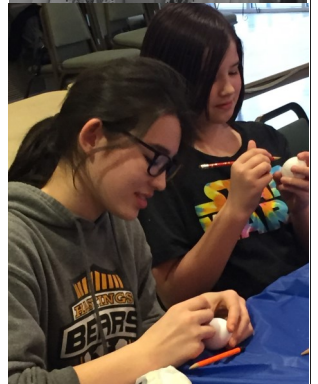


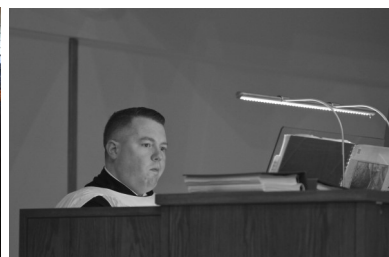
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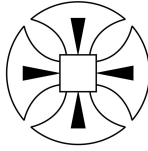


ANNUAL PARISH CELEBRATION



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020





THE RECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

Sometimes it is a bit of a mental stretch to think yet another year has gone by at Saint Mark's. To say this has been a busy year is somewhat of a wild understatement. Our spirit-filled and meaning worship services have united us together during a time of unprecedented outreach, including the use of our building in what could be called "energetic" ways. Our music program continues to thrive and is hard to recollect a time when the Canterbury Choir sang more beautifully.

Our facility continues to provide ongoing challenges, yet with the help of some amazingly dedicated volunteers and several special gifts we are getting as: "ship shape" as the arc in the new garden, with work being done on roofs, HVAC, water management, painting, and the beautiful new "Underbury" theatre beneath the Canterbury Center. It was also a pleasure to present a series of presidential talks and dinners reflecting my quest to view all of the heritage sites in America.

Our rental income has grown this year, as you will read in the Treasurers report 1019 was a sound year from a financial standpoint. Even the Endowment Fund has had a very good year. I commend all the annual reports to us—from the creativity of our Hospitality Team to the care and love found in our Christian Formation Program and well as faithful outreach projects and an exemplary stewardship campaign, Saint Marks continues to thrive and the "state of the parish" is not only sound, but filled with mission and ministry that embodies Gods call to us as a community.

During the summer months we often sing the beloved doxology: "*Praise God from whom all blessings flow*". God's blessings have truly been present in 1919 at Saint Mark's. They will continue to be among us as we prepare and present "Joseph and the **Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** this June. The first musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber with lyrics by Tim Rice, the show speaks of inclusivity and diversity of culture, race, common humanity and even the social structure in our world that still reflects its 3000 year old roots in the book of Genesis.

During this 50th Anniversary of the projection, I think there is no better way to bring together voices from around our community of Upper Arlington, The Ohio State University, and indeed our neighboring community in a celebration of life and joy that God indeed makes "technicolor" through the grace of the Holy Spirit. Please invite family and friends to come together in June for this wonderful production.—each with a reception prior to the performance. Above all, **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** is about dreaming—and dreaming in big, bold steps about who God is calling us to be as Christians and as a community.

This June will include a bitter-sweet month for me—as it will be the end of my service among you as rector. After over thirty years of ordained ministry, I believe the Holy Spirit is calling me to begin the dream of retirement and a return home to be closer to family in the years ahead. Meanwhile, may I say that it has been a privilege to have served for over 13 as your rector.

There will plenty of time to say goodbyes between now and then, and so I will end this address by simply saying I believe the best and brightest dreams for Saint Mark's lie ahead—and ask for your prayers as we both begin new chapters in our lives..



2020 Annual Celebration Agenda



1. Opening Prayer
2. Approval of 2019 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. 2019 Financial Report
8. Presentation of 2020 Budget
9. Senior Warden's Address
10. Celebrating What's New on Saint Mark's Website
11. Introduction of Saint Mark's Staff
12. Discussion for the Good of the Parish
13. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Saint Mark's 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes

February 10th, 2019

The 2019 annual meeting was held in the parish hall following the 10:30 AM worship service. The meeting included a brunch provided by the Vestry. The Rev. Paul St. Germain called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM with a slide show of pictures from the previous year and an opening prayer. 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. Paul thanked the vestry for providing the brunch. Barbara Hyre was appointed Recorder for the meeting.

MINUTES of the 2018 annual meeting were, upon *motion, duly seconded and passed*, approved as written.

VESTRY SLATE

The Nominating Committee brought forth the following slate of candidates for the 2019 Vestry and Convention Delegates:

Senior Warden – Dot Yeager
Junior Warden – Scott Milburn
Youth Warden – Henry M.
Vestry Class of 2022 – Marilyn Karl
Vestry Class of 2022 – Jay Iams
Vestry Class of 2022 – Rachel Dwyer-Markwardt
Convention Delegates: Barbara Keyes and Judith Grant
Convention Alternates: Dave Yeager

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

2018 FINANCIAL REPORT AND 2019 BUDGET

Phil Glandon gave the Financial Report. The results for the 2018 included both good and bad news. The bad news included less rental income for the Redding Road property than planned on, higher facility expenses for snow removal and groundskeeping, and higher than anticipated costs for memorial receptions due to the loss of both Joy Sargent and Joan Maynard. These additional expenses were largely offset by new, unexpected revenue from Junior Explorers.

For the 2019 budget, pledging was even with last year. The amounts budgeted for Redding Road rental and Junior Explorers is higher than last year but is slightly conservative. On the expense side of the ledger, staff has been given a 3% raise, which is the first increase in four years. Staffing costs will also be higher due to parental leaves. Health insurance, janitorial expenses, and the Diocesan assessment are all increasing as well.

Phil informed the parish about a \$336,000 unrestricted bequest from John and Lynne Muskoff. The Finance Committee recommended, and Vestry approved the following allocation of this generous gift:

- \$33,610, or 10%, for Outreach to be spent as the Outreach Committee deems appropriate,
- \$34,500 to repay the balance of the bridge loan from the Endowment Fund for the completion of the organ,
- \$150,000 to be held in the Trinity Guild Fund to cover critically needed building repairs in 2019 or shortly thereafter, and

The balance of the bequest (approximately \$117,981) to be held in the Major Projects Fund at the Columbus Foundation to be used for major projects with the approval of 80% of Vestry.

There were also gifts totalling \$30,000 from a few individuals and designated for certain specific painting and aesthetics within the church.

Phil thanked all the volunteers who help with the parish finances and accounting, including Patrick Hreachmack, Jay Wilcox, Barb Wiseman, Dorothy Vojvodich, Lynn Glandon, and Gloria Wylie.

WARDENS' REPORT

Dot Yeager gave the Wardens' report. She reminded the parish that Vestry has updated Saint Mark's mission and vision statements. Dot also noted that several parishioners are stepping down from long term roles within the parish, including Cindy Anderson as the funeral coordinator, Jim and Ann Getz as members of the fellowship ministry, and Bill Karl from the facilities team. Dot thanked these parishioners and the Vestry members rotating off Vestry (Bruce Johnson, Laura Skoracki, and Leslie Winters) for their service.

RECTOR'S REPORT

Paul St. Germain announced a new Adult Forum Series based on the Presiding Bishop's *Way of Love*. The series will be an exploration of resources available to us as Episcopalians. There will be a special Lenten resource on the Saint Mark's website. Paul asked that any corrections to website can be emailed to Paul to be updated. Paul acknowledged that the e-directory is awful and is being worked on. Paul told the parish that Melanie is expecting. The baby is due in May, and Paul asked that we please be patient as volunteers fill in for her during her maternity leave. Finally, Paul explained that there is a false profile of him circulating on the internet. This "fake Paul" is soliciting money, and emails have been sent to both staff and parishioners.

INTRODUCTION OF THE STAFF

Paul St. Germain thanked the paid parish staff, Melanie Jacobs, Matthew Bester, and Tyler Robertson, and the volunteer staff, including Bill Ryan, Bill Silliman, Mary Lynn Dell, Michael Ellis, and Seth Wymer for their many contributions to the life of Saint Mark's.

DISMISSAL

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM with a prayer from the Rev. Christopher Richardson.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barbara Hyre". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Barbara" written in a larger, more prominent hand than the last name "Hyre".

Barbara Hyre (Recorder)

2020 VESTRY NOMINEES

SENIOR WARDEN

DOT YEAGER



In addition to having served as Saint Mark's Treasurer from 2005 to 2016, Dot also helps with ushering, altar guild, Sacred Conversations, and Contemplative Prayer, and loves the chaos of the Blessing of the Animals and serenity of a labyrinth. After growing up in the Roman Catholic church, Dot and spouse Dave were received into and married in the Episcopal Church in 1989 (Church of the Redeemer in Pittsburgh, PA). Upon relocating to Columbus, from Charleston, West Virginia, they, with son Tom, joined Saint Mark's in 2003. Dot's mother, Dorothy, also became a member in 2013, when she relocated from Florida. In her professional role as the Chief Business Officer for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Dot is very blessed to have the opportunity to help make a

difference.

JUNIOR WARDEN

MARK DREW



Mark, his wife Joanne, and children (Fred, 13 and Matilda, 11) have been members of Saint Mark's since moving to Columbus in 2008. Mark is an Assistant Professor and Director of Graduate Education in the Department of Microbial Infection and Immunity at The Ohio State University College of Medicine. Mark and Joanne first met during high school in their hometown of Bremerton, Washington, where they were married in 1989. Mark's education and research led them to Baltimore where he earned his PhD at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine followed by post-doctoral studies in Saint Louis, where they discovered and became members of the Episcopal Church. Mark has previously served as a Stewardship Committee member, enjoyed singing in the choir, and is active in the Mark's Men, a social and service

group at Saint Mark's. Music, movies, cooking (especially barbeque), and photography are his favorite ways to spend any extra time he can find.

YOUTH WARDEN

HENRY M.

VESTRY NOMINEE

BILL MAYR



Bill Mayr is retired from the Columbus Dispatch, where he served in varied reporting and editing positions. He has served as finance chair and president of the parish council in a Catholic congregation. He and his wife, Barbara, have lived in Columbus since 1986; they have two adult children.

VESTRY NOMINEE

JUDITH GRANT

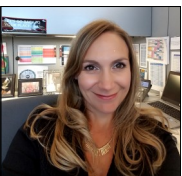


Judith Grant has been a member of St. Mark's since 2017. Raised Roman Catholic, Judith converted to the Episcopal faith in 2000 at St. Hugh's of Lincoln Church in Idyllwild, CA, where she sang in the choir. She moved to Athens Ohio in 2003 to be a political science professor at Ohio University. There she was a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd where she served on vestry and sang in the choir. At St. Mark's, Judith has organized a weekend prayer retreat (2019 and 2020), participated in adult formation. When her work travel to Athens permits, she participates in Sisters in Faith and Sacred

Conversations. She was a delegate to the Diocesan Convention in 2019. Having a special interest in Christian meditation, prayer and the Franciscan tradition, she especially loves the blessing of the animals and the Taizé service, and visited the Taizé community in France in 2019.

VESTRY NOMINEE

IRINA REED



Irina and her husband, George, joined Saint Mark's in 2007. They relocated from Akron, Ohio where they attended Saint Paul's Episcopal Church and were married in 2004. Their son Alex was born in 2010 and is currently in his second year in the Canterbury Choir. Irina works at BMW Financial Services in Hilliard in an IQS Team Leader role. Irina volunteers in the nursery and is a Christmas Pageant Director. She is looking forward to serving in Children's Formation ministry as a Vestry member.



VESTRY NOMINEE

ANICE ELLIS

Anice and her husband Michael (an Episcopal Priest retired from the diocese of Maryland) joined St Mark's in 1997. Anice has served on several vestries and is a former Sr. Warden. She is active on the Outreach committee, Supper Group and Sacred Conversations group. She is a lay reader and is eager to assist St Mark's to grow in love, service and fellowship in Christ.

CONVENTION DELEGATES
Nominees yet to be named

CONVENTION ALTERNATE
Nominees yet to be named

Respectfully submitted,

The Nominating Committee

Ellen Berndt, Joanne Drew, Julie Moll, Bryce Sullivan, Irina Reed, Scott Milburn, and Dot Yeager

The Rev. Dr. Paul St. Germain

Report of the Nominating Committee

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2019

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: Dot Yeager

JUNIOR WARDEN: Scott Milburn

YOUTH WARDEN: Henry M.

2019 Annual Meeting Elections

CLASS OF 2020	CLASS OF 2021	CLASS OF 2022
Ellen Berndt	David Boop	Rachel Dwyer-Markwardt
Joanne Drew	Pam Thurston	Marilyn Karl
Julie Moll	Jay Wilcox	Jay Iams
Bryce Sullivan	Irina Reed	
Irina Reed		

SENIOR WARDEN

Dot Yeager

JUNIOR WARDEN

Mark Drew

YOUTH WARDEN

Henry Markwardt

DIOCESAN CONVENTION DELEGATES (2)

TBD

DIOCESAN CONVENTION ALTERNATES (2)

TBD

Summary of Financial Information

SUBMITTED BY PHIL GLANDON, SAINT MARK'S TREASURER

2019 Financial Results – Blessed by a few surprise gifts, Saint Mark's enjoyed a good year financially. Our expenses were slightly more than \$12,000 over budget, but our revenue exceeded our expectations by over \$82,000. As a result, our surplus for the year was a very healthy, \$70,128. Nearly half of that surplus came from market value gains in our Endowment Fund and two other Columbus Foundation funds. That income, however, is not available for use in the operating budget. The Endowment Fund is a restricted, permanent fund with assets held and invested for our benefit by the Columbus Foundation. (See the Endowment Fund Report). Accordingly, the church operating budget only benefits from the interest and dividends earned by the fund, which amounted to \$7,094 in 2019. We also receive income from our Major Projects Fund and a fund we call the Benefactor Fund. We use these funds to invest excess cash balances and to hold bequests and donations which the Vestry determines should be used for necessary long-term improvements and major repairs to our facilities. We currently have \$388,809.37 invested in those funds, most of which came from the John and Lynne Muskoff bequest received in February 2019.

Now some of the details:

- **Pledged Revenue** – Our pledging members exceeded their pledges this year by over \$23,000. We lose a few pledging members every year, and some are unable to complete their pledges for a variety of reasons, but we also have a number of members who exceed their pledges including one very generous donor who made a gift of \$25,000 in addition to her pledge.
- **Other Income** was also excellent in 2019. The Junior Explorer program has stayed with us providing significant income and our Redding Road rental property was fully leased for the entire year. In addition, our other funds mentioned above had considerable earnings as noted in the first line below.

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Non-Endowment Net Investment Income	21,662.21	7,530.33
Jr. Explorers	27,450.00	18,600.00
Outside Groups (AA, Weight Watchers, etc.)	3,530.50	5,255.00
Redding Road Home Lease	15,147.76	11,977.48
Total Investment and Other Income	<u>67,790.47</u>	<u>43,362.81</u>

- **Expenditures**, as you can see on the statement that follows, were in line with our budget. The main exception was facilities expense. We have had issues with roof leaks and water back-ups due to very poor gutter drainage. The roof drainpipes were plugged up by roots and debris from the ginko trees along the front of the church. Those have now been removed and the pipes have been cleared and/or replaced. We had considerable repair work done on the air conditioner in the choir room and we repaired the roof over that space. Our boiler continued to need repairs and while we have been advised that it still has many years of useful life, efforts continue to fully assess the status of our current equipment and to develop a long term replacement plan. And finally, we have had to increase both the amount of time our cleaning crew spends at Saint Mark's, and the amount of supplies they need due to the increased number of Junior Explorers who use our space every day, Monday thru Friday.

Staff Christmas Gifts: The Staff Christmas Fund collected \$5,750 which was split evenly between our five paid staff. Thanks to the generous members who donated to that fund!

Operating Budget for 2020

- **REVENUE** – It is always a challenge to know how much revenue we can count on receiving each year. We have a great deal of confidence that we will receive the total amount pledged, but as you can see on the statement, pledges only account for about 75% of our budget. Our pledges for 2020 are \$24,000 lower than 2019. We feel comfortable in keeping the budget flat however based on our recent history of collecting more than is pledged. Less predictable sources of revenue account for the balance. This year we have elected to include \$30,000 from the surplus created in 2019 in our budget to balance it. We did not feel comfortable using more than that because nearly \$40,000 of the surplus was market value increases in securities and the stock market could erase those gains if there is a downturn in 2020. We budgeted Jr. Explorers and our Redding Road lease at the same amount as 2019 without any guarantee that either will continue to rent space of the full year, although we believe they will.
- **EXPENSE** - We budgeted small pay increases for our staff again this year. We will incur about \$7,000 in additional expense in 2020 to upgrade to a cloud-based version of our Shelby Financial and Membership software. We were forced to upgrade as they will no longer support their older version that we are using. The new software will provide many benefits.

Conclusion – With some surplus from a good year in the bank, we feel the budget submitted for 2020 is appropriate, if slightly less conservative than in prior years. We have financial reserves to get us through all but the most extreme financial crisis, and faith that the Holy Spirit is watching over us as always!

Respectfully submitted - Phil Glandon, Treasurer

Saint Mark's Episcopal Church

2019 Financial Statement and 2020 Proposed Budget

	<u>Suggested</u> <u>2020 Budget</u>	<u>2019 Actual</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>
<u>REVENUES:</u>			
Member Contributions - pledged	\$ 460,000	\$ 483,790	\$ 460,000
Plate & non-pledge receipts	47,500	59,130	47,750
Endowment Fund Net Gain	-	33,454	
Other (rent, interest, etc.)	58,500	67,790	54,000
Self-Sustaining Fund Reimbursements	5,000	5,000	5,000
Utilization of Prior Year Surplus	30,000		
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 601,000</u>	<u>\$ 649,165</u>	<u>\$ 566,750</u>
<u>EXPENSES:</u>			
Staff Payroll Expenses	353,173	339,884	342,700
Administration	51,190	45,232	43,200
Facilities	94,000	100,632	87,520
Outreach	6,600	6,600	6,600
Diocesan Mission Share	78,000	75,600	76,000
Christian Formation	3,200	3,195	3,100
Fellowship & Hospitality	5,700	4,179	3,400
Music	2,000	1,584	2,000
Stewardship & Member Care	850	225	750
Worship	1,750	1,906	1,450
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 596,463</u>	<u>\$ 579,037</u>	<u>\$ 566,720</u>
Net income (deficit)	<u>\$ 4,537</u>	<u>\$ 70,128</u>	<u>\$ 30</u>
PLEDGES:	\$ 433,724	\$ 457,937	

Wardens' Report

Each year brings with it both the familiar and the new—challenges, opportunities and blessings, among other things—and our shared life together as part of the Saint Mark's community is no different.

The new: during the summer, a Mutual Ministry Review, facilitated by the Reverend John Johanssen, brought clergy and vestry together to affirm areas of ministry to be commended and to identify other areas for improvement and growth.

The familiar: serving our neighbors, significant repairs and improvements to our Saint Mark's campus home and the celebration of the ministry of longtime parish lay leaders.

Serving Neighbors:

The ongoing work of the Sacred Conversations group around racial healing, reconciliation and justice, led by Nadya Richardson from Saint Mark's and Yvonne Craft from St. Philip, continued to be actively attended by many from across central Ohio. The group's gathering in April attracted over 40 attendees for a follow-up presentation on Mourning the Creation of Racial Categories, by Professor Joan Ferrante from Northern Kentucky University. Recent presentations have included Dr. Jay Iams and Dr. Kelly Kelleher on implicit bias as well as David Singleton, Executive Director of the Ohio Justice and Policy Center.

Additionally, the Junior Explorers program has brought many new children and families into our church building throughout the week, introducing many new local residents to our church. Income from the program has been a welcome addition to Saint Mark's budget and made possible continued ministries on several fronts.

Stewardship of Saint Mark's Campus:

As we reported last year, our church building continues to age beautifully, but it is aging. We are grateful to the parish, and especially our choir, for being patient while improvements have been made this year. The transformations are necessary and, while some are not visible, others—like the upgraded paint, soffits and woodwork in the nave—do justice to our beautiful house of worship. We appreciate the efforts of volunteers who have contributed to this work, including Collin Wheeler, Bill Ryan, Sam Slee, Jim Fronk, Scott Tipton and Dave Yeager. The receipt of the generous Muskoff bequest in 2019 made it possible to undertake much of this work. The following lists the more significant of the improvements that have occurred, but is by no means all-inclusive:

• Roofing improvements to Education Wing	\$10,978
• Replaced boiler piping	\$ 3,345
• Downspout clean-out and replacement	\$ 7,842
• Install new “storefront” doors to Noah's Ark and related work	\$22,595
• Interior and exterior painting	\$18,540
• New sign in sanctuary	\$ 2,538
• Concrete improvements, downspout repair and related work	\$ 9,200
• Phase I of landscaping work – tree removal	\$ 3,300

Over 30 church members chipped in to replace the parish hall chairs, at a cost of \$12,525, to give the parish hall a refreshed vibe and replace worn and stained chairs with new, comfortable, more durable ones.



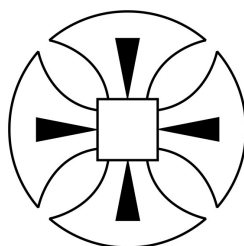
Celebration of Ministry:

It might be easy to take for granted all the volunteer efforts that make Saint Mark's such an inviting, welcoming community. I could fill the entire annual report with a list of all of those many contributions, but would like to recognize a few who are stepping down from some long-term ministries:

- Diane Hartney, Wedding Coordinator
- Bill Ryan, Campus Manager
- Ellen Berndt, Vestry
- Joanne Drew, Vestry
- Scott Milburn, Junior Warden
- Julie Moll, Vestry
- Bryce Sullivan, Vestry

Thanks to all who step forward daily to take care of each other, allow Saint Mark's to do its part to be part of the body of Christ on earth and share the healing love of God to all our neighbors.

Submitted by Dot Yeager and Scott Milburn



Saint Mark's Parish Statistics 2019

NUMBER OF SERVICES: Sundays 115 (2016 – 119)
Weekdays 82 (2016 – 121)

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 2018 – 9,775 (2017 – 9,297) (2016 – 10,052) (2015 – 12,744)

AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE:

SPECIAL DAYS:	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
FIRST LENT:	145	132	158	166	154	188
EASTER:	465	455	459	438	505	487
PENTECOST:	182	180	174	243	188	162
CHRISTMAS:	531	497	411	468	465	497

JANUARY – MAY: 129 (2018 – 149) (Does *not* include Easter)

JUNE – AUGUST: 127 (2018 – 118)

SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER: 162 (2018 – 181) (Does *not* include Christmas)

OVERALL AVERAGE: 140 (2018 – 150) (Does *not* include Easter and Christmas)

BAPTISMS: 3

NEW MEMBERS: 4

WEDDINGS: 4

BURIALS: 5

CONFIRMATIONS: 0

TRANSFERS OUT: 3

MOVED TO INACTIVE: 15

TOTAL MEMBERS: approximately 786

ACTIVE COMMUNICANTS: approximately 370

Associate Rector's Report



2019 was a very busy year. Perhaps my biggest event of 2019 was the Civil Rights Pilgrimage to Atlanta, Selma, and Montgomery. In addition to assisting with the planning of the trip, I was one of the six leaders who took a group of ten young people down south for a week to help them better engage the issues of the Civil Rights Movement of the 60s, why it is important for us to remember (and/or learn about) today, and how many of those same issues are still being fought. Everyone who went on that trip not only came back energized to do something to help end oppression and injustice, but also with a greater sense of what people lived through in our not-so-distant past. Some of them even said they learned more things about the Civil Rights Movement in those seven days than they had in all their previous years, combined.

Over the summer, I responded to the increased focus on prioritizing youth ministry at Saint Mark's by meeting with some of our other formation leaders and a few parents to do some planning for the 2019-2020 program year. During these meetings, we decided to try a few different things. Chief among them was the focus on Wonderful Wednesdays (our Wednesday evening program) as a time for intentional formation programs.

A lot of time has been spent working "behind the scenes" to achieve the vision set out for Wonderful Wednesdays. We extended the evening by half an hour to give us more time to do formation activities while still allowing us to close the day with a service of Compline. I have moved from facilitating youth and children's formation on Wednesdays to being the paid staff coordinator, while still facilitating youth activities most Wednesdays. We also started the process of having students from the OSU Dietetics program plan and prepare the meals on Wednesdays, allowing the small handful of families who had been preparing meals to more fully participate in the programs offered.

Another project I worked on was the addition of a monthly Dungeons & Dragons session designed to teach youth about the saints we recognize in the Church. Each of the ten youth who ended up coming to these events chose a patron saint for their character and was encouraged to learn more about them in order to gain in-game benefits.

In the midst of all of that, I maintained my usual schedule of assisting with pastoral care, officiating funerals, preparing couples for marriage, and officiating those services. My wife and I celebrated one full year in our new house, along with all of the projects we have done to make that house feel more like our home, five years of marriage, and three years of being parents.

2019 was a very busy year, and 2020 looks like it will be as well. I look forward to all of the projects that are coming.

The Rev. Christopher C. Richardson
Associate Rector

Music Department's 2019 Annual Report



The year 2019 was another exciting and eventful year for music at Saint Mark's. The adult choir has been pleased to welcome several new members over the past year. The choir continues to sing at a high level every week, and I am profoundly grateful for their hard work and dedication. I am especially thankful for the essential contributions of our section leaders (Margaret Wells, Heather Chute, Steve Barker, and Jacob Conrad), by whose leadership, artistry, and expertise our volunteer singers are empowered to sing at their very best. I also am exceedingly grateful for the collaboration of our Assistant Director of Music and Organist Tyler Robertson, whose incredible talent and expertise at the organ make it possible for the choir to sing the greatest masterpieces of the choral tradition at the highest level.

Highlights of the year for the adult choir included numerous special events. In February, the choir sang a special service of Choral Matins for a weekend conference held at Saint Mark's by the local chapter of the American Guild of Organists, with canticles by Charles Villiers Stanford, responses by Robert Lehman, and a glorious anthem by Samuel S. Wesley. The choir sang a beautiful service of Choral Evensong in March, with canticles by George Dyson, responses by Richard Ayleward, and anthems by Felix Mendelssohn and Charles Villiers Stanford. In May, the choir concluded its 2018–2019 season with a beautiful service of Choral Eucharist, featuring the majestic Collegium Regale Communion Service by Herbert Howells. This past November, the choir was delighted to collaborate with the choir of First Congregational Church, Columbus, for a service of Choral Evensong for the Feast of All Saints at Saint Mark's, with canticles by Stephen Caracciolo, responses by Stephen Caracciolo, and anthems by William H. Harris and Charles Villiers Stanford. The event was followed by a concert performance of the sublime Mass in G Minor by Ralph Vaughan Williams. The choirs repeated the service and concert two weeks later at First Congregational Church. In December the choir joined forces with the Canterbury Choir for our beloved Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols, with music by Jacob Handl, Boris Ord, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, Mark Sirett, Healey Willan, and Charles Wood. The choir also contributed beautiful music to special services such as Ash Wednesday, the Holy Week liturgies, and Christmas Eve.

The Canterbury Choir has had another outstanding year. The group routinely sings difficult anthems for treble choir, often in two or more parts, and it is a joy to work with them. The choir is blessed with a strong peer leadership group, led by Head Choristers Hannah M. and Alexander S. A highlight of the year came in March, when the Canterbury Choir was thrilled to participate in Treblefest, a treble choir festival held annually at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Cleveland. The choir joined youth choirs from several other churches from the Cleveland area and beyond. The combined choir spent most of a Saturday rehearsing with guest clinician Sarah MacDonald, Director of Music at Selwyn College, Cambridge, and Director of the Ely Cathedral Girls' Choir. The festival concluded with a service of Choral Evensong the same afternoon at Trinity Cathedral, with Bishop Hollingsworth of the Diocese of Ohio officiating. Music included canticles by Simon Lole, anthems by Sarah MacDonald and Felix Mendelssohn, preces and responses in plainchant, a psalm in Anglican chant, and two hymns with descant. Other special events included a beautiful service of Choral Evensong in May as well as their contributions to our Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols in December. I could not ask for a more supportive and engaged group of parents, who have collaborated so congenially to manage fundraisers and organize group meals and gatherings.

For all our special events throughout the year, we have been blessed by the helpful assistance of hospitality volunteers (led by Joanne Drew and Julie Moll), ushers, readers, vergers, and acolytes, to whom I am very grateful for their essential contributions.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew Bester

Endowment Fund

2020 Annual Meeting Report from the Endowment Trustees

The Trustees of the Endowment Fund during 2019 were: Dan Morton (chair), Phil Glandon (treasurer), Jeff Porterfield, Pat Iams and Jill Hinton.

The Trustees met twice during the year, in April and in October, to review the Endowment Fund investments. Additionally, at the April meeting, the Trustees named a chairman and appointed a treasurer and took further steps to diversify Endowment Fund investments at The Columbus Foundation.

In November 2019 the Parish paid off the bridge loan from the Endowment Fund for the organ completion project in the amount of \$63,210.01. This amount was reinvested by the Endowment Fund in its account at The Columbus Foundation.

At December 31, 2019, the total principal and income balance of the Endowment Fund invested in the account at The Columbus Foundation was \$319,421.58. This account had realized and unrealized capital gains \$34,867.19 during 2019. This account also paid \$7,093.70 in income to the Parish during 2019.

Thanks to each of the Trustees for their service this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Morton, Endowment Trustees Chair

Onboarding Committee

In its second year of ministry, the onboarding committee doubled to include two vestry members. A primary goal this year has been to welcome and serve visitors, from those just passing through to those considering membership in our parish. To that end, we have continued the Welcome Mug ministry and attempted to be diligent in identifying and warmly receiving new worshipers among us.

To date, 15 welcome emails have been sent from the office as well as a few physical letters. Four individuals have officially become members, and at least 10 have expressed an interest in St. Mark's. More than 25 people, including a number of vestry members, attended the New Member Brunch hosted by the hospitality committee on December 15.

Following discussion at a Vestry meeting, we have recently focused on facilitating access to one another through the production of a printed directory. With the assistance of Melanie Jacobs and Phil Glandon, we will create sample pages, using limited information from vestry members, and ask parish members to indicate their preferences and/or suggestions.

Communications with the Junior Explorers Club, which involved this ministry last year, now includes a member of the Junior Explorers staff regularly attending meetings with the church staff.

Submitted by Marilyn Karl and Jay Iams

Hospitality Committee

The Hospitality committee continues efforts of identifying ways to empower groups within Saint Mark's to conceive of and organize events that create a dynamic and welcoming community inside and outside of our parish doors. In 2019 Saint Mark's hosted 52 Fellowship Hour Receptions, 29 Wednesday Evenings at St. Mark's Program Series Dinners, 16 Special Events, 2 Weddings, and 3 Memorial Services.

We want to convey our sincere appreciation and deepest thanks for the efforts and enthusiasm of those who help plan, prep, cook, bake, buy, set up, serve up, clean up, and give support in so many unaccountable ways. We enthusiastically welcome volunteers of all ages to help with one event or many.

Hospitality is a parish-wide ministry whose work is often behind the scenes. It is enriching and meaningful, and our hope is to facilitate a welcoming, community environment for our parishioners, for those who may be visiting St. Mark's from out of town, those who may be looking for a new church home, and for those who may be entering through the doors of a church for the very first time.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.

Mathew 25:35

Respectfully submitted by Joanne Drew and Julie Moll

Saint Mark's Hospitality Events

Recurring Events				
Event	# Hosted	Time	Attendance	Cohost
Sunday Fellowship Hour		11:30 AM	50-75	Coffee Guild
Wednesday Evenings @ Saint Mark's (Sept - May)		5:30 PM	10-20	Christian Formation
Weddings		-	-	Weddings Committee
Funerals		-	-	Funerals Committee

Special Events - 2019/2020 Calendar				
Event	Date*	Time	Expected Attendance	Cohost
Labor Day Bake Sale	2-Sep-19	9:00 - 5:00 PM	NA	Outreach
Startup Sunday Ministry Fair	8-Sep-19	11:30 AM	80	Fellowship
Monuments in Time - Ohio: The State of Presi-	8-Sep-19	5:00 PM	80	Christian Formation
Monuments in Time - Washington to Johnson	13-Oct-19	5:00 PM	80	Christian Formation
All Saint's Day Evensong Reception	3-Nov-19	5:00 PM	80	St. Mark's Choir
Monuments in Time - Nixon to Bush	10-Nov-19	5:00 PM	80	Christian Formation
Lessons & Carols Evensong Reception	1-Dec-19	5:00 PM	200	St. Mark's Choir
New Member Brunch: Mugs to Ministry	8-Dec-19	12:30 PM	25	Vestry
Taize Reception	5-Jan-20	6:00 PM	35	St. Mark's Choir
Annual Parish Meeting	9-Feb-20	11:30 AM	50	Vestry
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	25-Feb-20	5:30 PM	50	Mark's Men
Choral Evensong Reception	1-Mar-20	5:00 PM	50	St. Mark's Choir
Mother's Day High Tea	3-May-20	11:30 AM	75	Youth Group
Choral Evensong Reception	17-May-20	5:00 PM	75	Canterbury Choir
Pentecost Picnic	31-May-20	12:00 PM	120	All Parish Family
Father's Day Brats & Rootbeer Floats	21-Jun-20	11:30 AM	50	Mark's Men
Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat	June, 2020			

Stewardship Report

Stewardship of the Earth. In 2019 we continued to encourage stewardship of God's Earth through Epistle articles on Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. This year we focused on the topic of Food Waste and the free program offered in UA for food composting. We encouraged food waste composting in our kitchen and hope this progresses in 2020.

Financial Stewardship- Legacy Giving. In early 2019 we began focusing on developing a Legacy Giving initiative for Saint Mark's. Our objective is to communicate the need for legacy gifts, to encourage such gifts in parishioners' estate planning, and to provide information on financial vehicles which can provide advantages to both the legacy givers and Saint Mark's. We plan to continue this work in 2020.

Financial Stewardship- Annual Pledge Drive. Our annual pledge drive was launched on Sunday, September 22, at the Beating of the Bounds service, with the theme of "Shining our Light." Matthew 5:14 reminded us that we are "the light of the world," and that generous gifts of our time, talent, and treasure enable Saint Mark's to shine our light brightly into the world, making God's love visible and available to all.

Our formal pledge in-gathering was October 27, but we are thankfully receiving pledges for 2020 into the new year. As of January 7, 2020, we have received 116 pledges for a total of \$416,404, a figure within 9% of the total pledged in 2019. We're hoping to close the gap with late pledges! Our total to date includes 34 members who increased their pledges from last year and 12 new pledges.

Once again, we are grateful to our Treasurer, Phil Glandon, who brings clarity and transparency to the financial condition of our parish. And finally, our sincere thanks to all of you who pledged your financial support this year. If you have not yet made a pledge, there's still time to do so. All pledge amounts make a difference and are appreciated!

Respectfully Submitted by Ellen German Berndt & Jay Wilcox



Formation, Children and Youth Report

Sunday School

Sunday School for children in preschool through fifth grade meets at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday during the school year, except on the first Sundays when the children's choir sings in the worship service. At 9:30 a.m. there is fellowship for children whose parents are involved in programming at this time.

Preschool

Children aged 3-5 years attend Godly Play. 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. They hear stories presented by Laura Skoracki and Irina Reed. There are five to seven students in the Godly Play class, while actively recruiting more.

1st through 5th Grade

Children in the 1st through 5th grade are taught by Joanne Drew and Catherine Davis. Lesson plans are primarily based on the series, "Lesson Plans That Work," published by The Episcopal Church. The children begin a "Children's Chapel" service with a hymn led by Dr. Bester followed by a teacher-led, age-appropriate retelling of that week's gospel story, interactive discussion, and hands-on craft. Afterward, the children process with the Children's Cross into the nave during the offertory anthem to join their families for participation in The Holy Communion. Currently there are eleven registered students with an average weekly attendance of 5-7.

Nursery

The nursery is a place bustling with the activity of infants and toddlers. Roberta Morton runs the nursery and makes the schedule with the help of several volunteer parents/grandparents and paid teen-agers. Visitors and new members commonly make use of this service, fostering inclusion and welcoming.

Christmas Pageant

This year's Christmas pageant was another wonderful event under the direction of Irina Reed with the assistance of Laura Skoracki and many additional parent volunteers. More than twenty children and youth performed roles in the pageant, in addition to the full Canterbury Choir and two youth acolytes who also contributed to the Christmas Eve service.

Youth Group

Children in grades 6-12 are eligible for the St. Mark's Youth Group. The youth group has been in a period of transition this year. After low participation in the previous church year, Irina Reed, Rachel Dwyer-Markwardt and Reverend Christopher Richardson fielded a survey of parents of youth, which helped us understand time constraints and activity preferences. The Wonderful Wednesdays group has invested in developing children and youth activities (see more below). We are hoping for monthly youth group events for spring of 2020. Together with Vestry discussions, we have decided to try to connect youth group activities to the first Sunday of the month, when there is already a focus on children and youth with the Canterbury Choir service and Children's Sermon. We have had a very successful expansion in youth involvement in worship at St. Mark's, with a large group of newly trained youth acolytes as well as two youth members of the St. Mark's Choir. There was also significant youth participation in the Presidential Library Series presented by Rector Paul St. Germain.

Children and Youth at Wonderful Wednesdays at St. Mark's

Dinners and fellowship take place every Wednesday night from 5:30-7:30pm during the school year. This series began in the fall of 2017, with the dinners provided by individuals, families, or groups who sign up and make a meal for the group. The attendance continued to grow this past year. Through the efforts of Martha Belury, we now have recruited several OSU nutrition sciences students to aid in cooking dinners and cleaning up afterwards. We have focused on expanding formation across all age groups, including adults. Sometimes we have an activity that involves children, youth, and adults, such as the Flower Guild's sponsorship of the annual advent wreath making and the upcoming pysanka Easter egg craft offered during Lent. Other times there are diverse activities for different age groups, such as a book club for youth, bible study for adults, and crafts for elementary aged children and younger. Father Christopher hosts the Columbus Youth Group activity, Gladius Dei, a Dungeons and Dragons activity, in the Underbury the third Wednesday of each month. Dan Morton, Roberta Morton, Laura Skoracki, Joanne Drew, Jim Keyes, Rachel Dwyer-Markwardt, and others have contributed formation activities. Fathers Paul and Christopher have charged the children and youth with the blessed responsibility of leading a Compline service that ends each evening. There are approximately 15-20 adults and 10 children who regularly attend including a larger number who come occasionally.

We welcome all who are interested in joining formation activities to contact one of us and get involved!

Respectfully submitted by Rachel Dwyer-Markwardt and Irina Reed, Vestry Formation Members

Outreach Ministry

Matthew 25:35-36. "I was hungry and you fed me; I was thirsty and you gave me water; I was a stranger and you invited me into your homes; naked, and you clothed me; sick, and in prison, and you visited me."

The Outreach Committee, co-chaired by Pat Iams and Marilyn Smith, coordinates both monetary gifts and hands-on work to meet community needs. Monetary gifts are made from the portion of St. Mark's annual budget designated for Outreach (\$6,600 in 2019), as well as from special donations and bequests given to St. Mark's specifically for outreach purposes. Hands-on work includes projects developed within the parish and other forms of service that inspire some congregation members to engage the rest of us.

Everyone is invited to participate in Outreach meetings, usually held the 2nd Sunday of each month after the 10:30 service. Meeting minutes, however, cannot convey a fraction of all the outreach work collectively done and/or funded by St. Mark's members. As 2020 begins, the committee is undertaking a focused effort to learn about the outreach interests and activities of all members across the parish. With a fuller understanding of members' outreach commitments, we hope as a parish to enhance the breadth and depth of our collective service and financial gifts to carry out God's work in the world.

MONETARY GIFTS:

Most of our monetary gifts in 2019 were made in support of activities and organizations that also involve hands-on work from St. Mark's members. More information about these programs* appears in the "Hands-on projects" section below.

- ♦ **Trinity Church, McArthur, Ohio** - \$4,276 for children's welfare programs including the layette and diaper ministries (formerly supported by St. Mark's through the Episcopal Community Services Fund).
- ♦ **Diocese of Southern Ohio, Columbus Deanery** - \$2,000 in the form of scholarships to assist with participant expenses for the youth Civil Rights Pilgrimage of 2019.
<https://www.stjohnsworthington.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/2019-Civil-Rights-Pilgrimage.pdf>
- ♦ **Freedom a la Cart** - \$800 to assist program participants, who are victims of human trafficking, to pay court fees for expungement of their criminal records. <https://freedomalacart.org/>
- ♦ **St. John's Episcopal Church, Franklinton** - \$1,000 to support the church's operation and ministries at a time of critical transition for St. John's and its Franklinton neighborhood.
<http://st-johns-columbus.org/> ; <https://www.facebook.com/saintjohnsepiscopal/>
- ♦ **Women Affirming Women** - \$1,000 toward their annual women's respite retreat for disadvantaged women. <https://www.womenaffirmingwomen.org/about-us/>
- ♦ **Episcopal Relief & Development**- \$1,000 for recovery from hurricanes, wildfires and other natural disasters, wherever most needed. <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-we-do/us-disaster-program/>
- ♦ **NNEMAP** - \$1000 to assist with operating costs and food purchases. <https://www.nnemappantry.org/>
- ♦ **Habitat for Humanity**- \$1,000 for building projects. <https://www.habitatmidohio.org/>
- ♦ **Labor Neighbor Day Bake Sale**- Funds raised from this year's sale, \$1315, were given to the NNEMAP food pantry.
- ♦ **United Thank Offering**: Parishioners received collection boxes in September, and filled them with coins to give thanks for daily blessings. The boxes were collected in November, yielding \$463.97 for a national committee of the church which makes ministry grants around the world. <https://episcopalchurch.org/united-thank-offering>
- ♦ **The Cookie Walk**- held December 15, yielded \$685, which was given to Freedom a la Cart.

HANDS ON PROJECTS:

Some of these projects call for spending budgeted outreach funds, while others involve only in-kind donations and/or gifts of talent and labor. Still others raise funds for donation to a cause.

Habitat for Humanity: Habitat's work in Columbus includes a collaboration of NW churches working to build a home for an identified family. Throughout the year, St. Mark's members donated food and prepared and served lunches for workers at the job site. In past years, some parishioners have also been active in the actual building of the home, a role we would like to resume as soon as members have the time and skills to offer.

My Brother's Closet: In past years, St. Mark's members have contributed scores of gently used suits, shirts and ties for this Urban League project, which provides clothing to help young men transition gracefully from foster care to the adult world of work. This year the program reported that its greatest needs were for belts and shoes, as well as clothing for large and tall men, so we focused our effort on these most-needed items. Plans for 2020 are uncertain, as the program's website now says "As of August 1, 2019, My Brother's Closet is not accepting donations." <https://www.cul.org/initiatives/my-brothers-closet/>

CATCH Court: The Franklin County Municipal Court runs a program to rehabilitate women involved in human trafficking, prostitution, and drugs. The program takes two years to complete. During that time participants must stay drug free and away from prostitution or they are sent to jail. The program focuses on resolving traumas, dealing with emotional issues and educating the

women on finances and job readiness skills. It has been so successful that it has received national recognition. <https://u.osu.edu/osuhtblog/2018/04/15/specialized-court-dockets-catch-court-beyond/>

The Outreach team provides lunches to the women at CATCH Court once a month. One member served as a mentor for a program participant. Another St. Mark's member works regularly with **Freedom a la Cart**, the non-profit catering company where many of the women are employed. Freedom provides supportive programming and assistance beyond the CATCH Court program, helping the women transition into normal community life and pay the court fees necessary to have their criminal records expunged. <https://freedomalacart.org/about/>

St. John's, Town Street: We work on a number of projects with this Episcopal mission church in the Franklinton neighborhood of Columbus. Four times a year we prepare and serve dinner at "His Place," which offers worship and a community dinner for about 100-120 people on Wednesday nights. Five or six times a year we prepare and serve lunch at Street Church, a weekly outdoor celebration of the Eucharist for anywhere from 20 to 100 people who are homeless or otherwise detached from conventional Sunday morning worship. We have also provided funding and hands-on support to a wide array of St. John's projects over several decades.

NNEMAP: St. Mark's partners with the Near Northside Emergency Material Assistance Program, a local food pantry operated by a coalition of 25 churches. The needs that NNEMAP seeks to fill have been growing in recent years, while the available resources have not. The coalition is considering ways to expand its services, including additional open hours and perhaps a second location in the North Linden neighborhood.

Several St. Mark's members regularly perform service for NNEMAP, with work ranging from long-term planning to customer assistance and picking up food for the pantry. St. Mark's parishioners staffed a day of parking at the Ohio State Fair in August helping to earn \$10,000 for NNEMAP's benefit. The Outreach ministry also coordinates monthly collections of desperately needed non-food items for the pantry. This fall we supplied 145 grooming kits, in addition to our monthly collections of much-needed supplies such as soap, razors and toothbrushes and diapers. As a congregation, we donated 144 filled book bags this fall for the school children at Windsor STEM Elementary and Hamilton STEM Elementary schools. We also donated 150 gifts to their Christmas Store. All the donated items were much appreciated.

Women's Respite: In partnership with other churches, we helped to provide a Respite weekend for women who may never have even celebrated a birthday. The women are chosen by social service agencies. One of our members helps plan and staff the 2-day event. Others provide a dessert buffet for the first evening of the event. About 20 parishioners purchase and fill "birthday bags" with items to pamper the women. This results in about \$1500 of in-kind gifts. <https://www.womenaffirmingwomen.org/about-us/>

Labor-Neighbor Day Bake Sale: A collaboration of St. Mark's Outreach and Hospitality ministries, this event gives us a chance be sociable with Upper Arlington neighbors while raising funds for an outreach project. Traditionally we sell home-baked goodies while handing out free water and popcorn to passers-by heading to and from the arts festival at Northam Park. This year students from the confirmation class contributed baked goods, while children as young as 6 provided staffing services and energetic good cheer. The event raised \$1315 for the NNEMAP Food Pantry.

Trinity Church, McArthur, Ohio, Layette Ministry -- Members of St. Mark's Outreach and Knitting/Sewing Ministries made dozens of booties, blankets, and soft toys, which became the centerpiece of a parish-wide baby shower for new mothers in distressed Vinton County. A group of St. Mark's members delivered the array to ministry leaders in McArthur in November 2019, along with 44 newly purchased tote bags to hold the layette items.

The Cookie Walk: A perennial favorite in early December, the sale of cookies baked and donated by parish members yielded over \$685 for Freedom a la Cart.

The Giving Tree: Our annual tradition during the Advent season, parishioners choose ornaments off our tree and purchase the gifts listed on the ornaments. In 2019 St. Mark's donated gifts for the Christmas store operated by NNEMAP, at which parents have the opportunity to choose gifts for their children. Fourteen congregations combined to supply the gifts, which this year went to 750 children. Our generous congregation contributed an estimated 150 gifts (two full loads of items in back, rear, and front seats of Jill Hinton's Outback). NNEMAP reported that this year's Christmas market was able to provide gifts for all its registered families, and the families were delighted.

St. Mark's Migration Ministry: In 2019 a growing number of parish members began exchanging questions and concerns about human migration in general and the troubling events being reported from America's borders in particular. Statements from Presiding Bishop Curry and Bishop Breidenthal spurred conversations leading to the emergence of St. Mark's Migration Ministry, or "3M," as a close sibling to the existing Outreach Committee. Several teams from St. Mark's have attended Good Neighbor trainings offered by Community Refugee and Immigration Services (CRIS) and have found them most informative. <https://www.crisohio.org/about-us/>. Joyce Acton and Darlene Sullivan are co-chairs of the new group, which welcomes all and meets the 4th Sunday of each month after the 10:30 service.

Submitted by David Boop and Pam Thurston



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Mission Statement:

As a Christ-centered community, the people of Saint Mark's seek a world in which all people share the joy of loving God and each other by...

- *Celebrating worship together with inspiring words, music and traditions*
- *Serving all of our neighbors*
- *Engaging in fellowship and hospitality*
- *Encouraging people in their lifelong spiritual formation*
- *Being a beacon of Christ's presence in the world*

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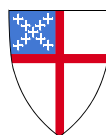
Who We Are:



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.



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