



# St. Mark's Episcopal Church Annual Report 2017

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## **St. Mark's 2017 Annual Meeting Agenda – January 21, 2018**

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Determination of a Quorum
4. Adoption of Time Allotment/Speaking Rules
5. Approval of 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes (handout)
6. Appointment of Tellers
7. Report of the Nominating Committee
8. Opening of Polls\*
9. Interim Rector's Report & Treasure Hunt
10. Warden's Reports & Ministry Committee Reports
11. 2017 Financial Report and 2018 Missional Budget (handout)
12. Closing of Polls
13. Report from the Tellers
14. Old Business
15. New Business: Transition
16. Closing Prayer
17. Adjournment

***Our mission: We seek to unite all people with God and each other in Christ through worship, fellowship, education, and service.***

## **Vestry Members**

### **Class of 2017** (serving until January 2020 Annual Meeting)

Derek Gordon (Senior Warden-2017)

Sara Strattan

Christy Thorley

Rhonda Warren

### **Class of 2016** (serving until January 2019 Annual Meeting)

Charlie Kiesling (Treasurer-2017)

Beth Crowl

Bruce Hixon

*Vacant position*

### **Outgoing Vestry Members** (terms end at January 2018 Annual Meeting)

Kirk Bletzacker

Gary Giammarco (Junior Warden-2017)

Kathy Kennedy (Vestry Clerk-2017)

### **Vestry Candidates:**

Grace Giammarco (Class of 2018)

Bob Kennedy (Class of 2018)

Beck Rand (to fill Class of 2016 vacancy for 1 year)

**Grace Giammarco:** I have worshiped at St. Mark's for over 40 years, and have been active in many of its ministries. These include serving on two previous vestries, teaching Sunday School for 10 years and actively participating in ECW and parish care. I also edited the Lion's Tale for 17 years. I am a member of the Revitalization Committee and previous search committee. Most recently I've enjoyed being part of the discernment process for a young person contemplating entering seminary. I have cherished my role in helping with parish funerals and our chance to help grieving families.

Gary and I live in North Canton, and appreciate spending time with our five grown children and seven grandchildren (not grown!)

I am continually inspired by the members of this parish who constantly rise to the occasion to fulfill the spiritual, financial and outreach needs of this congregation.

**Bob Kennedy:** I was raised Roman Catholic and received into the Episcopal Church in 1990 when I discovered God's unconditional love at Trinity mission in northwest Ohio. I served on the grounds crew and outreach as well as the search committee for the cluster ministry developed in northwest Ohio.

Relocated to Orrville, Ohio and became members of St Mark's, Wadsworth. Served on the vestry as junior warden and became a Lay Reader.

Currently volunteer on building and grounds maintenance issues and serve as Lay Reader and Usher coordinator here at St Mark's, Canton. I have found that serving others by volunteering opens my heart to God's will and love. I see this spirit here at St Mark's too.

Happily married to Kathy Kennedy with two adult daughters, who are successful in their career fields.

**Beck Rand:** Introducing Rebecca Ruth Mehollin Rand (Beck)  
Almost two decades ago I attended my first church service at St. Mark's. Having been raised a Presbyterian, I was unfamiliar with the liturgy, confused, yet intrigued. After the final blessing I spoke with Father Sloan who handed me a new prayer book and assured me if I came to St. Mark's seven times, I would never go to another church. He was right. I found a home for my heart.

Since then I have been confirmed, joined the choir, served on the Day School board, made many friends, and have continued my spiritual journey.

My dear husband Bill and I are Ohio natives residing in Canton. We have an adult daughter, Sarah, and a beautiful black cat named Esther. I am a graduate of Walsh University having earned a Master's degree in

education with a specificity in Montessori. I taught for many years at Canton Montessori School and later at Canton Country Day School, recently stepping away to invite another generation of teachers to continue their educational endeavors.

My interests include sacred music, poetry, singing, bird-watching, wildflowers, reading, early childhood education, history, and crossword puzzles. I have collected children's books, inspirational quotes, and self-discovered four-leaf clovers.

I believe this is a time of discovery and opportunity for us. I am confident that the good people of this family of St. Mark's will prayerfully continue to seek God's will as we move forward on the path. I look forward to being of service in this adventure.

### **St. Mark's Clergy and Staff**

The Rev. Elizabeth (Beth) Frank: Interim Rector

W. Robert Morrison: Organist/Choirmaster

Katie Kuceyeski: Office Manager

Riley Kiesling: Nursery Attendant

## **2017 Parish Services – Statistics:**

**Total attendance at all services: 5278**

Easter attendance: 141  
Christmas attendance: 122

Burials: 3  
Baptisms: 1  
Weddings: 0

**Average Sunday attendance: 92**

### **Interim Rector's Report**

It is a privilege to join the people of St. Mark's in this time of transition. My pastoral associate Leo and I deeply appreciate your warm welcome. Over time I have discerned that God is calling me to serve as an interim priest rather than as a "settled" rector. That call has brought me to this parish and in a year or so will send me to another. In the meantime, we have work to do as you prepare for a new beginning.

The search process usually begins with the Vestry forming a search committee and issuing a charge to that committee. A critical component of the charge consists of determining whether the parish seeks a full-time or part-time priest. All should be aware that St. Mark's has operated under deficit budgets for a number of years. Reserves which have kept the books balanced are dwindling. Even with careful management of expenses, pledges and other income have not narrowed the gap.

For at least the first half of 2018, part of my role will be supporting the Vestry in their prayerful discernment as to whether St. Mark's next settled priest will be part-time or full-time. Once this discernment is complete, the search committee will be formed and given its charge (which also includes decisions on the type of search process to be used). I ask that you pray for all the members of the Vestry during this time. It is tempting to think of this step as delay. Instead, it is time for renewal of the parish remembering where the community has been, assessing where it now stands, and raising up and pursuing hopes and dreams for the future.

I often quip that my role is to play John the Baptist and prepare the way for you to call a priest-in-charge or rector. John would probably approve of my fashion designer of choice, L.L. Bean, yet there are some important differences: St. Mark's is not a brood of vipers, and I have no intention to lose my head during my ministry here. By calling upon people to be repent and be baptized, John urged individuals to make changes in their lives so that they would follow Jesus and participate in the in-breaking of God's kingdom. Thus, I challenge each of us to consider how through worship, study, service and fellowship we can develop deeper relationships with God, our parish, and our neighbor. May we join together in living out the aspirations in our parish prayer marking the Bicentennial of the Diocese of Ohio:

*Lord, our God,  
who meets us in homes and in schools,  
in our families and in our world,  
open us always to your light and life.  
When we partner with others  
for the flourishing of our community,  
may we share the abundance of your  
grace.  
As we make use of ourselves and our  
building,  
brew up in us a thirst for knowing  
and teaching the Jesus way.*

*In fellowship and prayer,  
In worship and in building relationships,  
may we be strengthened for your service.  
May our education in your way be  
steadfast.  
Most of all, enable us to love and serve  
you  
for the sake of the world that you come  
to redeem.  
We pray in the name of Christ, our  
Lord.  
Amen.*

Yours in Christ,  
The Rev. Elizabeth (Beth) Frank

### **Senior Warden's Report**

Summarizing my first year as Senior Warden for our Annual Report proved to be as challenging of a task as the duties of Senior Warden. Church leadership is never an easy task and this year was no exception. However, I am proud to say that through a variety of major initiatives and significant changes in our parish, I feel confident about the future of St. Mark's.

I want to thank all of the individuals and groups who continue to lead their respective ministries and have provided reports from the past year. It is encouraging to see the variety of efforts taking place that represent the talents, generosity, and possibilities at St. Mark's.

Thank you also to all of my fellow Vestry members who have faithfully and professionally carried out their duties and provided much needed support during our time of transition. A special thank you to the outgoing members, particularly our Junior Warden, Gary Giammarco and our Clerk, Kathy Kennedy who were critical to our efforts. I also need to acknowledge our Treasurer, Charlie Kiesling and our Office Manager, Katie Kuceyeski for keeping our operations and finances moving smoothly during our Rector transition, and Rhonda Warren and Dave Thorley for navigating the contract to bring Weaver Childhood Development into our building.

I must acknowledge Fr. Dustin Berg and Interim Rector Beth Frank for their confidence throughout this year. Dustin's departure was a surprise to all of us, but his belief in my selection as Senior Warden helped push me to serve. I am pleased to report that he is now serving at a small parish, Calvary Episcopal Church, in Kaneohe, Hawaii.

Beth's arrival and immediate initiative has been incredibly helpful. She has made what could have been a very difficult transition as graceful as I could have possibly hoped. Her pastoral and administrative skills have been particularly beneficial to many of our ministries as well as our Restoration Campaign. I have full confidence that her leadership, experience, and vision will be a major asset as we determine our next steps for a permanent rector at St. Mark's.

There are countless others that deserve recognition for all that they do at St. Mark's. If I have not had the opportunity to thank you in person, I hope this note serves as a small reminder that the Vestry and I are deeply grateful for the dedicated and selfless members of our parish.

I am extremely grateful that my family has supported my term as Senior Warden. Since she won't take credit for it herself, I cannot say enough about the support of my wife Emily. She has done an incredible amount of



work behind the scenes to support multiple projects and initiatives I have helped navigate this year. I am truly blessed to have my immediate family as members of St. Mark's, and to have an extended family in the good people of St. Mark's.

I look forward to bright days ahead, and thank you for allowing me to be your Senior Warden in 2017.

Derek Gordon

### **Junior Warden's Report**

It has been a pleasure to serve the past two years as Junior Warden. The Junior Warden is the warden of the people. This warden also has the responsibility of the physical aspects of the parish. However, the physical aspects are in good hands with Joe Hoot, Bob Kennedy, Charlie Kiesling and Kirk Bletzacker. As I saw it then my objective was to ask questions of parishioner's and listen to their concerns. I hope I was able to take these concerns back to the vestry in an efficient manner.

A new Junior Warden will be elected at the February Vestry Meeting. Don't be shy, be vocal, and let that person know your concerns.

The last two years I had the pleasure of working with very talented Senior Wardens. Both Dave Thorley and Derek Gordon are class acts and quite capable individuals. My lunches at Bob Evans with Dave Thorley and Charlie Kiesling will go down as special events. It's been fun to watch the transition of enthusiasm with the arrival of Rev. Beth Frank. I've worked besides some of the most intelligent and well-meaning vestry members the past three years. St. Mark's is in capable hands.

Respectfully Submitted  
Gary L. Giammarco

## **Parish Musician's Report**

I came to this post in the Fall of 1997 at the invitation of Father Carey E. Sloan when it was learned that Linda MacDonald, the very capable organist at the time was being transferred in her insurance work to Newark OH. In the ensuing years, the congregation has been most helpful in many ways. We now have a welcoming choir room named for my late wife, with an inscription from Bach on an overhang professionally lettered by former Hallmark artist Olivia Mull. Extra lighting makes the choir room even more inviting. In the church, the choir loft lighting was improved. The organ was renovated in 2001 with Hector Olivera's sound module added in 2012. Most importantly - a caring (as witnessed by kind observances of my advancing age), talented, and supportive body of Christ's flock have made this a rewarding place to make music. Ron Hill, a retired church/school musician volunteered his considerable skills a year ago and makes the hymn singing come alive with his piano skills, as well as furnishing communion music with his electronic keyboard synthesis of a harpsichord. Marlinton bandmaster John Gregory, who majored in percussion in college, volunteers his artistic service as our timpanist. Father Berg was a supporter of the music program and our new interim Rev. Beth Frank has brought splendid up-to-date insights into our repertoire by introducing us to Lift Every Voice and Sing and Wonder, Love, and Praise - two official Episcopal supplements that will enlarge our vision.

An unusual activity this summer was the showing of THE GENERAL, arguably the finest silent film ever made (by Buster Keaton) with Jay Spencer's organ accompaniment, an event highlighted by a "mammoth" screen donated by Bill Rand (which we are doing again February 9, 2018) assisted by Chef Carol's fine cuisine.

Our choir roster includes Sandi Kaustinen, Frances Swinehart, Leslie Redmon, Beck Rand (librarian), Caroline Willoughby, Dr. Norman Warren, John Werren, Chuck Violand, Barrie Thorp, Cantor Ken Jaeb, Louise Moore, Pam McCarthy.

Handbells were played at Christmastime by Karen, Charlton, and Adrienne Violand, and German guest Elena, Dovcheva. I am hoping to do more with the bells in 2018.

This marks my twentieth year at St. Mark's, which makes me thankful that God has given me strength to continue making music in God's House.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. Robert Morrison, Parish Musician

## **Rector Transition Update**

I am pleased to report that Percy Grant and Brad Purdom from the Diocese have been working closely with Beth and me to develop a timeline for our rector transition. Now that the new year has begun, the Vestry and I want to assure that the congregation is up to speed on where this process stands.

While many of us are familiar with a standard Rector search process, the Vestry and the Diocese believe that forming a Search Committee to begin a standard search is premature at the moment. Given our ongoing annual operating budget shortfall and the variety of new pastoral arrangements that have been implemented in parishes across the state, the Vestry believes that additional due diligence is required before a Search Committee is formed. Therefore, members of the Vestry will be meeting with a variety of Diocesan representatives and visiting a handful of other Episcopal churches that have recently employed rectors, to better understand how their parishes are operating with different Rector arrangements.

The Vestry will be undertaking this process to assure we are considering all options for our next Rector, which may include someone who is not employed full time. This decision falls within the responsibilities of the Vestry and must be made before a Search Committee is formed and tasked with the financial limitations and job responsibilities for a new Rector. Since this decision will be one of the most important in our church's history, and will be critical to our short and long term future, we will do our best to keep the congregation informed. Our hope is to have a decision rendered at our June Vestry meeting so a Search Committee can be developed thereafter.

If you have any questions about this process, please do not hesitate to speak with Beth or me at your convenience.

Derek Gordon  
Senior Warden

## **MINISTRY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Acolytes**

Acolytes have a wonderful tradition of serving in the worship service. The earliest record of acolytes in the Christian Worship dates to the 3rd century AD. Our acolytes serve with dignity, majesty and reverence, bearing the light and the cross in liturgical entrances, ritual processions, lighting and extinguishing the altar candles and assisting the clergy with the sacraments of bread and wine. Being an acolyte at St. Mark's is a wonderful way to develop leadership skills and cultivate an appreciation of the liturgical rites and practices of the faith community.

As in the past years the St. Mark's acolytes are alive and well. The 2017 St. Mark's acolytes were Justin Crowl, Colin Jenkins, Lauren Hoot, Alexis Wilson, Lesley Kiesling, Marilyn Thorp, Karen Violand, Susie Hines, Sharon Ryan and Joe Hoot. A big thank you to Ben Kiesling, an acolyte alumnus, for filling in on several services.

St. Mark's acolytes covered approximately 115 services this past year. I thank all the parents for getting the school age acolytes out of bed and to be on time to serve. As always, I welcome anyone [seventh grade or older] who is interested in serving as an acolyte.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary L. Giammarco, Acolyte Advisor

### **Altar Guild Report 2017**

Altar Guild continues its work of taking care of the altar area and the things used in worship. We also order supplies needed and arrange for flowers. It is rewarding work made more demanding with fewer members doing it. This past year we lost two long time members with the deaths of Evelyn

Otani and Sue Reed. Others have had to give up this work because of failing health. More help is needed.

We have been thankful for those who give us help after services. One does not have to be an Altar Guild member to do so. Of course, we would welcome any who would like to become a member.

Cowgill's have provided flowers for us at \$15 a bouquet (\$30 for both). We've kept the price for flower dedications at that price but without an average of two dedications a Sunday that price will have to be raised. This past year that has been a problem. Please check the signup sheet in the narthex to see which Sundays need donors and help pay for the flowers. Help is also needed in taking flowers to shut-ins and others you know who may need some cheering up. Just let the Altar Guild member on duty know if you'd like a bouquet.

### **Aluminum Can Annual Report 2017**

Aluminum cans are collected in the shed at the side of the downstairs back entrance. These are retrieved and taken to the scrap yard roughly every quarter. Money received is then turned into the Church Treasurer. Please continue to support this cause for the church and our environment which contributes to recycling. It is a simple and easy way to dispose of your aluminum cans. Thank you to everyone who participates in this easy way to raise a little money

Respectfully submitted,  
Kirk Bletzacker

### **BrewMeister's Annual Report 2017**

While the Brew Meister's 2017 social calendar might have seemed a bit less frenzied than in years past, the intensity of our events remained unchanged—and they were “lights out” baby! Literally and figuratively. For those of you who are among the six or seven people in all of Canton who weren't at our winter event last year, let me explain.

In March, we hosted our biggest standalone event in Brew Meister history: a virtual tour of some of Ohio's finest craft breweries. The tour was

presented by Rev. Paul Gaston and based on his recently published book, *Ohio's Craft Beers*. Following Paul's recommendations, we imported his favorite selections from six of the craft breweries written about in the book.

Always mindful of the comfort and safety of our guests, and being the responsible brewers that we are, the Brew Meisters did not want to support beer sampling on an empty stomach. So, to complement each beer, George's Lounge prepared six small-plate offerings.

As you can imagine, Paul did an outstanding job of regaling his audience with colorful stories from the brewery visits made while conducting extensive research for the book. And, not to be outdone by the outstanding beers and food, Paul arranged to have the power go out in part of the Northwest section of Canton just as he was wrapping things up. Unfazed by this turn of events, the audience instantly turned a virtual tour into what looked like lighter waving at a rock concert, with everyone using their mobile phones to express their appreciation to Paul ... and to find their way out of the building.

The rest of the year was pretty quiet for the Brew Meisters until St. Mark's annual Oktoberfest. As usual, the brew teams provided four craft brews for the event (highlighted by Al and Wayne's legendary swill), Carol and her crew outdid themselves with their customary outstanding food, and everyone had a great time.

The most noteworthy part of the evening was breaking the winning streak of the women's brew team's dominance of the beer judging contest. You read that right—they didn't win! Of course, nobody won. Because of the unseasonably warm weather the party ended earlier than usual, and the judging never took place!

All of us in the Brew Meister's group are eagerly looking forward to another great brewing year in 2018, as well as some measure of respectability that continually seems to elude us.

Irreverently submitted,  
Chuck Violand, Head Brew Meister

## **Building & Grounds Report 2017**

What a year! The halls now are alive with the sound of Gods children thanks to Weaver Child Development Center, now located and St. Mark's. Weaver and St. Mark's made improvements to meet the school's needs.

If you haven't noticed, our exterior lighting has been changed to LED making our outside much brighter than before. Some lighting has been changed inside and will continue as lights go out. We also installed a new flag pole which was dedicated one Sunday.

The nursery was moved to its new location and a new window put in. If you haven't seen it please, go look and see it freshly painted and all the toys cleaned. The coat room moved next door thanks to all who volunteered. The new office shared space with Weaver looks great and works well for all, I believe.

A couple volunteers fixed some dried-out wood panels that the clear coat was peeling on and did a great job! Blinds were put over windows back by the Sacristy which will reduce heat and glare for those walking to the back stairway. A new electronic thermostat in the Sanctuary is now programmed to come on well before 8am on Sundays keeping us all warm now and cool when the heat returns this summer.

We have some great volunteers helping with Building & Grounds please feel free to offer your talents as well.

Joseph Hoot

## **Cluster Dinners**

Cluster Dinners are a relaxed, social opportunity for fellowship and dining. Adults, singles or couples, sign up and are assigned to groups of 6-9. A beginning host is assigned for each group who arranges the first date and potluck menu.

The groups meet once a month for 2 or 3 months; then the group members are reshuffled into new groups. Most gatherings are in homes for dinner, but a few times a group has met in local restaurants. Brunch after church is

a good time to get together, too. Participants have become well acquainted with each other, and therefore, are able to care about and for each other.

The opening of one's home is an act of giving/hospitality; and those who visit in homes practice the art of receiving. A big Thank You is sent to all those who have hosted. The Cluster Dinners have been a means of parish building through fellowship. They began about 6 years ago. There is a hiatus during the winter months.

In 2017 a short time devoted to Bible study was included. A verse, lectionary reading, or Forward Day by Day was assigned for discussion. Some of us needed to find our Bibles! Some of us had family heirlooms. It was interesting to compare versions and to share our Christian faith experience through lively discussions.

A new signup sheet will be posted in mid-March.

Respectfully submitted,  
MaryAnn Kiesling, Contact Person

### **CODE WARM**

This past winter, Bradley Mull, continued the effort of collecting blankets for the homeless and needy in the greater Canton area. Bradley named the project CODE WARM and the people who help him as Bradley's Blanket Brigade. As in the first year, the parishioners of St. Mark's have enthusiastically supported the project.

Over the first two years, Bradley's Blanket Brigade collected over 500 blankets, 250 coats, 500 hats, and a total over of over \$20,000 of items, goods, and donations. Of that grand total, almost 35% of the blankets, hats, coats, scarves, and gloves came from St. Mark's parishioners. Donated items primarily went to the Hope Outreach Ministries, located on Mahoning Road near downtown Canton. Hope Outreach is a 501(c)3 grass roots, faith-based organization that serves many people who are Canton's poorest-of-the-poor. According to Pastor Marilyn Roman, over 30% of the people who come in for a hot meal and free clothing are homeless. A recent local study of Stark County shows that almost 1500 people were considered



"homeless" last year, including men, women and children. Also receiving items from CODE WARM were Turnaround Community Outreach and the Goodwill.

Because of the great generosity of many people, last year Bradley was able to also take items to the YWCA Women's Shelter, Canton Calvary Mission, Turnaround Community Outreach, and the Canton City Schools Hope Chest

This was another excellent collaborative effort by St. Mark's to reach out to those in need in the greater community.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary Mull

### **Community Harvest**

Community Harvest has served Stark County as a sustainable, community-led solution to fight both food waste and hunger in our community since 1989. As the only prepared and perishable food rescue program in NE Ohio, Community Harvest is now a "link" for nearly 100 local restaurants, caterers, grocery stores, farmers, cafeterias, and hospital kitchens to donate their unused, healthy food that would otherwise be discarded. Community Harvest then delivers the food, at no cost, to over 35 community-based organizations in Stark County. Last year, Community Harvest rescued over \$1.7 million in food and delivered it to our hungry neighbors in Stark County.

This past year, Community Harvest joined the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank network which has increased its impact on fighting hunger. It now allows the program to expand its service into parts of Summit County and collect food there from previously un-tapped food donors 7 days a week.

St. Mark's has been a proud partner with Community Harvest for 11 years, participating in the annual Souper Bowl of Caring. During that time, St. Mark's and its parishioners have contributed over \$11,000, making it one of the highest supporting churches in the area.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary Mull

## **Episcopal Church Women (ECW)**

We are a small group at St. Mark's which rises to the occasion when called upon. We collected toiletries and small items to fill Easter baskets for the women and children housed at the Y.W.C.A. homeless shelter in March. Our fundraiser was a luncheon in December where we raised just under \$400.00. We paid our Mission Area and ECW Diocesan dues. We donated \$300.00 to the Puppet Gang and bought many items to fill the Easter baskets. We collected many pill bottles and some infant clothing and blankets to send to Belize through the CGDM. Some very large bottles were donated to Dueber Methodist Church for their Samaritan's Purse. We also collected Box tops for Education for Schreiber School and Campbell's soup labels for a Navajo project at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Sue Little attended the ECW Annual Meeting in Oberlin in May where she was installed Vice-President of the ECW Diocese of Ohio. All Episcopal women are members of ECW. If you have suggestions for meeting speakers or projects please see Sue.

Sue Little

## **Fellowship**

Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday

Lenten Potluck Suppers – approximately 14-24 in attendance

Palm Sunday Brunch had approximately 40 in attendance

We joined with New Life for our Easter Vigil and did our strawberry/Champagne reception. Many in attendance.

Our annual church picnic was held in July with approximately 45 in attendance.

Our outreach program – The Baby Booth at the Stark County Fair was again a success. We had 191 families use our facility. This year we are looking forward to having St. Timothy's joining us. We will be meeting with them soon for planning.

Oktoberfest was another fun and successful event. 80+ tickets sold.

We finished the year with the All Saints Brunch with 45 in attendance.

Respectfully,  
Carol Popovich

## **Growth Committee Annual Report 2017**

This report is an opportunity to express a thank you to the most recent committee members: Fr. Berg, Jesse Childers, Ten Gall, Bruce Hixon, MaryAnn Kiesling, Sharon Ryan, Karen Violand, and Rhonda Warren. Their commitment, ideas, and follow through enabled St. Mark's to complete and to support many projects. The pictorial directory, 10 o'clock service greeters, Art Music & Ministry Fair, Visitor Bags, and laminated pew inserts are just a few examples of the projects.

The Growth Committee began meeting almost monthly beginning in 2013. Our last meeting was in conjunction with the Revitalize Ohio committee in January, 2017 which Fr. Berg combined and led.

Going forward, perhaps this committee as well as other parishioners will be willing to fulfill their ministries in new and different ways.

Respectfully submitted  
Sharon Ryan and MaryAnn Kiesling

## **Knitting**

We meet on the second and fourth Mondays of the month from 1-3pm in the family room. Anyone who knits or wants to learn may join us. We were again able to donate 50 scarves and hats to the Seaman's Church Institute's Christmas At Sea program. The knitted items were taken to the Annual Meeting where there was an ingathering. The items were blessed before being boxed and sent to the Institute. We are also knitting prayer shawls, although we are somewhat behind. If a parishioner needs a prayer shawl, please let us know. Knitters are Marcia Tirpak, Emilie Korosi, Sara Strattan, Christine Lane (St. Tim's), Sue Little, and Marilyn Porter, an Episcopalian who lives in the Chapel Hill community in Canal Fulton.

Sue Little

## **Lay Readers and Eucharistic Ministers**

St. Mark's continues to be well served by a dedicated group of laymen and laywomen serving as Worship Leaders, Eucharistic Ministers and Eucharistic Visitors and we always have room for more.

2017 has seen several changes in our team of Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. Ten Gall and Don Lovgren have retired, and Kelsey Kaustinen and Mike Mozingo have moved out of the Canton area. They all will be missed.

The loss of Kelsey and Mike creates a need for new Eucharistic Ministers to serve at the 10AM Eucharist. Fortunately, Sara Strattan, Paul Sack, and Diana Cornell have joined our ranks to cover the 8AM Service. The rest of our team consists of: Anne Coen, Bob Kennedy, Bruce Hixon, Judy Hixon, Pam McCarthy, Mark Nadal, Kim Nadel, Bruce Schutrum, Tom Turner, Rhonda Warren, John Werren, and Leigh Wilson

Any member of the congregation, high school age or older who is looking for an opportunity to utilize their talents in the service of the church, should talk to Beth Frank or Bruce Hixon about becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Minister.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce A. Hixon, Head Eucharistic Minister

### **Lazarus Committee**

The Columbarium is a wonderful gift that present and past parishioners have given to the St. Mark's Family. Many parishioners have reserved a place for themselves and their immediate families. The cost today is \$1000. This covers the niche, interment, maintenance, and the gold lettering. Not only is this considered a bargain in funeral costs, it eliminates much worry and expense for those who come behind us. There are many spaces available. Niches are sold as single units and are designed to accommodate both husband's and wife's ashes (if care is taken selecting the urn). Engraving is a standard design for all niches and there are no variations.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlie Kiesling

### **Lunch Bunch**

Lunch bunch is open to all St. Mark's women who like to gather once a month for lunch, conversation, and to get to know each other better. We

meet the 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm at various restaurants in the greater Canton area. Monthly reservations are not necessary, but we would like to request a table with adequate seating. Watch the Sunday bulletin and Lion's Pause for location. This Christmas we dined at Burntwood Tavern. We often celebrate December at the Massillon Woman's Club.

Sue Little

### **Men's Prayer Breakfast**

The men of the church are welcome to join us in the Church family room at 7:30 AM the first Wednesday morning of each month for an informal gathering for prayers for family, friends, the Church, and church members, distressed or deceased and fellowship followed by a general interest program rotated among the members that wish to participate. A "dutch" continental breakfast is served. Visitors and first timers are encouraged to join us to see what is happening.

Tony Keenan

### **Outreach**

Our feeding program for ten families from Schreiber School continued in 2017 until the school year ended in May. Each month the selected families received an assortment of breakfast and lunch items plus items to make a casserole. The program was suspended over the summer as the church was under construction to prepare for Weaver School joining us. The feeding program started up again in the fall with Mandy Pelger and Emily Gordon in charge. There is a list of requested items (including cash donations) in the Lion's Pause each week.

Thanksgiving Baskets Downtown requested cash donations plus applesauce and oatmeal from us. These items were gathered and delivered to St. Paul's. There were 1200 food "baskets" given out this year. Many churches, synagogues and charitable organizations donated to this project.

The Baby Booth at the Stark County fair was led by Carol Popovich and has become very popular with nursing mother and babies who need a diaper change. This year we had volunteers from St. Tim's and Trinity, Alliance

help with our booth. The Fair Board has relocated us this year to a larger spot for the same fee.

Community Christmas was a success again this year. This may be St. Mark's longest –giving charity project to our community. Members of the congregation donate cash to purchase gifts for 5 families of 4 members. Some families had fathers present in the home. Other families were a mother and 3 children. They all had hardships and wanted a nice Christmas for their children. Volunteers shopped for requested family needs that were nothing more than basic clothing and shoes, cleaning items, bedding, and toys, etc. A box of taxable toiletries and cleaning items was added to the gifts along with a food voucher for \$100.00 for each family. Bobbie Gordon and Pat Silagy Wesson led the wrapping party and Gary Mull and Wayne Paradis delivered the gifts to the gathering spot. Thanks to Tory and Caroline Willoughby, Kim Nadel, Leigh Wilson and daughters, Rick and Julie Werren, and Diana Cornell for their willingness to do the shopping.

Sue Little

### **Parish Care**

Parish Care is a ministry to assist the bereaved following the memorial service of a loved one. We provide finger sandwiches, cookies, punch, tea and coffee, and are willing to do more as requested by the family involved. It is customary for the bereaved to make a cash donation to Parish Care to assist in providing for future needs. This year we assisted the family of Joan Streb and assisted with the Otani family dinner in memory of Evelyn.

Sue Little

### **Photography**

It was my pleasure to photograph these events for the Church, Facebook and the church Website:

- \* Black and white portrait and framing of Father Berg.
- \* Choir parties
- \* Don Lovgren's 50+ years of service to St. Mark's.
- \* The Great Easter Vigil combined service with New Life Episcopal Church.

- \* Charlie Kiesling's recognition of service.
- \* Kieran Wise Argenti Baptism
- \* Ohio Virtual Brew Tour with Father Paul Gaston.
- \* Ron and Donna Brookes 60th Anniversary Blessing
- \* Senior Acolytes photos and framing.
- \* St. Mark's welcoming of Weaver School.
- \* Bob Morrison's 92nd Birthday.
- \* Joan Streb's 90th Birthday.
- \* The St. Mark's October Fest
- \* The showing of the silent movie- The General.
- \* Easter Sunday photos.
- \* W. Robert Morrison teaching at Weaver School.
- \* The Rev. Jane McDermott
- \* Many candid photos for Facebook and St. Mark's Website.
- \* Welcoming Reverend Beth Frank

We also thank Katie Kuceyeski for sharing her talents both in taking photographs for our various communications and maintaining our website and social media presence.

### **Prayer Chain**

A special individual thank you to these Prayer Warriors for the time they have dedicated to prayer in 2017: Bob Kocab, Sue Little, MaryAnn, Tory Willoughby, Donna & Ron Brooks, Marcia Tirpak, Ten Gall, Alex & Emilie Korosi, Sara Strattan, Grace & Gary Giammarco, Barrie & Marilyn Thorp, Sandy & Wayne Paradis, Pam Clark, Cricket Boyd, Sandi Kaustinen, Rhonda Warren, Joe Hoot, Kate Mozingo, Tom & Vonda Temelkoff, Ken Jaeb, Susie Hines, Judy & Bruce Hixon, Barb Brothers, and Rev. Beth.

*We pray until something happens and will continue praying it forward into 2018!*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bobbi Gordon

## **Puppet Ministry**

Our “Puppet Gang” is functioning and doing well! We had two shows this year. One in May, “Under the Sea in 3-D, and one for Christmas with the Sunday School children. “The Colors of Christmas” was chosen to explain that the colors we use at Christmas represent the colors of the original Christmas: green tree- life, blue-Mary’s clothes, brown-shepherd ‘s clothing and the manger, red and white, blood of Christ and everlasting life and gold, gifts of the Magi were the colors. The Sunday School children made necklaces with colored beads to help them remember the significance of those colors.

This year’s puppeteers were: Fletcher Clark, Nathaniel Clark, Brooks Deuble, Colin Jenkins, Lauren Hoot, Skylar Hudson, Bradley Mull, and Alexis Wilson. Jan Hudson and I direct the group. Jan and Pam Clark direct Jan. - Mar. when my husband and I are “snowbirds”. We had support for the Christmas show from Sharon Ryan, Livvy Mull, Linda Deuble, Pam Clark, Kim Nadel, and Leigh Wilson.

The E.C.W. supports the “Puppet Gang” with a \$300 gift each year. We seek to keep our youth involved in the church and learning about our faith.

Sandy Paradis

## **Revitalize Ohio**

February 2016 St. Mark’s agreed to participate in the Revitalize Ohio program being sponsored by the Diocese and coordinated by the Rev. Brad Purdom. The Canton area churches along with St. Mark’s were St. Paul’s, St. Timothy’s Massillon, New Life Uniontown, Trinity Alliance, and St. Timothy’s Macedonia.

The first half of the Revitalize Ohio process was completed, through four meetings of the area churches outlined in last year’s St. Mark’s annual report. The December final meeting of the area churches focused on developing and reflecting upon a short term 4-6 month action plan particular to each congregation. The second half plan was implementation and review, with 2 joint meetings at 4 to 6 month intervals.



The St. Mark's Revitalize Ohio Team met in January 2017 as planned. The meeting was a joint meeting with the St. Mark's Growth Committee. At that meeting Father Berg asked that the two groups merge and he would lead the planning for the combined team.

At this same time, the Weaver School project was becoming a serious possibility. It moved quickly to a probability consuming considerable time and energy of St. Mark's staff and parishioners. The Weaver School Project became St. Mark's plan and focus.

I do not know what the other area churches got from the Revitalize Ohio program. But, I know the time and energy your St. Mark's team contributed and with God's grace the face of St. Mark's parish has changed.

Once again thank you to the Revitalize Team members it was a pleasure working with you: Bob Kennedy, Bruce Hixon, Caroline Willoughby, Charlie Kiesling, Chuck Violand, Dave Thorley, Fr. Dustin Berg, Gary Giammarco, Grace Giammarco, Joe Hoot, John Willoughby, Judy Hixon, Sharon Ryan, Rick Werren, and Ten Gaul.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlie Kiesling

### **Sunday School**

Number of students – 7, plus 2 in nursery

Teachers: Katie Cerrone-Arnold, Linda Deuble, Kate Mozingo, Mandy Pelger, Sharon Ryan, and Sara Schaub. Livvy Mull – HOW, Kim Nadel - Chapel

Nursery: Riley Kiesling

This year we welcomed the Weaver School to St. Mark's – Sunday school now meets in the Library and chapel is in the parish hall undercroft. Nursery has moved to the old coatroom and was renovated over the summer to add an egress window. Let the light shine in.

Sadly, we had to say goodbye to many friends this year. Si and Joseph Mozingo moved with their family to Medina. Elijah and Kailani moved with Father Berg and Heather to Hawaii this summer.

Sunday school continues to have chapel time with the children and to use Weaving God's Promises curriculum which is available online and provided free from the diocese. Frolic – a nursery level program- was added this year as a resource for Riley in the Nursery and for the parents of our youngest members. A new children's bible and several preschool level children's books were purchased for the Nursery and Sunday school.

Thanks to Kim Nadel for continuing to lead the Sunday School Chapel Time in November, December, April, and May Thanks to Livvy Mull for continuing to lead the HOW every first Sunday of the month

Sunday School hosted 2 intergenerational events – Lent Pretzel Making (attended by 20+) and Advent Wreath Making (attended by 25+) for home and donation to shut-ins etc. Many thanks to Rev. Beth for helping organize, spread the word, and deliver some of the advent wreaths to Sancta Clara Monastery. The events were truly enjoyed by all ages. It was great to see our senior members working alongside the preschool members.

Sunday School chapel offerings through the last several years were donated to the Schreiber School Food Pantry. We also donated half of our Sunday school savings account to the Restoration Campaign.

The Puppet group Christmas show was called The Colors of Christmas. Sunday School children dressed as the colors and danced and sang along to the show with the dedicated group of puppeteers. Many thanks to Sandy Paradis, Jan Hudson, Kim Nadel, Livvy Mull, and all the parent volunteers for a fabulous show. The children did a great job and can't wait for next year.

Submitted by Sharon Ryan

## **Thankful Thursdays**

Thankful Thursdays, our monthly outreach to Schreiber Elementary school in Canton, has helped support several families in need of food this year. A big thanks to Sue Little for helping Mandy Pelger (teacher at Schreiber and St. Mark's Parishioner) get this idea going and running the last couple of years. Sue helped gather, package and deliver all the food last school year (2016-2017).

This school year (Fall 2017), Mandy Pelger and I have offered to help Sue and oversee this project now. I help gather the donations and pack the food to send to the schools while Mandy delivers the packages to the school and assures they are sent home with the families. A special thanks to Beth Bletzacker for assisting me with the packing of the food and of course, a HUGE thanks to all that donate! Without you, this outreach project would not be possible. Because of you, we were able to send a large load of food home before the Thanksgiving holiday (when students have an extended weekend with time off school) AND a second large load of food home before the students go on a long Winter break. With this second load, because of generous monetary donations we have received from you for Thankful Thursdays, we were also able to send a \$50 food voucher home to each family to help them feed their families through winter break more easily. We are helping feed 8 families this school year and hope you continue to help us make this possible. Thank you!

Emily Gordon

## **Trustees**

The Trustees of St. Mark's manage all endowment funds for the church. Endowment Funds are made up of bequests and donations which generous parishioners and friends have given to St. Mark's to ensure the longevity and wellbeing of the parish. With the creation of the trust, past parishioners wanted to set up a tool to benefit the church and a vehicle to provide funds for projects and needs beyond normal operating requirements. This year funds were used to support the Weaver School Project and replace the Sanctuary Roof with the hope significant support could be found to return the funds back to the trust for future improvements in the life of the parish.

There are five Trustees who serve five-year terms (maximum two consecutive terms) and who oversee the investment and distribution of the funds. Trustees for 2017 were Rick Werren (Chairman), John Willoughby (Treasurer), Rick Crowl (Secretary), Mark Nadel, and Leigh Wilson.

Assets are currently invested in equities, income funds, and money market funds. A small portion of the assets have been designated by the donors to use only the income for the church library and the church music program. The balance is available to be used for the benefit of the church with the approval of the Trustees and Vestry.

Rick Werren

### **Ushers**

In 2017, our usher group shrank in numbers but not in spirit. Thank you all who answer the call to serve: Emily Gordon, Geoff Gordon, Rick Werren, Bob Kennedy, Derek Gordon, Ron Brown, Gary Giammarco, Tom Temelkoff, Bruce Hixon, Bob Kocab, Alex Korosi, Mike Ryan, John Willoughby, Bill Rand, Gary Mull, Richard Crowl, Wayne Paradis, Kirk Bletzacker, Dave Thorley, John Wise, Kent Clark, Gene Little, Karen Violand, and Tony Keenan. We now have seven teams of three rotating through the year for our 10am Sunday service in 2018. Our snow birds and summer sojourners have been accommodated by shuffling the teams a little bit. I want to especially thank Gene Little for handling the 8am service a majority of the time. I will continue to seek out additional members of St Mark's community for this ministry.

Bob Kennedy

### **United Thank Offering**

United Thank Offering (UTO) is a small way to say thank you to God and be part of a larger gifting process. Two times each year we are asked to save our change in a little blue box each time saying a prayer of thanksgiving for a blessing received. Through United Thank Offering, men, women, and children nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God. These prayers of thanksgiving start when we recognize and name our many daily blessings. Those who participate in UTO discover that thankfulness leads to

generosity. United Thank Offering is entrusted to promote thank offerings, to receive the offerings, and to distribute the UTO monies to support mission and ministry throughout the Episcopal Church and in invited Provinces of the Anglican Communion in the developing world.

Totals from St. Mark's 2017 Ingatherings:

Spring Ingathering:	\$ 404.00	12 contributors
Fall Ingathering:	\$ 481.00	11 contributors
Yearly total:	\$ 885.00	

Let us continue to match our coins in the blue box with our prayers of thanksgiving and hope. Let us share the many blessings that the Lord has given us, so that those who benefit will continue God's work in their communities and improve the lives of others.

Thanking you for your generosity,  
Kathy Kennedy and Amelia Rowland, Co-Chairs

### **Wedding Coordinators**

There were no weddings in 2017. We are looking forward to Alex Violand's wedding in September 2018.

Respectfully,  
Carol Popovich

### **Wednesday Study Group**

Our studies are not limited to the Bible; we have studied many areas of interest: historical, biographical, societal, and anthropological all fuel lively discussions! WE would welcome new participants, both men and women. Join us in the Family Room on Wednesday mornings from 10:30-12:00.

Eloise Hochwalt

## FINANCIAL REPORTS

### **Finance Committee** (Submitted by Charlie Kiesling)

In April of 2017 the vestry rejuvenated the Finance Committee. Committee members include Treasurer Charlie Kiesling, Interim Rector Beth Frank, Al Korosi, Emily Gordon, John Willoughby, and Sara Strattan. The Senior and Junior Wardens are also ex officio members of the committee.

The committee would like to thank all the parishioners that support St. Mark's in so many ways. And, as your Treasurer, I owe a special thank you to the weekly offering counters (Barrie Thorp, Bob Kocab, Carol Popovich, Geoff Gordon, Rick Werren, Joe Hoot, Caroline Willoughby, Christy Thorley, and substitutes Gary Mull and Bruce Hixon) and the check signers (Grace Giammarco, Bruce Hixon, and Gary Mull). The year 2017 was a very busy time for St. Mark's. In addition to the normal operating financials, there were two major capital expenditure projects: Weaver school renovations and LED lighting upgrades.

### **2017 Operating Financials:**

Operating expenses continue to exceed income. The 2017 shortfall was \$25,367, which was only about one half of the projected deficit of \$48,953 due to higher-than-expected income and savings achieved on expenses. Higher income was driven by Weaver School Income, parishioners who do not pledge but are regular donors, and parishioners that exceeded their pledge commitment. The missions of Worship and Service both came in under budget.

As in the past eight years, the deficit of \$25,367 was covered by transfers of funds from St. Mark's Operational reserves (depleted in 2015) and St. Mark's Capital Improvements reserve which had a balance of \$15,450 as of December 31, 2017.

Budgeted Revenue vs. Expenses								
	2015	2015	2016	2016	2017	2017	2018	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Preliminary	Budget	
						Year-End		
Revenue								
Plate Offering	\$ 777,800	\$ 772,195	\$ 777,800	\$ 777,727	\$ 777,800	\$ 772,134	\$ 777,800	
Pledge Payments	\$ 7782,044	\$ 7777,249	\$ 7773,763	\$ 7776,130	\$ 77763,336	\$ 77763,073	\$ 77770,000	
Non-Pledged Income	\$ 7777,956	\$ 7770,839	\$ 7770,000	\$ 7771,949	\$ 7772,000	\$ 7777,425	\$ 7772,000	
Miscellaneous	\$ 7777,800	\$ 7775,071	\$ 7772,150	\$ 7774,884	\$ 7774,050	\$ 7775,836	\$ 7774,000	
Weaver Rent		\$ 7777		\$ 7777	\$ 7777	\$ 7779,000	\$ 7774,000	
Total Revenue	\$ 77786,600	\$ 77705,354	\$ 77797,713	\$ 77704,690	\$ 77791,186	\$ 77707,468	\$ 77721,800	
Expenses								
Worship	\$ 7771,050	\$ 7773,477	\$ 7774,635	\$ 7770,252	\$ 7775,665	\$ 7773,435	\$ 7776,750	
Fellowship	\$ 7773,101	\$ 7773,127	\$ 7773,522	\$ 7772,713	\$ 7773,932	\$ 7773,550	\$ 7774,111	
Education	\$ 7774,545	\$ 7773,198	\$ 7774,106	\$ 7773,463	\$ 7774,453	\$ 7773,450	\$ 7773,812	
Service	\$ 7773,564	\$ 77701,538	\$ 7775,573	\$ 7777,498	\$ 7776,089	\$ 7772,400	\$ 7779,148	
One-Time Rector Transition Expense							\$ 77713,500	
Total Expenses	\$ 77732,260	\$ 77741,340	\$ 77737,836	\$ 77723,926	\$ 77740,139	\$ 77732,835	\$ 77757,321	
Deficit	\$ 777(45,660)	\$ 777(35,986)	\$ 777(40,123)	\$ 777(19,236)	\$ 777(48,953)	\$ 777(25,367)	\$ 777(35,521)	

## 2017 Capital Reserve Financials

**Reserve for Capital Expenses Balance December 31, 2016** **\$54,008**

Capital Funds Received in 2017

Donations and Sale of furnishings and equipment	\$3,485
Restoration Contributions	\$63,985
2017 Interest Income	\$29
Advanced funds from St. Mark's Trust Account	\$54,423

Total Funds Received in 2017 **\$121,922**

Capital Funds Expenditures in 2017

January to general operation account	\$10,000
February to general operating account	\$15,000
Sanctuary HVAC controls and valve	\$4,463
Sanctuary roof, skylights, steeple, soffit	\$32,340
Renovations and documentation for Weaver	\$31,399
* LED Lighting upgrade -Parking lot, entrance, and undercroft	\$13,586

Total Capital Funds Expenditures in 2017 **\$106,789**

**Reserve for Capital Expenses Balance December 31, 2017** **\$69,141**

Restoration Capital Funds	\$53,691
Capital reserves being used to fund 2018 deficit	\$15,450

Notes:

\* AEP Incentive Rebate Approved \$1,815 1/10/18

**2018 Missional Operating Budget**  
**(see handout and the summary on page 33)**



**2018 Missional Budget Summary** (submitted by Sara Strattan & Charlie Kiesling)

	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Fellowship</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Subtotals</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Revenue</b>						
1 Plate offerings						\$1,800
2 Pledge payments						\$170,000
3 Non-Pledged Income						\$22,000
4 Misc . Income						\$4,000
5 Weaver Rent						\$24,000
<b>Subtotal Operating Revenue</b>					\$221,800	
Service/Outreach						
Donations						\$5,500
<b>Subtotal Service / Outreach Donations</b>					<u>\$5,500</u>	
<b>Total Revenue</b>						<u><b>\$227,300</b></u>

	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Fellowship</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Subtotals</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Expenses</b>						
1 Clergy	30,201	8,629	12,943	34,516		\$86,289
2 Music	12,954	1,619	1,619	0		\$16,192
3 Office/Administration	28,495	6,106	4,071	2,035		\$40,707
4 Paid Nursery Attendant	\$1,250	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$1,250
5 Altar Supplies	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$500
6 Christian Education	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$0		\$1,500
7 Diocesan Assessment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$28,411		\$28,411
8 Hospitality (Coffee Hour)	\$0	\$350	\$0	\$0		\$350
Budget Fellowship &						
9 Social	\$0	\$450	\$0	\$0		\$450
10 Marketing and Advertising	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400		\$1,600
11 Outreach (Fair)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000		\$1,000
12 Building Maintenance:	22,951	6,557	3,279	32,787		\$65,573
<b>Subtotal Operating Expenses</b>	\$96,750	\$24,111	\$23,812	\$99,148	\$243,822	
Rector Transition Expenses						\$13,500
<b>Subtotal Rector Transition Expenses</b>					\$13,500	
Service/Outreach Distribution				5,500		\$5,500
<b>Subtotal Service / Outreach Distributions</b>					<u>5,500</u>	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	96,750	24,111	23,812	104,648		<u><b>\$262,822</b></u>

**Net Gain / (Loss)** **-\$35,522**

Mission Percent of Total Expenses	39%	10%	10%	42%
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## **Restoration Campaign Summary** (submitted by Emily Gordon)

This past Fall, St. Mark's embarked on a capital campaign known as the "Restoration Campaign." The goal of the Restoration Campaign is to help restore portions of our church home to keep the church building in working order. The committee is comprised of a small group of dedicated parishioners including; Kirk Bletzacker, Derek Gordon, Emily Gordon, Joe Hoot, Charlie Kiesling, Sara Strattan, and Chuck Violand. This committee came up with a campaign plan; including a budget, parish presentation, thank you notes, follow up phone calls to help answer questions and continual planning as we aim to reach our goal of \$150,000.

While some of the projects under this campaign came as a result of the arrival of Weaver Child Development, the majority of the projects were needed regardless of the school moving into our building. Weaver Child Development spent over \$40,000 making a great deal of renovations and improvements that truly transformed our classroom areas. The Restoration Campaign projects include an office renovation, a new nursery, a sanctuary roof replacement, new sanctuary HVAC controls and new HVAC units for select areas of the church. The final component of the campaign is to set aside remaining funds to replenish our reserve funds.

We have already completed some of the projects including the office, roof and nursery! The projects have been completed with the monies received from the congregation in addition to an advance from the St. Mark's Trust Fund in the amount of \$54,423. With a successful campaign, these monies will be paid back to the Trust.

Restoration Campaign **pledges** as of Dec 31, 2017: **\$111,508**

Restoration Campaign **monies received** as of Dec 31, 2017: **\$65,065**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Est. Cost</b>	<b>Final Cost</b>	<b>Status</b>
Legal, security, architectural, and renovations in preparation for Weaver School.	\$20,500	\$20,681	Complete
Office renovations (including energy efficient lighting)	\$3,500	\$3,298	Complete
Nursery renovations	\$6,000	\$7,420	Complete
Sanctuary roof, skylights, steeple, soffit and fascia	\$32,340	\$32,340	Complete
Sanctuary HVAC controls (including a new heating valve on the boiler)	\$4,463	\$4,463	Complete
HVAC units for office, library, family room, and choir room	\$55,500		Scheduled for Spring 2018
Reserve Fund for future capital improvements or expenses	\$27,697		To be determined by total funds raised

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