

St. Mark's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**Report to the Annual Parish Meeting
January 29, 2023**

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Agenda**

1. Opening Prayer & Call to Order
2. Election of New Vestry Members
3. Appreciation and presentation of Gifts to Vestry class of 2022
4. Senior Wardens Report - Alysoun Marks
5. Junior Warden's Report - Elisa Hughes
6. Finance and Stewardship Report - Michelle D'Antuono
7. Head of School Report - Michelle D'Antuono (for Jerri Carington)
8. A Brief Summary of Ministries in 2022
9. Closing Prayer and Doxology

Senior Warden Report—Head of Congregation - Mrs. Alysoun Marks

First and foremost, I want to give thanks to God for this past year. While it is easy to take many things for granted in this life, the past year has reminded me that each and every day is a blessing, and there are many things in an ordinary day that are precious and, indeed, extraordinary.

It has been eleven months since we have had a rector at St. Mark's. And while we have had many excellent supply priests, of whom I am very grateful, the absence of a rector is felt by each of us as we plan our future. I couldn't have imagined that we would be here almost a year later, without an interim rector to help us navigate this transition. I am very appreciative of those staff, vestry, lay leaders and parishioners that have helped keep us moving forward. It has been a personally challenging year for me; not moving back to the US until June, splitting my time between home and Louisiana, where we have family responsibilities, and finally, receiving a cancer diagnosis. But in St. Mark's tradition, there has been an outpouring of support in every way. I appreciate all of you.

Our Profile Committee is finished with their work, and we will be taking applications for Search Committee Members very soon. I want to thank Bill Abbott, who has led this committee, and put countless hours of work in, to make sure that we are putting our best foot forward to priests who are looking for a parish to lead. As your Vestry met this month and reviewed our Profile, I was reminded of the wonderful heart that this church has, and what amazing potential we have to minister to and bless this community as it continues to grow. With God's help, we can truly be the cornerstone of the community as it grows and expands around us. To do this, we must be attentive to God's voice and the needs of those around us. We must continue to stay true to our Mission, Vision and Core Values.

Despite the absence of a rector, we have had an incredible year. We have had new families join St. Mark's this past year and have seen a slight increase in our average Sunday attendance. Almost all of our programs and ministries have remained steady throughout the year.

We have continued with two adult Christian Formation opportunities, led by Rob Hamon on Sunday mornings and myself on Tuesday at noon. Chris Abbott has continued to do an amazing job planning and preparing Christian Formation for our kids. I have no doubt, that despite our low numbers of children right now, the quality of our program is one of the best in the Diocese. Many thanks to all of those that stay in compliance with the Safeguarding guidelines to be able to assist with this program each Sunday.

We had our traditional Pancake Supper, Lenten Series and Fish Fry. We have had many potlucks and continue to have great participation in our Hosting Ministry. In the fall, we had Blessing of the Backpacks and had a well attended Rally Day/Ministry Fair. We also had a Newcomer's Class, where we welcomed three new families to the Church. During Advent, we had wreath making, cookie decorating, ornament making and a visit from St. Nicholas.

Our worship experience continues to be enriched by our wonderful Music Ministry. I know you all share in my gratitude for Tom Thompson and the incredible job he does in enhancing our worship. The choir and handbell choir are gradually building back up as Covid is taking more of a backseat in our day to day activities. The Magic of Broadway was a huge success and brought many new guests through our doors. Tom's association with Century Fine Arts has been a great opportunity for us to have new voices and new faces at our church. Tom was also instrumental (pun intended) in the addition of our new sound system. When I first asked Tom to get an estimate on a new sound system, it was for informational purposes only. I never dreamed that we would have one installed before the year was over. My deepest gratitude to those anonymous parishioners who made this possible.

Our worship ministries, such as ushers, acolytes, lay readers, vergers and chalice bearers are still in need of participants. But they have increased slightly towards the end of last year, and I expect they will continue to increase this coming year. I appreciate those that are always willing to step up and assist at the last minute.

The Men's Group, ECW and DOK have all had fantastic years. The Men's Group was finally started back up again since Covid began. With the loss of our beloved Men's Group leader, Benno Scheibner, first to the isolation of Covid, and then to his transcendence to heaven, the group has been slow to restart. Thanks to Scott Marks for courageously restarting the group. The DOK has also been quiet during the past couple of years, but has started meeting again and is bringing on new leaders to start the new year. The ECW has had many activities throughout the year, including Whine and Cheese Social, Costume and Movie Night and the annual Christmas Brunch and Gift exchange.

Our Outreach is always an area that makes me very proud of our congregation. For a church our size, our Outreach programs show what an incredible heart we have. We have continued to partner with Fort Bend Senior Citizen Center, Common Threads, the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Helping Hands, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the Greenwood Retirement Community and the Fort Bend Women's Shelter. We have helped take care of the needs of the most vulnerable members in our community. A huge thank you to all who have supported these programs with your time, talent and treasure.

In closing, we have had an extraordinary year! Despite our continued challenges, we have remained faithful to God's calling and continue to grow and care for each other and our community. Looking forward, we have an exciting year ahead. The road projects around us continue to grow and bring our neighbors closer to our doorstep. We will continue to pray and discern what type of leadership we need for the years ahead, as we search for a new rector. I am grateful for each day, and each of you, as I keep you and St. Mark's in my daily prayers.

Junior Warden Report — Mrs. Elisa Hughes

Church Beautification:

Two ground beautification projects were completed in the Spring. (Thanks to the ROTC High School groups for volunteering.) We were able to weed all flower beds, landscape several areas (planting bushes, flowers, grass, and a tree around the church) and mulch the beds. We were also able to create a walking path from the handicap parking area to the front of the church. The side patio was spruced up and power washed. All exterior furniture was either paint or stain. The church entrances were power washed and exterior doors were stripped and stained. The parking lot was power washed and restriped. The outback was power washed and the interior cleaned out and reorganized.

Fire Suppression System

The fire suppression system is fully operational. However, during 2022, several repair were completed. The tank was emptied, cleaned and all debris cleared out of the pipes. Each month all filter are checked, cleaned and the system run. During the December freeze a few of the exterior pipes on the tank froze and had to be replaced.

Church Interior

We had the several rooms inside painted, the sanctuary, cardroom off sanctuary, narthex, women's and men bathroom in Narthex, kitchen downstairs, bathroom off kitchen and the breezeway that connects the sanctuary and parish hall. Several faucets fixed (18) in the church and school, had to have the valves replaced, both the kitchen faucets had to be replaced as well. Three toilets were replaced and two adjusted (were rocking). All stained ceiling tiles (15) were replaced, settlement cracks through the church repaired, door arm and frame leading to the sanctuary was repaired. Loose carpet on stairs leading to the church office was repaired, light fixtures (2) were rehung and repaired in the school and in the office of the priest. Upstairs kitchen the garbage disposal was replaced. Bathroom shelves were hung in the schools bathrooms. Alarm batteries were replaced throughout the building. In the server room sheetrock repair was completed due to A/C leak. Mounted the Mevo camera to the ceiling to the sanctuary for Sunday serves.

Other

I truly appreciated all of the high school volunteers as well as the church member who came out during the beautification clean up days. Without them we would have never gotten all the work done.

Future Plans

In the coming year, we hope to continue to improve both the interior and exterior of our church. I would like to see the exterior of the outback repainted as well as both carports leading into the church painted.

Finance Report – Mrs. Michelle D’Antuono

2022 Review

2022 was a year of many blessings and several moving parts in so many ways, including our finances. 2021 was a year full of hefty maintenance expenses that we prayed did not continue into 2022, and thanks to our church volunteers it didn't. We are so very appreciative for the hard work and dedication from our Jr. Warden, Elisa Hughes, and her warriors, including our own Kim Hart and Joanie Hughes. The maintenance items they completed are simply amazing -- the list is endless! In addition to the school paying their monthly shared expense, the school was able to pay for some of the building maintenance items and inspections.

The 2022 budget indicated a deficit of (\$16,700) at the beginning of the year; however, by God's grace and a lot of voluntary work and additional contributions, we ended the year with a \$28,000 surplus. Additionally, we are so very grateful for the interior improvement donations that were made that enabled us to paint the entire interior of our church, stain the interior and exterior doors, and install new sound system.

2023 Highlights

The 2023 Stewardship committee worked diligently on the "Rooted in Love" campaign, which evolved into receiving 40 pledge units, which was more than we received in 2022. We are hopeful that this is a sign of progress for St. Mark's as we look forward to an exciting year. Our 2023 budget currently indicates a deficit of about (\$6,000). As we are hopeful that our future Rector will be joining us this year, the budget reflects a partial year Rector's compensation package, as well as transition expenses for the Rector search.

With your continued prayers and commitment to our church, we look forward to an amazing and fulfilling year here at St. Mark's. We are all excited for God's blessings on us all in our continued fellowship and growing TOGETHER as we progress in 2023!

St. Mark's Episcopal School Report — Mrs. Jerri Carington, School Director

This past year, has been an extraordinary year for our school. During the course of the year, we were able to gradually ease our COVID-19 restrictions. We are still incorporating some of the protocols as they keep our classrooms healthier. We did run a successful summer camp with two classrooms throughout the summer months of 2022. Currently, we are operating two classrooms plus morning and afternoon BAC. We have six students and are hoping to grow. We have begun advertising through care.com, and continue to advertise through Facebook, word of mouth and our sign. The school has purchased promotional items for the church and school to use at community and outreach events. This past fall we had a booth at one of the local area elementary school Trunk or Treat events.

Our staff is small but dedicated. We continue to use a specialized child care staffing service to fill out our workforce. When our numbers increase, we will hire additional workers to fill out our staffing requirements. We are always looking for substitutes. If you know someone who might be interested, please have them contact Jerri Carington at the school.

During 2022, we were truly blessed to receive a second Child Care Relief Fund grant through the Texas Workforce Commission. A few parish members also made generous contributions in 2022. These combined funds, along with tuition collected, allowed us to continue operations throughout 2022, including offering scholarships to students who otherwise would not be able to afford to attend the school. In addition, we have been able to help financially support the operations and maintenance of the church. During 2022, the school made monthly shared use payments, paid for the repair of an A/C unit, contributed to the insurance premium, paid for a portion of the building inspections, paid for a portion of the fire suppression pump system repairs, paid for IT and equipment upgrades to the camera system and school technology, and paid to have the flooring replaced in the Toddler classroom and office area.

We are so grateful that through outside funding sources, the generous contributions of parishioners and the ongoing support of the Church we have been allowed to continue our combined mission to bring children up in the way of the Lord.

*Train up a child in the way he should go,
And when he is old he will not depart from it.*
Proverbs 22:6

Acolytes/Chalice Bearers – Mrs. Kathy Barzilla

Being an acolyte is a great way to learn about the importance of the liturgy in the Episcopal Church. You get the opportunity to grow in faith by serving others during the service. We have a few Crucifers and sometimes Gospel Bearers scheduled at services.

We are so thankful for the consistent involvement of our youth and adult acolytes who are all very dedicated to serving in this capacity. We would like a few more people trained in the rotation. We are excited about training more adults to serve as Crucifer and the possibilities for more youth Gospel Bearers and Torch Bearers in 2023. Kathy Barzilla serves as the acolyte trainer and we can train acolytes at any time. If anyone is interested in serving as an acolyte at St. Mark's, please contact Kathy Barzilla at kat102193@windstream.net.

Adult Christian Formation – Mr. Rob Hamon & Mrs. Alysoun Marks

Christian Formation (Sunday Morning – Adults): Rob Hamon

Bible study is both personal and communal, and our Sunday morning Adult Christian Formation classes examined several ways to do both. These sessions introduced, then practiced, communal study methods. This means we used both class time as well as personal study to seek and better know God's word. The year past was one of transition and we were still successful in hosting three different Adult Christian Formation classes during the year.

2022 Lenten series, titled "Let It Go".

The Spring series focused on 'letting it go' by 'letting it out' in faith, through prayer, and with fellowship. It was devotional based, focusing less on educating the brain and more on feeding the soul. We met weekly in fellowship and took a Lenten journey to personally reflect on those things that burden us. These burdens are like chains on our soul, and like the Apostle Paul, we discussed how to break those chains.

Questions that were addressed:

- What is it we need to 'let go'?
- Why do we not 'just' let it go?
- How can scripture help us to let go?
- What actions can we take to enable us to let go?
- How can the Church assist us with letting go?

Bible 101: How do we "study" the Bible?

We started the Fall series on how to actually "do" a Bible study. Although many of us know that reading the Bible on a regular basis enriches our walk with Christ, and many of us have probably been involved with either a group or personal study in the past, it is no surprise that many do not realize that there are several methods to help our study. Whether or not one is new to Bible study as a means to worship or an old hat looking to restart their study habits, we thought it wise to get everyone on the same page. Thus, Bible 101 was formed.

Program.

- Week 1, Introduction & Prayer
- Week 2, Different methods & Reading
- Week 3, Devotional study & Thinking
- Week 4, Chapter study & Application
- Week 5, Thematic study & Resources
- Week 6, Book study & putting it all together

2022 Advent series, titled “Living Well Through Advent 2022”.

Our final class in 2022 was held during Advent and was sourced from *The Living Compass Spirituality & Wellness Initiative*, based on Mark, Chapter 12, verse 30 about loving God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. Using this scripture as guide, the series presented daily readings for consideration on how to practice simplicity; a hard goal to achieve during the pre-Christmas season, agreed. But the weekly discussions and daily reads provided practical methods to experience a simpler life during this hectic time.

The themes.

Week one, Simplicity and Balance

Week two, Simplicity and Letting Go

Week three, Simplicity and Joy

Week four, Simplicity and Faith

I believe the series provided attendees ample opportunities for each to take what they discovered from the reflections and go deeper with these insights into their own lives.

Brown Bag Bible Study

We meet Tuesdays at noon on Zoom. We originally started using Zoom for our meetings when Covid came on the scene. But because of the convenience of a virtual meeting, we have continued using Zoom. The past year, we have had between 4-7 participants each week. We have lively discussions about the scriptures that we read, and decide as a group, what scripture we will study next. Contact Alysoun Marks if you would like to join on Tuesdays.

Altar Guild – Ms. Bettye Newberry

The Altar Guild has had another busy year. The small group of Ruthie Hurta, Isobel Gotschel Anne Brock, Melissa Hamon, Bill Brawn, Jan & Lee Leaman & with help from Tom & Brent Thompson. St Marks is blessed with our special "oil" angels who fill the candles every week so a huge thank you go to Charlie & Sally Yates. Also, a big thank you to everyone that honored their loved ones by adorning the altar on Sunday. If you find that you are called to this ministry please contact Bettye Newberry

Christian Formation Grades 6-12 – Mrs. Chris Abbott

Secondary Christian Formation served students in grades 6-12. The lessons are adapted by Chris Abbott from the *Real and Relevant* curriculum endorsed by the Diocese of Texas. The goal of the secondary Christian Formation class is to provide the youth with a study of scripture that has direct applications to their daily lives. The lessons provide the youth with an opportunity to dig deeper into the scripture reading, God, Jesus and their faith. Movie clips were often used to emphasize a point and bring current day issues to light following the scripture reading.

Spring 2021

During the spring term the 6-12 grade Christian Formation class met weekly at 9:00 outside in the drive thru. Using the portable DVD player made it possible to continue with the *Real and Relevant* curriculum that had been used in previous years. The focus of the spring term included baptism, spiritual gifts and talents, the purpose of life, love, temptations and trials, believing and friendship. The spring term also gave the class the opportunity to follow the Lent Madness competition produced by the Forward Movement. Lent Madness gives everyone the opportunity to expand their knowledge of those individuals who have contributed so much to our faith. Again thanks go to Dr. Charlie Yates, Isobel Gotschall and Frank D’Antuono for braving the elements outside and making the class a possibility under challenging circumstances.

Fall 2021

In the fall of 2022 Secondary Christian Formation returned to the classroom upstairs in the education building. The focus of the ten lessons in the fall term included feeling lost and found, eternity, parables, suffering for the Gospel, Thanksgiving, the Ten Commandments, forgiveness, All Saints' Day, prayer types, beliefs and convictions.

Chris Abbott taught the class and communicated with both the parents and youth via email and text to give everyone a preview of what to expect in that week's lesson. Additional thanks go to Dr. Charlie Yates, Isobel Gotschall and Frank D'Antuono for their participation to satisfy the requirements of Safeguarding God's Children. Their dedication to this program continue to make it possible.

Daughters of the King (DOK) – Mrs. Melissa Hamon

In 2022, we all looked out of our homes and listened to advice of doctors and finally decided it was safe to come back to church, at least that is what it felt like to this writer! It is so nice to be back in church with our church family worshipping together.

Now that we are back at church, the DOK is back into full swing with a variety of service projects. First and foremost, we were able to discontinue the Zoom meetings and start meeting in person. That has been so nice! Although we are thankful for the technology of Zoom, there is nothing better than spending time together discussing service projects, having fellowship and praying together.

On a sad note, we did lose one of our members in 2022, Barbara Ricklin. Our chapter provided help and support for Barbara's funeral. She is missed dearly.

Your Daughters of the King chapter at St. Mark's will have new members this year. Training for the next induction is to begin soon. It is not too late to sign up. The DOK also keeps a confidential prayer list that is kept up to date and prayed over daily. The power of prayer is tremendous!

Here are some of the projects that were completed in 2022:

1. Purses project with the collection of purses and things that go into purses. The purses were donated to Fort Bend County Women's Shelter. The purses went to the women in the shelter and not to the thrift store. It was reported to us that the women were very happy with the purses. We appreciate all those at St. Mark's that donated to this cause.

2. Back-to-School supply drive for school supplies for Taylor Ray Elementary in Rosenberg. Our congregation donated a huge supply of all kinds of school supplies. Chris Abbott and Melissa Hamon delivered the supplies directly to the teachers and staff who were thrilled with the donations. This is a project we intend to continue in 2023.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) – Mrs. Alysoun Marks, Ms. Christine Powell, Ms. Isobel Gotschall, Nancy Boyd & Mrs. Rhonda Yamauchi

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Committee of St. Mark's held a "Whine & Cheese" social on May 20th on the church patio. About ten women attended who brought various wine and cheeses along with other snacks.

A Halloween party was held on October 22nd. The attendees brought snacks and we watched a movie, "Hocus Pocus", while we ate popcorn from Alysoun's popcorn machine.

“S’mores & More was held on November 11th. Along with visiting with each other, Jeannie Reeves led the group in singing campfire songs. Due to inclement weather, the event was held indoors with Alysoun’s electric tabletop s’mores maker.

The annual Christmas Brunch & Gift Exchange was held in the Parish Hall on December 3rd with about 22 people in attendance. Potluck sides and deserts were provided by the attendees as well as a honey-baked ham provided by ECW. After a great meal and plenty of conversation, everyone had a good time selecting and “stealing” gifts.

Kids’ Kingdom – Mrs. Chris Abbott

Kids’ Kingdom provided Christian Formation for students in the first through fifth grades during 2022. Starting in the fall of 2022 classes resumed in person at 9:00 in the education building. The goal of Kids’ Kingdom is to provide the youth with a Bible background presented in a unit format. A unit consists of several weeks of a single Bible story that is reinforced with activities that the students find fun and interesting. The lessons are adapted by Chris Abbott from the *Workshop Rotation Model* website. In addition, bulletin teasers for the weekly bulletin were written and she communicated weekly via email and text with the students and their families.

Kids’ Kingdom – Spring 2022

Fifteen YouTube lessons were recorded by Chris Abbott for families to use at home on their own schedule. The lesson plans were posted online along with the video. Bags of supplies and materials were delivered to the homes of the children so that they could continue with the activities described in the lesson. Lessons during the spring term included Epiphany, St. Paul, Holy Week and the crucifixion and the resurrection of Jesus. Guidance and direction from parents and grandparents made the program possible.

Kids’ Kingdom - Fall 2022

During the fall of 2022 the focus was on a unit on Creation and then a unit on the Saints of God. Once the classes had returned to in person, Kathy Barzilla, Ruthie Hurta, Helen Tanner, Mary Anne Helms and Melissa Hamon taught the classes on a weekly basis. Without their help to teach and satisfy the requirements of Safeguarding God’s Children, the Kids’ Kingdom program could not exist.

The Men of St. Mark’s

The Men’s Group has finally had a restart since Covid began. We have met three times, and will continue to meet in 2023. We are continuing to get organized, but stay tuned for good things to come in the year ahead.

Music & Choir – Mr. Tom Thompson

It has been such a blessing to be a part of the Music Ministry at St. Mark’s, although this has been another difficult year. There have been several wonderful members of St. Mark’s Ensemble who have been faithful in helping to lead in worship on Sundays. We continue to rehearse during the week on days and at times when most members are available, as well as on Sundays, at 8:00 a.m. The handbell ensemble rehearses on Sundays, at 9:00 a.m.

We were so blessed to have friends join us for the Bishop’s visit and for Easter Sunday, as well as Christmas Eve for the service and for the lovely concert presented by Dr. Dominique McCormick. It was a special treat to have had the opportunity to present *The Magic of Broadway in September, and we are*

looking forward to presenting another special event like that in 2023.

We greatly appreciate your love, encouragement, and support, and we covet your prayers as we strive to grow and do wonderful things for God's kingdom.

Sewing Guild – Mrs. Jeanne Reaves

The St. Mark's Episcopal Sewing Sisters had a busy year in 2022. We supported the Ft. Bend Women's Shelter by making purses and tote bags for the ladies staying at the shelter. We also made tote bags for the Family Promise group which were delivered to that group by Betty Von and Gayle Scholer who are sewing friends but not St. Mark's members.

We invited church members to take part in a fun project at home—making cheerful pillow cases in Christmas prints. Kits consisting of colorful fabric cut to size and directions for making the pillowcases were given to those who wanted to participate. All in all we netted 75 pillowcases which were gratefully received by the administrators of the Fort Bend Women's Shelter.

Although we have lost a few Sewing Sisters, we have gained a few! A common thread that has always through our group is fun and friendship. Just like the old fashioned quilting bee, we share friendship and support for each other.

Social Outreach Ministry – Mrs. Jeanne Reaves, Mrs. Rhonda Yamauchi & Ms. Isobel Gotschall

St. Mark's, during the year was able to do the following for 2022:

Fort Bend Senior Citizen Center - Members of St. Mark's donated cleaning supplies as bingo prizes for the seniors' bingo games at their center. We know that many seniors love their pets so we also donated 5-7 pound bags of pet food for seniors to be distributed through the Meals on Wheels program.

Common Threads - Members of St. Mark's donated money to the Common Threads organization which is supported by Lamar ISD and the community at large. The Common Threads manager, Elida Castillo, gave a heartfelt presentation citing the need for our support. She referred to the benefits of wearing uniforms for the students going to at risk schools. St. Mark's responded and made a generous donation.

St. Mark's Giving Tree - This year, St. Mark's Episcopal Church sponsored 20 children who were referred through the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services as children in need. This department services foster children from infants to age 18. For most of these children, the gifts from the Rainbow Room Christmas Giving Tree Project are the only ones they receive all year.

Because of the generosity of the members of St. Mark's and parents of St. Mark's School, we were able to provide three requested gifts per child totaling 60 gifts in just 3 weeks and six of those gifts were bicycles. So....A huge "Thank You" to all of you who put a smile on the face of these children on Christmas morning and to those of you who helped organize and transport these gifts.

Seniors At Greatwood Retirement Community - A ministry dedicated to sharing surplus calendars with the seniors residing in this community.

Souper Bowl of Caring – Mrs. Chris Abbott

St. Mark's again participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring. Donations of canned and dried food were collected prior to Super Bowl Sunday. Monetary collections were also made. Contributions were delivered to the Helping Hands location in Richmond.

St. Mark's Saints for a Cure – Mrs. Chris Abbott

2022 was the eleventh year that St. Mark's has fielded a team for the annual Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation walk under the direction of Chris Abbott. This year's walk took place on Saturday, November 5 at the Houston Sports Park. Thirty-three individuals and families contributed \$3,692 to JDRF for their ongoing research into a cure and development of better ways to deal with Type One Diabetes on a daily basis.

Sunday Food Ministry - Ms. Isobel Gotschall

The Sunday Morning Food Ministry provide a variety of snacks in order to encourage folks to gather after Sunday service and visit with each other. We have 11 teams that we are rotating on Sunday mornings and we would like a few more teams in the rotation. The teams bring light snacks like, cookies, fruit, chips, nuts, etc. If you are interested in hosting on Sunday mornings or to get more information please contact Isobel Gotschall. Many thanks to those who volunteered for a team.

Welcome Committee - Mr. Charles Phillips

I did assemble and stage welcome bags and a big thanks to the people who are attending regularly and greeting any visitors. We have a few new families that are attending regularly.

Give thanks for the many members of our body

Vestry (2022)

Alysoun Marks (Sr Warden)
Elisa Hughes (Jr Warden)
Kathy Barzilla
Michelle D'Antuono
Jon Eiche
Melissa Hamon
Charles Phillips
Christine Powell
Jeanne Reaves

Executive Admin. Assistant

Kimberly Hart

Organist

Tom Thompson

School Director

Jerri Carington

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Rev. Susie Hebert
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Jan Leaman
Alysoun Marks
Phoebe Rogers
Ann Yager

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Michelle D'Antuono

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Michelle D'Antuono
Melissa Hamon
Stacy Krajinovic
Christine Powell

Finance Committee

Lee Leaman
Michelle D'Antuono
Rock Moen
Melissa Hamon
Rock Moen
Alysoun Marks

Vergers

Kathy Barzilla
Jon Eiche

Choir

Kemi Ani
Sandy Barkerding
Roger Barkerding
Bill Brawn
Faith Fidelis-Ojah
Melissa Hamon
Kathleen Mensing
Jeanne Reaves
Julie Stuckey
Brent Thompson

Handbells

Sue Lane McCulley
Suzanne Mottin
Julie Stuckey
Brent Thompson

Chalice Bearers

Jon Eiche
Melissa Hamon
Kathy Barzilla

Altar Guild

Bill Brawn
Anne Brock
Melissa Hamon
Ruthie Hurta
Isobel Gotschall
Jan Leaman
Lee Leaman
Bettye Newberry
Brent Thompson
Tom Thompson
Sally Yates
Charlie Yates

Wedding Guild

Bettye Newberry
Ruthie Hurta

Lay Readers

Kathy Barzilla
Nancy Boyd
Rob Hamon
Mary Anne Helms
Adriana Krajinovic
Stacy Krajinovic
Jim Osoba
Peggy Wyatt

Ushers

Nancy Boyd
Curtis Boyd
Dwayne Dawlearn
Charlie Phillips
Don Jozwiak
Marion Jozwiak

Tellers

Kathy Barzilla
Jon Eiche
Melissa Hamon
Elisa Hughes
Charles Phillips
Alysoun Marks
Christine Powell
Jeanne Reaves

The Sewing Guild

Jeannie Reaves
Rhonda Yamauchi
Betty Von Maszewski
Isabel Gotschall
Gail Scholer
Phoebe Rogers
Helen Tanner
Anne Brock
Joni Duke
Mary Anne Helms
Barbara Osoba
Lou Cloninger
Cathy Baumbach
Thu Phillips

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Daughters of the King

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Dorothy Dawlearn
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Alysoun Marks
Jeanne Reaves
Barbara Ricklin
Barbara Scheibner
Deborah Burns
Marion Jozwiak
Peggy Wyatt

**Christian Formation
for Adults**

Rev. Susie Hebert
Alysoun Marks
Rob Hamon

**Christian Formation
for Youth**

Chris Abbott
Dr. Charlie Yates
Isobel Gotschall
Frank D'Antuono

Kids' Kingdom

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Helen Tanner

Outreach Ministry

Rev. Susie Hebert
Isobel Gotschal
Rhonda Yamauchi
Jeanne Reaves

ECW Chairs

Nancy Boyd
Christine Powell
Isobel Gotschall
Alysoun Scotts
Rhonda Yamauchi

Men's Group

Ministry Leaders

Scott Marks
Jim Duke

Hosting Ministry

Chris Abbott
Bill Abbott
Delores Baldwin
Gray Baldwin
Kathy Barzilla
Cathy Baumbach
Anne Brock
Michelle D'Antuono
Frank D'Antuono
Joni Duke
Jim Duke
Jon Eiche
Evelyn Eiche
Elisa Hughes
Joanie Hughes
Ruthie Hurta
Isobel Gotschall
Marion Jozwiak
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Mission Statement

Our mission is to know Jesus Christ and to make him known.

Vision Statement

We at St. Mark's Episcopal Church have a vision for our future. We will nurture strong caring relationships within our church family and work together to meet the needs of our neighbors through outreach. We will commit to meaningful worship experiences with a vibrant music component. We will prepare for growth by developing a campus plan which utilizes our unique, beautiful campus space. We will devote ourselves to Christian formation at all ages and will create a thriving youth ministry. And we will implement an effective overall strategy for achieving our mission of knowing Christ and making him known.

Core Values

Gracious. In our relationship with Christ, God welcomes us home, and we, in turn, offer gracious hospitality to all those whom God leads to our church.

Rooted. Our worship and liturgy are rooted in the rich tradition of the Episcopal Church, drawing on the wellspring of customs from the ancient church through those of today.

Authentic. We are an authentic people, true to our Christian identity, and genuinely thankful for the gift of our gathering and for the sacred space of our church.

Christ-centered. We are the church, the Body of Christ, and we therefore have Jesus Christ at the center of our life; for in the risen Christ we live and move and have our being.

Empowered. Jesus commissions us to go to all nations with his good news, and we, the people of St. Mark's, are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim by word and example the Gospel in Fort Bend County and beyond.