

# ANNUAL REPORT

2019



**“Nourishing Souls and Saving Lives since 1892.”**

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## AFFIRMATIONS

Our life as a congregation is formed by the Baptismal Covenant we make with God and with one another: To continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers. To resist evil, and whenever we fall into sin to repent and return to the Lord. To proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ. To seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves. To strive for justice and peace for all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.

In particular, St. Mary's Church is guided by five core affirmations: We are committed to **worship** that expresses the depth of God's love for us and the transcendence of God's grace for us. We **accept** others, by honoring differences of opinion and by accepting one another regardless of who we are or where we come from. We are a **sanctuary** for those who are searching, grieving, hurting, lonely, or in recovery, and a place where people can heal and be equipped to live as God intended, in peace and love. We **care** about the communities in which we live, and we seek, as individuals and as a congregation, to reach out to others carrying with us the good news of Jesus' love for us. We are **rooted** in historical Christianity, particularly as it is expressed in the Anglican tradition of scripture, tradition, and reason.



*The Episcopal Church is striking, particularly because of the rituals that we participate in. The prayers we are saying are spoken through time by Anglicans around the world. It's like a time warp, and you come as an individual, but become part of a collective force of people, all speaking the same words as part of the same ritual. It's a comforting feeling to know that others are experiencing the same thing at that moment, and that you are grateful for Jesus coming. It makes you feel that you are becoming part of the ritual.*



## Annual Meeting

February 17, 12:00 PM

12:00 - Potluck Lunch & Fellowship

12:45 - Annual Meeting

- Welcome
- Elections
- Parish Profile
- Annual Report
- Acknowledgments

1:30 - Closing

## Special Events

On Friday the 2nd, the Redd's let us come to their home for dinner and conversation. On Saturday the 3rd, we got down to business. We discussed the direction that we wanted St Mary's to go and some things we wanted to implement. During the discussion, each member of the Bishop's Committee members volunteered to head up and organize one of the several of the events throughout the year. In addition to those activities, there were other opportunities that presented themselves, too.

Here are the events that we felt were important to St Mary's Church:

### Shrove Tuesday, Feb 13th:

In 2018, St. Mary's invited our friends at the Provo Community Church United Church of Christ (PCCUCC) and St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Orem to host a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner to benefit the Food and Care Coalition, and Steven Nordstrom headed up the event. St. Mary's, along with these two other churches, began the ministry that would become the Food and Care Coalition from our own kitchen, starting out by serving a meal once a week from our own kitchen and Parish Hall. The Food and Care Coalition works hard to alleviate and help solve many insidious issues of poverty, hunger, and homelessness here in Utah County. Mayor Michelle Kaufusi and F&CC Executive Director Brent Crane came to our event, as did the girls from Heritage School that help us each month with serving lunch at F&CC. We earned around \$500 at the event, which we gave to the F&CC to support their operations. We plan on doing this event again this year.

### April 15th: Flourish Bakery Sunday

The Rev. Aimee Altizer & our own Deacon Sandra Jones organized a wonderful Eucharist and fellowship for us. All who worked at Flourish bakery came to St Mary's and told about how the bakery has helped them learn skills during their paid internship and also created a secure community for them to lean on as they are getting their lives back on track while in recovery from substance abuse disorders and working to reintegrate their lives after a period of incarceration. After Eucharist, delicious food was available for all during fellowship, and there were also more baked goods to purchase.

### Ministry Fair -

On Sunday, May 6th, after Eucharist, all of us gathered in the Parish Hall to talk about the ministries that we serve. Many of us stood and told about our ministries to make everyone aware of all of the ways that we serve each other at St Mary's Church. This was a listing of those who served in those ministries on that day:

**F&CC** - Steven Nordstrom; Josh Johns

**Community Garden** - Ginny Sivak

### Adult Education

Sunday Morning Discussion Group - Robert Redd; Shaunna Gage; Mary Allen

Tuesday Night Discussion Group - Rev. Peter Van Hook

**Children's Ministry** - Matt Holst; Siji Abraham; Louisa Heiny

### Prayer Group

Centering Prayer - Dcn. Sandra Jones

Email Prayer Chain - Anna Birkedahl

### Hospitality

Fellowship - Lila Anderson; Patricia Castelli; Dave Castelli

Welcoming - Patricia Castelli

### Sunday Worship

Readers & Ushers - Stan King; Roy Varghese

Altar Guild - Shaunna Gage; Roy Varghese; Melody Oliphant

Licensed Lay Ministries - Mary Allen; Melody Oliphant

Eucharist Bread Bakers - Dave Castelli; Roy Varghese; Steven Nordstrom; Arlene Dutro

Acolytes - Rohit and Roshan

### Music

CMOP - Serena Benish

Choir - Dallin Baldwin

**Office Volunteers** - Trisha Young

### Communications -

Newsletter/Facebook - Melody Oliphant

Website - Steve Oliphant; Melody Oliphant

Radio/Press - Carole Van Hook

### The Rev. Peter Van Hook's Retirement Party

Peter's Retirement Party came sooner than any of us had planned. We all pulled together and planned and presented a party that Peter loved.

Deacon Craig Kline flew in from Kansas. Many of his family members, and friends from the Diocese came to celebrate with him. Linda Walton, Peter's long time friend who was more like a sister, spoke about Peter and what an important part of her life and our life he was.

Steven Nordstrom, on behalf of all at SMC, gave Peter a framed picture of himself while performing a Eucharistic service along with a plaque of the date he served us at SMC - it is a twin of the framed picture that we also kept here at SMC that will be hung in the library.

### 4th of July Parking Lot Fundraiser

Early in the morning of July 4th, Robert Redd, Mary Allen, and Kim Despain showed up at the parking lot of St Mary's Church to ask for donations from those who parked in SMC's parking lot while they enjoyed Provo's 4th of July Festivities. Bottled water, donated by Taran Bhagat, was handed out to those who parked in the church parking lot. The \$310 that was raised will be used to pay for the upkeep of St. Mary's Church.

### July 24th B-B-Q Food & Care Coalition -

As is our longstanding tradition on Pioneer Day, St. Mary's Church provided a barbecue for hungry and homeless people who come for a meal at the Food and Care Coalition on Utah's Pioneer day; this year, Joshua Johns headed-up the event. Jim Meador set up his grill and the congregation prepared hot dogs and hamburgers in abundance, along with all the best side dishes and desserts for a summer barbecue. Rev. Peter Van Hook helped cook and serve some of the meats, as well as to greet and have conversations with the guests who attended. In 2018 we served 100 guests and donated 180 lbs of food to the F&CC.

### August 19th, St. Mary's Day Picnic -

On Sunday, August 26th, our entire congregation headed up to Vivian Park/South Fork Picnic Grounds in Provo Canyon to have our Annual St Mary's Day Picnic.

Jim Meador headed up the event. As is tradition, he reserved the spot, fired up the grill and provided the meat (lovingly dubbed "roadkill") for the picnic, and the members of the congregation brought side dishes, desserts, drinks, great company & conversation, and, as always, had a wonderful time.



### September - Provo PRIDE -

On Saturday, September 15th, SMC celebrated Provo PRIDE with the community. Shaunna Gage headed up the event and was helped enormously by Terese Condon-Yost & Harold Yost, Robert Redd & Mary Allen, Steve Oliphant, Lila Anderson, & Michael Ryan. Some stayed only for an hour or so and some stayed all day, even with the smoke from all of the mountain fires heavy in the air.

Their efforts did not go unnoticed however. Several people in our community were made aware of St. Mary's inclusion, welcoming, and acceptance, and some even came to worship at SMC.

## Outreach Ministries and Volunteer Activity of this Congregation

Using the check boxes below, did your congregation provide any of the following community service or outreach ministries during 2018?

If yes, were few volunteers involved in the ministry, or were a larger number of your members involved?

Please also estimate in the space provided approximately how many people were helped or served each month by ministry:

	No	Yes		Estimated number of people served
		Few volunteers involved	Many volunteers involved	
1. Food pantry, soup kitchen or meal projects	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	90
2. Sustainable food garden/cooperative (such as "Farm to Tray")	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	10
3. Cash, vouchers or help with rent/utilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Day care, pre-school, before or after-school programs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Tutoring or literacy programs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6. Health programs (parish nurse, clinics, health education, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7. Community organizing, organized social issue advocacy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8. Job placement, job training, employment counseling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Building projects (such as Habitat for Humanity)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10. Support groups (bereavement, divorce, job loss, 12-step, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1300
11. Programs for the elderly and homebound persons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12. Clothes closet, thrift store	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
13. Homeless or no-freeze shelter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
14. Overseas sponsorships, microloans, Heifer Project, Haiti relief	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
15. Other, not listed:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	200

Congregation City Diocese

**Priest(s) Serving this Congregation**

Last name of Rector, Vicar, Dean, Priest-in-charge or interim <b>Van Hook</b>	First Name <b>Peter</b>	Middle Name <b>James</b>
Title of position <b>Priest in Charge</b>	Year ordained (priest) <b>1973</b>	Diocese of canonical residence <b>Utah</b>
Employment status at this congregation: <input type="checkbox"/> Full time <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Part time <input type="checkbox"/> Non-stipendiary	Year called to this congregation: <b>2011</b>	Church pension status: <input type="checkbox"/> Active <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Retiree <input type="checkbox"/> Non-active
Name of other congregation(s) currently served by this priest <b>none</b>		

Last name of associate priest, assistant priest or curate	First Name	Middle Name
Title of position	Year ordained (priest)	Diocese of canonical residence
Employment status at this congregation: <input type="checkbox"/> Full time <input type="checkbox"/> Part time <input type="checkbox"/> Non-stipendiary	Year called to this congregation:	Church pension status: <input type="checkbox"/> Active <input type="checkbox"/> Retiree <input type="checkbox"/> Non-active

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Title of position	Year ordained (priest)	Diocese of canonical residence
Employment status at this congregation: <input type="checkbox"/> Full time <input type="checkbox"/> Part time <input type="checkbox"/> Non-stipendiary	Year called to this congregation:	Church pension status: <input type="checkbox"/> Active <input type="checkbox"/> Retiree <input type="checkbox"/> Non-active

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If you have more than 4 priests who serve this congregation on a regular basis, complete this form online (where additional blanks will be generated) or attach a page to this paper form.

If you have no resident priest at present, who leads Sunday worship services? (Check all that apply)

- Supply  Priest(s)  Deacon  Lay worship leader Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. lay vicar)  
 A long-term supply priest \_\_\_\_\_ (Give full name of long-term supply)

**Deacon(s) Serving this Congregation**

Last name of Deacon #1 <b>Jones</b>	First Name <b>Sandra</b>	Middle Name <b>Lee Spoar</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deacon (vocational) <input type="checkbox"/> Transitional Deacon	Year ordained (priest) <b>2013</b>	
Last name of Deacon #1 <b>Johnston</b>	First Name <b>Copeland</b>	Middle Name <b>David</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Deacon (vocational) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transitional Deacon	Year ordained (priest) <b>2018</b>	

Name(s) of other congregation(s) currently served by these priests (if any)

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Explanation of Unique or Unusual Clergy Situation

Peter retired from this congregation 6/30/2018. He passed away 12/16/2018.

**Community Garden Blessing & Harvest -**

We inaugurated our garden's third season with the Blessing of St. Mary's Community Garden service on Sunday, May 6th, led by Ginny Sivak. Directly following our Eucharist service, congregants were led in procession around our 18 garden boxes to petition our Creator for a robust harvest and to commit ourselves to sharing our garden's bounty with those in need. Over the course of the growing season, we harvested—and donated—hundreds of pounds of produce. In the fall we gathered again on Sunday, October 7, this time led by Lon Young to surround our bountiful community garden and conduct a Gratitude for the Harvest celebration.

**The Blessing of the Animals**

A few of us gathered in front of the church on Saturday, October 13th in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. Melody Oliphant led us in prayer over our pets and praise to God of Creation. It was a beautiful day and a wonderful way to remember and celebrate the furry friends that we have in our lives and to give thanks to God for them.

**"Ending Child Homelessness" Sunday**

On Sunday, October 21st, St. Mary's Church had its Noisy Bucket Sunday & took up a collection in response to CORC's "Ending Child Homelessness" campaign.

Cleaning supplies were purchased, quilts were made, stuffed animals were lovingly purchased, and all of these things will be given to a family in our area getting a new start in a new home with help from the Center for Women and Children in Crisis in Orem.



the Deacon

The Rev. Dcn. Sandra L. Jones



This past year has brought many changes to St. Mary's, the retirement and passing of a beloved priest, the loss of members due to moves, life changes and sadly, death. Throughout these changes the congregation has held together, supporting each other in the grieving while moving forward. It has been a joy to watch the members and leaders of St. Mary's step up and maintain our worship services and our annual celebrations with the support and encouragement of the two Deacons—Copeland and me. St. Mary's has held the Blessing of the Animals, Morning Prayer with the addition of Evening Prayer, our annual picnic, and there are plans for a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday next month. In addition, St. Mary's presence in the greater community continues through Steven Nordstrom, our Senior Warden who attends community meetings and events; through the work of a dedicate group of laity who represented St. Mary's at Provo's Pride Festival - a first time occurrence and surely not the last; and through the Community Music Outreach Program, which invited local leaders to be participants in our annual Advent Lessons and Carols. The Community Music Outreach Program also provides for other special musical services and events held throughout the year.

My ministry at St. Mary's this past year has included pastoral visits to homes, the hospital, the county jail and skilled nursing facilities. Centering Prayer continues as a monthly gathering on the fourth Sunday and holds the possibility for more frequent meetings lead by laity. I continue to serve at Food & Care Coalition every second Sunday, preparing the noon meal, conducting a Eucharist service and sitting with and getting to know our guests. This year has been a treat as I have had the privilege to work with and learn from The Rev. Copeland Johnston as he serves St. Mary's as a transitional deacon.

This past year I was able to bring to St. Mary's and share with the congregation two of my special ministries that are outside of the parish. My time and energies are devoted into being present at Flourish Bakery;

my many titles include Board member, Chaplain, Volunteer Coordinator, and most importantly "a Human Being". In April, The Rev. Aimee Altizer and I, along with the interns brought Flourish Bakery to St. Mary's to share the work that Flourish is doing with those in recovery from substance abuse disorders while reintegrating their lives after a period of incarceration. My commitment to the Coalition of Religious Communities (CORC) has been a way for me to expand my work with social justice issues that affect those living on the margins. During the past two years, St. Mary's has participated with congregations throughout the Salt Lake Valley in CORC's *End Childhood Homelessness Sabbath* an opportunity that brings awareness of the impact of homelessness on children to congregations during their worship service. This year, *End Childhood Homelessness Sabbath* was held in October in conjunction with National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; domestic violence is a leading cause of childhood homelessness. Partnering with the Center for Women and Children in Crisis in Orem, St. Mary's held an informative service with the presence of Holly Johnson, the Director of The Housing Stability for Survivors Project and Bill Tibbetts, Director of CORC. Through the generous donation of household goods (along with some special treats) by members of St. Mary's one of the families working with The Housing Stability for Survivors Project was able to move into and set up their new home.

As with all of us, I do not know what the future holds but I do believe that God continues to offer us opportunities to serve in ways that we could never imagine if we will only let go and trust in God's love and abundance. I wish to thank all of you for your continued support and prayers in my ministries both inside and outside of St. Mary's.

the Bishop's Warden  
Steven Nordstrom



2018 was a busy year at St. Mary's Church. Together we have done so much good. As Bishop's Warden in the absence of a priest, the responsibility for making sure the church stays in operation in the interim between the arrival of a new priest falls upon me. I make sure we have services each week, that our ministries and programs continue and have support, that our Bishop's Committee continues to meet monthly and make decisions on behalf of the members of the congregation. In my role I have found much joy and challenge and mutual support this year. I love and care about you all, and I know that your work and mine made a real difference in the life of St. Mary's Church in 2018.

We have been pulling together to make good things happen at St. Mary's Church, that despite the loss of our dear friend and pastor, we have still managed to grow and share in the love of Christ together each week. We experimented with new liturgies and services in this interim period, we had baptisms and confirmations, booths at festivals, a wedding, two funerals, an ordination of an amazing deacon with a bright future as a clergy-person, and we had many special musical events and services where we invited the community in to join with us. We raised lots of money for Food and Care Coalition, and the Center For Women And Children In Crisis in Utah County, and about how we served meals and pancakes together, made quilts together, brought diapers and supplies, and made space for those trying to make a positive difference in the world. We met with partners and friends in our communities through the Utah Valley Interfaith Association. We hosted scores of support groups' meetings. We heard God's Word together; we prayed together; we preached the Good News to one another; we broke bread together in fellowship and renewal of covenant with God.

Rev. Peter retired in June and thanks to his many years of building us up and giving us opportunities to lead out in our ministries and responsibilities, we have been able to continue on in his absence with many grateful thanks to many supply clergy visits (and a few visits by the Bishop as well). Peter gave his all to his work at St. Mary's, working for another year after his cancer diagnosis despite fatigue and pain and the frustrations of his body not cooperating with his desires to continue to work. He managed to set us up as ideally as possible to carry on with the work of building God's dream for humanity here in Utah County in our "little congregation that could." We will all miss him greatly, and I know his memory will continue to influence us for good here.

We did more than just carry on, though; we have been thriving and enjoying one another, and our work here in the Lord's vineyard. We brought together a Search Committee to write our church profile document that will be used to inform the search process for our new priest, which we pray will attract a faith-filled, creative, and energetic priest to come here to work in St. Mary's Church sometime in

2019. We also had two deacons working hard to help us in our ministries, our worship, and our administration of the business of the church. We had a catechist prepare many of our newer congregants for baptism and confirmation, and we had Eucharistic visitors regularly visit our fellow congregants too sick to join with us on Sunday. We bore one another's burdens, that they might be lightened. I'm often simultaneously humbled and proud of all of you, and all you do for one another, for our church community, for our wider Utah County community, and for God.

The Bishop's Committee worked hard to prepare for Peter's retirement, and to manage the affairs of St. Mary's Church responsibly. We managed our finances responsibly, ending the year with more revenue than expenses for 2018, and with an approved, balanced budget for 2019 despite receiving a 10% reduction in assistance from the Diocese. We held a pledge drive in the fall, and an communicate with confidence and transparency how we are using the sacred funds sacrificially given and entrusted to St. Mary's Church's care for make possible the important ministries that help us live into our mission and vision.

There's something special about what's going on at St. Mary's, and I'm proud to work alongside all of you as Bishop's Warden. I feel we have been learning and growing together this past year. St. Mary's Church has a strong core of committed members. Many of us are "seekers" who are trying to answer God's call in their lives as best we know how. Others are stalwart "cradle" Episcopalians who inspire us with their deep knowledge and understanding of the traditions and rich heritage of the branch of the Jesus Movement. We have so much to do in 2019, and I'm really excited to see what we can accomplish together, with God's help. We'll need to rely upon one another to do important and spiritually challenging work. We are fellow travelers in the Way of Christ. Let's see how much more good we can do together in the coming year.



Stewardship and Financial Information of the Reporting Congregation

Giving Information for 2018:				
Number of Pledges	1.	Number of confirmed pledges for 2018 report year	(1)	24
Total \$ Pledged	2.	Total dollar amount pledged for 2018 report year	(2)	\$ 36,000
Report of Revenues and Expenses for 2018:				
Operating Revenues	3.	Plate offerings, pledge payments & regular support	(3)	49,592
	4.	Money from investments used for operations in 2018	(4)	0
	5.	Other operating income, including unrestricted gifts & restricted gifts used for operations & contributions from congregation's organizations	(5)	12
	6.	Unrestricted bequests used for operations	(6)	0
<b>Subtotal Normal Operating Income (3+4+5+6) = A</b>				<b>49,604</b>
	7.	Assistance from diocese for operating budget	(7)	61,000
<b>Total Operating Revenues (A + 7) = B</b>				<b>110,604</b>
Non-Operating Revenues	8.	Capital funds, gifts & additions	(8)	0
	9.	Additions to endowment & other investment funds	(9)	0
	10.	Contributions & grants for congregation-based outreach & mission programs	(10)	2,920
	11.	Funds for transmittal to other organizations	(11)	3,415
<b>Subtotal Non-Operating Revenues (8+9+10+11) = C</b>				<b>6,335</b>
<b>Total All Revenues (B+C) = D</b>				<b>116,939</b>
Operating Expenses	12.	To diocese for assessment, appointment, or fair share	(12)	4,463
	13.	Outreach from operating budget	(13)	4,861
	14.	All other operating expenses	(14)	83,908
<b>Subtotal Operating Expenses (12+13+14) = E</b>				<b>93,232</b>
Non-Operating Expenses	15.	Major improvements & capital expenditures	(15)	5,137
	16.	Expenses for congregation's outreach & mission	(16)	10,627
	17.	Funds contributed to Episcopal seminaries	(17)	0
	18.	Funds sent to other organizations	(18)	2,498
<b>Subtotal Non-Operating Expenses (15+16+17+18) = F</b>				<b>18,262</b>
<b>Total All Expenses (E+F) = G</b>				<b>111,494</b>
At Year-End:				
As of December 31, 2018	19.	Total cash in all checking & savings accounts	(19)	31,311
	20.	Total investments at market value (not including cash reported in line 19)	(20)	48,059

Congregation	City	Diocese
<b>Membership, Attendance and Services of the Reporting Congregation</b>		
<b>Using Last Year's Report:</b> <i>Using the 2017 Parochial report, record the Number of Baptized Members Reported as of December 31, 2017. (See your 2017 Parochial Report, Box M17)</i>		
Active Baptized Members of the Reported Congregation Reported Last Year	Members Reported Last Year = M17	94
<b>Using the Register of Church Membership and Rites:</b>		
During the Report Year	<b>1. Increases during year:</b> <i>All members added to the baptized members section of the congregation's Membership Register during 2018 by: baptism, confirmation/reception, or transfer; and those persons restored from inactive status, or not counted in last year's membership count.</i>	
Increases in Membership	Total Increases = 1.	13
Decreases in Membership	<b>2. Decreases during year:</b> <i>All active baptized members lost by death, transferred to another congregation, removed to inactive status in the Register of Church Membership and Rites, removed for other reasons, or not removed from last year's membership count.</i>	
	Total Decreases = 2.	58
Active Baptized Members of the Reporting Congregation at Year-End	<b>M18. Add the increases entered in box 1 to Box M17. Then subtract the decreases entered in box 2 for the total active membership as of December 31, 2018</b>	
	Total Active Baptized Members (end of report year) = M18	49
Communicants in Good Standing of the Reporting Congregation	<b>Communications in good standing:</b> <i>Baptized members of the reporting congregation who "have received Holy Communion at least three times during the preceding year" and are faithful "in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented," and "in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God."</i>	
Youth Communicants In Good Standing	3. Adult communicants in good standing (age 16 and over) =	3. 37
	4. Youth communicants in good standing (under age 16) =	4. 11
	5. Total communicants in good Standing (sum of 3 and 4) =	5. 48
Others Active	6. Others who are active who baptisms are not recorded in the Membership Register, or in another Episcopal congregation. Others =	6. 40
<b>Using the Service Register:</b>		
Average Sunday Attendance for 2018	<b>7. Sunday (&amp; Saturday Evening) Attendance</b> Divide total attendance by the total number of Sundays when services were held.	
Weekday Attendance in Congregations without Sunday Attendance	Average Sunday Attendance=	7. 48
Easter Attendance in 2018	8. Average Principal Worship Service Attendance on a Weekday (for congregations <u>without</u> Sunday or Saturday evening services) =	8. 0
	9. Easter Sunday Attendance (9)	118
<b>Sacraments &amp; Services:</b>		
Number of Holy Eucharists Celebrated During 2018	10. Total Sunday & Saturday Evening Eucharists (10)	42
	11. Total Weekday Eucharists (11)	8
	12. Total Private Eucharists (12)	23
Daily Offices and Other Services Held During 2018	13. Daily Offices on Sunday or Saturday Evening (13)	12
	14. Daily Offices Held on Weekdays (14)	4
	15. Marriages Conducted in 2018 (15)	1
	16. Burials Conducted in 2018 (16)	2
<b>Using the Register of Church Membership and Rites:</b>		
Baptisms in 2018	17. Baptisms 16 years and older (17)	1
	18. Baptisms under 16 years of age (18)	3
Confirmation in 2018	19. Confirmations 16 years and older (19)	0
	20. Confirmations under 16 years of age (20)	0
Received in 2018	21. Received by a Bishop (21)	0
<b>Education</b>		
Children and Youth	22. Total Church School enrolled in 2018 (22)	12
Adult Education in 2018	23. Regular Sunday or weekday adult education programs held? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
	24. Number of adults engaged in religious education or spiritual formation <sup>18</sup>	
<b>Languages in which Worship is conducted:</b>		
	25. English <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spanish <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
	26. Other (please list) _____	

## the Junior Warden

Jim Meador

The year 2018: that's the year the front red doors were replaced at St. Marys. I know that I have more work to do to finish them (a different red paint and a few other adjustments). if the weather cooperates I hope to have them completed by Easter.

During the year we had a spring clean up. We missed fall cleanup because we were waiting for all the leaves to fall off the trees in front and then it snowed. So, we are hoping we can get it all cleaned up this spring.

The community garden went well. It was very productive. I'm sure "Food and Care" appreciated everything.

Cutter's Lawn Care kept the yard looking great and had a couple of sprinkler repairs

Looking into the future there is a lot of work that needs some attention. We have a list that includes the back patio, lights for our stain glass windows, security system, and improving our parking lot. I am looking forward to work with all these projects.

At this time I would like the opportunity to thank everyone who helped with our spring cleanup and with maintaining the building and grounds.

It's been an honor and pleasure.  
God bless,  
Jim

## the Readers & Ushers

Roy Varghese

This year we have been blessed to have parish members taking turns to read the Lessons and the Prayers of the People. If the scheduled reader was not present, the Verger or the Bishop Committee Person Of The Day (BCPOD) has made alternate arrangements. Thank You.

Both Stan and Roy have had parish members help them out perform the Usher duties. Thanks to each one of them for their help. Thanks to the Parish Secretary for the clarity in the Bulletin as to what Hymn number is going to be sung during Church Service since perched up at that high altitude on a step stool to set up the Hymnal Notice Board, the bigger font matters! We are also thankful to the Facility Manager for keeping the Church clean. We are thankful that we did not have to deal with any of these issues in the past year: emergencies, security situation, unruly/drunk visitor, disturbances, etc. Sometimes we run out of bulletins to hand out for a service, which gets awkward. We have had only very few such incidents in this last year and we are thankful for our parish members for their understanding and cooperation by sharing their bulletins. What are we as a Church not ready for? We are probably not ready to handle an emergency situation or a security situation.



## the Parish Secretary

Ashley Haws

The Parish Office has seen change this year again! Tricia and her family moved to the East Coast and I was brought on to take her place. I was extremely fortunate to get to know Fr. Peter in a small but very meaningful way. Though I didn't know him like the rest of you, he greatly impacted my life.

I have learned so much while being a part of the community here. Though I am considered an employee, I absolutely love attending services and fellowshiping with each of you. My three little girls, Scarlet, Stella, and Molly, frequently join me when I work in the office. They definitely keep my eyes wide open. They have loved coming to St. Mary's and I have loved teaching them about this beautiful community. My husband, Nic, and I have loved attending services with all of you.

The holiday season was an opportunity to learn a lot! The traditions and readings, the concerts and activities have all enriched my life. I have enjoyed being involved in whatever needs have arisen, be it assisting with programs, advertising, welcoming, singing in the choir, or simply spectating. St. Mary's always has something going on that adds great depth and meaning to each day. It really is a rare and incredible thing.

In December, we received our poinsettias from the greenhouse at the Utah State Hospital. They were short on their availability so we had to get the remaining poinsettias from a local grocery store. The ones from the Utah State Hospital were far superior than the ones from the grocery store! However, each plant added great beauty to the Sanctuary, along with the greenery and candles. It was magical.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints requested use of our beautiful Sanctuary for part of their Christmas message / music video. It was enjoyable to watch as everything was set up, recorded, and cleaned up. It was quite the production. All those who were there were very kind and we had some great conversation.

I am looking forward to the 2019 year and all that it will hold. Though we have many things planned, it is my belief that each moment of each day at St. Mary's holds something beautiful and enlightening. Thank you for letting me be a part of such a beautiful community.

## the Community Garden

Lon Young

Many St. Mary's parishioners put stewardship into practice by hosting one or more of the garden boxes each growing season. With a challenge grant from the diocese, St. Mary's has been able to build and maintain this tidy community garden, which graces the large expanse of lawn west of the church. Each parishioner who sponsors a box makes a small donation towards soil amendments and commits to donating not less than 90% of their garden's harvest to support our local Food and Care Coalition and their initiative to serve fresh, in-season fruits and vegetables. In 2018, the Community Garden's third season, we grew crops in 16 of our 18 raised beds, harvesting hundreds of pounds of produce over the growing season. In the Fall after the Sunday worship, our congregation gathered around the garden to offer a Harvest Prayer of Gratitude and reflect on the sacred obligation that falls to us as stewards of God's creation.



We inaugurated our garden's third season with the Blessing of St. Mary's Community Garden service on Sunday, May 6th. Directly following our Eucharist service, congregants were led in procession around our 18 garden boxes to petition our Creator for a robust harvest and to commit ourselves to sharing our garden's bounty with those in need. Over the course of the growing season, we harvested—and donated—hundreds of pounds of produce. In the fall we gathered again, on October 7, to surround our bountiful community and conduct a Gratitude for the Harvest celebration.

## THE 2018 REPORT OF EPISCOPAL CONGREGATIONS AND MISSIONS

ACCORDING TO CANONS 1.6, 1.7, AND 1.17

(OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PAROCHIAL REPORT)



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### Vestry Approval

Indicate the date that your 2018 Parochial Report was approved by the vestry or Bishop's Committee (Canon 1.6.1)	Date
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## Children's Ministry Pictures October, 2018

Louisa Heiny taught the children to make Soul Cakes. Louisa managed the "hot" area (top left photo) and fried the cakes while the children (middle left, bottom left, bottom right photos). The children were then taught the history behind soul cakes. Louisa did a fantastic job and the children had a wonderful experience!



## Food & Care Ministry

Joshua Johns & Steven Nordstrom

"You must be compassionate, just as your Father is compassionate." --Luke 6:36 (NLT)

In this short utterance that bridges a teaching on loving enemies with one about judging others, Jesus offers a radical alternative to the conventional wisdom of his time, an alternate vision of what's at the core of God's essence. For Jews, Jesus' statement in the gospel of Luke subverts the traditional verse in Leviticus: "You must be holy because I, the LORD, am holy." (20:26) Rather than holiness--with its focus on purity and separation from the world--Jesus places compassion at the center of God's being, and at the core of how we are to be in this world. Holy too, maybe, but never in a way that gets in the way of us reaching out in compassion toward humankind and all of God's creation. Allowing compassion to lead toward action is how we build God's kingdom on earth, how we edge closer to God's dream for humanity.

St. Mary's Church has been involved in the care for the poor and needy in our Utah County community for many decades now. Our involvement with the Food and Care Coalition (FACC) goes back to the non-profit's origins in our own parish hall kitchen, where members of St. Mary's and two other local Christian churches decided to serve meals to the homeless and hungry. As the FACC grew and expanded its services, it now operates a multi-functional facility that provides three meals for every day of the week, transitional housing for people trying to get back on their feet, and hygiene, healthcare, dental, and mental health services to those in need.

Along the way, members of St. Mary's Church and many young women attending the Heritage School in Provo served 1,212 hot meals, gave out 1,142 sack lunches, and gave 766 hours of service at FACC. 82 of those hot meals were served to children. St. Mary's Church also donated 976 lbs of canned and other processed foods, 295 lbs of purchased fresh produce, 83 lbs of hygiene items, and gave out 114 lbs of clothing items, including gloves, hats, coats, blankets, socks, dress shirts, jeans, etc.

I consider this evidence of significant care, sacrifice, and devotion of time, treasure and talent toward alleviating the suffering and need of the most vulnerable among us. We are a small church, and it's easy to feel like we cannot make much of a difference in the face of such massive, chronic needs in the world. And yet, we have given when we can, this generosity is appreciated by those we serve, and when we sum up our efforts it turns out we have done much good this year. Perhaps most significant is that many of the regular FACC guests have become friends and fond acquaintances of our congregation. These are people, and not just the subjects of our charitable activity. As we honor and appreciate their inherent dignity and humanity, we become greater acquainted with our own, and we may even better comprehend the magnitude and depth of the divine love that is given with-

out price, and without reserve.

One other significant statistic is that St. Mary's Church also gave 169 lbs of fresh produce from its St. Mary's Community Garden. St. Mary's Church applied for and received a diocesan grant in 2016 to construct this community garden on the church property, to be tended by members and any other community members who were committed to giving a 90% portion of their harvest to the FACC. 2017 saw the addition of five more gardening boxes to St. Mary's Community Garden, bringing the total to 18. All boxes were "adopted" by members of St. Mary's and one box was designated the children's garden box. It is estimated that over 30 people participated in the garden this year, growing a wide variety of vegetables and some fruit. Additionally, a sign was installed to highlight the purpose of the garden to the public. The garden on our property is a visible symbol and reminder of our commitment to feeding everyone in need in the example of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you would like to be involved in the community garden in the coming season, please contact Ginny Sivak.

In the coming year, St. Mary's Church will need members who are passionate and interested in caring for the poor and needy as we seek to not only sustain our efforts and relationships with FACC, but also envision where God is calling us next to care for all people in their need. If you would like to get involved, please contact Steven Nordstrom, Erik Heiny, or Stan King.



# Music

Dallin Baldwin

The St. Mary's Chancel Choir serves to bring the spirit to our sacred worship services through beautiful choral music. We have had a wonderful year this past year in singing on regular Sunday morning services and also for special events. The choir typically sings on the first and third Sundays of every month, with a break during the Summer. Last year's highlights include services for Holy Week, participating in the premier performance of a newly composed work by Dr. Christian Asplund for Good Friday, and singing our traditional service of Lessons and Carols in Advent. It has been a very musically fulfilling year, and we look forward to continuing to provide beautiful sacred music this year! - Dallin Baldwin



St. Mary's Chancel Choir Rehearsing with Dr. Esplund for the Good Friday Concert in 2018



St. Mary's Chancel Choir and The Rev. Copeland Johnston following Lessons and Carols,

December 2018

# The Altar Guild

Roy Varghese

The glossary for 'Altar Guild' (<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/glossary/altar-guild>), says that it is, "A volunteer group of the parish whose ministry is to care for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens of the parish."

Altar Guild members prepare the sanctuary for services, and clean up afterwards. Altar Guild members frequently supervise the decoration of the sanctuary of the parish with flowers." Setting the meal table at home maybe a chore. But setting the Lord's Table is never a chore. It's a privilege and a blessing that we members of this ministry take with a lot of seriousness and reverence. We are so serious about what we do that we make sure that gluten free bread is available. Each one of us take a lot of pride in doing this work.

Typically, the rector is the head of the Altar Guild. The same was the case, here at St. Mary's. This year, the retirement (and later the sad demise) of Father Peter was a big 'blow' for the Altar Guild Ministry. He was always there to answer our questions and provide history with context for why/how some of the stuff are done. Thanks to the support of Deacon Sandra, Deacon Copeland, the Bishop's Committee, the visiting priest's and the 'we shall overcome' spirit of the Altar Guild members, we were able to run this Ministry without skipping a beat. The members of this Ministry who have shown up regularly in the past year has been: Melody, Shauna and Roy. A few other members like Marcie and Anna have helped out whenever their health allowed them. We also thank, Ginny, for checking out the Altar Guild Ministry.

In the last year, the members have come on Saturday's to change colors according to the liturgical calendar and take the opportunity/time to clean up or perform any maintenance wherever required. Thanks to Melody for organizing those Saturday informal meetings.

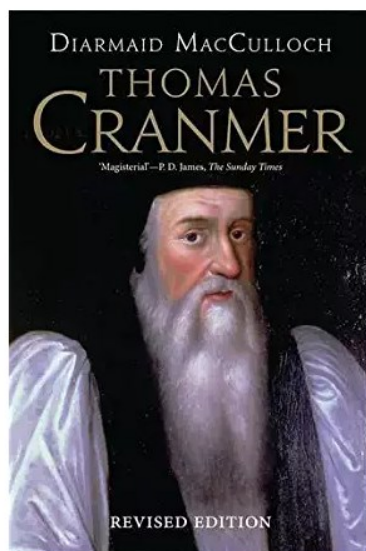
As a Team, we have supported each other. If a member is not well and cannot attend church, the other members have organized ourselves to help out with the Altar Guild duties for that Sunday.

"Members of the altar guild are grateful servants: ministers of God, ministers of God's people, ministers of liturgy, and ministers of the worship space." - quote from 'Altar Guild and Sacristy Handbook, by S. Anita Stauffer. For sure, each one of us are grateful for doing this work.

We look forward to new members joining this ministry. We would train and mentor each new member until they are confident in doing the duties on their own. We look forward in the New Year to the new priest-in-charge (our head of the Altar Guild).

The following pages contain the **Annual Parochial Report** that is required to be submitted by every congregation in The Episcopal Church. It is published each year in the Parish Reports so that the members of the congregation may see the official documents. These are also available on the parish Web site. (Note that the Report is not yet signed, as it will be approved by the Bishop's Committee in February.)





## Sunday Morning Adult Discussion Group

Shaunna Gage

January 2018 found us still working our way through the book, "Thomas Cranmer" by Diarmaid MacCulloch, which was over 600 pages of history on King Henry VIII, the Church of England and Thomas Cranmer, who served as Archbishop of Canterbury in the 1530's. It was a two year "deep dive" into Anglican history. We came away with a deeper understanding that these people were not "good guys and bad guys". They were humans who sometimes did good deeds and sometimes did bad deeds. As satisfying as it was to read, it was also satisfying to be done!! \*whew\*

Once we completed our "deep dive", we started a new book called, "To Be A Pilgrim" by Frederick Quinn. This is also a history of the Anglican Church, from its origins in England to its growth in America. This book is more of an overview, rather than focusing intensely on one era. We are really enjoying this continuing journey through history!!

## Eucharistic Visitor Ministry

Shaunna Gage

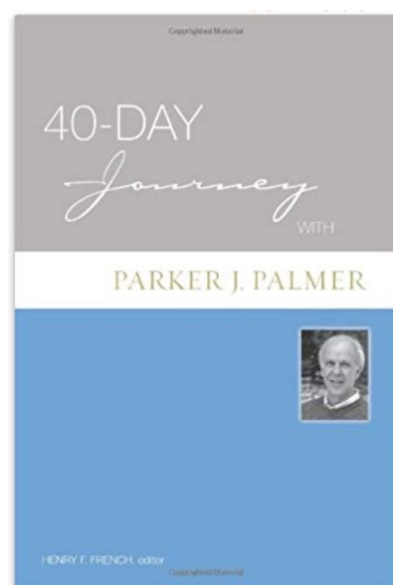
For quite some time, St. Mary's only licensed Eucharistic Visitor, outside of ordained clergy, has been Melody Oliphant. With her encouragement and assistance, Shaunna Gage was also licensed in 2018. Eucharistic Visitors minister to those who are ill, disabled or home bound, by taking the Holy Meal to them at home or in the hospital. EV's also act as a liaison between the Parishioner and the St. Mary's Family, by assessing any needs the Parishioner may have and reporting those needs to the Clergy.

Melody and Shaunna have devoted many hours on Sunday afternoons and occasionally during the week to this service. They have had the privilege to minister to Don Flowers who has suffered with health changes and our late sister, Arlene Duto. Many happy moments have been spent holding space with these friends; laughing, crying and sharing the Lord's Supper together.

As an offshoot of this Ministry, Melody and Shaunna were accompanied by Steven Nordstrom to minister to Arlene in her final hours. It was a beautiful and humbling experience to sit with Arlene, praying for her and comforting her in those last hours of her mortal life.

## The Tuesday Evening Discussion Group

Melody Oliphant



For the first half of the year, the group was being led by Fr. Peter through the Gospel of Mark.

After Peter's retirement in June, the group decided to read *40 Day Journey with Parker Palmer*. After the book ended in November, the group decided to take a break for the holidays; it will start up again on February 5th, meeting on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 6 pm - 8 pm at the Village Inn at East Bay in Provo. We will be reading *40 Day Journey with Joan Chittister*. Convener: Peter J. Van Hook

## Community Music Outreach Program (CMOP)

Serena Kanig Benish

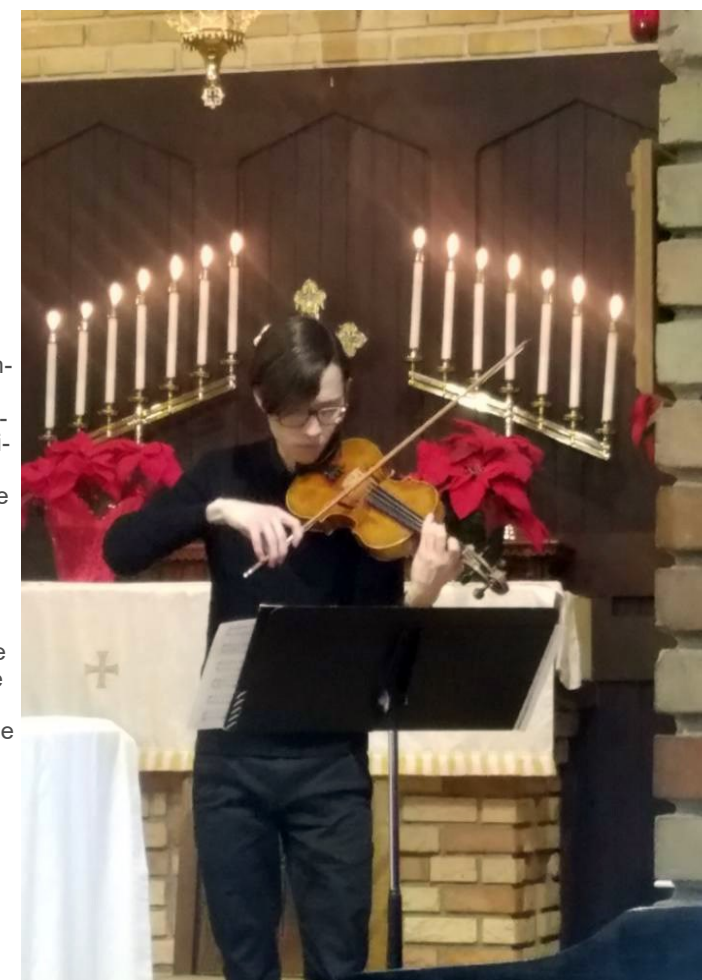
While Outreach is serving the community in the ways that Jesus taught us, producing God's work in concrete action, Evangelism might be said to be reaching the community through worship and communication. Music is a marvelous tool of evangelism, and it is in this vein that Community Music Outreach Program (CMOP) seeks to communicate to the greater population of Provo and Utah County. Being also blessed with incredible acoustics, widely acknowledged in musical circles to be wonderful, St. Mary's has been a viable crusader in bringing the community in through the red doors to find comfort in the warmth of the brick and stained glass and lay down their burdens for a respite in musical splendor. Audiences have been as small as 15 to standing room only and overflowing, each performance bringing both to the listener and to the performer a sense of sanctuary and beauty. And through these performances--theatrical, musical, and evangelical--people are reached, and the acceptance housed in the varied imperfect bricks and the strains of fledgling violin students to the supreme talents of some of the best combine to become the best evangelist of God's love and acceptance and of beauty through the arts. People walk in, unaware of the unique beauty of the surroundings, and leave, remembering their experience, many to return again for more art and music.

Impressive events this year have included and will include the following:

- \* Aspen Winds 150-year celebration in music of the Golden Spike
- \* *Quartet for the End of Time* by Messiaen--BYU Honors Quartet
- \* *Avant Vespers*--monthly series begun in September 2018, voted as "Best in Utah" for Alternative Worship by City Weekly
- \* Young Composers concert March 2019
- \* Holy Week music and services
- \* Tenebrae for Good Friday
- \* Lionharp Cletic Music group -- April 28, 2019

CMOP continues to operate in the black. Plans are to apply again for the Celtic Cross grant from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, California (Peter's alma mater) to be combined with memorial gifts given in remembrance of The Rev. Dr. Peter J. Van Hook, to fund subtle but necessary outdoor lighting to illuminate at night the exquisite stained glass windows from the outside so that their warmth and beauty shines inside the church for services and performances.

While the primary goals of the CMOP are to exercise good stewardship of the physical resources of the congregation and to provide a mid-sized venue for musical performance to members of the community, it is also an unobtrusive way of inviting many people into the church building who would otherwise not consider entering an Episcopal church. We cannot time predict what kind of response we will get, but our previous experience with inviting musicians (and their friends) into the church has been positive. I am working on trying to make the program self-sustaining by 2021, a large goal set in motion by Peter Van Hook, but one that is a good evangelical tool, as the Bishop pointed out.



# Children's Christian Education

Louisa Heiny

## Overview:

We have continued our schedule from 2017. Rather than a weekly Sunday School, the children attend full church services most weeks. We occasionally hold a longer and more involved Sunday School. We continued to hold "Children's Sunday" the first Sunday of the month, and scheduled service projects and special events.

The number of regularly attending families with children has vacillated over the past year. Our weekly attendance ranges from two to twelve or more. We have a regular group of five families. We have numerous additional children visiting during the year. Although two families have teenagers, we do not currently offer teen programs beyond acolyting or helping the smaller children in Sunday School.

## Schedule:

\* First Sunday of Every Month: The children are in church with the adults, and the children participate fully in the service. The sermon is geared toward the children; the children read the lessons and the prayers of the people; and the children present the gifts, offertory, noisy bucket, and Food and Care basket.

\* Regular Sunday Schedule: The children attend regular services with their parents.

\* Special Events: A longer and more focused Sunday School is held for all children. At least one parent from each family generally attends and helps. We have focused on holidays, holy days, and historical traditions in the life of the church. For example, the children made soul cakes at Halloween, communion bread, and three kings cakes at Epiphany.

\* No Sunday School was held over summer vacation due to the various vacation schedules of teachers and students.

## Teachers:

Louisa Heiny and Serena Benish. Matt Holst coordinates Sunday School and other events.

## Curriculum:

We have focused on lessons specific to the Episcopal church and St. Mary's. The parents discuss and decide the curriculum with the guidance of Father Peter (prior to June) and Deacons Sandra and Copeland.

## Accomplishments:

\* Submitted \$1,862.00 to Episcopal Relief and Development. This includes a monthly penny-for-penny matching donation from an anonymous member of the congregation.

\* Helped at the Food and Care coalition.

\* Attended and helped with the Blessing of the Animals.

\* Made Soul Cakes for the Congregation for All Saint's Day.

\* Made Three Kings cakes for Three Kings' Day.

\* Helped with clean-up day.

\* Planned and served 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship hours.

\* Made communion bread.

## Acolytes:

Rohit Abraham and Grace Goodey served regularly as acolytes.

See page 14 for more "Children's Ministry" photos!

## Goals:

\* **Help children become literate in the Bible, church history, and church teachings through Sunday school lessons and reading the Bible at home;**

\* **Include children in the life of the church as acolytes and participants in church services;**

\* **Foster vibrant and meaningful public and pastoral service through the Food and Care basket and the Episcopal Relief and Development "noisy bucket";**

\* **Continue to make church a welcoming and interesting time for children by including them in the service, encouraging them to sit in front pews where they can see, providing quiet toys, and helping them understand the things they see and hear during the service;**

\* **Hold and attend special events for and with the children. We did not hold any special events in 2016.**

\* **Create additional opportunities for teen involvement.**

\* **Involve the children in regular services beyond First Sunday, regular baking of communion bread, and welcoming new families.**



Serena Kanig Benish helped the children make Advent Wreaths during services in December 2018. These children from St. Mary's are enjoying their Advent Wreath, and a new tradition, at home.

## Finance

George Benish

1. The 2018 Budget for Pledge of \$39,000.00 and Plate of \$4,800.00 were overly optimistic. I was counting on some of our newer members to add a total of \$3,000.00, which never materialized. So, it turned out to be \$35,725.00 versus a budget of \$36,000.00. I will never get used to Open Plate being so disregarded by our occasional visitors. \$3,184.00 over 52 weeks isn't much at all.
2. Support Groups, taken together, are contributing as expected. They are contributing total of \$10,298.00 for the year. Without these funds we would be hard pressed to pay our utility bills. We've only looked at these contributions as offsetting utilities, but should also see it as offsetting facilities and cleaning supplies expenses too.
3. Combining Pledge, Plate, and Groups, 2018 Budget is \$53,400.00 for the full year. Collections YTD are \$49,592.00. YTD we are short by \$3,808.00. Our cash balances were high enough to support us thru this shortfall because we had a large opening balance.
4. The Merrill Lynch Portfolio saw all of its gains wiped away in December 2018. The \$3,747.00 loss was 7.2%. This is after paying all management and transaction fees for the year. This account is meant to "roll the dice" for big gains—not to be a slow savings gain. Fund balance is \$48,059.00 at 12/31/18. Fund balance on 12/31/17 was \$49,581.00.
5. Episcopal Relief and Development, aka the Noisy Bucket, has received \$1,963.00 in donations the first eleven months of 2018. This includes a 100% match by an anonymous donor. The balance of the designated fund at 12/31/18 is \$1,862.00. No other collection in December 2018.
6. Community Music Outreach Program had contributions of \$2,505.00 in 2018. This program was one of Rev. Peter's favorites for many reasons. The least of which is that it is self-supporting. It's continuation and growth is essential to St. Mary's mission in Provo.
7. Central Bank Checking Balance per the books is \$31,260.00 as of 12/31/18 and the monthly reconciliation is completed. The General Fund Balance is \$22,086.00, which is a very healthy figure to end the year with. Also, the strongest it's been for many months.
8. Salaries, P/R taxes, all insurances, and utilities and nearly all expense categories are in-line with budget. Please re-read this to yourself and tell every parishioner! This is the best proof of leadership and successful stewardship! We could stand increased income.
9. There remains more involved research into grants received and balances brought forward of unspent prior year's money. This is a good spot for the Finance Committee to spend some time. Also, the Finance Committee can look forward to more hands on experience using Church Windows.
10. Life got way too busy to accomplish this 4th Quarter goal, but it is brought forward to 2019. The Finance Committee will have to produce their first quarterly report as the primary, with the treasurers help in the 2nd or 3rd Quarter of this year. This is to have a backup plan for a single treasurer. This remains a strong priority as per the Diocese, not to free up time for George.
11. SEE Item #10!
12. Any Finance Committee member needing penance can volunteer to do the paperwork to get monies paid for sales tax reimbursed to us from the State. Through 12/28/18 \$412.00.