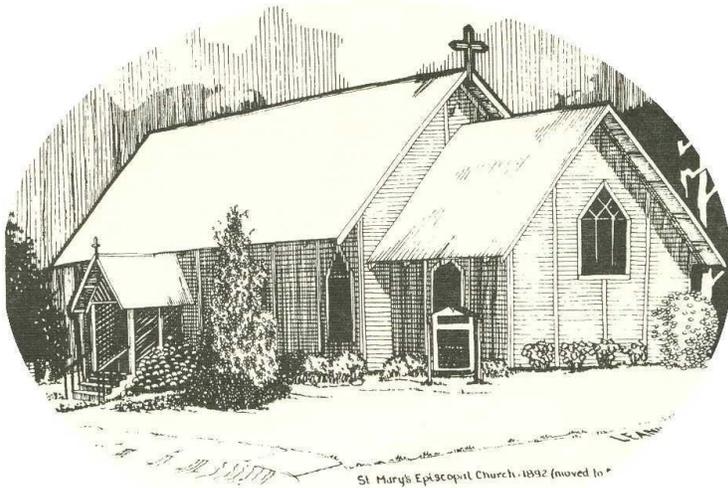


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## **Rector's Message**

As we begin our fifth year together it is a time for us to give thanks to God and to each other for this wonderful community we share at St. Mary's.

I give thanks 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 within Dade City. It is a blessing to see the care and support that is present for one another and for the surrounding community.

Most of all I want to encourage you to keep up the good work of loving the Lord your God with all your heart and all your mind and all your soul and loving your neighbor as yourself!

Keep on loving as we pray together, sing together, work together and play together. Keep on loving even in those times we might not always agree with one another so we can find a way to work it out together and speak the truth in love to one another.

A recent visitor told me about what his son said after his visit one Sunday, "I have heard about Episcopal churches like St. Mary's. I have just never seen one before."

We can't get much better feedback than that. The Christian faith we seek to live out at St. Mary's is a matter of God's offer of love in Christ and our response to that love. How we treat each other on Sundays is but one aspect of that love.

We also respond to God's love with our loving acts of service toward those in need in the church and in the world. And yet we respond to God's love not only by loving deeds of service to others, but also by simply doing the things we do for God because God is God and we are God's children.

We are called not simply to obey God but also to glorify God. Above all, we are called to enjoy God. We are called to worship God in joy and love. That our worship is life-giving and joy-filled is another sign that things are going well at St. Mary's.

Love is not love if it is simply a matter of obeying rules, running errands, and performing duties. Some things we do just because we enjoy being in the presence of our loved one. So we sing songs, pray, clap our hands, share food, or simply relax and do nothing but enjoy being with one another. In these purposeless moments of sheer enjoyment, we come very close to what love is all about.

If someone asks us at St. Mary's, "What's the purpose of your worship? Why do you gather on Sunday and sing songs, dress up, kneel, march in processions, shed tears, speak, eat, and listen?" we could only say, "Because we are in love with our Lord and Savior."

Thanks again for we have done 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 with these three specific areas in mind:

1. We have many new families with young children and we need more volunteers to help with Christian Education - let's work to fill this need as soon as possible.
2. After many years of successfully being our Outreach Coordinator Margaret Thompson has asked to step back a bit and just focus on Love One Another – I would like one or more persons with a heart for outreach to step forward to fill this need.
3. And finally as a way of sharing our love of the Lord we continue to welcome newcomers into our midst – welcoming all as if we are welcoming Christ Jesus himself.

*Fr. Dewey+*

*January 2014*

### **Parochial Report Information for 2013**

<b>208</b>	Average Sunday Attendance
<b>422</b>	Easter Sunday Attendance
<b>153</b>	Weekday Holy Eucharist
<b>268</b>	Private Communions
<b>1</b>	Marriage
<b>6</b>	Burials
<b>11</b>	Baptisms (1 – Adult; 10 - Under Age 16)
<b>10</b>	Confirmations (9 Youth ; 1 Adult)

## Senior Warden - 2013

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 Lacoochee Elementary children, the Love One Another meals, the Knitty Gritters Knitting group, Daughters of the King, the Choir and Music Program, Christian Education for all of us – children through adults, the Thursday morning Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, the Thursday morning Ladies Bible Study, the Tuesday evening Bible Study, 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 again 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. I personally want to thank the other retiring Vestry members for their dedication and devotion to our church – Paige Wolfenden and Carol Jennings. We also appreciate your suggestions and concerns that you have given us, 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 2014 and to fill our hearts with love and care for each other, our community and surrounding area.

Respectfully submitted with love,  
Melinda Bessenger, Senior Warden

## **Junior Warden - 2013**

The good news is that 2013 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 costs during the year, such as painting buildings, roof repair, or equipment replacements.

The vestry was faced with a decision to do major pruning on a grand oak tree beside the bell tower. The tree was suffering from root rot because the canopy of the tree had grown to large to be supported by the root system. The pruning is expected to extend the life of this tree that is over 100 years old.

We also replaced four thermostats in the sanctuary with programmable thermostats. Not only should this save the church money in utility costs, but it should help insure that we have consistent temperatures throughout the sanctuary.

Many thanks go out to the members of the Garden Guild who have spent countless hours during the year maintaining the beauty of the church grounds. Also, thanks to all who participated in our Fall work party, and to those who quietly volunteered their service to pressure wash areas in need.

A special thanks to Tony Carbone and Vince Rieger who have unselfishly tackled many projects around the church throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Tabb

## **Financial Report-2013**

My thanks go to Sandra Sartain and Father Brown for their support and help through the year. In addition, I also appreciate the efforts of the budget committee, 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, Peggy Fetch, Dave Moffett, Diane Rice, Jerry Rice, and Peggy Sullivan.

Thanks also to the generosity of all our parishioners in helping us reduce our budgeted deficit from \$19,662 to \$6,347. This deficit was on an approved budget of \$308,697 which is 2% of the overall budget.

The vestry has approved the 2014 budget of \$321,890 which contains a projected deficit of \$7,228 (2.2%). This budget includes a 3% increase for the rector and staff employees.

St Mary's has no debt. As of December 31, 2013 there was cash on hand in the Primary Checking Account and Capital Reserve Checking of \$15,885. In addition there is \$52,435 in the Business Savings Account with only a liability of \$10,915 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 \$1,136,000 in land and buildings as well as cash assets of over \$126,000 invested in various (Memorial, Endowment, Youth Ministry, etc.) restricted funds.

We would all prefer that St Mary's not to budget for a deficit. As little as 3% 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Crippen, Treasurer

## **Music Ministry – 2013**

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.”

2013 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 Alyssa Lehman

Wednesday, 6:00-7 PM-Tone Chime Ringers under the direction of Kathi Boyle (352-424-3255, [luvsinging@ymail.com](mailto:luvsinging@ymail.com))

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. 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](mailto:beefallo@earthling.net)). Bob is retiring, and his assistant, Ron Striecher (727-492-4131), 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.

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. At times, 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. At this time we are actively researching the possibility of purchasing our own set of Schulmerich Handbells (more on this later).

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 now have a new African hand drum and shaker to add in the mix. And 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.

Two timpani were purchased around 12 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. Last 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. It's time to make another order, so let Kathi know if you are interested in purchasing a music ministry shirt.

As I start my third year with you, I am reflecting on several "new" endeavors that we've tried: a Halleluiah Carnival, mid-Lenten Compline service and soup dinner, Prelude to Church Street Christmas, Kumquat Festival "open music rehearsal/free water," Jim Urbanski and the PHCC

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 2014 as God leads us. Some of these ideas are: Choir workshop/retreat for Adults and Youth (bake sale and spring yard sale to help raise funds for this), taking music into Edwinola, Heritage Park, Hospice House, and other local facilities at various times of the year (not just Christmas), the purchase of English Handbells, a church wide talent show, and more of a community outreach with the work that Lucy Avila does in our neighborhood and with the Chamber of Commerce. We are going to make a special effort to continue our good relations with the Dade City Symphony, the Sisters at Holy Name Monastery at St. Leo’s, 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, wood-working, cough drops and tissues, filing music, file cabinets, seed money for choir camp, 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, choir 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!

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 patience when I’ve made mistakes. I am extremely honored that you gave me my own parking space/sign...this was a big surprise and a remarkable gesture! Thank you for your kindness, and thank you, Jim Tabb, for assembling it. I value the guidance I’ve received from Father Dewey, and am blessed by the support from the 2013 Vestry members and all of our priests, Sandra Sartain’s 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, Connie Mackay for her expertise and advice on Episcopal music and worship, Paige Wolfenden’s leadership/energy, and Jean McNary as our ever faithful music

librarian. I am so grateful 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 - 2013**

With God's blessings of new families joining us at St. Mary's, the Christian Education Department has undergone a few changes and is always making adjustments where needed to lead the children on their faith journeys. Our Sunday school program continues to utilize the online curriculum available from Virginia Theological Seminary. We are very blessed with a few new teachers!

Windows were installed in both the Nursery and Children's Chapel in order for both of these important ministries to function and still meet the Safeguarding requirements.

The Nursery is designed for infants up to Pre-K. Once entering the school-room setting, children graduate to Chapel where they experience a condensed church service. It is our goal, upon completion of second grade, they will be able to join their families in "big church". We are still in need of Chapel leaders.

CE has held quarterly Parish Potluck & Game Nights, sponsored the annual Egg Hunt, and Vacation Bible School. In April, our Sunday school children, teachers, and parents were honored by Bishop Smith during his visit for confirmation. We ended last school year with our End of the Year Party at Pinchasers in May.

The Parents Class has been a wonderful and supportive place for our parents, and grandparents, to come together to view and discuss several video series about marriage and raising children. It is refreshing to know "it's not just you" and hear others' perspectives. It is our plan to have the Nursery

available starting at 9am allowing parents to attend the Parent's class or Father's Adult Forum.

We encourage all those with children involved in Christian Ed, or anyone who would like to share in the lives of these wonderful children, to take the Safeguarding God's Children class to increase the foundation of this very important ministry.

A huge thank you to the many dedicated people who make your Christian Education Department work—

Debbie Allen for holding down the Nursery every Sunday, our Youth Group volunteers that help her, Chapel Leaders, and Sunday school teachers who graciously give of their time. Please continue to give them your support.

Thank you,

Paige Wolfenden  
Christian Education Director

## **St. Mary's Youth Group - 2013**

St. Mary's Youth Group meets Sunday evenings from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. Fr. Dewey Brown and Sharon 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.

This past year we traveled to Florida Eco Safari to zipline and see a bit of undeveloped "old Florida" and we are planning a shut-in and a tubing trip and some other fellowship events this coming year.

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 - 2013**

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 21 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Servers - who assist off of the Altar during the service, and 1<sup>st</sup> Servers who assist on the Altar.

Our current roster of Acolytes includes 3 Torch Bearers, 4 Second Servers and 14 first and or second servers who serve in the capacity of both first and second server. Our family at St. Mary's is fortunate that these young people have offered their time and dedication in this ministry.

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

Submitted by

Vince Rieger

## **Altar Guild - 2013**

Again, this 2013 year, we are blessed with nineteen (19) guild members who devoted time and effort to set up, take down, clean and store our altar vessels and clothes. We are saddened by the retirement of Janis Tabb because of health reasons. Janis has been a guild member since the 1970's when Father Barnhart was rector.

Ginney Warner has withdrawn because of other interests. Two new members filled in team three (3) that was kept operational. Milt Larsen with Sheila Highsmith and Doris Perham filled in these openings and all five (5) teams have not been reduced.

The Thursday Men's 6:30 a.m. service is still being set up by Dave Moffet and taken down and stored by the ladies after the 10:00 a.m. service by Bebe Cain, Barbara Barber or Sarah Denney. Special care of the fair linens is done by Jo Bellows and the linens after each 10:00 a.m. service is done by a team member.

The blue super frontal needs to have work done on the top as the silk is a sliding surface and not stable. The floral advent arrangements at the altar had purple, blue and pink flowers added to the greens. The fourth (4th) Sunday a five (5) foot Douglas fir cut tree was added in front of the pulpit at floor level, with small potted grayish Dusty Millers in the tree branches and cut branches of grayish lichens added on the outer part of the tree.

For Christmas small potted poinsettias were added in the branches to complement the potted poinsettias around the base and as a framing effect to the ceramic "Holy Family" figures and altar area. The cost of these and pictures were donated by Milt except the Easter flowers. All donations for these arrangements went to the church funds. For those who could afford flower arrangements, they now cost about \$100.00 to \$150.00 and the cost is a donation of \$25.00 to the church to be done in house. Mostly the use of potted plants with a few cut greens from the landscape have kept the cost down, \$403.94 for this was donated and the picture cost was another \$621.14 that covered altar operations, arrangements, grounds and people.

Carol Barnett spent \$80.00 on the Thanksgiving arrangement this year. The History Hall of St. Mary's has also been added with three paneled picture displays and these also cover the many ministries, buildings and

grounds and the three panel have been placed between the windows in Leach Hall. Across from the ladies' restroom are the numerous ministries at St. Mary's and across from the men's restroom is the building and grounds pictures and across from the altar guild room is the people and projects at St. Mary's.

The altar guild budget remains \$1,200.00 which is for the purchase of candles, oil and altar bread host, the \$500.00 for altar wine was given by Diane Rice who said she could not buy this again.

The new green superfrontal replaced the lace superfrontal as well as the white and purple super frontals were also obtained. The white superfrontal was long in height to cover the purple and blue sets during advent and lent. The green super frontal was narrower in height to expose the architectural elements on the altar front surface. The white super frontal replaced the fringe with a matching banding and placed on the marking for the top of the fringe for \$42.00 was paid for this and Donna Lillibridge sewed the band on as a gift.

The altar guild diocese meeting this year was not attended because a reception in honor of Father Tanno's death was held on that Saturday in Mach.

Besides this year of 2014, we need to obtain more altar guild members, the panel behind the altar cross will be replaced with a yard and half of red coronation tapestry to fill in the openings between the wood, greens in the reredos. Neil Maas said he would pay half of the \$250.00 cost and Milt would pay for the other. Sarah Denney said she would sew this cloth to place it on the wooden frame that Tony Carbone built to hold the current and new cloth. It is hoped to have it up for Easter after having no cloth behind the veiled cross for lent. It was Denise Zimmerer that suggested and guided us with the right height to lift the cross. Tony Carbone made a wooden block to raise the brass cross to the best height.

We need more members and also someone else to learn and set up for the offices of baptism, marriages and burials that is being done by Milt.

Respectfully submitted: Milt Larsen – Director

## **Garden Guild - 2013**

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 5 crape myrtles throughout the landscape and removed several small trees and other plantings that were diseased or dying. We added caladiums around the church in the late Spring and added annuals periodically as needed. We also added more bromeliads in the landscape around the church and several other buildings. Several yards of crushed shell were added to both grassy parking lots to fill in holes and help with drainage.

We coordinated with the Junior Warden to hold two yard work days during 2013. The work days always brings some extra volunteers that are great with chain saws. Thanks to Mike Smith, we have been able to transport all of our tree limbs, cuttings, trimmings and shrub trimmings and weeds to the burn pile on their ranch on each work day. That is a major effort and Mike does it with a smile. We also spread pine bark mulch in the beds during the work days with Milt Larsen, Glen Thompson and Dennis Celantano hauling the mulch for volunteers to spread.

Two projects are underway, including installation of a paver walkway between the office and the church and a re-do of the plantings under the portico of the office building. We hope to finish both projects before summer.

Respectfully submitted

Anne H. W. Johnson, Committee Chair

## **Daughters of The King - 2013**

This being our year of reactivation the Martha Chapter took our guidance from Father Dewey in the activities engaged in. This past year we created, maintained and prayed for persons on our chapter prayer list in addition to praying for persons on the prayer list for the whole church. The Daughters of the King pray daily for all persons on both of these lists as part of our spiritual rule of life.

As 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 we ask them to sign the guest register. We invite newcomers to coffee hour following the services and introduce them to the clergy and parishioners.

Our monthly programs are designed to foster our spiritual growth and cover a variety of topics; prayer, spiritual gifts, outreach, and evangelism. We have learned to make Anglican Prayer Beads, so they may be blessed and delivered to persons we visit. The time we spend together in fellowship has been very meaningful and fulfilling.

In December, at the beginning of Advent, we held an evening prayer service that was open to the congregation and we look forward to leading quiet day(s) this year, perhaps during Lent and other times deemed appropriate.

Respectfully submitted

Mimi Cass-Clark, president

## **Memorial Committee - 2013**

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, 2013, the balance of the Memorial Fund was \$4,291.74. Specific and General contributions to the fund during 2012 totaled \$1229.00. Interest received was \$2.43, making the fund total \$5,520.74.

Disbursements during 2012 amounted to \$525.25, leaving a fund balance of \$4,995.49. Only one memorial item was purchased this year, a replacement for an aging green altar frontal to match the currently used altar items in the same green color and motif. It was decided by the Committee members to draw funds from many of the languishing smaller amounts unused for the past several months. Funds were drawn from the Evans, Amdal, Spalding, Montgomery, Tanno, Michealis and Webb monies along with a small amount from the undesignated receipts fund. Over all, it was a quiet year relative to the past several years with regard for request for memorial gifts.

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 - 2013**

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 - 2013**

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.

Respectfully,

LeRoy Hauff

## **Outreach -2013**

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. Praise God from whom all blessings come.

Each month had one or more Outreach focus or activity

### **January**

-Annual report for 2012 prepared and submitted for annual meeting January 13, 2013

### **February**

-Outreach Committee meeting with the Rector – February 6, 2013  
-Love One Another meal – February 10, 2013  
-Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – February 12, 2013 –  
Joe Nicholson, Mike Smith, Men's Group

### **March**

-Spring Break – PB&J for Cox Elementary Kids – Virginia Crippen, Jean McNary, Nancy Meech  
-Kairos team (women's) Debi Brown, Nancy Meech – team into prison –  
collected cookies

### **April**

-Love One Another meal – April 14, 2013 – Chinese menu donated by Jack Cook  
-Tampa Deanery ECW meeting, program and luncheon – April 22, 2013 –  
Karen Patterson, Program - Icon Presentation by Virginia Crippen

-Kairos Team (men's) – evening meal – April 25, 2013 Served 35 team members plus wives and St. Mary's volunteers

### **May**

- Outreach Committee meeting with the Rector – May 1, 2013
- Food collection weekly – appeal to increase the food donations
- Daystar Hope Center – support thru food collection for Daystar food pantry
- St. Mary's volunteers in thrift shop, Joan Majer, Carol Barnett
- Encouraged shopping at and donating items to the thrift shop
- Jerry Rice delivers Publix bakery goods plus sundry other items and tasks

### **June**

- Love One Another meal – June 9, 2013
- Food donations increased

### **July**

- Cox Elementary – Back to School Supplies – Jean McNary, Nancy Meech

### **August**

- Outreach Committee meeting with the Rector – August 7, 2013
- Cox Elementary – School Supplies collected and delivered by Jean McNary, Nancy & Chick Meech, Virginia Crippen & friend Raymond Davis; Sandi Morgan took photos
- Love One Another meal – August 11, 2013
- Kairos Prison Ministry – Women's team collected cookies – visited prison

### **September**

- Love One Another meal – September 8, 2013

### **October**

- Love One Another meal – October 13, 2013 – three months in a row
- Kairos Prison Ministry – Men's team - meal – October 24, 2013  
Served 37 team members plus wives and St. Mary's volunteers
- United Thank Offering – \$ 420 collected – Dot Brenn

### **November**

- Outreach Committee meeting with the Rector – November 6, 2013

-Basket Auction – November 17, 2013 – ECW – \$2,600 was raised - Carol O’Connell – May Ross - \$650, Restored Hope , Daystar, Cox Elementary  
-Community Thanksgiving Service and Lunch - November 26, 2013 – St. Mary’s provided four turkeys, gravy, dressing, stuffing, corn and beans.

**December**

-Love One Another meal – December 9 – food donated by Jack Cook

-Alternative Gift Giving:

1. Local = Cox Elementary Tree – with the help of the Tootsies of Tampa Bay Golf and Country Club, the Italian American Club and other residents – Virginia Crippen made three large deliveries of warm clothing, shoes, et cetera.

-There was also a sizeable cash donation made to Cox Elementary in December.

-Clothing collected from Christmas until Epiphany was given to Lacochee Elementary

2. Global = Heifer International

Knitty Gritty group – Virginia Crippen - Barbara Barber et al – The group meets most Wednesday afternoons – knitting, crocheting, and sharing. Crafting hats and scarves for the homeless – lap robes for Heritage Park’s Rehabilitation and Hospice.

Love One Another – with an average of 100 – 150 served per meal means we have served between 700 – 1050 in 2013.

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 2013

<u>Date</u>	<u>Pounds</u>
January	170
February	250
March	255
April	270
May	237
June	215

July 260  
August 211  
September 325  
October 200  
November 260  
December 265  
Total 2918  
Average pounds / month 243

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  
Door Notes – used on inside / outside of each door into Freeman Hall reflecting Outreach effort of the month  
Newsletter Articles – were written and published each month in the St. Mary’s newsletter  
Photographs – of activities were taken and added  
Thank you – Milt Larsen for the Photo Record of our Outreach displays

Membership and participation in the Outreach ministry group  
Added; Dot Brenn, Carolyn Hodges  
Resigned: Karen Patterson  
Vestry Representative – remains vacant  
UTO coordinator – Dorothy Brenn added

Outreach Committee -  
Father Dewey Brown, Rector  
Barbara Barber – Knitty Gritty group  
Dorothy Brenn – UTO Coordinator  
Virginia Crippen – Cox Elementary School – Knitty Gritty group  
Carolyn Hodges - Publicity  
Jean McNary – Cox Elementary School  
Nancy Meech - Cox Elementary School  
Sandra Sartain – Parish Administrator  
Glen Thompson – Food Collection – Recording Secretary  
Margaret Thompson – Coordinator – Love One Another meals  
Paige Wolfenden – Christian Education

Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret & Glen Thompson

## **Knitty-Gritty Knitters Group - 2013**

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.

## **Newsletter - 2013**

St. Mary's newsletter is edited and produced monthly by Sandi Morgan using material provided by staff and parishioners. It is an informative and useful means of communicating ministries and other goings on at St. Mary's. We are blessed to have Sandi as our editor. Please feel free to share your news and information with Sandi; she is always looking for material.

## **Pastoral Care -Lay Eucharistic Visitors - 2013**

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 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.

A brief summary of visits in 2013:

Total Number of Contacts: 102 visits

Total Number of Communion Administered: 177

Currently here at St. Mary's there are six persons who are licensed as Lay Eucharistic Visitors: Steve See, Vince Rieger, Karen Patterson, 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.