

THE RECTOR'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

Good morning.

One hundred and four years ago a crowd of Episcopalians (including the president) gathered on an overcast day atop the tallest hill in Washington, overlooking the United States Capital. Just as the sun broke through the clouds, Bishop Henry Satterlee took the mallet used by George Washington to lay the cornerstone of the Capital and set in place the foundation stone of Washington National Cathedral. That stone, a piece of grey American granite, had embedded within it a stone from Bethlehem from near the grotto which witnessed the birth of Christ. The Bishop of London quoted John: "And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us".)

A sacred stone. A sacred story. A tradition was begun. Stone tablets from Mt. Sinai where Moses received the Ten Commandments were placed at the foot of the High Altar of the cathedral, which would become known as "a house of prayer for all people." In one magnificent stained glass window we find a piece of the west wall of the Great Temple in Jerusalem – and in another a small rock taken from the surface of the moon.

That tradition continues today. When we entered Saint Mark's this morning we may have noticed a column of marble by the front door on which the name of the church is illuminated. Not just any marble, this is Jerusalem stone from the Holy Land. Surrounding us at this moment are fourteen stations of the cross, each depicting a moment in the hours of Christ's crucifixion. Beside each is a tablet with a description – each made of Jerusalem marble. Sacred stone. Sacred story.

As Christians and modern-day disciples of Jesus Christ we are, in many ways, all living out a sacred story. At Saint Mark's this takes a number of forms.

We gather for worship, re-telling our sacred story and setting the moments and events of our lives within the context of God's unfolding purpose for Creation. In other words, we take what life throws at us and seek meaning, remembering the ultimate constant is God's love and God's desire for our salvation.

We gather for education and for fellowship, learning more about our sacred story and living into its truths as a community which gathers to celebrate both the "large" and "small" moments of life together. In other words, we are politely patient when the rector mentions C.S. Lewis yet again. And we like to eat – sometimes "with a tablecloth" and sometimes "without"!

We also gather help the most vulnerable, remembering that everyone is part of this sacred story and equally loved by God – while not always being equally treated by the world or blessed with life's necessities. In other words, we support St. John's Town Street, Street Church, Open Shelter, NNEMAP, Habitat for Humanity, Episcopal Relief and Development and the education and healthcare ministries in LaLabor, Guatemala. By treating others as "sacred" – we begin to realize what it means to be "sacred" and "beloved by God" ourselves.

It is a privilege to report that at Saint Mark's in 2010 we have truly engaged our sacred story in all the ways I have just mentioned – and many more. We have accomplished this with reduced financial resources and in many places increased enthusiasm and dedication to our mission and common purpose.

Last year I reported of some stark fiscal realities and the actions we took to achieve a balanced budget. These included a cut in all program areas by fifty percent and a freeze on all staff salaries. The result of these measures, combined with a number of members giving generously to special appeals, has resulted in 2010 finishing once again without a deficit. For gracious and generous hearts we give thanks.

Looking into 2011 there is mixed news to report. Our economy shows signs of improvement, and Saint Mark's finances have stopped their decline. We are projecting a slight increase in pledge income and gifts over last year, and we have added 16 new pledges to the roster for this year. As we look at the 2011 budget at the annual meeting we will see that it is balanced. Saint Mark's is healthy. Saint Mark's is growing.

The "mixed" news comes with the measures taken to bring the budget into balance. As many of us know, reserve funds that have helped us sustain a full staff have been depleted considerably. Even with funding salaries at the 2009 level again this year, and continuing with half of our program funding, we are now no longer able to support a full-time associate rector. This position will become half-time effective March 1st. This will mean Bruce will be with us on Sundays only twice each month, and be in the Parish Office on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. I know the Vestry wishes to thank Bruce for his understanding and patience during what has been an agonizing process.

What does this mean for Saint Mark's?

It challenges all of us to step further into our roles as the "ministers of Saint Mark's." This is more than a phrase that is printed each week on the back of our bulletin; it is a reminder and a challenge for all of us to live more fully and engage more deeply the "sacred story" that we share as a community.

We live in a world that yearns for this story in ways it can hardly identify. A recent poll of young people between the ages of 18 and 24 was conducted in which they were asked the following two questions: "What is the 'church'?" and "Who are 'Christians'?" Over eight percent responded that the 'church' is that place "where children are abused" and 'Christians' are "the people who hate homosexuals."

I don't know about you, but I was stunned by that response. The "story" that is being communicated to the world about people of faith is not the "sacred" one that needs telling. Whether it's the people who happen to be doing the talking, or the condition or perception of people doing the listening – or a perhaps a little bit of both – the REAL sacred story is being missed.

We could argue that it has always been this way – let others do the talking – hope for the best – and leave it at that.

Or...

We could take up the challenge to communicate the real faith within us – tell the real sacred story that we live out each day at Saint Mark's. This is a Christian faith of intellectual vitality, a faith that respects the dignity of each and every human being. This is the faith that sees the process of Creation as an ongoing condition of humanity – and wants to engage it with all the light and love and grace of God who looked upon what was made and saw that it was "very good" (Genesis 1:31).

2010 saw an enormous outpouring of energy at Saint Mark's as we engaged the sacred story all around us. Our challenge in the year to come is to communicate that story – to tell it, sing it, proclaim it in ever deepening ways.

We all need to ask ourselves: "How can I be a part?"

"Do I have time to give to the Parish Office once a month or once a week?"

"Is there a way I could help with Saint Mark's website or Facebook page?"

"How can the events I'm involved with better 'tell the story'?"

"What can I do for the vulnerable in our world?"

My friends, I believe the Holy Spirit is already moving powerfully among us – and would like to issue an invitation to everyone this morning. A few minutes ago I spoke of "sacred story" and "sacred stones." The font near the front door of the church has mingled in it water from the River Jordan where Christ was baptized, and is filled with small stones.

I would like to invite all of us, either today or in the weeks to come before we enter the season of Lent, to take a stone. Bring it home, or to work – or to some place where you feel the need to be reminded of the "sacred story."

When we see this stone, be reminded that we are part of something wonderful. We are part of a community called to be filled with hope and grace and love. We are the beloved children of God – living an awesome and holy story that will go on forever, and whose every chapter is better than the one before.

The Lord be with you.

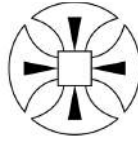
And also with you.

Let us pray:

God of love and truth and beauty, for whose praise we gather this day: open our eyes to glimpse your beauty; open our minds to grasp your truth; and open our hearts to welcome that great love with which, in Jesus Christ, you love your world – and help us to live that sacred story which is life in you. Amen.



Paul St. Germain, Rector



Report of the Nominating Committee

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2011

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

Current Saint Mark's Vestry

SENIOR WARDEN: Barb Keyes

JUNIOR WARDEN: Phil Glandon

YOUTH WARDEN: Tom Yeager

CLASS OF 2011	CLASS OF 2012	CLASS OF 2013
Anice Ellis	Steve Brindza	Justin Griest
Pat Iams	Suzanne McConnell	Ted Keller
Katie Renner	Deborah Morton	Dianne Silliman
Marilyn Smith	Bill Reddington	Darlene Sullivan

2011 Annual Meeting Elections

VESTRY CLASS OF 2014 (4)

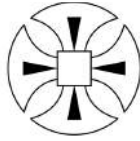
Elizabeth Anstaett
Patti Blakey
Anne Johnson
Karen Swartz
Trent Porterfield

DIOCESAN CONVENTION DELGATES (2)

Mark Baldwin
Jill Hinton

DIOCESAN CONVENTION ALTERNATES (4)

Anice Ellis
David Thompson
Rachael Shumate
Tom Utgard



2011 Annual Meeting Agenda

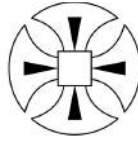
1. Opening Prayer
2. Appointment of Annual Meeting Secretary
3. Approval of 2010 Annual Meeting Minutes (separate insert)
4. Introduction of Current Wardens, Vestry and Convention Delegates p. 3
5. Recognition
 - Outgoing Vestry Members
6. Presentation of the Nominating Committee Report pp. 5-6
7. Election:
 - Proposed By-Law Regarding Election of Youth Warden (see below)
 - Junior and Senior Warden
 - Youth Warden
 - Vestry Members
 - Convention Delegates
8. 2010 Financial Report pp. 7-9
9. Presentation of 2011 Budget
10. Senior Warden's Address
11. Introduction of Saint Mark's Staff
12. Discussion for the Good of the Parish
13. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Current By-Law Regarding Election of Youth Warden

(2) One person at least sixteen and under twenty-one years of age shall be elected by separate ballot and to have the title of Youth Warden, to serve for one year.

Proposed By-Law Regarding Election of Youth Warden

(2) 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.



2011 Vestry Nominees

FORMATION

Elizabeth Anstaett



Elizabeth has attended Saint Mark's since she was a child and has been involved with the Sunday School program for the past 15 years. She is a lawyer specializing in banking and consumer finance law, and also teaches as an adjunct professor at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. She is married to Dwight Anstaett (they were married at Saint Mark's in 1987).

Elizabeth is the mother of Sarah, a sophomore at Indiana University, and Rachel, a junior at Upper Arlington High School. She enjoys reading, yoga and walking the family dogs. Elizabeth is the daughter of Stan and Carolyn Laughlin.

HOSPITALITY

Patti Blakey



Shortly after moving to Upper Arlington in 1976, Patti became a member of Saint Mark's. In the early 90's she served on the Vestry as Hospitality Chair, and also has enjoyed working on the Altar Guild for the past 32 years. Additionally, she has been a VBS volunteer for the past eight summers, has served as an usher for the past year, and has served as a Fellowship Hour hostess for the last six or seven years. She has enjoyed being a member of Saint Mark's Supper Group since it began.

Patti has worked at The Ohio State University in the Police Division for the past 30 years, and her big plan for this summer is to retire at the end of May! Patti is proud mother to Pam who lives in Chillicothe; Jim, who resides in Clintonville and participates in the Saint Mark's Golf League; and Lynda, who is an active member of Saint Mark's and lives in Upper Arlington. She spends many enjoyable hours with her grandsons Brandon (10), a member of Canterbury Choir, and Jonathan (5).

Karen Swartz



Karen is a life-long Episcopalian and a charter member of Saint Mark's. She has been a member of the Guild of the Christ Child and the Women of Saint Marks, and has taught Sunday School and volunteered at Vacation Bible School. Karen has done everything from working in the kitchen at innumerable suppers and Christmas bazaars to working with the children's choir. In the early 80's she organized the many, varying social groups that met for years and worked on the committee for Sunday School curriculum. She has also been an usher for the past seven years.

In addition to being active at Saint Mark's, Karen has also been involved in the community as a member of Junior League and Pleasure Guild of Children's Hospital. She has volunteered at Children's Hospital, the theatre shop at the Ohio Theatre, and for Ballet Met, having been a member of the Ballet Met Board of Trustees and served for three years as Chairman of International Night, a major fundraiser for the ballet. Additionally, she has acted in, directed and choreographed community theatre throughout the central Ohio area.

Karen has recently retired after 40 years in education. For 35 years she worked as a high school English teacher and principal, and for the past five years she worked as a consultant in teacher preparation at the Ohio Department of Education. This past year Karen was a delegate to the diocesan convention, and mentioned she was blessed to be able to more firmly cement relationships with other members of Saint Mark's. She looks forward to continuing those relationships and forming others as a member of the Vestry.

OUTREACH

Elizabeth “BJ” Hauswirth



BJ arrived at Saint Mark's 35 years ago and has kept busy since then! Her family includes her husband George and their three sons (Michael, his wife Christine and their son Max (1), who belong to All Saints in Washington, D.C.; David, his wife Wendy and their children Charlie (5) and Kate (3), who are members at Saint Mark's; and James, a graduate student at the University of Colorado). Some of her experiences through Saint Mark's include accompanying the high school youth group on a trip to New York City and the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, Flower Guild, Dress for Success Book Sale, chairing the Outreach Committee in 1996, serving as a member of the Vestry in 1997 during the last major remodeling, and coordinating projects with The Open Shelter and Episcopal Retirement Homes. She also served on the last search committee. BJ says she loves "the success of the Outreach Committee and the ardent support of Saint Mark's," and mentions, "No wonder I am grateful for this wonderful parish and the people who are part of the real good we do together!"

Anne Johnson



Anne has grown up in the Episcopal Church. While not a "cradle" Episcopalian, she is darn close. The daughter of an Episcopal priest, Anne was confirmed at age 9 and has been actively attending a variety of Episcopal churches since then.

Anne works for Ohio Presbyterian Retirement Services and has been with the organization for seven and a half years. As an Associate Vice President, she currently is responsible for the oversight and management of OPRS' Spiritual Life initiatives and the organization's Church Relations program, which encompasses linking churches throughout Ohio to the long-term care community as well as serving as a resource on issues and concerns of older adults. She has worked in the not-for-profit healthcare field in a variety of positions for over 36 years, including community relations, donor relations, event planning, direct mail solicitation and communications.

For Anne, the past 6½ years have been spent earning a B.S. in Business Administration from Franklin University in Columbus, Ohio and she has just completed her M.S. in Strategic Leadership from Mountain State University this past October.

Currently, Anne and her husband, David Campbell, reside in Columbus, Ohio. Anne and David have been married for 25 years. She is the proud step-mother of David's two daughters, Amy & Jill, and "GrAnnie" to their two grandchildren, John (17) and Katie (14), who live in Grove City.

YOUTH WARDEN

Trent Porterfield



Trent, son to Jeff and Aaron Porterfield, is currently a freshman at Upper Arlington High School. He has participated as a People to People Ambassador and is currently in leadership at Upper Arlington High School. Trent plays both football and lacrosse, and is especially interested in studying history. He is a traveler, having been to France, England, Scotland and Mexico! Trent was baptized at Saint Mark's and has served as an acolyte since 2008. His siblings include Maggie Grosso (26), Will Porterfield (24), Connor Porterfield (12), and M. Quin Porterfield (7).

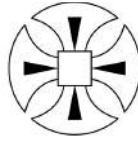
Respectfully submitted,

The Nominating Committee

Anice Ellis, Pat Iams, Katie Renner, Marilyn Smith

The Rev. Paul St. Germain

The Rev. Bruce Smith



Summary of Financial Information

SUBMITTED BY DOT YEAGER, SAINT MARK'S TREASURER

2011 SAINT MARK'S OPERATING BUDGET:

The following 2011 budget has been proposed after a thorough review of each revenue and expenditure line item. The following notes provide the rationale for the budget.

OVERALL:

Total operating revenues are \$538,000, compared to expenditures of \$548,000 for a gap of approximately \$7,500. Special, one-time offerings of \$7,525 will close that gap.

REVENUES:

Pledges/member contributions. Member contributions for 2011 have been estimated at \$483,500, which reflects 169 pledges to date, as well as historic giving patterns.

Redding Road lease revenue. Re-negotiations of the Redding Road house lease are in process and are expected to result in net revenue of approximately \$10,000, compared to \$3,000 in 2010.

Bell Tower revenue. The 2010 budget estimated \$5,000 for Bell Tower revenue. While negotiations are underway for use of the tower, no revenues have been reflected in the 2011 budget.

EXPENDITURES:

Salaries and benefits. Over the past five years, the gap between operating revenues and operating expenditures has been between \$20,000 and \$40,000. Each of the past five years, that gap was closed with a transfer from the Staff Fund: a fund established over a decade ago, to provide the financial stability needed to support a full-time second clergy. Although the Staff Fund has sustained the parish over a longer timeframe than initially anticipated, the balance at December 31, 2010 of \$11,489 is not sufficient. Accordingly, a change in the associate rector's schedule from full-time to part-time has been reflected in the staff-ministry line item. Otherwise, health insurance costs have increased, but staff salaries are at the same level as on January 1, 2009.

Facilities. The facilities team has been focused on the quality and cost of janitorial services. Changes have been made in 2010 and additional changes are expected in 2011 to improve quality and reduce cost. Utilities will also be reviewed for opportunities to reduce usage and rates. Other areas have been identified for similar cost-saving opportunities.

Long term debt. Saint Mark's has no long term loans supporting operations. The Capital Campaign construction loan balance is \$97,500 at December 31, 2010, down from \$175,000 last year. Voluntary principal payments can be made at any time during the three-year term which will end on July 1, 2012.

SAINT MARK'S ENDOWMENT FUND

Saint Mark's Endowment Fund was established in 1978 to protect Saint Mark's long term financial condition. 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. Gifts and interest income during 2010 deposited in the Fund's account resulted in a Fund balance of \$275,747.71.

Saint Mark's Episcopal Church
Schedule of Receipts and Disbursements
Year to Date at December 31, 2010

02/01/11

	Actual	2010 Budget	Variance	2011 Projection
Receipts:				
Pledges/member contributions	\$ 492,265	\$ 490,000	\$ 2,265	483,500
Endowment Fund income	10,398	10,400	(2)	9,240
Non Pledge Receipts	13,240	10,000	3,240	10,000
Plate	7,832	7,000	832	7,800
Bell tower lease	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Outside groups	4,249	4,000	249	4,250
Visitor receipts	4,820	3,900	920	4,800
Redding Road lease	3,000	3,000	-	10,000
Special purpose offerings	2,138	2,500	(362)	2,100
Interest income	390	400	(10)	100
Other	<u>287</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>(1,713)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total receipts	538,619	538,200	419	531,790
Add: reimbursements from other funds	<u>14,763</u>	<u>15,400</u>	<u>(637)</u>	<u>6,645</u>
Total receipts and other sources	<u>553,382</u>	<u>553,600</u>	<u>(218)</u>	<u>538,435</u>
Disbursements:				
Staff-ministry	197,986	199,513	1,527	164,109
Staff-music	85,389	86,218	829	86,848
Staff-office	40,276	40,332	56	42,108
Staff-payroll taxes and other	10,467	10,377	(90)	10,467
Administration	36,463	35,983	(480)	36,000
Facilities	89,464	81,500	(7,964)	85,000
Outreach	8,551	8,000	(551)	10,645
Mission trip expenses	-	-	-	-
Diocesan Mission Share	98,141	98,141	-	97,873
Christian education: Elementary ed.	505	300	(205)	350
Middle School			-	200
Nursery care	405	800	395	800
VBS	522	570	48	522
Adult Education	509	500	(9)	500
Youth group	<u>1,101</u>	<u>1,250</u>	<u>149</u>	<u>1,250</u>
Total Christian education/development	3,042	3,420	378	3,622
Fellowship/hospitality	1,903	1,600	(303)	1,600
Small groups	400	475	75	475
Music	3,199	2,500	(699)	2,500
Flower Guild	2,811	3,300	489	3,300
Altar Guild	1,376	1,100	(276)	1,100
Funeral reception	423	-	(423)	-
Worship expense	<u>284</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>716</u>	<u>300</u>
Total disbursements	<u>580,175</u>	<u>573,459</u>	<u>(6,716)</u>	<u>545,947</u>
Surplus/(deficit from operations)	(26,793)	(19,859)	(6,934)	(7,512)
Special gifts				7,525
Transfers from Staff Support Reserve	<u>27,090</u>	<u>17,303</u>	<u>9,787</u>	<u>-</u>
Receipts in excess of disbursements	<u>\$ 297</u>	<u>\$ (2,556)</u>	<u>\$ 2,853</u>	<u>\$ 13</u>

Summary of Financial Information, continued

Summary of Reserve Balances at December 31, 2010:

Staff Fund	\$11,489
Memorial Garden	\$11,005
Memorial Gifts	\$ 7,533
Canterbury Choir	\$ 4,930
Flower Guild	\$ 3,781
Women's Svc Ministry	\$ 2,145
Youth Mission	\$ 2,054
Special Music	\$ 1,854
Funeral Receptions	\$ 1,716
Trinity Guild	\$ 976
Verger Guild	\$ 89

Staff Fund: Established to provide stability in staffing levels needed to sustain church operations. \$27,090 was used in the 2010 budget.

Memorial Garden: This fund received a gift of \$10,000 in 2010 to provide for ongoing care of the Memorial Garden.

Trinity Guild: Provides for major capital maintenance and repairs. \$10,425 was used during 2010 for building repairs, including a pump for the boiler system and other heating and air conditioning system repairs.

“From Generation to Generation”

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REPORT

RECEIPTS

Pledges Received - 2008	\$ 326,845	\$ 300.00 non-pledge giving
Pledges Received - 2009	\$ 201,627	\$ 1,185.00 non-pledge giving
Pledges Received - 2010	<u>\$ 165,704</u>	\$ 50.00 non-pledge giving
Total Pledges Received	\$ 694,176 (includes overpayments)	\$ 9,955.47 overpayments of pledges
Non-pledged giving	\$ 1,535	
Construction Loan	<u>\$ 200,000</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 895,711	

DISBURSEMENTS

	Actual	Projected	Difference
Education Wing Phase	\$ 416,760	\$ 505,000	\$88,240
Campus Phase	\$ 222,234	\$ 130,000	(\$92,234)
Accessibility	\$ 85,906	\$ 65,000	(\$20,906)
Miscellaneous	\$ 17,399	\$ -	(\$17,399)
Total Construction Expenses	\$ 742,299	\$ 700,000	(\$42,299)
Loan Repayment	<u>\$ 102,500</u>		
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 844,799		
Chase Checking	\$ 12,679		
Huntington Checking	<u>\$ 29,078</u>		
	\$ 41,757		

—Submitted by Ted Meyers



Saint Mark's



Seasons of Stewardship

Dear friends in Christ,

Christian Stewardship is year-round thanksgiving. We are all called to be good stewards of the gifts we have been given by God: all the time, all year long. Yet most folks, when they hear the word “stewardship,” associate it only with raising money for the church. This past year, we launched a new stewardship program that over time will grow into an effective year-round program that we call “Seasons of Stewardship.”

We began this program last summer with **“For God’s Good Earth.”** Summer is a time for celebration of God’s Creation and a number of us spent the afternoon down at Procter Camp and Conference learning about the large, organic vegetable garden that has been established to provide Procter with fresh vegetables. Our program was led by the Rev. Frank Edmands, Vicar of Trinity, London.

In late October we moved into our fall stewardship program and the traditional annual pledge program. Despite the gap between income and expenses for 2011, this program, which concluded in February 2011, resulted in a net increase in pledges over 2010, despite the loss of several pledges due to death or moves out of the area. This program was highlighted by several letters that were mailed out to the congregation, along with a series of talks at both the 8 and 10 a.m. services in which several of our folks shared a bit of their stewardship journey and how their relationship with God guides their giving. The theme of our fall stewardship program is **“An Offering and a Sacrifice to God,”** taken from the offertory sentence we use every Sunday here at Saint Mark’s.

Coming up this winter during Lent, is a program on the stewardship of **“Our Selves, Our Souls, and Bodies.”** On Sunday, March 13, Ellen Schneider (of the Parish Health Ministry of Episcopal Retirement Homes) will be on hand for free blood sugar screenings (more information forthcoming in the March *Epistle*). We are not only called by God to be good stewards of Creation or called by God to be good stewards of our financial resources by giving of our “time, talent and treasure” for the building of God’s realm; we are also called to be good stewards of our physical, emotional and spiritual being. Lent is a good time for this kind of self-care.

In late 2009, we began a program called **“Remember, Renew, Rejoice”** which focused on estate planning and the planning of our memorial services. This program now moves to Eastertide as part of the Seasons of Stewardship program at Saint Mark’s. Why would we talk about planning for our deaths during a season of new life and joy, you may ask? Well, because a memorial service is both a celebration of the life of one who died, and it is a witness to the Resurrection. A memorial service is an Easter liturgy which marks the beginning of a new life with God. So Eastertide, as life is renewed after the cold of winter, is a very good time to look at our plans for the future – for ourselves and for our loved ones. Eastertide is, indeed, a time to remember, renew and rejoice. More on this program later – as the winter of 2011 finally gives way to the warmth and the colors of spring.

Many thanks to Phil Glandon, Justin Griest, Barb Keyes, John Marchak, Bill Reddington and Dot Yeager for all their input and guidance and help in this year’s stewardship program.

Shalom,


Bruce Smith

Associate Rector

Saint Mark's Parish Statistics 2010

NUMBER OF SERVICES: Sundays 108 (2009 – 102)
Weekdays 113 (2009 – 96)

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 13,151 (2009 – 13,561)

SPECIAL DAYS:	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
FIRST LENT:	196	261	196	174	276
EASTER:	421	388	370	433	472
PENTECOST:	207	183	252	166	190
CHRISTMAS:	481	468	462	508	527

AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE:

JANUARY – MAY:	191 (2009 – 189)	(Does <i>not</i> include Easter)
JUNE – AUGUST:	159 (2009 – 140)	
SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER:	190 (2009 – 201)	(Does <i>not</i> include Christmas)
OVERALL AVERAGE:	180 (2009 – 177)	(Does <i>not</i> include Easter and Christmas)

BAPTISMS: 8
NEW MEMBERS: 48

WEDDINGS: 4
BURIALS: 9

CONFIRMATIONS: 0
TRANSFERS OUT (or moved to inactive): 62

TOTAL MEMBERS: approximately 710*

COMMUNICANTS: approximately 551*

**It is very difficult and time-consuming to maintain an accurate and up-to-date record of membership. The Parish Office is planning a large database "clean-out" in summer 2011 to more accurately keep track of membership in the years ahead. If you are interested in joining this team, please contact Jessie in the Parish Office: 486-9452, ext. 301.*

Senior Warden's Report



What a year it has been! Our physical plant has been upgraded and made safe for all of us. Groups from the congregation and those we welcome into our midst, use the church facilities extensively. What a wonderful situation to be in when we have to have a calendar to help us schedule all the meetings and groups!

The Vacation Bible School was a tremendous success bringing all ages together to sing, craft, act and eat! What a joy it was to hear all those voices raised in song everyday. The energy made everyone smile.

Our outreach efforts continue to be an amazing and blessed part of who we are. We have raised money to feed the hungry, built latrines, clothed those who are cold and comforted those who have lost their babies.

The Labor Day Bake Sale brought so many people together to raise money for local food banks, Bakers, sellers and water hawkers had a wonderful time on a beautiful Monday in September. This event is quickly becoming a tradition here at Saint Mark's.

While the results of all our outreach efforts are rewarding, the added benefit to our outreach is much more local. Working on these projects has brought all of us at Saint Mark's closer together as we work for others. It has been heart warming to see so many individuals getting to know each other in our church family as we help families in central Ohio and Guatemala.

We have been saddened this year by the passing of many of our parishioners. They had given of time, treasure and talents to make Saint Mark's the place it is today. We will certainly miss their leadership and friendship.

I look forward to the challenges of the coming year. It will offer many opportunities for all of us to step up and work together to keep doing God's work in this place.

God bless us all. —Barbara Keyes, Senior Warden

Junior Warden's Report



During my first year as Junior Warden I have been impressed by how many active and dedicated members we have. The result is a vibrant parish that offers a number of opportunities for worship, education, fellowship and service. Of course the Vestry is always concerned about how we can improve. We held a retreat in June to discuss our strengths and weaknesses and then followed up with a limited survey of members in November.

To minimize the cost and time involved, surveys were mailed to just over 35 members. We included everyone on the Vestry and then selected an additional group with the goal of getting a diverse mix of ages and interests. An attempt was made to survey some members who have been supportive and some who have been critical of various aspects of Saint Mark's. Surveys were also offered to the membership at-large during two services in November.

There is general agreement among the respondents that Saint Mark's is doing a wonderful job in most areas. The average score to all questions was well above "meeting my expectations."

The following areas were our highest rated:

- Providing music that enhances our worship service
- Maintaining and improving our facilities
- Providing meaningful opportunities for worship
- Providing meaningful opportunities for education
- Helping the congregation understand and strengthen their relationship with God
- Providing meaningful opportunities for fellowship

There were a few areas where even though our average rating was above "meeting expectations," we hope to put some emphasis on improvement, they are:

- Making everyone feel included
- Nurturing each individual spiritually
- Ministering to people beyond the parish

On average, the respondents felt that we were performing below expectations in only one area: communicating with the community at-large.

Many of the survey respondents also included written suggestions, all of which were shared with the Rector and Wardens. Specific suggestions were made regarding youth programming, pastoral care, lay leadership development, activities for the elderly, women's ministries, social activities for young adults, greeting of visitors, and making new members feel included. One very nice compliment was, "The church is doing a fine job of keeping the Anglican faith tradition going. It is a real jewel in the Diocese of Southern Ohio."

Other areas that I had involvement in during the year include renegotiating the lease for the Redding Road house and contracting with a very capable firm to manage the property. We expect to net an additional \$7,000 to \$8,000 per year from that property beginning in 2011.

We continue to have ongoing discussions with both Clearwire and T-Mobile to lease space in our bell tower. In a recent conversation with Clearwire they mentioned that they plan to move forward with a lease beginning sometime before March 31, 2011. If they do, we will earn \$1,600 per month for at least five years but will have some start-up expenses. T-Mobile recently reconfirmed their interest in a lease and said they expect to be ready in 2012. We have heard similar optimistic news from both companies before and have been disappointed so we will believe it when it happens.

I look forward to serving Saint Mark's again next year as Junior Warden and feel blessed to be able to offer some of my time and talent to such a wonderful parish.

Respectfully submitted by Phil Glandon, Junior Warden

Adult Formation Opportunities in 2010

Daytime Programs

- **Sunday Morning Forums** met on most Sundays during the Program Year (September through June) from 9 to 9:40 a.m. in the Canterbury Center. For much of 2010 our weekly discussions focused on the Gospel Reading of that particular Sunday. In September and October we viewed the excellent DVD series, "From Jesus to Christ: The Story of the First Christians." Led by Bruce Smith.
- **Wednesday Morning Bible Study** met throughout the calendar year from 9 to 10 a.m. In 2010, we took our time reading through the Gospel According to Luke and Luke's second book, Acts (The Acts of the Apostles). Led by Bruce Smith.

Evening Programs

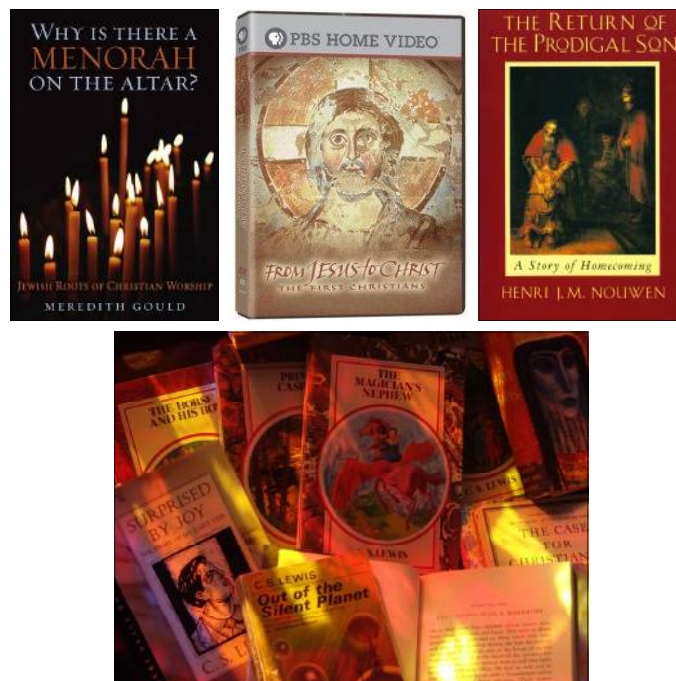
- **Deanery Lenten School:** The Rev. Susan Smith (from Saint Mark's) led a four week class on meditating on Christian art during the Deanery Lenten School program in March at St. Matthew's, Westerville.
- **From Jesus to Christ, the Story of the First Christians,"** an excellent video series was viewed and discussed over the course of four Tuesday evenings in April. Led by Bruce Smith.
- **"Why Is There a Menorah on the Altar? Jewish Roots of Christian Worship"** met on Tuesday evenings in September and October. Led by Bruce Smith.
- **The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Homecoming**, written by Henri Nouwen and based on his reflections on the famous painting by Rembrandt, was our focus in October. Led by Bruce Smith.
- **"Sisters in Faith,"** coordinated by the Rev. Susan Smith has been meeting on the second Monday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. This group will continue to meet through June.
- **The Saint Mark's Men's Group** has begun meeting on the same night at the same time as Sisters in Faith. The Men's Group will continue to meet through June. Coordinated by Bruce Smith.
- **C.S. Lewis Reading Group**, led by Paul St. Germain, met throughout the year on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Retreats

- **Holy Week Retreat:** Bruce Smith led a two-night retreat at Procter which began on Palm Sunday evening and concluded after breakfast on Tuesday morning.
- **Advent Quiet Day:** This annual half-day retreat was held at the home of Bruce and Susan Smith on Saturday, December 18.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Smith+
Associate Rector



Director of Music's 2010 Annual Report

Canterbury Choir/Saint Mark's Choir. Canterbury Choir, in its 2010-2011 season, grew to a total of 18 members. We began our fall season with Choir Orientation (Choir Camp) in September. For the Choir's autumn fundraiser, the boys and girls again made and sold buckeyes. In January each year, they make and sell Super Bowl Subs—the proceeds of which support the Canterbury Choir Fund, which provides for our pilgrimages, every three years, to Washington National Cathedral. The Choir is scheduled to go to Washington in the spring of 2012. In the spring of 2011, the Choir made a trip to the Columbus Children's Theatre, followed by dinner at the Spaghetti Warehouse. Two potluck dinners, fall and spring, followed by Compline, offered fellowship with choir parents and the Director of Music. The choir parents are an enthusiastic and warmly supportive group, and I thank each of them very warmly. Special thanks to our choir mother, Jodi Hess, for her dedicated commitment and many hours of work!

Saint Mark's Choir leads worship at the 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist, September through Trinity Sunday. Members represent a wide range of abilities, from volunteer singers to professional. Young adults from high-school age onward are welcome. The Choir currently has 23 members. Saint Mark's Choir presents choral evensongs and Advent Lessons and Carols each year, and provides music for our Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday liturgies, and for the Great Vigil of Easter. The Choir sang for two memorial services last year, those of Bill Babcock and Larry German. In November, the Choir was invited to sing choral evensong at St. James, Zanesville, an outreach gesture to support that parish's efforts to establish a fine music program. And as has become a tradition here, the Choir ended its season on Trinity Sunday by singing a full mass setting—this year by Mozart.

Saint Mark's Music Series. Our music series was launched two years ago with great enthusiasm and success. This year, we presented a well-attended and beautifully played recital by organist Tom Trenney. The series is envisioned as encompassing our regular choral evensongs and including an annual organ recital by a major artist. It also is intended to encourage young musicians who are just starting out on their careers. It is supported in part by contributions, which are always welcome. The Special Music Committee currently includes Robbie Hurley, Ted Meyers, Jeff Porterfield, Marilyn Smith, and Pam Thurston, with the Director of Music and the Rector as ex officio members. Many thanks to these folks for their enthusiasm and support!

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

Gary L. Garber, Director of Music



Children and Youth Reports

Elementary education (ages 3 through 5th grade): Children's Sunday School provides learning opportunities for preschoolers to high school. Preschoolers and kindergarteners hear and respond to stories told primarily by Amy Keller and Susan Smith in the larger Godly Play room and the first and second graders hear the same stories, told by Anne Botti and Elizabeth Anstaett, but get to respond to the stories in a manner appropriate for their grade school sensibilities. Older kids enjoy a bigger kid curriculum (by Group Publishing for 3rd through 5th grade) delivered by Park Zimpher and Martha Belury in their own space down the hall. Junior high school students meet with Kathy Drobny for Journey to Adulthood curriculum in the comfortable youth lounge on the second floor. New volunteers are welcome in any aspect of Sunday School—please contact either Elizabeth Anstaett (eanstaett@aol.com) or Amy Keller (amyLkeller@frontier.com) if you would like to help.



Vacation Bible School: We are tremendously grateful to Kathy Drobny for her commitment again this year in coordinating VBS. It is one of the most rewarding weeks of the summer. Last summer we had 37 kids participate – a festive group, but still small enough to allow each child there to feel special – thanks to generous and energetic volunteers. Many thanks to the 30 volunteers who made it so successful! Last summer's theme was "High Seas Adventure." We will purchase curriculum from Group Publishing for VBS again this coming summer. The theme isn't yet determined and neither are the dates, but likely dates are Monday, June 13 through Friday, June 17 with our open house on Sunday, June 19. The cost to families remains \$20 for the first child, \$15 for the second and no more

than \$40 for any family. This way, if a family has more than three children, they do not end up having to pay more than \$40. The money we charge offsets what we spend to have a fun week at VBS. Last year, when substantial cutbacks in the budget (threatened, our expenses were covered with the help of many additional donations. Thanks to all of the generous hearts who support the VBS program. This year promises to be another fun and rewarding experience! Contact Kathy Drobny (kdrobny@att.net) if you would like to participate!

Christmas Pageant: The Christmas Pageant was a truly wonderful event again this year. Thank you, Amy Keller, for organizing a big event so well that it looked easy! It took a great deal of planning and legwork to make it a success. We are also grateful to Kathy Utgard for helping organize costumes and kids, including snacks "backstage." Noelle Sicuro and Susan Moffatt-Bruce helped shepherd the shepherds and their flock, as well as angels, and wise men. Nigel Bruce captured strikingly beautiful moments in photos for participants to share and Michelle Bailey-Pake recorded the whole event on video. Carolyn Botti and Katie Turner contributed much, including a beautiful duet during communion. Thanks to everyone in our Saint Mark's community who helped produce a beautiful Christmas Eve early service.

—All reports above submitted by Katie Renner



Nursery:

Our facility is bright and welcoming, and our new pagers help parents feel comfortable knowing that they will be contacted immediately if a need occurs. We have a very dedicated group of parent and grandparent volunteers who have made the coverage of the nursery a success. We have a new teen worker named Sarah. She joined us in January and loves to be with children. Many times she can be found sitting on the floor playing with the children. We look forward to another great year in the nursery. —Suzanne McConnell

Communications Team



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☐ Event Invitation/Notice
 ☐ Event Re-Cap
 ☐ News to Share

EVENT INFORMATION

Name of Group or Ministry: _____ Contact Person: _____
 Date of Event: _____ Place: _____ Times: _____

EVENT DETAILS/NOTES (Pull Quote)

I'd like to see this in:

PROMOTION with OFFICE SUPPORT

☐ Epistle (monthly newsletter)
☐ Weekly Bulletin (in church)
☐ Kiosk Placement (Parish Hall)

☐ Poster
☐ Flier
☐ Brochure

☐ Parish Hall Table-Top Display
☐ Facebook Page
☐ E-News

☐ Online Calendar
☐ E-News Note/Pull Quote

☐ Website Posting
☐ Special Mailing/Flier

PROMOTION options available to YOU

☐ Diocesan Interchange
☐ UA News
☐ Columbus Dispatch
☐ Other: _____
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 ☐ _____

☐ I would like to write an article

☐ I have digital photos
 ☐ I have digital video

Ted Keller and Steve Brindza formed the core of the Vestry Communications team, which was established in 2010. One of the accomplishments was learning how to get YouTube video clips from the 2010 Guatemala mission trip linked on the Outreach web page. Currently two videos are staged there at <http://www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/Outreach/outreach.html>. The ease of facilitating videos once they are housed at YouTube will lead to further clips being added to the Saint Mark's website in 2011.

Attendees of the Ministry Fair were given an overview of the look and functionality of the Saint Mark's website this past year. Several parishioners were not familiar with the website's existence, and the projection display gave them a chance to see how the information and pages were organized.

Both Ted and Steve tested PDF-generating software this year in order to generate an editable communications document. Ted worked with Father Paul, Barb Keyes and Phil Glandon beginning in May and by September, this group had the framework in place. This PDF form can be completed by parishioners and others interested in submitting graphics, blurbs, video, or announcements to the church. The form has been implemented on the Saint Mark's website within the tab "Communications" and is also available via an e-mail request to those needing to submit material to the church. Steve was able to assist with affixing Saint Mark's signage at the Labor Day Bake Sale and distributed parish directories and 2010 directory updates during three Sundays in January. Dozens of updates were disseminated, and long-time and new members were informed of recent inclusions such as the cycling group and the Saint Mark's Facebook page. During this year, Steve and Ted have been active in collecting feedback from members, including attending the new members' luncheon where we provided parish staff contact information to those formalizing their membership in 2010.

—Submitted by Steve Brindza and Ted Keller

Small Groups Ministry Report

At the festive Ministry Fair in September, parishioners had the opportunity to learn about and sign up for 8 social small groups, 19 parish support-related groups (including Church School Staff, Vacation Bible School Staff, Stephen Ministry and Youth Group) and three Outreach-related small groups. Held after the 10 a.m. service, the Fair was very well attended: 27 people signed up for various activities, a number which does not reflect all of the people who did not sign up because they were already active in these groups. Darlene Sullivan made a graph of the resulting sign-ups for groups and responses to the Stewardship Survey which was mailed to each small group leader.

A descriptive list of small group ministries has been made available at the Small Groups kiosk in the Parish Hall. Among the social groups, the nine-year-old Supper Club, initiated and organized by Anice Ellis, continues to attract many parishioners as a wonderful way to enjoy good food and strengthen friendships. Due to declining attendance, the Coffeehouse Ministry Group is now inactive but could resume if there were interest. Special thanks is due to Jim Keyes and his Coffeehouse committee for their diligent and creative efforts over several years to offer parish and community outreach through a variety of entertaining and educational programs. Interest in the new Cycling Group also declined but may renew in the future.

All group leaders were contacted by letter in March by the two Small Groups Vestry representatives to offer their support and to bring any matters to the Vestry concerning Small Group needs or issues. We were able to recruit two new leaders for the Member Care Ministry which coordinates volunteers to provide meals for parishioners when needed.

Small group involvement is critical to our parish mission through support of our parish programs, worship, and community outreach, as well as to the fostering of friendships and caring response to members of our parish family.

As the outgoing Small Groups Vestry representative, I wish to express my gratitude to former co-chair Lindsay Graves and current co-chair Darlene Sullivan who have been ever ready to develop and help this ministry. Also I have considered it a privilege to serve on the Vestry with members and staff who are very committed to Christian love and very devoted to the welfare of our parish.

Faithfully,
Marilyn Smith

Hospitality Committee Report

2010 EVENTS

The following are events that the Hospitality Committee organized and served, with the assistance of many members of the congregation:

January 23:	Soup Luncheon for Photo Safari
January 31:	Bishops' Reception
February 14:	Annual Meeting
March 7:	Choral Evensong
March 12:	Organ Recital
April 25:	Newcomers' Brunch
May 9:	Reception for Mike Wernick
October 31:	Potluck Lunch: Hall of Faith
December 5:	Reception for Advent Lessons and Carols

It has been a pleasure to serve as co-chair of the Hospitality Committee for the past three years.

—Respectfully submitted by Anice Ellis, Hospitality Co-Chair with Dianne Silliman

Outreach Ministry Report

Our goal in 2010 was to focus on a few projects (international, regional, and local) rather than spread ourselves thin. We favored projects where we could be involved with “boots on the ground,” so to speak. Our committee has been regularly successful in attracting more people to become involved. Our projects have included:

Collections: These are projects which require organization, communication, and participation by our parishioners. Joy Sargent and Chuck Sechler have done a remarkable job of informing everyone about how to contribute, then reporting to parishioners about the outcomes of our collections.

- **School supplies/backpacks for the Homeless Families Foundation (local):** 11 bags of backpacks, many filled; 7 boxes full of spiral notebooks, folders, markers, and reams of paper.
- **Operation Christmas Child (international):** Shoebox gifts for third world countries around the globe.
- **Winter Warmies (local):** Gloves, hats, and scarves for the Homeless Families Foundation.
- **Books for Guatemala (international):** Joan Maynard, coordinator.
- **Food and grooming items for NNEMAP (local):** Food is collected and symbolically taken to the altar each month of the year. Kits are collected once a year. We collected over 300 washcloths and bath soaps. In total 1500 grooming kits were given.

Monetary Donation Only:

- **Episcopal Community Services Foundation (regional):** \$1000 donation plus the profits from the Labor/Neighbor Day Bake Sale of \$831.61. The Foundation distributes grants to programs administered by Episcopal churches in Southern Ohio. \$122,000 in grant money was distributed in 2010. \$12,500 of that money went to St. John's Columbus for meals, advocacy for the homeless, GED training, and parenting classes.
- **Episcopal Relief and Development (international):** \$2000 donation. We also encourage parishioners to order from the “Gifts for Life” catalog.
- **Episcopal Retirement Homes (regional):** \$425 donation. ERH supports retirement living (some affordable, all spiritual) and Parish Health ministries.
- **Habitat for Humanity (local):** \$2000 to the Northwest Partnership of Churches. With Marilyn Karl's dedication, we serve lunches to the workers at the house, usually twice per year. Outreach Ministry encourages parishioners to physically participate in the building, but we have not had many “takers.”

Volunteer Participation:

This seems to be the “Gold Standard” for Outreach: we use our budget to support the work of our own volunteers. The volunteers' participation creates awareness of the issues and problems and, hopefully, inspires others to help and to give.

- **St. John's Columbus Dinners (local):** For about \$1250, we serve dinners five times per year to 100-140 Franklinton neighbors. Under Sally and Cullie Rechner's leadership, 10-15 volunteers bond and serve each time—some regulars and some occasionals.
- **St. John's Street Church (local):** Pam Thurston encouraged Outreach to worship, mingle, and serve a meal to our Franklinton neighbors in a vacant lot. This year, the money for the two meals was donated by Outreach members. Deborah Morton has ably organized the meals, and it is an opportunity for many in our congregation to participate: 8 to 10 parishioners have not only helped make the meal but also attended the outdoor service.
- **Open Shelter Lunches (local):** B.J. Hauswirth has organized 3 events to make 180 sack lunches to take to the Open Shelter (about \$525). 10 to 12 parishioners make quick work of the meal-making.
- **Guatemala Mission Trip Scholarship (local):** This \$1800 expenditure allows us to send someone who might otherwise be unable to go with our Saint Mark's team to Guatemala. We all benefit from the first-person reports of the trials, hopes, and dreams of this third world country.

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, please join us. Contact B.J. Hauswirth or Anne Johnson with questions.

—Submitted by Pat Iams and Deborah Morton, 2010 Outreach Chairs

Several Organizations and Ministries Saint Mark's Supports:



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Michael Murray, *Organist*
Don McConnell, *Head Verger*
Brad and Crystal Essex, *Youth Ministers*
Bill Ryan, *Campus Manager*
Jessica Ellis, *Office Manager*

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The Whole Saint Mark's Family

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Phil Glandon, *Junior Warden*
Tom Yeager, *Youth Warden*
Steve Brindza, *Communications*
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Darlene Sullivan, *Small Groups*
Dot Yeager, *Treasurer*
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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.



If you do not plan to keep this publication, the Vestry encourages you to please recycle it. A blue recycling bin can be found in our Parish Hall.

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. A major renovation of the worship space and construction of the Eldred Johnston Parish Hall reached completion in 2005.



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



Whoever you are,
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the journey of the Spirit,
The Episcopal Church welcomes you.