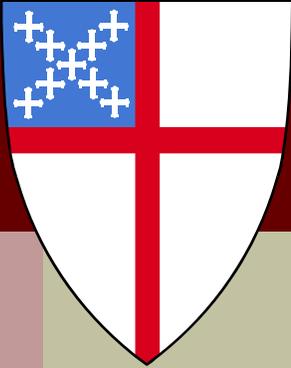


Liturgical and Fiscal Year

Fiscal Year 2012



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Annual Report

## Rector's Message

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country.<sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.<sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read,<sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written.<sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.<sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” (Luke 4.14-21)

In this passage from Luke, Jesus refers to what was known as the *year of Jubilee*. In Jewish practice, the Jubilee year occurred once every 50 years when the people of Israel pushed the “reset button.” This fiftieth year is sacred – it is a time of freedom and of celebration when everyone will receive back their original property, and slaves will return home to their families (Leviticus 25.10)

In the Jubilee Year all were released from shackles and restored to the “shekels” of economic power, the valuable land on which they would labor and grow the produce they needed in the agrarian economies of old. Anyone who is not economically empowered is not truly free. Owning the key resource in an economy empowers people to unlock their own enslaving shackles and open up their own lives, liberties, and pursuits of happiness.

During 2012, St. Mark’s undertook an effort to recover its identity as the first Jubilee Ministry Center in The Episcopal Church. The Jubilee Ministry Center marks our own parish family as one that identifies deeply with the mission and ministry of Christ as he proclaims the “year of the Lord’s favor” and fulfills the Scriptures in our own hearing. It is here, in our parish family, that God’s Jubilee exists; it is here, in our parish family, that Jesus proclaims its fulfillment to all whom we touch.

Since our last annual meeting, the physical space that is occupied by Mother Hubbard’s Cupboard has been updated and renovated. Those who seek assistance come to a warm, welcoming environment. Out volunteers are better able to work in a clean, bright, and efficiently organized space. By adjusting our intake procedures, we learn more about those we serve: that more and more of our visitors are numbered among the “working poor,” those who work but do not earn enough to make ends meet. We have also discovered that we are increasingly serving families with children rather than individual adults.

Similarly, the spirit of intentional hospitality, a trait deeply rooted in Anglican tradition and spirituality thrives in our Breaking Bread Together meals. Parishioners’ Outreach addresses emergency needs for those who cannot qualify for assistance from other agencies in a timely manner. Environmental Stewardship continues to make concern for God’s creation a daily, tangible reality, and *Folks of A Seasoned Age* has begun to empower many in our community that have begun to feel themselves marginalized and “left behind” in our youth obsessed culture. Clearly, our aim to revive and reclaim our identity as a community where people can experience the “year of the Lord’s favor” has been blessed with success.

Our efforts continue as we prepare for an official observance of our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Jubilee Ministry Center. So important is this occasion, that it will be marked by a visit from the Presiding Bishop, Dr. Katherine Jefferts-Schori – in much the same way as we began this endeavor in 1983.

While we certainly can rejoice in this event, it is only the beginning of our efforts to turn our faces firmly toward the future and prepare for a third century of ministry in the Episcopal tradition. For the next ten years, we need to do all we can to assure that the gospel of Jesus Christ is proclaimed as a true time of Jubilee blessing.

This year, I ask that we look not so much at where we have been, but where we need to go – to discover the way that God would have us follow. Toward that end, 2013 will not only be a year of favor and of celebration but also a time of building for the future. In 2013 it will not be enough simply to provide the tangible need-based services we do so well. This year of the Lord’s favor will require us to proclaim its benefit for all. It will be a time to invite our families and friends to join us in studying the Lord’s Word and to share with us at the Lord’s table. It will be a time to make the grace of God known in the places where we study, work and play. It is our time to proclaim Good News – to evangelize – to bring the knowledge and the love of God to a world that so eager waits to hear of God’s favor.

Seeking the will of God in all things, I remain

Yours in the heart of Christ Jesus,

*David+*

The Rev’d Canon Dr. David A. Zwifka  
Rector

## From the Senior Warden

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This past year has brought a lot of new changes to our parish of St Mark's. The refurbishing of the windows in the sanctuary is right now our biggest ongoing project. It is expensive for us but had we waited much longer, damages and weathering of the windows would only get more costly for us.

Our committees are working hard and many new projects are either underway or in the planning stages. Everything from exercise classes, garden, church school for everyone being offered beginning in Lent, and or service time moving to 9:30 AM are just to name a few. The help we get for Mother Hubbard's Cupboard and the Break Bread Together community meals as well as Environmental Stewardship's pill bottle drive are examples of the work many are doing to support our ministries. Our Deacon, Loretta Collins, is doing a great job seeing those who are homebound are not forgotten and communion is being offered to them frequently.

As I look forward to the coming year, I think we at St. Mark's have both challenges and excitement. Our financial situation is still a challenge for all of us individually as well as our parish. Our budget is still at a deficit and I can assure you the Vestry and Investment Committee are watching our finances and searching for ways to improve our financial situation. If you haven't made a pledge to St. Mark's, we ask you to reconsider

becoming a regular pledger.

This autumn we will be honored to have the Presiding Bishop, Dr. Katherine Jefferts-Schori, visit us. This will take a lot of planning and involvement by many members. This is the second time St. Mark's hosted the Presiding Bishop and for those that can remember the event thirty years ago, it was a genuinely memorable time. We are currently working on having the church painted and cleaned so that we can look our best. We are making plans where you can donate a gallon of paint to this project. There will be more to come on this plan in the days ahead. Clearly, there is a lot happening at St. Mark's and we, the Vestry, hope as many of you get involved and join in not only the work of the coming year but also in the fellowship of the family we call St. Mark's Parish as we work to do our Lord's work in our community.

Respectfully,

Blair

Blair P. Hannon,  
Sr. Warden  
St. Marks Episcopal Church, Lewistown

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## From the Junior Warden/Property Report

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It was regret that Father Zwifka accepted the resignation of Mr. James Xanthopoulos as Junior Warden during 2012. For personal reasons, Jim felt that it was better if he relinquish these responsibilities and likewise resigned from his position as a member of the Vestry. For a few months, St. Mark's was again without a Junior Warden to guide the development of our physical plant. In the interim, Father Zwifka, with the help of Elta Lauver, our Treasurer, and Jim Cherry, our Sexton, took responsibility the continuing projects. More recently, Mr. Fred McKinley was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Xanthopoulos and was, in turn, appointed Junior Warden by the Vestry.

During the past year, several important projects took shape:

- Doors to the church and parish hall were carefully maintained and re-painted.
- A new sign was installed and dedicated at the corner of South Main and Water Streets.
- Signs for the Parish Office and Mother Hubbard's Cupboard were restored and repainted.
- Drainage gutters from the parish buildings to the street were cleaned, repaired, and replaced as necessary.
- After much planning on the part of the Wardens and Vestry, Epiphany Studios of Virginia, dismantled, transported, restored, and re-installed the magnificent great window above the main altar. The two ventilator windows in the chancel were also restored and rebuilt with more functional frames and latches.
- Estimates for plaster repair and re-painting of the chancel area are now underway. Special care must be taken because of the magnificent altar and reredos as well as the organ. Once the painting is completed in that area, the organ will undergo a periodic major maintenance.
- Thanks to a grant from the Congregational Development Commission of the Diocese of Central PA, we were able to remodel Mother Hubbard's Cupboard. If you haven't been there, be sure to take a peek. What was the old rectory kitchen is now an bright, clean and efficient workspace for our volunteers to sort, store and pack the food distributed to the Cupboard's visitors.
- Thanks to the energetic work of Edgar Nazzario, his wife, Marilynn, and his brother, along with the careful guidance and assistance of Jim Cherry, our Sexton, the undercroft of the parish hall has been repaired and painted. That space is now totally available for use. It is our hope that we will be able to renovate the small kitchen to become an auxiliary place for all the great cooking that goes on in this place!

We hope to continue the ongoing restoration of our stained glass windows. The next phase (three windows on the south elevation of the Church) will cost slightly over \$15,000. Also in the not too distant future we are planning for the total renovation of the kitchen in the parish hall so that we can make it more efficient, easier to use by volunteers, and bring it into closer compliance with state health code requirements.

# Jubilee Ministry Center

In 1983, St. Mark's Church was instituted s the first Jubilee Ministry Center in the Episcopal Church. Since then, St. Mark's has supported the Jubilee Ministry Center as its principal means of community outreach by provided for those who find themselves at the margins of our community, providing advocacy for the issues that are at the root of such marginalization, and working with other faith and civic communities to address the growing problems associated with economic hardship within our community.



Since last year, St. Mark's has used a \$20,000 grant from the Congregational Development Commission to enhance its operations around and in support of the Center. Specifically, the rooms used to house much of its activity—the first floor of what had been the rectory— were upgraded with more adequate lighting, and new flooring. Cabinetry and old appliances were removed from the rectory kitchen and new moveable shelving was introduced to assist volunteers in a more efficient use of inventories. Artwork was donated to make the space less institutional and more welcoming so that a genuine sense of intentional hospitality infused the space.

Volunteers remain the core of the Center in all aspects and Center leadership is extremely grateful for the many hours put in by volunteers — parishioners and ecumenical partners alike.

## Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard's goal is to provide food items for the residents of Mifflin County who do not or cannot qualify for assistance in a timely manner. The food bank has always operated by accepting donations (monetary or in-kind) from local employers, businesses, schools, community organizations, and agencies, churches, and individuals. Mother Hubbard's Cupboard does not receive or benefit from any federal, state or local municipal funding.

Please know that because of your compassion, many folks who are under financial stress during these difficult economic times receive help with food and personal care products. Your generosity makes life a bit more manageable for them. We are extremely grateful for your generous support. In 2012, we were able to assist 3114 people and 1182 families!

Beginning Balance	\$	15,422.43
Total Income	\$	32,939.30
Total Expenses	\$	29,499.37
Ending Balance	\$	18,862.36

-- Submitted by Elta Lauver, Coordinator

## Breaking Bread Together

Breaking Bread Together (BBT) represents the parish's efforts at "intentional hospitality." In addition to the coordination and execution of ten monthly Break Bread Together Community Meals that served between 80 and 100 people each, BBT also coordinated meals for the following events held at St. Mark's Church:

- St. Mark's Day Pot-Luck Brunch
- Mother's Day Cake and Coffee along with gift geraniums for the women of the parish
- A luncheon meeting for the Lewistown Ministerium
- Church-in-the-Park
- Stewardship In-Gathering Pot Luck Brunch

The Committee is extremely grateful for all who helped in any way to make these events a success.

This year BBT took a break during July and August, the hottest months (in an unair-conditioned facility). This short hiatus provided a much needed break to recoup and recapture their energy for this important ministry. As part of our reorganization under the Jubilee Ministry Center, the Development Committee will now be known as Breaking Bread Together and will

## Parishioners' Outreach

Hunger is not the only need. Frequently, people who need assistance with basic necessities like heat, water, and electricity approach St. Mark's. Additionally, St. Mark's Parishioners' Outreach assisted individuals with costs associated with physician's visits, medications, eyeglasses, school lunches, appliances, housing, and gasoline for transportation. In 2011, we were able to help 79 families:

Fuel	22 families
Gasoline	11 families
Electricity	19 families
Water/Sewer	5 families
Medicines, car repairs, telephone, diapers and other needs.	7 families
Backpack/School Supplies	15 families

## Financial Summary

1/1/2012	Beginning Balance	\$ 2259.67
	Income	\$ 3188.61
	Expenses	\$ 3053.66
12/31/2012	Ending Balance	\$ 2394.67

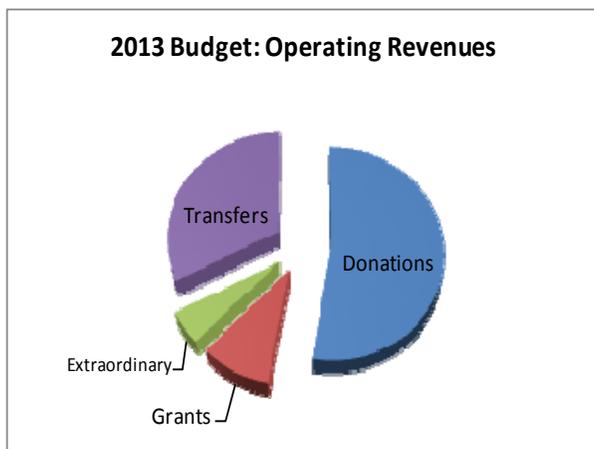
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# Stewardship & Parish Finance

## The Numbers — FY 2013 Parish Budget

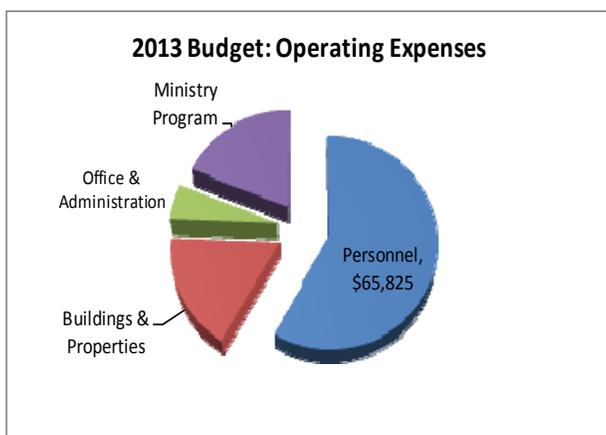
### A Budget Snapshot

They say a picture tells a thousand words. Here is an illustration that shows where our revenue comes from and where we spend it. This is based on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2013.



#### Operating Revenues

Donations	\$	55,100
Grants	\$	10,000
Extraordinary	\$	5,250
Transfers	\$	34,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>104,350</b>



#### Operating Expenses

Personnel	\$	65,825
Buildings & Properties	\$	19,650
Office & Administration	\$	6,199
Ministry Program	\$	21,295
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>112,969</b>

Operating Budget		FY 2012	FY 2013
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Donations			
Pledge Income	\$	61,885.00	\$ 49,600.00
Plate/Loose Offerings	\$	1,887.00	\$ 2,500.00
Extraordinary Donations	\$	2,083.00	\$ 3,000.00
<b>TOTAL DONATIONS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>65,855.00</b>	<b>\$ 55,100.00</b>
Grants			
Diocesan Operating Grant	\$	20,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Other Grants for Operations			
<b>TOTAL GRANTS - OPERATING</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>
Extraordinary Revenue			
Legacy/Bequest (Non-restricted)			
Investment Income (Non-restricted)	\$	4,103.92	\$ 5,000.00
Building Use	\$	100.00	\$ 250.00
<b>TOTAL EXTRAORDINARY</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,203.92</b>	<b>\$ 5,250.00</b>
Transfers			
From General Asset Funds			\$ 1,000.00
From Investments			\$ 28,000.00
From Maude Walker Fund			\$ 5,000.00
<b>TOTAL FUND TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$ 34,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>90,058.92</b>	<b>\$ 104,350.00</b>

#### EXPENSES

##### Personnel

##### Rector

Salary	\$	23,355.96	\$ 12,879.00
Housing	\$	7,007.04	\$ 18,000.00
Soc Sec Offset	\$	2,515.23	\$ 2,558.00
Professional Expenses	\$	2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Continuing Education	\$	325.00	\$ 375.00
Pension	\$	5,918.00	\$ 6,019.00
<b>TOTAL RECTOR</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>41,621.23</b>	<b>\$ 42,331.00</b>

<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	\$	99,543.40	\$ 112,969.00
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</b>	\$	90,058.92	\$ 104,350.00
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	\$	(9,484.48)	\$ (8,619.00)

Operating Budget		FY 2012	FY 2013		
Deacon				<b>Office &amp; Administration</b>	
	Professional Expenses	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00	Telecommunications	
	Continuing Education	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00		Cable/Internet/Voice \$ 1,589.04 \$ 1,589.00
	<b>TOTAL DEACON</b>	<b>\$ 800.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>		Website \$ - \$ 50.00
Sexton					<b>TOTAL TELECOM-MUNICATIONS</b> \$ <b>1,589.04</b> \$ <b>1,639.00</b>
	Wages	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,153.00	Postage	
	<b>TOTAL SEXTON</b>	<b>\$ 9,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,153.00</b>		Newsletter \$ 175.00
Housekeeping					Pastoral Letters \$ 100.00
	Wages	\$ 5,940.00	\$ 6,041.00		General Mailings \$ 100.00
	<b>TOTAL HOUSEKEEPING</b>	<b>\$ 5,940.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,041.00</b>		General Office \$ 85.00
Music Director					<b>TOTAL POSTAGE</b> \$ <b>314.00</b> \$ <b>460.00</b>
	Salary	\$ 5,440.00	\$ 5,600.00	Service Contracts	
	<b>TOTAL MUSIC DIRECTOR</b>	<b>\$ 5,440.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,600.00</b>		Copier/Printer \$ 70.15 \$ 150.00
Taxes/Benefits					Bookkeeping \$ 2,625.00 \$ 2,750.00
	Taxes - Employer Share	\$ 1,558.79	\$ 1,700.00		<b>TOTAL SERVICE CONTRACTS</b> \$ 2,695.15 \$ 2,900.00
	<b>TOTAL TAXES/BENEFITS</b>	<b>\$ 1,558.79</b>	<b>\$ 1,700.00</b>	Supplies	
					General Office Supplies \$ 580.00 \$ 600.00
					Computer \$ 150.00
					Printer \$ 300.00 \$ 300.00
					Special (Calendar/Registers/etc) \$ 150.00
					<b>TOTAL SUPPLIES</b> \$ <b>880.00</b> \$ <b>1,200.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL</b>		<b>\$ 64,360.02</b>	<b>\$ 65,825.00</b>	<b>TOTAL OFFICE &amp; ADMINISTRATION</b> \$ 5,478.19 \$ 6,199.00	
<b>Buildings &amp; Properties</b>				<b>Mission &amp; Ministry Program</b>	
Insurance				Worship	
	Property & Casualty	\$ 7,620.00	\$ 7,650.00		Lay Minister Training \$ - \$ 200.00
	<b>TOTAL INSURANCE</b>	<b>\$ 7,620.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,650.00</b>		Subscriptions/Licenses \$ 99.00 \$ 175.00
Maintenance					Music \$ - \$ 75.00
	Service Contracts	\$ 892.00	\$ 750.00		Sacristy \$ 439.00 \$ 500.00
	Cleaning Supplies	\$ 360.00	\$ 400.00		<b>TOTAL WORSHIP</b> \$ 538.00 \$ 950.00
	General Supplies	\$ -	\$ 500.00	Christian Formation	
	Other	\$ -	\$ 500.00		Curriculum \$ 396.38 \$ 1,000.00
	<b>TOTAL MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>\$ 1,252.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,000.00</b>		Children \$ 100.00
Utilities					Youth \$ 500.00
	Electricity - Church	\$ 1,316.00	\$ 1,500.00		Adult \$ 250.00 \$ 250.00
	Electricity - Rectory	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00		New members \$ 120.00 \$ 120.00
	Gas	\$ 4,316.00	\$ 4,500.00		<b>TOTAL CHRISTIAN FORMATION</b> \$ 766.38 \$ 1,970.00
	Refuse	\$ 328.00	\$ 350.00	Evangelization	
	Sewer	\$ 156.00	\$ 250.00		Advertisizing \$ 275.00 \$ 300.00
	Water	\$ 221.00	\$ 250.00		Publications (Printing/Brochures/etc) \$ - \$ 150.00
	<b>TOTAL UTILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 6,437.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,000.00</b>		Social Hospitality \$ 265.00 \$ 300.00
Repairs & Supplies					Resource Development \$ 60.00 \$ 150.00
	Repairs & Supplies	\$ 2,070.00	\$ 3,000.00		Outreach Expenses \$ - \$ -
	<b>TOTAL REPAIRS &amp; SUPPLIES</b>	<b>\$ 2,070.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>		<b>TOTAL EVANGELIZATION</b> \$ 600.00 \$ 900.00
				World & Diocese	
					Diocesan FairShare \$ 15,705.00 \$ 17,275.00
					Diocesan Convention \$ 195.00 \$ 200.00
					<b>TOTAL WORLD &amp; DIOCESE</b> \$ 15,900.00 \$ 17,475.00
<b>TOTAL BUILDINGS &amp; PROPERTIES</b>		<b>\$ 17,379.00</b>	<b>\$ 19,650.00</b>	<b>TOTAL MINISTRY PROGRAM</b> \$ 17,804.38 \$ 21,295.00	

# Stewardship & Parish Finance *(continued)*

The Stewardship Campaign for Fiscal Year 2013 was conducted in late 2012.

Following the theme, *Bear Fruit For Christ*, the drive consisted in sermons given over three consecutive weeks. Parishioners were asked to consider not only their financial commitment to the parish but also how they would use their time and talents to further the kingdom of God.

The annual pledge drive had mixed results. On the positive side, many pledging members increased the amount they would contribute in 2013. However, in 2012, we suffered from the loss some of our most generous financial givers. Consequently, while the number of people who pledge remained fairly stable, the gross number of dollars pledged declined. What has resulted is a loss in anticipated revenue for the coming year that will not be offset by investment income or by the two successful fundraisers that occurred in 2012.

The Finance and Investment Committees meet regularly to assess the progress of the



parish relative to its fiscal health. The Committee is confident in the future of the parish to meet the spiritual and pastoral needs of its members and to continue an effective program of outreach to the community. In light of our fiscal challenges, however, Vestry is considering leveraging some of the resources we have in our investment funds to maintain our near-term fiscal stability. Any such “take down” would be measured and carefully monitored so as not to place our investment portfolio at risk. This will give us some time to continue our work in creating an adequate cash flow for our continuing operational needs.

The budget prepared for Fiscal Year 2013 indicates a possible deficit of approximately \$8,619 even after an infusion of \$28,000 from our investments. Over the last two years, shortfalls have been offset by grants totally well over \$20,000 (\$10,000 for Fiscal Year 2013).

The Finance Committee believes that although we show a deficit for the coming year, it is to expect that fundraising and the generosity of our members can more than make up the difference. Of course, if our revenue situation improves, we would take less from our investment funds leaving those for another day. Members of the finance committee and the vestry feel that we have trimmed our expenses as far as possible without drastically re-visioning the mission and ministry of St. Mark’s parish. Therefore, we still need to expand our revenue base through careful stewardship and, we hope, parish growth.

We still need to address elements of public awareness of our mission and ministries as well as encourage our own parishioners to become personally involved in the Church’s effort to invite others to come and see what we are about.

The need for productive fundraisers, funding some parish ministries through grants, and how we might increasing our stewardship base remain our primary goals.

## ECW Financial Report

### INCOME

Salad Bars	716.68
Bake Sale	75.50
Soup Sales	1296.60
Auction	64.00
Penny Jar	84.10
UTO	150.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>2386.88</b>



### EXPENSES

Diocesan Assessment	125.00
UTO	150.00
Church Account	500.00
Ads & Printing	99.00
Stamps & Mailings	368.00
St. Barnabas	40.00
Summer Youth Ministries	40.00
Appalachian organization	40.00
ECW/UTO Scholarship	135.00
Mothers’ Day Dinner	147.52
Retreat Scholarship	50.00
ECW Discretionary	125.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1859.52</b>

- A donation was sent for the Book of Remembrance for Barb Bitner.
- Donated \$500 to the Church Fund
- Mr. Edward Rittenhouse paid for St. Nicholas Party
- Donation to Mother Hubbard’s Cupboard of \$150

*Submitted by Cynthia McKinley*

# Christian Formation Report



Formation in the Christian life is a lifelong process for the individual and a constant and concerted pastoral activity for the parish community. In 2012 the parish provided the opportunity for children to learn more about their faith in its weekly Sunday

School sessions conducted in the parish house education rooms at the time of the Liturgy of the Word of God at Sunday worship.

A Lenten soup and scripture series coordinated by Deacon Loretta Collins sought to create spiritual solidarity among the women of our parish. It was well received and will be continued in Lent 2013. Also during Lent 2012, the Rector led a Forum Discussion Group that explored *Embracing An Adult Faith* using a multi-media program led by theologian Marcus Borg.

In the Fall, four youngsters and their spiritual guardians participated in a program of preparation to receive Holy Eucharist for the first time. Their study and prayer came to fruition as they received Holy Communion from Bishop Baxter at his recent visitation.

There is considerable excitement about preparations underway to recover a whole parish approach to Christian formation where parishioners of every age will attend session beginning at 8:45 AM each Sunday that will lead into our Sunday worship service at 9:30 AM. The program is based on a highly regarded series called *Feasting on the Word* which focuses each lesson plan on the readings assigned for that Sunday. Participants will be grouped into pre K-2, Middle School, Teens and Adults.



**To Know,  
To Show,  
To Grow  
in Christ**

*Submitted by Father Zwifka*

## Meeting Agenda

The AGENDA for the ANNUAL MEETING of ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH Sunday, February 10, 2013, 10:30 AM St. Mark's Parish Hall

- Opening Prayer
- Remembrance of the Departed
- Approval of Minutes of Annual Meeting 2011
- Reception of Written Reports
- Comments on Reports
- Presentation and Discussion of the Budget for Fiscal Year 2013
- Ratification of Budget
- Elections for Vestry
- Appreciative Inquiry about the Mission and Ministry of St. Mark's Church
- Acknowledgements
- Doxology and Benediction
- Adjournment

## Among the Departed

- + Blanche A Stoicovy
- + Barbara A. Bitner
- + Doris E. Teenie

## Minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting of St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Fr. David A. Zwifka called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM with prayer.

A moment of silence and a short prayer was offered as part of the Remembrance of the Departed. The following persons were remembered: Carol Soult, Virginia Kinsey, and The Rev. Joseph Gatto.

Unanimous approval of the minutes of last year's meeting as submitted was given.

The following reports were accepted by title as printed in the Annual Report: Rector's Report, Senior Warden's Report, Junior Warden/Property Report, Jubilee Ministry Center Report, Stewardship and Parish Finance Report, Deacon's Report, Sunday School Report, and Christian Formation Report.

A motion was made by Tony Hatfield-Nicholson and seconded by Fred McKinley to approve the 2012 Budget and Joe Sikorsky reviewed with us the current situation of our investments.

Fred McKinley made a motion to accept the slate of Vestry nominees as presented, those persons being: Jeff Wilson, Deb Vaughn, John Xanthopoulos, and Blair Hannon. Ralph Aitkin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. A "thank you" was extended to Jane Smith and Cary Anne Harpster for their willingness to serve as Vestry members in the immediate past.

All joined in singling the doxology and a closing prayer was given by Father David.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Joyce M. Hart*

Clerk of the Vestry

## About Canon Robyn Szoke-Coolidge



Robyn's responsibilities include serving in a ministry to and with and for children and youth and families as well as children and youth leaders in the diocese of Central PA. Building and strengthening intergenerational spiritual relationships is a top priority. She works with committees for children/youth/young adults to provide leadership support and development, along with program opportunities that live out a vision of life long formation. Her position also is to assist congregational development, transition and deployment. This includes congregational visitation and preaching twice a month (in different congregations).

Parishioners' Outreach is funded by donations and by the net proceeds of the annual Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner held each November.

-- Submitted by Elta Lauver, Chair

### Environmental Stewardship

The committee continues to work on, the following on-going projects:

- Creating a small community garden for fresh produce.
- Raising awareness of fair trade and sustainably-farmed products and why they are important (e.g., ongoing sales of fair-trade products).
- Collecting pill bottles to underwrite Third World medical facilities to contain individual distribution of bulk medications for children with HIV/AIDS or cancer.
- Recycling glass, aluminum, tin cans, plastic bottles, papers, newspapers and Styrofoam.

-- Submitted by, Cameron Auxer, Chair

### Folks of A Seasoned Age (formerly Third Age Ministries)

St. Mark's Church's newest Jubilee Ministry Center venture, *Folks of A Seasoned Age*, seeks to recognize the church's need for an "older adult ministry." In the course of 2012, *Folks of A Seasoned Age* developed programming to enhance the following areas in the lives of parishioners and community members:

- Spiritual enrichment: sponsored a special Advent Evensong with guest appearances by the Yaegerstown United Methodist Church Men's Chorus and its Children's Handbell Choir; Bi-weekly prayer and song services at Kish Apartments
- Learning opportunities: e.g. a holiday centerpiece workshop; weekly exercise classes.
- Access and advocacy: e.g. an explanation of *LINK*, an organization designed to assist older citizens access available services
- Socialization: a group trip to the Pennsylvania Farm Show. This is an area that has received an increasing emphasis by the coordinating committee. 2013 will prove to be an exciting time for folks who otherwise may not avail themselves of interesting opportunities.
- Service opportunities: This is probably the least developed area of concern at this point. The committee continues to explore ways in which individuals or groups can become more involved in community service opportunities.

A note about the change of our name. As we got off the ground with this effort, the name *Third Age Ministries* proved to be confusing for many members of the parish and the wider community. Much time in brainstorming yielded a name that better addressed the concerns of this aspect of Jubilee Ministry. *Folks of A Seasoned Age* describes persons who are the focus of our concern: individuals who no longer have the concerns of early and mid-life but who are not ready to identify as "senior citizens." We continue to refine our focus and provide services and opportunities that address the expressed needs of our participants.

-- Submitted by Jackie Leight, Chair

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## Parish Leadership & Staff

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### VESTRY

The parish acknowledges and is grateful for the commitments of time and energy that Vestry membership require. These feelings are deepened when considering the important role of leadership exercised by the Vestry in 2011. As the parish's "Board of Directors," the Vestry exercises responsibility for all areas of the parish's life in collaboration with the rector, our pastor.

Blair Hannon                      *Senior Warden*  
 Fred McKinley                    *Junior Warden*  
 Elta Lauver                        *Treasurer*  
 Joyce Hart                         *Clerk*  
 Tony Hatfield-Nicholson  
 Jackie Leight  
 Deb Vaughn  
 Jeff Wilson  
 John Xanthopoulos

Bishop — *The Rt. Rev. Nathan D. Baxter*  
 Rector— *The Rev. Canon Dr. David A. Zwifka*  
 Deacon — *The Rev. Loretta Collins*  
 Senior Warden — *Blair Hannon*  
 Junior/Property Warden — *Fred McKinley*  
 Christian Formation — *Rev. Canon Dr. David Zwifka*  
 Altar Guild — *Carey Anne Harpster*  
 Director of Music — *Joyce Hart*  
 Communications — *Joyce Hart*  
 Folks of A Seasoned Age—*Jackie Leight*

Finance — *Jeff Wilson*  
 Investment — *Bob Welham/Bob Wilson*  
 Master of Acolytes — *Blair Hannon*  
 Verger-in-training — *Shawn Gisewhite*  
 Ministry to Sick & Homebound — *Rev. Loretta Collins*  
 Mother Hubbard's Cupboard — *Elta Lauver*  
 Parish Outreach — *Elta Lauver*  
 Breaking Bread Together — *Jackie Leight*  
 Sexton — *James Cherry*  
 Housekeeper — *Charles "Eddie" Specht*