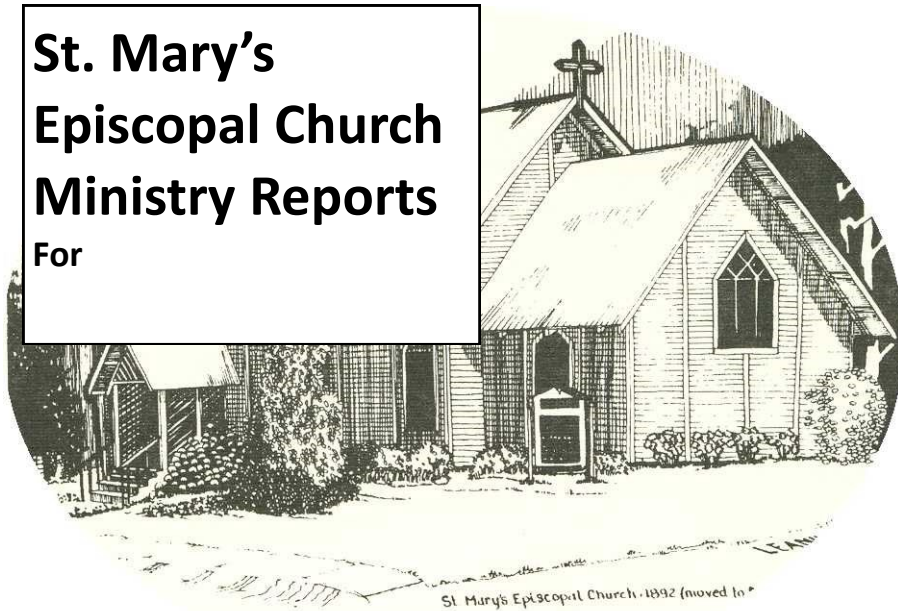


**St. Mary's
Episcopal Church
Ministry Reports
For**



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St. Mary's Annual Meeting Agenda

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- Gathering Song
- Opening Prayer
- Declare a quorum
- Vote for New Vestry
- Fr. Dewey & others presents state of parish and gives overview of ministry reports
- Other reports as necessary
- Concluding prayer
- Sending out song

Rector's Message

As I have the privilege to preside over my ninth Annual Meeting at St. Mary's, I am grateful to all of you for your faith, fellowship, and work in the name of God in the past year.

Each year at this time we compile a series of reports and produce a booklet of them for your review and post those reports on St. Mary's website. The reports are filled with numbers and results from the prior year. While these reports are informative, they can often lead us, this local body of Christ in Dade City, to want to evaluate the numbers to see how successful we were. On the one hand, this is a necessary exercise.

But stop and think about what we are really doing here at St. Mary's. Think about what Jesus told us to do in scripture.

Jesus never told us to create numerically successful churches. Jesus told us to make disciples. And when we follow Jesus and become disciple-makers, we fashion the kind of church Jesus calls us to create. When we run the church not by looking at numbers and statistics, but by looking at our mission as disciple makers, we can

shift our focus away from competitive “corporate” thinking toward following Jesus by creating a healthy church that feeds our souls and brings new people into the body of Christ.

No church can stay healthy without defining what health looks like. So I am suggesting we adopt a new plan for maintaining and increasing the health of St. Mary's in 2018. We need a plan. It's not that I think there's one right model for all churches. But whatever the plan, it needs to be based on the fundamentals Jesus gave us – namely The Great Commission and The Great Commandment.

So for 2018 I would like to invite all members of St. Mary's to prayerfully consider these two fundamentals in all we do in our life together. To ask ourselves in all we do: Are we going out and making disciples and teaching them to obey everything Jesus taught us? Are we loving the Lord our God with all our hearts, and with all our souls, and with all our minds as we seek to love our neighbors as ourselves?

We are a wonderful church, healthy in many ways, so let's share the Good News with others as this church has for over 126 years. I am asking each of you to keep up the good work we have begun, but to also take on a new challenge for 2018. Let's really work at being disciple makers, by inviting new people into the body of Christ. Now I am not talking about equipping each of you with a floppy bible and a street corner to preach on, but rather I am asking each of you to faithfully invite at least one person or family to attend worship or an event each month at St. Mary's. No arm twisting please, just a sincere offer of “come and see” Jesus at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

As I have said many times before, we have been called for just such a time as this. You and I have been called to invite others into the knowledge and love of Jesus as our mission. So let us all go in peace to loving and serving the Lord in 2018 by inviting others to come be disciples with us.

Fr. Dewey+
January 24, 2018

Parochial Report Information

**201 Average Sunday Attendance 393 Easter Sunday Attendance 96 Week-
day Holy Eucharist 319 Private Communions 1 Marriage 6 Burials 6 Bap-
tisms 0 Confirmations Financial Report-2017**

Financial Report – 2017

2017	Budget	Actual	Surplus/(Deficit)
Revenues	\$303, 410.00	\$323,238.18	\$19,282.81
Expenses	\$318,148.86	\$310,826.10	\$ (7,322.76)

2017 Budget projected a deficit of (\$14,738.86). Actual expense came in under budget by \$7,322.76 while actual revenues exceeded budget by \$19,282.81. St. Mary's ended 2017 with a \$12,412.71 surplus.

How were funds expended?

Basically the funds by St. Mary's are used in four primary categories:

Worship	45% or \$139,123.74
Spiritual Formation	20% or \$ 61,925.76
Pastoral Care	18% or \$ 54,751.81
Outreach	18% or \$ 55,024.79

2018 Budget

2018	2017	Increase/(Decrease)	Revenues	\$297,910.00	\$303,410.00	(\$5,500)
Expenses	\$313,568.00	\$318,149.86	(\$4,582)			

The 2018 Budget is projected to have a deficit of \$15,658.00

Jim Stokoe – Treasurer

Senior Warden - 2017

2017 was another successful year for the congregation of St. Mary's. We are alive and well with a future that looks promising.

The activities of our church and the dedication of our volunteers within the congregation show that we are truly Christ driven. Our weekly worship services and our Christmas and Easter services are so meaningful in bringing Christ alive in us. The youth and adult choirs, Sunday School, Youth Group, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Thursday Men's and Women's prayer groups, and the Vestry all share their mission with us that Christ is truly working throughout our lives.

St. Mary's outreach to the community is really something to brag about. Cox Elementary School Children for school supplies and clothing, Love One Another feeding the less fortunate, Rector's Food Pantry, Rector's Discretionary Fund to help families with utility bills and emergencies, Knitty Gritty knitters, Choir community concerts, the Dade City Symphony support, the Kairos Prison Ministry, and the funds raised at the Basket Auction all are meaningful in the life of our community.

I have been asked "Why is the weekly Prayer List so long?" and "Are all of those people members of our church?" The answer is that in our community we are known as a prayerful church and a Christ driven congregation does not deny praying for those who are in need.

We, however, we have some major challenges that confront us. Current funding, future funding, church building repairs, and a majority of retired congregants all add up to opportunities we need to face to secure our future.

In December of 2017 we received a couple of truly unexpected large gifts that allowed income to exceed expenses. Without them we would have had to, again, utilize our small reserve fund to meet budget. Our reserve funds are not endless, and we cannot budget or operate St. Mary's fparish hopping that reserve funds will carry the day. In 2017 our basic expenses, before anyone stepped inside of our church were over \$80,000. We have cut our expenses as much as possible. Our average yearly monetary giving to the Operating Budget, excluding this year's surprise gifts, have had no significant increase for quite a few years. I ask each of you to prayerful give thought to increasing your individual level of support.

I would like to thank the congregation and all of the volunteers who give life to the success of St. Mary's Episcopal Church for their support, prayers, and church life so meaningful to all of us.

Prayerfully submitted,

Alan C. Teschner – Senior Warden

Junior Warden – 2017

Major expenses for 2017 consisted of tenting the church and Freeman Hall to eradicate our dry-wood termite infestation. This work has a guarantee that covers the cost of re-tenting if the termites come back.

St. Mary's has some major projects that need addressing in the near future to maintain our buildings and keep them viable in the future. While some items arose out of damage from Hurricane Irma, most items have come about out of deferred long-term maintenance and upkeep that our tight budgets have required.

The following projects have come before the vestry and will be addressed in 2018:

1. Replacement of the sanctuary doors due to water damage from Hurricane Irma.
2. Repair of a section of the church floor near the handicap entrance due to water damage.
3. The roof of the sanctuary needs replacement having far exceeded its useful life.
4. Repair of damaged wood on the exterior of the church and Freeman Hall.
5. The Church, and Freeman Hall need exterior paint.
6. Windows in the office need to be replaced.

Davis Henley – Jr. Warden

Music Ministry – 2017

Before I delve into this year's report, could we please take a moment of silence to pray for each other, all of the ministries at St. Mary's, and the youth and adults involved in our Music Ministry Group, and take some time to remember those family and friends who are no longer with us on earth, but have gone before us and now are being held in God's loving hands until we meet again? Thank you. Amen.

Our 126th year as a church proved to have many twists and turns, but with God's grace we were able to remain a strong and cohesive ministry within our church and our community. Even with all the life's uncertainties that we have faced, I am positive we all feel greatly blessed to have had a reputation of musical excellence for quite a while. Thinking back to the influence of The Freeman Family, the directors, singers, priests, and instrumentalists who have gone on before us, and the leadership of Barbara Jones and Connie McKay for many years, one of our goals, of course, is to continue growing musically and spiritually inside and outside of the church's walls. We continue to try and provide the best and most appropriate music selections each week, and especially on special occasions, hope that we help to enrich your worship experience. In 2017, we continued sharing our prayer concerns, grieving when we lost loved ones, and rejoicing when healing, births, and good news came our way. We like celebrating Birthdays by singing Happy Birthday as a group, and also enjoy singing over the phone or sending CD recordings to those unable to be here with us. If we could do anything for you, please do not hesitate to ask.

You are always welcomed to visit or join us, so please feel free to stop by during any of the following times...we would love to get to know you better:

Wednesday, 5-6:15 PM-Youth Choristers

Wednesday, 6-7:00 PM-Tone Chimes/Bells of St. Mary's Handbell Ringers

Wednesday, 7-8:30 PM-Adult Choir

Saturday, 9:39-11:30 am-Instrumentalist "House Band" practice

Sunday, 9:30 am-Adult Choir warm up for the 10 am worship

Sunday, during 5-7 PM Youth Group-Music, singing, guitar, drum playing

For the past few years, we have raised funds (Kumquat Festival yard sale, parking, and bake sale, Super Bowl Sub sale) for two main purposes: To give a love offering to a local family in need, and to help defray costs of the FUMMWA summer Music camp. We plan to do the same this year. Last year's family was deeply moved by the unexpected gift, and we were able to help send the following musicians to camp: Blaise Betten, Brooke Betten, Sharon Brant, Dot Brenn, Lee Brenn, Gage Cox, Serenity Cox, Laurel Weightman, Melanie McGavern, Jean McNary, Megan Phillips, Cassidy Watson, Marissa Watson, and Claudia Wolfenden. Maddox Foreman also was the recipient of a scholarship given in memory of Bill Byham, Kathi Boyle's father. We cannot thank you, the congregation, enough for your prayers, support, and encouragement, as we hold our future fundraisers and embark on new musical adventures in 2018.

If you have seen unfamiliar faces in our group lately, I encourage you to meet our newest additions to our music family: Abi Hedgecock and Colin Brown have joined our Youth Choristers, Connie Burden is now a soprano in Adult Choir, Virginia Michalek is now part of our Bells of St. Mary's, and Tom Donahue plays oboe occasionally with our House Band. We are sincerely grateful that these folks have stepped out in faith and have joined us in our musical endeavors, and we look forward to many wonderful worship experiences together.

The church is fortunate to own several instruments. They include:

A 13 rank Miller pipe organ which was installed in 1976 and updated in 1995. It is valued at \$250,000 and has been well maintained by Bob Campbell (941-725-0616 beefallo@earthling.net). Bob has retired, but still comes when available and assists Ron Striecher (727-492-4131), who worked beside Bob for many years, in the tuning and servicing of the organ.

We have three pianos (choir room, sanctuary, Freeman Hall) used several times every week; two of which were given to the church. They are tuned once a year and maintained by Gerald Mead (813-997-1818). An electronic Yamaha piano (purchased in 2011 for Youth Group) is housed in Tanno Hall and used regularly

during Youth Group meetings, and on occasion during worship, at Love One Another dinners, during our Shrove Pancake Supper, at Church Street Christmas festivities, during our worship concerts at Holy Name Monastery, at various nursing homes in the area, at The Pioneer Museum, and with The Dade City Symphony. In 2014, Jean Krenitsky gave us a Roland E600 Keyboard to use with our various music groups. This addition to our instruments has been particularly useful, as it is stored in our upstairs "bell tower" and used on a weekly basis during bell rehearsals, and also used at DCS rehearsals and concerts. In Jean's own words, "Paul would want you to have this and put it to good use." And that is what we will do, as we remember our dear friend and bass extraordinaire, Paul Krenitsky.

The three octaves of Suzuki tone chimes were donated to the church by Ruth Mine and family, in memory of Stan Mine. They are played by the adult group, by The Youth Choristers, and used by the Sunday School children during Vacation Bible School.

From time to time, you will hear finger cymbals, a tambourine, and various percussion/rhythm instruments being added to hymns or anthems. Thanks to Kathi Boyle, we have an African hand drum, a rain stick, a thunder drum, and shaker to add to the mix. This past year, the Cox family donated a drum set. It is stored in Tanno Hall and is played each week during Youth Group music time.

Two timpani were purchased around 16 years ago and made possible by generous donations. Last year the drum heads were replaced, thanks to Melanie McGavern. Debra Sailer keeps them in tune and makes sure they are properly cared for. We refer to their wonderful sound as the heartbeat of worship. These kettle drums are played during all of our 10 am worship services and special occasions.

In 2013, Carol Miller donated an Audio Vox CD, cassette player, and radio with two speakers, which we use in the choir room, during special fellowship occasions, and during VBS. This has really come in handy so we don't have to worry about lugging this type of equipment back and forth from our homes. In 2015, Vicki Scott (a generous neighbor of The Proctor's), donated various pieces of equipment to us. Terry McKenzie has helped in cataloging, setting up, and putting this gift to use where needed most. Our blue and white choir robes look extremely beautiful,

and they were made possible through memorial gifts in memory of Sam and Mamie Fallin, Bill Flaherty, Stan and Ruth Mine, Stubby Chase, Richard Schrader, and Dexter Smedley. Five years ago, Kathi Boyle organized the efforts to get the choir matching polo shirts, and we are very pleased to wear them when participating in a more casual setting. We have gained several new members recently, so it is time to place another order. Please stop by the Bookstore if you are interested in purchasing a music ministry shirt.

In 2016, we were able to purchase some sound and recording equipment and accessories that have enabled us to illuminate our voices and instruments, so to have a clearer sound during worship. Now we are also able to record and use this as an evaluation tool and rehearsal support for our musicians. We have been able to expand this part of our ministry, and make this more of an outreach to you and our home bound friends. Please let me know if you are interested in listening to this music for your personal enjoyment.

As I reported three years ago, we now have a five octave set of Schulmerich English Handbells. For those of you who may not have heard the details, I am going to repeat the amazing story: To make a long story short, and to witness to you how God answers prayers, specifically down to the penny, here is my version of how we acquired THE BELLS OF ST. MARY'S: In the fall of 2013, I was really itching to get bells (while meeting with Father Dewey, and he in turn taking this dream to the Vestry), so I was given the go-ahead to start looking. I knew I wanted 5 octaves of the best brand (Schulmerich, are now priced over \$25,000, plus you need tables, foam pads, table cloths, mallets, binders, music, etc. which will usually run you another three to five thousand dollars). So, I started looking on-line (EBay, various church sites, "The Connection"-a FL UMC Newsletter). At the beginning of my search, (October 2013), I found a used set in Washington state for about \$20,000...there would also be shipping and handling. I saw a three-octave set of Malmark Bells for \$8,000. I knew we could get a new three-octave set of Schulmerich for \$9000. I came back to Father Dewey and reported my findings, and he said, "I think the Vestry and Endowment Committee members would go for about \$9,500...but that's probably about the limit." We agreed that when the "right set" came along, God would let us know. Then, Advent and Christmas came, and I put my search on hold. At the end of February 2014, I was ready to start my hunt again. So, on Friday, February 28th, I looked on The Florida United Methodist "Connection" site, and about six adds down I read the words "5 octave

Schulmerich Handbells, Excellent condition.” Well, you had to click the add to find out where, how much, etc. So, I did, and this is where you find out HOW GREAT GOD IS! It read, “5 Octaves Schulmerich Handbells, excellent condition, Trinity United Methodist Church, Lighthouse Point, Florida...we no longer are using our bells...\$9,500.” Oh, my, I was on the email and phone to Pastor Dennis right away. I told him to please not sell these bells to anyone else, “I am sure these are the bells we are supposed to have to minister with here in Dade City.” He immediately got back with me and even sent pictures; and I got with The Vestry and Endowment Committee members, and in a couple of weeks, with the help of Jerry Rice, we picked up “our” bells! Not only that, but they threw in 4 tables, the foam pads, table cloths, binders for music, and bookbags of mallets! All for what??? \$9,500...the exact amount that Father Dewey and I had discussed months before. And, we immediately used the bells the first week in a processional, and have used them, and will use them, as often as we can to enhance worship. Now, this is our bell story...The story of how we first acquired THE BELLS OF ST. MARY'S. It's a good one, it's true, and I'm sticking with it! PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!

As we begin 2018 together, it is worth taking some time to reflect upon several events that have become standard as what we do as a ministry, above and beyond singing during worship. Our Hallelujah Carnival is an outreach to our neighbors. Our Christmas Cookie and Homemade Bread Sale (thank you, Carol Jennings, for dreaming up this idea) is a good way to share Christmas goodies, and helps to send our musicians to music camp. Our participation in Church Street Christmas helps to spread God's Word, peace, and good tidings to our community. Caroling at Royal Oak, Heritage Village, Edwinola, and Zephyr Haven gives us an opportunity to wish our neighbors a Merry Christmas. Opening our doors and welcoming those passing by during the Kumquat Festival lets visitors come in, take a rest, see our stunning sanctuary, and meet representatives from our church. Sharing our worship concerts with The Sisters at The Holy Name Monastery in St. Leo is a type of good-will offering to help tie our ministries and communities together (By the way, our next one will be held at 2 PM on Sunday, March 11th, and will feature our House Band and Bells of St. Mary's Handbell Ringers). Our “Come as You Are Intergenerational Choir” during the summer months, offers an outlet to people who like to sing, but really can't commit to a full time choir schedule. And, the FUMMWA Music camp/workshop at The Life Enrichment Center in Fruitland Park gives those musicians wishing to have an intensive study in church music, a great opportunity to do so (This year's date is June 10-15, with the free worship concert at 10 am on

Friday, June 15th, 2018). We are fortunate that the music of our ministry flows everyday of the week, and not just on Sunday's.

I value the guidance of Father Dewey and Deacon Debi Brown, and am humbled by the support of our Vestry and parish members. Father Robin, Father Jim, and Father Gordon, and Rev. Alan Beaver have been extremely supportive of our efforts. Our Senior Warden, Al Teschner, choir member Cheryl Yebba, Laurel Weightman, Linda Hauff, and newer member, Liz Brody, have helped tremendously with filing/scanning music and lending a helping hand on many occasions. Terry McKenzie offers technical support each week, and is a jack-of-all-trades when it comes to fixing things. Our new treasurer, Jim Stokoe, and Sandra Sartain, our excellent office administrator have helped to keep me organized. I appreciate many people who work tirelessly behind the scenes, and for assisting often when called upon, including Vince Rieger, Tony Carbone, Paul Proctor, Davis Henley, Daryl Bozone, and Jerry Rice. It is a pleasure working cooperatively with other vital ministries, including Milt Larson and the Altar Guild, our Garden Guild, Alex Alfonso and The Youth Group, Sunday School teachers and Nursery workers (Jennifer and Mike Kaylor, Mark Betten, Tina, Mike, and George Avadikian, Lawrence Wolfenden, Becca and Jarrod Hedgecock, Debbie Allen), Love One Another, The Knitty Gritty Gals, our Acolytes, the Ushers, and our Lay Eucharistic Ministers.

I am constantly overwhelmed by the love shown to me and my family by our parishioners. As for everyone involved in Music Ministries, I am continuously astounded and blessed with the time, talent, and faithfulness that each person gives. Especially since Ed's death, I cannot thank you enough for what you mean to me and for all you have done for me, Maddox, and Raider. I thank God for placing me here with you, and I look forward to living out the plan and purpose He has for us together in ministry.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Brant

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Bookstore Annual Report - 2017

We give thanks for Maddox Foreman and his grandfather Ed Brant working together to keep our bookstore open in 2017. During 2017 Liz Brody came on board and helped clean up and organize the bookstore. With Ed's passing Maddox has decided to move on to other interests and now Liz Brody has taken on the bookstore ministry.

Please stop by and take a look at the bookstore and speak with Liz if you have ideas for times to be added in 2018.

Christian Education – 2017

Your Christian Education department would not exist without the wonderful and dedicated volunteers:- Sunday School - Jennifer and Mike Kaylor, Mark Betten, Tina, Mike, and George Avadikian, and Lawrence Wolfenden.

If these volunteers did not exist, there would be no Christian Education and no place for our children. We thank you for the continued support. St. Mary's gives thanks to God for Ed Brant's caring and loving service to our Sunday School kids and teachers.

Jen Kaylor has stepped in temporarily to help schedule the teaching volunteers, but St. Mary's (and Jen) are hoping someone will feel called to take on the job of schedule coordinator and to work with our teachers and Sunday School kids for 2018.

Sharon Brant and a few volunteers led a vibrant, fun, music filled Vacation Bible School. The kids all had a great time and are looking forward to VBS in 2018.

While Sunday school attendance has dropped by a few over the last few years, St. Mary's is always looking for volunteers to teach our young people. The teachers continue to utilize the online curriculum from the Virginia Theological Seminary as we have for several years.

Debbie Allen and Rebecca & Jarrod Hedgecock continue to lead the Nursery and Children's Chapel. Children's Chapel compliments the Sunday school lesson with

information from the Virginia Theological Seminary along with the existing VeggieTales videos and accompanying curriculum.

Christian Education sponsored the annual Egg Hunt, Vacation Bible School, ending the school year with another fun bowling party at Pinchasers.

For those who would like to assist in this fulfilling ministry, we encourage you to take a Safeguarding God's Children class and inquire.

St. Mary's Youth Group – 2017

St. Mary's Youth Group meets Sunday evenings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. This is a time for the youth to share their week, have a meal, study how the scripture forms, informs and guides our daily lives, worship and praise in both words and music, pray and meditate, and have fun!

Sharon Brant and Alex Alfonso head up our Youth Ministry Team We are always looking for individuals who would like to assist the youth and youth ministry by your prayers, providing a meal on Sunday night, giving a lesson, and/or financially.

We also want to give a big Thanks to the parents of the youth, your love and dedication for your youth spills over into our time together. We look forward to continuing to move forward this year, as we grow deeper in our understanding of God's purpose for each one of us, sharing our journey with Jesus, and growing our love for God and God's creation.

If you have any questions, ideas, or suggestions, please feel free to contact Sharon Brant or Alex Alfonso.

Respectfully submitted by

Sharon Brant and Alex Alfonso

Acolyte Ministry – 2017

There are currently 16 active members of the Acolyte Ministry. They range in age from 6 to the more senior members who are in their 70's. Current members are Mason & McRae Hutsell, Jim Burnsed, Marissa & Cassidy Watson, Harrison & Megan Phillips, Justin Register, Claudia Wolfenden, Serenity & Gage Cox, Sydney & Madison Kaylor, Abigail & Gabriel Franklin, and Olga-Maria Cruz.

Our family at St. Mary's is fortunate to have these members faithfully assisting in the celebration of the mass.

The acolytes are diligent in their efforts to refine their skills in performing their required duties. This ministry is open to all children who have reached the age of 6 and who are capable of taking direction from acolytes who are experienced and take on the role of mentors.

We are also happy to bring adults, including couples, who are interested in becoming acolytes into this ministry. Any interested persons should contact Vince Reiger for further information.

Submitted by

Vince Rieger

Altar Guild – 2017

Milt still arranges the flowers and plants for the altar (reredos and front of the pulpit) weekly. Margaret Thompson helped with Christmas as well as Ron and Candice Weaver. Milt obtains plants, repots them and holds them in his nursery and small greenhouse.

Pictures are taken with Milt's iPhone and sent out to the rector as well as others who place them on Facebook. They have received many compliments.

This past year some plants were paid for from the flower fund and others donated by Milt.

Altar Guild work is done to the glory of God and to enhance our worship of God by our 15 members through the year, by arranging the altar for weekly and for special services.

Sincerely,

Milton Larsen; Director of Altar Guild

Garden Guild - 2017

The Garden Guild works every week in the church landscape to keep it looking welcoming. We pick up yard trash, prune and trim shrubs, trees and other plantings as needed. We mulch, water, weed, spread grass seed, fertilize, pull vines, and spray for weeds and insects during the year. Current active participants are Margaret and Glen Thompson, and Anne Johnson.

The Garden Guild had some extra work this year due to the impact of the dry weather, followed by Hurricane Irma and the termite tenting of the church, Freeman Hall and nursery and Bamford Hall buildings. Overall, the landscape was able to survive, except for some of the damage from the tenting that will require plant replacement. We generally work in the landscape every Friday morning and we hold several work days each year for big projects such as cutting trees and limbs, fertilizing the lawns, mulching, etc.

We would love to have more volunteers so if anyone is interested, please call Anne.

Respectfully submitted

Anne H. W. Johnson

Committee Chair

Daughters of the King, Martha Chapter 2017

The Daughters of the King is a spiritual group for women in the Episcopal church. There were eight active members during 2017. The purpose of the Order is evangelism. We are disciplined regarding the rule of prayer and service and to encourage others and ourselves a deeper relationship with God.

Our current focus and main project is on providing what we call “bags of love” for the homeless and the needy. These bags contain items for personal use such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, coffee cups, food items, brushes, combs tissues, shampoo, deodorant, and other daily use items for personal care.

The Daughters meet once a month on the second Sunday of the month in Tanno Hall. The Order has flour funds to which we donate: the Self-Denial fund, the Masters fund, the Endowment fund, and the Alpha funds. Each fund has its own mission.

Each month, a different member presents a program on Christian study. We encourage any interested women in church to visit our group and join the Daughters of the King.

Diane Smith

Memorial Committee - 2017

Members of the Committee consist of the three vestry members serving in their third year on the vestry, a member of the parish at-large, the Rector, and the Committee chair. In 2017 these members were: Terry McKenzie, Diane Smith, Nancy Meech, George Avadekian (member at-large), Fr. Brown and Steve See, Chair.

During 2017 there were no proposals to or disbursements from the Memorial Fund. There were 13 contributions made to the fund during 2017 totaling \$2,850.00. This amount added to the previous year's funds brought the fund balance to \$8,587.79 (including interest).

Since there was no action involving the fund during the year, no meetings were held. The three vestry members completing their terms in 2018 along with a parishioner at-large and the chair will constitute the memorial committee for the coming year.

Steven See
Chair of the Memorial Committee

Ushers - 2017

St. Mary's usher ministry consists of 15 volunteers during 2017.

Duties as an usher include:

Prior to the service:

- Arrive half hour before the 100:00 service
- Meet and greet parishioners and visitors
- Hand out bulletins
- Assist in seating if necessary
- Get two people to take the sacraments to the altar before communion

During the service:

- Collect the offerings
- Assist in releasing parishioners and visitors to the altar for communion
- Advise the priest if anyone need to have communion taken to their pew if they are unable to walk to the altar
- Take head count so it is known approximately the number in attendance

After the service:

- Collect all bulletins left in pews
- Make sure all fans are turned off
- Turn off P A system
- Turn off lights

- Lock doors except side door since people are still providing duties

Usher also serve during special holiday and funeral services.

This is a great ministry open to anyone interested in serving the Lord, St. Mary's and a good way to get to know your fellow Episcopalians. Please contact Mike or me if you are interested in joining this ministry.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mike & Diane Smith, Co-Chairpersons

Lay Eucharistic Ministers – 2017

Presently St. Mary's has 16 active lay eucharistic ministers licensed with the dioceses.

Regular services require the assistance of seven lay ministers weekly, four on Sunday's and two or three for the Thursday services.

Lay ministers assist in memorial & funeral services, weddings, baptisms and other services such as Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, Christmas and they remain available to assist the priests at any time, upon request.

Lay ministers also conduct various prayer services in the absence of the priest as outlined in the Book of Common Prayer.

Thanks to Sandra Sartain, each Monday she e-mails the upcoming Sunday's lessons to the scheduled lay ministers giving them time for study and reflect for the upcoming service.

I want to thank all "lay ministers" for their services and willingness to serve, many times at a moment's notice.

If anyone has a suggestion on how we may better serve the members of St. Mary's just talk with Fr. Dewey or myself.

Respectfully,

LeRoy Hauff

Outreach -2017

With thanks to God and a willing and generous congregation, St. Mary's Outreach efforts continue to grow. New opportunities are there to discover and we continue to find that it is in giving that we receive as individuals and as a parish. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

The Outreach ministries of St. Mary's have been very active during 2017. Love One Another Meals – Margaret Thompson continued to head up this ministry along with all of her faithful volunteers. People of our community are fed in many ways.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is sponsored by the Thursday morning Men's group (Headed up by Mike Smith) for our St. Mary's community as well as friends and neighbors.

Kairos Team (women's) headed by Debi Brown and Nancy Meech continue to minister to the women at the prison in Spring Hill.

Hallelujah Carnival/Trunk or Treat is an outreach the week of Halloween where we welcome the children and families of the neighborhood for safe trick or treating, cake walks, games, a warm meal, and fellowship in the name of Christ.

Here is a summary of the **Food to Share** collected from the St. Mary's Episcopal Church parishioners which is distributed to direct service providers; Daystar Hope

Center (Sister Jean Abbott), New Jerusalem Church of God (Pastor May Ross, and Father Dewey's Pantry.

Yours truly Glen Thompson

Food to Share Collection - Calendar Year 2017

Month	Lbs.
January	240
February	211
March	201
April	165
May	160
June	148
July	175
August	145
September	215
October	225
November	240
December	405
Total	2530
Average pounds / month	211

Food to Share Collection - Summary of 6.5 years

Year	Total	Monthly
	Weight	Average
2011	1729288	201229082422013291824320143200267201527412282016300025020172530211

Note – 2011 data represents the last six months of 2011

Weekly Food Collection handled by Glen Thompson provides needed supplies to Daystar, Pastor May Ross and Father Brown's Food Pantry. Thanks also to Jerry Rice and his group for the pick-up and delivery of bakery items from Publix to DayStar and Pastor May Ross among others.

Love One Another Annual Report – The Love One Another meal is served every Sunday by different churches, groups and organizations. Lucy Avila is the Dade City community coordinator.

In 2017 St. Mary's served this meal six times to our community on the second Sunday of the following months;

February 12 April 9 June 11 August 13 October 8 December 10

Meals

Served

84

77

70

75

61

87Eggs or

Brownies

10

9

13

6

14

10Volunteer

Servers

18

15

11

16

18

12There was a total of 454 meals served.

An average of 15 volunteers were present to serve the meal from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. on those Sunday afternoons for a total of 90 volunteer servers over the course of the year.

Our meals are special in several ways

Ann Gonzalez has been a mainstay of our Love One Another meal from the start. In 2017 she was present at several of the six meals, making them special with her many gifts, sweets, eggs, brownies, and caring. At the moment Ann's continued participation with Love One Another is in question because of her husband's health issues. We pray that one day she will resume her special role in St. Mary's Love One Another ministry.

Derrick Tucker was there to make music during our October 8th meal. It is always a blessing to have the meal accompanied with music. Thank you Derrick.

We are the only group to offer boiled and peeled eggs along with our meal, they are a hit!

On any Sunday we serve close to 100 meals. The exact number varied from 61 to 87 in 2017. We prepare food for 100 and any leftovers are passed on to Loving Hands Ministry.

Our meals were catered by Steph's Southern Soul Restaurant. There have been several donors who pay this cost and other expenses which allows this meal to be a reality. The cost is an average of \$ 3.00 per meal (\$ 300 per event), for food, paper products, and equipment. Our thanks to; Jack Cook, Jill Wiemer, Tom Parks, Maynard & Ruthann Swanson, Carol Smith (in honor of Larry), Joan Jarrett, Cathy Stokoe, Rennie Jordan, and others for their faithful support.

In addition to the above there are the many dozens of brownies baked to complement ice cream for desert. Toiletries and wheelbarrow donations are a part of those Sunday afternoons too. Jock Weightman has been steadfast at providing ice for all beverages served.

For 2018 there is a new team in place. Lee Brenn, Margie Burns, Tony Carbone, and Davis Henley will work to see that St. Mary's Love One Another meal will continue. We look forward to reading their report of St. Mary's Love One Another meal in the next annual report.

At the heart of our meal is the commandment to love one another as God loves us. The people and actions mentioned above are some of the facets of our Love One Another meals; they are many and varied. Each of them is a demonstration of St. Mary's sharing God's love and abundance with our community.

Submitted by Margaret and Glen Thompson

With thanksgiving for having been a part of this Outreach ministry.

Kairos Team (men's) – a small group from St. Mary's led by Lee Brenn served the team members plus wives an evening meal before their weekend at the Zephyrhills facility.

Cox Elementary Back to School Supplies – everyone was again very generous. Thanks to Jean McNary and Nancy Meech for coordinating this outreach project.

ECW headed by Carol O'Connell had another successful basket auction. All proceeds went to local charities.

Warm clothing for Cox kids was delivered to Cox Elementary School in abundance. Also, Gail and Bob Mellon coordinated the delivery of many pairs of shoes from the Tampa Bay Golf and Country Club neighborhood to Cox.

The Knitty-Gritty Group has continued to grow as a community of women who support one another and share their lives. Begun as an informal alliance of the parish's knitters and crocheters, the group made dozens of caps and scarves for our local homeless and lap robes for use by patients at a nursing home and Hospice House. Many have shared their expertise and for this we are grateful to God.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS PARTICIPATED IN ANY OR ALL OF THESE MINISTRIES.

Knitty-Gritty Knitters Group – 2017

The Knitty-Gritty Group has grown from a place to make items to a community of women who support one another and share their lives. Begun as an informal alliance of the parish's knitters and crochet devotees, the group began by making dozens of caps and scarves for our local homeless, and lap robes for use of patients at nursing homes. It has grown to be a spiritual gathering that not only warms bodies but also the souls of the women who gather to care for others in Jesus' name. Many

thanks to Barbara Barber and others who have shared their love, enthusiasm and expertise with the group, and please feel free to join in when the spirit moves you.

Pastoral Care - Lay Eucharistic Visitor Ministry - 2017

Four members of our congregation licensed by the Diocese served as Lay Eucharistic Ministers during 2017. Carol Miller, Sarah Denney, Vince Rieger and Steve See made 165 communion visits to our members who were in nursing homes, hospitalized, subject to incapacitating situations preventing them from attending regular church services.

This outreach visitation program is established so that those who are unable any more to participate in our parish services and activities are not forgotten but are still vital members of our congregation. We are blessed that we can share in this ministry and always need to remind ourselves to thank our Lord for all who have preceded us as contributing members to our parish family and to pray for their well-being and comfort.

Steve See

Chair