canterbury Choir	\$ 10,343	Outreach Restricted Gifts	\$ 2,000
Choir England Trip	\$ 29,849	Special Gifts	\$ 1,354
Flower Guild	\$ 7,322	Special Music	\$ 4,124
Funeral Receptions	\$ 1,816	Staff Fund	\$ 39,615
Gary L. Garber Scholarship Fund	\$ 4,025	Trinity Guild	\$ 26,429
Gentle Worship	\$ 3,000	Unrestricted Gifts	\$ 65,835
Major Projects	\$ 55,940	Vacation Bible School	\$ 1,950
Memorial Garden	\$ 13,268	Verger Guild	\$ 47
Memorial Gifts	\$ 5,204	Women's Ministry	\$ 551
		Youth Mission	\$ 4,237

Note: The total of gifts received through 12/31/14 and pledges and challenges still to be received is \$519,199.

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 appointed 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.

In past years, unrestricted funds of \$108,045, not needed for current operations, had been invested along with the Endowment in the Income Fund. In August 2014, \$16,047.88 was withdrawn from the unrestricted portion to reimburse the operating fund for capital expenditures made in 2013. For better accountability of the funds, in 2014, the trustees approved the withdrawal of the balance of the unrestricted funds of \$91,998, for separate management by the vestry. Accordingly, the vestry has established a Major Projects Fund at the Columbus Foundation. The portfolio value of the Endowment Fund at December 31, 2013 is \$273,844.21.

Capital Expenditures

The Vestry has authorized the expenditure of \$76,000 for Canterbury Center improvements from the Major Projects Fund at the Columbus Foundation.

Saint Mark's has no long term debt other than a copier lease, which ends in August 2017.

Saint Mark's Historical Financial Statements

02/03/15

	<u>2015</u> <u>Proposed</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>Projection</u>	<u>2013</u>
Pledges & Member Contributions	\$ 501,000	\$ 495,803	\$ 515,515
Plate & non-pledge receipts	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,477	\$ 20,693
Other (rent, Endowment income, outside groups)	\$ 32,000	\$ 28,094	\$ 23,829
Self-Sustaining Fund Reimbursements (see below)	\$ 6,650	\$ 8,751	\$ 6,769
Total Revenue	\$ 561,650	\$ 555,125	\$ 568,086
Payroll & Payroll Taxes	365,133	\$ 345,811	\$ 271,051
Facilities	79,800	\$ 78,510	\$ 91,293
Diocesan Mission Share	88,373	\$ 86,873	\$ 80,760
Administration	37,800	\$ 37,789	\$ 47,145
Outreach	10,500	\$ 9,448	\$ 9,469
Music, Fellowship & Other	5,900	\$ 6,598	\$ 6,722
Christian Formation	2,900	\$ 5,399	\$ 5,544
Self-Sustaining Activities (Flowers, Altar, VBS, Youth Group)	6,650	\$ 9,075	\$ 4,655
Capital Replacement Reserve	4,212	\$ 4,212	\$ -
Total Disbursements	\$ 601,268	\$ 583,715	\$ 516,639
Net income (deficit) before fund reimbursements	\$ (39,618)	\$ (28,590)	\$ 51,447
One-time operating expenses	0	\$ 1,076	\$ 3,173
Staff fund used for operations/(added to fund)	\$ 39,618	\$ 29,774	\$ (46,609)
Net income/(deficit)	\$ -	\$ 108	\$ 1,665
Kitchen Supplies	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,482	\$ 1,079
Fellowship events	500	\$ 713	\$ 1,303
Other hospitality	500	\$ 507	\$ 538
Enrichment groups	100	\$ 44	\$ -
Music	3,000	\$ 2,767	\$ 2,753
Worship expense	800	\$ 1,085	\$ 1,049
Music, Fellowship & Other	\$ 5,900	\$ 6,598	\$ 6,722
Elementary ed.	\$ 700	\$ 595	\$ 106
Middle School	\$ 200	\$ 431	\$ 279
Nursery care	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 960
Vacation Bible School (see Self-Sustaining in 2015)	\$ -	\$ 1,403	\$ 1,187
Confirmation	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 932
Adult Education	\$ 500	\$ 783	\$ 597
Youth group (see to Self-Sustaining in 2015)	\$ -	\$ 987	\$ 1,483
Christian Formation	\$ 2,900	\$ 5,399	\$ 5,544

Saint Mark's Parish Statistics 2014

NUMBER OF SERVICES: Sundays 112 (2013 – 113)
Weekdays 125 (2013 – 142)

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 2014 – 12,322 (2013 – 12,883) (2012 – 14,778) (2011–13,534)

SPECIAL DAYS:	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
FIRST LENT:	188	179	192	188	196	261
EASTER:	487	442	494	406	421	388
PENTECOST:	162	277	237	202	207	183
CHRISTMAS:	497	473	490	459	481	468

AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE:

JANUARY – MAY: 197 (2014 – 204) (Does *not* include Easter)
JUNE – AUGUST: 157 (2014 – 155)
SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER: 213 (2014 – 211) (Does *not* include Christmas)
OVERALL AVERAGE: 189 (2014 – 194) (Does *not* include Easter and Christmas)

BAPTISMS: 12	WEDDINGS: 4	CONFIRMATIONS: 0*
NEW MEMBERS: 26	BURIALS: 5	TRANSFERS OUT: 3
		MOVED TO INACTIVE: 8
TOTAL MEMBERS: approximately 793		ACTIVE COMMUNICANTS: approximately 453

*There was no Bishop's visitation in 2014.



Assistant Rector's Report

As I mentioned in January's Epistle, 2014 was a very busy year for me. In that article, I briefly mentioned a few of the major events that happened in my life over the past year, but there were so many more things that happened that I would like to take time to delve into a bit deeper.

Parish Life

Last February, a group of concerned parents brought to our attention some concerns regarding Christian Formation at Saint Mark's. We soon realized that a much wider discussion was needed. This resulted in the "Reimagining Sunday" conversations, the first of which took place at the Vestry retreat in April. These conversations eventually led to a new format for Sunday mornings, effective September 2014:

8:00 – Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:15 – Gathering with Coffee/Tea

9:30 – Formation for All Ages (Godly Play, Church School, J2A, FAITH FOUNDATIONS, Anglican Forums, Choir)

10:30 – Holy Eucharist Rite II and Children's Chapel

March brought about the beginning of Lent. With Lent came Lent Madness, an NCAA tournament-style bracket pitting 32 saints against each other in a contest to see who would win the Golden Halo. We decided to use this as an opportunity, not only to learn about the saints we celebrate in the church, but also to give people a way to enjoy a friendly competition to "earn" money for a ministry at Saint Mark's. Last year's winning bracket belonged to Pat Wiedner, mother of Saint Mark's Choir member, Cheryl Boop. She elected to have the \$195 raised through the competition go to the Organ Completion Fund.

In May, I organized the first of only a handful of young adult dinners in an attempt to foster a sense of community among the young adults at Saint Mark's and provide them with a "third space," or "a place, different than work and normal home environments that encourages laughter, relaxation and spirited conversation with the friends and family that are cherished the most." (www.thirdspacebuilders.com) These dinners did not gain a lot of traction and eventually fell away.

The annual trip to Guatemala took place at the end of July. This trip was a bit different than past years due to it being mostly youth (five youth and three adults).

Diocesan Life

I served as chair of the diocesan Reimagining Task Force, a group of people from around the diocese gathered together by Bishop Breidenthal and asked to take a look at the structures of the Diocese of Southern Ohio and make recommendations on how things could be changed/improved to make the Diocese more "efficient." As a group, we compiled a seven page report to submit to the 140th Annual Diocesan Convention, along with an executive summary, both of which can be found (<http://connections412.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Reimagining-Task-Force-full-report-10-7-14.pdf>) and (<http://connections412.com/?p=2409>) respectively.

Personal Development

I try to make a point of doing something for my own personal development every year. In 2014, my personal development came in attending the "PLAY! Praising God in Life and Worship" conference held at Christ Church Cathedral on February 28 – March 1. At this conference I explored fostering creativity and how to gather community in new ways through radical hospitality and inspiring liturgy.

All-in-all, 2014 was a busy, wonderful year. I'm looking forward to spending an even more exciting 2015 with all of you at Saint Mark's.

The Rev. Christopher C. Richardson
Assistant Rector

Music Department's 2014 Annual Report

2014 was a tremendously busy and momentous year for music at Saint Mark's. January began with a beautiful Service of Light with Music from the Taizé Tradition for the Eve of the Epiphany. Later in the month, Saint Mark's welcomed the talented xYz Woodwind Quintet for the first of three concerts between January and May, as the ensemble adopted Saint Mark's as its musical home. Meanwhile, the Canterbury Choir once again held its popular Super Bowl Subs fundraiser, raising money for its trip this coming April to Washington, D.C. Toward the end of the month, the Saint Mark's Choir accepted an invitation to sing Choral Evensong at First Congregational Church in downtown Columbus, where we were thrilled to work again with organist Kevin Jones, who accompanied the choir during our 2012 residency at Worcester Cathedral, England.

February brought the most-anticipated musical event of the season, as Michael Murray performed his first public organ recital in over 15 years and his first ever at Saint Mark's. The church welcomed around 300 people for the event, many of whom had never visited Saint Mark's before. The event raised nearly \$20,000 for the Organ Completion Fund, all of which was matched by the \$50,000 challenge gift that we later completed in June. A wonderful reception followed.

In March the Saint Mark's Choir sang its final service of Choral Evensong with Michael at the organ. Throughout much of March and April, the choir gave considerable time and effort to its annual Easter Eggs fundraiser, raising money for its upcoming choral residency at Lincoln Cathedral this summer. April brought Holy Week and Easter, during which the choir sang for services on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday. In May the Canterbury Choir concluded its season with a wonderful service of Choral Evensong. During May Saint Mark's also welcomed the Magpie Consort, a local mixed chorus, for a concert.

In June the parish (reluctantly) celebrated the retirement of Michael Murray after 31 years of exemplary service to Saint Mark's. The Saint Mark's Choir marked the occasion with Choral Eucharist, singing Mozart's *Missa brevis in D*, accompanied by strings and organ. At the special reception that followed the service, Saint Mark's announced the launch of the "Enriching Our Worship" Charitable Gifts Campaign for the Organ Completion Fund. In the months that followed, the campaign received pledges totaling \$310,000 toward the fund, including a new \$150,000 challenge gift.

Meanwhile, from January to June the Organist Search Committee, led by Dan Morton and Pam Thurston, had been working tirelessly to identify and call the next organist at Saint Mark's. As the lengthy process drew to a close in June, it became clear that Tyler W. Robertson was the obvious choice, and we were thrilled to welcome him to Saint Mark's beginning in August. Tyler has been a tremendous addition to the staff at Saint Mark's, allowing us to continue the high standards of music and liturgy that we have come to expect and enjoy.

The new choir season in September brought unprecedented growth to the Canterbury Choir, which has ballooned from just seven returning members to twenty, giving great hope for the years to come. Several of the new families have come to Saint Mark's specifically for their children to participate in the choir. The Saint Mark's Choir also welcomed several new singers, although we were saddened by the retirement of longtime member (and choir mother) Diane Hartney.

In October, the Saint Mark's Choir sang an early-season service of Choral Evensong in order to learn some of the extra repertoire that will be required for its residency at Lincoln Cathedral this summer. In November, the choir sang its usual service of Choral Evensong for the Feast of All Saints as well as Choral Eucharist for the Feast of Christ the King, again learning repertoire for its upcoming residency. Meanwhile, the Canterbury Choir held its increasingly popular Soup Mix fundraiser, which raised additional money for its trip this spring to Washington, D.C.

In December, both choirs combined for the parish's much-beloved Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols, welcoming over 200 people for this joyous holiday event. The Canterbury Choir took part in Tremont Center's Christmas by the Clock event, caroling throughout the evening. Both choirs sang beautifully at their respective Christmas Eve services.

The year ended with much optimism regarding the Organ Completion Fund, which by the end of the year had received pledges and contributions totaling nearly \$520,000 since its inception in spring 2013. The next page records with sincere gratitude all those individuals and organizations that pledged or donated to the fund during 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew Bester

Saint Mark's gratefully acknowledges the generosity of the many individuals and organizations who have pledged or contributed to the Organ Completion Fund during 2014. Those who contributed by check or other recorded means are listed below. We also thank those who contributed by cash but whose names are not known to us. We apologize for any accidental omissions.

Jim and Joyce Acton
Larry and Cindy Anderson
Dwight and Elizabeth Anstaett
Margaret Atkinson
Virginia Baldock
Sue Barna
Christine Barth
Pat Barton
Ellen Berndt
Matthew and Stefanie Bester
Stephen Bigley and Rebecca Roeder
Patti Blakey
Laura Blomquist
Belle Boles
David and Cheryl Boop
Chip and Anne Botti
Charles and Catherine Brubaker
Molly Brubaker
David Campbell and Anne Johnson
Capital Periodontal Associates, PA
Bernard Castell
The Chester Family Foundation
Dick and Dottie Comfort
Joanne Cooper
Tom and Lisa Courtice
Anne Davidson
Helen Davidson
Michael and Leslie Dick
Mark and Joanne Drew
Kathy Drobny
Bev Dunkel
Michael and Anice Ellis
David and Paula Fenner
Carter and Lucia Findley
Richard and Gayle Frasher
William and Jean Gabel
Gary Garber
Karen Gebhart
Timothy Gerber
Thomas Gerke
Jim and Ann Getz
Phil and Lynn Glandon
Gayle Glanville
Ruth Hales
Sharon Hamersley and Willkie Cirker
Dale and Diane Hartney
John Havens
Charles and Carol Hebel
Virgene Heckman
Nyla Heerema

Tim and Jerrilyn Herd
Steve and Jodi Hess
Charles and Susan Hickey
Jill Hinton
Patrick and Catherine Hreachmack
Randy and Lyn Hudson
Donald Huiner
Stephanie Huntley
Tom and Robbie Hurley
Jay and Pat Iams
Bruce and Michele Johnson
Yvonne Johnson and Kara Hurst
Katherine Borst Jones
Kevin Jones
Herman and Mary Inez Kiesler
Jim and Barb Keyes
Jane Krastel
Dorothy Ann Kreinbihl
Tim Laffin
Lawrence L. German Family
Foundation Fund
Marty Lentz
Peter and Lou Lenz
Rosemary Lewis
Elizabeth Livingston
Carole Lougheed
Edward and Mary Maag
Monte Main
John and Marlene Marchak
Joan Maynard
George and Carolyn McConnaughey
Don and Suzanne McConnell
David and Patricia McKitterick
Ted Meyers
Mildred L. White Memorial Fund
Robert Mills and Judith Kleen
Doug and Christine Minton
Carol Moorehead
Dan and Roberta Morton
Rebecca Morton
Michael Murray
John and Lynne Muskoff
Emlyn Ott
Adam and Joanna Parson
Charles and Maria Paule
Russell and Martha Pitzer
Mark Plescia
Jeff and Aaron Porterfield
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Bob and Ila Jean Stamper
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Senior Warden's Report

I have been fortunate to become aware of almost everything that happens to, for, and on behalf of Saint Mark's over the past three years. We have an amazingly active parish, especially relative to the size of our membership and staff. Every year has presented unique challenges, but we always seem to be blessed with a number of small miracles to help us out. Clearly the Holy Spirit is keeping watch over us!

Replacing talented and experienced staff members is a challenge for any organization. We have had to do a lot of that over the past three years. During my first two years Jessie left for a new career and Gary and Bruce retired. Just think of how blessed we are to have Stephanie, Matt, and Christopher in their place! Thank God for the leadership and faith of Paul and Joan as we rebuilt the team.

It was a sad day on June 15 when our beloved organist, Michael Murray, played his final Sunday service on our organ. Fortunately, through the diligent work of our Organist Search Committee chaired by Dan Morton and Pam Thurston, we were able to announce Michael's successor, Tyler Robertson, just two weeks later. Tyler has done a marvelous job as our new organist and we are thrilled to have him on our staff.

In honor of the long and very special contributions that Gary and Michael made to our parish, we established a fund to collect the money necessary to fulfill their dream of completing our organ. Under the leadership of Matt Bester, Dianne Silliman, and Jeff Porterfield; and with the generosity and inspiration of an "angel" donor, we are more than halfway to our goal.

Just as two years ago when The Rev. Dr. Mary Lynn Dell came to our parish at a time of need, the Holy Spirit once again blessed us with The Rev. Ally Barrett, a well-known expert in the ministry of children. Ally and her family are visiting from the U.K. for two semesters while her husband, Samuel, is engaged as a visiting associate professor of music at The Ohio State University. Their search for a church home led them to us and we will forever be grateful for her invaluable help in establishing our Children's Chapel program this year!

Our good fortune has not been limited to talented people. When the Vestry was struggling with how to pay for much needed repairs to the decaying Canterbury Center, we received two gifts that would more than cover the cost. The "more" was soon needed when we opened up the walls and learned that the building had sustained significant termite damage and more extensive repair was needed. With those funds and a great deal of volunteer labor and administrative time donated by Bill Ryan, the project is now complete.

Every year a third of our Vestry members complete their three-year term and we face the difficult task of seeking new members to accept leadership roles at Saint Mark's. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving with our retiring Vestry members: Anne Botti, Cecily Alexander, Marty Lentz, and Sam Slee. By the grace of God we continue to find caring and committed people to fill our Vestry positions. I am excited about our new class of Dwight Anstaett, Ted Meyers, Scott Milburn, and Seth Wymer. I pray that they find their time on Vestry as fulfilling as I have. Our Youth Warden, Carolyn Botti, will be moving on to higher educational pursuits at the Ohio State University. I wish her the best of luck along with our incoming Youth Warden, Katie Turner.

After three years serving together as Junior and Senior Warden, Kelly Kelleher and I will be turning over the torch to two very capable people, Craig Zimpher and Jill Hinton, who will do a wonderful job. I cannot express how meaningful and fulfilling my time on Vestry has been. I've served with thirty-two different members during the past five years. We have gotten to know each other by sharing "God moments" at the beginning of each meeting. Witnessing their faith, unselfish effort, and caring spirit has been an encounter with Christ.

We are a parish on the move, constantly looking for more and better ways to serve Christ, our members, and the community. May the Holy Spirit continue to light our way!

Phil Glandon
Senior Warden

Enrichment Group Ministries

After experimenting with having an Enrichment Group (EG) of the week published in the weekly bulletins, which was sometimes noted by the Vestry Person of the Week (VPOW) during the Announcements during the 10 a.m. service (with an easel presentation with and without cookies on a nearby table in the Parish Hall after the service), the effort made did not seem to tangibly benefit membership in any of the EGs at Saint Mark's. As a result, this practice has been discontinued.

However, the list of the EGs has been reviewed again with the following updates. Saint Mark's Men has established itself as a way for men in the congregation to get together at a local eatery and enjoy talking with each other about whatever seems relevant to them, both in laic and spiritual terms. Mark Drew has taken the initiative to schedule meetings periodically. The response has been terrific!

Saint Mark's Coffee House has been put on hold, indefinitely.

EG leaders are encouraged to keep their photos, both on line and in the Church and classrooms, and web site information up to date by contacting one of the Vestry members and advising Steph Huntley, Office Manager at Saint Mark's.

The EG of the Week will continue to be listed in the bulletin each week, and the VPOWs will continued to be encouraged to mention them, along with contact information for each during the Announcements and Welcome From the Vestry at the 10 a.m. service.

Please visit the website, saintmarkscolumbus.org and click on "Group Ministries" under the Ministry drop down menu or click on "Enrichment Groups" under the Formation drop down to learn more about the EG offerings. 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

Stewardship Report

In 2014, the Stewardship Committee focused solely on the fall stewardship campaign. The committee consisted of co-chairs Cecily Alexander and Anne Davidson, as well as Dot Yeager, Phil Glandon, Karen Koster, Martha Belury, Martha Lentz, and Jeff Porterfield. This year's campaign was truly a collaboration of ideas from the entire committee and despite being in the midst of Saint Mark's capital campaign, produced great results.

In April, the committee decided to return to the Share the Story speaker series model and to incorporate the TENS 2014 theme Walking the Way. Looking to do something different than a potluck dinner to kick off the campaign, the committee came up with the Anglican custom of Beating of the Bounds during the 10:30 a.m. service the week prior to the first Share the Story speaker. In conjunction with the theme of Walking the Way, Father Paul, the choir, and a trumpeter led the congregation around the eastern boundaries of the church while singing Lift High the Cross to stake Saint Mark's boundaries. The day could not have been more beautiful and the event was well received by the congregation. In the weeks following, Amy Keller, Dave Campbell, and Seth Wymer delivered compelling stories of stewardship and Anne Botti volunteered to speak during pledge ingathering after being moved by Dave Campbell's words.

As of January 13, we are happy to report that Saint Mark's has received 144 pledges totaling \$453,608 and hope that several members are still contemplating their 2015 pledges. Of the pledges received so far, we are happy to announce that 14 were new pledges and 43 pledges were increases from last year. Looking ahead to next year, we are very pleased to welcome Scott Milburn and Jay Wilcox to the committee for 2015.

Submitted by Cecily Alexander and Anne Davidson

Formation, Children and Youth Report

“Re-Imagining Sunday,” launched in September 2014, brought significant changes to our youth education format. Instead of our elementary aged children meeting for church school during the 10 a.m. service as we have done in the past, they now meet at 9:30 a.m., coinciding with the time of older youth and adult formation. At 10:25 a.m., the children are led up to the choir room where “Children’s Chapel” is held. This is a child-friendly service run by clergy, assisted by middle-school and high-school youth. Parents are encouraged to attend and assist when possible. With the conclusion of Children’s Chapel, the young children are brought into the sanctuary to join their families for the Prayers of the People and Holy Eucharist.

The adoption of “Re-Imagining Sunday” resulted in a few growing pains:

1. Initially we seemed to see a decrease in the attendance of the youngest children – those in preschool through second grade. Our numbers began to climb again, however, as we approached Christmas. We plan to keep a close eye on this.

We now need to keep the nursery open an extra hour. This means that children can be in the nursery from as early as 9:20 a.m. to as late as 11:45 a.m. – a long time for our littlest ones. This has also required the enlistment of additional volunteer help since our paid workers are high school students who should be afforded the opportunity to attend their own formation from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Fortunately, we are blessed with just enough volunteers, but welcome more.

What follows is a description of our current youth formation programs. All youth formation now takes place from 9:30 -10:25 a.m. during the school year (except the first Sunday of the month when the Canterbury Choir sings).

Godly Play: 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.

Church School: Children in third through fifth grades use the Travel Guide series. This year the children are using the *Travel Guide to the Lord’s Prayer* and the *Travel Guide to the Armor of God*. We currently have 25 students registered in our Sunday elementary programs (Godly Play and Church School combined).

Junior High and High School: Junior high and high school students use the Journey to Adulthood curriculum. This begins with Rite 13 for 6-7th graders. Rite 13 celebrates the individuality of each young person and his/her creative potential, while exploring Bible stories of God and God’s people. J2A, the next segment of the program, helps 8-9th graders create and understand the importance of Christian community as they develop critical thinking skills that they will need in adulthood. Young Adults in the Church (YAC) is a program for 10-12th graders which empowers young people to be active members in our church community. Average Sunday attendance for Rite 13 is 2 students. Average Sunday attendance for J2A is 2 students. Average Sunday attendance for YAC is 5-6 students.

The following are additional youth activities at Saint Mark’s:

Vacation Bible School

VBS at Saint Marks is a totally “home grown” program spearheaded by **Jim Keyes** which requires a tremendous amount of preparation. VBS2014 program focused on “**The Powerful Parables of Jesus**”. VBS-er’s learned about six of these special stories through music, drama, arts/crafts, snacks, and outdoor activities.

Using original drawings about the Parables from **Bill Shillington**, both a VBS Song Book and Coloring Book were produced. These were offered to everyone who wanted to take them home.

For the first time ever, VBS2014 had a video produced about the stories. It was created and produced by J2A students.

36 young people attended VBS2014. Additionally fifteen middle and high school Saint Mark’s teens served as VBS2014 Teen Counselors. Their service generated between fifteen and eighteen hours of Community Service credit at their respective schools. For one of the Counselors, volunteering for VBS2014 generated a letter of recommendation for a National Honor Society application.

Eighteen adults served VBS as teachers and helpers in the various areas of the program.

Looking forward: planning, designing, and writing for VBS2015 has been going on since October. This year we will create a musical drama about **The Creation Story** from Genesis 1.

Christmas Pageant

Many thanks to the **Keller family** for again directing this year's Christmas Pageant, a Saint Mark's tradition. The utilization of Saint Mark's new sound system certainly has enhanced the production, making it more professional. We have seen a steady increase in the number of children participating -- 10% per year over the past three years. Thirty-six children signed up this past year; four of these did not participate due to illness, and a couple did not go "on stage" because of stage fright. Parental involvement was strong again this year. There were eight parents actively involved with set-up/clean-up, costuming, and general assistance. The Keller family plans to direct the pageant in 2015.

Youth Group

Middle-schoolers and high-schoolers have the opportunity to socialize in a safe, fun environment under the direction of our youth ministers, **Brad and Crystal Essex**. Some activities they enjoyed this year included: ice-skating, watching movies, attending Wildlights at the Zoo, going to Vertical Adventures, going Christmas shopping at the mall, and working on service projects.

Nursery

Our congregation seems to be growing younger, and our nursery attendance reflects this. With more and more people utilizing the nursery during our extended hours, we have found the need to add another managerial position – the **Nursery Coordinator**. This person will be responsible for ensuring the quality and safety of the nursery, recruiting volunteers, and drafting work schedules. **Marilyn Karl** will be assuming this role. In addition, we had two paid high-school workers this year who worked alternate weeks, supplemented by a 9-member volunteer staff. We have also begun opening the nursery during special events such as Evensong.

In conclusion, elementary youth formation is growing at Saint Mark's, a reflection of the growing numbers of young families that are joining the church. We need to continue monitoring our elementary school attendance numbers since "Re-Imagining Sunday" took effect. YAC attendance numbers have remained stable; however, youth formation attendance at the middle school level is quite low. There is a definite need for improvement in this area.

Submitted by Anne Botti and Cathleen Utgard



Communications Team

The Communications 2014 highlight was starting the Epistle series called **“From the Parish Register.”** It reports on births, marriages, baptisms, and deaths. Robbie Hurley got it going. It is based on a long-standing Church of England tradition. In addition to the monthly printed version, **“From the Parish Register”** is available via email through the church website. Click on Constant Contact to see it. Robbie adds **“Parish Related News”** to her monthly article. It reports job changes, retirements, achievements, and students’ news.

Other 2014 communications projects were: (1) Bake Sale publicity, (2) Saint Mark’s involvement in Habitat For Humanity Central Ohio; (3) the first edition of a **J2A Newsletter** aimed at current and prospective J2A families; (4) publicity for the Golf League’s collecting toys for Children’s Hospital, (5) several stories about VBS2014 and the Enrichment Groups.

Coming in 2015 will be “news and how-to-use” stories about the updated Saint Mark’s website.

Submitted by Robbie Hurley and Jim Keyes

Hospitality Committee

The Hospitality Committee hosted receptions for the following events during the year beginning February, 2014: Michael Murray’s retirement; four Choral Evensongs; the Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols; and the Service of Light in the Taizé Tradition for the Epiphany. Attendance varied greatly, and was highest for Michael’s reception and the Festival of Lessons and Carols. Evensongs were not as well attended, although it must be noted that weather may have played a part in two events: awful weather for an event last winter and excellent weather in the spring for the Canterbury Choir’s presentation, both of which may have caused people to stay at home. Participation in the Taizé service was improved over last year, and we anticipate a large audience at the Ohio State Glee Clubs’ performance on February 15.

We are very pleased with the number of volunteers, their enthusiasm, and their hard work. Anyone who is interested in helping with refreshments, setup, cleanup, or event planning is welcome. Please contact one of us so we may add your name to the list.

Submitted by Karen Gebhart and Barbara Wilcox

Outreach Ministry

Matthew 22:37-39. “I was hungry and you fed me; I was thirsty and you gave me water; I was a stranger and you invited me into your homes; naked, and you clothed me; sick, and in prison, and you visited me.”

For several years, the Outreach Ministry has prioritized needs. We give money and/or service to international, national, and, especially local projects. Whenever possible, the Ministry wants to have “helping hands” in the project. Our committee, which meets once a month, has 15 to 20 regular members, many of whom chair individual projects, but we seek to involve as many parishioners as possible. The Vestry has allocated \$10,500 for our use, but by careful planning, fundraisers, and in-kind donations, Outreach has a much bigger impact.

Episcopal Relief & Development. International care in crisis: hurricanes, tornadoes, and typhoons. Our funds enable material and volunteers to be present. We make the ERD “Gifts for Life” catalog available to inform parishioners and enable them to donate individually.

Guatemala Mission Trip. Last summer, Outreach provided one scholarship for a parishioner to be part of our mission work. We support the Guatemala Ministry in collecting books, dental supplies, band aids, and shoes.

United Thank Offering. UTO provides grant money to projects nationally and internationally. Boxes were given to parishioners in November, and they were asked to contribute to the boxes for gratitude in their lives.

Episcopal Community Services Foundation. The Diocese of Southern Ohio provides grants to Outreach programs in parishes in the diocese. The programs are aimed at alleviating poverty. The Grants' Committee studies and visits each site to identify those meeting goals. In addition to a \$1000. cash gift, one of our Outreach members volunteers on the Grants' Committee.

Habitat for Humanity. Habitat is a collaboration of NW churches to build a home for an identified family. Outreach gave \$1000. cash and had one parishioner who volunteered regularly. We would like to encourage more volunteers.

NNEMAP. A Short North Food Pantry. Several Saint Mark's parishioners volunteer on a regular basis. We also give \$1250. cash to the pantry. We send food staples regularly to NNEMAP and collected grooming items (200 toothbrushes and 200 toothpastes) in October. Next November, we plan to host the NNEMAP Fundraiser at Saint Mark's.

Open Shelter Lunches. The Open Shelter provides food, clothing, and counseling for Columbus' most vulnerable poor. A group of Saint Mark's members pack 180 bag lunches for the Open Shelter on a regular basis.

St. John's Columbus Dinners. St. John's provides 120 to 140 meals each Wednesday to neighborhood folks. Saint Mark's provides a nutritional meal 4-5 times per year. A meal is cooked and served by about 10 volunteers.

St. John's Columbus Street Church. St. John's hosts an afternoon Holy Communion Service at the corner of Broad and Central. Saint Mark's provides lunch after the service. 6-8 volunteer cook and/or attend and serve the meal. We participate in the service.

Women's Respite Birthday Bags. In conjunction with other churches, we helped to provide a Respite for women who may never even have celebrated a birthday. One of our Outreach members cooks for the 2 day event. Other parishioners provide "birthday bags" with items to pamper the women.

St. John's Lifeboat Project. Each January, Saint Mark's collects warm coats, boots, scarves, mittens, and hats for those who attend the Meal or Street Church. Many of the guests are living outdoors. In 2014, \$500 cash was collected for boots.

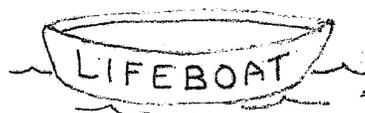
Giving Tree. This was our second year to collect Christmas gifts for the Homeless Families Foundation. The gifts are requested, then taken by volunteers to the Foundation where families can choose and wrap the gifts. Over 300 gifts were donated in 2014. We also collected school supplies and backpacks in August.

"Help Heal Hunger" is our big fundraising project in conjunction with Labor-Neighbor Day. This year we gave about \$1800. to three feeding programs: \$600 each to St. Phillip's, Trinity, and St. John's Columbus. Nearly the whole parish participates in baking, selling, set-up, or clean-up.

Cookie Walk. Our annual Cookie Walk gives us a chance to share Christmas delights. Our profits of \$670. was sent to the mission work of David and Rebecca Morton at Nkhoma Hospital in Malawi.

We are pleased with the participation in Saint Mark's Outreach Ministry. If anyone has questions, please contact Chair Jill Hinton or Co-Chair Pat Iams

Submitted by Jill Hinton and Pat Iams



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The Rev. Christopher C. Richardson, *Assistant Rector*
The Rev. Dr. Mary Lynn Dell, *Priest Associate*
The Rev. Michael Ellis, *Affiliate Priest*
The Rev. Joan Maynard, *Deacon*
Dr. Matthew Bester, *Director of Music*
Tyler W. Robertson, *Organist*
Gary L. Garber, *Organist-Choirmaster Emeritus*
Dr. Michael Murray, *Organist Emeritus*
Don McConnell, *Head Verger*
Brad and Crystal Essex, *Youth Ministers*
Bill Ryan, *Campus Manager*
Stephanie Huntley, *Office Manager*

Ministers:

The Entire Saint Mark's Family

Vestry Members:

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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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Who We Are:



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 82 million members in more than 160 countries. *Anglican* are those churches who trace their history to the Church of England.



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