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## **Rector, Staff, and Officers Reports**

### **Rector's Annual Report**

Submitted by: Rev. Anne Largent Smith

#### **State of the Congregation**

I began serving at St. Mary's on December 23, so I have very little to offer by way of reflection upon the year just ended. And yet my experiences of St. Mary's have been so telling and so important already. From my first interactions with the vestry, I found St. Mary's to be a place of openness and curiosity. You display hope, love, trust, willingness, hospitality, joy. It was my delight to meet first those eight and then more and more of you as the year drew to a close. You were also patient in discernment, hard as that was.

Joining the church for worship on Christmas Eve, I was again delighted. The pageant was lovely and the gathered worshipers were a joy to see, but my favorite moment was when I asked if I could introduce my family, and I received a resounding "Yes!"

And then we were off and running. Not to go too far into 2015, but I will say having the water pump break, the fog roll in, and a tire flatten during my first few weeks here meant we were off and running right away.

And in 2015, I hope we can build on your many strengths to do some of what we've hoped for and more. Getting a music director and an altar guild in place, inviting greater participation in lay Eucharistic ministry, conducting an inventory, and maintaining and improving the physical plant are just a few items I hope to see happening here. And I'm especially interested to discover how God is calling us to love our neighbors and to serve God in the greater community.

Thank you, St. Mary's, for blessing me. May we continue to be a blessing to each other, to our community, and to the world as we work here together, with God's help.

## Senior Warden's Annual Report

Submitted by: Julie D. Vice

First of all, I would like to say a few thank yous. Please know that I cannot thank individually in this report all of those I would like to... however to Scott Siers for being Jr. Warden for the last three years and doing so with such a calming presence... to the Vestry who had a very busy and at times tumultuous year and yet each of you had such a positive energy and attitude for St. Mary's and the work we were called to do... to Father David for starting off our year with us and Anne for finishing the year and for the 5 associates and long term supply who helped to keep the church moving in between...to Randy for keeping the grounds looking nice and doing many of the odd jobs we have had... to Lori for her hard work in the office and last but certainly not least to each one of you who came to worship with us at St. Mary's- it is each of you that keep the church acting as Christ in the world. Thanks so much for the honor of allowing me to be your Sr. Warden this year!

So, what happened this year? It was in many ways a tale of two halves. As your Sr. Warden in January I said I would do all I could to be transparent about our common life. We had called Fr. David Howell and we were about 6 months into his ministry with us. We were tending to our circumstances financially and we had a lot of positive energy. We were moving in some new and creative directions. We had plans to re-do the office area and create a true Sacristy. We had started to come alive again to the new possibilities. Then in April, Fr. David came to us with information that he would be leaving for a full time hospice position. So by June, we were back beginning a new search process. Even though many of the bigger goals had to be put on hold, I felt we remained very positive and focused on the future.

While I wish I could have gotten to more of the big goals of the church during the year, I will say that we achieved several wonderful things:

- Started a new venture with Tim Gianelli and the use of the property for a monthly yard sale/flea market. (2nd Sat.)
- Continue to have a successful relationship with both Mama's Bootcamp (M, W, Th evenings) and The Free Church of Tonga (Sunday afternoon) who both utilize our church on a regular basis and make our church more visible to the community by their presence.
- Held our first outdoor contemporary Christian concert and have plans to do more in the future.
- Continued to do our outreach projects, including Coats and Backpack for the homeless, food collection for Elk Grove Food Bank, baby items for the Pregnancy Center, adopt-a-family, Thanksgiving baskets (7 this year!), Child Spree, Trunk-or-Treat and many more!!
- Started having Holy Communion at CommUnity once a month followed by a Holy Spirit potluck.
- Began a knitting and crochet ministry to make and hand out prayer shawls to anyone in need of one.
- And we have begun the process of calling a new music director. Thanks Kathy Lawler for your help with music over the past couple years!

As I am leaving the Vestry, I know that we are in a good place with capable leadership. We have increased our reserve fund over the last year to an amount that allows us to no longer worry financially about what the next year will hold. We have hired an amazing new Priest in Charge who will continue to move St. Mary's in the direction led by the Spirit and I have every faith that those big goals will soon be a reality.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving you through this transition and may God bless each of you and God bless St. Mary's.

**God is good. All the time!**

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

Submitted by: Scott Siers

I once again thank St. Mary's for entrusting in me the opportunity to serve as your Junior Warden. As I close my term on vestry after 3 years, I have to say it was a turbulent but very satisfying time and I have really enjoyed the ministry. Some of the highlights of my time include the calling of 2 wonderful priests-in-charge, Father David Howell and Rev Anne Largent Smith. We closed a deal on the east property giving us an affordable payment on the land. We turned around our finances, originally holding parish wide meetings to see how we were going to pay the bills. We made the tough decision to change to a priest in charge model. This led to a balanced budget with a fully funded reserve fund and we added 2 new associate priests in the process, a luxury not many churches in the country has! We worked a deal to allow a flea market once a month that St. Mary's doesn't have to do a lot of work for. We opened our church to Mama's Bootcamp, an awesome group of ladies who love to exercise and found our space a perfect match for their needs. Your Vestry did a lot of work in the last 3 years and with new leadership, I see a bright future for St. Mary's to build on these successes and bring many more.

In addition to vestry things, there were many other exciting things going on reaching out to the community. We had our first outdoor Christian Concert by Jeff Anderson. It was an awesome time that attracted several people from the neighborhood. The Holy Spirit was definitely present. We also had another successful Trunk or Treat event. We once again took coats, backpacks, underwear and other cold weather items to the homeless of Sacramento.

As we move into 2015 with a renewed excitement, I can't wait to see what the Holy Spirit has in store for St Mary's. We need to find more ways to serve the community of Elk Grove and South Sacramento. We must continue to move forward, remembering to work for the glory of God. Thank you once again for entrusting me with this ministry and may God bless St. Mary's in 2015 and beyond.



## **Annual Report of the Vestry for 2014**

Submitted by: Lois Anderson, Clerk of the Vestry

January saw our vestry finishing up some business from the previous year. We wanted to purchase a new church membership software for the office, our new HVAC unit had arrived and was about to be installed, and we were waiting for the final paperwork to be signed on our new loan agreement (for the east property) with the Diocese. The month ended with our Annual Meeting and the election of officers and vestry members. We happily welcomed a full slate of vestry members!

During February, the new HVAC was installed (thank you Peter Kabaale), the new vestry was installed and the vestry held their annual retreat. Vestry started discussing the need for repairs to our handicap entrance ramp and what to do with the stained glass windows removed for Our Merciful Savior many years ago. Progress has been made and we are still working on both of these issues.

During March, vestry started meeting on Sunday afternoon. A list of possible projects was developed. Discussion was started about continuing both the Fireworks Booth and the Flea Market. Vestry also approved hosting a Christian Concert in May with Jeff Anderson as the entertainment.

April brought the sad news that Fr. David had accepted a full time position with Hospice. We were sad to know he was leaving but understood it was a wonderful offer for him. We also lost one vestry member because of work conflicts.

May found the vestry starting the calling process again. It was still fresh in our minds so it was easier to begin. There were lots of papers to complete, questions to develop and questions to answer and still needed to attend to the running and repairs to the church. Everyone on vestry was kept very busy!

June and July were bustling months with getting the fireworks booth up and running, welcoming our fourth associate priest (Pastor Ron Zoesch), learning that Canon Britt was leaving, a good lead on how to continue the Flea Market, continued work on the search process paperwork, and forming a search committee for a new Music Director.

August presented two great accomplishments: First, Tim Gianelli will hold Flea Markets on the second Saturday of each month (weather permitting) and give St. Mary's 10% of the proceeds. Eventually he will grow this to include other vendors. He will organize and we will receive the booth fees. Second, vestry approved the next step in the discernment process for Julie Vice to seek ordination.

September and October flew by as vestry continued to work on the search process, start getting candidates to run for vestry, continue with the new Flea Market arrangement and prepare for the visit of the Bishop at the end of November. We also had a lead on a Boy Scout that might be interested in rebuilding our entrance ramp as his Eagle Scout project.

November and December - where did they go? Vestry learned that the Music Director Search Committee had not found anyone, that we had four candidates ready to run for the four openings on vestry and our stewardship drive produced enough pledges to almost meet the proposed budget (and more were expected to come in). With this news, vestry approved the budget for 2015. But, the best news of all was that we have a new Priest in Charge (PIC). Everything has been approved, signed and accepted. A great big welcome to Rev. Anne Largent Smith!!



## **Treasurer Annual Report**

Submitted by: Susi Jacobo- Vice

### Pledge Report for 2015 and 2014

#### 2015

\$ 97,000	Budgeted Pledge Income
\$106,150	Actual Pledge Amount
35	Number of Pledges
\$ 3,033	Average Pledge Amount

#### 2014

\$ 83,400	Budgeted Pledge Income
\$ 94,256	Actual Pledge Amount
39	Number of Pledges
\$ 2,417	Average Pledge Amount

## Notes from the Treasurer

The 2014 St. Mary's Budget was based on St. Mary's having a Part-Time Priest-in-Charge. Our 2014 Budget allowed for St. Mary's to cover all operating costs, and keep current on our Promissory Note payments to the Diocese and yet not have to use any Reserve Funds.

We estimated we would be able to increase our Reserve Funds by about \$1,000. However due to a number of factors, our Reserve Fund actually increased by \$56,596.87.

Those factors being:

- Fr. David left St. Mary's in the middle of June, thus no payroll for a Priest-in-Charge for 6-months.
- No Music Accompanist was hired during the year, thus no funds were expensed from this line item.
- Income was higher than expected, and expenses were less than expected.
- St. Mary's received a \$15,956.87 donation via the Episcopal Foundation of Northern California.

Thus at the end of 2014, St. Mary's had a Reserve Fund with a balance of \$141,296.87.



### Savings & Investments Summary

	12/31/2013	12/31/2014
Building Funds		
Smith Barney	\$ 55,757	\$ 55,713
Patelco CU Savings	\$ 5,160	\$ 5,163
Patelco CU CDs	\$ 8,006	\$ 8,020
Patelco CU Checking	\$ -	\$ -
	<u>\$ 68,923</u>	<u>\$ 68,896</u>
Designated Funds/Memorial Money		
Patelco CU Savings	\$ 101,942	\$ 162,004
Patelco CU CDs	\$ 13,431	\$ 11,007
Discretionary Fund	\$ 1,578	\$ 1,480
Patelco Credit Union Checking	<u>\$ 691</u>	<u>\$ 860</u>
	<u>\$ 117,642</u>	<u>\$ 175,351</u>
<b>Total Checking, Savings, CDs</b>	<u><b>\$ 186,565</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 244,247</b></u>

# Annual Meeting Treasurer Report

	2014 Budget	2014 Actual	
<b>Budgeted Income:</b>			
Pledges	\$ 83,400	\$ 97,437	
Givers of Record / Plate	\$ 26,000	\$ 20,735	
Fundraising/Scrip	\$ 10,000	\$ 8,202	
Rental Income	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,870	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 123,000</b>	<b>\$ 130,244</b>	
<b>Budgeted Expenses:</b>			
Adult Formation	\$ 250	\$ 26	
Advertising	\$ 2,300	\$ 1,535	
Apportionment	\$ 14,100	\$ 8,585	
Building & Grounds	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,932	
Child & Youth Formation	\$ 100	\$ 18	
CommUnity	\$ 2,000	\$ 969	
Convention	\$ 250	\$ 150	
Diocesan Requirement	\$ 700	\$ 128	
Equipment Lease	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,432	
Growth & Opportunity	\$ 200	\$ 165	
Hospitality Expense	\$ 400	\$ 244	
Insurance & Taxes	\$ 5,400	\$ 5,395	
Music/Video Resources	\$ 750	\$ 658	
Office Expense	\$ 4,200	\$ 3,308	
Outreach	\$ 500	\$ 500	
Payroll Expense	\$ 59,290	\$ 29,617	
Priest-in-Charge Funds	\$ 3,300	\$ 1,171	
Scholarship	\$ 500	\$ 500	
Supply Clergy	\$ 8,000	\$ 9,179	
Telephone & DSL	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,452	
Utilities	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,332	
Worship	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,030	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 114,040</b>	<b>\$ 75,326</b>	
<b>Net Deficit/Excess</b>	<b>\$ 8,960</b>	<b>\$ 54,918</b>	
Non Budget Income	\$ -	\$ 31,657	(+)
Designated Funds Used	\$ -	\$ 10,913	(+)
Reserve Funds Used	\$ -	\$ 2,850	(+)
Debt Reduction	\$ 7,944	\$ 8,606	(-)
Non Budget Expenses	\$ -	\$ 20,139	(-)
Moved to Reserve Fund	\$ 1,016	\$ 59,447	(-)
Moved to Designated Funds	\$ -	\$ 11,954	(-)
Moved to Building Funds	\$ -	\$ 23	(-)
<b>Net Cash Flow</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 169</b>	

2015 Budget			
<b>Income</b>	Pledges	\$	97,000
	Plate/Giver of Record	\$	20,000
	Scrip/Fundraising	\$	10,000
	Rental Income	\$	3,600
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>130,600</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<i>(Non-Payroll)</i>		
	Adult Formation	\$	250
	Advertising	\$	1,200
	Apportionment	\$	15,200
	Building & Grounds	\$	1,500
	Child & Youth Formation	\$	100
	CommUnity	\$	2,000
	Convention	\$	300
	Diocesan Requirements	\$	700
	Equipment Lease	\$	1,650
	Growth & Opportunity	\$	200
	Hospitality	\$	400
	Insurance & Taxes	\$	5,700
	Music/Video Resources	\$	750
	Office Expenses	\$	4,000
	Outreach	\$	500
	Scholarship	\$	500
	Supply Clergy	\$	8,000
	Telephone & DSL	\$	2,300
	Utilities	\$	5,500
	Worship/Altar Supplies	\$	1,000
	<b>Total Non-Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>51,750</b>
	<i>(Payroll)</i>		
	Payroll – Music Director	\$	11,400
	Payroll – Nursery Staff	\$	1,600
	Payroll – Office Staff	\$	8,000
	Payroll – Rector	\$	32,496
	Payroll – Rector Insurance	\$	4,860
	Payroll – Rector Pension	\$	5,849
	Payroll Processing Fees	\$	600
	Payroll Taxes	\$	1,640
	Priest-in-Charge Funds	\$	4,000
	Workers Compensation Insurance	\$	600
	<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>71,045</b>
<b>Totals</b>	Total Expenses	\$	122,795
	Net Income/(Loss)	\$	7,805
	Debt Reduction	\$	7,944
	Use Reserve Funds	\$	139



## Average Sunday Attendance

2014	75.1
2013	68.6
2012	81.2
2011	86.8
2010	88.8
2009	86.8
2008	111.6
2007	112.5
2006	98.7
2005	108.1
2004	118.7
2003	141.3
2002	139.9
2001	131.3
2000	139.0
1999	137.0
1998	135.0



## SAINT MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 27th ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES January 26, 2014

Opening prayer led by Fr. David at 11:35 am

**Voting Instructions:** There are two ballots – one for vestry and one for delegates. The vestry candidates were introduced and spoke a little about themselves. It was wonderful to have more candidates than slots on the Vestry! The candidates for Diocesan Convention were announced. Dorothy Stoppelman and Mary Ann Renzi have volunteered to be alternates, if needed, for the Convention. The Convention this year is one day and being held in Santa Rosa. Mark Voskuil, Mary Ann Renzi and Lynn Holman will count the ballots. Nominations from the floor were opened. There being no nominations, Lynn Holman moved that nominations be closed. Scott Siers seconded. Motion carried. Polls declared open at 11:45. A brief recess was called for voting.

**Annual Meeting Minutes from last year:** Scott moved we approve the minutes. Harriet seconded. Motion carried.

### Reports:

**Rector:** Fr. David gave a very animated presentation of the State of the Congregation.

**Treasurer:** Susi Jacobo-Vice presented the financial reports. This year was a transition year, going from a full time to a part time rector. During this time, were able to put \$58,600 into our reserve fund. We also were able to accomplish some much needed repairs on the property such as installing a new well pump, replacing the west side HVAC unit and repairing the back sidewalk. We have started repaying the loan against the East parcel. Actual pledges for 2014 are now \$94,250. The 2014 budget includes regular givers who did not pledge this year. They are included in givers of record. It is a balanced budget! Fr. David recognized all Susi's efforts! (round of applause).

**Sexton:** Randy Lee was recognized for his all his dedication. Each ministry was then called forward for recognition and participation in building a special communal art work.

**Sunday School:** Barbara Nill reported on her joys working with the other teachers and the cute little noise makers of our congregation. They are averaging 3 to 6 children each week.

**Knit and Crochet Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Mary Beth Voskuil reported on the new ministry of knitting and crocheting prayer shawls. She explained what a prayer shawl is, some of the reasons one might be presented to someone, and how you can help to spread this ministry. All members of this ministry came forward to be recognized and participate in the communal art work.

**Junior Warden Report:** Scott Siers thanked the entire congregation for stepping up to keep the congregation going during our transition. He also thanked all vestry members and Susi Jacobo-Vice as treasurer and Lois Anderson as clerk for their dedicated work. He then covered some of the vestry work through the year.

**Senior Warden:** Mary Ann Renzi thanked all for being here. You are our church. She then covered more of what the vestry worked on for the year, especially for their work during the calling process which was truly a learning process. One of the major questions was "How do we define a half time priest?" She ended by stating her trust that the Holy Spirit is active and working among us to bring us a glorious future.

**Outgoing Vestry:** Mary Ann Renzi, Mark Voskuil and Lynn Holman were given presents and thanks for their work.

**Communal Art Work:** The last of the ministries were recognized (for a small church, we are very active and have a lot of different ministries)and participate in the building of the art work. Fr. David finished it by adding water and a candle. This was to show that with each person doing a small part, there are no holes.

**Election:** Polls were declared closed. Great thanks to those who counted. The new vestry members are: Judy Cullum, Frances Hartzog, Ellen Kabaale and Harriet McKinnis. A round of applause to those who did not win and an invitation to become active in other ministries. Kathy Lawler, Julie Vice and Dalise Gada will be our representatives to Convention in November.

**EGWINS:** Eva Moredock was invited to present a report on EGWINS, the community effort to feed and shelter the homeless in our area. It has been a success. People have been helped. The program is constantly making adjustments to serve the people better.

**Final Reports:** Fr. David reported that the licensing of our Eucharistic Ministers, as required by the Diocese, is almost completed. He also urged those who are interested in seeking ordination to attend the next Parish Ministry Committee meeting.

Fr. Howdy blessed the food. Meeting closed with an invitation to get food and the new vestry to hold a brief meeting to elect the wardens and other business.

Closed at 1:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lois B. Anderson, Clerk of the Vestry

## **Music Ministries Annual Report**

Submitted by: Kathy Lawler

The music ministry continued to serve St. Mary's with a group of dedicated choir members. They participated regularly at worship and were very faithful participants at the typically biweekly choir practices. The choir in 2014 was supported by Lois Anderson, Julie Vice, Karen Lawler, Destiny Siers and Lexi Hill. The children attending the 10 AM service continued to assist with percussion after Sunday School each week. All together we worked to support the prayer of the community through music. As usual, the choir provided music for all of the major services through Lent, Holy Week and Easter as well as the 10 AM service each Sunday. We had our usual joyful celebration of Pentecost.

The fall brought some changes. Kathy Lawler moved on from being the volunteer choir director at the end of September. The vestry asked a committee headed by Dorothy Stoppelman to develop a job description for a new choir director. That work was completed and the vestry has instituted a search for a new director. In the interim, the choir continues to support music with Karen Lawler and Julie Vice stepping in to run the Clavinova.

We look forward to the upcoming year with great hope for a new music director and the new direction that will bring to our ministry.



## **Ministries and Organizations Reports**

### **CommUnity Saturday Service**

Submitted by: Julie Vice

Wow! Another amazing year!! The CommUnity worship on Saturday evenings continues to grow - in both numbers and energy! This year we averaged 15 per week compared to our 12 per week we had last year. But that is not the most exciting news.... this year we headed many of the same outreach events that we have the last few years; the coats and backpack drive for the homeless, adopt-a-family at Christmas, and our 3rd Annual Trunk-or-Treat.

However, in addition to those things we also had our first contemporary Christian concert this summer when we brought Jeff Anderson to our front lawn. We have plans to have Josiah James join us at some point this upcoming year so please listen for details.

The other new thing for CommUnity this year was the implementation of Holy Communion on the 4th Saturday of each month followed by a Holy Spirit potluck. Thanks to Fr. David who encouraged this and then to each of our associates for being willing to come and serve for us as well. The Holy Spirit potlucks have also seemed to bring the group into a closer "community" and we plan to have this continue into the new year. Please come and join us on any Saturday evening at 6pm!!! See you then!!

## Buildings and Grounds Annual Report

Submitted by: Randy Lee, Sexton

Having not kept a detailed log of every hour and/or activity, I can only produce a sketch of what the duties of Sexton has entailed. The following list is an overview of the types of things I have done in 2014. Please understand that this is NOT a comprehensive report.

- St Mary's sits on 4 acres of land, most of which becomes a fire hazard if the weeds are not trimmed and mowed several times during the spring and early summer. At other times of the year, lawn mowing is mostly cosmetic, but yard work also includes breaking fallen limbs (and old blackberry vines/rose trimmings etc) into the Yard Waste cans.
- I supervised the removal of the Fruitless Mulberry at the SW corner of the main building, and removed a dead Ornamental Plum tree from the Parking Lot.
- I mapped out most of the Electrical & Sprinkler Systems.
- Numerous repairs to the sprinklers were made, and the timers were set for a once weekly watering (when needed).
- Several electrical issues were resolved (more so than the usual replacement of light bulbs).
- Several times during the year, the banners on the front signage need to be swapped out, to reflect current events, and IF given advance notice of an event such as a Marriage, Baptism, Memorial Service, etc., I have (tried to) make time to inspect the property to make sure it is presentable.
- Every Thursday, a decision is made regarding the need to roll the waste cans out to the street, and if so, return to the church Friday evening to bring the cans back in. This detail also includes picking up trash that drifts onto the property from surrounding areas, and emptying waste baskets inside the church.
- Blowing out the Parking Lot.
- Annual inspection and lubrication of the bell.
- Seasonal adjustment of timer for the Parking Lot Lights.
- Being on call to respond to any emergencies at the church, and pulling things into and out of storage as may be requested.

As I have said in the past, I am not capable of attending to all of the maintenance on my own, either for safety reasons, or the lack of proper tools, therefore I am asking for any kind of help I can get with grounds keeping duties, but I will NOT burden any person in particular with a request to "step up to the plate". Below is a field of items that I feel need to be taken up by the vestry (perhaps the entire congregation) and dealt with.

Please Note: While there is not enough room to itemize everything that needs to be done to keep St. Mary's functioning, there are some items in particular that are sorely in need of attention:

- 1) There is a gaping hole in the barn roof, which is accelerating the decay of that building.
- 2) The front steps/ramp leading into the Sanctuary are in need of a restoration.
- 3) The tree on the East side of the Portables has a lot of dead wood that needs to be removed.
- 4) The Pump House is a few good wind gusts from falling over, so needs to be rebuilt.
- 5) I almost forgot to mention that the church is technically NOT in compliance with ADA requirements for wheelchair access, as the parking lot does not properly ramp up to the sidewalk.
- 6) the list goes on.

P.S. I would like to thank Peter Kabaale for the splendid work he did on the HVAC unit near the entrance, and also to Jones Electric for the times they came out to the property and explained how I could do things (without charging the church for it).

## **Fireworks Sales Annual Report**

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who participated with the many tasks needed to have a successful Fireworks Booth. You are ALL truly appreciated.

Special Thanks to Mary Beth Voskuil and Rod Pugh who took on some of the biggest tasks.

The Fireworks Booth is our biggest annual Fundraiser. If you are interested in helping Chair or Co-Chair the 2015 Fireworks Booth, please see Anne or any of the Vestry members.

### **Sales Report:**

In 2014, St. Mary's earned \$5,130.71 on \$15,227.18 of sales, a 33.7% profit.

In 2013, St. Mary's earned \$4,952.29 on \$15,967.51 of sales, a 31.0% profit.

In 2012, St. Mary's earned \$5,585.63 on \$16,538.24 of sales, a 33.8% profit.



## **Jeff Anderson Concert Report**

Submitted by: Julie Vice

This year we had so many firsts. One of those was our first outdoor contemporary Christian concert. In June, we welcomed Jeff Anderson to our front lawn for a concert that drew about 50 people. It was not as large a crowd as we had hoped but that did not stop the Holy Spirit from being present. During the afternoon, we had many from our congregation join us (which is always great) however we also had a couple of young men who came from the community when they heard the music and they gave their lives to Christ that day!! What a wonderful time!!

We plan to do another concert (or two) again this next year. Please keep eyes open for when it is to happen and plan to join us!



## **Flea Market Report**

Submitted by: Julie Vice

This year, the vestry was able to make an agreement with a wonderful gentleman, Tim Gianelli. Tim came to the church and requested to utilize our property to put on a "yard sale" on the 2nd Saturday of every month (weather permitting). In exchange for the use of the property Tim and his crew are giving 10% of their profits each month. The hope is that the "yard sale" will continue to grow and that it will evolve into a Flea Market which Tim will coordinate. Please pray for this journey as it continues into 2015.

## **Worship Ministries Annual Report**

Submitted by: Submitted by Karen Lawler, chair, worship committee

### **Liturgical Ministries**

The goal of our liturgical ministries is to enable us to enter into a communal experience of God in Word and Sacrament. As the Body of Christ has many parts, so our communal worship is expressed in a diversity of forms. Making this happen requires a labor of love by many people.

#### ***Worship Team***

Our worship leadership team - Lynn Holman, Karen Lawler, Kathy Lawler, and Julie Vice - continued to work on increasing the coordination between the three services for seasonal planning and special events. In September, Kathy completed her service as music coordinator. She continued to serve on the worship planning committee along with Lois Anderson and Diana Siers, each offering their special gifts and perspective. Lori Hill is no longer able to attend meetings, but continued to provide us with resources and support. We celebrated Lent-Easter by exploring the ways the gospel stories come alive in our lives, using drama and symbol to deepen our understanding. In Advent we focused on preparing for the mystery of Christ's coming, both in the Incarnation and in the fullness of God's kingdom. The worship team worked closely with our priest in charge and our associates in planning the focus for the seasons of the church year, the Sunday 10 AM service, and special services throughout the year. We are grateful to our associates who have worked with the team throughout the year and especially in our most recent interim period.

All of our plans come to life through the work of our dedicated liturgical ministers.

#### ***Eucharistic Ministers and Eucharistic Visitors***

Eucharistic Ministers and Eucharistic Visitors assist with the distribution of the consecrated wine and bread at the Celebration of Holy Eucharist and take communion to those who are unable to participate in our Sunday worship due to illness. Many of our Eucharistic Ministers attend our adult forum classes, retreat days or other opportunities offered in the diocese for spiritual renewal and ongoing education. Much gratitude to our serving Eucharistic Ministers: Norm DeYoung, Scott Siers, Mary Ann Renzi, Mark Voskuil, Julie Vice, Karen Lawler, Kathy Lawler, Lynn Holman, Mark Nill, Paula Sink, David Gleason. Mary Ann Renzi and Julie Vice have also served as Eucharistic Visitors in the past year.

#### ***Lectors and Intercessors***

Lectors and Intercessors proclaim the lessons during our worship services and lead the prayers of the people. We rely on their faithful service to hear God's word proclaimed each week. A special thank you to Diana Siers, Scott Siers, Mary Ann Renzi, Norm DeYoung, Carl King, Judy Cullum, Michael Taporco, Julie Vice, Harriett McKinnis, Frances Hartzog, Mark Nill, Paula Sink, Lois Anderson, Lynn Holman, Kathy Lawler, Ruth Carnie, Carol McElheney, Mary Liz Pugh, David Gleason, Patti Mangabay.

#### ***Greeters and Ushers***

Greeters and Ushers are the first face of our parish community extended to the newcomer. Their smiles, warm words of welcome, assistance in locating bulletins, restrooms or the nursery say that we are a welcoming community. They collect the offerings of the people and present them at the altar. After service, they go through the church and make sure the space is clean and in order for the next service. We rely on them to count our numbers and keep our communion procession in good order. Thanks to Mary Ann Renzi, Carl and Cely King, Mark Voskuil, Lincoln Tremble, Randy Lee, Destiny Siers, Carol McElheney, Rod and Mary Liz Pugh, Ruth Carnie, Mark Nill, Frances Hartzog, Sarian Wyse, David and Astra Gleason for their service.

### ***Altar Volunteers***

Altar Volunteers are a committed and dependable group of parish members who work together to prepare the altar, vessels, vestments and sanctuary space for worship. These volunteers work behind the scenes preparing the altar and church for the regular services, the holy days, and the great festivals of the church such as Christmas, Holy Week and Easter. A special thank you to the volunteers who set and clear the table each Sunday for our two services, they are: Mark Voskuil, Scott Siers, Norm DeYoung, Bruce Jackson, Michael Siers, Mary Ann Renzi, Paula Sink, Carol McElheney, JoAnn Vice, Sarian Wyse, David Gleason, Karen Lawler and Mark Nill. Thank you also to our dedicated bread bakers Irene Roltsch and Carol McElheney, to Susi Jacobo-Vice who purchases our wine for us, and to Lois Anderson for her wonderful sewing abilities in mending and making new linens as needed. Also, we wish to give a heartfelt thank you to Mary Liz Pugh who launders all the linens for both services each week. A special thanks to Paula Sink who carefully arranges the flowers in the sanctuary each week. Thanks to Bob Weil for his attention to the votive candles and to those who carefully fold the bulletins for all of our services: Bob Weil and JoAnn Vice.

Thanks too to those who lend their hands to preparing the sanctuary space for Christmas and Easter, especially to Scott Siers, Julie Vice and Kathy Lawler who have hung the beautiful drapes by our cross when the seasons change.

### ***Audiovisual***

Audiovisual at the Sunday 10:00 a.m. service, the 6:00 p.m. Saturday night service, and special holiday services, the worship aid for the service is projected onto the large screen to help everyone to participate. We wish to thank our members who support our worship through their work with our audiovisual system. They are Susi Jacobo-Vice, David Gleason and Diana Siers. Also we thank Lori Hill our parish secretary who puts the power point presentations together with wonderful visuals and graphics for the Sunday and holiday services, Susi-Jacobo-Vice who puts together media presentations for the Saturday CommUnity service.

### ***Licensed Preachers and Licensed Worship Leaders***

Licensed Preachers and Licensed Worship Leaders Our licensed preachers serve one Sunday of the month, alternating which service they are preaching at. We thank Lynn Holman, Kathy Lawler, Karen Lawler and Julie Vice for their service. These same four serve as licensed worship leaders. Karen exercises her ministry through seasonal planning and coordinating the environment and liturgical ministers. Lynn and Kathy exercise this ministry primarily through leading evening prayer, which is discussed in a separate report. Julie exercises her ministry through leading the Saturday evening CommUnity service, also discussed in a separate report. The other worship leaders provide coverage for CommUnity when needed. All four of them served as a team to lead our Lessons and Carols service this December. We are grateful for the manifold richness the sharing of their gifts brings to us as a community.

Our hope is that 2015 will continue to be a year of growth in liturgy and worship as we move forward under the direction of our new Priest in Charge. Among our hopes are to train more people to serve as Eucharistic ministers and within the audio-visual ministry, and to revitalize the altar volunteers into a more typical altar guild. If you are interested in exploring ministry in one of these areas, please see Rev. Anne or any member of the worship team.

## Audio-Visual Ministry Annual Report

Ever wonder what the Audio-Visual Ministry is about? During the 10:00 am service, and most of the special services (Holy Week, Easter, Christmas, etc.) we run the PowerPoint Presentation and turn microphones on and off as needed.

We are currently looking for a few more people to help with this ministry. If you think this is something you might like to do, please check in with Susi Jacobo-Vice, David Gleason, or Diana Siers for more information.



## Newcomer Ministry Annual Report

Submitted by: Lois Anderson

The Newcomer Incorporation committee did not hold any meetings this year. With Fr. David leaving and using supply clergy for half of the year, I was not comfortable trying to introduce newcomers to the Episcopal Church. Hopefully, we can re-organize this important ministry in 2015.



## Fellowship Ministry Annual Report

Submitted by: Mary Ann Renzi

The Fellowship Committee has been very busy this year planning and coordinating fellowship events throughout the year. This year began with a holiday reception hosted by Father David and Linda. This was followed in a few weeks by our 27th Annual Meeting. The congregation was royally fed with a delicious Filipino luncheon. And this was followed in a few more weeks by our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner organized by Barbara Nill and Scott Siers. Our youth did a fabulous job flipping pancakes and cooking sausages as we listened to a live band playing spirited music. And this was followed in a few more weeks by our annual Seder Dinner where we relived the events of the Old Testament and enjoyed a kosher style dinner complete with traditional Seder songs. In mid-August the Community service led by Julie Vice hosted Saint Mary's Day with a joyful celebration on the front lawn.

And, Blessed are those on our Sunday morning Fellowship team. What a wonderful dedicated group you are! We thank Jean Beach, Judy Cullum, Carl and Cely King, Richard and Shirley Lange, Carol McElheney, Harriet McKinnis, Mary Ann Renzi, Loretta Sherb, Betty and Rav Williams, and Sarian Wyse. We have ten people who unselfishly bring "goodies" and make coffee so we can all enjoy chatting with each other after worship.

Fellowship is an immensely important ministry in our Parish. It allows each of us to meet and greet each other in casual settings at parish events or after church on Sunday mornings. We then begin to know each other better, care about each other, have compassion for each other, become committed to each other and are able to celebrate with each other.

And, what a wonderful Parish we become.....



## **Fellowship Dinner Groups Annual Report**

Submitted by: Lois Anderson

Our Fellowship Dinner Group from the fall of 2013 continued meeting for the beginning of 2014. I did not follow through by getting another group going during the rest of the year. These are groups of 6-9 people who meet once monthly in one another's homes for dinner and fellowship with each contributing a part of the meal. Each group decides the day, time and date for the dinners. We usually do two series each year, a spring and a fall series. These groups are a fun way to get to know other members of the congregation. I have great hope that we can get these going again. Those who participate have a wonderful time!



### **Tuesday Evening Prayer Service**

Submitted by: Kathy Lawler

The Office – prayer of the people throughout the day – is an ancient and important part of the worship of the church. Much of the Book of Common Prayer is devoted to the various services that make up the daily Office. The focus in the BCP is on Morning and Evening prayer, with additional services included for Noontday, and Compline (night prayer).

St. Mary's has celebrated communal Evening Prayer twice a month since late 2010. This past year is no exception. We gather in prayer the first and third Tuesday evenings each month. The first Tuesday service is led by Lynn Holman and the one on the third Tuesday is led by Kathy Lawler. These prayer services are thematic and include the use of the seasons and holy days of the church year. Lynn's prayer services use contemporary prayers, collects, canticles, poetry, creeds, readings and reflections. Kathy's prayer services are more meditative and are close adaptations of the order of Evening Prayer Rite II from the BCP. Her services include the use of Taize and other forms of music.

Evening Prayer at St. Mary's has also been the setting for other communal services over the past year. During Lent, Lynn led a different service for the Stations of the Cross each Friday evening. During an evening Prayer service in November, we celebrated our remembrance of those who have died—with a particular focus on those we lost from our St. Mary's family this past year.

Lynn and Kathy invite you to come and join in the worship of Evening Prayer. Come and be part of prayer that is ever ancient and ever new. Come and see!



### **Tuesday Evening Bible Study**

Submitted by: Lynn Holman

Tuesday evening bible study is held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and is held in the home of Lois Anderson. We wish to give a heartfelt thank you to Lois for hosting this bible study. We are currently studying the Minor Prophets. This is an in-depth bible study where we delve into the customs of the people and the locales of the story. We discuss who were the individual(s) Jesus was speaking to and why. What was their background, and how do they fit into the story. We go line by line, verse by verse and have lively discussions on what the scripture means to us. Please contact either Lois Anderson or Lynn Holman (facilitator) if you have questions or would like to join us in 2015. All are welcome; we would love to see you.

## **Adult Formation**

Submitted by: Lynn Holman

The adult formation class meets on Sunday mornings between the 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services. We started the year studying the Book of Genesis. The book of Genesis is one of the most important books in the Bible. As it is the first book in God's Word, it gives us the foundation for almost everything else that happens or is taught in Scripture. We followed the patriarchal history of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. The book of Genesis covers roughly the first 2,100 years of human history, from the creation of the world by God to the death of the Israelite, Joseph.

Our second study of the year we are currently studying the Book of Exodus which begins more than four hundred years after Joseph, his brothers, and the Pharaoh he once served have all died. We follow Moses life and his call by God to deliver the Israelites' from slavery in Egypt. We are studying the Laws that God has given to the Israelites, in order to guide them in their relationship with Him.

During Lent this year the adult formation class used the book "Scriptures for the Church Seasons - Lent 2014 - God's Gift of Life". This book is a Lenten study based on the Sunday readings from the Revised Common Lectionary. Through the study of the readings each Sunday for Lent we experienced the blessings of the life given to us through the ministry, suffering, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus.

During Advent the adult formation class used the book "Scriptures for the Church Seasons – Advent 2014 – The Lord Is Our Light". Through the study of the readings each Sunday for Advent we came to understand the meaning of our Advent hope, it's message of salvation, and how we are called to live in the meantime.

During Lent we also had an evening Soup and Lenten study. We used the book by Adam Hamilton "The Way – Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus". The book took us on a journey through the life and ministry of Jesus. There was also an accompanying DVD that took us to the holy land to travel to the same places that Jesus traveled. Thank you to those who provided soup and bread for us each week of the Lenten study.

For the first time during Lent we did the Stations of the Cross each Friday night for a total of six Friday nights. Each Friday night a different Stations of the Cross was presented, from Mary's view, to justice and how we care for each other.

## **SMART Seniors Annual Report**

Submitted by: Paula Sink

Another year has passed and the seniors are still meeting and eating.

We ended 2014 as we began 2013, with the giving tree for the Alternatives Pregnancy Center. We have a new tree to use and gave 179 different items to hang on and place under the tree!

We had no outings this year. We did not even have our usual trip to Apple Hill because of the big fire. We are looking for places to go and a trip adviser to organize the trips.

Our first outreach project for 2014 was Easter Baskets for the children of St. John's Shelter. We started out providing some empty baskets and asked the congregation to fill them with what they felt should be in an Easter basket for a child, wrap it in cellophane and ribbon, and return on Palm Sunday. The people at St. John's were very happy to have them. We are planning to do this again in 2015.

On Maundy Thursday, the seniors gathered early, along with interested others to stuff plastic Easter Eggs for the hunt between services Easter morning. As usual it was fun for all involved.

The Knitting and Crocheting Day Group is still meeting before our seniors meeting and we are happy to have them lead into our ministry.

We sponsored the Thanksgiving baskets. This year we had 7 families that had Thanksgiving Dinner because St. Mary's cared. We might be a small congregation but we care deeply and respond when we see a need.

In December we had our annual "cookies by the pound" sale. We use the money raised to purchase larger items for the pregnancy center and other projects around the church.

Now we begin 2015 as we began 2014. The giving tree for the Alternative Pregnancy Center remained up past Epiphany 2015 and then was packed up to take to the center. There were many handmade blankets. We had sleepers and clothing, hats and socks. Again, St. Mary's has helped those women in need.

We have high hopes for more outreach and trips to interesting places. We have been trying to work a trip to the Sacramento Zoo and Daffodil Hill. Plus our annual trip to Apple Hill. If you are available on the first and third Thursday of the month at noon, please join us for the pot luck salad lunch. Officially one should be 55 years old, but we don't mind if you aren't that old or if you don't have grey hair. Just be happy in serving the Lord and using his creations to praise him and help others while having fun.



## **Children and Youth Formation Ministries Annual Report**

Submitted by: Barbara Nill

The Sunday school class has been meeting since September and we have been serving 3-8 children each Sunday. We have welcomed new children this year and said good-bye to others as they have moved to other locations in the country. We have a program built on the love of Jesus and welcome all children in the congregation.

We meet each Sunday during the 10:00 service with our class and our three teachers, Maria Yearwood, Brenda Pfau, and Barbara Nill. We continue to love helping our children learn about God's love and hear the word of God in stories and lessons from the Bible. We continue to use the Weaving God's Promises curriculum and work to provide creative and fun lessons and activities to our preschool and school age children and this year we are focusing on the people of the Bible. We are always striving to find creative and fun ways to bring the Bible and the ministry of Jesus to our children in activities, song, and dramas. We continue to work with our worship ministry leaders to find ways to incorporate our children into elements of Sunday worship. We had a wonderful Christmas pageant at the Christmas Eve family service and a Happy Birthday Jesus party afterwards as we welcomed Rev. Anne and her family to our congregation. We look forward to the Lenten season, Easter and our family Easter egg hunt. We will continue to strive to provide a warm and caring environment for our children's ministry and invite all children and their families to join us.



### **Kids Kamp Annual Report**

Submitted by: Lois Anderson

Kids Kamp was held the third week in July, Monday through Friday mornings and welcomed 12 attendees and three youth helpers. This year we continued with a free Kamp, and requesting donations to help offset the expenses. The response was wonderful! With careful planning and limited spending, we pulled this off within our budget and have funds for next year.

The themes this year were based on the Warner Brothers movie "Racing Stripes". We have a different Bible based theme each day with a bible reading, story and three crafts that illustrate that theme. We also include games, snack (also theme based) and music.

The final culmination is a special Sunday worship service where the Kampers are invited and included in the service. Because most of the Kampers who attended the worship service were our own, they did a wonderful job of leading the congregation in a marvelous rendition of "Guide My Feet" with the verses adapted to reflect the five themes for the week!

Our Running the Race theme was illustrated with winning medals hanging from the ceiling and zebras (each one so very different) on the walls.

We could not have done it without all the help of so many from the congregation, Eva Moredock, Betty Williams, Deb Hess, Paula Sink, Heide Radisay, Kate Stidham, John Hill, Lori Hill, Susi Jacobo-Vice, Frances Hartzog, Karen Lawler, Kathy Lawler, Scott Siers, Diana Siers, Michael Siers, and our youth leaders Ethan Adams, Destiny Siers and Lily Stidham. We were also very lucky to have Shannon Castenada to record our music for practice and performance, and, Fr. Howdy leading us all each day and working so hard to make each child's experience rewarding and fun. As you can see this program involves a large part of the congregation and takes months of preparation but watching the kids getting involved and experiencing Jesus in their lives makes it all worthwhile. It is truly amazing to have a child come up to you at the end to tell you this was the best vacation Bible school they had ever experienced! This July 13-17,(save the date now!) will be "How to Train Your Dragon" -We shall work on training our own dragons to get closer in our relationship with God.

## **Knitting and Crochet Ministry**

Submitted by: Mary Beth Voskuil

Our group meets several times throughout the month on the first and third Thursdays at 10-12:00 at the church and occasionally in the evenings. Check the church announcement and website for date/time changes. If you wish to receive emails and pattern ideas, please contact Mary Beth Voskuil [marybeth@surewest.net](mailto:marybeth@surewest.net) or Lori Hill at the church.

I think we should mention that folks don't need to attend the meetings to be a part of this ministry - also the projects are not limited to just knitting and crocheting, any other crafters (like Howdy) are welcome.

We share projects ideas, make new friends, pray for the person who will be receiving the item (known or unknown), and most of all the love of our handicrafts.

Our goal was to have many shawls on reserve at the church for Father David and other Priests to present to folks.

We delivered at least 15 shawls this year to comfort during an illness, personal loss, pre and post surgery care, hospice for an individual or family member. In addition, our group during the spring and winter delivered hats and booties for Grammas' Hugs and hats, socks and gloves for the Community's Winter Coat Drive for the homeless.

Our objective is that each crafter picks a project or is asked to make an item for an individual. The style and color of the item is prayerfully decided by the crafter. Many of the shawls patterns are in the three stitch repeated pattern for the Trinity. Prayers for the recipient are knitted into the piece. The presentation of the shawl is very inspiring. "It is comforting to think that we may be of help in ways that we don't even realize" Rachel Naomi Remen M.D. The shawls are draped over the person and prayers are read to them. The knitted or crochet piece is a soft, cozy colorful shawl/throw to be wrapped in at times of need.

As a farewell keepsake, the St. Mary's Parish community knitted and crocheted a double bed sized throw made out of 8" squares. It was crocheted together with all of our prayers and love for Father David and his wife Linda. This project united us all and was presented to Father David and Linda at their farewell celebration. A special thank you goes out to Frances Hartzog for constructing the squares into the throw. Thanks to you all the ladies who contributed. Also, Linda Coloma crocheted a lovely table covering for them. Thanks to all the crafters who contributed.

The ladies and gentleman that have been involved with this wonderful ministry during 2014 are as follows:

Lois Anderson  
Shirley Lange  
Howdy and Frances Hartzog  
Joann Vice  
Paula Sink  
Carol McElheney  
Karen Lawler  
Linda Coloma  
Anne Slakey  
Heide Radisay  
Mary Beth Voskuil