
2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Parish Meeting, January 20, 2019



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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING—JANUARY 20, 2019

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Opening Prayer

Consideration and Approval of Minutes of January 21, 2018 Annual Meeting

Nominations and Elections for Mission Leadership Team, Synod and Deanery

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Rector

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

January 21, 2018, 11:00 a.m.

- I. Opening Prayer and Call to Order by Father Ralph McMichael
- II. Approval of the minutes from the 2017 Annual Meeting
- III. Elections
 - A. Mission Leadership Team

Kevin Babb explained that in response to a request from Bishop Martins that the Mission Leadership Team membership be frozen during St. Andrew's search for a new rector, the MLT decided not to act as a nominating committee for new members this year.

Because the Canons provide for the election of members of the MLT whose terms are expiring, anyone wishing to nominate someone to serve on the MLT is invited to do so. If the Annual Meeting decides not to elect new MLT members, then the terms that would otherwise be expiring will extend to the next Annual Meeting.

There were no nominations.

- B. Synod and Deanery Delegates and Alternates

Sharon Hoffman and Kevin Babb were elected as delegates to the Diocesan Synod.

Henry Evans and Riley Atwood were elected as synod alternates.

Sharon Hoffman and Kevin Babb were elected as Deanery Representatives.

Henry Evans and Riley Atwood were elected as deanery alternates.

Ministry Reports

- IV. The following ministry reports were submitted orally or in writing:

Ministry	Submitted by
Acolytes	Keith Dudding
Altar Guild	Donna Ireland
Book Fair	Cindy Reinhardt
Building and Grounds	Sue Buckley
Church School and Nursery	Nichole DeWall
Episcopal Church Women	Mary Jane Helsel
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Buckley
Flower Guild	Kathryn Biarkis
Gardening Angels	Christa Kelley
History/Anniversary	Jane Weingartner

Julian of Norwich Prayer Group
Music Ministry
Outreach
Parish Communications
Pastoral Care
Relay for Life
Scrip

Margaret Greve
Henry Evans
Mary Bohn
Marian Smithson
Miriam Burns
Elizabeth Donald
JoAnn Nabe and Fredna Scroggins

V. Parish Officers' Reports

A. Treasurer

Riley Atwood summarized financial reports from 2017, gave an overview of the 2018 budget and projected the outlook into 2019. Details were presented in an 11-page report.

B. Senior Warden

Kevin Babb characterized the past and coming years as a period of transition. He thanked Father McMichael for his compassionate and firm guidance and care over the past 4 years and wished him well in the next phase of his vocation.

With the departure, of our priest-in-charge new strategies will develop to address office administration. He thanked Marilyn Strangeman for stepping forward to make sure church bulletins are prepared for Sunday services. Working together, we can regularize administration so that necessary tasks are addressed.

The MLT believes parishioners want our own parish to lead the search for a new priest, and that process will begin soon. We can hope to install new clergy in mid to late summer. In the search process, there are no inner circles or closed groups. Everyone is encouraged to have a role.

C. Priest-in-Charge

As he had done for all those reporting on the parish ministries, Father McMichael thanked Kevin Babb and the Mission Leadership Team for their friendship and good work. He submitted his report by title.

VI. Adjournment: Father McMichael adjourned the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Weingartner
Acting Clerk

ACOLYTES

The main goal in my first year as acolyte master was to recruit more children into our ranks. That has been a joy and also a challenge. We now have eight candle bearers serving at the altar, and I am honored to have them.

Thank you to our book bearers, Donna Ireland and Sharon Hoffman, who have not only served, but provided advice and a helping hand whenever I needed it. Duane, Caroline and Heather Douglas also have continued to serve and assisted in training our new candle bearers in the past year.

Drake Depew and David Cassens also stepped up this year to assume the role of crucifer, joining Duane and myself in the duties of carrying the cross for the service.

Thanks also go to the Men's Group and ECW for funding a summer pizza party and movie outing for the young acolytes, thanking them for their service. We hope to make this a recurring event!

In 2019, three of our candle bearers will begin training as book bearers. Maggie Moseley, Sammie McKenney, Graham Pezza will begin their new duties soon, and Declan Depew will begin serving as a crucifer.

We have a great crew now, but there is always room for more! The only requirement to be a candle bearer is to be able to hold the candle and follow simple instructions. Children and adults are equally welcome! It is a wonderful, rewarding experience to serve at the altar, and helps to gain a better understanding and respect for the liturgy. There is always room for any of you to be a part of it.

Jim Gillentine

Acolyte Master

ALTAR GUILD

Members of the Altar Guild prepare for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and for other services.

Altar Guild Members:

Sue Buckley

Donna Ireland

Miriam Burns

Lyndia Pezza

Keith Dudding

Sharon Reader

Jeannene Goodman

Jane Weingartner

Sharon Hoffman

Cindy Yelverton

Baptisms: None

Confirmation/Reception: None

Funerals:

Bill Burns (January 6, 2018)

Candace Sauermann (January 13, 2018)

Jack Cooper (August 20, 2018)

With gratitude to the members of the Altar Guild and to the parishioners who support this ministry with kinds words and gifts of candle dedications, thank you.

Donna Ireland

Altar Guild Coordinator

ST. ANDREW'S BOOK FAIR - 2018

In our 16th year, the St. Andrew's Book Fair continues to grow in popularity, creating goodwill throughout the community and providing a nice stipend for the church. Sales were approximate \$1,000 higher than 2017.

2018 Sales (includes on-line sales)

Feb 2018	\$ 3,692.25
May 2018	\$ 2,854.25
Aug 2018	\$ 3,319.20
Nov 2018	<u>\$ 4,291.33</u>
Total	\$14, 157.03

Thank you

Thank you to all the volunteers who have sorted books prior to sales or worked as one of our exceptionally friendly cashiers and clerks on sale days. Thank you to those who donated books and to those who purchased books. And special thanks to Mike Reinhardt who is the chief organizer of the sale and works more hours than the rest of us all added together! He is probably at St. Andrew's five days a week on average.

Coming Sale Dates (Volunteers needed!)

Friday hours are 5 p.m.-8 p.m. and Saturday 9a.m.-3 p.m.

Feb 1-2; May 3-4; Aug 2-3; Nov 1-2

Retirement Announced

Mike and I are announcing our retirement from organizing the St. Andrew's Book Fair, effective June 1, 2020. We felt that if we gave plenty of advance notice, then perhaps someone would be willing to step forward to take over the operation. We will, of course, be available as volunteers, but on the 18th anniversary of the first Book Fair, we will step away from being in charge. We are both heavily involved as volunteers in the community and feel the need to step back a bit to "smell the

roses." If no one is able to take over, then we will simply close up shop and clean out the undercroft!

Help Wanted

- Please join our St. Andrew's Book Fair Facebook Page and "Share" posters for the sales.
- We need volunteers
 - Additional volunteers for sale dates
 - Someone with a truck or van to pick up very large donations (1-2 times per year)
 - Someone to handle on-line sales for valuable books that do not sell at our sale.
 - Someone willing to recycle books that are in too bad of condition to sell or donate.
- WANTED: Books in good condition, DVDs or CDs. We CANNOT accept textbooks, encyclopedias or magazines because they do not sell.

Please call Mike and Cindy Reinhardt if you are willing to volunteer or if you have books to donate.

Cindy Reinhardt

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BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Building Maintenance and Repairs Made during 2018

January

- Computer to printer problems, fixed by IT person and Marian Smithson
- Two toilets repaired on main level, one in woman's bathroom, one in men's bathroom

February

- Digital lock installed on lower level handicapped door

March

- Gutters cleaned out and downspout repaired
- Grasses around the air-conditioner unit behind the church cut back

April

- Carpets cleaned

May

- Cleaned out and caulked gutters
- Downspout clogged

June

- Repainted steps, risers, railings, etc.
- Fill in wood bee holes in the beams above the outside doors above the porches and restrain
- Water height in the water fountains adjusted
- Lights within the large overhead light fixtures were changed to LED's in the main church

July

- Wood pulling away from the front red doors repaired
- Air-conditioning repaired in the Parish Hall and lower level
- Back pew removed to provide more wheelchair seating

August

- Ceiling lights replaced in the chapel (Walter Bohn)
- Men's main level restroom vent fan cleaned (Walter Bohn)

- Bob Hulme reattached several pews to the floor, securing them from tipping over
- New dehumidifier installed in the undercroft
- Sanded and repainted the door frames to the front red doors and restained brown wood trim around the inside doors

September

- Door closer repaired to lower level digital lock door

October

- Areas of dead grass in the courtyard and side yard reseeded and matted
- Rotted out railings in the garden area replaced and painted

November

- Blew leaves out of the gutters and cleaned downspouts
- Men's lower level toilet repaired, Woman's main level toilet repaired

December

- New 12-foot ladder secured to use for the Advent Wreath, the Banner, etc
- Windows washed inside and inside
- Leaves vacuumed up out of handicap ramp
- Front doors to church repaired
- HVAC system in Parish Hall addition replaced

Ongoing Activities

We have an ongoing effort to replace all incandescent and florescent bulbs with LED bulbs. LED bulbs have a very long lifetime, increased light output, and decreased wattage required by over 80%. For examples, the wattage for bulbs in the Parish Hall was reduced from 2500 watts to less than 500 watts and the lights in the Nave were reduced from 4000 watts to less than 800 watts. Similarly, bulbs were replaced in the kitchen, Vesting Room, Undercroft (over 20 florescent bulbs replaced in the undercroft) and 2 outside Pack Lights were replaced. Replacement florescent bulbs also eliminate the need for troublesome ballasts. This replacement effort will continue until we have 100% replacement.

2019 To Do List

Replace parish hall carpet

Replace tile in the kitchen

Keep check on the Sycamore tree on the alley

Carpets cleaned

Sue Buckley and Lance Greve, Co-Chairs

CHURCH SCHOOL AND NURSERY

The church school program continued to follow a rotating model in which parishioners each volunteered to teach one month throughout the academic year. Classes were offered each Sunday from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. in the church school classroom.

Teachers

The following parishioners taught church school this year: Heather Clausen, Nichole DeWall, Liz McKenney, Jim and Jane Weingartner, and Meghan Schnell. St. Andrew's appreciates these parishioners' contributions.

Attendance

Students ranging in ages from 6 to 11 attended church school this year at St. Andrew's:

Emrich Cassens

Evie McKenney

Emery Clausen

Sami McKenney

Chauncey DePew

Graham Pezza

Maggie Moseley

Addison Schnell

The following younger children were regular nursery attendees:

Arthur Cassens

Helen Pezza

Lorraine Cassens

Hannah Schnell

Ivy Dickens

Curriculum and Activities

In an effort to create unity between church school classes and Sunday services, teachers created lessons based on the same scripture readings from the Revised Common Lectionary that were read in the sanctuary. Teachers were encouraged to

exercise their creativity and utilize their own particular talents when planning their classes.

A highlight of the year was the Christmas pageant, performed following the Sunday, December 23rd mass. The following children participated in the pageant:

Arthur Cassens

Evie McKenney

Emrich Cassens

Sami McKenney

Lorraine Cassens

Graham Pezza

Emery Clausen

Helen Pezza

Chauncey DePew

Addison Schnell

Maggie Moseley

The church school program is especially grateful to Liz McKenney who organized, rehearsed, and staged the Christmas pageant.

Nichole DeWall

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Eucharistic Ministers are lay people who serve as both Lectors and Chalice Bearers. As a Lector, we read the lessons that precede the Gospel and lead "The Prayers of the People". As a Chalice Bearer, we are licensed by the Bishop to administer the Chalice at the Eucharist.

I would like to thank the Eucharistic Ministers and the Thurifers for their dedicated service in providing an important part of the liturgy at St. Andrew's. A very special "Thank You" to Keith Dudding for his continued dependable service at the 8 am Eucharist, and to Kevin Babb who Stepped in to assist in Keith's absence.

8 a.m. Service Eucharistic Ministers

Keith Dudding

Kevin Babb

10 a.m. Service Eucharistic Ministers

Kevin Babb

Elizabeth Edwards

Sue Buckley

Jimmy Gillentine

Miriam Burns

Sharon Hoffman

Mary Caspers

Donna Ireland

Drake Depew

Marian Smithson

Heather Douglas

George Soule

Keith Dudding

Thurifers

Kevin Babb

Jimmy Gillentine

Keith Dudding

Sue Buckley, Coordinator

FLOWER GUILD

We need to find God, and He cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature- trees, flowers, grass- grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence. We need silence to be able to touch souls Mother Theresa

On behalf of the Flower Guild, I would like to thank the congregation for their continued financial support, kind compliments and extra help given to us at the Hanging of the Greens and Easter. We appreciate the extra hands.

The Flower Guild is five strong; Julie Hamilton, Janice Joplin, Christa Kelley, LaVernn Wilson and myself, Kathryn Biarkis. We continue to use as many garden flowers as available during the growing season. We supplement our arrangements with "florist flowers" when our gardens are dormant. We would like to continue with the suggested \$25.00 donation for Sunday memorials and thanksgivings.

We circulate the signup sheet at the Annual Meeting in January. You can also find this signup sheet in on the bulletin board at the rear entrance of Pearson Hall. If you sign up after the Annual Meeting please notify the office of this addition and the date. We can have more than one donor signed up per Sunday if you share a significant date with someone else. If you have a specific floral request please call/ email us in advance to discuss the details.

I would like to thank our creative flower guild members; Julie, Janice, Christa and LaVernn. We all truly find peace and happiness "flowering St. Andrew's." We would also love new members. If you are interested in this ministry please give one of us a call.

Thank you very much,

Perennially yours,

Kathryn S. Biarkis

Flower Guild Directress

HISTORY COMMITTEE

The History Committee is sifting and winnowing its way through documents stored in the office area and the library file cabinets.

Its focus has been creating a repository of official documents—Vestry minutes, annual meeting reports, parochial reports, and a variety of other documents—and discarding duplicates and inconsequential materials.

Thanks go to Mary Bohn and JoAnn Nabe for sorting through seemingly never-ending boxes of photos to identify those pictured. JoAnn and Mary also noticed information on funerals that had not been entered into official records and worked to remedy that situation. A tip of the hat to Kevin Babb who entered information on baptisms and confirmations. Committee members also located documents on estate gifts for Treasurer Riley Atwood.

Some of the committee's discoveries—interesting letters, sermons, newspaper articles—have been described in *From the Archives* columns Jim Weingartner wrote for St. Andrew's newsletter. A major find—the discovery of blueprints to the 1916 church in the archives of the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma—was also a topic of a newsletter column

We are grateful to Miriam Burns, who donated important documents, and to Cindy Reinhardt, who donated an expansion drive and used it to scan and store documents.

Special thanks also go to stalwart committee members: Mary Bohn, JoAnn Nabe, Cindy Reinhardt, and Jim Weingartner.

Jane Weingartner

MUSIC MINISTRY

The spirit of love and service that characterizes St. Andrew's is evident in the parish choir. Each week finds dedicated singers praying and practicing together trying to make a "perfect offering" and learning the role of helper-in-worship. In 2018, fourteen people have been involved in this process.

This year, Rebecca Biethman joined the sopranos bringing the total of singers to thirteen.

Twice, Dallas Blair enhanced our choral anthems and worship with fine trumpeting. He also returned in October to play a recital with soprano, Emily Ottwein, and organist, Henry Evans.

Our tenor in residence, Brian Pezza, beautifully chanted the Great Litany on the First Sunday in Lent and The Exsultet at Easter Vigil.

As always, I am filled with admiration for the dedication, faithfulness and dependability of St. Andrew's Choir. I am truly proud to be part of their ministry.

SOLI DEO GLORIA!

Henry Evans

Organist and Choirmaster

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Marilyn Strangeman began handling the printing and folding of bulletins for all services at St. Andrew's in January. Fr. McMichael retired in February and by March Senior Warden Kevin Babb felt St. Andrew's needed to have someone in the office more than one day a week. He asked for volunteers for a new office ministry.

At its April 11 meeting, the MLT authorized Jane Weingartner to organize a group of office volunteers. An organizational meeting was held later that month and five volunteers, joined Marilyn covering the office in two-hour shifts four days a week. Velma Schmidt provided valuable orientation and continues to be a resource, as does Henry Evans.

In addition to distributing the mail and recording and responding to phone calls and voice mail, Office Volunteers have reorganized office storage areas and are creating a finding aid for office documents and files.

Office Volunteers are at St. Andrew's Tuesday, Thursday and Friday during Fr. Morsch's office hours, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thanks go to the following Office Volunteers:

Marianne Cavanaugh

Marilyn Strangeman

Mary Jane Helsel

LaVernn Wilson

Velma Schmidt

Cindy Yelverton

In 2019 we welcome our newest volunteer, Kay Werner. Please contact an Office Volunteer if you would like to be a part of this ministry.

Jane Weingartner

OUTREACH REPORT 2018

I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples. Mother Teresa

The Outreach Committee is now in its 20th year of ministry. We continue to function without a chairperson. Individual members of the committee head their projects during the year. Committee members are Mary Bohn, Miriam Burns, Nancy Dickens, Elizabeth Donald, Diane Dudding, Mary Jane Helsel, Helen Holbert, Pat Hulme, Margaret Greve, JoAnn Nabe, Pat Rudloff, Velma Schmidt, Fredna Scroggins, Meg Solon, Kay Werner and LaVernn Wilson.

Matthew 25:34-36 *For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.*

Souper Bowl Sunday, Pantry Collection, Meals on Wheels, Scrip cards to those in need, Angel Tree

Matthew 25:40 *Truly, I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.*

Scrip for special needs, Meals on Wheels, Scarf Project, Shoe Project, personal-care item collection

Matthew 19:14 *Suffer the little children to come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such that the kingdom of heaven belongs.*

Diaper collection, school supplies, Angel Tree, no-sew blankets

Matthew 25:36 *I was sick, and you took care of me.*

Relay for Life, NAMI Walk

Revelation 7:3 *Do not damage the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have marked the servants of our God with a seal on their foreheads.*

Recycling, Shoe Project

We thank everyone who has supported us throughout the year. We could not have this ministry without your continued support and generosity. We welcome new members and especially a new chair with fresh ideas as we look forward to another year.

Mary Bohn

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

Two major improvements in parish communications occurred this year: a weekly parish newsletter distributed via email and a new website, developed in partnership with Membership Vision (MV).

These improvements required significant resources. First, thank you to Jane Weingartner and Marianne Cavanaugh for offering their time and talents in gathering information for the weekly newsletter. It has been a joy to work with them in putting together the weekly news. The newsletter has been well received and typically has 65-70 parishioners who open the email news each week.

Thanks also to the parish for providing the funds to contract Membership Vision and to the Mission Leadership Team for their approval of the project. I received excellent support from Lisa Brown and Merrill Whatley of MV during development and their assistance will continue to be available going forward.

The website project was underway in late September and went live on Monday, December 10. We had 1700 page views between December 10 and Christmas Day, primarily people checking our Christmas at St. Andrew's and Church Service pages. Since then the Epiphany, Events, and Newsletter pages have received regular visitors. Going forward, I hope that parishioners will begin to use the online parish calendar regularly.

In addition to the newsletter and website, I have been and will continue to coordinate the following communications projects in 2019:

- Maintaining the email distribution list in Constant Contact;
- Sending special event/service notices, death notices, Clergy and MLT notices, Holy Week and Advent service notices and other;
- Maintaining and regularly updating St. Andrew's three Facebook pages: parish page, book sale page (with Cindy R.), and the Quilt Guild page;
- Maintaining and updating the parish calendar linked to the new website;
- Maintaining the parish database (membership information);
- Preparing and sending out a parish directory at least once a year; and
- Writing and submitting notices or articles and pictures to the local papers for special events.

Marian Smithson

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PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

The PCM is comprised of 16 parishioners and Fr. Morsch. The members are: Mary Bohn, Miriam Burns, Sandy Cooper, Nancy Dickens, Caroline Douglas, Earl Goodman, Mary Jane Hesel, Sharon Hoffman, Pat Hulme, Velma Schmidt, Fredna Scroggins, Marian Smithson, Meg Solon, Kay Werner, and Mary Caspers.

Our mission statement is: As members of the Body of Christ, the Pastoral Care Committee will offer spiritual, emotional and/or physical care or assistance to our fellow parishioners at St. Andrews.

In combination with our clergy, we provide support to parishioners who are shut-in or ill at home or in a hospital or care facility. We will coordinate providing meals during family emergencies and/or rides to church to those who need transportation. Listening and being engaged with fellow parishioners is also a way we try to provide pastoral care.

Please let one of us know if we can help in any way.

Mary Caspers, Coordinator



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Relay for Life

2018 GOAL: \$3,000

2018 RAISED: \$3,363

TEAM TOTAL SINCE 2005: \$38,700

THANK YOU to the Relay members who raise money each year and show up for the event to support the cause and represent St. Andrew's at this community event. It's always a challenge, but St. Andrew's is mighty!

Fundraisers this year included:

- Once again the Relay Cafe sold chili dogs and tasty treats during the May book sale and author fair, raising more than \$250 for ACS.
- We held our annual glowy-stuff sale during the event itself, as well as selling luminaria lit during the event in honor or memory of those who have fought cancer.
- We sold Cardinals tickets via the ACS, which raised more than \$130 for our team – and it was a fun day at the ballpark for the St. Andrew's crowd!
- The used-book sale at Leclair Parkfest was a hit! Thanks to everyone who pitched in, including all the volunteers, Boy Scout Troop 1031 and especially to the Reinhardts, for sorting and providing the books, and Liz Edwards, for providing us a place to store them. Since the sale takes place after ACS' deadline, the 2018 sale is counted toward our 2019 fundraising. We're rolling over more than \$450 after expenses, along with a few donations that came in after the buzzer. It's a great head start to the year!

The Relay Team is co-sponsored by ECW, Men's Group and Outreach, and we remain grateful for their continued support.

Once a year we hold an informational meeting, so we can plan our fundraisers for this year. Anyone who is interested is welcome – no obligation! Time and date are yet to be decided, so if you're interested in helping with our fundraisers or walking in the event, please contact me and we will find a time convenient to all. We are experimenting with a few of our fundraisers, and we want everyone's ideas! We also plan to host coffee hour on May 5, after the Relay Café, so enjoy the chili dogs courtesy of Relay!

Interested in walking? Relay registration is free, and the website and app give you a lot of help in raising money. And if you or someone you know is currently fighting cancer, the ACS has several local services that can help, including transportation to treatments, support groups and other resources.

This year's Relay is Friday, May 31, at Edwardsville High School. As in the last few years, the Relay will run until midnight instead of going all night. Please consider joining us in this important – and fun! – ministry.

Check out our team's web site at main.acsevents.org/goto/standrews-edwardsville!

Elizabeth Donald, team captain

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SCRIP ANNUAL REPORT

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church has participated in the Great Lakes Scrip Program for ten years. The program allows us to purchase cards which can be used at a large number of regional and national retailers at a discount. They are then sold to parishioners who receive face value in purchasing power. We also participate in the Schnucks and Dierbergs programs.

On December 31, 2018 the account balance was \$3,414.44. We earned \$3,489.89 for the year, \$363.38 of which came from scanning the Schnucks cards, and \$900 came from the sale of Dierbergs cards, and \$2,226.21 from GLS. As of January 1, 2019 we had \$3,585 of cards in inventory. Due to the weather and the calendar, the two lost Sundays in December increased our inventory.

The Scrip program has a very small cost associated with it; the Schnucks' and Dierbergs' cards have no cost and the cost of the GLS participation is the cost of the FED EX shipping. There are NO out of pocket expenses to parishioners. The use of gift cards is a safe and secure means of payment. No HACKING or compromise of personal data!

We provided \$1,225 to outreach during the year.

Visit glscrip.com or visit the scrip table at coffee hour for an updated list of retailers

Our thanks go to the people who faithfully purchase scrip cards.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn Nabe

Fredna Scroggins

ST. JULIAN PRAYER GROUP

We have consistently met on Tuesdays at 10 am this past year except on holidays. We have had as many as 7 and as few as 2 participants on any given Tuesday. Some of us are gone in the summer and some in the winter.

In addition to meeting for prayer each Tuesday, we each pray daily for the people on our list.

We are extremely grateful that two more people have joined us this past year: Marianne Cavanaugh and Harold Strangeman. We sincerely encourage others to join us in this undergirding prayer for the parish.

Thank you to all who give us names for our prayer list. These include friends or relatives suffering physical, mental or emotional problems, anyone having surgery, any caregivers, any deaths or other concerns. We encourage you all to let us know of your need of prayer or for others.

Prayerfully submitted,

Sharon K. Hoffman, Leader

Members:

Margaret and Lance Greve, Earl and Jeannene Goodman, Ken and Christa Kelley, Marianne Cavanaugh, Harold Strangeman, Paula Travis, Sarah Turner, Lynn Berry Rodina, and Sharon K. Hoffman

SYNOD REPRESENTATIVE

The elected Synod Representatives are responsible for attending both days of Synod which is held each October. 2018 Synod was held at St. Paul's Cathedral, Springfield, on the weekend of October 19-20.

There was not a surplus of business to be discussed, so the reports were able to be very thorough. The report from the summer camps was extremely well done. It included young people from the middle group of campers, a mother who helped, and the Director of the Youth Camps, Fr. Ben Hankinson. The report was a multi-media presentation, which included a video, remarks from the participants, a question/answer period for them, and a summary of the camp with another video.

Of course, one of the highlights of any Synod is interacting with people not seen for a year. I thoroughly enjoy this aspect, and during this past Synod it was especially great to talk with the other General Convention Deputies with whom I had spent 12 days in July.

I sincerely appreciate being one of your representatives to Synod.

Submitted by: Sharon K. Hoffman

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

During 2018, clerical leadership was the one issue that overshadowed all others in the life of our congregation. In 1936, England had its “year of three Kings”—St. Andrew’s topped that during 2018, with our “year of five Priests.” We bade farewell to a devoted long-term priest-in-charge, lived in the grace of the ministrations of three seasoned veteran supply priests, and welcomed an extremely qualified Rector whose first month’s performance has exceeded all expectations.

While we are blessed to once again have the leadership of full-time clergy, the nine-month hiatus between the departure of Ralph McMichael and the arrival of Joel Morsch was an important and beneficial time for our community. At the Pentagon, the full-time civil servants refer to the generals as the “summer help.” While I would not want to stretch that analogy too far, it is true that the life of Christian community is done primarily by the laity—formed, inspired and guided by the clergy, to be sure, but ultimately functioning as a “priesthood of all believers.” I was delighted that we were able to call a priest of Father Morsch’s demonstrated record of excellent sacramental skill, pastoral ability and administrative talents.

I have every confidence that he will help us to lead fuller Christian lives, both corporately and as individuals. I know that some people were frustrated by the seemingly glacial pace at which the clergy search process sometimes seemed to proceed. But the demands placed on the laity of this congregation have given us confidence in our abilities to live and function together in community and have also shown us the areas in which our community life needs to be improved—with or without resident full-time clergy.

The congregation has numerous persistent challenges. As I said at this meeting last year, for about twenty-five of the thirty years that I have been a member of this congregation, St. Andrew’s has been five years away from closing. However, somehow that five years never seems to run. A close reading of Jim Weingartner’s excellent history of the congregation shows that the flush post-war years were atypical of St. Andrew’s history. The history of this congregation is, by and large, the story of a small but committed group of Christians persisting, by the grace of God, in the face of numerous temporal challenges. I am reminded of God commanding Gideon to reduce his army by a half, then by another half, so that when victory came, it clearly resulted only through the will and favor of God, and not through human strength or wisdom. The ultimate challenge facing St. Andrew’s is to continue to live a communal life that plainly sets forth a reason for our existence as a Christian congregation.

This is my third, and final (for the time being) report as Senior Warden. Episcopal "good manners" would call for me to talk about how much of an imposition this job been for me, what a great burden I am finally laying down, etc. However, that would be a lie. The fact is, I have loved every minute of my time as Senior Warden, just as I loved every minute of the last time that I was Senior Warden, in 1996. Being involved in leadership in this Church is different than the leadership I have exercised in professional organizations, hereditary and genealogical societies, and community service organizations, as important as the work of those organizations can be. Only through the Church is the grace of God mediated into the human community, and only through the Church is transmitted "the means of grace and the hope of glory." It has been a privilege to be involved in the leadership of such a band of believers, and I look forward to assisting Father Morsch and the new and continuing Wardens and MLT members in their leadership.

I also look forward to having the evening of every second Wednesday free again.

Kevin Babb, Senior Warden

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