



2014

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

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

Rector's Message

"Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." John 1:46

"Come and See." In 2014, many new folks did Come & See and stayed with us this past year and are already making a difference in the life of St. Mary's. Our supply priest last Sunday told me "I don't know what you folks are doing out there at St. Mary's, but whatever it is, keep it up!"

As Jesus told Nathaniel - and I tell anyone who will listen about St. Mary's - "Come and See" and "You will see greater things than these." God is powerfully present in the life of this congregation. God in Christ Jesus is in the worship, the people who make up this local body of Christ and in how we love the Lord our God and how we love our neighbors. I am sure that with God's help, we will all see greater things in 2015 than we saw in 2014. Let us continue to keep our hearts, and minds focused on glorifying God in our worship and our lives.

As always, I remain thankful for the privilege of being your priest and being able to walk each day with this family as we gather together for worship, prayer and service to the people of Dade City.

St. Mary's is blessed to be a congregation that loves one another in the Lord and also reaches out in Jesus' name to our local community. Our worship continues to tell God's story of redemption, grace and reconciliation and St. Mary's members carry that story out into the world in multiple forms of outreach. .

Please take the time to read the following reports and respond to God's gentle tugs by getting involved in at least one of our many vital ministries.

Thanks again for all that was done together in Jesus' name in the past year and let's keep on sharing the love of Jesus with each other and the world in the year to come. So invite everyone you know to "Come and See" what God is doing at St. Mary's in 2015.

Fr. Dewey+
January 2015

Parochial Report Information

- 209** Average Sunday Attendance
- 433** Easter Sunday Attendance
- 102** Weekday Holy Eucharist
- 251** Private Communion
 - 0** Marriage
 - 6** Burials
 - 10** Baptisms (1 – Adult; 10 - Under Age 16)
 - 0** Confirmations

Senior Warden - 2014

I want to thank you for allowing me to be part of the vestry This past year has been a rewarding experience working with the vestry.

St Mary's has been a very active place this year and all the workers are volunteers that take great pride in doing GOD's work for the community and our parish family. (If there is a group I missed, I am sorry.)

We have supported Cox and Lacoochee Elementary children with school supplies and clothing. Working with the Dade City Baptist church we support Love one another by providing Sunday meals 6 time last year. Another group the Knitty Gritters Knitting group made hats and scarfs etc. We supported the Daystar Food bank by providing food, money and help in the store throughout the year. We had a very good turn out on the basket Auction and this money was donated to local charities in our area.

Closer to home we have Alter Guild that keeps the services going during the year. Vacation Bible school this summer was a success. Children Chapel which is active and they need help. Other groups within the church are the Daughters of the King. Kairos team that worked with women's prison in Spring Hill. Christian Education such Sundays Children Bibles study programs, on Thursdays mornings Ladies Bible study and Lunch, Men's Breakfast and Bible Study and Tuesdays evening Bible Study.

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We are always looking for volunteers in and around the church and there are several places in the community that need volunteers. Just inquire at the church office or see me.

The Choir and Music program has been outstanding and keeps getting better. During the year the church had the opportunity to acquire a professional set of Bells which is being used during the year. Thank you Sharon for finding the Bells. The choir and the church supported the Dade City musical groups.

Tony Carbone up graded the lights to LED in the church and church hall which will help with the Elect Bill. This year, we had a Christmas light display for the exterior of the church (LED) lights.

St Mary's financial status is slowly improving however we still need your help in getting us on sound financial footing. Increase the weekly even \$1.00 to your contributions will help and keeping St Mary's in mind in make your will.

St Mary's Vestry has worked together to mark the church and parish family a better place for Gods children to grow and a spiritual place for us to go during the week.

If anyone has any suggestions and concerns please contact us.

Gerald Rice Senior Warden

Junior Warden - 2014

The good news is that 2014 was a relatively quiet year for St. Mary's as relates the areas that fall under the category of Junior Warden responsibilities. Fortunately, we had no major repair and maintenance cost during the year, such as painting buildings, roof repair, or equipment replacements.

However, we did have a few minor issues. We had to have all our fire extinguishers and our hood system recharged. We replaced one of the

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lighted exit signs in the church nave. This was done to pass our fire inspection for 2014.

We had a termite issue in the nave over the choir area. Our termite service took care of the issue as part of our annual service.

We have done some lighting improvements at the request of some of our parishioners. Basically in Freeman Hall and inside the Church itself. All new lighting was done in Led. We are still working on the music room and bell room.

Special thanks to Glen Thompson for always helping when called upon. And many thanks goes to Paul Proctor and his 'Elves' for helping with the Christmas lights.

Respectfully submitted,
Tony Carbone - Junior Warden

Financial Report-2014

My thanks go to Roy Crippen, who has resigned his position as treasurer in the past few weeks. He has been a great help to St. Mary's over the past few years and will be missed.

I also want to extend thanks to Sandra Sartain and the budget committee, the audit committee, the department directors, and the Vestry as relates to the church finances.

A special thank you goes to those who have been so generous with their time and skills in counting the offerings: George Avadikian, Jim Burnsed, Mimi Cass-Clark, Sarah Denny, Peggy Fetch, Dave Moffett, Diane Rice, Jerry Rice, Peggy Sullivan.

This past year (2014) our projected deficit did not occur thanks to good budgetary control and the generosity of all our parishioners. That pattern has held for the past few years where we have projected deficits but had low or not deficits.

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2012 projected deficit	\$15,000	(4.9%)	- finished with surplus
2013 projected deficit	\$19,662	(6.5%)	- finished with small surplus
2014 projected deficit	\$ 7,228	(2.0%)	- finished with small surplus
2015 projected deficit	\$17,903	(5.5%)	- ??????

The vestry has approved the 2015 budget of \$324,303 (an increase of \$2414 in expense for FY 2015) which contains a projected deficit of:
\$17,903 (5.5%)

St Mary's has no debt. As of December 31, 2014 there was cash on hand in the Primary Checking Account , Capital Reserve Checking and money previously approved for transfer to the Primary Checking Account of \$31,195.

In addition there is \$52,673.00 in the Business Savings Account with only a liability of \$11,860 to cover remaining "Held Fors" (Men's Group, Youth Group, etc.), down from over twice as much in 2012.

St Mary's also holds some \$1,136,788 in land and buildings as well as cash assets of over \$114,683 invested in various (Memorial, Endowment, Youth Ministry, etc.) restricted funds.

One Idea that has been proposed is that we look into project sales to reduce the proposed deficit: We will offer regular items that we know the cost of and we will post the cost and ask when parishioner s to pay for them – as an example.

- \$35- a box of paper for the printer/copier
- \$30 – cover a days of utilities for St. Mary's
- \$25 a month for the website
- \$20- postage for a week
- \$15 – covers a day telephones and internet
- \$14- grounds keeping for a day
- \$7 - pest control for a day

There will be a list posted in the Parish Hall and occasionally in a bulletin insert. Please help out as you can to help knock the deficit down.

We would all prefer that St Mary's not to budget for a deficit. As little as

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5.5% more in all of our giving would wipe out that projected deficit, and allow us to plan for growth. I am pleased to be part of the team still working towards the goal of a balanced budget.

Music Ministry – 2014

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 rain down, rain down; O Comforter and Friend, how we need Your touch again; Holy Spirit rain down, rain down; let Your power fall, let Your voice be heard, come and change our hearts as we stand on Your Word; Holy Spirit, rain down."

2014 was filled with continued prayers, many rehearsals, spiritual moments, 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 Ed Brant

Wednesday, 6:00-7 PM-Tone Chime/Handbell 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, guitar playing

We are greatly blessed to have had a reputation of music excellence for many years. Thinking back to the influence of the Freeman family, the many members who have gone on before us, and the direction and leadership of Barbara Jones for many years, one of our goals, of course, 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 has been well maintained by Bob Campbell (941-725-0616 beefallo@earthling.net). Bob has retired, and his

assistant, Ron Striecher (727-492-4131), who worked with Bob for many years, will tune and service the organ in the future.

We have three pianos, used every week; two of which were given to the church. They are tuned and 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. In 2014, Jean Krenitsky gave us a Roland E600 Keyboard to use with our various music groups. This addition to our instruments will be particularly useful as we take God's music outside the church's walls at events, such as the Dade City Pioneer Museum's Gospel Fest, Church Street Christmas festivities, or local nursing homes. 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 children during VBS. From time to time you will hear fingers cymbals, a tambourine, and various percussion/rhythm band instruments being added to hymns or anthems. Thanks to Kathi Boyle, we have an African hand drum and shaker to add in the mix. In 2012, 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. Connie McKay is extremely gracious in letting us use rain sticks, a thunder drum, and other unique percussion instruments from her personal collection.

Two timpani were purchased around 13 years ago and this was made possible by generous donations. We refer to their wonderful sound as the "heartbeat" of worship.

In 2013, Carol Miller donated an AudioVox CD, cassette player, and radio with two speakers which we use during rehearsals, VBS, and during special fellowship times. This equipment has really come in handy so we don't have to worry about lugging this type of equipment back and forth from our homes.

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. Two years ago, 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. It's time to make another order, so let Kathi know if you are interested in purchasing a music ministry shirt. As you may have seen and heard lately, we now have a 5 octave set of Schulmerich English Handbells. To make a long story short, and to witness to you how God answers prayers, specifically down to the penny, here is the short version of how we acquired THE BELLS OF ST. MARY'S: In the fall of 2013 I was really itching to get bells (and 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 run you another 3-5 thousand). So, I started looking on-line (EBay, various church sites, the "Connection"- a FL UMC newsletter). At the beginning of my search (Oct. 2013), I found a used set in Washington state for about \$20,000...there would also be shipping and handling. I saw a 3 octave set of Malmark Bells for \$8,000. I knew we could get a new 3 octave set of Schulmerich's for about \$9,000. I came back to Father Dewey with my findings, and he said, "I think the vestry 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" and about 6 ads down I read the words "5 Octave Schulmerich Handbells, Excellent condition." Well, you have to click on the ad 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, FL...we are no longer 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 got back with me and even sent pictures; and I got with the vestry, the Endowment committee, and in a couple of weeks, with the help of Jerry Rice, we picked up "our" bells! Not only that, they threw in 4 tables, the foam pads, table cloths, binders for music, and bookoos of mallets! All for

what??? \$9,500... The exact dollar amount that Father Dewey and I had discussed months before! And, we immediately used the bells that 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 got 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 I start my fourth year with you, I am reflecting on several "new" endeavors that we've tried: a Halleluiah Carnival, mid-Lenten Compline service and soup dinner, Christmas cookie tray sale (thank you Carol Jennings for heading this up... we made enough profit on this to fund one and a half people to go to music camp!), participation in Church Street Christmas, Kumquat Festival open music rehearsal, Jim Urbanski and the PHSC Community Chorus concerts, and our summer "come as you are intergenerational choir."

We have plenty more activities that are in the making and we hope to expand in 2015 as God leads us. Some of these ideas are: Choir workshop/camp for Adults and Youth at the annual FUMMWA event in Fruitland Park, FL, June 15-19, 2015 (bake sales, return of the Super Bowl Subs, and a yard sale to help raise funds for this), taking music into Edwinola, Royal Oak, Heritage Park, Hospice House, and other local facilities at various times of the year (not just at Christmas), a church wide talent show, and more of a community outreach (work closely with the Chamber of Commerce and do some combined concerts/worship with Sister Roberta and the Nuns of The Holy Name Monastery in St. Leo). We are going to make a special effort to continue our good relations with the Dade City Symphony and Margaret Thompson and her Love One Another dinners (Thank you, Perry and Linda Cain, for all the times you've represented us by providing music).

We have also had various types of donations (time given, financial support, better lighting in the upstairs "Bell Tower," wood-working, cough drops and tissues, setting up the music director parking place/sign, filing music, file cabinets, seed money for choir camp, the phone fixed in the choir room, hanging Christmas lights, transposing music, shelves built, belltree carrier assembled, door locks fixed, cushions in the choir area, a new desk and chair set for the music office, purchased music/office supplies, computer/printer/paper/ink donations, cleaning, varmint control, chaperones, music selections/suggestions, wooden crosses carved, program type-setting,

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choir pins, Episcopal emblem pins)...the list goes on and on of how God is answering our prayers and how YOU are answering and filling a need when He puts it on your heart to do so! All of these acts of kindness and these behind-the scene offerings have allowed us to continue God's vision of maintaining and expanding a quality music program here at St. Mary's. 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 usually do not like to use clichés. But, I would be remised not to say that honestly, without you, we don't think we could have made it! As my husband Ed has healed, I have seen the kindness and love from you like no other time in my entire life. Through you, I've seen firsthand how true Disciples of Christ live. Thank you for setting a positive example of how we all should live. I appreciate each of you, and am forever grateful for your encouragement and concern for our well-being.

I value the guidance I've received from Father Dewey and Debi Brown, and am blessed by the support from the 2014 Vestry members, Father Robin and Father Jim, Sandra Sartain and her office/people skills, Vince Rieger for keeping me in line, Tony Carbone assisting often and when called upon, Nick and Nancy for keeping things nice and clean, Sandi Morgan and her efforts on the Newsletter, Paige Wolfenden's leadership/energy when it comes to Family Ministries, and Jean McNary as our ever faithful music librarian. I am so thankful for everyone involved in our music ministries, and am continuously astounded by the time and talent that each person gives. 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 - 2014

God has blessed us at St. Mary's with a group of wonderful Christian Education volunteers. *Please recognize.* I ask that you continue to give them your support! If it involves the children, they are always there and dedicated to leading our children towards a closer relationship with God.

Speaking of those children, let us not forget our Youth Group who assists with Nursery, Acolyting, bake sales, assisting with Egg Hunt, Christmas decorating, etc., not to mention their schoolwork and personal extracurricular activities. They should also be applauded.

Our Sunday school program continues to utilize an online curriculum available from Virginia Theological Seminary. As far as attendance, we have 10-15 every Sunday with the Middle/High school class more than doubling the attendance of all other two classes combined.

The Parents Class continues to serve as a place for our parents, and grandparents, to come together to view and discuss several video series about marriage and raising children. They have reviewed ones from the past, split for men's and women's classes, and are always looking for new and pertinent messages to assist us in this journey.

Our plan of having Nursery during Sunday school was put on hold. The 10:00 Nursery is run by Debbie Allen who faithfully shows every Sunday. Children then graduate to Chapel until completion of second grade.

This dedicated group of Chapel volunteers, however, contains a majority of parents with high school, or college-aged, children. As children grow, the family evolves and changes to schedules and interests will inevitably change. This has brought about the decision to make the Chapel Leader a paid position. We feel this would allow those children attending Chapel the opportunity to build a better teacher-student relationship.

It should also ensure more thorough curriculum coverage and teaching of Episcopal practices in preparation of them joining us for service. The posting of this position will be advertised in mid-January.

CE sponsored parish-wide Potluck Game Nights, annual Egg Hunt, and Vacation Bible School; ending the school year with a bowling party at Pinchasers. Always coming in under budget :)

As always, we encourage those who would like to share in the lives of these wonderful children, to take the Safeguarding God's Children class increasing the foundation of this very important ministry.

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Paige Wolfenden - Christian Education Director

St. Mary's Youth Group - 2014

St. Mary's Youth Group meets Sunday evenings from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. Fr. Dewey Brown and Sharon & Ed Brant serve as the mentors to our wonderful core of youth who attend and participate faithfully. This is a group that faithfully works and plays 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, we 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 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 - 2014

There are currently 20 active members of the Acolyte Ministry. They range in age from 6 to the more senior members who are in their 70's. Our family at St. Mary's is fortunate to have these members faithfully assisting in the celebration of the mass.

They 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 are capable of taking direction from acolytes who are experienced and take on the role of mentors.

Submitted by

Vince Rieger

Altar Guild – 2014

This year we are blessed ending 2014 with six (6) new Altar Guild members, added to the existing seventeen (17) we already had, now totaling twenty (22) plus Milt Larsen, who has served St. Mary's as director of the Altar Guild for 15 years.

The devotion of time and dedicated care to the Altar Guild operations is noteworthy.

David Moffit, who is not an official part of the Guild, nevertheless is recognized for his participation in the set-up for the men's breakfast and accompanying services.

For the ladies group services, we are still in need of set up and take down in support of Bebe Cain.

A new Altar Set-Up and Takedown Guide is in need of being completed with pictures within the guide as well as for posting on appropriate walls. Additionally, a separate guide with wedding and funeral specifics including pictures will need to be completed.

The seasonal coronation tapestry made last year remains in use behind the altar cross.

The floral greens arrangements continue to be utilized consistent with their seasonal colors:

Advent blue, purple and grey

Christmas red and off-white poinsettias (mixed with green & grey plants)

Christmas decorations also include a Jessie Tree placed in front of the altar with

accompanying figurines, poinsettias and plants.

The winter season decorations include twig branches, air plants with flowering plants.

Lent Greens are highlighted with ferns, flowers of purple, pink and grey.

Easter, in addition to the usual Lilies, is complimented with a mixture of other greens and plants.

Summer displays include caladiums, other summer flowers and greens.

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Fall has a full display of colored leaves, crotons, copperleaf and caladiums.

Thanksgiving arrangements include fruits, veggies in addition to the normal greenery and these

Arrangements have historically been provided by Carol and Jim Barnett.

The Altar Guild director, Milton Larsen, provides an annual pictorial booklet of each of the Sunday's Floral presentations.

New LED lights at a cost of approximately \$500.00 were provided by Milt Larsen and were placed over the altar chancel and in the Nave with the contributed supplies and work by Tony Carbone.

The Altar Guild annual budget remains at approximately \$1,200.00, with much of that returned to the general fund as a result of generous gifts and contributions to the fund.

Diane and Jerry Rice have provided \$170.00 for the yearly Holy Communion wine.

Palm Sunday palm crosses, candle oil and replacement linens were the major cost factors for Altar Guild distributions.

We are very happy with the enthusiasm of all Altar Guild participants. And we are especially grateful that with the new member additions, we can now have 4 to 5 members per team with a total at the end of the year of 23 members. The new additions during the year are: Ron and Candice Weaver, Karen Chapman, Jeanne Plecenik, Donna Tumuly and Carol Smith.

Hopefully, this year, a quick reference set-up booklet with accompanying item by item check-off lists will insure that all items of set-up may be clearly identified as completed.

We will continue with Altar Guild meetings to address the installation of new members as well as any special or routine items that need to be addressed.

Sincerely,

Milton Larsen; Director of Altar Guild

Garden Guild - 2014

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 throughout the year. Current active participants are Margaret and Glen Thompson, Milt Larsen and Anne Johnson. We would love to have more volunteers so if anyone is interested, please call Anne.

This year we planted several small shrubs throughout the landscape and removed several small trees and other plantings that were diseased or dying. We also continued to add caladiums around the church in the late Spring and added annuals periodically as needed. Several yards of crushed shell were added to the grassy parking lot on the west side of the office to fill in holes and help with drainage. The Children's Garden plantings were thinned out to improve visibility and the plantings along the fenceline of the playground were also thinned. We also spread a lot of mulch throughout the year and fertilized the lawn, plantings and trees.

We ran out of time and energy to install the pathway of pavers between the office and the church, so that will be a project for 2015.

Respectfully submitted

Anne H. W. Johnson, Committee Chair

Daughters of the King, Martha Chapter 2014

This being our second year of reactivation, the Martha Chapter has experienced personal and chapter growth through prayer service and evangelism.

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This past year we have continued to maintain personal, chapter and church wide prayer lists. The Daughters of the king pray daily for all persons on these lists as part of our spiritual rule of life.

Another aspect of our rule of life , we act as greeters , welcoming and talking to new people who attend services at St Mary's and ask them to sign the guest register. We invite them to attend the coffee hour following services and introduce them to clergy and parishioners.

Our monthly programs are designed to increase our spiritual knowledge and growth through topics like; spiritual gifts, prayer, outreach and evangelism. We continue to make and give Anglican prayer beads to be blessed and given to those whom we visit, or those that desire them.

We have begun a self study designed to give us more spiritual awareness, this is being lead by our chaplain .

The December meeting at the beginning of Advent, we had an evening prayer service with our guests.

We are looking forward to increasing our numbers this next year and wish to extend an invitation to interested women of the church to join us.

Respectfully submitted

Mimi Cass-Clark, president

Memorial Committee – 2014

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, Fr. Dewey Brown, a parishioner appointed by the Rector, Mr. George Avadikian, and the three members of the Vestry who are serving their third and final year as Vestry members, Mr. Jim Tabb, Ms. Kathy Hobby, and Mr. Steve Hutsell. The Senior Warden attends the meetings in an advisory capacity. The Memorial Committee met only once this year on December 14, 2014 to review the funds' financial status and make any suggestions for the coming year.

The only expenditure from the fund during 2014 was the purchase of five purificators in the amount of \$135.00. These items were paid out of monies contributed in memory of the late Lillie Revell. There were no other requests for funds made in 2014.

The fund received contributions totaling \$790.00 during 2014 and received interest on the fund of another \$2.24. The balance of the fund as of December 1, 2014 was \$5,557.93.

Mr. Jim Tabb suggested that the committee seated in 2015 might consider providing Bibles to our parish's new confirmands in the coming year. The committee heartily endorsed this suggestion and this item will be on the agenda for 2015.

Respectfully Submitted:

Steven See, Chairperson

Ushers - 2014

St. Mary's usher ministry consists of 18 full time volunteers. On a weekly basis four ushers are needed at the 10 a.m. service. 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.

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In addition they collect the offering and assist in releasing our parishioners to the altar during the Holy Eucharist. After the service ends the ushers collect the bulletins, turn out the lights and make sure the doors are locked.

This is a great 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.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mike & Diane Smith, Co-Chairpersons

Lay Eucharistic Ministers – 2014

Presently St. Mary's has 18 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.

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Respectfully,

LeRoy Hauff

Outreach -2014

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 Committee has been very active during 2014.

Love One Another Meals – Margaret Thompson continues 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 for our St. Mary's community as well as friends and neighbors.

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

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.

Kairos Team (men's) – St. Mary's 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.

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Warm clothing for Cox kids was delivered to Cox Elementary School in abundance. Also, Bob Mellon coordinated the delivery of more than 65 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.

Respectfully Submitted

Karen Patterson, Outreach Chairperson

Knitty-Gritty Knitters Group - 2014

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 crocheters, 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, Sandi Morgan, Virginia Crippen and so many 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 -

Steve See chairs this ministry. 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

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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 eight persons who are licensed as Lay Eucharistic Visitors: Steve See, Vince Rieger, Karen Patterson, Sarah Denney, Carol Miller, Jack Cook, Mimi Cass-Clark, Jim Burnsed. It is important that Sandra Sartain in the parish office be notified for anyone who wishes to be included this important home ministry.

Fr. Dewey & Steve wish to extend their thanks to Sandra Sartain, St. Mary's Parish Administrator, who keeps up with many parishioners by phone and is a vital part of the pastoral care team at St. Mary's.