St. Mark’s Episcopal Church
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Rector’s Report for the St. Mark’s Annual Meeting on January 19, 2020

It is a new year and a new decade, and in spite of news to the contrary, I believe we can look ahead to the future with confidence and hope. This hope is not based on Pollyanna optimism but on the real substance of our church community and its foundations, which you can read about in the pages of this annual report for 2019. The season of Epiphany that we are in the midst of is like a field that is being tilled for planting. Like the Illinois prairie encountered by our forbears, the soil is fertile and ready to be worked. John the Baptist announces Jesus with the title “Lamb of God” and declares him to be “the Son of God.” These are epiphanies into which we plant our hearts and minds for the growing season ahead of us. What does it mean that the “Lamb of God” has walked into our lives? It really is an astonishing, strange and dangerous acclamation. A lamb was sacrificed in a liturgy of protection and cleansing. What does it mean that a person is a lamb, and what does it mean for us? John the Baptist also says Jesus is the Son of God who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. What kind of person is this - lamb, God, baptizer, savior, and sacrifice? As it turns out, Jesus is all of these and more. The church year takes us through the seasons of preparing, planting and growing so that together as a community, young and old, veterans and newcomers, we experience the depth and fullness of our dynamic faith, its roots, stalks and abundant fruit.

A vision for St. Mark’s: Ten years ago, St. Mark’s had an epiphany of its own, the revealing of a vision statement to guide the church in its path forward. Beneath the image of a leafy tree, there were three simple sentences: Rooted in baptism. Growing in Faith. Branching out into the World. Like the seasons of the church year, the vision contained the essential elements of a living faith. Like seeds being planted in a field, baptism is the rich soil into which we put down roots – soil of the unconditional and unlimited love of God. In baptism we are marked as Christ’s own forever. There are no exceptions or asterisks. Being planted in such love means that we grow and experience change in unexpected, surprising and even painful ways. And as we grow, we branch out in many directions, producing fruit for the world around us. Now in 2020, this vision statement is still with us to review, renew, remind and guide us in the year and years ahead. But what St. Mark’s was in 2010 is no longer what it is in 2020. The tree has molted and changed as has the world around it. Back in January 2010, St. Mark’s did not have a service in Spanish, a Preschool or annual trip to Appalachia; the budget was not balanced and half of the people who are at St. Mark’s today hadn’t yet darkened the door. But then, like today, St. Mark’s was a place of worship and formation for all ages, welcoming everyone and every personality and kind of faith background or no faith background, welcoming their questions and doubts without the end goal of putting them into a box of correct doctrine or thinking. How is the vision for St. Mark’s still guiding us? Highlights from the past year provide an answer. In 2019, with leadership of Kim Toliver, Elizabeth Lanzillo and Jennifer Dorn, the women’s group found a new footing and now has monthly meetings and growing participation. Meanwhile the Saturday men’s group was restarted with a new agenda-free format with weekly meetings. With commitments by Andrew Dorn and Brian Shallcross, there is always coffee, donuts and a good turnout that starts at 7:30 am and sometimes goes beyond the 9 am official stopping time. In 2019, CREO DuPage went from a dream to a reality enrolling 24 students for its first year of tutoring and college prep. Meaning “I believe” in Spanish, CREO enables Latino students to overcome obstacles to going to and succeeding in college. Based at St. Mark’s, CREO gained its own not-for-profit status as of January 1 and is open to youth in grades 5 through 11 in DuPage County. In the fall, led by Carolyn Faivre, a guided meditation group began meeting on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm. An office on the first level that is used by Catharine Phillips for counseling and spiritual direction is now also shared with Carol LoGalbo and Renee Barney and is in use six days a week. In December, the vestry unanimously voted to establish a global partnership with Paul-Gordon and Lynne Chandler in Doha, Qatar where Paul-Gordon is the senior Anglican priest of the Church of the Epiphany, the heart of the Anglican Center in Qatar and home to more than 85 Christian congregations with 15,000 worshipers from 63 countries. Over the summer, we welcomed Jo Ann Lagman to St. Mark’s as an intern from Garrett Seminary in Evanston. Based on mutual discernment, Jo Ann has continued at St. Mark’s as a seminarian and is now a postulant for holy orders in the Diocese of Chicago. We
welcomed the Rev. Tom Craighead and his wife Susan to St. Mark’s this fall. Tom is a deacon who assists with worship and outreach with a focus on community organizing and social justice. During the summer months, two interns, Ian Grant-Funcio and Chris Gregorio, worked on projects ranging from organizing tablecloths to making updates to the web site. St. Mark’s member with extensive experience in human resources, Nancy Lanham, met with every member of the staff to create updated job descriptions and a plan for more consistent evaluations. During 2019, with the leadership of Steve Sedall as our treasurer and vestry member Jim Treleven, the finance committee has worked on providing updated information about the finances of the church through monthly reports in the Sunday bulletin. Speaking of finances, St. Mark’s ended 2019 with a balanced budget, reduced debt and added reserves. We established a permanent Giving Committee co-chaired by Jeanne Tschampa and Andrew Wassef. This committee organized the campaign for 2020 and will continue to meet and work on communications and strategies for congregational giving. Anonymous donors established the Augusta Pahne and Mary Peck Fund to be used for musical education and training of the director of music. We completed planned improvements to the church buildings including new windows and siding for the upstairs offices and resurfaced and striped parking lots. A severe hail storm in May caused damage to the church and rectory roofs and to an air conditioning unit above Mahon Hall. Fortunately, our insurance policy covered 100% of cost of roof replacements and provided funds toward repairs or replacement of the RTU (roof top unit). Leo Lanzillo led a project to update and replace the church’s 20-year-old telephone system. In December, a St. Mark’s-sponsored group traveled to our sister church in Mexico, San Marcos, which provided dental care to over 100 children and adults.

2019 was also a year of transitions in clergy and staff. After 8 years at St. Mark’s, Victor Conrado accepted a call to serve as the canon for congregational vitality and formation for the Diocese of New York. We welcomed the Rev. José Arroyo to provide leadership at our 1 pm service who also serves as rector at Sagrada Familia Episcopal Church in Lake Villa. After ten years at St. Mark’s, Robin Currie “retired” and now assists part-time at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Glen Ellyn and Trinity Episcopal in Wheaton while still making guest appearances at St. Mark’s for Preschool chapel and at Christmas Eve and Good Friday services. Melissa Gonzalez joined the staff as our communications administrator, who updates the web site, edits the bulletin announcements, compiled this annual report and oversees our social media activity. Justin Backstrom was hired as our youth minister and is assisted by Cynthia Mote. Dianne Hessinger transitioned to director of children’s ministries. In 2019, we grieved and commended Walter Dunnett, priest and scholar, to God’s eternal love and mercy.

**A vision for 2020:** How will the St. Mark’s vision of being rooting, growing and branching guide us in 2020? Numerically, we will add a year to our history, marking 123 years as an Episcopal Church at the corner of Main and Hillside. The St. Mark’s Preschool will turn 10 years old and invite alumni, who are now 13 and 14 years old, and their families to a reunion celebration. As a multicultural community, St. Mark’s will continue its commitment to being one church with multiple languages, where people with different cultural traditions and backgrounds find common ground and experience glimpses of the reality of oneness in Christ. Deacon Miguel Briones is working on planning a celebration of “el día del niño” (day of the child) to St. Mark’s, which is an important holiday in Mexico. Open to the community, there will be games, food and a toy for every child. The St. Mark’s adult choir will embark on its first international tour, traveling to Bristol, England where they will be the choir in residence at Bristol Cathedral for a week in August. Back at home, a committee has been formed and has begun working on a proposal to renovate the narthex, library and connecting hallways. New flooring, lighting, paint and information displays will provide a welcoming and 21st century appearance. While the cost of the project has not been determined, it may be in excess of $100,000, which would be funded through a special appeal to our church family and its members. In February, we will be offering a St. Mark’s 101 series on Wednesdays for newcomers and anyone interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church and St. Mark’s. In an effort to welcome newcomers, a version of St. Mark’s 101 will be offered monthly. The budget for 2020 is balanced with a challenge. In order to match anticipated revenues and expenses, funds are not available for us to hire a part-time priest associate or musician assistant. There will be funds available for supply and periodic assistance, but not enough for consistent part-time employment. We also will be reducing our support to the Diocese of Chicago by 20%. The challenge is to fund needed assistants and to provide additional support to the Diocese with increased
and new pledges by our members. The St. Mark’s Giving Committee is working on letters to be mailed to households who have not made a pledge for 2020. **The good news** about pledging for 2020 is that St. Mark’s has received 40 new pledges. **The bad news** is that during 2019, we lost a larger than normal number of generous pledges from members who either passed away or moved out of the area.

**A personal reflection:** Looking back at the past year and ahead to 2020 is for me personally a good exercise. In 2019, I participated in the search for a bishop for the **Diocese of Missouri.** As the process led from one phase to another, the entire St. Mark’s community was brought into discernment as it became public that I was a nominee and would travel to St. Louis for a week of “walkabouts.” Being part of a bishop search was a way for me to participate in the larger conversation about the future of the Episcopal Church. It strengthened my commitments to my ministry as a priest and was, I believe, a valuable process for St. Mark’s to consider its role as part of a larger witness to the faith. What I would have never expected was having a **heart attack** following the walkabouts. Without any history of heart disease in my family and being in otherwise excellent health, I can only say that having a heart attack can happen to anyone. I will always be thankful for what Dr. Gumina, the cardiologist at the Ross Heath Hospital at Ohio State, told me: “You are a blessed man.” I agree!

With the experience of a bishop search and heart attack in 2019, I am looking forward to serving as your rector in 2020 with **renewed energy and enthusiasm.** And in order to recharge some of my own baptismal roots, with support from the wardens, I will be taking a **three-month sabbatical** this coming summer. My last sabbatical was six years ago during the summer of 2014. When I arrived at St. Mark’s in 2006, my letter of agreement stipulated a sabbatical every seven years. My first sabbatical was after eight years, and now taking one after 14 years at St. Mark’s will average out to seven years. Taking a sabbatical is a standard practice for most clergy of all denominations, with the average length being three months. A sabbatical is time for rest and reflection. Some clergy work on a special project, catch up on reading and begin a new hobby. At this point, I do not have a specific project in mind other than having time for rest, reading and reflection.

As we begin a new year, I want to **thank and recognize** those who have made significant commitments of time and talent to the oversight of St. Mark’s, including:

**Senior warden, Jennifer Dorn:** Jennifer served as junior warden in 2018 and senior warden in 2019. She has provided steady and consistent support to me and leadership to the vestry, while also continuing her involvement in the choir, working at Marcels and now helping her daughter prepare for her upcoming wedding. She has always been cheerful and prepared at early morning and evening meetings, offering wise counsel with deep knowledge of St. Mark’s, its people and history. I am particularly grateful for her support and calmness while I participated in the search process for the Bishop of Missouri.

**Vestry, Jared Friebel:** while on vestry, Jared has helped guide our youth ministry during several years of transition and over the past year has been part of a committee that has met regularly with Justin Backstrom. Jared has brought a positive attitude and creative ideas to the challenges of youth ministry having skin in the game with his daughters Isabelle and Arielle serving as acolytes and attending Sunday services on a regular basis.

**Vestry, Bill Kelly:** being bilingual English and Spanish with a cross-cultural background, Bill has helped the vestry and St. Mark’s navigate and deepen its multicultural reality. Alternating between attending the 1 pm and 10:30 am Sunday services has kept Bill as a bridge person who brings his insights to the vestry. He has served with enthusiasm and a joyful spirit.

**Vestry, Angeles Perdomo:** Angeles has demonstrated enormous commitment during her three years on the vestry during a time when her son Julio was finishing high school and then enrolling at Wheaton College. As someone who has learned English as a second language, Angeles has managed to fully participate in vestry meetings that are almost exclusively in English and represented the concerns of members of St. Mark’s who speak Spanish as a first language and are new to the Episcopal Church and its unique governance, theology and practices. Having seen her
leadership skills, Bishop Lee has recruited Angeles to co-chair the committee for planning for the convention of the Diocese of Chicago in November.

Vestry, **Bob Lundin**: Sunday after Sunday, Bob is part of the music team at the 1 pm service, offering guitar accompaniment to Daniel Segner’s piano playing. This is the commitment and consistency he has brought to the vestry as well. Bob has brought a unique perspective with thirty plus years of St. Mark’s history and involvement in Awakenings Project, an initiative that fosters the creative talents of artists with mental illness.

Youth representative to Vestry, **Mia Grant-Funck**: Having grown up at St. Mark’s, Mia knows the church as family. She is on the reading rotation for the 10:30 am service and participates on youth planning meetings. Mia provided a valuable presence and perspective at vestry meetings. With confidence and maturity, she gladly made calls to remind people to turn in their pledges for 2020. As Mia plans to attend college in the fall, we wish her success and hope she will check back often.

Clerk, **Bob Olsen**: Bob served as clerk of the vestry for the past three years, having recently ceded the role to Bob Ulrich as the Olsen prepare to relocate to the Minneapolis area. Bob has served the clerk role with precision, contentiousness and good humor. Bob showed one important sign of leadership - giving plenty of advance notice about needing to step down and helping train his replacement.

**New to the vestry and as delegates**: As we thank those who complete their turns in leadership, the following people will be joining the vestry and other positions of leadership: **Lynn Dornblaser** as junior warden; **Chris Carter, Michelle Roman, John Zelman and Brian Shallcross** as vestry members; **Jeremiah Lanzillo** as youth representative to the vestry; **Bob Ulrich** as clerk, and as delegates to conventions: **Jeff Hill, May Anstee and Mauro Hernandez**.

**Back of the bulletin**: on the back of every Sunday bulletin in an amazing list of names of dedicated program and office staff who put in countless hours with dedication, creativity, a sense of humor and a love for the church and people of St. Mark’s. They all gave their best in 2019 and are committed to the work ahead in 2020. When you have a moment, please offer a word of thanks to – **Dellana Mote**, our office manager; **Irma Solorzano**, ministry associate, **Julian Mendoza**, sexton; **Norma Cid**, nursery supervisor, **Cynthia Mote**, youth ministry assistant; **Chris Ponstein**, bookkeeper and accountant; **Ginnie Judd and Laura Waterman**, office assistants; and the others who have been highlighted in my report.

In 2020, St. Mark’s will continue to be **Rooted in baptism. Growing in Faith. Branching out into the World.** With capable and committed leadership, lay, clergy and staff, we will be guided by our ten-year old vision statement that remains relevant and visible. With the coming year’s elections – one for the president of our country and one for the next bishop for the Diocese of Chicago, we will rely on our core claims to witness and engage in these milestones with integrity, respect and love. I love the old adage that if you want to make God laugh, show her your plans. With that in mind, we will walk forward with plans and faith!

Yours in Christ,

George+
Wardens, Vestry, and Diocesan Delegate Nominees

We are pleased to announce the list of candidates for the 2020 election to St. Mark’s Vestry.

Senior Warden
Bill Kalbfleisch

Junior Warden
Lynn Dornblaser

Vestry
Chris Carter, Michelle Roman-Garcia, Brian Shallcross, John Zelman

Youth Representative
Jeremiah Lanzillo

Delegates to Diocesan Convention
May Anstee, Mauro Hernandez, and Jeff Hill

For Senior Warden:
Bill Kalbfleisch: Bill Kalbfleisch has been a member of St. Mark’s since 2014 and served as Junior Warden in 2019. He has assisted with St. Mark’s elementary age, youth education program and participated in numerous church-sponsored functions. He and his wife of 20 years, Raleigh, and son, Sam, reside in Carol Stream. Bill is a former officer in the U.S. Marine Corps and has been with the federal government for over 22 years. His interests include music, playing bass and electric guitar in multiple bands, spending time with his family, and when the weather is right, motorcycling. He looks forward to continuing to serve the needs of St. Mark’s.

For Junior Warden:
Lynn Dornblaser: Lynn has been a member of St. Mark’s since 2013. She is a member of Daughters of the King, part of the advisory group for the St. Mark’s women’s group and has previously served on the vestry. Lynn and husband David have lived in the western suburbs since they married 40 years ago. She has worked at a research and consultancy company in Chicago since 1998. When she’s not traveling (for business or fun), Lynn enjoys cooking, a variety of crafts, and hanging out in the backyard.

For Vestry 2020 - 2023:
Chris Carter: I was born in Minneapolis (oldest of four children) and lived there for thirty years. My family is still there. I have two adult sons and four ACTIVE grandchildren. After moving to Illinois, I taught English as a Second Language for thirty-one years in Wheaton Warrenville CUSD 200. As a junior in high school, I was fortunate to live in Torreón, Coahuila, Mexico for the summer to improve my Spanish. The wonderful family with whom I lived spoke no English, thus giving me the opportunity “live the language” I grew to love. My husband, Andy, and I members of St. Mark’s in 2004. A few years later, I joined the St. Anne’s Chapter of Daughters of the King here at St. Mark’s. I can’t express how much the ministry and the camaraderie of fine women has enriched my life. I am grateful to be a member of St. Mark’s vestry and will do my best to represent our church community.
Michelle Roman-Garcia: My family and I have been attending St. Mark’s for eight years. We were looking for a church home when we stumbled upon St. Mark’s. We happened to see the Virgin on a sign outside St. Mark’s and it was almost as if she was summoning us. We simply fell in love with St. Mark’s welcoming atmosphere and immersed ourselves in Parish Life almost immediately. I have been a Chalice Bearer for the 1:00 pm service and was a member of the Social Justice and Jazz Night concert committees. I also helped to organize the 1st Annual Night of the Opera, worked as a volunteer for the Taste of Latin-America and taught Sunday School for high schoolers as well as the Confirmation class at the 1:00 pm service for six years. Lastly, I served on the steering committee for CREO, a non-profit organization housed at St. Mark’s dedicated to breaking down the barriers that impede Latinx students from getting into college. Currently, I am in my 4th year of Education for Ministry (EFM) Program, a four-year certificate program in theological education based upon small-group study and practice. I have 27 years in the higher education arena having worked at Aurora and Benedictine Universities but finding my true calling in the world of community colleges where equitable education is accessible to all and particularly to marginalized groups. After working at College of DuPage for 10 years in various capacities, I transitioned to the role of Director for the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs (OMSA) at Joliet Junior College, the nation’s first public community college where I have worked for the last 13 years. In this capacity, my team and I lead all aspects of the college’s recruitment and retention efforts for multicultural and underrepresented populations as well as continuous advocacy and academic support for these specialized groups. I am honored to serve on the Vestry and look forward to giving back to my faith community.

Brian Shallcross: I first started attending St. Mark’s in 2018 when my daughter, Claire, expressed an interested in being confirmed. Since that time, Claire and I, as well as my son Henry, have become heavily involved in many of the wonderful programs and ministries at St. Mark’s. Although our time here has not been as long as some others, we are already deeply rooted and feel very much at home at St. Mark’s. Prior to attending St. Mark’s, I attended services at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Naperville and Church of the Ascension in Chicago. I have a deep love for Anglican history and liturgy. My long-time interest in Episcopal worship came to full fruition last spring when Claire and I were confirmed together by Bishop Lee. Henry is enjoying going through the confirmation process in 2020. Since coming to St. Mark’s, I helped launch the very successful Saturday morning Men’s Group, which regularly draws 8 to 12 men of different ages and backgrounds for relaxed conversation and fellowship every week. I am also part of the Morning Prayer rotation that leads a short service in the chapel every Friday. Additionally, I am serving on the Worship Committee and the Giving Campaign. All of these things have been very enriching for me, and it is my pleasure to be of service to our parish in any way possible. As such, I consider it a very special privilege to serve on the Vestry at St. Mark’s. I have been a licensed attorney since 2005 and understand the importance of paying attention to detail and being thorough and deliberate in planning and decision making. It is my hope that I can help St. Mark’s continue to grow and succeed in the coming years.

John Zelman: I have been attending St. Mark’s for about three years and am very happy to have found a church that is so welcoming. I’m a middle school social studies teacher at a public school in Villa Park, a career I’ve had for 32 years. My two children are Natalie, who finished her MA in ceramics last year, and John who is a sophomore at North Central College. I’m involved at St. Mark’s in choir and the PADS ministry, and I attended the youth mission trip last summer. My interests include running, triathlon, baking, and gardening.

For Youth Representative to Vestry:

Jeremiah Lanzillo: I have attended St. Mark’s all my life with my parents and three older brothers and have worked in the pumpkin patch, served as an acolyte and usher, and baked for the Cake Auction. I have also enjoyed going on the Appalachian Service Project trip for the last three years, and plan to go again this summer. I am really excited to serve as the youth representative and help improve what has been important to me for my whole life.
Continuing Vestry:

**Carrie Gowans:** Carrie’s professional background is in education, fundraising and sales. She is a Substitute Teacher for District 41 and does contract work for many nonprofit and for profit organizations in the areas of social media, marketing and sales. Carrie volunteers in the St. Mark's Nursery, as a Coach with the Glen Ellyn Park District, with the Parent Teacher Association and Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation. Carrie serves on many nonprofit boards with the most current being The Glenbard Parent Series and Glenbard West Boosters Board. She has a Masters degree in Education and Bachelors degree in Psychology. Carrie lives in Glen Ellyn with her husband, two sons and dog.

**Steve Gross:** Steve Gross, wife Kelly, and daughters Maggie and Nola have been members of St. Mark’s for 10 years. Steve was baptized as an adult at St. Mark’s in 2010. Steve served a term on the St. Mark’s preschool board, has taught Sunday school, and is a member of the monthly PADS breakfast team. Steve is an educator. He has spent time as a classroom teacher, administrator, and educational consultant helping school districts with technology around the globe.

**Juanita Jiménez:** I am honored to be nominated to serve on St. Mark’s Vestry. Together with my family, my husband, Abraham, and my children Karen and Abraham Jr., we have been attending St. Mark’s since 2012. As our family became part of this church “the family of God” became real to me, became actual and life changing. I join everyone in being thankful for the dedication of our incredible clergy and for how they help so many people through times of deepest pain and help us know and rely on God’s love and strength no matter what is happening in our lives. At St. Mark’s my faith in God is always growing. I love sharing God’s love together with all of you, learning more about the Bible and our faith together, and ENJOYING being a parish family together. At St. Mark’s I serve in helping plan and create many church celebration events, fellowship events, and I look forward to serving even more to continue strengthening our parish life.

**Kate Marsh:** I joined St. Mark’s as an adult in 2016, after moving back to Glen Ellyn with my husband Lennie and our daughters, Lily (9) and Hannah (5). But I first attended the church while I was in middle school and attended until the time I left for college. After spending many years away, it’s been nice to see many familiar faces among the congregation. I have enjoyed working with the St. Mark’s Outreach committee, and Children’s Ministries. In addition to the church, I also volunteer time with a local PTA. I appreciate and am looking forward to this opportunity.
Joshua ES O'Shea: I stumbled into Rite 1 at St. Mark’s sometime late 2016. I’m a theology and philosophy nerd, and I love the way we answer Jesus’ call to live a sacramental life, meeting the needs of as many people as possible, especially those who are often overlooked by society or the universal church—St. Mark's is an excellent embodiment of ideas and practice to meet those needs. I did my undergrad theology thesis on patristic-Reformed metaphysics, and my history thesis on American civil rights social action, both at Judson University in Elgin. I'm the Young Adult Librarian at the Glen Ellyn Public Library with my Master of Library and Information Science from Dominican University in River Forest. The connection between ideas and practice is very important to me, such that library work and the vestry are outpourings of my faith. I'll advocate for Adult Formation to continue interconnections between high school and adult people, Spanish and English speakers, and historic theology with current needs, to name a few ways. I'm a member of St. Mark's Pastoral Care team with training from the Bishop Anderson House where we focus on listening and support. I'm a mentor in CREO and for two 2020 confirmation candidates. I love talking with people and engaging new ideas, so feel free to grab me!

Joanie Somerville: Joanie has been a member of St. Mark’s since 2009 when her family moved here from Minnesota. At St. Mark’s, Joanie has served as part of the Parish Life Committee and as a Coffee Hour Minister. Originally from Indiana, she received her undergraduate degree from Ball State University and shortly after she moved to Minneapolis where she earned her Master of Agriculture in Landscape Design. She looks forward to serving as liaison to the Building and Grounds Committee. Joanie currently resides in Wheaton with her husband Ron, son Parker (16) and daughter Carly (14).

Kim Toliver: We moved to Glen Ellyn in the fall of 1992 and found our church home at St. Mark’s right away. All three of our children were baptized and were confirmed here. St. Mark’s has been a very important part of my life and I feel blessed to have been able to be involved in many aspects of our wonderful community. I am a Chalice Bearer, volunteer in the office, have taught Sunday School, have been involved and attended the Mission Trip in Southeast Mexico, and was on the committee that planned the 100 year anniversary dinner. I am honored to have the chance to serve on the Vestry, and I look forward to nurturing my faith and my relationships with our parish.

Jim Treleaven: Cheryl and I have been parishioners at St. Mark’s for over 34 years. During that time, I have served twice on the Vestry and Cheryl and I were responsible for the Ushers Ministry. We have four children and one grandchild who grew up at St. Mark’s. All are successfully emancipated and none live nearby. I am a lifelong Episcopalian. I am currently President and CEO of Via Strategy Group, LLC and an adjunct professor in the graduate school at the University of Illinois, Chicago, Department of Information and Decision Sciences. I began my career as an engineer and have served as the CEO of both public and private technology companies. I recently wrote a book and currently serve on the Board of several nonprofits including the Illinois Technology Association (ITA), the Chicago Engineers Foundation, Case Western Reserve University, and Dominican University. I graduated with a BS in Computer Engineering from Case Western Reserve University, an MBA from the University of Minnesota and a PhD from Case.
Delegates to Diocesan Convention:

May Anstee: Married to Dick Anstee for 52 years. We are blessed with three children and seven grandchildren. I have a bachelor’s degree in Education from University of Maryland (1979) and a master’s degree in Library Science from Rosary College, now Dominican University (1986) and worked as a librarian from 1986 to 2006. Raised Roman Catholic; joined the Episcopal Church in 1979. Have attended services at St. Mark’s since 1980. Have served on Vestry twice. Have served as Sunday School Superintendent and as a teacher throughout the years, and on Altar Guild for 20+ years. Active member of Daughters of the King serving at the Parish, Diocesan and Provincial levels. Currently serving as Diocesan Secretary for Episcopal Church Women (ECW). Having attended many Diocesan Conventions through the years both as a delegate, and as an observer, I look forward to serving as a delegate again.

Mauro Hernandez: My family and I moved to the United States several years ago, after living in different places of Mexico all our lives and since then we have attended St. Mark's. My family is comprised of my wife Alejandra, my son Mauro and my daughter Paola. I am an Engineer currently working for an Electronic firm in Woodridge, IL. At St. Mark's we have found not only spiritual peace, but also a family a thousand of miles away from home. Since the first day we have felt supported by the community and we know that we can count on them. We would like to give back a little of all what we have received from St. Mark's and its people and let everybody know that can count on us. I am privileged for the invitation to become a member of the Vestry. I will do my best to serve and be helpful.

Jeff Hill: Jeff and his wife, Catharine Phillips, and children Sawyer and Erik, joined St. Mark’s in 2007. During that time, he has volunteered for the Sunday nursery and for 12 years he served the diocese as a member of Bishops and Trustees. He is a professor of political science and public administration at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago.

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1. Create a member directory account through the St. Mark’s web site:
   i. Place cursor on “About St. Mark’s”
   ii. Click on “Member Directory”
   iii. Click on “Member Directory Sign-In”

2. Download the ChurchLife app from the app store and log in using the member directory username and password you created for the member directory.
Senior Warden Report for Annual Meeting January 19, 2020

As I reflect on the last two years as Junior and Senior Warden of St. Mark's, I am filled with admiration for our Church and the amazing faith community of which we are all a part. Our mission statement of "Rooted in baptism. Growing in faith. Branching out into the world." is at the heart of our success and blessings.

As a member of the vestry I have witnessed a very involved group of hard-working parishioners, committed to their covenant as your leaders in promoting the ministries they represent. They have inspired me with their involvement in parish life, worship and leadership. What a blessing to have been a part of this vestry!

Our 2019 goals were established at our annual vestry retreat. The focus for 2019 included finalizing a Safety Document for the parish. We can thank Bill Kalbfleisch, our Junior Warden who helped make final changes to this document to complete it. Improving Communication within our Church and its many diverse forms was another goal. Last year we welcomed Melissa Sablack Gonzalez into this role and are happy to say communication is expanding to many more channels than ever before. Women's and Men's Groups were also a focus and we have seen significant growth and involvement in these ministries. Monthly Women's Group meetings have personally been enriching for me this year and I have enjoyed meeting many new women in our parish. Our Youth Ministry continues to grow in participation and involvement thanks to the leadership of Justin Backstrom and Cynthia Mote. Also critical for this year was the establishment of a perpetual Giving Committee, whose mission is to oversee the annual giving campaign and develop a long-term giving process and mindset to facilitate church growth. Under the leadership of Andrew Wassef and Jeanne Tschampa-Lopotko, with strong guidance and participation of the Finance Committee, we continue to take forward steps in this area. Vestry members also led committees for Buildings and Grounds, Newcomers, Parish Life, Worship commissions and Children's Ministry committees and introduced new ideas and growth.

Although my role as Warden is over, I will continue to be a part of the Adult Choir under the talented direction of Daniel Segner. The choir has been a constant joy of my church life. The music program significantly enriches our worship experience and I want to encourage anyone who is interested in singing to join us. Lastly, I want to thank Father George and the clergy team for the many blessings of their guidance in our faith life. Their direction in our church as well as our community is a treasure to us all. Serving on the Vestry was a leap of Faith for me and one that I will always cherish as a fulfilling experience.

Jennifer Dorn
## OPERATING BUDGET

### Revenues

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<td>Prior Year Pledges</td>
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<td>Usage Income</td>
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<td>St. Mark’s Total Revenue</td>
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<td>M&amp;O</td>
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<td>St. Mark’s, Pre-School, and PDO Net Total</td>
<td>$(37,805)</td>
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### Breakout:

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<td>$(37,805)</td>
<td>$(297)</td>
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<td>St. Mark’s Pre-School &amp; PDO Net Total</td>
<td>$-</td>
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<td>St. Mark’s Restricted Accounts Activity (See Supp)</td>
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<td>Total Excess Cash Received</td>
<td>$(37,805)</td>
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<td>Loan from Diocese</td>
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<td>Rectory Mortgage</td>
<td>$89,230</td>
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For 2019, St. Mark's has been actively managing its receipts and expenses to eliminate a forecasted annual operating budget deficit of $38,000. This effort has succeeded as we ended the year at breakeven. As of December 31, St. Mark's full year operating deficit was $297. Actual pledges received fell somewhat relative to budget in December, resulting in a full year Actual vs. Budget deficit of $54,735. St. Mark's cash position continues to be strong, with $156,535 available for current operations. St. Mark's still has significant long term liabilities - Mortgages and the Diocesan Loan. If there any comments or questions, contact Jim Treleaven at jbtreleaven@yahoo.com. The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11th at 7:30 pm and is open to all St. Mark’s parishioners.
### St. Mark’s Episcopal Church
#### 2019 Annual Report
##### Comparative Balance Sheet
December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2019

**in US$**

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<td>Total Liabilities, Fund Balance, &amp; Restricted Funds</td>
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**Note 1**
Effective for 2019, St. Mark’s changed its accounting method for recording prepaid pledges. Rather than recognize 2020 prepaid pledges as revenue in the year received (i.e., 2019), 2020 prepaid pledges of $29,905 were recorded as deferred revenue (in current liabilities) and will be recognized as revenue in January 2020.
St. Mark’s Endowment Fund

In November 2017, the Vestry of St. Mark’s voted to establish the Endowment Fund of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church to “benefit St. Mark’s for so long as it operates as an Episcopal church for the benefit of Glen Ellyn and its surrounding communities”. The trust is intended to exist in perpetuity and there is an expectation that the trust will grow over time through parishioner’s donations. Per the Fund document, three trustees are appointed by the Vestry to fill staggered three-year terms. The trustees appointed by the Vestry for 2019 were Jake Weaver, Dick Anstee and Elizabeth Lewis. Leo Lanzillo was appointed to replace Jake Weaver starting in 2020.

The Fund documents establish a perpetual trust fund and allows the addition of “designated purpose funds” (including those heretofore made to St. Mark’s). The assets of all designated purpose funds and other trust assets shall be commingled and invested by the Trustees. Combining our various investment accounts in this way allows the Trustees to achieve better investment results and simplifies management and record keeping. The Trustees have selected the Common Fund of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago (commonly known as the Diocesan Foundation), which has over 26 million dollars under management, as the investment vehicle.

In September, the Trustees, by resolution of the Vestry, added an additional designated purpose account with the Diocesan Foundation: the “Augusta Pahnke and Mary Peck” (Pahnke/Peck) Fund. This account, plus the existing St. Mark’s General Account, the Carey Music Fund and the St. Mark’s Lewis Trust Fund, comprise the investment funds for the parish.

The General Account is the Perpetual Trust Account and the Lewis Trust Fund, the Carey Music Fund and the Pahnke/Peck Fund are the designated purpose funds. The annual distributable amount for the General Fund is 4%-5% of the fund balance at the end of the prior year. Those funds are paid to the St. Mark’s Treasurer on February 1 and can be used for: (1) “the purchase, construction, installation, and repair of its capital improvements, (2) outreach and missionary projects and (3) special one-time projects (and not for usual and ordinary expenses and maintenance of St. Mark’s).” The annual distributable amount of the Lewis Trust Fund is, as it has been since its inception, the income received during the year, but not capital gains. The applicable income will be paid quarterly to the St. Mark’s Treasurer directly by the Diocesan Foundation and can be used only for “the purchase, construction and installation of its capital improvements (and not for usual and ordinary expenses and maintenance of the Church).” The Carey Music Fund will be subject to the same distribution as the General Fund (4%-5% per year) with the designated purpose of providing regular tuning, servicing, and maintenance of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church’s pianos (including replacement as necessary) and the Walker Organ. The distributable amount of the Pahnke/Peck Fund will be 90% of income received during the year. The amount will be paid annually to the St. Mark’s Treasurer and can be used for musical education, training and professional education of the Director of Music and other musicians at St. Mark’s.

The chart below shows the summary of the church’s investment accounts, including the establishment of the new Diocesan Foundation account. Any questions about the endowment fund should be addressed to the Trustees.

Dick Anstee, ranstee@comcast.net

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<td>Pahnke/Peck Fund</td>
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<td>TOTAL ENDOWMENT</td>
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2020 Giving Campaign

Thank you to all the generous people of St. Mark’s! Thank you for your dedication and participation in so many ways - worship, church programs, and outreach that have helped St. Mark’s grow and thrive. Each year, St. Mark’s conducts a giving campaign where all households are asked to prayerfully consider making a financial pledge for the coming year. What is a pledge? A pledge is your best estimate of your financial support over the course of the next year.

God blesses us with many gifts. Pledging is a way to respond to our blessings and the work we are called to do to make the world a better place. Pledging therefore is a spiritual act that requires careful and prayerful reflection on our lives. Why do we ask people to pledge? The combined pledges from all households make it possible for St. Mark’s to budget for the following year. From our Pledge income, St. Mark's is planning to provide full Sundays of liturgies and Sunday School classes, maintain the church building and grounds, provide for our ministers and staff, support outreach work such as the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry, DuPagePads, Glen Ellyn Walk-In Ministry, the St. Mark’s Preschool, Parent’s Day Out, art exhibits and receptions, concerts, and to empower various ministries to truly make a difference in the lives of our parishioners and the community.

How to pledge? You can fill out a pledge card printed in the Sunday bulletin and mail it or bring it to St. Mark’s. You can go to the St. Mark’s web site (www.stmarksglenellyn.org) and click the button “Make Your Pledge.” You can pledge through the ChurchLife app on your cell phone. Or you can simply send an email to treasurer@stmarksglenellyn.org with your pledge amount for 2020.

Some families stretch when giving $100 for the year. Others give $100 a week or more. It can be helpful to think about pledging in terms of a weekly or monthly amount, like other financial commitments in your life for running your household and other memberships. How to fulfill a pledge? There are many ways to fulfill a pledge, including the offering plate passed on Sundays, mailing a check to the church, setting up an automatic monthly debit from your checking account or credit card or PayPal. If you add the ChurchLife.app to your cell phone you can use one of its functions to contribute to St. Mark’s.

Every pledge, regardless of the amount, is acceptable to God and strengthens the church. As of January 15, St. Mark’s had received pledges from 253 households, including 41 pledges from households that had not pledged the year before. These pledges represent $651,000. Our goal for 2020 is 300 households and $700,000. Together we can continue the life-changing work of St. Mark’s Church. The Giving Campaign for 2020 will continue to invite our church community to participate with generosity.

Yours in Christ,

Co-Chairs: Jeanne Tschampa Lopotko and Andrew Wassef
Committee: Melissa Gonzalez, Brian Shallcross, Andrew Dorn, Wade Kennedy, Mauro Hernandez
Graphic Design: Javier Valdivia
Treasurer: Steve Sedall
Finance Committee Chair: Jim Trelevan
Rector: George Smith
En primer lugar quiero decir gracias a todo el personal involucrado en el crecimiento y desarrollo pastoral de la iglesia San Marcos. En particular quiero dar las gracias al P. Jorge por permitirme ser parte del equipo de Clerigos trabajando junto a los laicos para hacer cada día más fuerte la integración cultural y espiritual de la presencia latina en nuestra parroquia de San Marcos. Destacando el sentido de unidad y fraternidad fundamentado en nuestro vínculo bautismal.

En el tiempo que tengo en la iglesia San Marcos he podido identificar que hay un amplio espacio para el crecimiento de nuestra congregación, con líderes dispuestos a enfrentar los desafíos que nuestra iglesia episcopal está viviendo hoy de cara al futuro.

El espacio permitido a los líderes hispanos ha ido logrando que nos sintamos parte de la responsabilidad y el crecimiento de nuestra iglesia en áreas como:
- La formación, apoyando en la catequesis de los niños y de los jóvenes.
- La formación de los adultos.
- Las manifestaciones culturales y religiosas.
- Creando un espacio de pertenencia como miembros activos de la vida de la parroquia y colaborando en el desarrollo de los proyectos que se llevan a realización tanto en el interior de nuestra congregación como en el exterior dándonos a conocer más allá de nuestras fronteras.
- Seguiremos trabajando en las áreas de: Formación, información e integración.

Considero que es importante seguir trabajando y apoyándonos mutuamente como miembros del Cuerpo Místico de Cristo, poniendo en práctica nuestros dones para gloria y honra y de su de la cual todos nosotros formamos partes.

Me disculpo por no hacer acto de presencia en esta importante reunión pues ya tenía otro compromisos contraídos.

First of all I want to say thank you to all the staff involved in the growth and pastoral development of St. Mark’s / San Marcos. In particular, I would like to thank Father Jorge for allowing me to be part of the clergy team working together with the laity to strengthen the cultural and spiritual integration of the Latino presence in our parish every day by highlighting the sense of unity and fraternity based on our baptismal bond.

In the time I have been at St. Mark’s I have been able to identify that there is ample space for the growth of our congregation, with leaders willing to face the challenges that our Episcopal church is facing today and in the future.

The space allowed to Hispanic leaders has been making us feel the responsibility for growing our church in the following areas:
- Training, supporting the catechesis of children and young people.
- Training of adults.
- Cultural and religious celebrations.
- Creating a space of belonging as active members of the life of the parish and collaborating in the development of projects that are carried out both inside our congregation and beyond, making ourselves known beyond our four walls.

I believe it is important to continue working and supporting each other as members of the "Mystical" Body of Christ, putting into practice our gifts for glory and honor - of which we are all part of.

I apologize for not making an appearance at this important meeting because of an out of town commitment.

P. José C. Arroyo, josecarroyo@yahoo.com
Children’s Ministries

The goal of Children’s Ministries at St. Mark’s is to provide a variety of opportunities for faith development for children birth to Grade 5. The staff supports volunteers in teaching Bible stories. The curriculum is staff developed based on Godly play stories and children’s Bible story books.

Sunday Education

Nursery:
Childcare provided from 9:00 am-2:30 pm and special events as requested

Bible Stories 9:15 (9:15 am):
Ages 4-8 in a group setting, creative story presentation with Godly Play materials and opportunity for response

Bible Stories/Sunday School (10:25 am):
Ages 3-4
- Age appropriate story
- Follow up craft activity
- Music instruction once a month
- Friendship building time in free play

K-grade 5
- Opening story presented in creative manner

K-2 (Sept-January)
- Bible story reviewed and opportunity for response

K-1 (Feb-May)
- Bible story review and response in craft activity

Grade 2 (Feb-May)
- Instruction in history and meaning of Eucharist

Grade 3-5
- Bible story review and response in Lego creations

Our Allies team supports children with special attention needs in the classroom. Our dedicated volunteers currently support three children in this essential ministry of inclusion headed by Darcie Lambert.

Historias bíblicas / escuela dominical (12:00 pm):
- Opening story presented in creative manner in Spanish

Age 4-grade 5 (Sept-Feb)
- Bible story reviewed and opportunity for response

Age 4-grade 1 (March-May)
- Bible story reviewed and opportunity for response

Grades 2-5
- Instruction in history and meaning of Eucharist

Vacation Bible School (VBS):
Monday-Friday mornings 9:00 am – 12:00 pm for age 4-grade 5 with a variety of ways of learning Bible stories through crafts, music, games usually offered in the middle of July

Other opportunities for learning:
- Christmas Pageant
- Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter events for children

Opportunities for service:
- Backpack in-gathering and blessing – over 200 filled backpacks donated to Holy Family School
- Group Sunday - 50 holiday cards to DuPagePads guests
Pumpkin decorating and collection of money for UNICEF
St Nick Visit – Donations of coloring books sent to Lurie Children’s Hospital

Opportunities for Christian Friendship building:
Advent – family craft making of Nativity scenes
Shrove Tuesday – bilingual games and prizes after pancakes
Kick-off Sunday – kid related activities with music, bubble machine and sidewalk chalk
May Teacher thank you coffee hour – honors teachers, confirmands and Communion Celebration
Annual picnic – supplies and games offered

It takes a congregation! None of these wonderful activities and opportunities would be possible without the help of many.

Staff and volunteers serving on Children’s Ministry Team:
- Diane Hessinger - Children’s Ministry Director
- Gina Corrado-Wood – AM Sunday Coordinator
- Melody Mordini – Godly Play Assistant
- Gina Corrado-Wood and Megan McGuire– Vacation Bible School Coordinators
- Kate Marsh– Vestry liaison, volunteer coordinator

Teachers, helpers, directors and support!

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Much appreciation and heartfelt thanks to the congregation of St. Mark’s for making children a priority in your plans and prayers.

Blessings!

Diane Hessinger, childrensministry@stmarks.glenellyn.org
Director of Children’s Ministries
Youth Ministry Report 2019

Please be sure to check out the list of names at the end and see how many are involved in Youth Ministries!

*Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? I will, with God’s help.*

St. Mark’s youth are a vital part of our St. Mark’s community. They are active in worship, fellowship, education, and service. They are learning and modeling what it means to live out their faith.

**Rooted in Baptism**

Middle School marks the beginning of preparation for confirmation, a reaffirming of the Baptismal Covenant, those promises made for us at Baptism. The Baptismal Covenant is a question and answer version of the Apostle's Creed, a statement of faith, and how we are called to live out that faith. Confirmation takes place at the end of 8th grade, when those youth who choose to be confirmed renew their baptismal vows with the laying on of hands by the Bishop. Group meets the first Thursday of the month throughout the confirmation year. This is a time when we really break down the baptismal covenant in preparation for confirmation day.

High School is a time to learn how to take responsibility for those baptismal promises made at confirmation. These are important years when St. Mark’s hopes to engage, instruct, and involve high schoolers and provide the foundation necessary for the Christian life.

**Growing in Faith**

One of the most important messages we want to impart is that worship holds us together as a community in Christ. Attending worship is a commitment, one that we hope sticks. In addition to attending services, we ask every confirmand to commit to a role in worship, serving as an usher, acolyte, reader, and/or instrumentalist. We hope that serving in these roles will help youth realize their importance as part of St. Mark’s.

**Sunday School:** There are many educational opportunities for youth at St. Mark’s. Middle School youth meet at 10:15 am in Room 117 and High School youth meet in Lehman Parlor. Middle School and High School youth meet at 12:00 pm in Lehman Parlor (includes preparation for confirmation).

**Confirmation/Mentor Relationship:** 8th Graders meet with adult mentors, one on one, to discuss their faith and what it means to be confirmed.

**Confirmation Lunches and Retreats:** These are opportunities for 8th graders to get additional preparation for confirmation. Parents and mentors are included in some of these events.

**Thursday Night Youth Groups:** Fellowship provides time for middle schoolers and high schoolers to learn about themselves and God—and have fun while doing it!
- Pickle Ball Courts in the basement
- Summertime campfire gatherings
- Nerf games
- Movie Night in the Basement
- Swag Bingo

**Lock-Ins** (for high schoolers and middle schoolers)

**Outings:** Downtown Chicago, Rock Climbing, Roller Skating, Laser Quest, Bike Rides, Miniature Golf

**Walk With Love at Lake Ellyn:** Thanks to Juanita Jimenez and all who supported the event to raise money for the Youth Group!
Helping with Parish Activities and Events: These include service and fellowship opportunities such as: making lunches for DuPagePads, working in the Pumpkin Patch, assisting in the Nursery, interning in the office, and helping with art exhibits, Mexico Mission Trip and ASP Trip fundraisers, the Annual Meeting, the Parish Picnic, VBS, and more!

Internship Opportunities: Every summer, high school or college youth work at St. Mark’s for a stipend. Applications are available in early spring.

Branching Out into the World
We pray that what our youth learn in their homes and at St. Mark’s will strengthen them as they go out in their schools, their communities, and the world beyond and live out their Baptismal promises and demonstrate God’s grace.

St. Mark’s provides the following opportunities:
- Mexico Mission Trip
- Appalachia Service Project Trip
- Offsite Retreats and Activities (with the Diocese of Chicago and other local churches)
- Sandwiches for DuPagePads (Public Action to Deliver Shelter)

All of this could not be possible without amazing volunteers, both youth and adults help make all we do possible. We are extremely grateful for these people and all they do for St. Mark’s:

Teachers for Youth Classes: Cynthia Mote, Leo Lanzillo, Nancy Purcell, Steve Webster, George Churchill, Steve Gross, Josh O’Shea, Kim Stellmack, Jared Friebel

Youth Group Leaders: Julio Reyes

Youth Vestry Representative: Mia Grant Funk

ASP Trip Organizer and Chaperones: Cindy Glavin, J.D. Hessinger, John Zelman, Irma Solorzano, Rachel Alcorn

San Marcos Trip Organizer: Kim Reed

Youth Direction Committee: Joyce Fletcher, Beth Treleven, Jared Friebel, Rachel Alcorn, Carrie Gowans, Mia Grant Funk, Barret McRay.
This group meets once per month to discuss and give support/ideas for upcoming youth events planning and logistics. (This meeting is also open to any parents who wish to attend).

Justin Backstrom, justin@stmarksgeenellyn.org
Youth Minister

Adult Formation 2019
This fall the Sunday 9:15 am Adult Formation launched a series devoted to health and healing, to parallel the parish’s yearly mission. The group also learned from Jewish New Testament scholar Amy-Jill Levine’s new book and CD series on Holy Week and Advent. Other topics have included spiritual writing, the nature of morning prayer, and the theology behind the birth narratives in the New Testament.

In January, the group will be meeting to form a new task group to brainstorm and schedule spring and summer programs, with input from a new parishioner who is also an experienced EFM mentor with wide knowledge of
adult formation. We continue to attract a small but highly loyal constituency with various views and connections to St. Mark’s.

Join us on Sundays in the Library at 9:15 am! Childcare in the nursery (0 – age 3) and at Bible Stories 9:15 am (ages 4 - 8). All are welcome!

Bob Wyatt and Sarah Adler, bob@stmarksglenellyn.org

Music

Over the past year, the music program at St. Mark’s continues to serve as an embodiment of this church: branching out. In January, we welcomed the choirs of Grace United Methodist Church Naperville (Dan Wagner, Director) to sing the first Choral Evensong of the 2019 season. In April, we celebrated the Feast of St. Mark’s with a Festal Choral Evensong bookended with performances by “Echoing Air,” the renowned early-music ensemble. These Choral Evensongs are very important for the growth of our artistic program and presenting the music at a high level is worthy of recognition. The St. Mark’s Adult Choir has been recognized and given the opportunity to be the resident ensemble for a week at Bristol Cathedral in the UK. This upcoming tour in the summer of 2020 is a huge honor for the choir and for our church. In the fall, the choir hosted a “Great Hymns of Faith” fundraiser Choral Masterworks program to help raise funds for the England tour. The hymns chosen by the congregation were voted on over the few weeks preceding the concert. I would like to extend my gratitude to the congregation and community for helping us raise over $4000.

The Lenten Music Series was a new addition to our musical lineup. Every Friday during Lent, we welcomed musicians from around the country to present a musical offering of their choice. A special thank-you to our artists this past year: Drew Watson (voice), Kathleen Monson (voice), Wolff von Roos (organ), Marianne Kim (organ), and Jay Yau (organ).

The Youth Choir members completed the first level of the “Voice for Life” program and were officially commissioned at a special ceremony that included the receiving of their white surpluses.

Concert offerings at St. Mark’s extend beyond the Sunday liturgy. In 2019, we had a concert production of Puccini’s “Gianni Schicchi”, two concerts by Encore! Senior Choir, a summer organ concert by Daniel Segner, and two concerts by Canto Zenzero (soprano ensemble). It was certainly a banner year for our program’s expansive offerings.

Thank you to all the St. Mark’s parishioners for your continued support of your music program. I look forward to what 2020 brings to our community.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Daniel Segner, musicdirector@stmarksglenellyn.org
Director of Music

Acolyte Ministry

St. Mark’s has an active acolyte ministry with 22 acolytes from grade 3 and up, including adults. Acolytes serve at all Sunday services as soloists or in teams of 2 or 3. Younger and new acolytes are paired with those with more experience. Training is offered in the fall and as needed throughout the year. Along with chalice bearers and clergy, the acolytes fill an important role in our worship by carrying the cross and torches, presenting the offering plates to ushers, closing the gates for communion and assisting at the credence table. At St. Mark’s, acolytes are taught not
to worry about making a mistake, and to see themselves as part of a team. With this in mind, acolyting is both spiritually rewarding and fun. A prayer for acolytes guides their work and ministry:

Gracious God: You call us to light the way for your people in a world of change and uncertainty. Give to your acolytes steady hands and the ability to serve at your altar. Bless and guide us by your wisdom and help us to live our baptismal vows every day. Through Jesus Christ our lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

If you or a child in grade 3 or older in your family is interested in serving as an acolyte at St. Mark’s, please contact either George Smith at rector@stmarksglenellyn.org or Justin Backstrom at justin@stmarksglenellyn.org.

George Smith, rector@stmarksglenellyn.org

Usher Ministry

During services, the ushers are the persons parishioners meet when they come in the door. Not only do they pass out to each attendee that Sunday’s bulletin, but they also pass any other information they are directed by the ministry to do. In addition, thereto, they make records of the attendance, take the collection, and are instrumental in getting the communal offerings to the rector and the associate rectors. In addition, thereto (and especially at the 8:00 M service) they see to it that the cushions for communion takers are properly laid and the gate at the railing closed. Afterwards they rearrange the cushions and re-open the gate. At the end of each service, they make sure that everything is restored to its pre-service location. In addition, they are available for anyone, especially first-time people, to guide them as to how the service will be run and where to sit.

There were approximately 32 people working as ushers during the calendar year 2019 and many times, when an Usher would be sick or unable to join the other ushers during service, other members of the congregation simply stepped-up and filled-in for the missing person. The availability of the ushers to fulfil their duties is both essential and greatly appreciated.

Unfortunately, I am beginning to see a disturbing pattern where people who have signed up to be ushers do not appear on the dates they are supposed to appear and do not make arrangements for a replacement. This, of course, forces other members of the congregation to “step up”, which they almost always do, but it is disturbing to see such a trend. In addition, thereto I am starting to see situations where the ushers sometimes don’t show up until five minutes before the service begins. We should stress to all current and any new ushers that they should be there at least twenty minutes prior to the start of the service.

Andy Carter, andrewmcarter@sbcglobal.net

Lay Readers

Lay Readers (also called Lectors) read lessons and prayers at all regularly scheduled Sunday services and also at certain mid-week services like Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Readers are scheduled by a computer program that takes into account their service preferences and the worship activities of other of their family members.

Readers are committed to conveying to the congregation the words of Scripture and of the Book of Common Prayer. Training is offered on an as-needed basis.

If you would like to be added to the reader rotation, please contact George Smith.

George Smith †, rector@stmarksglenellyn.org
**Daughters of the King**

The Order of the Daughters of the King is an order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church, churches in communion with it, or churches in the historic episcopate. The Order was founded over 130 years ago. Because Daughters of the King accept a Rule of Life, we define ourselves as an order, not an organization. Our community is found primarily in our local chapters, but it extends around the world. Membership in the Order is open to women at every stage of life who desire a closer walk with the Lord. After a three-month period of study and discernment, each new member takes vows to uphold the two Rules of the Order: the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service.

As Daughters of the King, our mission is the extension of Christ's Kingdom through prayer, service and evangelism. No matter where we are on our sacred journeys, we are strengthened by community with our sisters.

St. Anne Chapter of Daughters of the King at St. Mark’s supports the clergy and parish through our prayer and service. We are engaged in active prayer as part of our ministry keeping the church prayer list in mind along with our own prayer requests. A devotional is part of every monthly meeting of DOK. In February, we heard and watched a narrative of the cosmic story of the universe beginning with the creation of light 15 billion years ago to the universe today.

Daughters serve through various ministries. Many serve on the Altar Ministry. DOK also coordinates with Altar Ministry in decorating the sanctuary for Easter and Christmas. The Wedding Ministry assisted in the coordination of eleven weddings this year, guiding and supporting the wedding party and representing the church in its use and care. Our Funeral Receptions Ministry coordinates with families to host pleasant and welcoming receptions before or after funeral services, providing an opportunity for friends and family to share and reminisce. DOK provided for or assisted with nine funeral receptions during the past year. Last year we started the ministry of Traveling Tea Parties where two or three Daughters visit Daughters who are not able to get out often. While we missed doing this last year, we look forward to getting these back on track next year.

This year several members attended the Province V assembly and retreat in Michigan last spring as well as participated in the DOK Diocesan Assembly of Chicago gatherings. One of our Daughters from St. Mark’s serves as a Diocesan DOK officer and we also have one Daughter serving on the DOK Province V board. Our Annual Salad Supper was another successful offering to the women of St. Mark’s this year with approximately 29 attending.

We meet once a month to pray, work and learn together. If you are interested in being a part of a community within the larger community of St. Mark’s with whom to share your spiritual journey, we invite you to join. All women of St. Mark’s are invited to attend our meetings that are announced in the bulletins each month. If you have questions please contact President, Susie Meehan.

Susan Meehan, (630) 480-0639 or sjfmeehan@yahoo.com

**Altar Ministry**

Those of us who serve on altar duty consider it a holy ministry, preparing the Table for every Eucharist service in the church. We wash, iron and lay out the linens, pour the wine into vessels that we have polished, fill the candles with oil, put out the bells and books, order supplies, oversee the flowers and uncover the piano. Day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year, for over 85 years we have been a central part of the life of St. Mark’s. Just as you prepare for cherished visitors in your home, we set our Lord’s Table so that all may gather, eat and drink of his body and blood and be refreshed and comforted.
We touch your lives not only each time you take communion on Sunday. We prepare for baptisms, first communions, weddings, healings, and reverently, and in great hope and faith we set the table for funerals, laying out the pall and comforting the bereaved. It is a privilege to serve our Lord and our congregation in this way.

We invite all who would like to learn more about this beautiful ministry to join us. You will learn about the history and meaning of our liturgy and the work necessary for what most people take for granted. It requires only a couple of hours training, and a willingness to commit to two hours of work each month. If interested in learning more about the Altar Ministry, please contact Karen Evans.

Karen Evans, (708) 642-2601 or kkevans46@gmail.com

**Pastoral Care**

Our pastoral care team continued to grow with the addition of one new person who completed Bishop Anderson House’s new online Lay Spiritual Visitor Training. She joined six others with BAH training plus other experienced caregivers with a long history in the parish. Another team member, an experience lay eucharistic visitor, joined the team late in the year, as did our new deacon, Tom Craighead. Tom volunteered to shepherd acute pastoral care needs and will take an increasing role in our care ministry. The team provides much-needed pastoral support, given that this large parish has only one full-time priest.

The team meets monthly to share updates about those in need, to pray for them and each other, and to provide mutual support. Pastoral visitors provide companionship, attentive listening, prayer, and, as needed, anointing for healing and communion. The priest associate in charge of pastoral care, Bob Wyatt, tracks pastoral needs and pastoral visitations. St. Mark’s parishioners and friends who have identified a person in need may contact Tom Craighead at (630) 215-5958 or tcrraighead@gmail.com or Bob Wyatt at (708) 269-5473 or bob@stmarks Glenellyn.org.

**Prayer List and Prayer Providers Group**: Rebecca Sandrok coordinates the parish prayer request list. The Prayer Providers Group meets the first Wednesday of each month at 11:00 am and attends the Wednesday noon Eucharist. The intention of the prayer ministry is to hold in daily prayer the individuals and families on the St. Mark’s prayer list. This is a group led by members who take turns overseeing the monthly meeting, which includes offering an opening prayer, distributing individual prayer lists, providing a presentation and/or discussion on an aspect of prayer, and closing with prayer. Prayer requests are submitted on cards that are located in the church pews, or through phone calls and emails to the clergy or front desk. The Prayer list is included in the bulletin in the Prayers of the People. The Prayer Group welcomes anyone who would like to join the group and their ministry of prayer.

**Clergy visits**: George, Tom Craighead, and Bob Wyatt make the majority of clergy visits to those in hospitals or in need of a home visits. Bruce Clements, a member of St. Mark’s and ordained Congregational minister also assists at Beacon Hill.

**Meal Ministry**: Jessica Como and Kristina Roth are the coordinators for Meals Ministry. During the past year, the Meals Ministry provided approximately 5 families with meals, averaging 2-3 meals per family. We welcome additional meal maker volunteers. To volunteer, contact Jesse Commo at (612)387-1853 or jessicacomo@hotmail.com.

**Spiritual Direction**: Catharine Phillips continues to offer spiritual direction to members and nonmembers of St. Mark’s. Her office located on the first floor in room 121.

**Baby Baskets**: Elizabeth Lewis creates a care baskets whenever a child is born or adopted by a parish family. The baskets accompany the priests when they visit the home, and contain a candle, a hand painted St. Mark's cross, candy kisses and the board book "A Prayer for a Child" in either English or Spanish.
**Altar Flower Deliveries:** Dianne Dinse serves our congregation as she has done for a number of years taking communion to shut-ins, altar flowers to those with a concern or a happy occasion, hospital visits, the Christmas poinsettias to shut-Ins.

George Smith† and Bob Wyatt†, rector@stmarksglenellyn.org and bob@stmarksglenellyn.org

**Church Tellers 2019**

The tellers for St. Mark’s faithfully show up every Monday morning to open the giving envelopes and count the Sunday offering. Their work allows the proper recording of contributions in the Church’s accounting system and they take the deposit to the bank. Their efforts in this critical function are vital to St. Mark’s financial process, and St. Mark’s is blessed to have them serve in this capacity.

Tellers that served during the year were Tom Agler, May Anstee, Jerry Becker, Bob Beeching, Bob Cardwell, Jerry Carey, Karen Evans, Gretchen Kenower, Brenda Laws, Bob Meehan, and Susie Meehan. Thank you to all.

Dick Anstee, ranstee@comcast.net

**Outreach Committee**

Outreach has historically been a primary focus for St. Mark’s. There are many programs that are embedded in the fabric of our church community. There are many components that make up our outreach program. Some of the most obvious are the Appalachian Service Project (ASP), the mission trip to Southeast Mexico, and the Pumpkin Patch that helps support the DuPagePads programming in our community. We are engaged in local, regional, national, and international efforts to help to contribute while attempting to make a difference. Whether the programs are shared with us through the diocese, programs sponsored by the national church, opportunities to contribute in international efforts in response to natural disasters, or simply a response to local need; St. Mark’s attempts to be present and is always looking for ways to be engaged.

Another aspect of our outreach mechanism here at St. Mark’s is the Outreach Committee. Approximately $20,000 of our budget is set aside to help us explore and engage in activities intended to help others. Recently we have received 13 written proposals from organizations within our church as well from service organizations within our community or area.

The committee reviewed the applications received and made every attempt to support each organization on some level. Most of our proposals came from groups and organizations in which members of our congregation were serving either as volunteers or board members. In the end, allocations were made to all 14 groups/organizations. Allocations ranged from $250 - $4000. Near the end of the year a donation was made to Episcopal Relief and Development. A total of approximately $20,000 was committed and disbursed.

Those groups/programs/individuals initially receiving grant funds include:

- **Walk-In-Ministry** – Shared ministry supported by approximately 18 local churches that provides emergency support for residents of Glen Ellyn or members of participating churches with food certificates, gas vouchers, utility assistance, auto repair, transportation, etc.
- **Awakenings Project** – Supports artists, poets, playwrights, and musicians afflicted by mental illness in the pursuits of their crafts.
- **Family Shelter Service** – Offers services to victims of domestic violence in DuPage County
- **Faith in Place** – Works with people of all faiths to be leaders in caring for the earth (Green Teams)
- **Shelter for All** – Not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing housing for the homeless in DuPage County
• **People Reaching People** (Ministry of Bishop Todd and Rev Patsy McGregor) Madagascar – Supporting children attending summer programming
• **Grace and Peace Chaplaincy** – Bringing God’s word to area communities which serve our older adults.
• **Glen Ellyn Youth and Family Counseling Service (GEYFCS)** – Supporting mental health for youth and families in the Glen Ellyn Area.
• **Glen Ellyn Food Pantry** – Helping to fight hunger in the Glen Ellyn Area
• **CREO** - Pre-college counseling and tutoring for St. Mark’s Latino/a youth; supporting this new ministry for Latino high school students with a focus on developing education opportunities beyond high school
• **DuPage United** – Supporting efforts in training volunteer leaders in the area
• **Love Inc.** Christian Clearinghouse which helps connecting people with a variety of services available for those in need in DuPage County.
• **Teen Parent Connection** – Supported the delivery of specialized programs and services for adolescent parents and their children who reside in and around DuPage County.
• **Companion Parish in Mexico** – Provided support needed for compensating the parish priest in Mexico.

The Outreach Committee is in the process of determining how it will allocate its resources during 2020. Requests for funding have been submitted and we look forward to supporting agencies and programs dedicated to providing assistance in our area and beyond during the coming year.

Bob Meehan, rmeehan334@gmail.com

**Mum Sale --- “Another Big Success”**

This fall St. Mark’s completed its second “Mum Sale” with the net proceeds benefitting the Glen Ellyn Walk-In-Ministry (WIM). The mums were delivered and unloaded the morning of September 21. Many thanks to the Boy Scouts for their help! The mums came from Sunrise Greenhouse, Inc. out of Grant Park, IL. The plants were a very popular item and we sold approximately 300 mum plants the first couple of days. During the following week the plants continued to be well received by the community. In the end we were able to sell all 500 mums in eight days! The proceeds from our sale provide additional support to WIM in the amount of $2456. St. Mark’s has been a long-time supporter of WIM. Because of this fundraiser we increased our support by over 50% (from our planned support of $4000 for the year to over $6400). Thank you for your support in this effort! St. Mark’s has again shown itself to be generous and engaged in this outreach project.

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**Walk-In-Ministry 2019**

The Glen Ellyn Walk-In Ministry (WIM) was initiated in 1984 by the Glen Ellyn Ministerial Association. It represents a coordinated effort by local churches (approximately 17) to provide a source of compassionate assistance to individuals and families in need of emergency aid within our community. Examples of aid being provided include food certificates, gas vouchers, utility assistance, auto repair, prescription assistance, and transportation vouchers. WIM relies on donations from individuals and member churches. Located in the library of the First United Methodist Church this program provides opportunity for individuals to volunteer in covering the hours of operation and to serve on its governing board. The table included in this report summarizes the number of client visits during the last three years.

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**St. Mark’s Visual Arts Group**

St. Mark’s exhibits the work of artists at the church each year. We seek work that enhances and engages with our worship, since the main display area is in the church itself. The congregation and artist find themselves in a mutually giving and receiving relationship that acknowledges the presence of God in our lives and in our abilities of expression. Some work that has been shown directly falls into the genre of spiritual art; other pieces reference the spiritual in a celebration of nature and personal experiences.

In 2019 we scaled back the number of exhibits in favor of displaying them for longer periods of time:

- **Stations of the Cross** by Richard Rush: These pieces are owned by St. Mark’s and are displayed annually before and during Lent. Dick Rush, a commercial artist of note, was a parishioner at St. Mark’s who worked from the 1950s through the 1990s.
- **William Lanzillo: Student Works from Carleton College**: A retrospective show of parishioner William Lanzillo’s work as an art student at Carleton College. William, a 2019 graduating senior, exhibited primarily intaglio and screen prints, many of them landscapes he created while traveling abroad. The exhibit also included photos and descriptions of his large outdoor sculptures.
- **Advent Twig wreaths**: Rustic twig wreaths as displayed annually during Advent.
- **Christmas wreaths**: Twig wreaths decorated with red bows and berries in celebration of Christmas.

The group hosted a reception and artist’s talk for William Lanzillo, drawing attendees from within and outside the St. Mark’s congregation.

The group welcomes new members and nominations for contributing artists. Please contact Beth Trelevan if you have suggestions or would like to join the group.

Beth Treleven, trebelhorn@ameritech.net

**St. Mark’s Green Team 2019 Report**

The Green Team continues to learn together how to make St. Mark’s a greener, more sustainable community. We welcome all who would like to learn with us. The team for 2019 was Christy Becker, Edna Heatherington, Ginnie Judd, Jan Langford, April Sedall, with Building and Grounds Coordinator Joanie Somerville as advisor.

**St. Mark’s Electric Supply is now cleaner and greener**: BIG thanks to Joanie Somerville for switching St. Mark’s electric supplier to Constellation NewEnergy, which provides a source for clean, renewable energy from solar and wind. And, they were about 2 cents less per kilowatt hour than what we had been paying. Constellation NewEnergy is the company that Glen Ellyn’s municipal aggregation chose some years ago for its renewable energy sources and continues to use – so if you live in Glen Ellyn and did not opt out of the aggregation program, you are also using a green electric resource. (All electricity is delivered by ComEd but not necessarily produced by ComEd.)

**Solar Panels**: We are in the early stages of inquiring about the possibility of solar panels for St. Mark’s.

**Meatless Dinner**: the third annual meatless Lenten dinner & program was held last April, and we had a great turnout. We’re going to do it again this year on Wednesday, March 11; no reservations needed, just come and enjoy some delicious food (vegetarian, vegan, and/or gluten-free), a great program, and a chance for some awesome eco-friendly door prizes. Mark your calendars!

**Indoor Winter Farmers Market**: we hosted our third Winter Farmers Market in February 2019, an initiative through Faith in Place, which works with host sites at faith communities throughout the Chicago area to give local farmers and vendors within a 250-mile radius of St. Mark’s a place to connect with consumers. Jan Langford led
the effort, and her signage inside and outside the building helped draw people in and get them to the right location – “just follow the veggie trail!” We will do it again this year on **Sunday, January 26, from 9 am to 1 pm** in Mahon Hall, and we hope a lot of you will turn out again this year to support local vendors and buy delicious foods and lovely, local handmade items.

**Pollinator Garden:** We were on the Glen Ellyn Park District’s “Sustainability Yard Tour” in 2019, and saw lots of people come by to ask questions and share what they had learned at previously visited gardens on the tour. We also did a presentation on the garden at an Adult Forum in May. Some background on our garden: The Green Team took responsibility for the large garden at the northeast corner of the church property, at Main & Hillside, in Spring 2017, and has continued to tend it since then. The garden had been overgrown with lots of undesirables that were choking out the plants that provide food for butterflies, bees, birds, and other creatures, so the goal in 2017 was to identify what was growing there and remove anything that was hindering the beneficial plants. It was rewarding to see how many lovely perennials emerged once the turf grass and thistles were removed. Our big addition in May 2018 was a Fruit Guild – a permaculture garden (all edible perennials) centered around a Redhaven peach tree. We were fortunate that the polar vortex in January last year didn't kill the peach tree, but we didn't get peaches last summer. Fingers crossed for better results this year. We are looking for help to create an overall garden design to perhaps add paths, seating, and additional pollinator-friendly plantings – let us know if you are interested in participating in planning or weeding. All ages welcome.

**SCARCE’s Pumpkin Smash program**: For the fifth year, we arranged for a dumpster to put the leftover pumpkins, straw, and fallen leaves after the Pumpkin Patch was over on the first Saturday of November. The contents were taken to a commercial composting site instead of being put into landfill. Keeping food/yard waste out of landfill means a reduction in methane gas production as well as capturing the nutrients and water contained in the plant materials for use in compost. In addition to our own leftover Pumpkin Patch pumpkins, we had 85 vehicles come through with pumpkins from their own homes to add to the collection.

Please contact a Green Team member if you would like to learn more or become involved. Thank you!

Ginnie Judd, greenteam@stmarksglenellyn.org

**Mexico Mission Trip and Companion Parish Relationship 2019**

St. Mark's has been in a companion relationship with San Marcos in Nigromante since 2006. While many parishioners have gone on the Mexico Mission Trip, all of us at St. Mark’s have shared in this companion relationship by participating in fundraisers, attending informational presentations, listening to stories, and meeting with Bishop Benito and Angelica from the Diocese of Southeast Mexico when they visit.

We are extremely grateful for your participation, support, and contributions, all of which have helped make this companion parish relationship possible. In 2019, we raised $7,487.99 from our Annual Cake Auction and Bake Sale and the Cinco de Mayo Dinner. We also received many generous donations from St. Mark’s parishioners. These funds allow us to pay for half of Padre Senobio’s $6,000 salary, provide $2,500 in scholarships to help keep kids in school, and help with various needs at San Marcos and in the Diocese of Southeast Mexico.

In June 2019, Frida Lopez, Karen Jimenez, Ryan Valdivia, Carmen and Lucy Chavez, Deirdre Churchill, and Kim Reed put together VBS craft kits and corresponding Bible stories that were sent to Mexico for the children to do over the summer with the help of some of the women leaders from San Marcos in Nigromante.

In March 2019, the Diocese of SE Mexico elected Julio Cesar Martin as their next bishop. He is currently serving alongside Bishop Benito as bishop coadjutor. Bishop Benito's retirement will be official at the upcoming 2020 spring synod in Tuxtepec. In the meantime, the Chicago Diocese Subcommittee for SE Mexico, which meets regularly to discuss our shared relationship with SE Mexico, is currently working on a rescheduled retirement celebration for Bishop Benito.
2019 Mission Trips to Mexico:

- In March 2019, three St. Mark's parishioners, the Rev. George Smith, Dr. TJ Hill, and Kim Reed, went to Mexico as part of the Chicago delegation to the Diocese of Southeast Mexico's annual synod. They also were able to visit San Marcos in Nigromante to begin conversations and plans for a winter dental ministry trip.

- In December 2019, St. Mark's participated in its first dental mission trip to San Marcos. Glen Ellyn dentists, Dr. TJ Hill and Dr. Lance Lambert, assisted by Yolanda Hernandez and Griselda Tostado, and with the help of dentist Dr. Luis Hidalgo from Tuxtepec, provided a free dental clinic at San Marcos in Nigromante for two and a half days, seeing over 100 patients. The Rev. George Smith, Irma Solorzano, and Kim Reed also were part of this visit. George and Kim helped facilitate with the dental team; meanwhile, Irma met with and trained women from the church how to lead Al Anon groups. As always, our friends in Nigromante treated us with tremendous hospitality. We remain grateful for the leadership in the Anglican Diocese of Southeast Mexico: Bishop Benito, Bishop Julio, Angelica, Eigner, and Padre Senobio.


Thank you for your continued support and for sharing in this important ministry at St. Mark’s, a ministry that helps define who we are. We ask that you continue to pray for the people of San Marcos, the Diocese of Southeast Mexico, Bishop Benito and his family, and the new bishop, Julio.

Kim Reed, kimreed178@gmail.com

Appalachia Service Project

The Appalachia Service Project (ASP) provides life-changing, short-term Christian mission trip opportunities – bringing youth, adult and college volunteers into rural Central Appalachia to make homes warmer, safer and drier for families in need. ASP believes that safe, affordable, sanitary homes are a basic human right. With those guiding principles, youth and adults are sent to locations in Appalachia to help repair homes of those who cannot afford to do it themselves.

St. Mark’s sent 16 youth and adult volunteers to Scott County, TN on the 7th annual ASP trip in July of 2019. We were able to staff three work sites and completed several home projects. They worked hard and had the time of their lives! Not only did they fulfill the ASP mission of making homes safer, warmer and drier, the real joy of the trip was the relationships they developed with each other and with the people of Tennessee.

The ASP trip dates for 2020 are Saturday, July 11 thru Saturday July 18. ASP holds two fundraisers each year. The first is a plant sale; plants will be sold February 16 – March 1 for delivery the weekend before Mothers Day. The second fundraiser is called “The House that St. Mark’s Built” and takes place in April.

The ASP trip is open to adults and youth who will be entering 9th grade in the fall of 2020. It is not necessary to be a member of St. Mark’s. Prior experience is not needed, just a willingness to work! You’ll raise roofs, fix floors and build a whole new you! If you would like more information about ASP, please contact Cindy Glavin.

Come on and join us, you’ll never regret it!

Cindy Glavin, (630) 956-0530 or cjglavin92@yahoo.com
Communications Report

Melissa Sablack Gonzalez started as Communications Administrator in late July and has been kept very busy ever since!

Every week, she works together with Dellana Mote and Daniel Segner to put together the Sunday bulletin and creates the PowerPoint slides for announcements at Sunday services.

Other projects include:
- Writing and publishing two PostMark newsletters
- Distributing the new Church Photo Directory
- Making frequent use of our Facebook Group and Page and welcoming new members and followers
- Updating our website
- Developing Giving Committee Materials
- Designing newcomer pew cards
- Creating business cards for staffing members
- Promoting Christmas events
- Assisting CREO with public relations and outreach
- Updating the Annual Report!

For 2020, you can look for the following projects:
- Refreshing the whole website
- Developing new communication vehicles such the Glen Ellyn Patch and PSAs on WDCB radio
- Working with the Glen Ellyn Chamber of Commerce to include church information in their Welcome Kits
- Updating the welcome brochure
- Upgrading our technical abilities (including recording and/or streaming sermons and musical performances)
- Creating more outreach to our friends and neighbors in Glen Ellyn and surrounding communities
- Updating Spanish language materials and outreach
- Adding Open and Affirming language on our site and in printed materials
- Developing a Privacy and Photo Permission policy

Bright ideas and offers to help are always appreciated! You can find Melissa in her office (first door on the left when you go up the stairs).

Melissa Sablack Gonzalez, (630) 858-1020 ext. 226 or melissa@stmarksglenellyn.org

Parish Life

Parish Life encompasses many things, all centered around the community and fellowship of the church members. The intent of all activities is to bring together the many parts of our congregation in ways that go beyond regular services. Several key events were held in 2019, in addition to weekly coffee hour after the 10:30 service each Sunday.

Coffee hour this past year moved mostly to the Library (with larger events still being held in Mahon Hall) to help foster greater attendance and better conversations.

Parish Annual Meeting: Held in January, this meeting is a chance to celebrate our accomplishments, confirm nominations for the Vestry, and raise funds for the annual Mexico trip via a cake auction. Congregants enjoyed sandwiches and salads, and sampled some of the sweets for auction.
Lenten Dinners: Together our community shared Lenten Dinners on Wednesday evenings during Lent. Various programs were enjoyed by our faith community and many people attended from outside our church as well.

All-Parish Picnic in July: Bringing together all parts of our congregation for fellowship, food, and fun. This was the second year the picnic was held at Lake Ellyn, and we again enjoyed a lovely meal (with many delicious contributions!), warm weather, and a beautiful view.

Walk with Love A new event added this year to raise funds for our Youth Ministries. We hope to make this an ongoing event - walking around Lake Ellyn was enjoyed by many members of our parish.

Kick-Off Sunday September A way to celebrate the beginning of the new year of Sunday School, this fun event includes the Glen Ellyn Hot Dog man and other fun activities.

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Men’s Ministries

The St. Mark’s Men’s Group promotes fellowship and educational activities for the entire St. Mark’s community.

We again hosted the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and had a great turnout for the Annual Barbecue at Father George’s house last summer.

There are now two meetings of men’s groups each week:

The Tuesday morning group meets at 8:00 am at the Glen Oak Café in Glen Ellyn and usually has about 6-8 men who gather for fellowship and food. According to group coordinator Dick Anstee: “We are a social group, and our meetings have no agenda, program or study. We are mostly retired or semi-retired, enjoy each other’s company and talk about events of the day, family events, recent trips and past accomplishments. We would love to have you join us and check us out. We are the big table on the left side of the restaurant when you walk in the front door. Hope to see you Tuesday, or the Tuesday after that.” For more information, contact Dick Anstee.

Dick Anstee, (312) 218-0202 or ranstee@comcast.net

The Saturday morning group meets from 7:30 am – 9:00 am in the Library and has about 7-10 participants each week and participants and visitors can drop in anytime during the meeting. According to group co-coordinators Andrew Dorn and Brian Shallcross: “Our emphasis is on giving men an opportunity to relax, get to know each other and talk about topics important to them. We are really focused on relationship first.” Get your weekend off to a good start and gather for coffee, fellowship and relaxed conversation in the church library. This group meets every week and discusses whatever is on anyone’s mind. We would love to see you there! For more information, contact Andrew Dorn or Brian Shallcross.

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Brian Shallcross, (312) 636-6530 or brian@shallcrosslawfirm.com

Women’s Ministries

The Women’s Ministry program at St. Mark’s was active throughout 2019. We offered eight monthly topical programs involving discussion and fellowship, two summer social “Patio Parties,” and capped off the year with our popular annual ornament exchange. Over 70 women attended at least one meeting in 2019, with attendance ranging from 12 to 30. We established a steering committee to imagine future activities, and we welcome more input and involvement in our planning.
Women of all generations are warmly invited to come and enjoy learning, sharing, and socializing at our meetings, which take place at 7:30 pm, usually on the first Wednesday of the month. Look for details about the next upcoming meeting each Sunday in the bulletin.

Kim Toliver, kjdesigns@att.net
Vestry Liaison

Parents’ Day Out Ministry

St. Mark's Parents' Day Out (PDO) offers care for children ages 2 to 4. Families can register for one or two days per week during the school year, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The program continues to be at capacity, currently serving 74 families this 2019-20 school year. PDO also maintains a substitute list. Its summer program runs Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays during June and July. PDO has had a strong following in our community since it began in the late 1980's. For more information, contact Director Kathy O'Rourke at pdo@stmarkseglenny.org.

Scholarships: In keeping with our mission, we offer scholarships and flexibility to suit a variety of circumstances. Two children are currently benefiting from scholarships.

School Year Calendar and Summer Session: PDO follows the Glen Ellyn D41 public school system calendar during the school year and also offers a summer program in June and July, which fills up quickly. As with our school year program, our summer care includes fine and large motor skill activities, arts and crafts, songs and stories, as well as lots of play time.

VBS Session: PDO coordinates with St. Mark's Children's Ministries to offer care during VBS week for children not yet old enough to participate in VBS. This includes care for the young children of VBS volunteers.

PDO's Gifts: PDO continues to cover its operating costs as well as donate to St. Mark’s. In addition to scholarships for students, PDO donates $500 monthly to the parish’s general operating fund. Additionally, PDO has contributed to many projects at St. Mark's over the years including, most recently, last year's basement renovation, a shared project with the Preschool and St. Mark’s Children's Ministries. PDO currently has plans to contribute to an update of the closet kitchenette near Lehman Parlor. This is a possible shared project with CREO and St. Mark's Youth Ministries.

Staff: We remain forever thankful for our wonderful and dedicated staff, Director Kathy O'Rourke and teachers Norma Cid, Melody Mordini, Carrie Pihl, and Ofelia Bustamente. We are truly grateful for them and their endless enthusiasm and dedication to PDO and its children. Thank you to the PDO Board members: Kim Reed (Chair), Elizabeth Lewis (Secretary), Kelly Gross (Treasurer), Joan Nichols, Kristin Margagnione, and George Smith.

2020-21 Registration: Registration for the 2020 summer and fall programs will begin on Monday, April 6 for St. Mark's parishioners and St. Mark's Preschool families. New families can register on Tuesday, April 14. Summer registration will open on Monday, April 20.

Kim Reed, kimreed178@gmail.com
St. Mark’s Preschool

St. Mark’s Preschool has been a part of the St. Mark’s community for nine years – the 2020/21 school year celebrates our tenth year! The Preschool is influenced by the Reggio Emilia project approach to teaching, which features child-directed learning. We continue to approach learning with the whole child in mind, first and foremost.

The Preschool offers 3-day and 4-day classes, a Studio Arts Program, a STEAM program, Kindergarten Enrichment and a Munch and Learn program. We also offer a morning summer camp program in June. We currently have 69 students from 65 families enrolled in our program offerings - filling 88 of a possible 94 programming slots.

We are so very blessed with the families and alumni that contribute to and participate in our preschool community. Partnerships with the parents and the community are a cornerstone of our philosophy. We are grateful for the opportunity for the students to explore their own community and to be provoked and inspired by their surroundings.

Registration for the 2020-21 school year opens January 27 for church and PDO members. Applications are available in the Preschool office or online.

Many thanks to the Board members for volunteering their time and talent to the Preschool, helping to ensure future success and growth.

Kristine Osmond, psdirector@stmarksglenellyn.org
St. Mark’s Preschool Director

Buildings and Grounds: 2019 Report

Ministry’s Purpose:
The Buildings and Grounds committee works towards supporting St. Mark’s vision as a welcoming place for all by planning and carrying out the necessary functions to ensure all the church buildings, systems, rectory, grounds and parking lots are safe, clean and well maintained.

Our 2019 committee was made up of the following members:
  George Smith - General Consultant
  Joanie Somerville - Vestry Liaison and B&G Coordinator
  Scott Shorney - B&G Consultant
  Gary Kreutz - Mechanical Systems Manager
  Michael Benich - Rectory Manager
  Ginnie Judd - Green Team Manager
  David Dornblaser - Grounds Manager

2019 B&G in Review:
We were again busy this year with many improvements to both the church building and Rectory property. On May 16th, a violent hail storm caused significant damage to the exterior of St. Mark’s including the shingle roof on the church and rectory, siding to the office section of the building and the roof top AC unit above Mahon Hall that provides air conditioning to the classrooms. After consulting with our insurance company, an inspection was conducted which concluded that the entire shingle roof and the west section of the office siding needed to be replaced. All the repairs have since been made and thankfully were fully covered by insurance. In addition, planned projects were completed which included new upstairs windows in the office area, a new A/C unit to supply the office area and sealcoating and striping of both the upper and lower parking lots. Lastly, the waste removal contract as well as the electricity and gas rates were renegotiated and we are experiencing greatly reduced monthly costs.
In August we said goodbye to our previous rectory tenants and welcomed a new family who will be renting the rectory through August 2020. The transition was smooth and little repairs have been needed.

**2020 B&G Plans:**
In 2020 the committee will review and prioritize the potential improvements to be made in the coming year to align with our available budget.

Thank you to our whole team for a great year in 2020, with a special thank you to Rick & Beth Quoss and Bill Constein for their dedication and willingness to provide their time and talents with repairs and beautification projects. In addition Julian for the lawn care, leaf pick-up, shoveling and other daily grounds care as well as Penny Taback for her assistance in locating and securing our new tenant for the Rectory.

Joanie Somerville, joanie.somerville@att.net

**Boy Scout Troop 44**

Troop 44 Mission Statement 2020

Boy Scout Troop 44 has been affiliated with St. Mark’s Episcopal Church since March 26, 1919. Last year marked the troops 100th year making us the oldest troop in the Glen Ellyn area that has been affiliated with the same charter organization since inception. Troop 44 would like to thank St. Mark’s Episcopal Church for sponsoring us and seeing the value in the Boy Scout program. As a BSA Troop, our goal is to mentor and guide young boys and girls into becoming confident leaders with good moral and ethical character. This goal is achieved through a variety of activities which include weekly meetings, camp outs, merit badges, community service activities and fundraising activities.

Currently we have 13 scouts who meet on Monday nights from 7:00 until 8:30. Our scout age group is from 6th grade through high school juniors. We are broken down into 3 groups, known as patrols. One patrol consists of the older scouts and the 2 other patrols have younger scouts. Each patrol has a scout that is in charge of leading their patrol for a 6-month period. We also have a scout who is in charge of leading the entire Troop.

The scouting program is appropriate for both boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 18. Through our activities and guidance from our adult leaders, the scouts learn skills such as cooking, time management, first aid, communication, organization and prioritization. Other skills are learned through earning Merit Badges. This more focused approach expects scouts to fulfill requirements that can take up to 6 months to accomplish. There are 138 different Merit Badge skills ranging from Astronomy to Wilderness Survival (two of our most popular Merit Badges.) Some of our scouts have learned exciting skills such as Scuba Diving, Personal Fitness, Environmental Science, and Sustainability. The troop offers one merit badge per month, taught by our adult leaders, that the scouts can earn. The scouts can complete as few or as many as they desire. However, in order to attain the rank of Eagle, they must complete 13 required merit badges and 8 merit badges of their choosing. All of our scouts have completed at least 2 this year.

The troop goes on a campout every month of the year. We usually have 5 to 8 scouts attend the camp outs. These range from a simple overnight to a full week. Usually our campouts are over a weekend and the scouts sleep in the tents that they pitch. They are responsible for meal planning, preparation and clean up. We will usually focus on an activity for the weekend. This past year we learned about different cooking methods, worked on orienteering, and learned about nature for our weekend trips. Last year we celebrated our 100th year by doing some extraordinary activities. We visited the St. Louis Gateway Arch and ventured to its top, we camped at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio and visited the National Aviation Hall of Fame, and we pulled our canoes to the Mississippi Palisades for a canoe trip.
This year, overnight outings will include a lock-in at The Field Museum, A weekend in Springfield, Illinois, and sleeping in a submarine at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum. Our week-long 2019 summer camp was at Camp Tomahawk in Washburn, Wisconsin, and this year our week-long camp will be at Camp Freeland Leslie in Oxford, Wisconsin.

It is important for scouts to realize that they must give back to the community. We therefore provide the opportunity to perform community service activities. This past year the scouts worked with the PADS program to help local homeless by setting up sleeping areas and serving meals, organized and collected food for the local food pantry, campsite improvements at summer camp, and St. Mark’s pumpkin unloading and clean up.

Lastly, the scouts learn that almost everything they do requires expenses. The Troop therefore has an annual Pancake Breakfast in spring and Spaghetti Dinner in fall. The scouts are asked to sell tickets to the events and ask businesses to buy advertisement on our placemat. In addition, Three Fires Council also requires that popcorn be sold.

Our goal for this year continues to be to recruit more boys and girls, as well as, active adults. I believe our program is strong and the troop looks forward to another exciting and adventure filled year in 2020.

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Troop 44 Committee Chairman

**CREO DuPage 2019-2020**

Reaching the “impossible” is exactly what CREO set out to do in our first year. We’re excited to say that we’ve reached great milestones in just a few months! The program is off the ground and standing strong.

Thanks to our CREO community and St. Mark’s support, we’ve been able to host regular tutoring sessions, mentor meetups, advisor meetings, and parent workshops throughout the fall semester. There’s been many firsts like our first college visit to UIC and our first Holiday Party in November.

Our students and families are trailblazers! We have many more opportunities for them to continue to expand their horizons, strengthen their skills, and push through any obstacles.

All our core services like tutoring and mentoring will continue in January and we’re adding more field trips (e.g. Elmhurst Art Museum, College Visits) and workshops (e.g. Journaling 101, Career Exploration).

If you would like to find out more about CREO or how you can get involved, please contact Dulce Torres.

¡Celebren con CREO DuPage! Con solo dos sesiones de tutoría más este semestre, estamos entusiasmados de que nuestro primer semestre esté terminando. ¡El domingo pasado tuvimos nuestro tercer taller para padres / estudiantes y nuestra primera fiesta! ¡Celebramos el compromiso de nuestras familias y los logros académicos de nuestros estudiantes!”

¡También agradecemos a todos nuestros voluntarios y asociaciones por su trabajo y tiempo!

¿Quieren ser parte de CREO? ¡Comuníquense con Dulce Torres para saber cómo pueden contribuir en el 2020!

www.creodupage.org | info@creodupage.org | creo@stmarksglenellyn.org | 630-984-0244

Dulce Torres, (630) 984-0244 or dulce.torres@creodupage.org

*Program Organizer*
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**Baptisms**
- Christopher Jesus Carlos
- Daniel Patrick Bavaro
- Skyler Briones
- Julian Mendoza Bustamante
- Alexis Carlos
- Antony Carlos
- Dayana Carlos
- Andrea Castillo
- Mia Cisneros
- Noah James Clay-Anderson
- Carlos Corrillo
- Yolanda Corrillo
- Eduardo Covarrubias
- Sofia Covarrubias
- Nels Xavier Drew
- Alberto Espinoza
- George Espinoza
- Valeria Espinoza
- Edward Franklin Fusaro
- Aryanna Elizabeth Garcia
- Dalton Bryan Griffith
- Rosa-Jean Ella Hallock
- Eleanor Marie Hessinger
- Lily Grace Koop
- Noah William Koop
- Alexis Evelyn Malikow
- Hanna Michelle Mejia
- Lilly Collins Miekina
- Amelia Martina Morales
- Ariana Mullar
- Briggs William Muscavitch
- Estrella Pedroza
- Rosalia Pedroza
- Kara Rose Petru
- Ellie James Schryver
- William Allen Schwartz
- Natalie Elizabeth Solak
- Mateo Orlando Taylor
- Kayleen Taylor
- Carla Victoria Villaroel-Moreno
- Cecilia Rose Woerle

**Confirmations**
- Charlotte Alcorn
- Christian Alfaro
- Yulissa Alvarado
- Karen Arredondo
- Omar Barrón
- Fernando Bernal
- Abigail Bergmann
- Bella Bilotti
- Ashley Cervantes
- Gali Cervantes
- Crystal Diaz
- Desiree Diaz
- Andrew Fanter
- Caden Gowans
- Damaris Herrera
- Luis Jimenez
- Michael Kaminski
- Montserrat Noriega
- Claire Shallcross
- Carly Somerville
- Adrian Soto
- Jazmin Soto
- Izammar Valencia
- Hayden Wulf
- Daniel Kaminski

**Quinceañeras**
- Karen Arredondo
- Ashly Cervantes
- Damaris Herrera
- Ariel Karpf
- Darah Lopez
- Briselle Martinez
- Arixa Mata
- Ritairany Ocampo
- Jasmine Olivo
- Cindy Ortiz
- Christina Ramirez
- Rachel Rodriguez
- Jazmin Soto
- Jocelyn Torres
- Nichole Wagoner

**Funerals & Commitals**
- John Baker
- Carol Bennet
- Barbara Colombo
- Walter Dunnett
- Bettye Hille
- Johan Hille
- Jesus Lopez
- Eve Poth
- Peter Solomon
- Marie Sutherland

**Marriages**
- Acelina Almazan & Pedro Carnalla
- Madeline Lee & Matthew Skura
- Christina Chico & William Moeller
- Ally Martin & Ken Dogan
- Patti Garvey & Alex King
Minutes from January 20, 2019 Annual Meeting

St. Mark’s Episcopal Church
January 20, 2019

The 122nd annual meeting of the church was called to order by Fr. George Smith at 12:05 pm. The meeting was preceded by a light buffet lunch and attended by approximately 150 people. George opened the meeting with a prayer and reminded all of the cake auction that was taking place today for the support our annual Mexico mission trip. He also thanked those who had labored to put together the day’s luncheon. Robert Olsen was appointed clerk for the meeting.

Packets containing annual reports of committees and financial statements were provided for those in attendance. Last year’s minutes were read and approved, subject to the need to correct the spelling of one last name. That spelling will be changed in the final version of the annual meeting that will be placed in record.

David Funck explained the working of the cake auction. Throughout the meeting we auctioned thirteen cakes in five sessions. A silent auction was also underway during the course of the meeting.

Following an introduction by George, Jennifer Dorn and Bill Kalbfleisch were appointed as Senior and Junior Warden respectively for the coming year. They accepted their duties, and their appointment was approved by acclamation. Mia Grant-Funck accepted the nomination as youth representative to the Vestry.

Thanks was given for those who were finishing their term on the Vestry. Those persons were Dan Lambert, Virginia Vagt, Steve Sedall, Irma Solorzano, Ryan Valdivia, Leo Lanzillo, Meg McGuire and Lynn Dornblaser. They received gifts as a token of the church’s appreciation for their labors. Tom Agler was also noted for his service as the church treasurer.

Next was the introduction of the five new members of the Vestry. They are Kim Toliver, Jim Treleaven, Josh O’Shea, Juanita Jimenez and Steve Gross. This slate was unanimously approved. Delegates to the Diocesan convention were approved. They are Joyce Fletcher, Jeff Hill, Flor Itzel Carmona, and Elizabeth Lewis.

Steve Sedall took us through the highlights of the church’s financial reports for 2018. We had a good financial year in 2018. For the St. Mark’s enterprise we ended the year $41,687 in the positive. Our operating cash balance at the end of 2018 was $227,455, the best in recent history. The third party audit we had done in 2018 by Seldon-Fox gave us a favorable opinion. Several people were recognized by Steve for their hard work during the year handling the finances of the church including: Chris Ponstein, Leo Lanzillo, Jennifer Dorn, Dick Anstee, Tom Agler, and Andrew Wassef.

Leo Lanzillo discussed the budget for 2019. We are going into the year with a budget that currently has a deficit of about $38,000. The Vestry has approved this budget due to the good operating cash flow of the church. Leo noted the detailed session that would be occurring February 3rd after the 10:30 am service to go in the numbers and plans in much greater detail.

As retiring Senior Warden, Leo continued with his regards and thanks to all of the large number of people who are involved and contribute so much of their time and work to St. Mark’s. Leo mentioned George Smith for all his effort and noted the need for us to get him some additional support in the coming year. Cecilia Smith commented on George’s ministry and how much he enjoys being the rector of our church. Those in attendance extended a warm ovation for George.
Justin Backstrom was cited for his new position as Youth Minister. Kim Reed was noted for her labors in organizing the cake auction.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 pm.

Bob Olsen
Vestry Clerk
February 24, 2019
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Respecting the dignity of all people, we welcome all, embrace differences, foster creativity, and nurture the unique gifts of each person.

We join together in worship drawing on our ancient liturgical traditions enriched by newer expressions.

We come together to learn and grow in our faith, welcoming questions, inviting dialogue, and forming the whole person in Christ.

We joyfully carry our faith into the world, sharing Christ’s love through our actions towards each other, our community, the Diocese of Chicago, and the world.

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the Rev. Thomas Craighead, Deacon
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