



Vestry News July 2019

Vestry did not meet this month. The next meeting is set for Tuesday, August 20, at 5:30 p.m.

About 30 parishioners and vestry members attended the Annual Meeting: Part II on Sunday, July 14 between morning services. A balanced budget for the coming fiscal year, which began on July 1, was presented by CFO Ron McElhone. He also reviewed the annual budget for the year ended June 30, 2019, and reported that St. Mark's Church and School both ended with surpluses thanks to increased giving and slightly lower expenses. He thanked everyone in the congregation and school for their generosity and support, and he also thanked the bookkeeping team of Donna Grooms, Allison Dean and Linda Stinnett.

See below for a summary of the budget information and for the Narrative Budget, which also sits on tables in both narthexes and in the church office.

Financials

St. Mark's Narrative Budget 2019/20 was presented at the Annual Meeting: Part II. Please click on the [Narrative Budget](#) and as you review the summary of how St. Mark's stewards your gifts to God given for the mission and ministry of this community of faith, we hope you will see how every dollar you share from your first fruits goes to building the Kingdom of God. 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@stmarkspbg.org.

St. Mark's at a Glance

Did you know . . .

Some changes have been made to staffing at St. Mark's Church? The position Deb Mullins held for two years was eliminated, so Deb no longer works for St. Mark's. Carly Augeri, our social media coordinator, now works full-time for the church and sits in the Rev. Mimi Howard's old office. She is the Clergy, Membership and Marketing Coordinator. Mimi has traded offices with Carly and now finds her St. Mark's home upstairs next door to Kelee Shilling, St. Mark's

Communications Coordinator. And, a new, part-time receptionist, Christy Barnhardt, will occasionally cover for Shannon Brunner when she is away.

Summer breakfasts start this Sunday, July 21? Between the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services for four weeks, different church groups will cook and serve, so please stop in Coleman Hall B and treat yourself. Thanks so much to the members of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW), Mark's Men, St. Mark's Boy Scout Troop 150 and vestry for hosting these summer Sunday breakfasts!

The second Hearts of Palm House is nearly ready for a family making the transition from homelessness to sustainable housing? After nearly a year of hard work by many volunteers and professionals, the house has been transformed: a new roof, new windows, new yard, new kitchen, new bathroom, new paint, new floors - new life! Hearts of Palm, the ministry arm of St. Mark's, has already refurbished one home in West Palm Beach and leases it to The Lord's Place, which ministers to the homeless in Palm Beach County. St. Mark's will also lease our second home to the Lord's Place as we continue to collaborate on creative ways of helping families seek affordable housing.

St. Mark's hosts homeless families through Family Promise this week? Several families will be greeted and supported by dozens of St. Mark's parishioners who welcome them to our campus. Thanks to Marsha Perkins, Doris Ann George and their host of volunteers.

A group of 45 children from the Sickle Cell Foundation will be driven to summer camp in central Florida on a St. Mark's bus thanks to Randy Smith and Hearts of Palm? It's another way St. Mark's serves the community.

St. Mark's Handymen Ministry can help you change a light bulb or fix a broken door and assist with any small, household task that requires some extra help? Please call the church office at 561-622-0956 for assistance.