



*St.  
Michael's  
Episcopal  
Church*

# Annual Report

**Annual Parish Meeting**  
**January 20, 2019**  
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**St. Michael's Episcopal Church**  
**Agenda**  
**2019 Annual Meeting**  
**January 20, 2019**

- \* Opening Prayer
- \* Children will go downstairs for breakfast and Sunday school.
- \* Election of Secretary
- \* Approval of January 14, 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes
- \* Election of Vestry
- \* Election of Convention Delegates
- \* Rector's Report
- \* Sr. Warden's Report
- \* Other Sharing
- \* Call to Worship at 11:15
- \* Coffee Hour will be at 11:35.

# St. Michael's Episcopal Church Annual Meeting, January 20, 2019

## Minutes from Annual meeting January 14, 2018

Fr. Lee Schaefer opened the meeting at 10:30 AM with prayer.

Dick Cutler was nominated and voted as Secretary of the meeting. It was moved by Craig Meyer and seconded by Nancy Allen.

Nominations for Vestry were made. Those nominated were Ellyn Lammers, Kelly Garrett, Karen Smith and Rita Ash. The nominations were voted on and approved. They were moved by Craig Meyer and seconded by Megan Wiles.

Stacy Elmore gave the Sr. Warden report, followed by Jennifer Choisser and Laura Cordray.

Pat Adams would like to be a delegate to the convention. Nancy Allen and Sue Rider, and Rita Ash are alternates.

The Vestry retreat is February 2 and 3, 2018, at St. Michael's.

Commission night will be February 7, with Karen Smith, hosting. The next Vestry meeting is Feb. 13ths.

Respectively Submitted,

Dick Cutler

Clerk of the 2018 Annual Meeting

## Vestry Meeting Sunday, January 14, 2018

A vestry meeting was held directly following the annual meeting. Dick Cutler agreed to be secretary.

Those present: Nancy Allen, Rita Ash, Bailey Detamore, Stacy Elmore, Kelly Garrett, Sue Graves, Ellyn Lammers, Bob Salach, Karen, Smith

Father Lee opened with prayer and recommended Stacie Elmore be Sr. Warden. Nancy Allen nominated Stacy and Sue Graves seconded it. The nomination was passed. Sue Graves made a motion to close nominations. Stacy Elmore was voted as Sr. Warden unanimously.

Junior Warden needed to be decided next. Stacy Elmore made a motion to have Bob Salach be Jr. Warden. Nancy Allen seconded the motions Rita Ash moved to close. Bailey Detamore seconded. All were in favor.

The vestry agreed to meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month and to keep commission night on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month.

Karen Smith has agreed to serve the meal at the February commission meeting. The next commission meeting is on February 7<sup>th</sup> and the next vestry meeting is on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017

The meeting adjourned,

Respectfully,

Dick Cutler

**St. Michael's Episcopal Church  
Balance Sheet  
December 2018**

<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		
Primary Checking	\$ 46,184.64	
Secondary Checking	\$ 72,074.37	
DOK Checking	\$ 344.75	
<b>Total Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		<b>\$ 118,603.76</b>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>		
Diocese of Indianapolis	\$ 14,666.64	
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>		<b>\$ 14,666.64</b>
<b>Investments</b>		
Stocks	\$ 25,436.04	
<b>Total Investments</b>		<b>\$ 25,436.04</b>
<b>Capital Campaign</b>		
Uncollected Pledges - Expected	\$ 16,453.56	
<b>Total Capital Campaign</b>		<b>\$ 16,453.56</b>
<b>Land/Buildings</b>		
Land/Buildings	\$ 1,036,500.00	
Improvements	\$ 542,088.80	
Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 454,100.00	
<b>Total Land/Buildings</b>		<b>\$ 2,032,688.80</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$ 2,207,848.80</b>
 <b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 13,292.13	
Notes Payable	\$ 176,599.32	
Interest Accrued	\$ 859.21	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>\$ 190,750.66</b>
<b>Fund Principal</b>		
St. Michael's Church Fund Principal	\$ 55,510.60	
Rector's Disc. Fund Principal	\$ 241.49	
Youth Fund Principal	\$ 310.00	
DOK Fund Principal	\$ 344.75	
Land/Building Fund	\$ 1,856,089.48	
<b>Total Fund Principal and Excess Cash Received</b>		<b>\$ 1,912,496.32</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>		
Capital Campaign Funds	\$ 93,633.82	
Choir Project	\$ 9,968.00	
Sacristy Closet Project	\$ 1,000.00	
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>		<b>\$ 104,601.82</b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Fund Principal, &amp; Restricted Funds</b>		<b>\$ 2,207,848.80</b>

## St. Michael's Episcopal Church 2019 Draft Budget - In Progress

### Expenses

#### Office & Operations

5105-1 - Dues, Subscriptions, Website	\$ 1,600
5110-1 - Equipment Lease	\$ 3,100
5115-1 - Office Expenses	\$ 4,500
5116-1 - Diocesan Assessment	\$ 21,173

#### **Total Office & Operations**

**\$ 30,373**

### Program

5141-1 - Christian Education	\$ 1,800
5141-2 - Strawberry Festival	\$ 9,600
5141-3 - VBS	\$ 1,000
5141-4 - Family Life	\$ 2,200
5141-6 - Conferences & Meetings	\$ 750
5175-1 - Outreach	\$ 5,000
5177-1 - Communications	\$ 3,000
5180-1 - Rector's Discretionary Acct	\$ 2,500

#### **Total Program**

**\$ 25,850**

### Worship

5208-1 - Altar Guild	\$ 3,500
5215-1 - Choir	\$ 300
5216-1 - Piano Maintenance	\$ 500
5220-1 - Other Worship	\$ 200

#### **Total Worship**

**\$ 4,500**

### Staff Support

5223-1 - Payroll Processing	\$ 500
5224-1 - YSA & PA \$ - Removed Position	
5225-1 - Choir & Organist	\$ 22,098
5227-1 - Nursery Compensation	\$ 580
5227-2 - Sunday Breakfast Support	\$ 520
5228-1 - Secretary Salary	\$ 9,300
5229-1 - Sexton Salary	\$ 4,500
5230-1 - Supply Organist \$ - Cut to 0	
5231-1 - Supply Priest \$ - Cut to 0	
5232-1 - Employer's FICA Match	\$ 3,400
5244-1 - Christian Ed Coordinator	\$ -

Assumes Salary Reductions

#### **Total Staff Support**

**\$ 40,898**

<b>Rector Compensation</b>		
5235-1 - Salary	\$ 27,008	
5236-1 - Housing	\$ 40,698	
5237-1 - Pension	\$ 13,492	
5239-1 - SECA	\$ 4,884	
5240-1 - Medical & Dental	\$ 900	
5242-1 - Professional Development	\$ 300	
<b>Total Rector Compensation</b>		<b>\$ 87,281</b>
<b>Other Staff Items</b>		
5244-2 - Supply Travel \$ - Cut to 0		
5244-3 - Meals	\$ 800	Significant Reduction
5244-6 - YSA & PA - Expense Bonus	\$ -	
<b>Total Other Staff Items</b>		<b>\$ 800</b>
<b>Utilities</b>		
5245-1 - Electric	\$ 10,250	
5246-1 - Gas	\$ 700	
5247-1 - Sewer	\$ 700	
5248-1 - Water	\$ 600	
<b>Total Utilities</b>		<b>\$ 12,250</b>
<b>Property</b>		
5251-1 - Garden	\$ 1,000	
5252-1 - Insurance	\$ 5,800	
5253-1 - Kitchen	\$ 250	
5254-1 - Lawn Care	\$ 4,000	
5255-1 - Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 8,500	
5257-1 - Snow Removal	\$ 800	
5258-1 - Trash Removal	\$ 1,700	
<b>Total Property</b>		<b>\$ 22,050</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 224,002</b>
<b>Net Operating Total</b>		<b>\$ (33,144)</b>
<b>Loan Interest 3/1/2019 - 12/31/2019</b>		<b>\$ 8,105</b>
<b>Net Total - Operating and Financing Act.</b>		<b>\$ (41,250)</b>



## **Rector's Report for the Annual Meeting**

As we begin my twelfth year as rector here at St. Michael's I am continually amazed at the dedication and faithfulness of you our parishioners! This year has been one of tremendous progress as we continue to work to fulfill our mission: "By being Disciples of Christ we invite others to be Disciples of Christ through daily prayer, weekly worship, regular Bible study, having a spiritual friend, giving to the church and outside the church." This past year we have continued our work, begun in 2017, on the renovation of St. Michael's. We began 2018 removing lots of the extraneous material from the church. At times it seemed like I would never finish going to the Salvation Army, Goodwill, the Recycling Center, and dumpster as we worked to use every bit of space we had and to beautify the church and make the space we had more usable. It took well into the summer of 2018 to finish the downstairs by installing all the baseboard that had to be discarded due to the flooding, put in new floor and paint Craine Hall, the rest rooms and our Sunday school rooms. This past year also saw us get purchase and install our new altar rail, receive a \$15,000.00 donation for risers for our choir and the installation of new cabinets, an island and sinks, including a pucina which drains directly into the ground. This is used so that the consecrated wine which is Christ's blood does not empty into the sewer but into the ground. We also painted the entire outside of St. Michaels this past summer. Ben Garrett, as his Eagle project, put in six raised gardens in the back of the church. Next year we hope to use the produce raised there to double the amount of food we gave this past year. Finally, we met in October to put back our flower garden in the back of the church. We met on a rainy day and still had eight people come out to help us get in the flowers, bushes and trees as we dug holes, watered, and the next weekend put down mulch.

This past year we have also added to our staff Fr. David Ottsen to work with our Youth group program for our Sunday School. He has introduced a new curriculum for our Youth Group called "Compass." It is based on the four focuses in the command to love God "with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your strength" (Luke 10: 27). Fr. David also provided an excellent program on Opioid addiction that was led by the county coroner, our own John Chalfin. We are fortunate to have four excellent youth group assistant leaders in Vince Dingman, Mike Garrett, Pam Knowlton, and Karen Smith.

This year has been especially challenging for me, Alison, our children Nicholas and Sarah. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers as Alison and I move forward with our divorce. We also had the departure of Jennifer Choisser this past February from our Sunday school program for our children.

This past year has also seen a number of deaths in our parish family. We have had three funerals since our last Annual Meeting. The following parishioners that have died: Kathleen Conner, Nancy Cutler and Sigrid Lundy. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

I would be remiss if I did not thank our parting vestry members who have served so faithfully: Nancy Allen, Rita Ash, Ellen Lammers, Bob Salach, and Karen Smith. Nancy Allen has been the Stewardship Commission liaison for these past three years. She has worked hard to build up our commitment to our Lord through Stewardship here at St. Michael's! Rita has focused her attention on Outreach, especially Family Promise. It is exciting to see her commitment pay off as the program is set to open its doors in February. One of her outstanding achievements was to help raise \$6,322.00 at our last auction, this past year, of which \$3,161 went to family promise and the rest went to renovate the new sacristy. Ellen Lammers worked diligently in our office and focused much of her efforts on our web page. Bob Salach had the most challenging job overseeing all the work these past three years as Junior Warden on our building renovation. Hard to believe how much has transpired during his tenure. The entire downstairs has been painted, retiled and given new baseboards in part because of the three floods we experienced and the insurance settlement that allowed us to do this work. He has also overseen the renovation of the Sanctuary, the new kitchen upstairs, the new choir area, the new sacristy, and the wonderful bell tower, which chimes at least three times daily at 9am, noon and 6pm. He has also overseen the work on the garden in back, and saw us add the raised gardens and improvement of the gardens in front of the church. Obviously, he could not have done this by himself. The work of many, many dedicated parishioners is what made this possible. Some of whom come to mind are: Steve and Rita Ash, Steve and Penny Barnes, Gregg Cowell, Scott and Stacy Elmore, Ben Garrett, Kaleb Garrett, Mike Garrett, Al Geisler, Craig and Sharon Meyer, Jeff and Donna Padgett, Andrew Reynolds, Laurie Schoening, John Slendak, Rick Stille, and Ron Wood. Karen Smith has been in charge of the worship commission, but her passion is and remains our children. She has helped oversee several Christmas pageants, more Vacation Bible School programs than I can count, led the children's singing downstairs and has worked with the Youth Group!

I would certainly be remiss if I did not thank Bailey Detamore and her commitment to our little ones these past two years! What a wonderful job she has done quietly making sure we have Sunday school every Sunday through her faithful giving of her time and talent! She has also helped these past two years with the Christmas pageant helping support those who worked on the pageant. Special thanks too, to Ashley Cloud who gave her all this past Christmas as the children once more did a beautiful job as they shared their talent and faith expressing the joy and miracle that Christmas is all about!

I also want to thank our office volunteers who have made sure our office runs so smoothly: Dick Cutler and Julie Gooden, who have come in whenever they were needed and helped us out by collating bulletins, sending out letters and post cards, and filling in wherever they were needed! We have also been so fortunate to have so many willing hands to help with our finances this past year: Tara Bennett, Matt Fischesser, Gail Geisler, Julie Gooden, Sheila McCormick, Rick Stilley and Ann Vollmar.

On a personal note, I must express my profound gratitude to all of you who have worked so hard for so long to help with the transition here to our home from Hinkle Creek School. We have been back just over a year. When Stacy Elmore told me the move would be very hard, I did not take her nearly seriously enough. I thought once we got back into our building everything would be downhill. I was very wrong. So much work has been accomplished since we moved back and all of you have been so patient. We have endeavored to work as fast as possible to get us moved in, with the hope the floor in the Sanctuary will be completed late this winter or in the early spring.

Finally, and perhaps most important, our vestry this past year has worked long and hard to continue to build on the momentum of past years! Please be sure to thank Bailey Detamore - Christian Education, Stacy Elmore - Senior Warden, Matt Fischesser – Treasurer, and Kelly Garrett – Family Life, for their many hours of hard work and faithfulness in making sure St. Michael's offered opportunities for all of us to grow into even better disciples of Christ! May God bless us this coming year as we continue to grow together in Christ's love and move forward as Disciples of Christ!

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Lee

## Senior Warden Annual Report

The moment Scott and I visited St. Michael's we knew it was a special place. The people here are what make it so unique. I'm repeatedly amazed by the dedication and love the members have for this church family. Thank you for welcoming us and making us part of this congregation. We all approach issues with our own perspective, the wonderful thing is even with the differences the approach is always the same- it comes from a good place. It's not about personal agendas, but about what is best for the church. I believe that is a rare thing and I value it.

This last year in our new building has been a blessing. We are so blessed to have this congregation and a beautiful place to come together and worship. I must offer one more thank you to everyone who gives tirelessly day in and day out. We see you and appreciate it.

I've been advised (wisely) not to pat ourselves on the back but to look forward. I believe giving isn't about recognition and applause. It's about doing what is right, helping, and lifting others up to success. I don't need to review all the good that has happened, you all were there doing it and already know!

This next year will provide challenges as it always does, but I encourage everyone to remain steadfast in their belief in St. Michael's and the people that make it so extraordinary.

Thank you to everyone here at St. Michael's for making 2018 a celebration and reflection of our faith. May God continue to bless and watch over you in the New Year.

Stacy Elmore  
Senior Warden



## **WORSHIP**

This past year we had 326 services of which 115 were Sunday Eucharistic services and another 41 were the daily office. We also had 8 weekday Eucharistic services, 79 private Home Eucharistic services, a marriage, five burials and 12 private services. Our Average Sunday Attendance was 93.

Our Altar Guild under the guidance of Janine Cowell has done an outstanding job making sure that all is ready for Sunday! This is no small job having to make sure we are ready for each of three services each Sunday.

Steve Murphy continues to add new music in the services to enhance the worship experience. I have always enjoyed how Steve can make the piano sing, and I have enjoyed listening to our 'new' organ when either he or Bart Webb play it.

In His Service-

Fr. Lee Schaefer



## LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

St. Michael's has continued to be blessed, on multiple levels, with congregants who are willing to give of their time and talents to the service of our parish.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your work and dedication making St. Michael's such a great place to worship.

I especially want to thank Sam Graves, Larry and Sue Rider, Rick Stilley, and Jane Walters for your help in making sure we are making communion available to those who are unable to come to church due to illness, hospitalization or incapacity. We are blessed to have so many of you willing to give of your time and talent. Even though he is ordained, I also wanted to give special thanks to Father David Ottsen for his assistance, especially when I have been on vacation to make sure if there is a special need for communion due to an emergency he has been ready to fill that need.

God Bless.

Fr. Lee



**Building and Grounds Commission**  
**Bob Salach: Junior Warden**

2017 And 2018 saw many changes to St. Michael's. The work performed by volunteers in 2017 expanded into 2018. The flower bed was planted and mulch placed. The last of the exterior painted was completed. Cabinets, tops and plumbing completed the sacristy. Alter rails were installed and the choir area began their construction. Cushions for pews and alter rail were installed/delivered. All of the above were completed through the generosity of the loyal parishioners.

There were, unfortunately, a few surprises. Due to a storm last summer one of the compressors was damaged and needed to be repaired. That same storm saw both electric panels damage and replaced. The good news is that insurance covered the repairs.

As I complete my term as your Junior Warden, I would like to thank everyone who has volunteered their time, financial contributions, and prayers. I know that the incoming Junior Warden will have valuable and committed volunteers for any and all future projects at St. Michael's.

Once again, thank you for all your support.

God Bless

Bob Salach  
Junior Warden



## Stewardship

### Stewardship Commission 2018

Thank you to all parishioners who have supported the stewardship drives the past three years. St Michael's has been through so many changes the past years. I would like to see us live within our means and receive pledges from our congregation to support our existence.

### Choir area completion:

Another project I participated in the last six months or so was getting the choir area finished. There was a private donor who gave the money for the project. I would like to thank Greg and Janine Cowell, Scott Elmore, Craig Meyer, Gail Geisler and Steve Murphy for their hard work to complete the project.

Nancy Allen





## **St. Michael's Christian Education 2018**

We have had so much fun downstairs in our new Sunday School room this past year! With freshly painted walls and new storage units donated by various members of the church, we are now able to have all of our craft supplies at arm's reach every Sunday!

Our Sunday School class has grown to 10 kids over the last year! The children have created such great friendships with each other and are so excited to see one another every Sunday! We continued our new schedule of meeting for 45 minutes in the classroom and then joining the congregation upstairs for the Eucharist. The children actually enjoy going straight to the front row and sitting with their friends during this time in worship!

We are always looking to expand our Volunteers in the Sunday School program. We currently have ages in children ranging from five to eleven years old, and it is often hard to keep all of them engaged in age appropriate material and keep them growing in their walk with Christ. We would like to eventually expand our group to two different classrooms; one for Pre-K - 1st Grade and one for 2nd Grade - 5th Grade. This will allow our children to really dive into their faith and continue to grow. Please prayerfully consider joining us downstairs during Sunday School hour!

Thank you so much for all your continued support and for those volunteers that have helped over the last year. We look forward to continuing to grow in 2019!

Sincerely,  
Bailey Detamore



## YOUTH MINISTRY REPORT

Fr. David Ottsen

*[Please note: With one exception—Vacation Bible School—my report covers July 1 – December 31, 2018, which is the time frame in which I was employed by St. Michael's as Youth Spiritual Advisor and Pastoral Assistant.]*

First and foremost, I want to thank our God, Fr. Lee and St. Michael's for the opportunity to serve in these ministries. I also want to thank the four Youth Leaders, who were already involved in youth ministry and continued to be involved after my arrival: Vince Dingman, Mike Garrett, Pam Lewis and Karen Smith. They all served well St. Michael's and the youth of the parish. I am grateful for all their work, support and dedication to the youth. *[I need also inform the parish that Pam needed to make a change in her ministries and will not be continuing in 2019. She added much to our discussions and pastoral care and will be missed.]*

As I volunteered for Vacation Bible School in June, I had a chance to begin to meet some of the youth were who volunteering themselves for VBS. Their energy, creativity, and participation helped make it a wonderful experience for the children.

I first officially met with the youth and their parents for a picnic gathering in July. This was simply a time to introduce myself and for all of us to meet. The gathering was well attended and we were successful in making our introductions.

In August, the youth took their annual trip to Holiday World. The Youth Leaders, along with some parents, made this happen and from all the reports following, all who attended had a good experience.

In September, we had a special unit on angels: All about Angels, Holy and Fallen. This occupied each Sunday of the month, including our very first time when we had to meet at the Fire Station next door due to St. Michael's being hit by lightning. (Thank you to our Firefighters who generously provided us the space.) The study ended on Sunday, Sept. 30, with the celebration of the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels and the youth taking leadership in all of our services.

In October, we began our study of The Living Compass (teen version). The study was undertaken from suggestions made by the youth in what they'd like to study. Given the rather chaotic nature of the final months of the year, we've been more hit or miss on this curriculum, but our intention is to continue to use it as our primary study throughout the spring.

In November, the youth sponsored and sought the involvement of the congregation for our outreach effort to fill and distribute Thanksgiving Baskets to those in need in Hamilton County. We were able to fill to overflowing our baskets for 9 recipients, giving them not just Thanksgiving Dinner but additional food and items for their household. Thank you to all who helped!

The Diocesan Youth Fall Retreat was held the first days of December and we did have youth and a youth leader who attended. Apparently, this time frame was different from the past and throughout the whole Diocese it was not as well attended as had previously been the case. Anyway, St. Michael's was represented!

In December, a special program on Opioids, presented by our own John Chalfin—Hamilton County Coroner—was held on the afternoon of the ninth. It was very well attended and we even had a neighborhood family and their two teenage sons attend as well. (They had seen our sign... Thank you, Jeff Padgett!) The next Sunday, the youth sponsored for the parish a Caroling Party for members who could not otherwise attend Christmas services. We had quite a number to visit, which took a little longer than planned, but everyone, carolers and those who listened to us make a joyful noise unto the Lord, enjoyed the outing. Finally, in December, several of the youth were able to take part in the Christmas

Pageant with the children for the 5 pm service on Christmas Eve.  
(Wow!.....what a December!)

We will continue to meet on Sundays from 10:20-11:15 and all youth are invited.

Last but not least, I want to thank my wife, Deborah, for the many times she has had to drop what she was doing so I could attend to youth ministry. Most of you probably know, but because of my visual impairment, I cannot drive when it is dark or beyond Noblesville, which means she has to drive me around. Thank you, Deborah!

Youth Spiritual Advisor,  
Fr. David Ottsen

## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Fr. Lee Schaefer

We have had several offerings this past year for Adult Christian Education. We have been so fortunate to have an active chapter of the Daughters of the King who have been meeting regularly to offer opportunities for study, prayer and service. This past year Pat Adams led their study. We also had a Lent program led by Deborah and David Ottsen on Forgiveness based on a book by Desmond Tutu and his daughter Mpho Tutu entitled The Book of Forgiving. We also had the men's Bible study on the Old Testament.



## **Mothers of Preschoolers!**

MOPS or Mothers of Preschool Children is led by Meredith Primozic with Cami Yeahling. We are excited by having two such outstanding people leading this program. If you are interested please contact them or the church office for more information. This program is primarily a support group for moms who are interested in having the chance to meet with other mothers once or twice a month. They have social time, but they also have programs where they invite pediatricians, social workers, and other professionals who can offer insights into the care and nurture of young children.



## **Family Life at St. Michael's**

### Activities Sponsored by Family Life 2018

Coffee Hour throughout the year.

Breakfast throughout the year

Bishop Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows visit on November 11, 2018 was the highlight of the year

Great Sunday School picnic at the end of the school year under the shelter.

We had great attendance, presented Sunday School awards, and everyone had a wonderful time.



## **The Order of the Daughters of the King**

The Naomi Ruth Chapter meets on the second Tuesday of the month at St. Michael's. We do not meet in January and February due to the possibility of inclement winter weather. Our meetings begin at 7:00 PM and last no later than 8:30PM. Currently there are 14 members in our chapter. We welcomed Michelle Dingman to our chapter on All Saints Sunday 2018.

Last summer we began our new study book "The Life You've Always Wanted," written by John Ortberg. We will continue the study when DOK resumes in March.

In December we collected items needed by Daysprings Center for homeless families.

We served one funeral dinner and one dessert reception and the Seder Meal in 2018.

Please contact Jane Walters if you are interested in becoming a Daughter. We are dedicated to a life of prayer, service, and evangelism.

FHS  
Jane Walters



## HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

We have been busy this year providing **Transportation** to members needing help getting to appointments. .Ron Hampton and Ric Snyder are so willing to step up and give a ride where and when needed.

The **Welcome Cups** have added a new look. We continue to fill with candy and a pen engraved with our name and address. A new addition is a note reading: “Come as You Are, Our Founder Wore Sandals.”

We have not been asked to **Deliver Meals** recently but we are always willing and able to do so when the need arises. We have some seriously amazing cooks in our congregation, so please let us know when we can be of help.

**Household Help** is a new outreach of Helping Hands. We have not had the opportunity to serve but are willing to help. This might include minor repairs, house cleaning, yard pickup, etc.

Parishioners receive **Birthday Cards** as an Outreach opportunity. Thank you to Lynn Damer for this ongoing help.

**Prayer Shawls** continue to be delivered to those in need. We will need to continue to make these as they are needed.

Submitted by  
Sue Rider



## Altar Guild Update

I would like to thank the Altar Guild members who have given their time and talent during the past year to maintain a sacred setting for worship at St. Michael's. Current members are Nancy Allen, Sharon Cook, Claire Coons, Julie Gooden, Cynthia Kenworthy, Nancy Kinzie, Sharon Meyer, Carol Motluck and myself.

Last year at this time the altar guild was settling in to what will eventually be the cry room as work went on to finish the new sacristy. Most of the work has been done by Greg Cowell, Scott Elmore, Craig Meyer and Bob Salach who generously donated their time and expertise. Now we are almost ready to move into our new space which is light, bright and has a window! We have new cabinets and sink, a piscina, a work island and lots of storage. Having a sacristy near the altar will make our job so much more convenient!

Some of the things we do are:

- Set up and take down for each service.
- Wash, iron and repair or replace linens.
- Arrange special decorations for Palm Sunday, Easter, Advent and Christmas services.
- Keep candles filled.
- Polish the brass and silver vessels.
- Maintain the votive candle stand in the Chapel.

New members are always welcome. Please contact me if you have the time and interest to serve. We could also use a team of people who would periodically polish the silver and brass. If this is a ministry you would like to help with, please let me know.

Faithfully,  
Janine Cowell





## 2017 Vestry Candidates



### Stewardship: **RICK STILLEY**

Rick and his family moved to Noblesville in 1990 from Southern Illinois. He was married to his high school sweetheart and best friend for 41 years. He has three children and five grandchildren. Rick retired from Verizon after thirty years of service. During that time he held a variety of positions before retiring as the Manager of the Program Management Office. He subsequently taught college for 18 months and consulted for 18 months before going on permanent vacation in 2007. Rick earned his BSBA and MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University.

*Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. --*

Romans 12:9-13 NIV

Rick is serving until 2022

## MATTHEW FISCHESSE



In early 2018, Matthew Fischesser was appointed by the Vestry to fulfill a vacant position ending in January 2019. Shortly after joining the Vestry, Matthew was elected as Treasurer.

Matthew graduated from the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University where he received a Bachelor of Science in Accounting, a Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems, and a Masters in Business Administration.

After graduating, Matthew joined the public accounting firm of Deloitte & Touche, LLP where he performed audit and consulting engagements. Matthew is currently employed by ACES, a nationwide energy management company. At ACES, Matthew is the Executive Director of Security and Infrastructure. In his role he leads the security, infrastructure, and compliance functions of the Information Technology team.

In 2007, Matthew and his wife, Natalie, were married at St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church in Louisville, Kentucky. Matthew and Natalie have been residents of Noblesville for over 11 years. Matthew and Natalie have 2 children, John, age 5 and Zoe, who will be 3 later this month.

Matt is serving until 2020

## **STEVE HOLT**

Steve is a partner in the Noblesville law firm of Holt Legal Group, LLP. He attended DePauw University for his undergraduate work and graduated from Indiana University School of Law in 1973. He is Past President of the Hamilton County Bar Association and a member of the Indiana State Bar Association, Indiana Trial Lawyers Association, American Association for Justice and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. In the community, Steve served 24 years as a member of the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners, Hamilton County Drainage Board and Hamilton County Plan Commission. Steve served as the original member representing Hamilton County on the Big Cicero Drainage Board. He has served as The Big Cicero Drainage Board attorney the past three years. He is a past Chairman of the Board of Governor's of the Legacy Fund, past member of the Board of Central Indiana Community Foundation, Conner Prairie Board of Directors and twice past President of the Cicero Kiwanis Club. Steve is a past President of the Crossroads of America Council, Boy Scouts of America. He is also a past President of the Michigan Maritime Museum and served on the executive committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis as well as a past member of the DePauw Alumni Board. He also serves on the Riverview Hospital Board of Trustees in Noblesville. Steve and his wife, Emily, have three children, five grandchildren, and attend St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Noblesville.



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The Outreach Committee, consisting of Laurie Schoening, Steve and Rita Ash, Nancy Allen, Charlotte Snyder, Larry Rider and Sara Wood, planned several projects over the year. The most recent project was our Christmas program where we collected food and gift items for two families, one of which came from Daysprings shelter. We also donated gift cards. Toys were also delivered to the Fire Station next door.

Throughout the year many parishioners helped cook and serve dinners at Daysprings shelter, with pizza and taco dinners being very popular. Thanks to the Cowells, Garrett family, Rita and Steve Ash, Sara and Ron Wood, The Lammers, and all others who helped serve. Our Daysprings families continually thank St. Michael's for wonderful meals. They can't get over how much food we serve at our dinners, especially Thanksgiving. Their appliances continually need repair and updates, if you ever wish to donate.

Steve and Rita Ash, Father Lee, Janine Cowell and Sara Wood continue to attend Family Promise shelter meetings over the year, assisting in the plans to help secure a Hamilton County Shelter for Family Promise. They are very close to opening the shelter, and funds for the board are in place. A van is needed and they will be publishing a wish list in the near future to help collect items for the shelter. If anyone has an employer looking for a philanthropic project to sponsor, please consider Family Promise a worthy venture. We will be asked to help host families four times during the year for a week, once the shelter is up and running. There are 13 churches signed up and additional churches are being approached. Kiss Kiss Bang Bang Salon in Carmel is hosting an auction and haircuts on Sunday, February 10, 2019, from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm to help raise funds for the shelter, if you wish to join us. See Rita or Laurie for this event.

We hope to hold several clothing drives during the year for Family Promise. Every bag donated by a church provides a family with a voucher to shop at Goodwill to purchase items for their families. One was held in 2018 and was very successful for the Indianapolis shelter.

In April, we held our annual auction. It was fun for everyone. Funds went to finish the Sacristy and to Family Promise. We hope to plan one again in April of 2019, so contact Outreach members if you are interested in helping or donating a gift item/basket. We are contacting vendors in Noblesville and Westfield to donate gift cards too. (Nice gift idea: a Lowes/Home Depot gift card and a basket to give to our Mothers for Mothers' Day!)

In June, we held our annual Strawberry Festival. Ed Jacques, Scott Elmore and Steve Ash were committee heads and we thank them for their time!! Our gross revenue for the 2018 year was **\$21,106.26!!** This was a record for the most funds we have raised at any Strawberry Festival thus far!! We joined forces again with Nickleplate Arts and they enjoyed sharing the day with us. Our event needs committee members now, to begin planning for 2019. Several vendors are asking if we plan to hold the event, so please sign up soon to help the committee during the year and the day of the event, however small.

Information on the two shelters that we sponsor:

Daysprings is an emergency shelter originally founded in 1987 by an Episcopal priest and we serve dinner there every other month. Daysprings served 150 families last year. They are located on N. Central Avenue, Indianapolis ([www.dayspringindy.org](http://www.dayspringindy.org) – for more info).

We also sponsor Family Promise of Greater Indianapolis of the Interfaith Hospitality Network, which is a shelter located just north of downtown (1850 Arsenal, Indianapolis – [www.familypromiseindyhn.org](http://www.familypromiseindyhn.org)). Their requirement is that those taken in are a family unit. They are provided job training, interview skills, job hunting assistance and eventually they often move into an apartment with assistance from the shelter. Shelter employees continue to work with them for over a year to ensure they will be able to live on their own successfully. We feel strongly about both

organizations and will continue to sponsor them in 2019, especially with the Hamilton County shelter opening. The local Fire and Police Departments have confirmed the need is great here in our county, even though we are a fairly well-off community.

As always, please continue to shop at Kroger so that a portion of your grocery sale will come back to St. Michael's. The checks we receive from Kroger are roughly \$90-\$100 for our purchases, when we receive them. It is an easy online process to sign up for this program and a great way for us to earn money – that's enough to pay a utility bill during some months! See Laurie or Sara for directions on how to sign up on their website. You must sign up online for St. Michael's to get credit. Once you sign up, you can check the bottom of your Kroger receipt to see that a portion of the sale is donated back to St. Michael's. Thanks to Sara for getting us signed up under this program.

Rick Stilley has been establishing and continues to grow our Community Garden. I know he welcomes any assistance with the garden and flower beds. The Garrett family has been a big help with this over the past year. We will continue to donate fresh vegetables and fruit to our local community, the above two shelters, and our church family.

Anyone wanting to join our group is welcome and we always look for feedback for Outreach projects. We have sponsored Heifer International in the past, if anyone would like us to look into an International Outreach project. We did not participate in the annual Hamilton County Crop walk in 2018, but we are on the email list, if anyone has an interest. Any and all new ideas are welcome. We want to provide everyone with an outlet to assist those in our community. We will continue to collect monthly donations for Family Promise. Look for the boxes in the narthex to donate items. Biggest needs are diapers of ANY size, wipes, toilet paper, paper towel and cleaning supplies. New pillows too.

Thank you to everyone for their generosity and time and talents this past year!! We couldn't do it without all of your help!!!

Faithfully, Laurie Schoening and Rita/Steve Ash

# A LOOK BACK AT 2018















