



St. Margaret's
Episcopal Church
125TH ANNIVERSARY

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Presented at the Parish Annual Meeting
Sunday, May 5, 2019



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ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

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1. Registration

Please register your attendance and certify your eligibility to vote at the sign-in tables before the meeting begins. According to the parish bylaws, a voting member of St. Margaret's is someone 18 years or older; and someone for whom one of the following is true as of the past 30 days:

- a. Someone who has received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism with water in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (in any Church tradition); and has received Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church at least three times in the preceding year;
- b. Someone who has pledged financial support to St. Margaret's within the past year.

2. Opening Prayer

Richard Weinberg

3. Call to Order

Richard Weinberg

4. Appointment of a Secretary

Richard Weinberg

5. Verification of a Quorum

Miranda Cooter

6. Vestry Nominating Committee Report

Charlie Grizzle

7. Call for Vestry Nominations from the Floor

Charlie Grizzle

8. Vestry Election Balloting

Charlie Grizzle

9. Wardens, Finance, and Ministry Reports,

Jane Quenk and

followed by Questions & Answers

Mike Armstrong

10. Election Results

Charlie Grizzle

11. Priest-in-Charge Address

Richard Weinberg

12. Recognition of Service

Richard Weinberg, Jane Quenk,
and Mike Armstrong

13. Other Business

14. Closing Prayer

Richard Weinberg

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PRIEST-IN-CHARGE REPORT

The Rev. Richard Mosson Weinberg

In the Name of God: Source of all being, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

It is such a privilege to have been serving as your priest-in-charge as of March 1, 2019. My tenure, of course, began by hitting the ground running as Ash Wednesday, Lent, and Easter were upon us immediately after our beloved rector Kym Lucas' departure at the end of Epiphanytide. But because I had served among you already for more than a year-and-a-half by then, I feel we've been able to weather the first season of our leadership transition together well.

In my address at our Annual Meeting what I hope to do—more than just reflecting on the good ministry of the past year—is to take us back further to reflect on the realities you as a congregation have lived through over the past decade of St. Margaret's ministry. With a shared understanding of where we've been and where we are currently, I hope then to begin imagining together what God's preferred future for us might look like.

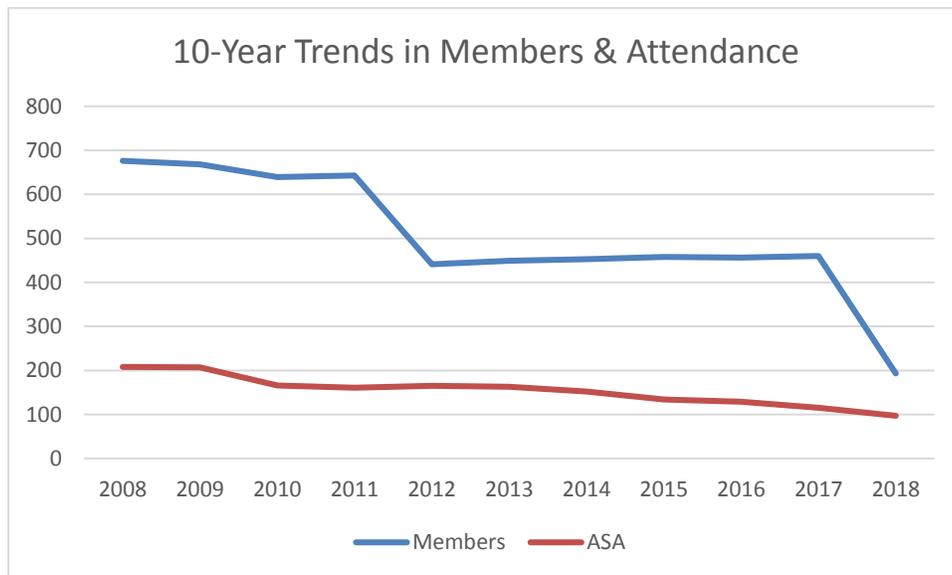
What I'll mention briefly in my written report here is that when we take stock of the journey St. Margaret's has been on in the past 10 years, we come face to face with a paradoxical truth: On the one hand, St. Margaret's has faced (and is facing) the many kinds of challenges Mainline Protestant churches across America are now living with: declining attendance, aging membership, old buildings with deferred maintenance, and leaner budgets. On the other hand, in the past 10 years St. Margaret's has also served a vital role in our community: feeding clients at Charlie's Place, continuing to be a faithful witness to inclusive worship in the Anglican tradition, and serving as a safe haven for so many who have been hurt by the Church in the past or who have been weathering more recently the storm of what is life in D.C. after the 2016 presidential election. It is a paradoxical truth to say that amid the very real challenges you've lived through, God's Spirit has been with you, worked through you, and has sustained you until today.

When the Vestry and I first began to be in conversation about the possibility of my staying to become your priest-in-charge, I was quite honest with the fact that I would not have been interested if I had not seen the willingness on the part of your Vestry to roll up its sleeves and face the hard work of transformational change together. This is manifested, in part, by the Vestry's willingness to partner with the Unstuck Church Group to lead a strategic planning process to take stock of where we've been and to discern how God is calling us to be healthier. We have an incredible 125-year history to share with the world! We have a vital witness to offer those right in our neighborhood and across the city of what it looks like to follow the Way of Love—the Way of Jesus—for such a time as this. I believe with all my heart that we can turn the trends of decline around, but we will only do so by journeying forward together. “Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Savior Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 15:57). Amen.

Parochial Report Data: Ten-Year View

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Baptized Members	676	668	639	643	441
Avg. Sun. Attendance	208	207	166	161	165
Easter Attendance	552	423	493	349	461
Baptisms, Confirm's, Rec'd	18	23	7	10	4
Children & Youth Enrolled	35	47	55	26	35
Pledging Units	149	145	141	121	110
Plate & Pledges	\$536,060	\$485,119	\$453,716	\$407,977	\$447,847

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Baptized Members	449	453	458	456	460	193
Avg. Sun. Attendance	163	152	134	129	115	97
Easter Attendance	525	500	438	483	310	269
Baptisms, Confirm's, Rec'd	13	6	3	3	1	2
Children & Youth Enrolled	32	34	32	30	0	15
Pledging Units	119	122	107	89	107	100
Plate & Pledges	\$508,624	\$503,049	\$454,033	\$482,143	\$565,067	\$489,597



WARDENS' REPORT

Jane Quenk and Michael Armstrong

As we met in May of 2018 to anticipate the coming year, we were preparing for the sabbatical of our rector, the Rev. Kym Lucas; wrestling with repair of our heating systems and the refurbishment of our multi-purpose room; and finalizing the new landscaping of the church yard. In the ensuing months we and your Vestry worked with many of you as prayerful volunteers to help us maintain our focus and guide our decision-making processes.

During Kym's sabbatical we moved forward on lining up contractor support to address our physical plant and served as acting non-liturgical leaders of the parish. We learned much about the many complexities of making things work at St. Margaret's, and how much we are dependent upon God's generosity and timing.

During the last month of Kym's sabbatical, we learned of her finalist selection regarding the election of the next bishop of the Diocese of Colorado. We communicated with Kym and the parish, and also obtained wise council from our bishop, to assure transparency regarding what may lie ahead for St. Margaret's.

In the fall we agreed to consider a strategic planning approach incorporating concepts from "The Unstuck Church," a process conceived by church consultants who were in discussion with supporting the diocese's strategic planning process. We also moved closer to completing the comprehensive restoration of heating and ventilation systems to the sanctuary and Parish Hall, enjoyed refreshed landscaping and overdue repairs to external access stairways. We prepared for the launch of our Annual Stewardship Campaign and the annual Rummage Sale.

As the Rummage Sale was winding down, we learned that Kym had been elected as the next bishop for the Colorado diocese. This set into motion a dialogue with the Washington Diocese regarding options for clergy succession in parallel with assuring a productive and celebratory final few months with Kym. With her departure date determined as the last Sunday before Lent, we planned a celebration of her tenure at St. Margaret's and a sending-off at her last service as rector.

Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde informed us that one option would be to elevate our part-time associate rector, the Rev. Richard Weinberg, to the title of priest-in-charge. We learned more about the priest-in-charge model through a forum with Canon to the Ordinary Paula Clark, explaining that adoption of that model would forgo the time and cost of a search, skipping the step of an interim rector, and placing the priest-in-charge in the lead clergy position for the parish as part of a three-year contract. The contract would oblige the Vestry to conduct periodic performance reviews and discern at 18 months whether to elevate the individual to rector or to commence a search for other rector candidates. After prayerful consideration, including a face-to-face interview with Richard, our Vestry voted to select him as priest-in-charge effective March 1.

Throughout the fall and into the winter, the Vestry continued to review the “Unstuck Church” strategic planning concept for possible adoption in the spring months. Both the Rummage Sale and Annual Giving campaigns provided a baseline for budget planning to address the 2019 calendar year. With this baseline and likely utilization of a new strategic planning process, the context for budget discussions was laid.

This year the Vestry agreed to make a serious step toward reducing our dependency on deficit spending, which for many years has perpetuated a habit of transferring money from reserves funded by bequests and special gifts to meet annual operating and capital needs. Given that many line items are already at a minimum level of funding, the Vestry made the difficult decision to cut spending for staff reducing clergy to one FTE and cutting by 50 percent music funding—in particular, stipends for choir section leaders. Other line items were tightened; however, the budget still anticipates spending a significant amount of funds from reserve accounts. The Vestry has determined that key capital projects are essential to the utilization of the church and the furtherance of its ministries, but that a strategic plan will need to provide fresh approaches to fundraising and spending.

Upon the elevation of the Rev. Richard Mosson Weinberg to priest-in-charge, the Vestry refocused on the Unstuck Church process. A majority of the Vestry, along with other lay leaders and staff, were appointed by Richard to serve as the Strategic Planning Committee for the Unstuck process. A first meeting was held the last weekend of March over a Friday night, Saturday afternoon and evening, and Sunday afternoon. The meetings yielded specific overarching areas of emphasis with goals to be developed by supporting work groups. A progress meeting with the Strategic Planning Committee and consultant will occur in late June. On the table for discussion are revisiting the worship experience, development of a communications and marketing strategy, clarification of the relationship between Charlie’s Place and St. Margaret’s, and a path forward for maximizing value of our physical assets.

We are grateful for the incredible dedication of our fellow Vestry members, our lay colleagues including Treasurer Cathy Connelly and Building & Grounds Chair Todd Douglas-Torres, and our clergy leaders, the Rev. Kym Lucas and the Rev. Richard Mosson Weinberg. We are grateful to Miranda Cooter for her service as temporary Vestry Secretary in addition to her usual Vestry duties and are very thankful that Schuyler Halsey for agreeing to serve as Vestry Secretary for the coming season. Most of all, we treasure the St. Margaret’s community who encourages the Holy Spirit to live among us and through us.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Cathleen Connelly

Many thanks to Chris Egan, who served as Treasurer until the end of 2018 and together with the Finance Committee, worked with the Vestry to prepare the 2019 budget. The Finance Committee is fortunate to have its 2018 members carry over to 2019. The members are Martha Williams, Sharon Dove, Jonathan Nurse, Todd Douglas, Cathleen Connelly, Jane Quenk and Michael Armstrong. I'm pleased to say that our Priest in Charge has expressed focused interest on the church's finances and plans to attend Committee meetings in 2019.

Nilvelyn Winston, the parish's bookkeeper, manages the church's books and provides the Vestry, Finance Committee and Charlie's Place with monthly financial reports, research and responses to inquiries. The parish's financial advisor is FBB Capital Partners and manages the parish's Investment and Outreach accounts. Operating funds are held at TD Bank.

In 2018, St. Margaret's had an operating deficit of \$90,630. In 2017, St. Margaret's had an operating deficit of \$54,500. In 2018, the deficit was due to a \$15,000 shortfall in income from plate, pledge and facilities rental and an increase across most expense categories in actual expenses to budgeted expenses.

The Vestry approved a budget for 2019 with an operating deficit of \$72,021. It is likely that the actual deficit will be far higher due principally to expenses associated with building and grounds.

In 2018, Charlie's Place had an operating deficit of \$43,145. In 2017, Charlie's Place had an operating surplus of \$48,511. In 2018, the deficit was largely due to the difference between actual versus budgeted income from grants. Grants in 2018 decreased approximately 50% from 2017. Charlie's Place carried into 2019 accrued equity of \$67,230 from surpluses of previous years.

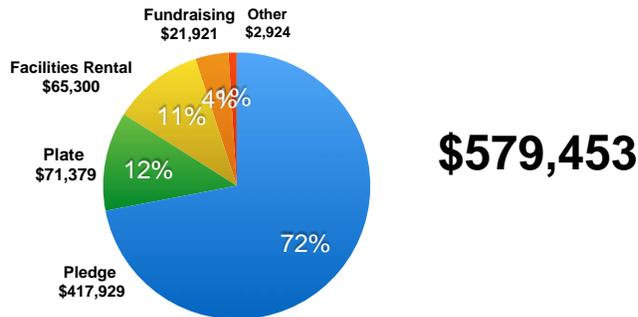
The value of the church's Investment Account on December 31, 2018 was \$529,666; its value on December 31, 2017 was \$983,119. The decrease in the value of the account was principally due to the liquidation of positions and transfer out of funds into the church's operating account to pay for the replacement of the heating system and its infrastructure.

The value of the church's Outreach Account on December 31, 2018 was \$233,537, a decrease from 2017 year end's value of \$246,764. The decrease in the value of the account was due to the market fluctuation in the value of held assets.

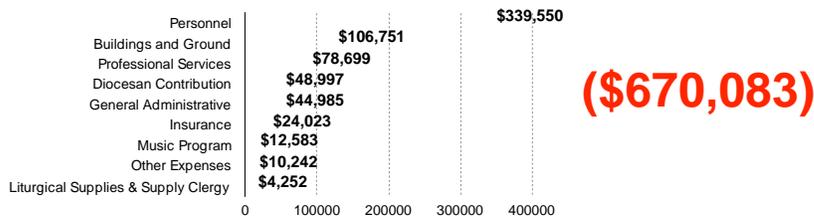
Charts on the following pages show a breakdown of income and expenses for St. Margaret's operations and Charlie's Place operations.

St. Margaret's Operations 2018 Net Income

St. Margaret's Revenue



St. Margaret's Expenses

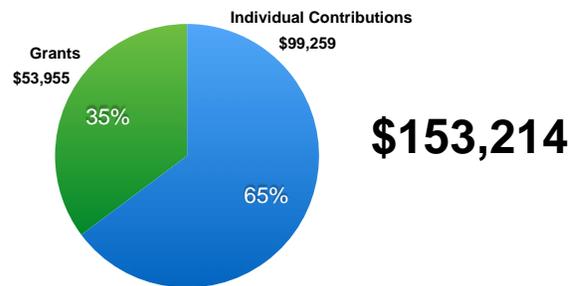


St. Margaret's 2018 Net Operating Income

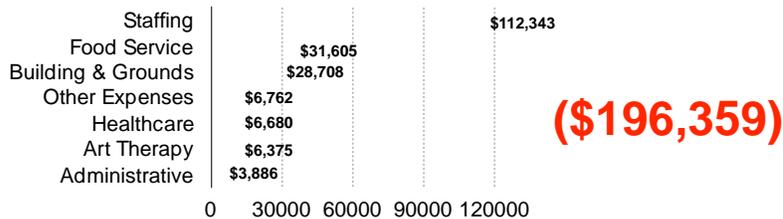
(\$90,630)

Charlie's Place Operations 2018 Net Income

Charlie's Place Revenue



Charlie's Place Expenses



Charlie's Place 2018 Net Operating Income

(\$43,145)

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN REPORT

Paige Cottingham-Streater and Jonathan Nurse

“Sharing Our Hope. Securing our Future.”

During the weeks leading up to St. Margaret’s Day 2018, the St. Margaret’s community reflected on its history as a dynamic faith community spreading the gospel and serving its neighbors. The Way of Love dialogue series provided context for the 2018 stewardship campaign, “Sharing Our Hope. Securing Our Future.”

With gratitude for members of the congregation who offered weekly testimonials about why they give to St. Margaret’s and the generosity of more than 80 pledging units, we confirmed pledges in the amount of \$385,000. Each pledge represents prayerful discernment of what St. Margaret’s is calling us to be in our community. We remain grateful to everyone who prayed, spoke, and contributed so generously to the 2018 Pledge Campaign.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

Carlin Rankin

The Outreach Committee forwarded recommendations to the Vestry, subsequently approved, for two donations from the Outreach Fund: \$3,500 for Dr. Madrid in Honduras and \$500 for LGBTQ refugees in Costa Rica. Additional grants were approved by the Vestry from the Operating Fund. The committee is composed of Karen Castro, Karen Daniel, Adelaide Elliott-Joy, Linda Harbin-Suggs, Anne Hopewell, Carl Johnston, Heidi Mayor, Tony Towler, and Carlin Rankin, Chair. The Outreach Committee would welcome any new persons who might be interested in joining.

RUMMAGE SALE REPORT

Julie Polter and Richard Vilmenay

Our annual rummage sale, held on October 27, 2018, was well-attended by shoppers (despite steady rain falling on the several dozen early birds waiting for the doors to open at 9:00 a.m.). It netted more than \$17,000 to support St. Margaret’s ministries. Customers come from near and far to buy necessities at very low prices or browse for treasures. And the sale raises St. Margaret’s visibility in the community, gives neighbors a way to connect with us through donations or volunteering, and allows parishioners to get to know one another better while sorting and helping on sale day. Volunteers for the sale include not just St. Margaret’s parishioners but their friends and family and people from the community as a whole—several dozen people total, of all ages.

Thank you to everyone who took part in any way, including by donating goods, feeding volunteers, lifting a prayer, helping us get special St. Margaret aprons for volunteers, making purchases, or offering encouragement! Special thanks to the department chairs and other stalwarts who each put in extra hours every year, seen and unseen, to make the sale happen. We also could not do the sale without the support of Sexton Damon Clements, who stashes donations year-round, hires and supervises a crew for the heavy lifting of set-up, tear-down, and clean-up, and provides patient logistical support all during set-up week. The next sale will be on October 26, 2019, with set-up beginning on October 19. Come join us; it's a lot of fun!

ALTAR GUILD REPORT

Gary Collins and Jane Quenk

Members of the Altar Guild this year are Vida Adjei, Carmen Brito, Michelle Brito, Gary Collins, Auriol Lovering, Zee Maynard, Daisy Njoku, Jane Quenk, Louise Rollinson, Cathie Siders, Helen Templin, and Maria Thompson.

The Altar Guild leadership is:

Scheduling & Funerals: Jane Quenk
Weddings & Baptisms: Daisy Njoku
Bread Baking Coordination: Helen Templin
Linen Care: Auriol Lovering
Ordering: Gary Collins

We continue to have a strong group of volunteer bread bakers coordinated by Helen Templin. They make sure we have freshly baked bread on Sundays. We are pleased to have new bread bakers and welcome anyone interested in this ministry.

This was a challenging year to keep the sanctuary clean and tidy as we had the replacement of the heating system, which took most of the summer and fall to complete. We want to thank members of our community who supported us in cleaning and decorating the church during this interesting time. We did hire professional cleaners to do the heavy lifting this year after the heating system installation was complete, and we want to thank Damon Clements for finding those cleaners. We are always blessed to have such dedicated members and support from the church staff.

This year we were able to repair the silver flagon that is part of St. Margaret's original silver set. Sharon Dove was able to find a silver restoration service in Richmond. The flagon looks lovely but will only be used for special feast days. We also want to thank the dedicated leaders of the

Flower Guild, Karen Castro and Tony Towler. If anyone is interested in the Flower Guild, please contact Karen or Tony.

FLOWER GUILD REPORT

Tony Towler and Karen Castro

The Flower Guild's mission is to beautify our parish by arranging and caring for the flowers, plants, and floral decorations. The members of the Flower Guild offer their dedication and creativity to the beauty of the worship at St. Margaret's by arranging flowers for Sunday services and by decorating the church for Easter and Christmas.

During most of the year, Flower Guild members arrange fresh flowers either in front of the pulpit or baptismal font. Providing flowers for our Sunday worship is an excellent way to remember a loved one, give thanks or honor someone important in your life. Donations for flowers may be made for any Sunday except for the Sundays in Lent, Christmas services, or Easter Day. To secure a particular Sunday for your flower dedication, sign up on the "Flower Donation Sign Up Sheet" located in the parish hall or by contacting our office.

Flower Guild members work extremely hard at Easter and Christmas when our church is filled with seasonal greenery, flowering plants, and other fresh flowers. These special feast days require many hands. For those with busy schedules being a twice-yearly Flower Guild member might be just right. Please consider helping make our worship beautiful by joining the St. Margaret's Flower Guild. Contact Tony Towler (TonyT@LNF.com) or Karen Castro (Karen.A.Castro@gmail.com) for more information.

GARDEN GUILD REPORT

John Payne

The Garden Guild has served as a sounding board during this past year for the landscaping contractor who has re-landscaped the garden around St. Margaret's. We are monitoring the water-management systems that were put in place by the contractor to accommodate the runoff from the roof in rainstorms. The erosion has been mostly addressed by the drains and the erosion control provided by the plantings.

As the new landscape plantings get established, the Garden Guild is primarily weeding, monitoring watering, and doing routine maintenance on the garden. We have discussed augmenting the new planting with additional spring-flowering bulbs, but the decision was made to allow the current planting to become established before proceeding with that plan.

We value your input on the landscape. Talk with any one of us: John Payne, Charlie Grizzle, Mike Armstrong, Sharon Dove, Helen Templin, Karen Castro, or John McCall. You are welcome to join the Garden Guild in keeping our grounds attractive.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

Todd Douglas-Torres

Overview

The Building and Grounds Committee (B&G) serves as the stewards of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church (SMEC) facilities and grounds. SMEC facilities include the sanctuary, the 1830 townhouse, the rectory located at 2324 Ashmead Place, NW, as well as any future buildings and land owned or managed by the Vestry. The B&G Committee advises the Vestry regarding space utilization, maintenance and repair, strategic planning, and development of SMEC facilities.

In March 2018, the Vestry completed a building assessment report, which detailed the conditions of both the sanctuary and the townhouse. Many of the findings reflected years of neglect and significant water damage and safety issues. In addition, the heating system for the sanctuary failed and required replacement before the onset of winter.

In the spring of 2019, an assessment of the SMEC rectory also revealed the need for renovations to address long overdue repairs and enhancements. The following are a list of B&G Committee members as well as projects underway and completed. If you have any questions, please speak to a member of the B&G committee.

Damon Clements - Sexton

Miranda Cooter - Vestry Member

Regina Curran - Vestry Member

Carolyn Eaves-Goff - Vestry Member & Strategic Planning Partner

Todd Torres-Douglas

Daisy Njoku

Charleen Ward - Vestry Member

Projects Currently Underway

1. *General Maintenance and Repairs*: efforts underway to continue resolving repair issues identified in the building assessment report. In the spring of 2019, focus will be on repairing damaged plaster and new flooring in the rear stairwells and area between the kitchen and bathrooms. Likewise, the boiler room area brick work and flooring will be stabilized. New wood flooring will be installed in the rector's office.

2. *Renovation and Management of the Rectory:* The occupancy of the rectory is in transition between the occupancy of the previous SMEC rector to the priest-in-charge. As a first, the Vestry is hiring a property management company to oversee renovations and ongoing management of the rectory. The goal is to complete the project prior to occupancy by the priest-in-charge this fall.
3. *Development plan for church properties:* The Vestry is engaging a real estate consulting firm to identify all the possible options for the development of SMEC property to maximize revenue generation while protecting the historic church. The goal is to identify all development scenarios in parallel with the strategic planning efforts to ensure any development options selected are in line with operational and spiritual development of the church.

Projects Completed

1. Flat roof replacement above the multi-purpose room
2. Renovation of the multi-purpose room
3. New dual heating and cooling system for the Parish Hall
4. Heating system replacement for the sanctuary
5. Renovation of the nursery
6. Inspection and repair of sanctuary lighting system
7. Repair of exterior iron work such as stairs and railing
8. Established the B&G Charter

DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION MINISTRY REPORTS

During the programmatic/school year (fall to spring), St. Margaret's offers opportunities for people of all ages to deepen their faith through Sunday School classes, small groups, Bible studies, and seasonal series. Classes for children and youth are offered for ages 5-18, with age-appropriate curricula. Classes are held between the two Sunday services, starting at 10:15 and ending about 11:00 a.m. Additionally, an adult small group, "On the Way," meets at St. Margaret's most Monday nights, and the priest-in-charge works with an ad-hoc committee of lay leaders to ensure formation programming is offered for adults on Sundays and other occasions throughout the year.

Godly Play

For children ages 5-7 (kindergarten through 2nd grade)

Teachers: Sharon Dove and Karen Castro

In Godly Play, children learn Bible stories and the meaning of the seasons of the church year in a Montessori-type curriculum with lots of hands-on materials to enhance their learning experience. For example, a number of Old Testament lessons involve use of a “desert box,” a sand box on wheels that is large enough for story materials, but not large enough for the children themselves! For some lessons, we sit on mats on the floor; for others we sit at a round table. We have a simple snack together and say a prayer that involves movements and input from the children, who take turns leading it. The emphasis is on learning but having fun while doing it.

Young children enjoy Godly Play and are generally eager to attend. Because the program spans three years, modifications are made each term to avoid repetition in the way lessons are presented, in related art or craft projects, and in material reinforcement material for the children to take home. In the current year, five children are enrolled in Godly Play. Two of them will move up to the Whirl class next school year.

Whirl Elementary Sunday School Class

For children in 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade

Teachers: David Boling and John Williams

The goal of this class is to deepen our children’s understanding of the Bible and Episcopal traditions, but in a light-hearted and fun way. Our most important teaching tool for the past few years has been the “Whirl” Sunday School curriculum, which presents the Sunday lectionary readings in a way that is relatable and relevant to the lives of 8–12-year-olds. We conclude almost every lesson watching a short video in which the cartoon Whirl kids work through and discuss the problems raised by the week’s lesson. The Whirl curriculum has been very successful with this group, and we anticipate that we will continue to use it. We supplement the Whirl materials with music, word puzzles, prayers, craft projects, contests, and other activities that are appropriate to the liturgical season or theme of the day. This year’s class consisted of 3-5 students, most of whom had been in this class for several years. We wish our students who are aging out of the class (Vivian, Ronan, and Croix) the very best and look forward to seeing some new faces in the fall of 2019.

Middle and High School Youth Group

For children 8th to 12th grade

Teachers: Mason Ingram, MaryAlice Parks, and Paige Cottingham-Streater

The Youth Group has spent the year immersed in a Bible-based curriculum. The 4-5 weekly attendees spend their Sunday School class discussing biblical history from Creation through the formation of the early Church. The group has enjoyed engaging discussions about modern-day relevance of biblical lessons and experiences, supplemented by an online video series by The Bible Project. The Youth Group looks forward to ways they can continue to serve their church family over the coming year.

On the Way Small Group

For adults

Facilitator: Bill Amt

Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way. (Mark 10)

Inspired by our Christian ancestors who were known as "People of the Way," the On the Way study group seeks a deeper understanding of our identity as followers of Jesus Christ in today's world. Adult fellowship, prayer, Bible study, and discussion of books relating to spirituality and theology draw us together on two Monday evenings each month. We share insights, questions, laughter, uncertainties, discoveries, and support for one another in the journey of faith. An optional brown-bag supper at 6:30 p.m. precedes our meetings, which occur from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Glass-top Table Room.

Meetings begin with members sharing something that we're grateful for, followed by discussion of a Bible passage for the upcoming Sunday and of one or two chapters at a time of a book chosen by the group. Among the readings over the past year were Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, *Being Disciples* by Rowan Williams, and *Speaking Christian* by Marcus Borg.

Attendees in the past year included Bill Amt, Mike Casey, Karen Castro, Anne Chase, Evelyn Early, David Griswold, Bob Healy, Ron Lorentzen, Robin Lumsdaine, Patrick Mcnelis, Helen Templin, Martha Williams, and Diana Wright. Meetings are open to everyone and are noted in the weekly church announcements. For more information, please contact Bill Amt at billdc@earthlink.net.

Other Adult Formation Offerings

The Rev. Richard Mosson Weinberg, Priest-in-Charge

Until March 2019 I served St. Margaret's as associate rector for formation and outreach. So roughly half of my ministry was focused on ensuring formation programming was available to people of all ages at St. Margaret's. In the past year, our monthly Thirsting for Justice series continued in partnership with All Souls Episcopal Church, meeting six times, November to April. In Advent, the Rev. Kym Lucas and I co-led, along with the Rev. Alex Dyer, priest-in-charge of St. Thomas' Parish, a series, "Underdogs and Outsiders," which explored the biblical stories of three women in the Old Testament connected to Jesus' family tree. In Epiphanytide, Bill Amt, Ron Lorentzen, and Diana Wright led an adult Bible study in the library on Sunday mornings between services. This was a trial, and seemed to work well and was attended by an average of 8 people weekly. The current thinking is to continue a weekly Bible study between services during both of the green "Ordinary Time" seasons of the Church year: the season after the Epiphany,

and the season after Pentecost. In Lent, a series of workshops were offered to teach attendees “Many Ways to Pray.” Ron Lorentzen organized an experienced and gifted group of lay leaders, including Yolanda Jones, Tracy Lush, Linda Heaney, and Ann Yonemura, with an average of 11 people in attendance at each session.

LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITATION REPORT

Bill Amt and Carolyn Eaves

St. Margaret’s Lay Eucharistic Visitor (LEV) program is designed to empower lay parishioners to bring the Word and Sacrament of Holy Communion to other members in their home or care facility because they are unable or have limited ability to attend church due to illness or disability. LEVs who have signed up to visit someone on a particular date are called up to the altar after communion to receive the elements (bread or gluten-free wafer and wine) and a blessing, after which they go to the sacristy to pack them in a kit that has a small chalice and other items to take on their visit. Visits include a brief prayer service and time for fellowship, and are a meaningful spiritual experience for all involved.

This ministry is an integral part of St. Margaret’s pastoral care program and is supervised and supported by our clergy. We thank Isabelle Melese-d’Hospital for her past leadership of this program. Since September 2018, Bill Amt has served as the program’s coordinator, and Carolyn Eaves continues as the program’s vestry liaison. Many thanks to the compassionate and dedicated LEV team, whose members this past year included: Bill Amt, Tom and Kate Blackburn, Regina and K Curran, Carolyn Eaves, Tim Green, Isabelle Melese-d’Hospital, Bertram Nagarajah, and John Williams.

Over the year since the 2018 Annual Meeting through April 21, 2019, LEVs made 92 visits to 13 parishioners.

The following members of St. Margaret’s had LEV visitors over the past year: Jill Bell, Gene Bird, Judy Bowes, Frank Haendler, Nancy Lewis, Marcelina Maynard, Mary McHenry, Janet Neale, John Newby, Kimberly Rankin-Imperial, Edith Scott, Nancy Scout, and Peter Winkler. We miss those who have died or moved out of the area this past year.

If you or someone you know would like to have a LEV bring communion to you in your home periodically, please contact Bill Amt at billdc@earthlink.net. We welcome new people who would like to join this meaningful ministry, and if this is something you feel called to explore, please consider attending the training program on Sunday, May 12, between the services or contact Bill Amt at billdc@earthlink.net.

MAGGIE'S CABARET REPORT

Michael Armstrong

The cabaret series known as Maggie's Cabaret celebrates its 16th Anniversary in May 2019, and we'd like to recognize its place in the community—both at St. Margaret's and in the neighborhood. For these 16 years it has not only provided high quality musical entertainment, but also served as an introduction to the St. Margaret's community—literally inviting people in to experience our space and our hospitality.

Cabaret celebrates the joy and power of live music in an intimate setting, and makes a bold statement that the church honors and blesses the act of gathering to enjoy the particular gift that is singing as well as listening to life's stories crooned, belted, and whispered in song.

None of this glory would be possible without the leadership of Mike Armstrong and Cindy Hutchins and countless volunteers over the years. In 2012, net proceeds from the shows totaled \$3,862; since its inception, Maggie's patrons have contributed more than \$30,000 to the St. Margaret's general fund.

In April 2019 the 45th Maggie's took place with a one-woman show from our own Heidi Mayor. Other cabarets over the past 12 months featured the Annual Hearts & Darts Show from members of the DC Cabaret Network in February 2019, and one-woman shows from Heather Frank in December 2018 and Christy Trapp in May 2018. Maggie's will continue to produce evenings of song in the fall of 2019 and into 2020. We sing your praises and salute all involved in Maggie's Cabaret!

CHARLIE'S PLACE REPORT

Marie Graves and Molly Vetter

We thank you for joining hands and partnering with us in this ministry and for seeing beyond the stigma associated with individuals experiencing homelessness. You have recognized a person is more than the worst part of their story and sometimes needs a hand-up to self-sufficiency. This sharing of your time and resources sets a valuable example to our families, neighbors, and the community. Thank you for your generosity and support.

2018 Charlie's Place Revenue Totals

	Actual	FY 18 Budget	% Budget
Grants	53,995	190,000	45
Events	0	10,000	0
Individuals	99,258	60,000	160
Total FY18	153,213	260,000	45

Charlie's Place Revenue Totals: FY 2017 vs. FY 2018 (actuals)

	FY2017	FY2018	% FY2017
Grants	107,410	53,955	50
Events	15,160	0	0
Individual Donors	109,735	99,258	90
Total Giving	232,305	153,213	65

Program Highlights

Charlie's Place has been able to continue to offer a safe space for clients to have their basic needs met while also working on their long-term goals like housing and employment. We have been able to expand the services we offer by having a writing group on Tuesdays, movie day on Fridays, yoga on Saturdays, and case management Tuesday-Saturday.

2019 Guest Survey Response Highlights

- On a scale of 1-10, how likely is it that you would recommend Charlie's Place to a friend? *Average answer: 9*
- On a scale of 1-10, how satisfied are you with Charlie's Place? *Average answer: 8.5*
- On a scale of 1-10, how well does Charlie's Place meet your needs? *Average answer: 8.3*
- On a scale of 1-10, how available do you feel staff is to meet your needs? *Average answer: 8.1*

Comments: "Charlie's Place does its very best to be a comfort to the street poor homeless, and you are saving lives."

2018 Charlie's Place Stats

2019 Charlie's Place Stats (as of 4/20)

Total No. of Clients	12819
No. of Female Clients	1816
Clothing Distributed	2112
No. of Volunteers	1978
No. of Toiletries	1698
No. of Haircuts	552
Overall Meals Served	16567
No. of Tokens	328
Doctor Visits	363
No. of Bag Lunches	9829
Prayer Group	166
Art Therapy	309

Total No. of Clients	4092
No. of Female Clients	651
Clothing Distributed	505
No. of Volunteers	774
No. of Toiletries	519
No. of Haircuts	127
Overall Meals Served	4942
Doctor Visits	105
No. of Bag Lunches	3202
Prayer Group	38
Art Therapy	107
Writing Group (started 1/29)	34

MUSIC MINISTRY REPORT

Dr. Timothy Duhr, Interim Music Minister

Throughout the past year in my role as interim music minister, I have continued to experience profound gratitude for the support of parishioners, the opportunities to collaborate and make music, and the ability to cultivate relationships. Below I have included activities and information regarding the Music Ministry that are pertinent to this report.

In January of 2019, the Music Ministry launched a fundraising campaign as a result of budget cuts that affected funding for staff singers and instrument maintenance. The goal was successfully met two months later in March, thanks to the generosity of parishioners.

The 125th anniversary of the parish has shaped the planning of the Music Ministry during this program year. In June of 2018, the Vestry approved funding to commission a congregational Mass setting to commemorate this milestone anniversary. After considering several composers, Dorothy Papadakos (the first female to hold the post of organist at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City) was chosen. She composed *Misa Margarita*, a bilingual (Spanish and English) setting of the ordinary incorporating inclusive language, that has been well received by the choir and the parish. On Trinity Sunday, June 16, the jazz ensemble W.E.S. Group will lead the music during the service as a part of the 125th anniversary year of celebration. Finally, the choir of St. Margaret's will offer a choral Evensong on June 23, to acknowledge the anniversary of the parish. The newly-renovated patio will be blessed at this service.

The choir has grown in numbers, diversity, and ensemble throughout the past year. I am extremely pleased with their progress, and truly grateful for their dedication. Their leadership during services bolsters congregational singing, which is the essence of the Music Ministry.

As your musical leader, I look forward to growing together musically and spiritually as we move forward through the strategic planning process.

PARISH ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Matt Smith, Parish Administrator

In 2018, the Parish Office supported a time of change at St. Margaret's, keeping things running during Rector Kym Lucas' sabbatical, which was quickly followed by her election as bishop of Colorado. The transition created a need for new or temporary workflows, as well as problem-solving beyond the scope of typical weekly administrative, financial, IT, and communications duties. Another major effort undertaken in 2018 was helping to manage the extensive buildings and grounds projects.

In 2019, in-progress and upcoming efforts include:

- Implementation of new financial and budgeting protocols
- Website and print publication enhancements, aligning with new Priest-in-Charge Richard Weinberg's internal and external communications goals
- Improved outreach to long-time tenants and one-time space rentals
- Continued support of buildings and grounds projects
- Technology upgrades, including computer purchases and WiFi improvements.

I am continually grateful to play a part in making St. Margaret's the welcoming and vibrant place it is.

ST. MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Clergy

The clergy are the ordained ministers of the Church, including bishops, priests, and deacons. The Bishop serves as apostle, chief priest, and pastor of a local diocese (region). A local parish is headed by a Rector or Priest-in-Charge, who serves as pastor. Deacons serve those in need and assist in worship. Seminarians are preparing for ordination to the priesthood.

The Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop of Washington

The Rev. Richard Mosson Weinberg, Priest-in-Charge, rweinberg@stmargaretsdc.org

The Rev. Bertram Nagarajah, Deacon

The Rev. Dr. Anne Gavin Ritchie, Adjunct Priest

Vestry

The Vestry is the legal representative of the parish. The presiding officer of the Vestry is the Rector or Priest-in-Charge, supported by the Senior and Junior Warden. The basic responsibilities of the Vestry are to help define and articulate the mission of the congregation; to support the Church's mission by word and deed; to select the Rector or Priest-in-Charge; to ensure effective organization and planning; and to manage resources and finances. Members of the Vestry serve no more than two consecutive two-year terms, and are elected at an Annual Meeting, scheduled this year on Sunday, May 5.

Jane Quenk, Senior Warden, and **Michael Armstrong**, Junior Warden, wardens@stmargaretsdc.org

Cathleen Connelly, Treasurer, cxconnelly@gmail.com

Miranda Cooter, **Regina Curran**, **Carolyn Eaves**, **Charlie Grizzle**, **Mason Ingram**,
Pedro Rivera, **Richard Vilmenay**, **Charleen Ward**, **Jade Williams**, **Martha Williams**

Parish Staff

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Jeanie Adkins, **Javon Byam**, **Amber Merritt**, **Emily Stenson**, and **Jack Traxler**,

Choir Section Leaders/Cantors

Miriam Tesfazion, Nursery Coordinator, and **Brieanna Iyomahan**, Nursery Attendant

Damon Clements, Sexton, dclements@stmargaretsdc.org

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Nibe Winston, Accountant, nwinston@stmargaretsdc.org

Charlie's Place Staff

Charlie's Place is St. Margaret's cardinal ministry, which has been serving our hungry and homeless neighbors since 1990.

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John Williams, Floor Manager

Vincent Freeman, Kitchen Coordinator

ST. MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

The people of St. Margaret's are members of the Body of Christ.

Empowered by God,
we will work for justice.

Healed by the love of Christ,
we will seek to care for all people and for God's creation.

Forgiven through the power of the Holy Spirit,
we will create a diverse and inclusive community,
through worship, prayer and love of neighbor.

We give thanks for God's many blessings and pledge to share our gifts.



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