



Vestry News February 2019

The Vestry met on February 19, 2019. Ron McElhone, CFO, presented the December financials. He noted that there have been some pledges fulfilled during January and early February that have nearly made up for the slight shortage noted in the December financials. The finances of the church are healthy and the Vestry approved them unanimously.

The parochial report, which is filed each February with the diocese and national church, was approved and signed. The report shares membership and attendance figures for 2018 as well as revenues and expenses. From these figures, the diocesan assessment is determined as well as the national church assessment. St. Mark's gives about 14 percent of its operating revenue to the diocese each year. Average Sunday attendance was 445. Active membership now stands at 1,492, an increase of 4 percent. Operating revenues (pledges, open plate offering, fundraisers, and retail revenue) stood at \$1.308 million in 2018, while all revenues reached nearly \$1.626 million. Total revenue represents a 9.5% increase over last year! In membership, attendance and budgets, St. Mark's is now the second largest congregation in the Diocese of Southeast Florida with Bethesda-by-the-Sea on Palm Beach as the largest. Ten years ago, St. Mark's was the sixth largest, so we have shown consistent and steady growth for years. After reviewing the report, it was approved unanimously.

Vestry also spent some time discussing the diocesan-held property and church in Pahokee and the ministry of St. George's in Riviera Beach.

Ginny Coykendall reported that the Cantus concert preparations are going well. The concert is being held on March 7, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. and will be a welcome back celebration for Father Cook and Karen! Ginny thanked all of the people involved, especially the committee members and those who have made contributions to help underwrite the cost of the event. See the blurb below to watch a video and buy tickets.

Charlie Schlumberger gave the Senior Warden report and thanked the Vestry and staff for all of their hard work. He discussed the desire to engage younger families more actively in the church. He said that he has noticed an increase in families with children attending church and praised the growth in their presence.

Father Groff reported that the church continues to do well during Father Cook's sabbatical. He was looking forward to his return on Sunday, March 3, just in time for Family Fun Day.

Financials

Please view the financial report on page 3. For more information regarding St. Mark's financials, please call Ron McElhone, CFO, or Steve Eassa, treasurer. For questions about your pledges or gifts to St. Mark's, call our bookkeeper, Allison Dean, in the church office at 561-622-0956, ext. 233, or email adean@stmarkspb.org.

St. Mark's at a Glance

Did you know

A book reading and signing will be held in the Lion's Den on Sunday, February 24, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.? Dr. Kathleen Anderson, a professor at Palm Beach Atlantic University, will be reading and signing copies of her new book *Jane Austen's Women: An Introduction*. Join her for a discussion about the work and refreshments. Copies of the book can be purchased at the Lion's Den.

Michael Dupont has earned his Eagle Scout rank? Eagle Scout is the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America and only four percent of Boy Scouts are granted this rank after working years to fulfill the requirements and a lengthy review process. Dave and Cindy Dupont and Boy Scout Troop 150 invite all to attend the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Michael on Monday, February 25, 2019, at 7 p.m. at the Peace Chapel at St. Mark's. Congratulations to Michael and his family on this accomplishment!

[Family Fun Day](#) is Sunday, March 3 and celebrates Mardi Gras just before Lent? Join us for this FREE family-friendly event for all ages that features a delicious, New Orleans-style lunch, festive jazz music, water slides, a petting zoo, a balloon magician, and lots more for all ages. Thank you to [First Republic Bank](#) for sponsoring this incredible event. We need volunteers to help with set-up, running the event, and clean-up. Contact Jeanne Murphy at 561-459-6819 or jeannea.murphy@gmail.com to learn more.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent on Wednesday, March 6? St. Mark's has service times through the day at 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. in the Peace Chapel as well as 8:25 a.m. in the church with the school and 7 p.m. with music in the church. Join us as we begin the holy season of Lent.

The annual parish concert featuring the premiere men's vocal ensemble, CANTUS, is Thursday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m.? This incredible group tours throughout the country and will be here for one night only. Tickets are on sale at www.stmarkspb.org/cantus. [Watch a preview](#) of the Cantus "Alone Together" concert. We are looking for individuals and businesses to help underwrite the cost of bringing this talented group to our community. The concert is open to the public, so please share this [concert flyer](#) with your friends. For information, please contact Ginny Coykendall at ginnycoykendall@yahoo.com.

This year's Peace Lecture is scheduled for Thursday, March 28 at 7 p.m.? Save the Date!

100 CHURCH - St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Fiscal Year Beginning 7/1/2018
Budgeted Financial Statement for Period 06 December 50.00%
Condensed Income/Expense

<u>Description</u>	<u>Budget Annual</u>	<u>Budget for Period</u>	<u>Actual for Period</u>	<u>Variance for Period</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>	<u>Var. Actual to Annual Budget Dollar</u>
INCOME							
Pledge Income	1,019,462.00	120,180.69	109,390.28	-10,790.41	629,677.02	535,367.19	-94,309.83
Open Income	180,000.00	36,012.06	27,871.09	-8,140.97	85,328.10	111,168.23	25,840.13
Thrift Store	78,000.00	5,985.72	9,958.19	3,972.47	31,989.12	46,330.68	14,341.56
Other Income	18,200.00	516.67	-208.73	-725.40	3,099.98	3,786.47	686.49
TOTAL INCOME	1,295,662.00	162,695.14	147,010.83	-15,684.31	750,094.22	696,652.57	-53,441.65
EXPENSES							
Obligations	190,706.00	14,560.00	1,500.00	-13,060.00	87,360.00	74,300.00	-13,060.00
Personnel Expenses	763,811.00	63,392.16	63,319.59	-72.57	380,352.80	379,254.47	-1,098.33
Utilities	39,500.00	3,291.67	3,262.10	-29.57	19,749.98	19,568.48	-181.50
General Expenses	213,200.00	16,066.66	18,326.16	2,259.50	116,600.04	107,425.85	-9,174.19
Thrift Store	42,000.00	3,500.00	3,696.51	196.51	21,000.00	23,067.52	2,067.52
Capital Management Expense	46,445.00	3,870.42	3,870.39	-.03	23,222.48	23,222.34	-.14
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,295,662.00	104,680.91	93,974.75	-10,706.16	648,285.30	626,838.66	-21,446.64
Income Over/(Under) Expense	.00	58,014.23	53,036.08	-4,978.15	101,808.92	69,813.91	-31,995.01