



2019
ANNUAL REPORT

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Rector's Report

The Rev'd Jay MacLeod

It may be that 2019 will prove an important year in the life of St. Andrew's in ways that we barely suspect now.

Our core activities around worship, pastoral care, Christian formation and outreach proceeded apace. Our mission statement continues to guide our work and witness: "With Saint Andrew and all our companions in faith, we are learning to follow Jesus in the way of love."

I am immensely grateful to the scores of people who contribute to our ministry on a weekly (sometimes daily!) basis and whose steadfast faith and good works keep the St. Andrew's show on the road. I want to express my gratitude to our Verger, Wardens, Vestry members, Parish Administrator, and resident clergy who stepped up during my sabbatical in March, April and May.

It was a great joy to spend three months with Elijah — meditating on the biblical stories and writing about their resonance today in relation to spirituality, inter faith relations and Israelite history. I spent roughly half the time at home with my family and half in Colorado and New Mexico where I enjoyed skiing, hiking and kayaking as well as a silent retreat in the desert mountains.

It was wonderful to return to a church in such good health. Worship is vibrant, leadership (lay and ordained) is robust, opportunities for Christian formation are varied and well-attended, pastoral care is strong, and there is an ever-increasing outward focus on mission. Our Last Sunday Offerings (including the matching fund) raised over \$56,000 for a wide array of organizations that support those in dire need locally and globally. People also gave generously of their time and talents — in our Thrift Shop, at the Friendly Kitchen, through our Newport after-school programs and summer camp, by hosting inner-city youngsters, and via Music & Memory and Thursday Tots. Our buildings and grounds continue to be well tended by volunteers, and the Diocese awarded us a generous grant toward implementing measures recommended by our Church Greening Task Force to increase energy efficiency and reduce our carbon footprint.

However, there was one crucial area of church life where we were floundering. Middle-schoolers and high-schoolers attend St. Andrew's because of excellent youth leaders and programs. But when it comes to attracting and retaining young children and their families, we are struggling. Older people will continue to retire to our area, but today's 50-year-olds are much less likely to be churchgoers than our 80-year-olds. Unless St. Andrew's engages local families, we are likely to see a continuous decline in attendance. Local families will miss out on traveling the way of love and experiencing God's loving, liberating, and life-giving presence in the Episcopal Church.

I suspect that 2019 will prove seminal for St. Andrew's because over the past several months we have embraced a missional strategy to engage children and families. By embracing all-age worship every Sunday at 10 o'clock, I believe that we are pioneering a path that many churches will follow in years to come. In fact, the Diocese is helping to fund our Children & Church Together program with hopes of learning from our experiment. Our newly hired Missioner will help us implement the five other elements of our strategy: supporting faith formation at home, developing Messy Church to connect with the un-churched, creating community connections that prioritize youth and families, expanding our welcome ministry, and improving communications through social media and advertising.

The final months of 2019 have confirmed that this will be a challenging but immensely joyful journey.

The Wardens' Report

Submitted by Marni Eaton & Bruce Avery

The theme for the year 2019 was *Renewing the Faithful*. Jay's sabbatical allowed him the chance to refresh and renew and gave us the chance to do the same.

We put up a suggestion box in the parish hall and asked you to submit questions, comments, recommendations and complaints. These were passed on to your wardens, priest and others to be discussed and answered. Thank you for being willing to participate and if your thoughts were signed, someone responded to you. This box was very helpful and we hope you will continue to use it as a way to connect with the vestry.

We formed a Green Committee and they went to work immediately. An energy audit was done and recommendations were presented to the vestry for work that needed to be done. Thanks to their plans and a grant from the diocese, we have a new stove and fire suppression system in the kitchen that is up to code and we have a new energy efficient refrigerator/freezer. Painting, replacing the ceiling in the hallway, insulation and new lighting have been done as well.

Our Mission action Plan has been brought up to date and Russ Register is monitoring it monthly.

We said goodbye to James Dunford and to David Almond. We welcomed Aaron Jenkyn on our staff as Missioner with special responsibility for overseeing the implementation of our Children & Church Together program.

We also said a final goodbye to the following members of our parish and the wider community: Tracy Dickson, Jack Liberman, Ann "Squidge" Hammond, Dusty Logan, Sam Fleming, George Robertson, Carlton "Rink" Reynders, Joan Fellows, Barbara Gallup, Dorothy Gordon, Ann Mason Denny, Celia Wright Hoyt, William Daigle, Bruce Putnam, Ellen Schauff and Steven Ozment.

This covers just a small part of the activity over the year. We encourage you to read the vestry minutes as posted on the parish hall bulletin board and on our website to stay up to date on our activity. **2019** has been an exciting year of renewal and we look forward to what 2020 will bring as continue "to follow Jesus in the way of love".

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Submitted by Jeanne and Morris Edwards, Co-chairs

The generosity of our parishioners, old and new, shone through once again in our 2020 stewardship campaign. Of the 155 pledges received to-date roughly half were for higher amounts than the previous year. New members also made their support felt with 10 pledges. Thus far, the campaign has raised \$390,837, or an average of \$2,522 per pledge, up from an average of \$2,460 last year.

Even so, we are still shy of our ambitious \$400,000 goal, mainly because there were fewer pledgers this year than last, a shortfall due mostly to members who are deceased or have moved away.

Once again, we have many to thank for their help with the stewardship campaign, starting with Bruce Avery who, as always, provided invaluable computer support. Shelly Boucher was a willing and able driving force in the office, while Joe Daly and Elizabeth Lowell were gracious

in sharing their thoughts on stewardship in Ministry Moments at the 8 and 10 am services. Throughout the campaign Jay was steadfast in his support. Thank you all.

First and foremost, though, we thank all of you for your financial generosity to our church. As a tangible expression of faith your giving will help to sustain our parish for the coming year, expand our outreach and support the missions and ministries that make St. Andrew's so special. All those whose lives will be touched by these missions and ministries join us in thanking you for your generous giving.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Submitted by Becky Forbes, Treasurer

I am pleased to report that St. Andrew's Church ended 2019 slightly under budget. Operating income and expenses were generally as anticipated with no major variances. Outside the budget, two items of particular note occurred.

— We were blessed with an unexpected bequest from the estate of Nancy J. Draper. The principal has been invested in the Diocesan Investment Fund and the quarterly dividends will provide ongoing support for St. Andrew's music program as directed by Ms. Draper.

—As reported elsewhere, significant capital improvements were initiated in the latter part of 2019, one of the more notable being the addition of a commercial stove and ventilation system. This improvement was funded entirely by accumulated cash and had no impact on the operating budget.

Heading into 2020, St. Andrew's finds itself in solid financial condition with the expectation of a balanced budget in 2020 and December 31 account balances as follows:

CHECKING & SAVINGS

Bar Harbor Bank & Trust — Checking	\$ 216,752
Bar Harbor Bank & Trust — Savings	\$ 2,348

INVESTMENTS

Diocesan Investment Funds	
Jane Graham Memorial Music Fund	\$ 103,487
Nancy J. Draper Music Fund	\$ 95,169
St. Andrew's Endowment Fund	\$ 545,766
St. Andrew's Reserve Fund	\$ 67,433
Capital One Money Market Fund	\$ 81,782

Buildings and Grounds

Submitted by Harvey Best

Activities during the past year 2019 were many and varied in obvious and not so obvious areas of our church:

- A new integrated power amplifier was installed in the sanctuary to replace older, failure-prone amplifier
- A “Suggestion Box” was installed in the Parish Hall to improve the communication between congregation, Vestry and Clergy
- Installed new commercial gas stove, with state of art fire suppression system in the kitchen
- Installed a Security/Intruder Warning System throughout the building
- 75% of the exterior of the church has been painted and work will continue in Spring
- Hallway walls, ceiling and kitchen ceilings have been painted
- The lighting in Parish Hall is completed with LED fixtures
- Thrift Shop conversion to LED light fixtures will be converted as existing fluorescents expire in future

An Energy Audit, with blower door testing, was performed in the Spring resulting in extensive recommendations for energy savings, now and in the future. The following actions are a direct result of the audit recommendations:

- Spray foam sealing and loose fill insulation of attic space over the hallway, kitchen and offices, includes insulation of exhaust ducts from kitchen and Parish Hall to roof vent
- Installed new sheetrock ceilings, over old ceiling tile, in hallway and kitchen
- Installed new LED light fixtures throughout kitchen and hallways on first and basement floors
- Purchase and install new Energy Star Refrigerator/Freezer to replace aged unit in kitchen
- Removed under-utilized freezer from Parish Hall closet

Future conservation actions to be considered include:

- LED lighting and insulating windows in sanctuary
- Replace existing heating system with energy –efficient, state of art heating unit with programmable thermostats and variable speed circulator pumps
- Insulating windows and sealing fireplace flue to limit heat loss in Parish Hall
- On-going work to improve seals on all exterior doors
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Thanks to so many volunteers who contribute countless hours to continue the successful effort to maintain and enhance our worship space.

Music at St. Andrew’s

Submitted by Charles W. Thompson

Music at St. Andrew’s has taken on many forms this past year. Offered at the 10:00 am service only, the Parish Choir’s goal has been to lead the congregation in singing hymns, chants, and responses. The choir rehearses each Thursday evening from 7:00 to 8:30 pm and warms up in the sanctuary at 9:15 each Sunday morning. The choir is also present at additional services on Good Friday, Easter, and at Christmas. The music is accompanied not only on the organ or piano, but also on flute played by Nicole Densmore, which lends clarity and definition, enhancing the experience of God’s presence in the worship. Nicole is also the leader of “Up-beat Singers, the

choir of younger voices which is present at the all-age services. At Easter this year, brass instruments were included in accompanying the choir and congregational singing.

The choir is anxious to welcome new members. The ability to read music is not required but a member should be able to match pitch. Learning is made easy by the stress-free atmosphere. Anyone with an interest should contact a choir member, or the Music Director.

The choir participates in Ecumenical singing with choirs at Our Lady of Fatima on Ash Wednesday and First Baptist Church for Lessons and Carols prior to Christmas. Choirs from those churches join the St. Andrew's choir for the Good Friday service.

In November, following five years as the music director, David Almond submitted his resignation to allow more time to continue his composing. His resignation was accepted with regrets. At his leaving he was recognized for his devoted contribution of music at St. Andrew's which he demonstrated weekly by his classical playing, directing skills, and tireless attention to the quality of choral music. Donald Cox has become the interim Music Director while the Music Search Committee continues its process of seeking and interviewing candidates for the position.

Saint Andrew's Youth Music

Nicole Densmore, Director of Youth Music

“A child who sings is a happy child.” Elder Enrique Falabella

As a music teacher in the area, I teach all the children ages 5 – 12 that live in the towns of Springfield, Sutton, New London and Wilmot. It is always such a joy for me to get a great big smile from them when they attend a service at St. Andrew's. They often make mention of it when we are back at school. One girl asked me if I was going to play my flute for her sister's baptism like I did for hers. What an honor.

In 2019, our youth choir program, *UpBeat*, again saw new members and new experiences. The number of participants in each term of *UpBeat* was as follows: Lent/Easter – 14, Advent/Christmas – 15. One of the most anticipated rehearsals this Advent was when the children were allowed to view the organ pipes. You see, a previous participant asked if we would be able to do that again, and I just couldn't say no. ☺ Don played the organ while I took the kids through the sacristy, three at a time, to experience the loud vibrations from all those pipes!

We drew many new families from New London and the surrounding towns to our church through their children's participation in music. One participant's cousin experienced her first church service ever on Christmas Eve, at age 22. We were all able to witness the children having many personal successes in the *UpBeat* program. For some of them, this is their first opportunity to step up and perform in front of a group. They are learning how to share the light of love and tolerance through singing, bringing this message out into the world. This is right in line with the purpose of *UpBeat*: to help children flourish – musically, socially, emotionally and spiritually.

ALTAR GUILD

Submitted by Judy Ackroyd & Rosie Best, Co-chairs

The ministry of the Altar Guild is to prepare the sanctuary for services and clean up afterwards. This includes caring for the altar linens, vessels, vestments and helping Jay prepare for special services. New members are always welcome. If you are interested in serving St. Andrew's in a quiet way, speak to a current member or after a service stop in the sacristy to see what we are up to.

Current members include:

Shirley Avery	Rosie Best	Judy Brown
Diane Caldwell	Leni Gillespie	Yvonne Kun
Chris Major	Pam Moreland	Lin and Emmy Potter
Claire Pace	Marilyn Paradis	Alice Perry
Noni Reynders	Becky Rylander	Joanne Schuyler
Barbara Smith	JoAnn Hicks	Judy Ackroyd

8AM ACOLYTES

Submitted by Alice Perry

Acolytes Anne Hall, JoAnn Hicks, Marni Eaton, Greg Vogt and Alice Perry served faithfully at the 8 AM service during 2019. Additional servers are always welcome and will receive training and guidance in their new duties. Please consider joining this important and meaningful ministry.

Normally at 8 AM one acolyte serves along with the LEMs (serving as the second LEM *if licensed*) and the celebrant. The acolyte's role includes assisting the priest by bringing elements from the ushers and credence table to the altar in preparation for the Eucharist, and removing used vessels after. If you would be interested in joining those currently serving in this role, please speak to Jay or Alice Perry, who is responsible for scheduling this group of servers.

Eucharistic Service Ministers

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, and Acolytes (10 am)

Submitted by Anne Hall, Verger

The services on Sunday, Holy Days and memorial services run smoothly without interruptions thanks mainly to our ushers. Quiet is maintained in the sanctuary because they keep the doors closed prior to and during the service and seat late comers at the appropriate times. They bring the elements forward, collect and present the offerings. They assist with the traffic flow during communion and support the Altar Guild with the straightening up of the pews following the service. Fourteen serve at the 8 am service and thirteen at the 10 am service some of whom are snow birds. Additional volunteers are needed when our "regulars" vacation or head south.

In addition to being a crucifer or torch bearer, the acolytes assist in the preparation of the Eucharist, the Gospel procession, the collection, and the ablution. And they are the lectors and intercessors. Our thanks are extended to Ayla and Kylin Frenkiewich, Emmy and Katie Potter, Erin and Jenna Wheeler, Toby MacLeod, Ben Greenwood, Gardner Yenawine, Claire Pace, Margaret Greenwood and Kate Kelly. Their loyal service is treasured. As some engage in sports

and acquire jobs, there is a need for more acolytes. There is no maximum age of an acolyte! If one feels the calling, training is provided.

The Eucharistic Lay Ministers assist with the administration of the consecrated elements on Sundays and at special services. They are approved by the Vestry, licensed by the Bishop and trained by the Verger and the Rector. Nancy Fleming and Bonnie Chappell are newly licensed Eucharistic Lay Ministers. Lay Readers are lectors reading the lesson and parts of the Gospel, leading the psalm [at the 8 am service] and intercessors of the prayers at the Sunday services as well as Holy Days and memorial services. Some of the readers also craft the prayers, reviewing the appointed lessons and Gospel, Diocesan and Anglican cycles of prayer in addition to local, national and world news. They usually follow the Prayer Book pattern of biddings for the church, the world and the local community, the suffering and the departed. Please welcome Bob Lyon and Nancy Fleming who have joined the lay readers this year. We extend thanks to Pat Goodwin and George Sutherland who have decided to retire from reading.

There are times when those serving are called on multiple times due to vacations and when some head south. The ministries of Eucharistic Minister, Acolyte [both services], and Usher teams especially should be enhanced year-round. Please contact me [annehall@tds.net or 526-8530] or Alice Perry [perry46@tds.net for 8 am acolytes] should you desire to serve in any or all. Many thanks to all who serve as Eucharistic Service Ministers.

Craft Group (aka Crafty Critters)

Submitted by Rosie Best & Barbara Smith

Our craft group consists of 21 members (we are always willing to grow) who have been working countless hours putting their various skill and talents to work – sewing, quilting, painting, stenciling, knitting, crocheting, stamping, and more to fill the craft tables with wonderful goodies for the Summer Fair in July and the St. Nicholas Fair in December. Our efforts have been appreciated and rewarded by those attending these fairs.

All members have enjoyed our Tuesday morning meetings of work, delicious refreshments, and fellowship. Busy during 2019 were Judy Ackroyd, Mary Bayerl, Clare Bennett, Rosie Best, Judy Brown, Peg Daly, Terri Finn, Leni Gillespie, Gail Goddard, Janet Heyl, JoAnn Lyon, Pam Morland, Alice Perry, Gwen Place, Nina Rogers, Becky Rylander, Joanne Schuyler, Wendy Sloan, Barbara Smith, Jackie Thompson, and Alison Vernon.

Coffee Hour and Funeral Reception Hosts

Submitted by Gail Goddard

Coffee Hours after our two Sunday morning services are a way for members of St. Andrew's to meet new parishioners. It is a social time and a good way to get involved in one of the activities of the church. The schedule is made up for three months at a time. Two people are assigned for the 8 o'clock service and three for the 10 o'clock service (usually a couple and a single).

The funeral reception committees consist of four people assigned for each month. Should a reception be requested, they would provide the requested items. New members for either coffee hour refreshments or funeral receptions are always welcome and encouraged.

FAITH ADVENTURES

Submitted by Ellen Yenawine

Faith Adventures has been our interdenominational middle-school youth group for kids in 6th-8th grade. Our leaders have included Steve and Nancy Allenby, Cindy Johnson, Jeff Maguire, and Ellen and Gardner Yenawine. Our focus this past year has been sharing love with one another and community service.

Our events in 2019 included Maple Sugaring at the Allenby's on March 17th, when the kids (and some adults!) engaged in a rollicking contest to see who could gather the most and the sweetest maple sap to be refined into syrup. Each participant took home his/her own jug of syrup to share.

On April 28th, Faith Adventures members volunteered as waitstaff and clean-up crew at the Sunshine Diner which provides delicious hot meal served with plenty of good conversation, provided free to the public at Epiphany Church in Newport, from 4-6:00 on Sunday evenings. It was a privilege to serve and get to know so many local folks!

To mark the end of our year and celebrate the transition Faith Adventures middle-schoolers to our High School Youth Group, we held our annual beach picnic on June 23rd. We were graced with beautiful weather, fun, fellowship, and good food! Kids, parents, siblings, and leaders enjoyed kayaking, paddle-boarding, paddle-boating, swimming, and picnicking on Little Lake Sunapee.

Since almost all of our Faith Adventures members graduated to the Senior High Youth Group, our focus and support are now centered on Youth on Main, which includes middle-schoolers from the Kearsarge region.

YOUTH ON MAIN (YOM)

Submitted by Ellen Yenawine

Youth on Main is an interdenominational initiative serving the Lake Sunapee area communities. YOM invites middle-school youth to join us for events on the second Saturday of each month. Leaders include Lynn Wenger, Teresa Jackson, and Ellen Yenawine. This group is supported by St. Andrew's, Our Lady of Fatima, and First Baptist churches in New London.

YOM is a program designed to nurture faith, hope, and charity, build strong peer relationships, encourage mutual respect, civility, and generosity, and provide service to the community as well as activities that are fun and inspirational for our middle-schoolers and their friends.

YOM welcomes young people and their families and friends of all faiths seeking ways to connect with peers and participate in community service. Our first event was held on Saturday, November 16th at First Baptist Church for a cooking class with Lee Dufort; Lee runs her own catering company in Newport, NH and was happy to share her cooking expertise with us! Lee taught 20 participants how to make healthy afternoon snacks (Quesadillas — cheese and/or meat and veggie, Homemade Salsa, and No-bake cookies) as well as a host of kitchen skills.

Our next scheduled event will be held on Saturday, January 25th from 5:30 to 8pm at Our Lady of Fatima church where we will be hosting a calzone-creating extravaganza interspersed with fun activities.

ST. ANDREW'S HS YOUTH GROUP

Submitted by Lisa Kelly

Our HS students had another amazing year of fellowship, service, faith development, and fun. In addition to participating in weekly group meetings, this very busy group of teens also showed up to serve their community throughout the year in so many ways. Over the summer, the youth joined other St. Andrew's members in hosting the folks from Phillips Brooks. This past Fall, we participated in the Crop Walk, worked with NH Gleans to provide fresh produce to the local community, assembled Thanksgiving baskets, helped out at the St. Nicholas Fair, sold Shima Soaps to raise funds for our budding partnership with Navajoland, and held a warm clothing drive as part of our participation in the Homeless Memorial Vigil in Newport. St. Andrew's is most definitely blessed with a group of inspiring young folks who consistently live out their faith in service to others. The youth group is open to any and all HS students in grades 9-12. If you have any questions or are interested in learning more, please contact Lisa Kelly @ lisankelly@att.net

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Submitted by Ellen Yenawine

Earlier in 2019 and in past years, our younger Sunday School class has been composed of children in kindergarten through third grade, while the older group has included children from fourth grade up and any children not yet confirmed. We have had excellent, experienced teachers on board for both groups.

We have used the Whirl curriculum materials, which are relevant for all ages and focus on applying faith in daily life as well addressing the questions and challenges that arise in Christian formation.

On the first Sunday of each month, we celebrated All-age worship, which included children and families in all aspects of the service. Sunday School was held on the second, third, and fourth Sundays of the month. Nicole Densmore, our Director of Youth Music, often shared a song with the children prior to Sunday School. She is an extraordinarily gifted teacher, musician, and singer and worked her magic with children whenever they practiced or performed for the Upbeat Youth choir.

As of September of this year, with the very low numbers of children regularly attending St. Andrew's, as an alternative to Sunday School, we have decided to concentrate on making our 10am services more welcoming and relevant for young families, both churched and unchurched. Aaron Jenkins, who has young children of her own, as the Missioner (lay leader) of Epiphany Church in Newport, has successfully established programs for children and their families, churched and unchurched, including "Messy Church," as well as extensive community outreach initiatives in the Newport area. Aaron will be heading up this transition at St. Andrew's as well.

Nursery care is still available for children in preschool and younger during both the 8am and 10am services.

Landscape & Garden Committee

Submitted by Mary Eysenbach

Two trees thrived (the new oak and maple by the shed) and one died: the Japanese maple died of a canker. Something different will have to be tried in the spring.

The hews by the Thrift Shop were removed. Years of bad pruning, i.e., shearing, made it impossible to restore them to health. Since the area is under an overhanging roof and has no faucet for a hose to keep it watered the decision was made to replace the garden with stone drip edge. The change had the added advantage of restoring the architectural view of vertical lines meeting horizontal. The work and the material were generously donated to St. Andrew's by Jim Anderson, owner of JCB Designsapes.

The gardens at St. Andrew's were kept weeded by the work of Judy Brown and the planter box kept watered by Jean Plant. Kudos to both! Thanks are due to the other "Lay Weeders" who kept the stone beds around the building free of weeds: Susa Lambert Bowers, Marni Eaton, Elizabeth Lowell (with apologies to any I have forgotten). Thanks are also due to all the waterers: Randy and Ginny Foose; Gail Goddard, Russ and Ginny Register, Jeanne Edwards, Peter Machen, Gardener Yenawine, Mother Nature for timely watering.

The barrel at Old Saint Andrew's benefited from the expertise of Cynthia Canaday who also kept it and the adjacent myrtle bed watered all summer. A big job well done.

Work done in previous years is coming to fruition: the plantings in the Memorial garden are maturing; the woods on the west are free of grape vines; the grass is filling in around the corners of the labyrinth where construction material (newspaper and plastic bags) were removed.

Not all was good news. The landscapers' working space (for hoses and tools) in the fenced trash area at St. Andrew's was taken for a propane tank which could have been placed elsewhere. Consultation with all interested parties should be promoted in the future. For now the hose has no place to go except on the ground by the front door.

THRIFT SHOP

Submitted by Jackie Thompson, Manager

This was another exciting year for the St. Andrew's Thrift Shop. The profit from the shop is donated to St. Andrew's Church, this year in the amount of \$13,000, and to local outreach organizations \$2,000. Our total income in 2019 was \$16,000.

Our faithful volunteers continue to keep the shop open six days a week, with the help of several reliable substitutes. We find that our inventory continued to improve and increase during 2019, giving us the ability to offer quality clothing and household goods at very reasonable prices. Thank you to everyone who helps keep the thrift shop a vibrant part of our church and community.

And a huge thank you to the church volunteers who completely renovated the thrift shop in 2019. They washed walls, painted everything they could see, improved the lighting, increased the ambiance, and made the shop a much more inviting place to work and shop. We offer Colby Sawyer students a 10% discount to encourage student shopping. We posted notices in school buildings and encouraged students to pass the word to their friends.

We chose to make cash donations to area outreach organizations such as LSRVNA, and the School Nurses' Health Emergency Fund in five area schools. In addition to the following 2018 cash disbursements, we estimate additional non-monetary donations of approximately \$2,100.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH		\$13,000
OUTREACH DONATIONS		2,000
LSRVNA	500	
Health Emergency Fund for school nurses	1500	
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TOTAL FOR 2019:		\$15,000

OUTREACH

Submitted by Becky Rylander

2019 was another active year for outreach at St. Andrew's. We continued our long-standing activities and continued our Last Sunday donations to many vital organizations. If you have forgotten the range of our outreach projects, please be sure to look at the chart that accompanies this report. That chart originated years ago when I was struggling to understand the scope of programs supported by St. Andrew's; I started a list that turned into that chart. If you'd like to get involved, please talk with the contact person identified on the chart for your activity of choice or call me. New faces are always welcome.

Our Last Sunday offerings continued to be strong. With the matching funds from our generous anonymous donor, we were able to donate over \$56,000 to a wide variety of organizations, both local and distant:

Turning Points Network	\$2490
Holy Land Institute for the Deaf	\$6471
The Upper Valley Haven	\$3384
TLC Family Resource Center	\$3328
Casting for Recovery	\$3214
El Hogar (Honduras)	\$6156
Diocese of the Rio Grande	\$11,740
Clinique St. Esprit (Haiti)	\$6184
Sowers of the Kingdom (Dom. Rep.)	\$3040
Habitat of the Sunapee Kearsarge Area	\$4060
Navajoland	\$6158

Although our matching fund will soon be exhausted (unless someone steps forward to refill it), we will continue our habit of dedicating our offering on the last Sunday of each month to charity, confident that our fellow parishioners will continue to contribute generously. If you would like to nominate a charity for our consideration, please don't hesitate to speak with any of the Outreach Commission: Elizabeth Lowell, Karen Zurheide, Greg Vogt, Janet Heyl, or Becky Rylander.

Project	What it is	What is needed	St. Andrew's Contact
<i>In our parish:</i>			
Meals to the Rescue	Provides meals for parishioners who are ill or otherwise in need of help.	Help with cooking and delivering meals.	Linda Potter
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Provides prayer shawls to parishioners or community members for whom we are praying.	Knitting or crocheting. See www.prayershawlministry.com for sample patterns and come work with the Craft Group.	Craft Group & others
<i>In our community:</i>			
Thrift Shop	Sells used clothing and uses the proceeds to benefit St. Andrew's outreach and many local philanthropic organizations.	Clean, gently used clothing appropriate to the season. Volunteer time working in the shop.	Jackie Thompson
Epiphany: -- 4H Explorers (with Epiphany and 4H) -- Upbeat Choir	--Science-based activities for 4 th , 5 th & 6 th graders in Newport after school on Mon. - -Singing fun on Fridays.	Volunteers to work with kids on Monday afternoons from 2:30 to 5:15 or on Friday afternoons.	Aaron Jenkyn
KREM (Kearsarge Regional Ecumenical Ministries)	A consortium of local churches providing emergency assistance.	Prayerful support of our two representatives and donations at ecumenical services and events.	Connie Appel Jennifer Giles Froncie Quinn
Kearsarge-Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry	Provides food to needy in the area via a food pantry located at the First Baptist Church.	Food, funds, & time. Non-perishable food, especially peanut butter, tuna fish, and other protein items. A collection box is located in the hall. Also \$\$ and volunteer time.	Gail Goddard
Veterans' Support	Support of veterans with health problems.	Donations of toiletries for VA hospice in Tilton.	Sally Asher Harvey Best
Thanksgiving Food Baskets	Collection of seasonal food during November for distribution—a joint effort with other churches.	Food and \$\$ when requested in November. Also help organizing.	Mark & Christine Kellett
The Giving Tree	Community Christmas Project for needy families.	Christmas gifts matched to identified wishes following instructions provided in Nov by LSRVNA.	Judy Wheeler
Music and Memory	Singing sessions for those suffering from dementia and their caregivers.	Volunteers to sing and make people feel welcome on Wednesdays from 10:00 – 11:30 in the Parish Hall.	Sally Asher
Thursday Tots	A play session for babies and toddlers with their parents, grandparents, or caregivers.	Volunteers to help set up and coordinate sessions from 10:00 – 11:30 on Thursdays.	Sally Asher
Youth Outreach	Children and teachers decide which group to help.	\$\$ and hands-on participation such as helping prepare for Friendly Kitchen and supporting refugee and homeless organizations through sponsored events.	Ellen Yenawine and Faith Adventures
Pocket Crosses	Pocket-size crosses available in the hall in exchange for a free will gift to benefit LSR Food Bank, KREM, and the Friendly Kitchen.	Buy a cross or two and/or lend woodworking help.	Harvey Best

In our state and beyond:

<i>Project</i>	<i>What it is</i>	<i>What is needed</i>	<i>St. Andrew's Contact</i>
The Friendly Kitchen	Provides dinner bimonthly for 100-120 homeless and needy in Concord.	\$\$ and help preparing and serving food on the fourth Friday of every other month.	Judy Ackroyd
ChiPs –Toys for Children of Incarcerated	A collection of toys for incarcerated parents to give their children for Christmas.	Unwrapped toys collected in October and delivered to Diocesan Convention in early November.	Volunteers
Phillips Brooks Partnership	Outdoor experiences for inner city children.	Volunteers and equipment for hiking, camping, swimming, tubing, sailing and cooking out	The Rev'd Jay MacLeod Nola Jordan
Souper Bowl Sunday	A collection taken up by the youth of St. Andrew's on Super Bowl Sunday to benefit the hungry.	\$\$ for the collection, usually split between KLS Community Food Pantry and the Friendly Kitchen.	Shelly Boucher Becky Rylander Theresa Quinn
The Seamen's Church Institute	The Institute provides spiritual, social services, and professional support to seafarers and river mariners.	Knitted hats and scarves; clean and gently used men's sweaters and jackets; toiletries; playing cards and paperback books. For patterns and info see website or Becky, Judy, or Shelly: www.seamenschurch.org/christmas-at-sea	Becky Rylander Judy Ackroyd Shelly Boucher
Annual Crop Walk	Regional, intergenerational walk around Pleasant Lake to raise funds for hunger relief. First Sunday in October.	Walk and/or donate \$\$.	TBD

In the world:

Clinique Saint Esprit, Haiti	Funding of a pediatrician's salary for a project to save infant lives.	\$\$ from Last Sunday donations and other	Becky Rylander
El Hogar	A residential school in Honduras that equips very poor kids to succeed.	\$\$, support for a service trip, and becoming familiar with their programs.	Becky Rylander
Sowers of the Kingdom	Medical, dental, & construction service teams to Dominican Republic	\$\$ and participation on service teams	Greg Vogt
Navajoland	Support work of Episcopal Church in Navajoland	\$\$ and possible participation on service teams	Greg Vogt, Lisa Kelly, & Becky Rylander

Music and Memory

Submitted by Sally Asher

Music and Memory at St Andrew's, a singing group, was established for people with Alzheimer's and their carers in 2014. Currently led by Sally Asher and Jennifer Giles, we meet year-round on Wednesday mornings from 10-11:15. We sing a variety of songs from school days, Americana, folk, ballads, and songs from musicals and movies.

Music and Memory co-leader Jennifer Giles also sings regularly with residents at Woodcrest on Tuesday afternoons. Recently, Jennifer has also led singing at a residential home in Concord once a month.

This year several of our regular Music and Memory singers at St Andrew's have moved away, and we miss them dearly. We are hoping that new folk will join us. Please think about coming and encourage your neighbors and friends. Neither church membership nor musical knowledge is required - just a love of singing. There is no cost and no weekly commitment. Simply turn up when you can.

"Music and Memory is rewarding for many reasons. Of course, the singing as a group is wonderful and fun, and so are the conversations with other participants. We have made many new friends and have found a community of people who genuinely care about each other."

If you would like further information about Music and Memory, contact Sally at sallyasher@mac.com

Thursday Tots

Submitted by Sally Asher

Thursday Tots at St. Andrew's, founded in 2013, is now in its seventh year. Thursday Tots provides a meeting place for parents, grandparents and carers to come with babies, toddlers and preschoolers. Our parish hall is transformed into a wonderful playroom as grown-ups have a chance to meet and chat while children socialize and play with a variety of toys. Long lasting friendships are formed that help with the transition to preschool and school.

Each Tots session finishes with a brief circle time and lively singing including the Hokey Pokey. One of our Tots famously used to call us "The Hokey Pokey Church".

"Tots is a wonderful resource for our community. The atmosphere is inviting and provides a break from the isolation that can come from caring for small children, especially in the winter! I brought my own children and now bring children I care for. We have benefited beyond words from our time at Tots." - Local mom

We meet each Thursday morning during school sessions in the Parish Hall from 10.00-11:30. Cost is \$1.00 per child. Drinks (coffee and tea) provided.

If you would like more information about Thursday Tots, contact Sally at sallyasher@mac.com

Network

Submitted by Alice Perry, Editor

St. Andrew's newsletter, *The Network*, is published bi-monthly and regularly includes Messages from the Rector, Wardens and the Director of Music, Parish Register data and birthdays. Committee updates from all of the groups represented in this annual report, highlights and photos of recent activities plus announcement of future events, an occasional "lay contemplation" piece, items of community interest and suggestions for community service and outreach are all featured as well.

Each issue is posted on our website at www.standrewsnl.org in advance of the first day of the odd-numbered months (January, March, May, July, September and November) with email notification sent via Constant Contact as well. (Please be sure the office has your current email address.) A limited number of printed hard copies is available on the narthex shelf.

The newsletter welcomes your submissions. In order to ensure timeliness, the deadline is the 20th of every even-numbered month (February, April, June, August, October and December) – but don't wait! As soon as you have something of interest to share with our parish community, please do so. There is a "newsletter" mailbox in the church office or (preferably) you can send text (Word format) and/or photos electronically to the editor at perry46@tds.net. Please continue to send ideas or items that keep the church community informed of our mission, our programs, our people, our service: all that constitutes the life of the church.

Faith and Issues

Submitted by Katrina Wagner

During 2019 Faith and Issues continued to provide a forum where vital issues and understandings about faith could be read, delved into and discussed over a period of weeks. Among our books were Grounded by Diana Butler Bass; Enrique's Journey by Sonia Nazario; Christ in Crisis by Jim Wallis; Holy Envy by Barbara Brown Taylor and First Christmas by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. We also shared various magazine and news articles.

We met 9:00-10:30 on Saturday mornings downstairs, with breaks during Lent, most of the summer, and over Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Newcomers are welcome to come regularly or for a specific book. Current Faith and Issues reading can be found on the church website: www.standrewsnl.org under "Learn", in the Sunday bulletins, or through my contact information in the church directory.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 27 January 2019

With about 50 parishioners present and representing a quorum, Jay opened the meeting with words of welcome and a prayer.

Motion was made and duly seconded, and so voted to accept the Annual Report of 2018 as written and received.

Motion was made and duly seconded, and so voted to approve the proposed budget for 2019.

Chuck Thompson presented the slate of vestry, treasurer and Western Convocation delegates as

follow:

Warden, Bruce Avery, Term Expires January 2021
Vestry, Barbara Smith, Term Expires January 2022
Vestry, Lisa Kelly, Term Expires January 2022
Vestry, Russ Register, Term Expires January 2022
Treasurer, Becky Forbes, Term Expires January 2020
Western Convocation Delegate, Gail Goddard, Term Expires January 2022
Western Convocation Delegate, Susan Eslick, Term Expires January 2022

There being no nominations from the floor, ***Motion*** was made and duly seconded, and so voted to approve the slate.

Jay thanked outgoing vestry member Mark Kellett, Treasurer Peter Ruth and delegate Christine Kellett; thanked also were Lisa Kelly, Barbara Smith, Gail Goddard and Bruce Avery for committing to a second term. Jay also recognized Morris and Jeanne Edwards for their efforts as Stewardship co-chairs in 2018.

A Power-Point presentation of photos for “the year in review” was shown.

Jay introduced James Dunford and commented briefly on Epiphany Intentional Community (EpIC), noting the difficulty in obtaining visas for two candidates and working toward identifying and placing interns to join James. Jay also thanked Anne Hall for her extraordinary amount of volunteer work beyond acting as Verger, for which he and we are grateful.

Opening the meeting to questions and comments, Mary Eysenbach asked how the church intends to reduce its carbon footprint. Lisa Kelly noted the recent formation of a Green Committee to work on that issue; possible window replacement in the parish hall and church to cut-down on heat exchange with the outside were also noted.

In that context Jay noted that as a “people of God” we should do all we can to protect Creation; in reference to a stewardship “promise” to install air conditioning in the parish hall he asked those present if there were objections should the vestry discover and approve alternate (greener) means of keeping the parish hall cool in summer. There were no objections. Katrina Wagner noted that coincidentally the Faith & Issues group was just concluding reading *Climate Church, Climate World* by Jim Antal. In addition to inviting people to attend those meetings she said copies of the book would be available in the church library.

Hank Otto pleaded for us to recruit new young people to St. Andrew’s in response to mention in Jay’s annual report of declining average Sunday attendance. Jay urged members to personally invite others to attend church and expects that the new program, Messy Church, will provide a way to engage with young families and provide them with a new way of experiencing “church.” Jay also paid tribute to our leaders of middle- and high-schoolers.

Jay reminded us of the upcoming Music that Makes Community workshop and Big Sing on 8 February at Epiphany. One of the trainers is former rector Cricket Cooper.

There being no other business to come before the meeting, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM with our mutual blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Perry, Clerk