

**St. Michael's Episcopal Church**  
**2018 Annual Meeting**  
**January 28, 2018**





# ANNUAL MEETING 2018

## AGENDA

### IN THE CHURCH

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer (Rev. Maryjane Peck, Interim Rector)

Rev. Peck: Let us pray

All: **Almighty and ever living God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel at St. Michael's Annual Meeting for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

2. Appointment of the Secretary for the Meeting (Peck)
3. Acceptance of Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, January 22, 2017 (Peck)
4. Recognition of Retiring Vestry Members (Peck)
  - Gail McQueen
  - Kevin O'Connor
  - Dale Scrace
  - Fran Twiddy
5. Election of New Vestry Members (Kevin O'Connor, Outgoing Sr. Warden)
  - a. Explanation of Voting Procedures
  - b. Appointment of Tellers
  - c. Report from Nominating Committee
  - d. Floor Nominations
  - e. Polls Open – more to accept slate
6. Recess (Peck)

### IN YEOMAN HALL

1. Call to Order (Rev. Peck)
2. Ministry Reports (Peck)
  - Recognition of Committee Chairs and Committee Members
3. Financial Reports
  - a. 2017 Year End Report (Cheryl MacDonald)
  - b. 2018 Budget Presentation (Cheryl MacDonald)
4. Nomination and voting for Convention Delegates (Peck)
5. Update on Rector Search (Outgoing Jr. Warden, Dale Scrace)
6. Outgoing Senior Warden's Comments (Kevin O'Connor)
7. Closing Prayer and Dismissal (Peck)

## **MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING**

Annual Meeting Minutes, January 22, 2017

Call to order at 10:35am.

Minutes from annual meeting 2016 could not be retrieved. Acceptance of minutes will take place at next Vestry meeting, February 2017.

**Recognition of returning members:** Dale Scrace, Fran Twiddy, Kevin O'Connor, Gail McQueen, Barbara Pappas, Liz Schmitt-Matzen, Janice Graham.

**Election of New Vestry members:** (Sr. Warden)

Barb Barringer, Margaret Krawczyk, Donna Lockhart, John Jay Pattee III, and Irene Marie Massey Stringer

Motion by Dale Scrace that the nominations be closed.

Elle Garzel seconded. Motion carried.

Motion by Dale Scrace to vote by oral proclamation. Seconded by Laurie Wood.

Motion carried.

Motion by Reverend Hunt to Recess. Motion seconded by parish member.

Motion carried. Recess taken at 10:44 am.

**Continuation of annual meeting.**

Call to order at 11:45 am.

**Opening prayer:** Reverend Edward Hunt.

**Financial Report:** Cheryl MacDonald. Details of St. Michael's statement of financial activity is shown on p. 14 of the annual meeting booklet. Finances have been kept in line with incoming funds.

Dale Scrace thanked Cheryl for her hard work towards keeping finances in order. Cheryl also thanked the whole finance committee for their tireless efforts.

Motion by Fran Twiddy to accept financial treasurer's report for 2016. Motion seconded by Barb Malley.

Motion carried.

**Budget presentation for 2017:** Cheryl MacDonald.

Questions arose about Thrift Shop funds turned into the account. Concern expressed that actual figure is not equal to figure stated in the 2016 budget. Vestry will continue to investigate.

Bill Davenport sought clarification for Mission and Ministry budget for 2017. 2017 budget is as stated in financial report, 5,650.00.

Anticipated increases electricity and gas.

Transfer of 15,941.58 to Operating Reserve to cover any budget shortage.

Motion by Fran Twiddy to receive and file 2017 budget report, which was approved by Vestry. Seconded by Laura Gaskin

Motion carried.

**Senior warden's comments:** Kevin O'Connor commented on his year as Senior Warden. The year in review included Reverend Marianna leaving St. Michael's. The process of finding an Interim priest. Very thankful to Rev. Ed Hunt for accepting a position here. Kevin also discussed our journey towards our mission and vision of St. Michael's. Thanks given to Vestry and Junior Warden Dale Scrace. Thanks extended to all of the parishioners of St. Michael's, also to Dale and Diane Pegg for their generous contribution of new windows in Yeoman Hall.

**Closing Prayer:** Rev. Ed Hunt.

Motion by Rev. Ed Hunt to adjourn the 2017 annual meeting of St. Michael's Parish. Motion seconded by Donna Lockhart.

Motion carried

**Meeting adjourned at 12:27 pm.**

## **VESTRY REPORT TO THE PARISH**

The 2018 Annual Meeting marks the annual change to the Vestry with a new group of four parish members being elected. It also marks the end of three years of faithful service and leadership for our departing members, including Fran Twiddy, Gail McQueen, Junior Warden Dale Scrace and I, Senior Warden Kevin O'Connor. I hope I speak for my Vestry colleagues, clergy, and parishioners in offering our heartfelt thanks for their service on the Vestry. To our new members, I look forward to cheering you on in 2018.

St. Michael's Strength of Spirit continues to grow. Our services are musically enhanced with our choir under the talented guidance of Choir Director, Maggie Cocco and a variety of amazing organists as we search for a new permanent performer. Holly Babiarz, our Church Administrator and Sara Mansfield, our Sexton support all of us. I can tell you the Rev. Michael Rothgery our Bookkeeper and Cheryl MacDonald our Treasurer work tirelessly to keep us on a sound financial footing.

This has been an active year for your Vestry. The activities detailed in the numerous committee reports found in this report hold testament that we are a community offering many opportunities to do God's work within and outside our walls. I offer a few highlights of the 2016 Vestry year:

- Ongoing contributions from several parish families, supporting our fund for rector search and support, with any potential balance of the funds used towards Priestly support.
- Working with Jim Gettel from Diocesan Parish Life and Growth and Canon of Transition Ministries on our path forward toward calling a new Priest.
- Improve our building usage policies and income by working to develop better use agreements and clarify responsibilities for AA, NA, BNI, ARC, Tobey Miller, voice coach and other groups.
- Work to support our standing committees including Property, Finance, Spiritual Journey, YaYa, Outreach, Communications, Stewardship, Skinner, our new Veterans committee and all other organizations as called upon.
- Secured our replacement Interim Rector, to walk with us as we finish our search for a new Rector.

This warm and wonderful church has suffered more than its share of trials and tribulations. As I noted last year, I honestly didn't know what to expect, how we, as a church would react. What I got was the love and support of the finest bunch of Episcopalians one could imagine. The people of St Michael's showed each other phenomenal support and cooperation. We have done well to get this far. Now, together, with the

guidance of our Interim and the support of Our Bishop and Diocese, we will move through the Profile and Search process as the amazing vibrant church that we are!

In closing, I want to especially thank my friend and spiritual brother, Dale Scrace, who has served once again as our Junior Warden and as the Chair of the Property Committee. Also, many thanks to our Vestry, clergy, staff and the countless committee members and supporters all of who make St. Michael's the community we are by serving God in the efforts and paths he leads us on together.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kevin Michael O'Connor, Senior Warden

### **INTERIM RECTOR'S REPORT**

During the last quarter of 2017, I accepted the position of Interim Rector at St. Michael's. I am so pleased to be able to serve you and share in your search process for a new rector. With the support of the parishioners, I have settled into my new position in this church. I was involved in the hiring of our new administrative assistant, Holly Babiarz. I joined St. Michael's delegates at our Diocese Convention in October. I continue serving on the Commission of Ministry and the Cathedral Chapter of the Diocese.

I quickly began providing pastoral care to our congregation especially to those in the hospital and the families of those whose loved ones died. In addition, I provided training for those needing to obtain or renew their Eucharistic Visitor or Eucharistic Minister license. They were presented their licenses at Sunday Worship this month. Christian formation and liturgical worship continues to be a vital part of congregational life. I am working with the Worship Committee and the newly formed Spiritual Pathways Committee to develop meaningful liturgy and spiritual opportunities for this congregation.

I have appreciated the support and encouragement of me from the parishioners. I enjoy experiencing the liturgical seasons in worship. I also feel blessed to continue serving this parish as a priest and am grateful to the Vestry for their support.

I love how involved you, the parishioners, are in parish life and committed to the ministries of the church. During this next year I will guide and support the Profile Committee as they develop the parish profile. After the completion of the Profile and I will assist in the formation of the Search Committee. I look forward to serving you this next year.

Respectively submitted:  
**Maryjane Peck, Interim Rector**

### **ALTAR GUILD**

As always, our Altar Guild committee members have been devoted and conscientious – which is no surprise. In 2017 Altar Guild has continued to be blessed with long time members: **Elaine Backhurst, Genny Davenport, Jan Graham, Mary Lou Isenberg, Karen Johnson, Karen McLeod, Dianne Pegg, Laurie Wood and Phyllis Wood.** Also, this year we have been extremely fortunate to add two new members in **Dale Pegg and Marla G. Maiuri!**

This year the Altar Guild felt that St. Michael's was in need of a two-piece set of matching glass cruets, the set used to carry wine and water for Communion. St. Michael's had several single cruets, but no longer had a matching pair. Our request for purchasing funds was submitted to the Memorials and Special Gifts Committee. In April 2017, the Memorials and Special Gifts Committee graciously supported our request, allowing St. Michael's to purchase a new set of matching glass cruets. Thank you.

Altar Guild is always open to new members. You do not need any prior experience. We are happy to train you. Setting God's table is one of the oldest ministries in the Christian church. It is a pleasure and a blessing to be part of the Altar Guild.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elaine Backhurst and Karen McLeod, Co-chairs

### **Acolytes – 8:00 A.M.**

The acolytes serving at 8:00 A.M. each Sunday during 2017 were Jim Zink (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays), Ray Rhein (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday and special occasions). James Zink has substituted for Ray when he is away. Wilson Rogers (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday and the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday when it occurs in any month.) We thank these acolytes for their dedicated service especially Helen Finkelmann who served until her retirement this year.

We are in need of a church member to serve on a regular basis or as a substitute at the 8:00 A.M. service. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Maryjane Peck. Respectfully Submitted, Wilson G. Rogers

### **ECW (Episcopal Church Women)**

The women of St. Michael's have completed another successful year. The ECW is open to all women who are parishioners. The Little Thrift Shop is our major source of funds to carry forth our projects. We strive to give about half our proceeds to organizations outside our walls. They are: Alternatives for Girls, Brain and Behavior Research Foundation (NARSAD), Cass Community Social Services, Crossroads of Michigan, Coalition on Temporary Shelter, Episcopal Relief and Development, Gleaners Community Food Bank of SE MI, Grace Care Center (Sri Lanka), Grosse Pointe War Memorial Veterans Club, Habitat for Humanity-Grosse Pointe Partners, Mariner's Inn, Opportunity Resource Fund, The Record, Salvation Army, Services for Older Citizens, Turning Point Inc., Warm Hearts Foundation, and World Day of Prayer.

We had another successful Sweet Noels holiday treat sale chaired by Mary Scrace and Sally Graham. Those proceeds will be used to enhance our kitchen. Thanks to everyone who helped plan, bake and sell for us.

Our guilds meet monthly to worship, study and socialize. They plan and prepare luncheons for our larger membership including men and guests. This year we had guest speakers Cynthia Tennent Sohn, author and former parishioner; Fr. Ed Hunt, our interim pastor; and John Kosanke, Public Safety Director for the City of Grosse Pointe Woods. One program involved a trip to Harper Woods for lunch at the Royal Eagle Restaurant and a tour of the St. Sabbas Monastery. In May the Fashion Show was a big success and enjoyed by all the ladies and their guests.

I would also like to thank the members of the ECW board who make my life easy. They are: Gayle Peller, Kathie Groschner, Marylou Isenberg, Rosemary Berger, Barbara Malley, Margaret Hakim, GennyDavenport, Mary Scrace, Margaret Rogers, Sally Graham, LauraGaskin, and Pat Dyble.

In addition, I would like to thank Karen McCarthy for technical assistance.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elly Garzel, President

### **COMMUNICATIONS GROUP: [communications@stmichaelsgpw.org](mailto:communications@stmichaelsgpw.org)**

The Communications Group exists to present St. Michael's Church and our events to the community in a deliberate and consistent manner across multiple media platforms. In 2017 we widened our scope in print and online, and we updated and added features to our website, [stmichaelsgpw.org](http://stmichaelsgpw.org). Thanks to a generous parishioner, we are currently publishing a weekly ad in the Grosse Pointe News and featuring special events. We know that folks have come to St. Michael's after viewing our website and seeing our advertisements.

Committees, groups, guilds and leaders: If you have an event or activity to promote, we will get the word out! Send an email to **[communications@stmichaelsgpw.org](mailto:communications@stmichaelsgpw.org)** and we will submit the information and announcements to designated media outlets for publication. If you don't use email, you may give a written description to anyone in the Group. There is a form in the Parish Office to help you get started, or just write out what you want folks to know.

Our goals in 2018 include enthusiastically promoting St. Michael's in the community, working with the profile committee to establish branding and revamping the website.

Current members of the Communications Group are Holly Babiarz, Kathy Zmyslowski, Deborah Cooper, Fran Twiddy, Brian Payton, Max Payton, Kevin O'Connor, Rev. Maryjane Peck and Karen McCarthy. If you would like to help spread the word about St. Michael's, please speak to one of us.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen McCarthy

### **GREETERS**

I was in charge of creating the greeter schedule for this past year. St. Michael's feels it is important to create as welcoming and friendly an environment as we can, for current parishioners and also for those who may be visiting or new to our church.

To create the greeter schedule, I made announcements in church. I spoke to some people about the importance of greeting, namely that it makes newcomers feel welcome. Most of the greeters we had this time around were returning to continue welcoming. I set up a rotating schedule and asked them to be at least 15-20 minutes early before every 10:30 service. There were a few times when we didn't have it covered, but for the most part, someone always jumped in and gave a smile and handshake. Thank you to all who have served so faithfully.

The greeters this year were: Genny and Bill Davenport, Dave and Kathy Zmyslowski, Marylou Isenberg, Jan Graham, Karen Johnson, Jean and Bryan Thompson, Bob and Judy Sheehy and Elly Garzel.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elly Garzel, Chair

## **JANE'S WALK LABYRINTH COMMITTEE**

The purpose of Jane's Walk Labyrinth is to provide our community with a place to find peace and spiritual guidance; a place to ease the mind and refresh the spirit, one step at a time.

The Committee hosted a Corned Beast Feast in March which was well attended. With funding from this event, the committee purchased and planted perennial flower gardens in the two brick flower beds that surround the labyrinth. Please join us for another Corned Beast Feast in 2018 on Friday, March 16 from 6:00 until 7:30! In June a walkway connecting the labyrinth to the Sunningdale Park sidewalk was installed by church member Christopher Poleski and other members of his Scout troop to fulfill his Eagle Scout project. Christopher raised the money and purchased the supplies, planned the installation and organized the work team. This addition furthers our goal of encouraging the community to use the labyrinth.

In December, Jane's Walk Labyrinth Committee and the Spiritual Journey Committee merged to form the new Sacred Pathways Committee. On New Year's Eve the committee sponsored a Walk Into the New Year event to reflect and meditate on our blessings of 2017 and goals for 2018. Participants walked an indoor labyrinth in Yeoman Hall and experienced various meditation stations to encourage spiritual reflection. Committee members active in 2017 included: Kathie Groschner, Kate Colborn, Laura O'Connor, Pam Stanley, Laurie Wood, Fran Twiddy and new members Karen McCarthy and Meg Krawczyk.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kate Colborn, Chair

## **MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS COMMITTEE**

The Memorial Fund was established at St. Michael's to receive memorials and gifts given by parishioners, their families, and friends. In August of 2006 the Memorials and Special Gifts Committee was formed to develop guidelines for future gifts. The standards for giving were approved by the Vestry at the January, 2007 meeting. Since then the Memorials and Special Gifts Guidelines have assisted the Memorials and Special Gifts Committee in making recommendations to the Vestry for appropriately funding and recognizing memorials and special gifts at all levels.

The Memorial Fund began 2017 with a balance of \$54,063.47. During the course of the year donors gave \$1,740.00 to the Memorial Fund in memory of Marge VanEckoute, Margaret McCarthy, James Thompson, George Bashara, Jr., Jane Bashara, Marc Chappus, Navarine Chappus, Irene Stringer, Suzanne Bashara, Ronald Schulze, and Janet Jansen. In addition to donor contributions, other revenue included \$2,168.68 in reinvested dividends and \$6,483.49 in change in investment value. Total Memorial Fund revenue in 2017 was \$10,392.17.

Disbursements from the Memorial Fund in 2017 totaled \$1,877.58. The money was used to pay for funeral organists and miscellaneous funeral expenses, organ lessons for choir director (Maggie Cocco), choir music, a lectern lectionary, and a cruet set. The Memorial Fund balance as of December 31, 2017 was \$62,578.06. Special thanks go to Committee members Dianne Pegg and Carolyn Skaff for their time and effort. We also appreciate Elaine Backhurst (Altar Guild), Maggie Cocco (Choir), and Michael Rothgery (Bookkeeper) for their hard work and dedication to St. Michael's.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Zmyslowski, Chair

## OUTREACH

The Outreach Committee's mission is to "Reach out to those who are in need, carrying out Christ's work in our community and around the world." St. Michael's has a long history of participation in outreach projects. Since our founding we have supported activities at home and abroad with monetary gifts and with the personal involvement of our parishioners. In this way we share the servant ministry of our Lord. In addition, Outreach provides good fellowship, an opportunity to use our special gifts, and joyful satisfaction.

### HOW WE SERVE:

- Preparing and serving a lunch at Spirit of Hope Soup Kitchen five times a year.
- Collecting non-perishable food items for Crossroads every Sunday.
- Participating with some dozen Grosse Pointe churched in Grosse Pointe Habitat Partners, raising funds and building affordable, decent housing in the Morningside Commons neighborhood in Detroit.
- Providing a meal at Crossroads Soup Kitchen on the July Fourth weekend for over 800 guests, a project which involves over 30 St. Michael's members.
- Participating in the Church World Service Group CROP WALK that raises funds to feed the hungry at home and around the world.
- Joining with our partner church, Grosse Pointe Congregational, in completely furnishing an apartment for a refugee family from Syria with donated furniture and accessories.
- Collecting hats, gloves and scarves on our Warm and Fuzzy Tree for distribution at Crossroads.
- Joining with Mariners Inn in their Adopt-a-Family celebration, where St. Michael's members were able to provide Christmas Gifts for nine families (36 individuals).

In addition to the committee's activities, a gift from the Brown Fund in the amount of \$1,500.00 was sent to Episcopal Relief and Development for their work in healing a hurting world.

The Outreach Committee, whose members are Pat Dyble, Donna Lockhart, Gail McQueen, Liz Schmitt-Matzen and Bill Davenport extend their thanks to the entire parish for the support provided, by hands-on and financial commitment to St. Michael's. We also gratefully acknowledge anonymous gifts of \$750.00 from parishioners to be used in our outreach activities.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bill Davenport, Chair

## PASTORAL CARE

Christ has no body now on earth but yours;  
You are the eyes with which He looks with compassion on the world:  
Yours are the feet with which He goes forth to do good:  
Yours are the hands by which He blesses now.  
---St. Teresa of Avila

Responding to the Pastoral Care of our parishioners is the goal of the Committee. The Committee's goal is to uplift the spirit and provide moral support and help if needed to those among us that may have a need for help. We count on each member to help identify members who needs are greater than their means.

**Prayer Works! Committee** is headed by Elly Garzel and Richard Simonds additional members are George Solomon, Meg Krawczyk, Ed Bailey, Bryan Thompson, Beverly Veit, Dianne Pegg and Cheryl Mac Donald. Its sole purpose is to reach to the homebound among us to let them know that St. Michael's cares and wants to help. A postcard is sent along with a follow up telephone call from a member to relay this message. The

Prayer Works! committee meets most every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Resource Room. They have sent out approximately 200 post cards to the home bound, made an equal number of telephone calls or visits and many birthday cards.

The Pastoral Care committee also visits Shorepointe Assisted Living and provides a Morning Prayer Service and offers Eucharist after the service. The goal is to visit the first Tuesday of each month. In 2017 there were 10 visits with an average of 12 people per visit.

The Eucharistic Visitors made 33 home or hospital visits during the year.

One of the biggest concerns of the Pastoral Care Committee is to identify the needs of the people that could best be served.

Many thanks to all who serve and help the St. Michael's Community.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cheryl Mac Donald  
Eucharistic Visitor

### **PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

2017 has been a very active year for your Property Committee. Our task is to be caretakers and stewards to our facility and maintain it to serve as bricks and mortar building in which God leads us to do his good works. I first want to thank our committee members who have served with me this year. Our committee expanded in number this year which made our tasks lighter for all. We are truly blessed for all the efforts of so many members of the St. Michael's Community working to maintain and better our facility.

Here are a few of the many highlights for 2017:

- Through a generous contribution we installed new energy door to the courtyard
- The Technology sub - committee upgraded the sound system in the church and expanded the security cameras
- Installed a new ADA ramp at the Thrift Shop entrance using a generous gift from parish members
- Undertook repairs /replacement of all exterior lighting fixtures
- Organized the Spring Ground Cleanup with the garden group and YaYa
- Continued to be responsible for the maintenance, semi-annual tuning and repairs as needed for the organ and pianos
- Repaired the roof leak in Yeoman Hall and repaired and painted the exterior wall
- General painting, concrete repairs, electrical repairs, heating and AC repairs and plumbing repairs were addressed

I would ask that any of you who would like to join this active and vital committee just ask one of the Wardens to be included. We continue to need committed and active members to make our work lighter.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dale N. Scrace, Junior Warden

## SPIRITUAL JOURNEY COMMITTEE

The Spiritual Journey Committee continued in 2017 with an interesting variety of programs and discussions. Here are programs offered:

**St. Michael's Book Group** - Books we read and discussed in 2017:

*Respectable Sins* by Jerry Bridges

*Searching for Sunday* by Rachel Held Evans

*Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger

*Yesterday, I Cried* by Iyanla Vanzant

*Abide with Me* by Elizabeth Strout

Our five-week **Lenten program** was led by Interim Rector, Fr. Ed Hunt. Our study and discussion was based on the book; *Naming the Powers* by **Walter Wink**.

During the summer months, Spiritual Journey Committee offered **Christianity and World Religions: Wrestling with Questions People Ask**. Bryan Thompson recommended the class and invited Roger Scully as a guest during the class on Judaism. Richard Simonds developed the course with insightful questions to discuss. I think everyone who attended learned a great deal on this important topic of world religions.

In October and November, all were welcomed to meet on Thursday evening every two weeks for a fascinating four-part study and conversation on **The Beatitudes: What Do They Mean?** Committee co-chair, Richard Simonds, researched and created this eye-opening class, leading to wide ranging discussions.

**As always, Spiritual Journey Committee welcomes everyone to any and all of the programs. We look to the congregation for any suggestions on topics and books you would like to see covered at St. Michael's.**

Our committee members are Elaine Backhurst, Ted Colborn, Ed Haug, Gail McQueen, Richard Simonds and Bryan Thompson.

Faithfully Submitted,  
Elaine Backhurst and Richard Simonds, Co-chairs

## STEWARDSHIP

*We are living members of the Body of your Son and heir of your eternal kingdom.*

*Send us out to do the work you have given us to do,*

*to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.*

*To him, to you and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever.*

The Book of Common Prayer

The goal of the Stewardship Committee is to focus the Community on the real purpose of our duty as Christians, to spread the good news, to remind each of us our Christian duty to be the light in a world full of darkness.

We started our campaign on St. Michael's Feast Day with lawn games, entertainment, food and deserts. The support of all the Church groups that participated in the basket raffle was a huge success and contributed greatly in keeping the event financially sound.

In keeping with a ministry focused campaign, the theme of the Stewardship campaign was *Journey to Generosity*. During the following weeks the Committee read reflections that reminded as Christians we called to feed the poor, help clothe the poor and provide shelter to those around us. We at St. Michael's are blessed to have many ministries dedicated to these principles.

The Stewardship Committee consists of Kate Colborn, Gail McQueen, Liz Schmitt-Matzen, Donna Lockhart, Fran Twiddy, Grant Gilezan and Cheryl Mac Donald.

Below is the results of this year's Stewardship Campaign:

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cheryl Mac Donald

### **2018 Pledge Campaign Report as of 01/14/17**

# 2018 Pledges to Date	79
2018 Approved Budget	-
2018 Total Pledges	\$ 200,414
2018 Average Pledge	\$ 2,537
# Tithe	7
# Journey toward Tithing	14
# Increased Pledges	36
# Decreased Pledges	8
# Unchanged Pledges	35
# New Pledgers (No Pledge in 2017)	12
# Removed Pledgers	7
Total Individual Increases	\$ 23,803
Average Increase/Pledge	11%
# 2018 Non-Pledging Families	80
Pledged in 2017 but not 2018	\$ 23,950
# Pledged in 2017 but not 2018	19
# 2017 Pledges	94
2017 Total Pledges	\$ 210,161
2017 Average Pledge	\$ 2,236

## **THE LITTLE THRIFT SHOP**

Another good year at the Little Thrift Shop! The profit for our fiscal year of Jan. 1, 2017 to Dec. 31, 2017 was \$25,234.82. The Christmas Boutique had a profit of over \$1,200.00.

Our entire profit is given to St. Michael's E.C.W., which disbursed \$13,200.00 to St. Michael's General Fund and the rest to charitable organizations (see E.C.W. report). Any items that can be used at St. Michael's are donated throughout the year.

All items not sold are given to many charities such as Crossroads, Crossroads East, men's clothing to Mariner's Inn, Full Circle Resale Shop (a Grosse Pointe/ARC program), to individuals as needed in the community, prom dresses to Hope Closet, Shoes to Haiti thru the Kiwanis and finally to the Salvation Army. You can see that the Thrift Shop is a very large contributor to the Outreach Program at St. Michael's.

We give many thanks to all the workers (45 parishioners) who work very hard week after week at the Thrift Shop, but it gives us a great feeling of satisfaction helping people in so many ways. COME JOIN US - - we have lots of laughter with wonderful companionship to share.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Genny Davenport and Rosemary Berger, Co-managers

### **USHERS 8:00 A.M.**

The 8:00 A.M. Worship Service continues to serve a small group of St. Michael's parishioners . Our numbers have not increased, but the loyal group who attend are still treated to a service in the solitude of the early morning-this we find most meaningful. It is truly a "church family."

The names listed below contribute to the organization and the atmosphere that continues to make the 8:00 A.M. Sunday worship something special. We invite you to join us.

David Schmitt-Matzen, Liz Schmitt-Matzen, Pat Gibson, David Backhurst, Wilson Rogers, Anne Grayr, Dale Pegg, Dianne Pegg, Cheryl MacDonald, Martha Miller, Elaine Backhurst.

Respectfully Submitted,  
George W. Solomon, Chair

### **USHERS 10:30 A.M.**

Pat and I enjoyed the pleasure of serving as the co-Head Ushers for the 10:30 am Sunday service. Our crew consists of up to twenty-five full time, regular ushers divided across five teams of men and women dedicated to serving our St. Michael's community.

In addition to the 10:30 Sunday service, we provide ushers for special services during the Easter and Christmas seasons. We joyfully assist the 10:30 service and are excited for others to join our fellowship. Carolyn Skaff, Gayle Peller and Karen McCarthy joined us this year but there is plenty of room for others to participate in our schedule.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brian Payton and Pay Dyble, Co-Head Ushers

**Statement of Financial Activity  
General Fund vs Budget  
January through December 2017**

	<u>2017 Actual</u>	<u>2017 Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>	<u>2018 Proposed Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
Building Use / Rent	11,785	11,250	535	105%	13,650
Contributions	29,483	26,975	2,508	109%	27,090
ECW / Thrift Shop	13,200	13,200	-	100%	13,200
Fundraising	52	25	27	209%	-
UNSPECIFIED INCOME	-	-	-	0%	21,208
Pledge Payments 2016	1,599	4,000	(2,401)	40%	-
Pledge Payments 2017	208,411	225,591	(17,180)	92%	1,200
Pledge Payments 2018	-	-	-	0%	200,424
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>264,530</u>	<u>281,041</u>	<u>(16,511)</u>	<u>94%</u>	<u>276,772</u>
Expense					
Administration	22,839	20,850	1,989	110%	21,940
Buildings & Grounds					
Health Dept License	280	280	-	100%	280
Landscaping	4,899	4,200	699	117%	4,500
Maintenance & Repairs	10,001	10,400	(399)	96%	10,500
Snow Removal	8,000	8,000	-	100%	8,000
Supplies	2,613	1,000	1,613	261%	1,500
Other	472	400	72	118%	400
<b>Total Buildings &amp; Grounds</b>	<u>26,265</u>	<u>24,280</u>	<u>1,985</u>	<u>108%</u>	<u>25,180</u>
Clergy/Staff Compensation	169,118	184,889	(15,771)	91%	167,271
Clergy/Staff Expenses	4,239	3,250	989	130%	6,670
Mission & Ministry	6,384	5,650	734	113%	5,535
Mission Support	25,391	25,415	(24)	100%	23,874
Utilities					
Electricity	9,103	11,000	(1,897)	83%	9,000
Gas	2,114	6,000	(3,886)	35%	6,000
Phone & Internet	4,109	3,716	393	111%	4,252
Waste Management	769	900	(131)	85%	800
Water & Sewer	6,154	5,600	554	110%	5,600
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<u>22,250</u>	<u>27,216</u>	<u>(4,966)</u>	<u>82%</u>	<u>25,652</u>
Worship	792	650	142	122%	650
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>277,277</u>	<u>292,200</u>	<u>(14,923)</u>	<u>95%</u>	<u>276,772</u>
Net Ordinary Income	(12,746)	(11,159)	(1,587)	114%	-
Other Income/Expense					
Transfers from Operating Reserves	12,746	11,159	1,587	114%	-
Net Other Income	12,746	11,159	1,587	114%	-
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0%</u>	<u>-</u>

**Statement of Financial Position vs Previous Year  
As of December 31, 2017**

	<u>Dec 31, 17</u>	<u>Dec 31, 16</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
Gift Cards	142.16	81.96	60.20
Growth & Income Account	457,185.25	393,012.10	64,173.15
Rector Discretionary Checking	3,834.17	2,749.47	1,084.70
St Michael's Checking	60,026.28	75,382.89	(15,356.61)
Reimbursement Account	0.00	(430.68)	430.68
Total Checking/Savings	<u>521,187.86</u>	<u>470,795.74</u>	<u>50,392.12</u>
Rents Receivable	1,055.00	305.00	750.00
Total Current Assets	<u>522,242.86</u>	<u>471,100.74</u>	<u>51,142.12</u>
Cemetery Spaces	7,600.00	0.00	7,600.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>529,842.86</u></u>	<u><u>471,100.74</u></u>	<u><u>58,742.12</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	7,414.82	3,518.80	3,896.02
Credit Cards	141.16	333.94	(192.78)
Prepaid Pledges	4,810.00	3,000.00	1,810.00
Total Current Liabilities	<u>12,365.98</u>	<u>6,852.74</u>	<u>5,513.24</u>
Total Liabilities	12,365.98	6,852.74	5,513.24
Equity			
Fund Balances			
Restricted & Designated			
Advertising	402.00	0.00	402.00
BROWN	72,431.02	72,700.94	(269.92)
CAPITAL	7,676.66	6,185.73	1,490.93
Cemetery Spaces	7,600.00	0.00	7,600.00
Choir/Music	3,780.20	2,836.17	944.03
ENDOWMENT	165,976.82	147,365.78	18,611.04
Flower	1,489.78	305.55	1,184.23
Hospitality	1,758.39	1,493.03	265.36
Jane's Walk	1,169.70	1,078.49	91.21
MEMORIAL	62,578.06	54,063.47	8,514.59
MEMORIAL GARDEN	57,135.30	47,802.01	9,333.29
OPERATING RESERVE	50,775.99	57,376.64	(6,600.65)
Prayer Works	25.00	0.00	25.00
Rector Discretionary	3,834.17	2,809.47	1,024.70
Rector Search & Support	10,750.47	10,610.00	140.47
SABBATICAL	8,633.23	7,421.84	1,211.39
SHADLEY	34,619.33	29,761.60	4,857.73
SKINNER	17,981.46	14,048.05	3,933.41
Spiritual Journey	40.02	40.02	0.00
TECHNOLOGY	5,084.04	4,463.67	620.37
WALMSLEY	0.00	136.38	(136.38)
Youth	3,735.24	3,749.16	(13.92)
Total Restricted & Designated	<u>517,476.88</u>	<u>464,248.00</u>	<u>53,228.88</u>
Total Fund Balances	517,476.88	464,248.00	53,228.88
Temp. Restricted Net Assets	(517,476.88)	(464,248.00)	(53,228.88)
Retained Earnings	464,248.00	408,423.71	55,824.29
Net Income	53,228.88	55,824.29	(2,595.41)
Total Equity	<u>517,476.88</u>	<u>464,248.00</u>	<u>53,228.88</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>529,842.86</u></u>	<u><u>471,100.74</u></u>	<u><u>58,742.12</u></u>

## Growth & Income Account

### 4th Quarter 2017

Fund	G & I Account Balance 09/30/17	3rd Qtr Re-Invested Dividends 10/01/17	4th Qtr Investment Results 12/31/17	G & I Account Balance 12/31/17	Checking Account Balance 12/31/17	Total Fund Balance 12/31/17
Brown	73,279.89	682.91	2,394.42	70,066.51	2,364.51	72,431.02
Capital: Parking Lot	3,075.12	28.66	100.48	3,204.26	-	3,204.26
Capital: Undesignated	2,900.36	27.03	94.77	3,022.16	-	3,022.16
Endowment	165,217.61	1,539.70	5,398.49	165,976.82	-	165,976.82
Memorial	60,228.79	561.29	1,967.98	62,578.06	-	62,578.06
Memorial Garden	55,347.50	515.80	1,808.48	57,135.30	-	57,135.30
Operating Reserve	18,149.00	169.13	593.02	28,884.08	21,891.91	50,775.99
Sabbatical	8,285.30	77.21	270.72	8,633.23	-	8,633.23
Shadley	33,224.11	309.62	1,085.60	34,619.33	-	34,619.33
Skinner	13,850.08	129.07	452.55	17,981.46	-	17,981.46
Technology	5,202.08	48.48	169.98	5,084.04	-	5,084.04
<b>Total</b>	<b>438,759.84</b>	<b>4,088.91</b>	<b>14,336.50</b>	<b>457,185.25</b>	<b>24,256.42</b>	<b>481,441.67</b>

## **Leadership 2017**

Interim Rector	The Reverend Maryjane Peck
Senior Warden	K. O'Connor
Junior Warden	D. Scrace
Vestry Secretary	Barb Barringer
Treasurer	C. MacDonald
Outreach	G. McQueen, P. Dyble, S. Graham, L. Schmitt-Matzen
YaYa	B. Pappas, H. Colborn, K. O'Connor, J. Graham
Property	D. Scrace, L. Gaskin, G. McQueen
Finance	D. Scrace, L. Gaskin, F. Twiddy
Stewardship	J. Graham, F. Twiddy, L. Schmitt-Matzen, G. McQueen

## **Vestry Members 2017**

Barb Barringer  
Donna Lockhart  
John Pattee  
Margaret Krawczyk  
Jan Graham  
Fran Twiddy  
Liz Schmitt-Matzen  
Gail McQueen  
Kathie Groschner  
Dale Scrace  
Barb Pappas  
Kevin O'Connor

## VESTRY CANDIDATES

**My name is Elaine Backhurst.**



I first started attending St. Michael's in 2005 after my long time church, St. Columba Episcopal Church, closed. I had tried several other Episcopal churches in the area, but I knew right away that St. Michael's felt like home!

Currently I am co-chair of the Altar Guild, which has a wonderful, dedicated group of people, and a ministry I love. I also serve as co-chair of Spiritual Journey, a committee that brings Book Group and a variety of study programs to our parish. I have been a member of the Finance Committee for six years. From January 2012 until January 2015, I was a member of the Vestry, serving as Senior Warden in 2014. Being a part of the Pancake Supper Committee is something I look forward to every year, and volunteering at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Crossroads Picnic for the last three years has led me recently to volunteer at the Spirit of Hope Soup Kitchen.

If I become a member of the Vestry this year, I plan to continue with everything I am currently doing, but I also hope to help move St. Michael's forward with a new rector. Our church has so much to offer and the people here are so giving. To me St. Michael's is a uniquely welcoming and awesome parish. Sharing our blessings with even more people is a goal I believe we can achieve.

**My name is Bill Davenport.**



My wife Genny and I transferred to St. Michael's in 1959 from Christ Church Detroit, where we had been members and where we were married in 1953. At St. Michael's, our three sons were baptized, confirmed and attended Sunday School. Two were also married by Father Bob Neily.

At St. Michael's, I have had the privilege of serving on the Vestry four times, and being elected Senior Warden twice. I have also been serving as a Licensed Eucharistic Minister since 1990 and have been chairman of the Outreach Committee for over twenty years.

I also served on two Diocesan Commissions: The Cathedral Chapter and the Bishop's Anti-Racism Commission under Bishop Wood.

## VESTRY CANDIDATES cont'd

**My name is Marla G. Maiuri.**



My partner, Lori, and I attended our first St. Michael's service a couple years ago. The welcome we received was so loving. Over the past year, it has been a blessing for me to participate in the Spirit of Hope Soup Kitchen Outreach and serve as a member of our Altar Guild. Both of these experiences have enriched my life. St. Michael's has become a profound part of my spiritual path.

I will be honored to serve on our Vestry, with others that truly love our church.

**My name is Laurie Wood.**



I have been a member of St. Michael's since 2004. I began attending after St. Columba closed. I was a member of St. Columba since birth, though I also attended Epiphany Episcopal Church in Timonium, Maryland for 10 years.

I have been a Sunday School teacher; co-leader of Church School Nursery volunteers for 2 years; co-leader of the Christmas Eve children's pageant for several years; Christian Education Committee member; Altar Guild member; Jane's Walk GP Labyrinth member; Rector Search Committee member for Rev. Marianna; Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper committee member for the past 3 years; recently co-lead the Pumpkin Painting party and Gingerbread House making party; regular volunteer at the Spirit of Hope Soup Kitchen and annual Crossroads 4th of July Soup Kitchen volunteer; regularly attend Bible Studies, Lenten Series, and other education activities. I regularly attend the 10:30 service.

I want to help support St. Michael's as we transition to call a new rector. I also want to help improve the communication among all members, so that everyone knows what is happening and going on at church. Another goal I have to help everyone to be an active and engaged member of our church. I think this is an exciting time for the congregation and that we have the potential to continue the great things we already do and to enhance other things. I feel very honored to have been asked to serve as a representative on the vestry.