

St. Mary's Annual Meeting January 13, 2013

Rector's Message

This year I want us to be focused on the mission of St. Mary's – the mission of the church – which is to reconcile all people to God and each other through Christ Jesus.

So how do we do this really big thing? By sharing the Good News! By inviting in! By sharing our stories!

Mission by its very nature is creative and energetic, adventurous and inspirational, and happens when we share the story of what we are doing and the story of the God whom we serve. We don't tell people the good news so they get converted to "our" way of doing things. We don't tell people the good news so they will start coming to church. We share the good news because of how Jesus has made a difference in our lives.

We listen and talk and share with others our love of Jesus and St. Mary's Episcopal Church because God's love, grace and mercy have become contagious and a part of who we are.

A desire to share is borne of God's generous spirit – it spreads when it is rooted in love. I share God's love with you because God's love overflows in my life. I am a better person because I discovered God's love and compassion for me. I am a better person because now I know that my value is not based on the world's calculations but on my relationship with the God who created the world. I can't help but tell all that God through Jesus has revealed to me and how St. Mary's and the whole Episcopal Church lives out this reality in community and service with others.

Sharing and telling others is called evangelism and it's what I want to invite everyone – every member of St. Mary's - to join with me in doing in 2013 and beyond. To share and spread to the people we know all that God through Jesus has revealed to each of us. It only takes a small group of people to spread a powerful idea-the message of God's love in Christ Jesus - throughout a whole population.

Think of the small band of twelve disciples who changed the whole Roman Empire. Or think about the seventy sent out by Jesus, and their effect on the whole nation of Israel. You and I received the faith from only a few people within the Episcopal Church. Or how this faith community has grown and blossomed from those first few missionaries and pioneers who built this little church in 1891 on the shores of Lake

Pasadena.

It only takes a few people, making little changes, to become a mass of people who believe the purpose of the church is the transformation of lives and of the world around us. The gospel of Jesus Christ revealed in the life of St. Mary's can spread, and it will happen steadily, organically, and exponentially through Rt. Rev. Andrew Doyle calls *generous evangelism*.

Generous evangelism is when a church, out of the sense of abundant grace, overflows its boundaries out into the world. Generous evangelism listens to others as they tell their pilgrim tales of seeking God in the midst of a wilderness culture that has lost its way. Generous evangelism takes place when people are willing to walk with other persons as they make their journey. Generous evangelism waits to hear about, and then names, Jesus Christ in the lives of the others, revealing the icons and images of God acting in each person's life.

Generous evangelism invites people into our community. It welcomes them. It helps them to find a language, a particularly Episcopal language for entering the faith conversation. This kind of evangelism willingly embodies the Episcopal way of following Jesus.

And generous evangelism is concerned with welcoming people into the family and bringing others into a sacramental life with God through the Episcopal Church as it is expressed locally at St. Mary's.

We must work to keep our focus in church on the main thing; sharing the gospel and living it out. We are about the renewing, restarting, renovating work of the gospel with Jesus' love, grace and mercy at the center. It only takes a few of us to remember and reclaim our legacy. It only takes a few to help others to discover the reconciling love of Jesus Christ, so that still more might come to know God in Jesus Christ as their own Savior and Lord.

And this year I am inviting each of you to be a part of that few who make a difference in the world for Jesus.

Fr. Dewey+
January 2013

Senior Warden

On behalf of the Vestry of St. Mary's, I would like to thank each of you for your financial and personal time contributions to our church life. We are slowly climbing out of our financial straits and will hopefully continue this journey in spite of the economic times of today. St. Mary's has so many opportunities for us to become active "givers" and "receivers".

I personally have gained so much more than I have given by becoming involved in new activities (to me). Each of us have talents that help to make us the growing, welcoming, and caring community of God's children in Dade City that we are. Think about the Cox Elementary children, the Love One Another meals, the Basket Auctions' financial donations to charities in our area, and our educational opportunities available, for example. Look around yourself each week – most of the "workers" that you see are volunteers just like you!

Prayerfully consider how you can add your talents to our resources. There is no limit to how you can be a part of our family of volunteers. Not sure about what you can do? Just ask any of us or inquire at the church office.

It has been a pleasure to have served this past year as the Senior Warden of our Vestry. As the business body of St. Mary's, the Vestry has worked together for the betterment of our beloved church. This year we are so very fortunate to have welcomed Sharon Brant to our church as our Music Director and Organist. What a talented leader she is!

Perry Cain had to resign as Youth Director because of personal health issues, and Father Dewey and Sharon have stepped in to fill this vacated spot. I personally want to thank the retiring Vestry members for their dedication and devotion to our church – Junior Warden, Vince Rieger, Denise Zimmerer and Jim Burnsed. We also appreciate the suggestions and concerns that you have brought to our attention, too. Thank you for giving us this opportunity to serve. We appreciate all that you do for St. Mary's too.

May God continue to bless us all in 2013 and to fill our hearts with love and care for each other, our church and our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinda Bessenger, Senior Warden

Junior Warden

Through the course of the year, there were numerous upgrades to the different “air conditioning” units in Freeman Hall, Lock Evans, and the Sacristy. Those units required replacement due to age, and frequent failures requiring continuing investment.

Extensive painting was done to the exterior of the office and Tanno Hall. This not only provides a better appearance, but it extends the life of the buildings.

There are no major projects that are in the planning stage at this time looking forward to 2013.

I would like to express my appreciation for the assistance provided to me by a number of people in the congregation who have stepped up when their help was needed. In particular, Tony Carbone and Don Webb have been very generous in giving of their time and talents.

Vince Rieger, Junior Warden

Financial Report

My thanks go to Sandra Sartain, the budget committee, department directors, the Vestry and Father Brown for their continued support and assistance throughout the year. A special thank you goes to those who have been so generous with their time and skills in counting the offerings: Peggy Fetch, Diane Rice, Mimi Cass-Clark, Dave Moffett, George Avadikian, and, Jim Burnsed.

Thanks also again to the anonymous donor who again generously funded the annual salary for the youth minister (search continues for a candidate).

St Mary’s began 2012 with an approved budget of \$323,471. This budget, considering the income in 2012 and the state of the economy, was projected to have a draw down in savings (a deficit) of \$15,295 to balance the budget. However, because of the generosity of another of our parishioners, and other additional giving, we finished the year with a surplus of \$7860.

The vestry has approved a very conservative 2013 budget of \$311,188 which contains a projected deficit of \$15,978, though we should be able to reduce this number throughout the year. This budget includes no increase for the rector and staff employees.

St Mary's has no debt. As of December 31, 2012 there was cash on hand in the General Fund of \$76,145 - \$56,656 in a Certificate of Deposit and \$19,488 in checking. However, \$13,791 of this total is in "held for" accounts for the Youth Group, Thursday Women's Group, and other specific parish entities. Our Capital Reserve account (established last year) now has a balance of \$9,347. St Mary's also holds some \$1,136,000 in land and buildings as well as cash assets of over \$126,000 invested in various (Memorial, Endowment, etc.) restricted funds.

We would all prefer that St Mary's not to budget for a deficit. As little as 2% increase in each giving unit- (person or family), coupled with the larger generosity of a few would wipe out that projected deficit, and allow us to plan for growth. We will continue to work for a balanced budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Crippen, Treasurer

Music Ministry

Greetings and a Happy New Year wish from everyone involved in St. Mary's Music Ministries. Just as we start every choir rehearsal, I would like to start with these words: "Holy Spirit take control. Take my body, mind and soul. Put a finger on anything that doesn't please You, anything I do that grieves You. Holy Spirit, take control."

2012 was filled with continued prayers, many rehearsals, spiritual moments, fun team-building sessions, and positive music experiences. We prepared for worship by evaluating each service, communicating with each other, studying scriptures for the upcoming week, and trying to focus on listening to where God is leading us. We have an open-door policy and you are always invited to sit in on, or join our music groups:

Wednesday, 5-6:15 PM-Youth Choristers assisted by Connie MacKay

Wednesday (Seasonal), 6:15-7 PM-Tone Chime Ringers
Wednesday, 7-8:30 PM-Adult Choir
Saturday, 9:30-11-ish-Instrumental Rehearsal
Sunday, 9:30 am-Adult Choir warm-ups
Sunday (during Youth Group)-music, singing

We are greatly blessed to have had a reputation of music excellence for many years, under the direction and leadership of Barbara Jones, and of course, one of our goals is to continue growing musically and spiritually inside and outside of the church's walls. If you are involved in any part of our Music Ministries and are in attendance today, please stand and be recognized. Thank you.

The church is fortunate to own several instruments. They include:
A 13 rank Moller pipe organ which was installed in 1976 and updated in 1995. It is valued at \$250,000.00 and well maintained by Bob Campbell (941-725-0616 beefallo@earthling.net). He and his assistant, Ron Striecher (727-492-4131), just tuned and serviced the organ. They gave several recommendations that were presented to the Vestry as to how we can more efficiently care for this magnificent instrument through better temperature and air handling control.

We have three pianos, used every week; two of which were given to the church. They were recently tuned and are serviced regularly by Gerald Mead (813-997-1818). An electronic Yamaha piano (purchased in 2011 for Youth Group and others) is housed in the Tanno building and is used regularly during Youth meetings, and on occasion during worship, Love One Another dinners, and with the Dade City Symphony.

The three octaves of hand chimes were donated to the church by Ruth Mine and family, in memory of Stan Mine. They are played by the Adult group, during worship, and recently the Youth Choristers have begun to learn to ring. Occasionally, you will see us play the English Handbells to enhance the music during worship. These beautiful bells are being graciously lent to us by my mom's church, Seminole Heights United Methodist in Tampa. From time to time you will hear fingers cymbals, a tambourine, and various percussion/rhythm band instruments being added to hymns or anthems. And this year, Debra and Ralph Sailor donated a professional drum set to the

Dade City Symphony with hopes that in the future a young percussionist might be discovered here at St. Mary's.

Two timpani were purchased around 11 years ago and this was made possible by generous donations. We refer to their wonderful sound as the "heartbeat" of worship.

The blue and white 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. This year, Kathi Boyle organized the efforts to get the choir matching polo shirts, and we are very pleased to wear these when participating in a more casual setting.

We have also had various types of donations (time given, financial support, wood-working, filing music, file cabinets, seed money for choir camp, transposing music, shelves built, belltree carrier assembled, purchased music/office supplies, computer/printer donation, cleaning, varmint control, chaperones, music suggestions, choir pins)...the list goes on and on of God answering our prayers and YOU answering and filling a need when He puts it on your heart.

Thank you for your response when I've asked for help, and thank you for continuing to pray for me, my family, and all the folks involved in the Music Ministries at St. Mary's. I appreciate each of you, and am especially grateful for your encouragement and for your forgiveness when I've messed up. I value the guidance I've received from Father Dewey, and am blessed by the support from the 2012 Vestry members and all of our priests, Sandra's Sartain's office/people skills, Vince for keeping me in line, Sandi Morgan and her efforts on the Newsletter, Paige Wolfenden's leadership/energy, Connie MacKay and her assistance, and Jean McNary as our music librarian. Mostly I thank God for leading me to St. Mary's and I continue to look forward to a long and joyous relationship with each of you.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Brant
Christian Education

Christian Education

With such wonderful teachers, parents, and supporters, 2012 has proved to be a successful year for Christian Education. We have been part of several events like Parish Game Nights, Easter's Egg Hunt, VBS w/Parish Luau, and, of late, participation in Sunday services. Christian Ed is also joining forces with the Outreach Committee on some of their endeavors.

Our Parent's class has increased greatly in attendance which required moving to a larger room. The current video series on marriage by Charles Lowry has been enlightening and very entertaining.

Father Brown continues to have group lessons for the children on the first Sunday of each month allowing the CE Board to meet regularly.

Due to the constant need of Safeguarded volunteers for Children's Chapel and Nursery, windows have been installed to make it possible for both ministries to run with its skeleton crew. Please prayerfully consider adding your name to this ministry.

Our next event is the Parish Game Night & Potluck is Sunday, Jan 27, 5-7pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Paige Wolfenden
Christian Education Director

St. Mary's Youth Group

Throughout November and December youth meetings were held each Sunday evening from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. We began 2012 with Pastor Perry and Linda and when health issues caused Pastor Perry to have to step aside Fr. Dewey Brown and Sharon Brant stepped in and the Youth finished the year out with a bang.

We have a wonderful core of 10 - 12 youth who attend and participate faithfully. It is my prayer and hope that our group will grow as we faithfully work together in building the Kingdom of God.

Each week we gather with prayer, have a meal, spend time checking in with each other, study how the scripture forms, informs and guides our daily lives, make a joyful noise to the Lord with words and music and have a whole lot fun! Each Sunday we close out time together as the youth take turns leading closing worship out of the Book of Common Prayer.

We want to send a big thank you goes out to all the parents and volunteers who have helped to make the events we have already enjoyed successful. We continue to look forward to this year of growing deeper in our shared faith journey with Jesus leading the way as our Lord and savior.

Respectfully submitted by
Fr. Dewey Brown & Sharon Brant

Acolyte Ministry

The Acolyte Ministry accepts children who have reached the age of 6 and will accept direction by an instructor. There are currently children involved who range in age from 6 thru 17. There are adults who serve as Acolytes and we continue to accept anyone who is interested.

There are 24 active members of the Acolyte Ministry. They serve in 3 categories, Torchbearers - who carry the candles during the procession at the beginning of the service, 2nd Servers - who assist off of the Altar during the service, and 1st Servers who assist on the Altar.

The Acolytes are constantly reviewing and as needed, modifying their responsibilities.

Submitted by
Vince Rieger

Altar Guild

This year was spent refining standard procedures for setting up the altar. We have many dedicated people that worked hard and carried us through the past year.

The Altar Guild has 18 members, plus the director.

Each team cleans, irons and folds the many purificators (5 per Sunday and two on Thursday) used each week. The fair linen that covers the altar is kept in perfect shape by Joe Bellows.

Advent arrangements with more purple and pink flowers added to the greens were arranged by Milt Larsen. Christmas flowers donated by parish families were arranged by Milt Larsen and Margaret Thompson, as well as BJ McCabe and Dennis Celentano. Fewer plants were used with good results.

Easter flowers and Lenten greens were arranged by Milt Larsen and Dennis Celentano. The Thanksgiving Harvest Arrangement was given by and placed at the altar by Carol Burnett and Margie Webb.

The Altar Guild budget for 2012 was \$1,200. One member of St. Mary's altar guild attended the Northern Diocesan Altar Guild Meeting at the Cathedral in St. Petersburg in 2012.

As part of the Lay Visitor's program, Diane Smith may coordinate taking the Altar flowers out to parishioners who need home visits, when florist-provided flowers are used. Most people are choosing to use live garden/planter arrangements (for a donation of \$25 per Sunday) rather than cut flowers provided by a florist (\$50 or more per Sunday).

Plants were placed in the nave entrance pots and two were placed in containers on each side of the steps of the transept entrance.

We are looking forward making up an Altar Guild Set-Up Book, as there are "set up" pictures posted on the wall in the Altar Guild Room. Carrol Barnet has done much over the years to perfect these operations.

We invite you to join St. Mary's Altar Guild. If you are interested in joining the altar guild contact Milt Larsen.

Respectfully submitted;
Milt Larsen – Director Altar Guild

Episcopal Church Women

With enormous gratitude, I thank Jesus for a wonderful 2012. The ECW Annual Basket Auction was a rousing success with more baskets than ever and a total of over \$2500. The money was distributed to Pastor May Ross - New Jerusalem Church of God Ministry, Lighthouse Mission, Sister Jean at Daystar Hope and Cox Elementary.

Memorial receptions continue to bless the families of those parishioners who have passed away and the help from the church family has remained strong.

This ministry speaks to not only the family but to many who attend and are witness to the love and support that is so generously and freely given.

Faithful volunteers are truly a blessing and a tremendous help in bringing a reception together.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol O'Connell ECW

Memorial Committee

The Parish Memorial Fund was established in the 1960's by Ms. Dorothy Lock, then parish Treasurer. Upon her death in 1970, Ms. Frances Freeman continued to monitor and establish the Memorial Fund as a permanent and important function of our congregation.

Memorial Gifts are essentially of two kinds: Specific gifts designated for a particular use in the regular operations of parish life; and undesignated gifts for various uses and needs as might arise. In all cases, appropriate memorial gifts are discussed and voted on by the members of the Memorial Committee and then referred to the Rector and Vestry for approval.

The Memorial Committee membership consists of the Rector, a parishioner appointed by the Rector, a chairperson appointed by the Rector and the three members of the Vestry who are serving their third and final year as Vestry members. The Senior Warden attends the meetings in an advisory capacity. The Memorial Committee is obliged to meet at least four times during any

calendar year. Thanks to our parish office personnel the bookkeeping is kept current on a monthly basis.

As of January 1, 2012, the balance of the Memorial Fund was \$9,549.87. Specific and General contributions to the fund during 2012 totaled \$425.00. Interest received was \$3.18, making the fund total \$9,978.05. Disbursements during 2012 amounted to \$5,701.75, leaving a fund balance of \$4,276.30. Memorials purchased included two altar frontals and matching pulpit/lectern hangings, one to match our white communion/vestment set and one purple set for use in the Lenten season in memory of Mary Church; a new sanctuary light and bracket, a new memorial sign located at the entrance of the Children's Garden, and a new swing set in the Children's Garden all in memory of Frank Johnson with contributions from the Harriet Evans fund. And a White Cope matching our white altar set for use at Christmas & Easter, weddings and other special church services in memory of Harriet Evans.

It is always the purpose of the Memorial Committee to disburse not only the specifically designated funds as expeditiously as possible, but also to utilize those funds given for general use and needs arise. The Memorial Fund is not intended to be an accumulated money market fund but functions to memorialize love ones and through these gifts to glorify God and honor those who have gone before us.

I know that I speak for all of us as I extend thanks to the many contributors over the years to this fund. No gift is ever too small and is never unimportant.

Respectfully Submitted:

Steven See, Chairperson

Ushers

St. Mary's usher ministry consists of 23 full time volunteers. They range in age from pre-teens to well over twenty-one. Their primary duties are to welcome our parishioners and any new guests to St. Mary's, pass out Church bulletins and assist in seating during the 7:45 & 10:00 AM service. They

also take care of and control the close circuit video and sound system while making sure the temperature is maintained at a comfortable level. In addition they collect the offering and assist in releasing our parishioners to the altar during the Holy Eucharist.

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

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Presently St. Mary's has 17 active lay Eucharistic ministers licensed with the dioceses.

Regular services require the assistance of 7 lay ministers weekly, 4 on Sundays and minimum of 3 for the Thursday Services.

Lay ministers are also required to assist in memorial & funeral services/weddings/baptisms and all other services such Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, and Christmas and remain available to assist the priests at any time, upon his request.

Lay ministers also conduct various prayer services in the absence of the priest as outlined in the BCP.

Thanks to Sandra Sartain, each Monday she e-mails the upcoming Sundays lessons to the scheduled lay ministers giving them time for study and reflection in 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.

Thank you,
LeRoy Hauff

Outreach

With God's help and a willing and generous congregation St. Mary's Outreach efforts continue to grow. We look forward to a new year and new opportunities to discover that it is in giving that we receive as individuals and as a parish and to praise God from whom all blessings come.

Quarterly Committee Meetings with the rector were held during the year on the following dates:

February 1 - May 2 - August 1 - November 7

Each month had an Outreach focus or activity – a list of some of the activity

January	Cold night shelter supplies – clothing, blankets, sleeping bags, quilts Warm gear for winter - Warm hands warm hearts – Clothing was transferred to Dade City Police and Chancey Road Christian Church Homeless Shelter Knitter's guild first meeting – later named Knitty Gritty group
February	Love One Another meal – February 26, 2012 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – February 21, 2012 Support for local Thrift stores article
March	Kairos Prison Ministry Retreat March 1 to March 4 – Women's group Peanut butter & Jelly (PB & J) for Cox Elementary spring break
April	Love One Another meal – April 8, 2012 – Easter Kairos Prison Ministry – Men's team - meal – April 27
May	Miles of Pennies fundraiser for Church Periodical Club began
June	Love One Another meal – June 10, 2012 Vacation Bible School included Nets for Life information and ended with Luau
July	Cox Elementary – Back to School Supplies
August	Love One Another meal – August 12, 2012
September	Food for the Poor sermon by Reverend Dr. John A. Moulton

October	Miles of Pennies - ingathering Love One Another meal – October 14 Kairos Prison Ministry – Men’s team - meal – October 25
November	Basket Auction – November 18 Thanksgiving Unity Service and Lunch – November 20
December	Love One Another meal – December 9 Alternative Gift Giving: 1. Local = Cox Elementary Tree 2. Global = Heifer International 3.Church Periodical Club (CPC) grant of \$ 832.47 presented December 20 to Cox Elementary School for Media / Technology Center (Library)

Love One Another meals – St. Mary’s prepared and served 100 to 150 meals at each Sunday event on the these six dates; February 26 - April 8 - June 10 - August 12 - October 14 - December 9

March	Kairos Prison Ministry – Women’s team – collected cookies for their retreat
April 27	Kairos Prison Ministry – Men’s Team – meal served to 35 team members and spouses
October 25	Kairos Prison Ministry – Men’s Team – meal served to 35 team members and spouses
November 20	Thanksgiving Unity Service and Lunch – St. Mary’s hosted event – prepared meals for 200 with contributions from a dozen other churches and charitable organizations.

Food Collection Donation – Weekly – Monthly
to Father Dewey Brown’s pantry, Daystar Hope Center and New Jerusalem Church of God

Outreach

Food to Share Collection Calendar Year 2012

Date	Pounds
January	290
February	235
March	280
April	357
May	240
June	125
July	242
August	152
September	240
October	275
November	225
December	247
Total	2908
Average pounds / month	242

Bulletin Announcements – were written and published as needed in the church bulletin

Display in parish hall redesigned each month, stocked with fresh information and materials to reflect focus

Newsletter Articles – were written and published each month in the St. Mary's newsletter

Photographs – of activities were taken and added starting in October

Membership and participation in the Outreach ministry group changed.

Vestry Representative – Carol Jennings was added

Christian Education - leader – Paige Wolfenden added participation
(We will continue to work with Christian Education and Youth on joint Outreach efforts)

UTO coordinator – Ruthann Swanson moved

Diocesan Representative for Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD)

Karen Patterson continued and added Church Periodical Club

Outreach Committee =

Father Dewey Brown, Rector

Barbara Barber – Knitty Gritty group

Virginia Crippen – Cox Elementary School – Knitty Gritty Group

Carol Jennings – Vestry Representative and Liaison

Jean McNary – Cox Elementary School

Nancy Meech - Cox Elementary School
Karen Patterson - Diocesan Representative for ERD & Church
Periodical Club
Sandra Sartain – Parish Administrator
Glen Thompson – Food Collection – Recording Secretary
Margaret Thompson – Coordinator – Love One Another meals
Paige Wolfenden – Christian Education

Additional details about the Cox Elementary Outreach and the Knitty-Gritty Group from Virginia Crippen

Cox Elementary School

Over the summer, the parish contributed \$532.00 to the national Church Periodical Club's Miles of Pennies fund-raising efforts. Though not immediately part of the parish's support for Cox Elementary School, the Miles of Pennies Committee provides books and other educational materials for school-age children. In November, St. Mary's received , from the Committee, a grant of \$832.47 for Cox's Media Center, to be used for "educational and life-enrichment materials for low-income children ages pre-K through 5th grade." For the second year, in December the Cox Giving Tree went up in Freeman Hall, with suggestions for the cold weather clothing most needed by Cox students. Again, in a busy and often expensive season, generous parishioners provided several hundred caps, gloves, socks, sweatshirts and pants, jeans, jackets and shoes for distribution by a grateful school staff. A \$500 gift from a parish family allowed the school to provide food for holiday meals for some of our neediest neighbors.

Knitty-Gritty Group

A new addition to St. Mary's Outreach efforts over the past year has been the formation of The Knitty-Gritty Group. An informal alliance of the parish's knitters and crocheters, the group has made dozens of caps and scarves for our local homeless, and lap robes for use of patients at Heritage Park. Many thanks to Barbara Barber and Sandi Morgan who have shared their enthusiasm and expertise with the group, and to those who have donated yarn and supplies.

Pastoral Care

The areas of Pastoral Care at St. Mary's include the Lay Eucharistic Ministry , Visitation to church members who are in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities, Health and Wellness and Communication. The individual reports are listed below:

Lay Eucharistic Ministry - The report for Lay Eucharistic Ministry has already been turned in by Steve See who chairs this area. In Episcopal church parishes throughout the country there have always been significant numbers of loyal parishioners who, because of a variety of disabilities, are unable to attend church services for both brief as well as for extended periods of time. Many years ago a Ministry of Lay Eucharistic Visitors was established in order that the Sacrament of Holy Communion could be administered to shut-ins, hospitalized, and otherwise confined people unable to attend church services. Trained at the parish and/or diocesan level, local church members in good standing are licensed by the Bishop's Office to bring the Sacrament to fellow parishioners who wish to participate in this ministry. The consecrated bread and wine is presented to each Lay Eucharistic Visitor by the clergy from the altar of the church for distribution to our fellow parishioners. Besides the importance of bringing Holy Communion to home and hospital and nursing homes, a personal visit reassures these church members that they are not forgotten and always remain a part of our church family. Needless to say, such visits are always maintained in the strictest confidence.

Currently here at St. Mary's there are six Lay Eucharistic Visitors: Karen Patterson, Jack Cook, Vince Rieger, Mimi Cass-Clark, Jim Burnsed and Steve See. It is important that the parish office be notified for anyone who wishes to be included this important home ministry.

A brief summary of visits in 2012:

Total Number of Contacts: 112 visits

Total Number of Communion Administered: 184

Approximately 35 non-Communion Contacts (by phone, visit only, etc.)

Visitation to Nursing Homes and Assisting Living Facilities - This area is chaired by Diane Smith and she has not been able to find any volunteers to help this past year, so there were no visitations made in 2012.

Health and Wellness - This area has no chair. Attempts have been made throughout the year to find a volunteer to chair the area, but no one has done so. This area has no report for this year.

Communication - Sandi Morgan is the chair for this area and has sent out the monthly newsletter for the church for the entire year. Sandi has done an excellent job, but it has been difficult to get persons to give her information for the newsletter.

Respectfully Submitted

Anne Johnson, Pastoral Care Committee Chair

Parochial Report Information

211	Average Sunday Attendance
399	Easter Sunday Attendance
156	Weekday Holy Eucharist
392	Private Communions
3	Marriages
8	Burials
6	Baptisms (2 – Adult; 4 - Under Age 16)
0	Confirmations