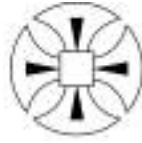


SAINT MARK'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



# ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2013



## THE RECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

*"O wondrous type! O vision fair of glory that the church may share, which Christ upon the mountain shows, where brighter than the sun he glows! O Father, with the eternal Son, and Holy Spirit, ever One, vouch-safe to bring us by thy grace to see thy glory face to face." Hymn 137*

We gather this morning - on this Feast of the Transfiguration - this day when we remember the moment when heaven itself touched the earth, transfiguring Jesus Christ and revealing Him as the Son of God - we gather today with what is both a tremendous charge and a tremendous hope.

Our "charge" is to strain our eyes - struggle to open them wider than they have ever been before - and somehow see the world as God would see it be: Whole. Healed. Transfigured - Dazzling like the sun. Every wrong righted, every brokenness mended, every tear dried and every hurt forgiven. Can we do it? Dare we peer into that heavenly brightness? Is it possible to even conceive of a world such as this? Is it possible to imagine OURSELVES as part of a creation such as this - and what is more -as creatures such as this? No. Amen.

But wait - maybe there is more than a charge. There is... HOPE.

Hope is central to every vision of transfiguration. Hope is what Jesus Christ gave us upon that holy mountain 2000 years ago. Hope that God is indeed calling the world into a transfiguring process. God is calling US into a transfiguring process where with the help of divine grace and love you and I can grow more nearly into the people that God has created us to be. As individuals we can be healed through this "God light" and as a community we can shine it forth into our world proclaiming that the Kingdom of God IS indeed near.

This past year has been one of great transition at Saint Mark's. The Annual Report for 2012 is a chronicle of transition. This began early in the year as our music director of thirty years, Gary Garber, continued the changing over of his responsibilities to our new music director, Matthew Bester. By the time of Saint Mark's Choir's summer residency at Worcester Cathedral that transition was complete, and with Gary's retirement a new chapter in the music program had begun - building upon a strong foundation of faith and transfiguring vision for the future.

No sooner than this transition was complete the parish bid a fond farewell to our office manager of almost five years, Jessica Ellis. As we wished her well and sent her forth to continue her vocation as a pastoral counselor a new face was welcomed into the parish office in the person of Stephanie Arps. Stephanie hit the ground running and was no sooner in place before she was assisting the parish make yet another transition with the retirement of associate rector Bruce Smith.

Bruce has been a faithful and steady presence at Saint Mark's since his ordination in 2001. As he moves on to other pastoral ministries Bruce leaves behind him a dedication to Christian Education, Bible Study, pastoral care and an unparalleled commitment to diocesan activities and service. Last Fall the Stewardship Committee issued a survey to the congregation asking them for priorities in funding for 2013. Not only was the response to the survey extremely impressive, but the conclusion of the congregation was overwhelmingly for the funding of a full-time assistant clergyperson to be part of our community.

This posed a significant challenge as our funding - along with many other churches in this difficult economy - has been flat for the last several years. For this to happen something dramatic needed to take place in 2013. The Fall Stewardship Campaign was going to need to be extra-ordinarily successful. In an economy where many churches would be considered blessed to maintain their current funding levels, or perhaps see a modest increase of 1 or 2 percent to cover the cost of inflation, Saint Mark's would have to grow its revenue by 10 percent to reach such a goal. Undeterred, the stewardship team (led so ably by Cecily Alexander and John Goettler, and encouraged and prayed for faithfully by church wardens Phil Glandon and Kelley Kelleher) began their challenge of 10 percent.

This morning it would be nice to be able to tell say that Saint Mark's has indeed raised its pledges by 10 percent - but I am afraid I can not do so - because we have not. For some reason, the Holy Spirit had something else in mind.

What does that mean for Saint Mark's?

Does this mean we go into “survival mode” and slash all sorts of funding? Perhaps we could stop all Outreach ministry! Jesus DID say: “the poor will always be with us.”

Perhaps we could eliminate the music program. I saw some CDs in the library the other day and someone must have a boom-box we can borrow.

Maybe we could turn off the lights and heat except for Sunday mornings. All the groups that count on us could certainly find another place to meet - or stop meeting altogether. And after all, Easter always falls on a Sunday. Who needs Christmas anyway? I bet the hassle to wash all those pageant costumes is something someone could do without.

What about pastoral care? We could publish a schedule - just like we do for potluck suppers - dividing us all up into groups. Imagine: Last names beginning with an “A” to “K” are eligible for ministry this week. No other names are allowed to births, baptisms, illnesses and no prayers out of sequence.

And Oh, how about new areas of ministry? How about new ways of supporting young adults and families and looking for ways to be more open and welcoming and spreading the Good News of Christ? These all sound expensive and complicated. Should we stop looking at these ideas? Of course—NOT!

Can we even begin to imagine these things to be true? Regrettably some churches are faced with difficult choices such as these - but that is NOT Saint Mark’s. Not this year!

The only kernel of reality in what I have just said in the last minute is that NO, we did not raise our pledging by ten percent this year as we had hoped. Saint Mark’s raised our pledges by 11 percent this year!

I’ll say it again - just to grab anyone just resuming consciousness - Saint Mark’s has increased its pledged giving by 11 percent for 2013. Amazing! For this we give tremendous thanks - to our Stewardship team for their hard work, for all the members of the congregation - including many new members - who have committed to supporting God’s work through his congregation, and also we give thanks and praise to the Holy Spirit - who blesses us in ways we can only begin to imagine. THANK YOU!

This takes us back to the question: “What does this mean?” once again - but for real this time. And asking this question “for real” brings us back to the topic of Transfiguration - and the very real challenges and hopes that Transfiguration brings.

In the short term, several things need to happen. I would like to charge the congregation to lend its full support behind a task force that will be created. This team will be charge not with shutting things down - but with building things up. It will enter into a period of listening and discernment. Building upon the results of the parish survey, it will ask members and groups within the congregation where they see the Holy Spirit leading them:

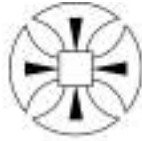
How could the ministry of new staff help young adults, new members to our community and families with young children? How could we better support our dedicated Outreach Committee members and help all of us grow more and more in Christ’s love and service? Where are we being challenged and charged by God as a community? How can we be a source of the hope for which each of us longs at heart?

In the longer term, this Task Force will evolve into a search committee and later a calling committee to bring into our community a person - or persons - to join all of us in Christ’s ministry.

My friends, Saint Mark’s enters into 2013 much in the same way as we have left 2012: Richly blessed by an abundant God of grace and love. May we have the vision to see into the radiance of transfiguring light. May we glimpse the creation as God is calling it to be. And may we so all in our power to meet the challenge and spread the hope of that bright vision in ourselves and for the world.

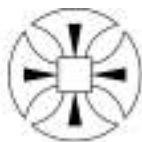
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*Amen.*



## 2013 Annual Meeting Agenda

1. Opening Prayer
2. Approval of 2011 and 2012 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. 2012 Financial Report
8. Presentation of 2013 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 10, 2013

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 2013	CLASS OF 2014	CLASS OF 2015
Ted Keller	Elizabeth Anstaett	Cecily Chester Alexander
Dianne Silliman	Jill Hinton	Anne McCrae Botti
Darlene Sullivan	Karen Swartz	Martha Lentz
John Goettler	Aaron Porterfield	Sam Slee

## 2013 Annual Meeting Elections

### SENIOR WARDEN

Phil Glandon

### JUNIOR WARDEN

Kelly Kelleher

### YOUTH WARDEN

Trent Porterfield

### VESTRY CLASS OF 2016 (4)

Martha Belury

Anne Davidson

Pat Iams

Jim Keyes

Aaron Porterfield (1 year term)

### DIOCESAN CONVENTION DELEGATES (2)

Judy Babcock

Mark Baldwin

### DIOCESAN CONVENTION ALTERNATES (4)

Larry Anderson

Patti Blakey

Peter Lenz

Darlene Sullivan

# 2013 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

AARON PORTERFIELD



Aaron is a graduate of the University of Akron and Capital Law, Paralegal Program. She worked for 12 years at the law firm of Strip, Fargo, Schulman and Hoppers. She is a mother of 3 and step mother of 2. She has volunteered for 8 years on the Development Board of Nationwide Children's Hospital and also volunteers with March of Dimes and Upper Arlington Schools. She has been involved with the mission trips to Guatemala through Saint Mark's. Aaron has been a member of Saint Mark's since her marriage in 1995, and went to Guatemala in 2011 as part of Saint Mark's "Friends of LaLabor".

## STEWARDSHIP

MARTHA BELURY



Martha is the youngest of six kids where they all grew up going to an Episcopal Church every Sunday. Her dad was the Rector so she saw lots of "the insides" of organized religion: The good, the bad and the ugly. With all of this, she still got lucky enough to be touched by the human spirit, and she learned that for her church is about Jesus, God, the Holy Spirit, fellowship, potluck dinners and lots of other opportunities to commune. After reaching adulthood, she rebelled and stopped going to church for about 7 years. She returned to church when she lived in West Lafayette, Indiana where she attended the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. Her family has been coming to Saint Marks since approximately 2004. Martha is the mom of Mathias (age 14) and Andrew (age 12) who, she hopes, are finding their own ways to be ministers and allow Jesus to love them in their daily living. She has served on vestry (West Lafayette), as a teacher for J2A (Redmond, WA), and here at Saint Marks as a substitute Sunday school teacher, chalice server and Stephen minister.

## ENRICHMENT GROUPS

ANNE DAVIDSON



Anne attended Saint Mark's when she lived in Upper Arlington in 1962. She returned to this community in 2010 and is a member of the Stewardship Committee, as well as an usher at the Church. She has an undergraduate degree in Biochemistry from Smith College, attended medical school at the University of Virginia, and completed her psychiatric training at West Virginia University Hospitals. At present, she is working full time at the Columbus Veteran's Administration Ambulatory Care Center. Her two children, Sam and Jane Windler, are engaged in studies of public health and geology, respectively. Anne and Jane went to Guatemala with Saint Mark's in 2011 to help with the ministry in La Labor. A previous vestry member at an Episcopal Church in New Jersey, Anne is very excited and grateful to have been asked to serve in that capacity at Saint Mark's, her first and now current parish home.

## OUTREACH

PAT IAMS



Pat is a "cradle Episcopalian" from the Diocese of Wyoming. Her family joined Saint Mark's in 1981. Pat's many activities at Saint Mark's include being a part of the Facilities Ministry since 2003 and serving on Vestry as Junior Warden, Senior Warden, and Outreach Chair. Pat is currently a Grants Committee Member for Episcopal Community Services Foundation in the Diocese of Southern Ohio. Pat is also a Public Health Nurse, a mother of five, and a grandmother of seven (+2 arriving in late summer!). Pat has a special affection for Outreach.

## COMMUNICATIONS

JIM KEYES



Some God Moments at Saint Mark's: 1. Walking into the church for my first time and discovering bunches of red balloons. 2. Getting the young people together to sing some songs on Sunday morning. 3. Playing on the first Roaring Lions softball team. 4. Joining the choir. 5. Meeting Barb and having Gary play the Widor *Toccata* for our wedding. 6. Working on the church brochure as part of Fr. Paul's search committee. 7. Playing in the golf league. 8. Doing music for Vacation Bible School. 9. Learning about J2A and teaching the sixth and seventh graders. 10. Being invited to join Vestry. Each of these moments have happened because Saint Mark's has been a place of caring, sharing, support, and opportunities. I have been blessed, so I cannot wait to see what tomorrow brings.

## YOUTH WARDEN

TRENT PORTERFIELD



Trent, son to Jeff and Aaron Porterfield, is a sixteen year old junior at Upper Arlington High School. He plays for the Varsity Lacrosse team and is in a leadership position for Spirit Club. Trent works at Lacrosse Unlimited on a part time basis and flies planes at Don Scott Field as a member of the Capital City Aviation Club. He is a traveler, having been to France, England, Scotland, Mexico, and LaLabor, Guatemala with Saint Mark's in 2011. Trent was baptized at Saint Mark's and has served as an acolyte since 2008. His siblings include Maggie Grosso, Will Porterfield, Connor Porterfield, and M. Quin Porterfield.

## CONVENTION DELEGATES

Judy Babcock, Mark Baldwin

## CONVENTION ALTERNATES

Larry Anderson, Patti Blakey, Peter Lenz, and Darlene Sullivan

Respectfully submitted,

*The Nominating Committee*

John Goettler, Dianne Silliman, Darlene Sullivan, and Ted Keller

*The Rev. Paul St. Germain*

# Saint Mark's 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2011

The 2011 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 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.

**MINUTES** of the 2010 meeting were distributed. Upon motion, duly seconded and passed, the minutes were approved as presented.

Paul introduced the current Wardens and continuing Vestry members as follows:

Senior Warden – Barbara Keyes

Junior Warden – Phil Glandon

Youth Warden – Tom Yeager

Continuing Vestry – Steve Brindza, Suzanne McConnell, Deborah Morton, Bill Reddington, Justin Griest, Ted Keller, Diane Silliman, and Darlene Sullivan

Paul also introduced the retiring Vestry members, Anice Ellis, Pat Iams, Katie Renner, and Marilyn Smith.

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

## **CHANGE TO BY-LAWS**

Barb Keyes proposed a change to the by-laws regarding the election of a Youth Warden. The change would broaden the pool of potential candidates. Upon motion, duly seconded and passed, the by-laws were amended to read:

One (1) person of high school age shall be elected by separate ballot and to have the title of Youth Warden, to serve for one year. Or, two persons of high school age may be elected to share the position of Youth Warden, to serve for one year.

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT AND ELECTION**

Pat Iams represented the nominating committee, which was made up of outgoing Vestry members. The Wardens and Clergy served as ex-officio members. The Nominating Committee used self nominations and nominations from the Parish to develop the following slate of candidates:

Youth Warden – Trent Porterfield

Vestry (three year terms) – Elizabeth Anstaett, Karen Swartz, BJ Hauswirth, Anne Johnson

Vestry (one year term) – Patti Blakey

Diocesan Convention Delegates – Mark Baldwin and Jill Hinton

Diocesan Convention Alternates – Anice Ellis, David Thompson, Rachael Shumate, and Tom Utgard

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

**2010 FINANCIAL REPORT AND 2011 BUDGET** – Dot Yeager presented the financial report for the year ending December 31, 2010, and the budget for 2011. She began her report by acknowledging and thanking the volunteers who help with the financial records and bookkeeping, including Rick Moore, Gloria Wylie, Virgene Heckman, John Marchak, Bill Reddington, and Dale Hartney. Dot also acknowledged the work of the Finance Committee members: Phil Glandon, Don McConnell, Brett Alexander, and Rick Moore.

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, and an annual audit of financial and accounting practices and statements is conducted by an independent CPA each year.

For 2010, Saint Mark's brought in \$539,000 in operating revenue and incurred \$580,000 in expenses. Approximately \$15,000 from various reserve funds and \$27,000 from the staff fund were used to close the budget gap. Dot explained that Saint Mark's hasn't had the funds to consistently support a full time Associate Rector, and that a fundamental change to pledging at Saint Mark's would be required to restore the Associate Rector position to full time.

Saint Mark's continues to carry a balance on the loan for the Capital Campaign. The goal is to pay off the balance in full by July, 2012.

The 2011 budget was approved by Vestry at the January meeting. Approximately 60% of Saint Mark's budget goes toward salaries and benefits, 20% is spent on Mission Share (paid to the Diocese) and outreach, and 15% of the budget goes toward facilities, including utilities. About 90% of the money coming in comes directly from member contributions. For budgeting purposes, Dot and the Finance Committee are not counting on bell tower rental income, but are planning on an increase in the rental income from the Redding Road property.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the financial report and 2011 budget be accepted as presented.

**SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT** – Barb Keyes gave the Senior Warden's report. Saint Mark's facility is safe and welcoming. The time and talents of the parish are well used. Outreach efforts have changed and expanded, in spite of financial constraints.

**INTRODUCTION OF THE STAFF** – Father Paul introduced the parish staff, including Michael Ellis, Joan Maynard, Gary Garber, Michael Murray, Don McConnell, Brad and Crystal Essex, Bill Ryan, and Jessica Ellis. Paul expressed his thanks to the staff for their hard work and dedication. Paul also expressed in sincere thanks for Larry German's countless contributions over the years.

### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a prayer lead by Associate Rector, The Rev. Bruce Smith, at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Barbara Hyre

# Saint Mark's 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2012

The 2012 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 by the Rector, The Rev. K. Paul St. Germain, at 11:40 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. Parishioners were treated to a slide show of pictures taken throughout the year.

Barbara Hyre was appointed as the recording secretary.

**MINUTES** of the 2011 meeting not available. They will be distributed at a later date.

## **VESTRY – CONTINUING, OUTGOING, AND NEW**

Paul St. Germain introduced the continuing Vestry members/Wardens: Phil Glandon, Justin Griest, Ted Keller, Dianne Silliman, Darlene Sullivan, Elizabeth Anstaett, Jill Hinton, Anne Johnson, Trent Porterfield, and Karen Swartz.

Paul also introduced the retiring Vestry members/Warden: Barb Keyes, Steve Brindza, Suzanne McConnell, Patti Blakey, and Bill Reddington.

Paul 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.

Bill Reddinton represented the nominating committee, which was made up of outgoing Vestry members. The Wardens and Clergy served as ex-officio members. The Nominating Committee brought forth the following slate of candidates:

Senior Warden – Phil Glandon

Junior Warden – Kelly Kelleher

Youth Warden – Trent Porterfield

Vestry (three year terms) – Cecily Chester Alexander, Anne McCrae Botti, Martha Lentz, and Sam Slee

Diocesan Convention Delegates – Jean Gabel and Robbie Hurley

Diocesan Convention Alternates – Dave Campbell, Jill Hinton, Bill Karl, and Bill Loveland

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

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For 2011, Saint Mark's budget ended the year in balance. Due to an unrestricted gift, approximately \$40,000 has been added to replenish the Trinity Guild, the fund used for routine maintenance of campus facilities. Additional restricted gifts of more than \$80,000 have been added to Saint Mark's endowment fund.

Saint Mark's continues to carry a balance of \$52,500 on the loan for the Capital Campaign. The goal is to pay off the balance in full in 2012 with contributions pledged but not yet paid.

The 2012 budget was approved by Vestry at the January meeting, and includes a 2% increase for staff wages (the first increase since 2009). Approximately 60% of Saint Mark's budget goes toward salaries and benefits. Saint Mark's Mission Share (paid to the Diocese) will be lower this year due to a change in the formula used to calculate parish contributions. About 90% of the money coming in to Saint Mark's comes directly from member contributions.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the financial report and 2012 budget be accepted as presented.

**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 facility is in the best shape he's ever seen it, the music program is outstanding, and the Sunday School volunteers are building an enthusiastic following.

Phil outlined his two major goals for the parish in 2012:

To become more engaged with one another. Phil pointed out that it takes about 30 people each and every Sunday to make sure the Sunday services go off without a hitch. Add this to all the small groups and activities that Saint Mark's offers and there are lots of ways to become involved.

To have more impact in the community doing God's work. Our Outreach ministry team is doing a great job of providing opportunities to get involved outside the walls of Saint Mark's.

Phil also thanked the outgoing Vestry members and especially Barb Keyes for all their many contributions.

### **REVIEW OF THE NEW WEBPAGES**

Paul St. Germain demonstrated the newly redesigned web pages, including a welcome video from YouTube. He thanked Steve Brindza, Jessie Ellis, and Joe Ellis for their work on updating our Saint Mark's web presence.

**INTRODUCTION OF THE STAFF** – Paul St. Germain introduced the parish staff, including Michael Ellis, Joan Maynard, Gary Garber, Matt Bester, Michael Murray, Don McConnell, Brad and Crystal Essex, Bill Ryan, and Jessica Ellis. Paul expressed his thanks to the staff for their hard work and dedication.

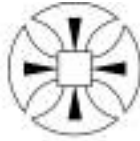
### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a benediction from Associate Rector, The Rev. Bruce Smith, at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Barbara Hyre



## Summary of Financial Information

SUBMITTED BY DOT YEAGER, SAINT MARK'S TREASURER

### 2013 SAINT MARK'S OPERATING BUDGET

#### OPERATING BUDGET:

- Total operating receipts are budgeted at \$546,413, compared to operating expenditures of \$544,359 and one-time expenditures of \$1,000, netting a small surplus of \$1,054.
- Estimated member contributions for 2013 are based on pledges to date, as well as historic giving patterns.
- Budgeted expenditures include current staff, as well as a provision for two-thirds of the annual compensation for an assistant rector.

#### RETIREMENT OF DEBT:

- Saint Mark's has no long term loans supporting operations. The Capital Campaign construction loan balance was \$52,500 at December 31, 2011, and was paid off by June 30, 2012.

#### SUMMARY OF RESERVE BALANCES AT DECEMBER 31, 2012:

Trinity Guild		\$15,542	Funeral Receptions		\$ 2,723
Memorial Gifts		13,398	Special Gifts		2,354
Memorial Garden		12,175	Women's Ministry		2,145
Staff Fund		11,889	Vacation Bible School		1,512
Flower Guild		4,685	Canterbury Choir		1,223
Special Music		4,227	Outreach Restricted Gifts		814
Gary Garber Scholarship Fund		4,025	Altar Guild		105
Youth Mission		2,953	Verger Guild		47

#### 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 balance at December 31, 2012 is \$374,610.12.

					2012	2012	2013
Receipts:					<u>Projection</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Pledges/member contributions					\$464,300	\$473,500	\$487,663
Endowment Fund income					10,319	9,240	10,000
Non Pledge Receipts - recurring					12,705	12,200	12,200
Non Pledge Receipts - other					30,750	10,000	-
Plate					7,781	7,800	7,800
Outside groups					5,485	4,250	5,850
Visitor receipts					2,375	4,800	4,000
Redding Road lease					<u>10,846</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>14,400</u>
Total receipts					544,561	531,790	541,913
Add: reimbursements from other funds					<u>6,116</u>	<u>6,645</u>	<u>4,500</u>
Total receipts and other sources					550,677	538,435	546,413
Disbursements:							
Staff-ministry					168,995	168,351	164,139
Staff-music					95,709	95,469	97,722
Staff-office					42,404	43,142	41,780
Staff-payroll taxes and other					11,197	10,092	14,743
Administration					40,079	38,400	39,400
Facilities					82,000	85,000	85,000
Outreach					10,500	10,500	10,500
Diocesan Mission Share					78,138	76,565	77,700
Christian education					3811	3600	3600
Fellowship/hospitality					2,632	1,600	1,600
Small groups					162	475	475
Music					4,582	3,000	3,000
Flower Guild					3,515	3,300	3,300
Altar Guild					1,374	1,100	1,100
Worship expense (includes funeral reception)					<u>506</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>
Total disbursements					<u>545,604</u>	<u>541,302</u>	<u>544,359</u>
Surplus/(deficit from operations)					5,073	(2,867)	2,054
Non-recurring staff expenses					<u>5,186</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Receipts in excess of disbursements					<u>\$ (113)</u>	<u>\$ (2,867)</u>	<u>\$ 1,054</u>

# Saint Mark's Parish Statistics 2012

**NUMBER OF SERVICES:** Sundays 114 (2011 – 108)  
Weekdays 165 (2011 – 119)

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE:** 13,534 (2011 – 13,534)

<b>SPECIAL DAYS:</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>FIRST LENT:</b>	192	188	196	261	196	174
<b>EASTER:</b>	494	406	421	388	370	433
<b>PENTECOST:</b>	237	202	207	183	252	166
<b>CHRISTMAS:</b>	490	459	481	468	462	508

## AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE:

<b>JANUARY – MAY:</b>	215 (2011 – 191)	(Does <i>not</i> include Easter)
<b>JUNE – AUGUST:</b>	151 (2011 – 151)	
<b>SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER:</b>	218 (2011 – 212)	(Does <i>not</i> include Christmas)
<b>OVERALL AVERAGE:</b>	195 (2011 – 185)	(Does <i>not</i> include Easter and Christmas)

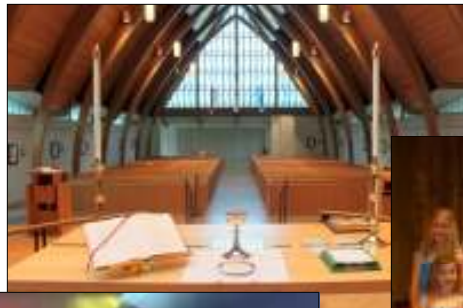
**BAPTISMS:** 8  
**NEW MEMBERS:** 53

**WEDDINGS:** 3  
**BURIALS:** 19

**CONFIRMATIONS:** 0  
**TRANSFERS OUT (or moved to inactive):** 15  
**MOVED TO INACTIVE:** 48  
**ACTIVE COMMUNICANTS:** approximately 538\*

**TOTAL MEMBERS:** approximately 754\*

*\*It is very difficult and time-consuming to maintain an accurate and up-to-date record of membership.*



# Senior Warden's Report

I am amazed that my first year as Senior Warden has passed so quickly. This was a year marked by significant transitions. In May we celebrated nearly thirty years of Gary Garber's extraordinary ministry at Saint Mark's. And just as we were so richly blessed by Gary's wonderful talents, we have now begun an exciting new period under the remarkable leadership of our new Director of Music, Matthew Bester.

In September we were faced with the daunting task of replacing our highly skilled and always cheerful Office Manager of five years, Jessica Ellis. Our prayers were answered quickly, however, when we had the good fortune to find Stephanie Arps, who has amazed us with her spirit, dedication, talent, efficiency, and delightful personality. And finally we said a very fond farewell to Associate Rector Bruce Smith on January 6. For over 12 years we were blessed by Bruce's wonderful sense of humor, caring ministry, and insightful teaching. He will be missed.

Bruce's retirement has left us with a difficult task, but also a great opportunity as we take our next step forward in our common ministry. As part of the Stewardship campaign we collected over one hundred completed surveys which gave us important input to begin the process of discerning where we have been and where God is calling us to go. Soon we will begin using that input to help us determine the skills, experience and personality that we need in an Assistant Rector. I am confident that with God's help we will find the right combination of skills and experience in that person to help us take our next major step forward in fulfilling His plan for Saint Mark's.

We are able to confidently move forward with those plans because our members responded so strongly to our call during this past year's Stewardship campaign under the strong leadership of John Goettler and Cecily Alexander. The results were remarkable. While eleven former members are no longer with us, we have twenty-five new pledges this year and increases (some very significant) from 65 members. Our total pledges were up by a very healthy 11%.

I believe that growth in pledges, along with the increased numbers we are seeing in the pews is a strong indication that things are going well at Saint Mark's. But that is not the only indication. Paul has been kind enough to allow me to attend two staff outings this past year and his recent annual reviews. Witnessing first-hand the mutual respect, trust and friendship that exists on our staff is remarkable. As a result, there is a harmony and synergy among our staff members that creates ease and effectiveness as they work together.

The good working relationships carry over to the Vestry also. We waste very little time resolving conflict or playing politics, which frees us to quickly and effectively carry-out the business of running the church. I am grateful to every member of Vestry for their contribution, but particularly those who will be retiring this year: John Goettler, Ted Keller, Dianne Silliman, and Darlene Sullivan. You all recognize these folks as active leaders at Saint Mark's, and while we will no longer benefit from their participation on Vestry, I am quite certain they will continue to make significant contributions to our Parish in a number of ways.

In conclusion I would offer to you that this is an exciting time to be a member of Saint Mark's. Your Parish is healthy, engaged, and excited to move forward carrying out God's plan for us in our community and the world. Thanks be to God!

*Respectfully Submitted by Phil Glandon, Sr. Warden*

## Junior Warden's Report

A little more than a year ago, Phil Glandon and Father Paul approached me about serving as Junior Warden at Saint Mark's. Raised Roman Catholic, the office of Junior Warden was new to me like so much of the nomenclature in the Anglican tradition. I read about Church Wardens and the typical division of responsibilities that many congregations employ with the Junior Warden focused in buildings, sometimes liturgy, and always the interface between clergy and congregation.

I initially thought to say no to such a charge because I am incompetent with a hammer or anything that does not require sutures, I have little experience with liturgy except for the Latin prayers from my altar boy days, and Paul seemed to be doing just fine interfacing with the congregation. After a bit of persuasion (and Bob Evan's breakfast), I finally agreed and worried about what I would contribute.

Well, a year later, I still worry about whether I can contribute anything, but I am grateful I have had the chance to serve you as Junior Warden. I have learned so much about Saint Mark's that words do not do it justice. First, the congregation is large, diverse and growing and, as a result, has many needs. The budgeting, organization and staffing are complex. There are numerous relationships with community groups and our neighbors that we all take for granted.

However, the most important lesson I have learned over the past year as Junior Warden is how blessed I am as a parishioner, and we are as a parish. We are led by a gifted rector whose insight and vision is becoming more and more valuable to us. The staff are some of the best I have seen in a church setting, and the Senior Warden and vestry are thoughtful, kind, spiritual and funny. Even better, the extra time at Saint Mark's over the past year has led to me witnessing so many extra hours that our members put in, so many acts of service, so many thoughtful additions to our worship and so much of Christ's love made real in the world. Seeing all of these saints up close in every day celebrations of our love for each other has been worth every minute.

—Kelly Kelleher

## Stewardship Report

This year has been an exciting year for stewardship at Saint Mark's. John Goettler and Cecily Alexander, the stewardship committee representatives of the vestry, formed a stewardship committee in the spring. The goal of the committee was to make stewardship a year round ministry and implement structure to the stewardship program at Saint Mark's, which for the past few years has been handled by Rev. Bruce Smith and the stewardship representatives of the vestry. We are grateful to our committee members, Martha Lentz, John Olmsted, Anne Davidson, Jeff Porterfield, Tom Utgard, Virgene Heckman, Phil Glandon, and Rev. Paul St. Germain, for sharing their time and ideas and for making this a focused yet fun committee, dedicated to increasing all aspects stewardship at Saint Mark's.

The committee's primary focus this year was to ascertain the congregation's goals and financial priorities. To accomplish this, the committee conducted a stewardship survey in October. We were thrilled to receive 99 surveys, the results of which were shared at a well-attended potluck dinner at the end of October. The survey clearly indicated that the congregation's foremost priority is funding a full-time assistant rector.

Concurrently with the survey, the committee oversaw the Embracing God's Blessings Fall Stewardship Campaign. We were fortunate to have Dwight Ansteatt, Ellen Berndt, and Jodi Hess, share their stewardship journey in our Share Our Story Speakers Series. The results of the campaign have been very encouraging. As of February 5, we have received 146 pledges totaling \$456,622 and hope to receive more pledges this month as some pledges are still being considered. Of the confirmed pledges, we are excited to announce that 67 members increased their pledges and 25 new pledges were received.

Looking ahead to 2013, the Stewardship Committee has established a monthly meeting schedule for the year. We are pleased to have recruited several new members to the committee and regret that one committee member has retired. We will continue to discuss the proper way to advance the discussion following the survey regarding the budget and anticipation of hiring an assistant rector (this year or in the future) and we will explore ways to support all forms of stewardship at Saint Mark's. The Stewardship Committee hopes to add programs featuring stewardship of our environment and stewardship of our physical plant to the annual calendar. If you would like to join the Stewardship Committee, please contact the Parish Office.

—Cecily Alexander and John Goettler

# Formation, Children and Youth Report



## **Sunday School**

Sunday school for children in preschool through the fifth 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. As of the end of December, there were 45 children registered for Sunday school.

- **Preschool through Second Grade:** Children in preschool through the second 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.
- **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 Lord's Prayer and the Travel Guide to the Fruits of the Spirit.

## **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.

## **Vacation Bible School**

Vacation Bible School (VBS) was a huge success this summer and a wonderful group of energetic volunteers led the children in a week of fun and spiritual exploration. VBS uses material from Group Publishing as supplemented by the hard work of our St. Mark's volunteers. This year's theme was related to aviation – a big hit with many of the youngsters that attended.

## **Christmas Pageant**

The Christmas Pageant continues to be a Saint Mark's tradition and this year's pageant was a wonderful event involving many of the children of Saint Mark's. Numerous families helped with rehearsal, organization, clean-up and other aspects of the pageant. Of note, we had record attendance this year at this family-oriented service – in fact, there has been a 20% increase per year over the past five years!

## **Nursery**

The nursery is growing in popularity with both infants and toddlers. With that growth, though, has come a need for more help, so we are currently seeking more volunteers. Additionally, our high school paid worker will be moving on to college next year, so we are actively searching for a new worker of high-school age.

*Submitted by Elizabeth Anstaett and Anne Botti*

# Music Department's 2012 Annual Report



It is not an understatement to say that 2012 was a momentous year for the music program at Saint Mark's. During the year we celebrated the retirement of beloved longtime Director of Music Gary Garber and experienced a transition to new leadership. The Canterbury Choir made its triennial pilgrimage to Washington National Cathedral, began a new tradition of ending its season with Choral Evensong, and more fully embraced the Royal School of Church Music's Voice for Life curriculum. And the Saint Mark's Choir had one of its busiest seasons in recent memory, culminating in its first international trip when it served as Choir-in-Residence for a week at Worcester Cathedral in England, a thrilling experience that required much hard work and preparation.

The most significant development of 2012 undoubtedly was the retirement of Gary Garber after nearly 30 years of exemplary service at Saint Mark's. Gary's retirement actually took place in stages, as he and Matt split duties during the 2011-12 program year. While Gary continued to conduct the Canterbury Choir throughout the 2011-12 season (assisted by Matt), Matt took over full leadership of the Saint Mark's Choir in anticipation of the group's summer residency in England. Gary's full retirement became official in May, when the parish honored his ministry with a grand celebration that included worship, fine dining, and fellowship, conferring on him the title Organist-Choirmaster Emeritus. Thankfully Gary remains an active member of the parish, frequently attending services, and he, Matt, and Paul continue to keep a semi-regular lunch date.

The young choristers of the Canterbury Choir have had an exciting and eventful year. In April the choir traveled to Washington, D.C., for its triennial pilgrimage to Washington National Cathedral. The group also visited the National Gallery of art as well as sites on the National Mall, including the new Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial. In May the choir took an active part in Gary's retirement celebration, kicking off the evening's festivities by leading its first Choral Evensong in many years, as Gary conducted his final service at Saint Mark's. Evensong proved to be a most satisfying way for the choir to end its season, so much so that they will again end their season this year with Choral Evensong on May 19, on the Feast of Pentecost.

This past fall Matt assumed full leadership of the Canterbury Choir, which, although down slightly in numbers from last year, remains as hard-working and dedicated as ever. During the group's annual choir camp in August, we honored longtime participant Nyna Hess by naming her Head Chorister in recognition of her superb leadership and dedication to the choir. This fall the group embraced a new voice-teaching curriculum, based more fully on the Royal School of Church Music's Voice-for-Life program, which allows choristers to advance at their own pace and be recognized for their progress. The choir also introduced a new fundraiser in place of its traditional sale of buckeyes, selling delicious soup mixes in decorative canning jars. The sale was a tremendous success, and we plan to repeat it next year. In December the Canterbury Choir joined with the Saint Mark's Choir for our annual Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols, singing two fine anthems for the service. Just before Christmas, the choir took part in the Christmas by the Clock celebration at Tremont Center, singing Christmas carols for members of the community who were in attendance. Finally, the choir led the music for our much-beloved pageant service on Christmas Eve, which drew in excess of 350 congregants, up significantly from the previous year.

The Saint Mark's Choir, meanwhile, had a very rich and rewarding 2012, much of which was focused on preparing for the choir's much-anticipated residency in August at Worcester Cathedral in England. In February a small group from the choir, dubbed Cappella San Marco, performed a special fundraising concert featuring works by English Renaissance masters Thomas Tallis and William Byrd. In March the full choir offered its traditional Lenten Choral Evensong, singing music by Johannes Brahms, John Stainer, and Herbert Sumsion. The choir also introduced a successful new fundraiser, selling chocolate-covered peanut butter Easter Eggs, a venture that we plan to continue on an annual basis. The month of April brought Holy Week, during which the choir sang for five different services, including evening liturgies for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Great Vigil of Easter. In May, the choir again offered Choral Evensong, singing music by David Hogan, Richard Proulx, Philip Radcliffe, and Charles Villiers Stanford. A week later, the choir joined forces with singers from other Episcopal churches in Central Ohio as Saint Mark's hosted a regional confirmation service, with Bishop Breidenthal celebrating. At the beginning of June the choir wrapped up its regular season by singing a complete choral Mass setting for Trinity Sunday, presenting Harold Darke's beautiful Communion Service in E (Collegium Regale).

The choir remained very active throughout the summer as its residency grew closer, continuing weekly rehearsals (biweekly in the final weeks before departure). In July the group offered another service of Choral Evensong, with music by Richard Ayleward, Anthony Piccolo, John Reading, and Samuel S. Wesley. In early August, just before departure, the group performed a special farewell concert, performing many works from its extensive residency repertoire to an enthusiastic audience.

The pinnacle of the year undoubtedly was the residency trip itself. A group of 34 travelers made the trip, including 24 singers from the choir, Matt, Gary, Paul, Joan, and several additional family members. The residency itself lasted a week and involved our providing music for daily services in place of the vacationing cathedral choir. During the course of the week we sang a total of five services of Choral Evensong and two services of Choral Eucharist, each service having its own unique music. Between the services and our many rehearsals, we naturally spent much of our time at the Cathedral, but there were also plenty of opportunities to relax and explore the city. The group also enjoyed several sightseeing daytrips to such places as Stratford-upon-Avon, Tintern Abbey, Cardiff, and Ludlow. The choir sang beautifully throughout its residency, and the clergy and staff of the Cathedral were very complimentary, promising a strong recommendation should we decide to undertake another residency trip in the future. In fact, we have already begun to explore opportunities for a potential trip in the summer of 2015 or 2016.

In the fall we welcomed several new members to the Saint Mark's Choir, including Emma Wheeler, who "graduated" from the Canterbury Choir at the end of last year. Hopefully more Canterbury Choir choristers will make a similar transition in the years to come. The group began the year working with guest organist G. Dene Barnard, who filled in for Michael during the month of September. (Michael's usual summertime vacation was shifted by a month in order to accommodate the choir's continuing preparations for its residency.) In November the group offered its annual Choral Evensong for the Feast of All Saints, singing works by Gerre Hancock, Luca Marenzio, Heinrich Schütz, and Charles Villiers Stanford. At the end of the month the choir sang a complete choral Mass setting for the Feast of Christ the King, performing Hans Leo Hassler's *Missa secunda*. In the beginning of December the choir joined with the Canterbury Choir for our Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols, one of the great annual events in our parish life. The choir concluded 2012 by singing for the joyous 11 p.m. candlelight service on Christmas Eve, preceded by a half-hour carol sing for choir and congregation.

On a more general note, we have been working diligently throughout the past year to develop new ways to communicate about the music program at Saint Mark's. We have revamped the web pages for both choirs, incorporating recent audio recordings from special services. We are utilizing various print and online resources, including our web site, Facebook, and Twitter, to promote special events. And this fall we inaugurated the "Friends of Music at Saint Mark's," a voluntary mailing list, intended both for members of the parish and for members of the community, for notification by paper or electronic mail about news and upcoming events. (To become a Friend of Music at Saint Mark's, visit <http://friendsofmusic.saintmarkscolumbus.org>.) It is our hope that these steps, and others to come, will continue to raise the profile of Saint Mark's both in our local community and beyond.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Bester  
Director of Music

Michael Murray  
Organist

## Enrichment Group Ministries (Formerly Small Group Ministries)

From Altar Guild to C.S. Lewis, Enrichment Groups Ministries is flourishing. We are also undergoing some exciting changes. Because of the large number of groups within the parish, a single Ministry Fair is no longer logical. Instead, the Vestry decided at its June retreat that ongoing displays (with one or two groups each Sunday during Fellowship Hour) is a better way to introduce the various groups to our parish. Additionally, the Communications Ministry will be working closely with the Enrichment Groups in order to better publicize the wonderful opportunities available to parishioners.

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. Membership in all groups is open at all times to anyone in the parish and your participation in trying new ones is always encouraged.

For more information check out our website, [www.saintmarkscolumbus.org](http://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. Watch for upcoming displays on Sundays following the 10 a.m. service.

*Submitted by Darlene Sullivan and Dianne Silliman*

## Outreach Ministry

Once again in 2012 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.

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

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

- **Operation Christmas Child (international)** – Shoebox gifts for third world countries around the globe.
- **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, Halloween costumes, winter woolies (hats, scarves, gloves, mittens)
- **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 as well as miscellaneous items for the grooming kits given out once a year. A donation of \$1,250 was also given to the food pantry.
- **St. John's Town Street Lifeboat (Franklin Co)** – This collection for heavy blankets, coats, gloves, hats for the homeless began in December and continues through the winter months.

### **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 \$850. 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 serve dinners five times per year 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 and prepared meals to be assembled after church on Sunday mornings three times in 2012. An outdoor service is also held during the meal at St. John's.
- **Open Shelter Lunches** – Approximately 180 nutritious PB&J sack lunches were prepared four times during 2012 in the church kitchen and taken to the Open Shelter by B.J. and George Hauswirth the next day.
- **"Help Heal Hunger" Labor Day Bake Sale** – This was the fourth year for the bake sale with delicious items baked and donated by many of our parishioners. We were able to donate the proceeds of \$800 divided among the food programs of St. Philips, St. John's Town Street and Trinity.
- **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 twelve "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 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 Jill Hinton or Pat Iams.

*Submitted by Jill Hinton 2012 Outreach Chair*



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## Communications Team

In 2012, the Communications Committee developed a power point presentation for all Saint Mark's small groups to inform them of all the communication channels available to them. After a few months of development and revision, the power point was complete. Our Committee then looked to schedule dates to meet with small groups and present this fall. Conflicts with the Guatemala luncheon and London choir luncheon as well as the ongoing Stewardship efforts shifted our focus to early spring 2013. In addition, we met to discuss the development of a new Saint Mark's brochure, updating both the content and design of the previous version. This print piece is now in the design/layout stage and our intent is to finalize and release to the printer in the next few weeks.

—Ted Keller and Sam Slee

## Hospitality Committee

It was an enjoyable and busy year for the Fellowship Committee as they hosted 22 separate events this past year. Along with volunteers from the Saint Mark's family, the committee was responsible for receptions following Evensongs, culminating in the Advent Lessons and Songs reception in December, as well as the choral fundraisers held by the choir for the England trip and for the Drew family. The committee also hosted two Newcomer's Brunches, one in April and the other in October of 2012. The Fellowship Committee hosted special receptions for the Bishop's regional confirmation visit in May and the Bishop's diocesan lunch in November. Refreshments were also provided for the four Lenten Schools which were held at Saint Mark's this year. Other special events included the celebration of Pentecost and the Stewardship Potluck as well as the annual meeting. Two retirement dinners - for Gary Garber and Bruce Smith - as well as a reception for Jessie Ellis, helped round out the year. Special thanks to Andi Waller who heads up the weekly coffee hours and to Mary Jane Weals who chairs the Memorial Receptions. Thank you also to those countless bakers and those who are always ready to lend a hand: Patti Blakely, Gloria Wylie, Pam Thurston, Diane Hartney, Anice Ellis, Jill Hinton, Pat Kirkley, Louise Riddle, Cindy Anderson, Barb Keyes, Pat Barton, Dianne Silliman, Darlene Sullivan, Marlene Harvey, Stefanie Bester, Dot Yeager, Dixie Norman, Martha Lentz, Ellen Berndt, Sarah Cohen, Mary Maag, Colleen Shillington, Jane Krastel, Marlene Marchak, Mary Kirkey, Colleen Shillington, Lou Lentz, Roberta Morton, Phil Glandon, Dale Hartney, Michael Ellis, and Bill Silliman.

—Karen Swartz



# Membership Information

In 2012 Saint Mark's began the enormous task of updating our membership information in hopes to print out a Parish Directory by Easter of 2013. This directory will be in two unique parts—a "print" directory published with names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses, and a series of "parish life" pages on our webpage, describing enrichment groups, parish statistics, pastoral care ministries, opportunities for spiritual growth, and much more! Currently we have 146 Membership Forms turned in out of approximately 754 members.

## It is not too late—YOU CAN HELP!

You can find the membership form by going to our website ([www.saintmarkscolumbus.org](http://www.saintmarkscolumbus.org)), clicking on "How to Become a Member" in the Stewardship drop down menu, and clicking "Click here to complete the membership form online". Once you click "Submit", the online membership form is automatically sent to the Parish Office. You can also find paper copies of the form on a table in the Narthex. Upon completing a paper form you can drop it back off on the table in the Narthex, mail it to the Parish Office (2151 Dorset Rd. Columbus, 43221), or drop it off in the Parish Office. Below you can see an example of what the Membership Form looks like. Thank you so much for helping us get a directory printed by Easter! If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at 614-486-9452 or [info@saintmarkscolumbus.org](mailto:info@saintmarkscolumbus.org).

 **SAINT MARK'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### Membership Information

Please fill out a separate sheet for all family members and attach them together. All information is confidential and will never be shared with an outside entity.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Maiden Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone-Home \_\_\_\_\_ Publish? Y N  
Telephone-Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Publish? Y N  
E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Publish? Y N

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Publish? Y N  
Anniversary (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Baptism Yes Date \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, date unknown No  
Confirmation Yes Date \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, date unknown No  
Received/Transferred Yes Date \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, date unknown N/A  
Prior Church Membership \_\_\_\_\_


Groups Involved With (optional) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Interests/Hobbies (optional) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Professional Fields/Services (optional) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_  
Parents (if a child) \_\_\_\_\_  
Children \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Yes! I would like a parish directory!  
☐ Yes! I would like to transfer my membership to St. Mark's!  
☐ Yes! I would like offering envelopes!

 **SAINT MARK'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**NOTE: This section is completely optional.**  
Below is a list of Ministry opportunities available, or may be available depending upon interest, at St. Mark's. Please circle any and all opportunities that may interest you. If you have a deeper interest, please check the appropriate box. By marking an item, you are in no way committing to any particular program. Thank you!

	Willing To Volunteer	Contact Me		Willing To Volunteer	Contact Me
Acolyte	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adult Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Altar Guild	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Membership Group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Archives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Memorial Garden	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bible Study	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NNEMAP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chaliceist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nursery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Choir	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parish Health Group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C.S. Lewis Reading Group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prayer Chain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Daughter's Of the King	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prayer Shawls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Domestic Missions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proctor Carter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Episcopal Church Men	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quiet Days	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Episcopal Church Women	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reading Group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Epistle Folding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	St. John's, Town Street	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flower Guild	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephen Ministry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Lawnchair Theologians	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

# SAINT MARK'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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Saint Mark's offers a Holy Eucharist service on Sundays at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 12 noon.

### Staff:

The Rev. Paul St. Germain, *Rector*  
The Rev. Michael Ellis, *Affiliate Priest*  
The Rev. Joan Maynard, *Deacon*  
Matthew Bester, *Director of Music*  
Michael Murray, *Organist*  
Gary L. Garber, *Organist-Choirmaster Emeritus*  
Don McConnell, *Head Verger*  
Brad and Crystal Essex, *Youth Ministers*  
Bill Ryan, *Campus Manager*  
Stephanie Arps, *Office Manager*  
The Rev. Chad Slater, *Deacon Intern*  
Mary Raysa, *Diocesan Intern*

### Ministers:

The Entire Saint Mark's Family

### Vestry Members:

Phil Glandon, *Senior Warden*  
Kelly Kelleher, *Junior Warden*  
Trent Porterfield, *Youth Warden*  
Cecily Alexander, *Stewardship*  
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Anne Botti, *Formation*  
John Goettler, *Stewardship*  
Jill Hinton, *Outreach*  
Ted Keller, *Communications*  
Martha Lentz, *Fellowship*  
Dianne Silliman, *Small Groups*  
Sam Slee, *Communications*  
Darlene Sullivan, *Small Groups*  
Karen Swartz, *Fellowship*  
Dot Yeager, *Treasurer*  
Barbara Hyre, *Clerk*

### 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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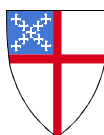
### Who We Are:



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.



Whoever you are, and wherever you may be on the journey of the Spirit,  
***The Episcopal Church welcomes you.***