

ST. PATRICK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



2023 Annual Report

MISSION STATEMENT:

St. Patrick's joyfully welcomes and includes you in a journey of Christian faith through the grace of the Holy Spirit.

VISION STATEMENT:

St. Patrick's continues to grow as a joyful community of faith. Through worship, friendship, education, and outreach, we live a Christ-centered life, caring for each other and our neighbors as ourselves.

In 2019, St. Patrick's moved to a new kind of church record keeping solution called Realm®. It primarily serves the administrative needs of our staff, but it also offers some exciting opportunities to support the way you are involved in our church. Not only will this improve work life for our ministry leaders, but it will also make it easier for our church family to connect with each other, keep up with what's going on, and grow as a connected church community. This serves as our online membership directory and will be a primary communication tool for our church. Please keep your information updated.

Access to this secure database is by invitation only and personal password protected. All families with at least one email have been invited. If you have not yet set up your account, you will need to contact the church office to be invited again because reminders have been discontinued.

Questions about access and usage should be directed to the church office.

St. Patrick's Core Values

I. Holy Spirit

We invite and welcome the gifts of the Holy Spirit to guide our worship and actions that flow through music, prayer, and outreach.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

II. Outreach

St. Patrick's engages in meaningful ministry that empowers people by walking and working side by side with them.

Scripture: Mark 16:15

And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.'

III. Welcoming

St. Patrick's is a welcoming and loving family.

Scripture: Leviticus 19:34

The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

IV. Supporting and Caring Engagement

In, at and through St. Patrick's, we fearlessly support each other and the broader community.

Scripture: John 13:35

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

V. Joy and Creativity in Faith Formation

We are a joyful, inquisitive community of faith in Christ.

Scripture: Romans 12:12

Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

This Annual Report contains pictures and reports from Ministry Leaders, staff, and volunteers, and is organized under headings of the Core Values of St. Patrick's. If you are interested in further information about the ministries, please contact the ministry leader or call the church office.

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Rector's Report - Jason Emerson

God is at work! Jesus the risen one is present! And the Holy Spirit us up to something!

You all have heard those words from me before, and I'm sure you will hear them again. I believe them deeply and pray they are my starting point, my grounding assumption for leading this parcel of God's Kingdom entrusted to us known as St. Patrick's.

It has been another whopper of a year at St. Patrick's. The vestry retreat last April, the Easter Vigil, the fish fry events, the Holy Week Workshop, the Meet and Greet for the Bishop Candidates, the yard clean ups, VBS, family camp at Procter, the ministry fair, fall Sunday School, the Adult Forum, the fall pledge dinner series, the Advent Read-Along, Christmas Eve, and so many other things that you can read about in these pages, all helped us grow together in Christ. Not to mention, the thousands of meals the Friends of the Homeless served, the thousands of pounds of food donated to the Dublin Food Pantry, lunches for Catch Court, the youth mission trip, the Habitat House we helped build, and the myriad of other ways we served our neighbors this year that helped us in continuing to grow into being the hands and feet of Christ, into being the light of Christ in the world.

AND we ratified and began implementing our strategic plan. We've made progress on a lot of the goals of the plan, and we have achieved two of the major goals: hiring a minister of communication and adding a Sunday evening service. Both of these accomplishments have been key and vital additions to our mission and ministry.

The coming year is going to be a year of growth and transitions at St. Patrick's. It is natural for transitions to occur in lay ministries just as it is for clergy. This year we have several lay ministries that are changing or have already changed leadership. The garage sale, parish treasurer, the breastplate, and scheduling altar servers—just to name a few—have all gone through or are about to change leadership. Change is disruptive, but it is also an opportunity for growth. All parishes, and especially ones the size of St. Patrick's must work to develop Christ-Centered Ministry-Focused lay leaders. If we can embrace this opportunity to grow faithful leaders, it will fuel our growth in all facets of church life.

A particular area of growth for us will be adding a priest from the diocesan residency program. At the time of this writing, we are not able to announce the name of the person. The resident priest will begin serving July 1st and will be with us at least two years. During the two years of the program the resident's compensation will be greatly subsidized by funds from this diocesan program. This gives us two years to develop the means to fund the entire compensation package.

Lastly, I cannot articulate the depth of my gratitude for your sustained support as my family and I grieved in 2023. All I can say is thank God we were here and among you all in that rough time. While we are not done grieving, we are hopeful for the future and blessed to be ministering alongside you through this faith community.

Senior Warden's Report – Ed Yuhas

St. Patrick's continues to be blessed by God and there are unceasing signs of His grace and abundance throughout the work we do together.

The year started with the completion of the work undertaken by the Strategic Discernment Team. Through this several month process that began in the fall of 2022, the group better defined our mission, vision, core values, and objectives. The most gratifying aspect of this work is that we can see tangible results of the plan's desired outcome in motion. Special thanks goes to all those who not only served on the committee, but those who have served on task forces emanating from this effort who have made the plan come to life. Some of these results include much greater visibility of our church through signage, the launch of the Sunday 4pm Connections service, the hiring of a Minister of Communications, the Way of Love Dinner series, etc.

In the spring a handful of Vestry members attended a "Vestry Bootcamp" held at St. Mark's in Upper Arlington. There we learned why good governance is important and the significance of Mutual Ministry Reviews (MMR), among other topics. As I sat there listening to John Johansson's keynote address about the behaviors of healthy congregations, I felt we are and have been accomplishing many of the ideas he presented. We also heard that as lay leaders, we must be constantly vigilant and curious about God's grace and listen to where He may be leading us.

In the summer we reviewed our by-laws, particularly those centering around lay leadership. While this is not the most glamorous part of being on the Vestry, it generated a very healthy discussion and as a group we can go to the congregation united behind the proposed changes.

Additionally, Michael Spencer led us through our own MMR in late summer which revealed, to no one's surprise, there is no shortage of meaningful ways to serve God through St. Patrick's.

Special thanks to the Stewardship Committee who once again brought creativity and energy to this effort and asked each of us to prayerfully consider our own thankfulness and generosity.

I am very grateful to those whose terms are now expiring (John Russo, Alex Carter, and Dick Gehman), as they made up the bulk of the Vestry/Convention Delegate nominating committee. The slate of nominees running for election reflects a broad array of spiritual gifts, experiences, and life stages—certainly a wonderful microcosm of the congregation at St. Patrick's.

As we move forward, we must remember we are here to serve the Lord in the work He has asked us to do. He would not ask us to do this work unless He provided the resources enabling us to be successful. He has blessed us tremendously. Sometimes those resources aren't readily in front of us; we may have to look harder, but they are there.

Junior Warden's Report (Building Care) – Roy Barker

We are blessed, at St. Patrick's, to have a group of parishioners who share their time and talent to help us maintain our facilities throughout the year. We are very appreciative of Greg Bell, Tom Carney, Lyle Herman, Tim Carty, Bill Kamb, Gregg Mambourg, Blair McGinnis, Chris Nelson, Tom Ruff, and Rick Sicker for their gracious and caring support in 2023.

Early in the year, we learned of a program wherein the Diocese of Southern Ohio would underwrite the cost of a comprehensive Facility Condition Assessment. The report of this assessment, which will serve as an extremely valuable tool in estimating and planning for routine and long-term maintenance issues, was conducted, and the report delivered to us, in September. Not surprisingly, a number of significant maintenance issues – several of which dealt with the outward appearance of our property, and its attractiveness to potential new members - were identified. The Vestry identified the following issues as being of the highest priority, and these have all been completed:

- Re-paving the north parking lot.
- Seal Coating the south parking lot.

- Repair and painting of the south and east walls of the office portion of the building.
- Painting of the railings around the exterior basement stairs and window wells. (The majority of this work was done by a contractor, but a significant part of the preparatory work was done by the Boy Scouts, as part of a workday.

Other Building repair and maintenance issues addressed or supported by the Building Care Ministry team this past year include:

- Replacement of the drain at the end of the south narthex walk – thank you Tim Carty!
- Re-building, by a contractor, of four storm drains in the north & south parking lots. The concrete substructure of the drains was crumbling and creating back-up of storm water in the parking lots.
- Replacement of the sewage lift pump in the basement corner of the choir room
- Refurbishing the sign at the Tara Hill entrance – thank you Peter O'Neill!

While our Parish Administrator, Amy O'Neill, may not actually be a member of the Building Ministry Team, she initiates and takes part in all of our Zoom meetings, provides insight on issues at hand, identifies problems, administers, and supervises contractors, and generally keeps her fingers on the pulse of all that goes on at St. Patrick's. The Building Care Ministry Team could not possibly function without her. Thank you, thank you Amy!!

We invite you to consider joining this rewarding ministry where we work together to ensure our facility is welcoming to all.

Financial Report – Bill Righter

2023 was a bit of a mixed bag financially for St. Patrick's. The 2022 annual internal audit was successfully completed thanks to the Audit Committee work of Chris Nelson, Rick Sicker and Jim Brown. Our bookkeeper, Stacy Craig continued to perform admirably, and we are pleased she will remain with us in 2024!

As for the 2023 numbers, Operating pledges received for the year were 89% of budget (down from 99.7% in 2022). This amounted to a shortfall of \$57,400. Overall revenue was under budget by 9%. This offset to pledge revenue was a combination of a negotiated higher interest rate for our bank savings account and increased dividends from our Fidelity money market account. Expenses for the year were 5.7% under budget. Expenses increased overall in 2023 as we welcomed Kati Glover to the staff in September. We also performed some much-needed infrastructure work, resurfacing and resealing the parking lot and painting a portion of the building exterior at a cost of \$59,000. Salaries were increased by 8% cost of living due to extraordinarily high inflation and our Diocesan Mission Share increased by over \$10,000.

The 2024 budget currently reflects 147 pledges totaling \$489,500 (as of January 15th). As approved by the Vestry, the budget currently reflects a deficit of 12.4%. The overall increase from the 2023 budget is 1.8% and includes cost of living raises for staff of 3% and the addition of a resident priest who will start in July.

As I complete the second year of a two-year commitment as your Treasurer, I want to especially thank Amy O'Neill, Charlie Horton, and Stacy Craig, who continued to provide excellent guidance and support.

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church
Vestry - Balance Sheet

As of: Dec 31, 2023

Accounts	Current Month - Actual	Last Month - Actual	\$ Change
Assets			
Current Assets			
1020 Petty Cash	50.00	50.00	0.00
1030 Middlefield Bank Checking	58,234.52	23,200.93	35,033.59
1040 Middlefield Bank Savings Account	89,426.32	99,155.67	(9,729.35)
1050 Fidelity Cash Reserves	217,929.51	217,008.55	920.96
1110 Educ & Outreach Investments Principal	102,120.67	95,421.56	6,699.11
Total Current Assets	467,761.02	434,836.71	32,924.31
Fixed Assets			
1500 Building	1,705,045.00	1,705,045.00	0.00
1510 Bldg Improvements & Equipment	1,734.76	1,734.76	0.00
1515 Land improvements	36,350.00	36,350.00	0.00
1520 Furniture & Fixtures	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
1530 Land	200,000.00	200,000.00	0.00
1540 Memorials	123,264.26	123,264.26	0.00
Total Fixed Assets	2,091,394.02	2,091,394.02	0.00
Total Assets	\$ 2,559,155.04	\$ 2,526,230.73	\$ 32,924.31
Liabilities & Net Assets			
Liabilities			
Short term			
2000 FICA Payable	3,378.32	2,495.36	882.96
2010 Medicare Payable	481.80	481.80	0.00
2020 Federal W/H Payable	(294.25)	588.71	(882.96)
2030 State W/H Payable	416.71	416.71	0.00
2040 City W/H Payable	140.02	140.02	0.00
2060 403(B) Pension Payable	925.86	925.86	0.00
2080 PLC Pension Contribution Payable	(305.10)	(305.10)	0.00
Total Short term	4,743.36	4,743.36	0.00
Total Liabilities	4,743.36	4,743.36	0.00
Net Assets			
Fund Principal1			
2900 Fund Closing	2,288,756.42	2,268,056.91	20,699.51
2910 Educ & Outreach Fund Balance	102,366.25	95,667.14	6,699.11
Total Fund Principal1	2,391,122.67	2,363,724.05	27,398.62
Memorials			
8010 2000 Sanctuary	1,110.58	1,110.58	0.00
8027 Dwight Fullerton	1,125.00	1,125.00	0.00
8050 AI Topping	1,150.00	1,150.00	0.00
8065 General memorials	63,565.97	63,515.97	50.00
Total Memorials	66,951.55	66,901.55	50.00
Non-Memorials			
8020 Technology Fund	652.17	1,852.17	(1,200.00)
8505 Handbells	225.69	225.69	0.00

8515 Library Restricted	66.30	66.30	0.00
8540 Rector's Discretionary Fund	2,245.05	1,635.05	610.00
8541 Rector's Education Fund	1,778.68	1,778.68	0.00
8560 Flowers	1,889.59	849.59	1,040.00
8600 Rummage Sale	9,732.56	9,085.56	647.00

Accounts	Current Month - Actual	Last Month - Actual	\$ Change
8605 Souper Bowl	717.61	717.61	0.00
8608 Invite Welcome Connect	414.79	414.79	0.00
8610 United Thank Offering	110.41	110.41	0.00
8620 Vacation Bible School	(139.71)	(139.71)	0.00
8625 Children's Chapel	1,445.25	1,445.25	0.00
8630 Youth	4,197.18	4,240.11	(42.93)
8632 Adult education	463.26	463.26	0.00
8633 EFM Scholarship Fund	1,086.00	1,086.00	0.00
8651 Major Repairs	15,201.81	15,201.81	0.00
8657 Seasonal Events	1,817.19	2,392.57	(575.38)
8658 Fish Fry	3,008.42	3,008.42	0.00
8668 Apparel	10.00	10.00	0.00
8670 Dublin Food Pantry	75.00	75.00	0.00
8681 Catch Court	812.41	662.41	150.00
8682 Habitat for Humanity Fundraisers	677.00	677.00	0.00
8701 Medical Missions	2,028.50	3,508.50	(1,480.00)
8712 Episcopal Relief Fund	150.00	150.00	0.00
8714 Christmas Offering	5,927.00	0.00	5,927.00
8715 Short-Term	488.38	488.38	0.00
8720 Organ Maintenance	1,314.00	1,314.00	0.00
Total Non-Memorials	56,394.54	51,318.85	5,075.69
Permanently Restricted Funds1			
8000 Columbarium	39,292.92	39,292.92	0.00
8708 Outreach & Educ. Endowment	650.00	250.00	400.00
Total Permanently Restricted Funds1	39,942.92	39,542.92	400.00
Total Net Assets	2,554,411.68	2,521,487.37	32,924.31
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 2,559,155.04	\$ 2,526,230.73	\$ 32,924.31

Date Range: Dec 1st 2023 - Dec 31st 2023

Accounts	Current Month - Actual	Current Month / Budget	Current Month - (over)/under	Year-to-date Actual	Year-to-date Budget	Year-to-date (over)/under	Annual Budget
Revenues							
Revenues1							
4000 Pledges-Operating	58,933.00	43,305.62	(15,627.38)	462,279.26	519,667.00	57,387.74	519,667.00
4010 Pledges-Previous Year	0.00	416.63	416.63	1,750.00	5,000.00	3,250.00	5,000.00
4020 Support-Operating	6,830.00	1,583.37	(5,246.63)	18,241.00	19,000.00	759.00	19,000.00
4030 Plate	1,184.00	466.63	(717.37)	5,890.15	5,600.00	(290.15)	5,600.00
4060 Interest	270.65	16.63	(254.02)	3,157.48	200.00	(2,957.48)	200.00
4070 Other	1,105.37	333.37	(772.00)	14,756.05	4,000.00	(10,756.05)	4,000.00
Total Revenues1	68,323.02	46,122.25	(22,200.77)	506,073.94	553,467.00	47,393.06	553,467.00
Total Revenues	\$ 68,323.02	\$ 46,122.25	(\$ 22,200.77)	\$ 506,073.94	\$ 553,467.00	\$ 47,393.06	\$ 553,467.00
Expenses							
Administration							
Clergy							
5000 Salary, Clergy	7,457.34	7,457.37	0.03	89,488.08	89,488.00	(0.08)	89,488.00
5010 Housing/Utilities, Clergy	3,333.34	3,333.37	0.03	40,000.08	40,000.00	(0.08)	40,000.00
5030 SECA	825.48	825.38	(0.10)	9,905.76	9,905.00	(0.76)	9,905.00
Reimbursement, Clergy							
5040 Pension, Clergy	1,835.98	2,090.87	254.89	22,031.76	25,090.00	3,058.24	25,090.00
5050 Travel, Clergy	0.00	125.00	125.00	750.02	1,500.00	749.98	1,500.00
5060 Health Insurance	0.00	2,050.00	2,050.00	22,550.00	24,600.00	2,050.00	24,600.00
5080 Education, Clergy	0.00	166.63	166.63	283.51	2,000.00	1,716.49	2,000.00
5085 Cell Phone, Clergy	45.00	45.00	0.00	540.00	540.00	0.00	540.00
5090 Supply Clergy	0.00	0.00	0.00	290.72	0.00	(290.72)	0.00
Total Clergy	13,497.14	16,093.62	2,596.48	185,839.93	193,123.00	7,283.07	193,123.00
Staff							
5410 Parish Administrator	2,933.50	2,933.50	0.00	35,202.00	35,202.00	0.00	35,202.00
5430 Administrator Pension	142.67	146.63	3.96	1,708.18	1,760.00	51.82	1,760.00
5450 FICA Expense	1,030.02	1,030.00	(0.02)	10,823.10	11,275.02	451.92	11,275.02
5460 Medicare Expense	240.90	240.89	(0.01)	2,531.25	2,636.94	105.69	2,636.94
5465 Comp in lieu of Health Care, Staff	500.00	500.00	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
5470 Workers' Compensation	0.00	62.50	62.50	223.20	750.00	526.80	750.00
5500 Music Director	3,320.16	3,320.13	(0.03)	39,841.92	39,842.00	0.08	39,842.00
5510 Music Education	0.00	25.00	25.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
5515 Contract Pianist	600.00	600.00	0.00	2,600.00	3,000.00	400.00	3,000.00
5530 Finance Staff	200.00	333.37	133.37	3,100.00	4,000.00	900.00	4,000.00
5550 Communication Minister Salary	2,916.66	2,916.67	0.01	10,307.31	17,500.02	7,192.71	17,500.02
5560 Communication Minister Pension	0.00	145.83	145.83	0.00	874.98	874.98	874.98
Total Staff	11,883.91	12,254.52	370.61	112,336.96	123,140.96	10,804.00	123,140.96
Other							
5600 Advertising	105.00	166.63	61.63	1,101.75	2,000.00	898.25	2,000.00
5610 Bulletins & Printing	62.50	83.37	20.87	487.38	1,000.00	512.62	1,000.00
5630 Diocesan Convention	0.00	83.37	83.37	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
5640 Office Supplies and Equipment	170.22	833.37	663.15	7,795.36	10,000.00	2,204.64	10,000.00
5650 IT Hardware	15.66	0.00	(15.66)	4,065.75	2,338.40	(1,727.35)	2,338.40
5651 Software (Yearly fees)	354.70	353.65	(1.05)	4,860.20	4,708.20	(152.00)	4,708.20
5660 Postage	0.00	150.00	150.00	528.00	1,800.00	1,272.00	1,800.00
5670 Telephone	208.00	104.00	(104.00)	4,609.51	1,248.00	(3,361.51)	1,248.00
5680 Consulting	0.00	75.00	75.00	578.60	900.00	321.40	900.00
5695 Credit card and ACH fees	307.98	333.37	25.39	3,191.32	4,000.00	808.68	4,000.00
Total Other	1,224.06	2,182.76	958.70	27,217.87	28,994.60	1,776.73	28,994.60
Total Administration	26,605.11	30,530.90	3,925.79	325,394.76	345,258.56	19,863.80	345,258.56
Building							
Operation							
5900 Cleaning Contractor	2,250.00	2,291.63	41.63	27,000.00	27,500.00	500.00	27,500.00
5910 Building Repair & Maintenance	1,509.73	2,016.63	506.90	19,170.16	24,200.00	5,029.84	24,200.00
5920 HVAC Maintenance	1,101.09	416.63	(684.46)	4,758.09	5,000.00	241.91	5,000.00
5930 Janitorial Supplies	0.00	46.63	46.63	1,030.38	560.00	(470.38)	560.00
5935 Multimedia	0.00	500.00	500.00	1,939.98	6,000.00	4,060.02	6,000.00
5940 Lawn Care	220.00	401.63	181.63	9,275.00	4,820.00	(4,455.00)	4,820.00
5945 Landscaping & Gardens	1,222.44	608.37	(614.07)	6,105.41	7,300.00	1,194.59	7,300.00
5960 Property Insurance	2,520.75	718.00	(1,802.75)	8,982.75	8,616.00	(366.75)	8,616.00

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Accounts	Current Month - Actual	Current Month / Budget	Current Month - (over)/under	Year-to-date Actual	Year-to-date Budget	Year-to-date- (over)/under	Annual Budget
5970 Snow Removal	0.00	144.13	144.13	1,717.00	1,730.00	13.00	1,730.00
5980 Utilities	1,989.42	1,883.37	(106.05)	24,166.65	22,600.00	(1,566.65)	22,600.00
5985 Internet Fees	998.58	498.20	(500.38)	6,482.42	5,978.65	(503.77)	5,978.65
Total Operation	11,812.01	9,525.22	(2,286.79)	110,627.84	114,304.65	3,676.81	114,304.65
Total Building	11,812.01	9,525.22	(2,286.79)	110,627.84	114,304.65	3,676.81	114,304.65
Ministries							
6100 Acolytes, Readers	263.38	29.13	(234.25)	786.17	350.00	(436.17)	350.00
6101 Recognition Ministry	0.00	41.63	41.63	404.18	500.00	95.82	500.00
6102 Men's Group	0.00	83.37	83.37	687.33	1,000.00	312.67	1,000.00
6103 New Member Ministry	0.00	166.63	166.63	30.00	2,000.00	1,970.00	2,000.00
6110 Altar/Worship	240.00	319.13	79.13	5,540.38	3,830.00	(1,710.38)	3,830.00
6115 Kairos	0.00	83.37	83.37	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
6130 Education, Children	49.99	208.37	158.38	903.73	2,500.00	1,596.27	2,500.00
6131 VBS	0.00	208.37	208.37	1,646.47	2,500.00	853.53	2,500.00
6133 Catch Freedom	548.86	83.37	(465.49)	777.93	1,000.00	222.07	1,000.00
6135 Seasonal Events	305.62	125.00	(180.62)	1,611.98	1,500.00	(111.98)	1,500.00
6140 Education, Adult	0.00	62.50	62.50	610.80	750.00	139.20	750.00
6146 Kitchen	0.00	50.00	50.00	527.04	600.00	72.96	600.00
6150 Library	0.00	33.37	33.37	0.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
6160 Music Ministry	0.00	291.63	291.63	4,159.03	3,500.00	(659.03)	3,500.00
6165 Sacred Circle-Women's Spirituality	0.00	83.37	83.37	1,064.04	1,000.00	(64.04)	1,000.00
6170 Nursery	296.67	560.00	263.33	3,861.17	6,720.00	2,858.83	6,720.00
6180 Pastoral Care	0.00	12.50	12.50	45.27	150.00	104.73	150.00
6190 Parish Life	0.00	125.00	125.00	80.00	1,500.00	1,420.00	1,500.00
6191 Coffee Hour	0.00	20.87	20.87	64.35	250.00	185.65	250.00
6192 St Pat's Day Parade	0.00	16.63	16.63	134.60	200.00	65.40	200.00
6220 Stephen Ministry	0.00	4.13	4.13	129.22	50.00	(79.22)	50.00
6225 Wellness	50.00	20.87	(29.13)	317.32	250.00	(67.32)	250.00
6230 Stewardship	0.00	333.37	333.37	796.56	4,000.00	3,203.44	4,000.00
6240 Youth	1,043.98	250.00	(793.98)	2,223.18	3,000.00	776.82	3,000.00
Total Ministries	2,798.50	3,212.61	414.11	27,400.75	38,550.00	11,149.25	38,550.00
Outreach							
6210 Service	0.00	208.37	208.37	914.81	2,500.00	1,585.19	2,500.00
6500 Benevolence & Discretionary	0.00	83.37	83.37	740.00	1,000.00	260.00	1,000.00
6520 Diocesan Mission Share	6,407.89	6,407.87	(0.02)	84,523.17	76,894.00	(7,629.17)	76,894.00
6530 Seminarian Support	0.00	166.63	166.63	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total Outreach	6,407.89	6,866.24	458.35	86,177.98	82,394.00	(3,783.98)	82,394.00

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Accounts	Current Month - Actual	Current Month / Budget	Current Month - (over)/under	Year-to-date Actual	Year-to-date Budget	Year-to-date- (over)/under	Annual Budget
Total Expenses	\$ 47,623.51	\$ 50,134.97	\$ 2,511.46	\$ 549,601.33	\$ 580,507.21	\$ 30,905.88	\$ 580,507.21
Net Total	\$ 20,699.51	(\$ 4,012.72)	(\$ 24,712.23)	(\$ 43,527.39)	(\$ 27,040.21)	\$ 16,487.18	(\$ 27,040.21)

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church
2024 Budget

Accounts	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	2024 Budget vs 2023 Actuals
Revenues			
4000 Pledges-Operating	\$ 462,279.26	\$ 489,500.00	\$ 27,220.74
4010 Pledges-Previous Year	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 250.00
4020 Support-Operating	\$ 18,241.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ (3,241.00)
4030 Plate	\$ 5,890.15	\$ 5,000.00	\$ (890.15)
4060 Interest	\$ 3,157.48	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (1,157.48)
4070 Other	\$ 14,756.05	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 243.95
Total Revenues	\$ 506,073.94	\$ 528,500.00	\$ 22,426.06
Expenses			
Administration			
Clergy			
5000 Salary, Clergy	\$ 89,488.08	\$ 92,172.64	\$ 2,684.56
5010 Housing/Utilities, Clergy	\$ 40,000.08	\$ 40,000.00	\$ (0.08)
5030 SECA Reimbursement, Clergy	\$ 9,905.76	\$ 10,111.21	\$ 205.45
5040 Pension, Clergy	\$ 22,031.76	\$ 25,611.09	\$ 3,579.33
5050 Travel, Clergy	\$ 750.02	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 749.98
5060 Health Insurance	\$ 22,550.00	\$ 25,968.00	\$ 3,418.00
5080 Education, Clergy	\$ 283.51	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,716.49
5085 Cell Phone, Clergy	\$ 540.00	\$ 540.00	\$ -
5090 Supply Clergy	\$ 290.72	\$ -	\$ (290.72)
Total Clergy	\$ 185,839.93	\$ 197,903.12	\$ 12,063.19
Asst Clergy			
5200 Salary Asst (7/1/24 start)		\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Total Asst Clergy	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Staff			
5410 Parish Administrator	\$ 35,202.00	\$ 36,258.06	\$ 1,056.06
5430 Administrator Pension	\$ 1,708.18	\$ 1,812.90	\$ 104.72
5450 FICA Expense	\$ 10,823.10	\$ 12,677.01	\$ 1,853.91
5460 Medicare Expense	\$ 2,531.25	\$ 2,964.79	\$ 433.54
5465 Comp in lieu of Health Care, Staff	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -
5470 Workers' Compensation	\$ 223.20	\$ 300.00	\$ 76.80
5500 Music Director	\$ 39,841.92	\$ 41,037.26	\$ 1,195.34
5510 Music Education	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
5515 Contract Pianist	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 7,000.00
5530 Finance Staff	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 900.00
5550 Communication Minister	\$ 10,307.31	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 24,692.69
5560 Communication Minister Pension	\$ -	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,750.00
6170 Nursery	\$ 3,861.17	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 638.83
Total Staff	\$ 116,198.13	\$ 156,200.00	\$ 40,001.87
Other			
5600 Advertising	\$ 1,101.75	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (101.75)
5610 Bulletins & Printing	\$ 487.38	\$ 500.00	\$ 12.62
5630 Diocesan Convention	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
5640 Office Supplies and Equipment	\$ 7,795.36	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,204.64
5650 IT Hardware	\$ 4,065.75	\$ 3,500.00	\$ (565.75)
5651 Software (Yearly fees)	\$ 4,860.20	\$ 5,112.00	\$ 251.80
5660 Postage	\$ 528.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 72.00
5670 Telephone	\$ 4,609.51	\$ 1,248.00	\$ (3,361.51)
5680 Consulting	\$ 578.60	\$ 600.00	\$ 21.40
5695 Credit card and ACH fees	\$ 3,191.32	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (191.32)
Total Other	\$ 27,217.87	\$ 26,560.00	\$ (657.87)
Total Administration	\$ 325,394.76	\$ 395,662.82	\$ 70,268.06
Building			

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church
2024 Budget

Accounts	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	2024 Budget vs 2023 Actuals
5900 Cleaning Contractor	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
5910 Building Repair & Maintenance	\$ 19,170.16	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (9,170.16)
5920 HVAC Maintenance	\$ 4,758.09	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 741.91
5930 Janitorial Supplies	\$ 1,030.38	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (30.38)
5935 Multimedia	\$ 1,939.98	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 560.02
5940 Lawn Care	\$ 9,275.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ (4,275.00)
5945 Landscaping & Gardens	\$ 6,105.41	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 1,894.59
5960 Property Insurance	\$ 8,982.75	\$ 9,256.00	\$ 273.25
5970 Snow Removal	\$ 1,717.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 283.00
5980 Utilities	\$ 24,166.65	\$ 24,000.00	\$ (166.65)
5985 Internet Fees	\$ 6,482.42	\$ 6,000.00	\$ (482.42)
Total Building	\$ 110,627.84	\$ 101,256.00	\$ (9,371.84)
Ministries			
6100 Acolytes, Readers	\$ 786.17	\$ 432.00	\$ (354.17)
6101 Recognition Ministry	\$ 404.18	\$ 450.00	\$ 45.82
6102 Men's Group	\$ 687.33	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 437.67
6110 Altar/Worship	\$ 5,540.38	\$ 5,717.70	\$ 177.32
6115 Kairos	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 350.00
6130 Education, Children	\$ 903.73	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 446.27
6131 VBS	\$ 1,646.47	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 1,053.53
6133 Catch Freedom	\$ 777.93	\$ 900.00	\$ 122.07
6135 Intergenerational Ministries	\$ 1,611.98	\$ 2,025.00	\$ 413.02
6140 Education, Adult	\$ 610.80	\$ 750.00	\$ 139.20
6146 Kitchen	\$ 527.04	\$ 900.00	\$ 372.96
6150 Library	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
6160 Music Ministry	\$ 4,159.03	\$ 3,150.00	\$ (1,009.03)
6165 Sacred Circle-Women's Spirituality	\$ 1,064.04	\$ 1,530.00	\$ 465.96
6191 Coffee Hour	\$ 64.35	\$ 225.00	\$ 160.65
6192 St Pat's Day Parade	\$ 134.60	\$ 180.00	\$ 45.40
6220 Stephen Ministry	\$ 129.22	\$ 135.00	\$ 5.78
6225 Wellness	\$ 317.32	\$ 405.00	\$ 87.68
6230 Stewardship	\$ 796.56	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 2,803.44
6240 Youth	\$ 2,223.18	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 476.82
XXXX Grief Support (New Add)	\$ -	\$ 135.00	\$ 135.00
Total Ministries	\$ 27,400.75	\$ 29,759.70	\$ 2,358.95
Outreach			
6210 Service	\$ 914.81	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 85.19
6500 Benevolence & Discretionary	\$ 740.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 260.00
6520 Diocesan Mission Share	\$ 84,523.17	\$ 64,322.27	\$ (20,200.90)
6530 Seminarian Support	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Total Outreach	\$ 86,177.98	\$ 67,322.27	\$ (18,855.71)
Total Expenses	\$ 549,601.33	\$ 594,000.79	\$ 44,399.46
Budgeted Revenue Over Expenses	Revenue	\$ 528,500.00	
	Expenses	\$ 594,000.79	
	Over (Under)	\$ (65,500.79)	-12.4

I. Holy Spirit

Ministries in which we invite and welcome the gifts of the Holy Spirit to guide our worship and actions that flow through music, prayer, and outreach.

- Men's Ministries
- Music
- Spiritual Direction
- Pledge Drive
- Women's Ministries
- Worship Volunteers



Pledge Drive Dinners!



St. Pat's Discernment Candidate Victoria



Choir on Christmas Eve

Men's Ministries - Doug Pittsenbarger, Joe Ross, Blair McGinnis

The Wednesday's morning men's group is going strong this year. After spending the first half of the year meeting at Starbucks the group returned to meeting in the library here at church at 10am. The group has grown in attendees over the year. While there is a core group that makes it to most every meeting, we have seen more men join in when their schedule allows. As this group has no specific format a wide range of topics can be explored each week. If you are looking for something to fill a Wednesday morning, there is always an open invitation to attend this group.

The Later in the Day Saints are meeting on Zoom at 10 am on Thursdays. This group provides an opportunity for fellowship to those that may not be able to meet in person for assorted reasons. An open format allows for the group to discuss a variety of topics. To get the zoom link contact the church office.

The Tuesday AM group continues to strengthen and grow. The men meet at 7am for coffee and refreshments and have a Zoom option for anyone unable to come in person. They have a lesson and discussion and began reading a book together in the Fall of '23 as well. They also choose mission work to complete periodically and have planted some new trees this year, helped with garage sale and a lot of prep for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

Music – Jennifer Bell

2023 continued the restoration and growth of the music ministry at St. Patrick's. The Adult Choir and Handbell Ensemble welcomed new members to their ranks (not intended as a pipe organ pun) and both groups regularly shared during worship music they had worked hard to prepare. Highlights this year were Easter Vigil, which included chant, choral reading, skits, artwork, and music; Easter Sunday with choir and instruments; and Christmas Eve with choir, handbells, harps, brass, strings, flutes, and vocal solos at 8:00pm.

Our service at the Dublin Irish Festival this summer returned to a U2-charist once more. The Behrens family notably filled in for Bono and the band, with professional percussionist, Mike Yonchak, assisting on drum set.

Music Director Jennifer Bell attended a weekend workshop at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church led by Music Makes Community, which guided participants in spontaneous and personal musical expression within a safe community. The Adult Choir also travelled to St. Stephen's to join with the St. Stephen's choir and clergy in an evening All Saints service.

St. Patrick's was not host to any performing groups this year, and we hope that we can address that lack in the coming year. We have a beautiful acoustical space, and a wonderful pipe organ that we should share with others as much as possible. However, the congregation at the early service on Christmas Eve got to enjoy the participation of our children as they rang colorful bells to accompany the singing of "Silent Night." It was truly glorious.

I thank everyone who was involved in making music for our worship this year. These persons gave of their time, their love, and their intellect to enrich our worship experience. All were blessed by sharing their gifts with us and were blessed as well by the gifts they shared. I look forward to cherishing even more blessings in the coming year.

Spiritual Direction – Tawnya Lewis

This small group meets Wednesdays 10:15 - 11:45 am via zoom. A chosen book or reading starts our discussions after the opening reflection. In 2023 we finished *Walking the Bible* by Bruce Feiler and then read: *Being Christian - Baptism, Bible, Eucharist, Prayer* by Rowan Williams, *Living Well Through Lent 2023* by Living Compass, *Tattoos on the Heart* by Gregory Boyle and *This Republic of Suffering: Death and the American Civil War* by Drew Gilpin Faust. We started *Why do Bad Things Happen to Good People* by Harold S. Kushner in November. Spiritual Direction is a great way to deepen your walk with God and enjoy fun, caring fellowship. We will be starting a new book at the beginning of February 2024.

Annual Pledge Drive – Jason Emerson

The fall 2023 Pledge Drive consisted of three glorious dinners hosted by vestry members and the pledge team along with mailings and prayers during worship. As of this writing, we have 149 pledges totaling \$489,699.16. Big thanks to our pledge team of Vicky Bratton, Alex Carter, Julie Righter, Rick Sicker, and Ed Yuhas for all their work this year. Also, HUGE thanks goes to Charlie Horton for his years of service as the pledge secretary. Pledges for 2024 are still being accepted; so, if you haven't had a chance to submit your pledge, just see Charlie Horton. We are really grateful for your support of God's mission and ministry through St. Patrick's.

Looking forward to this year we are developing the Pledge Team into a year-round stewardship team with the mission of both executing the fall pledge drive and leading the congregation in year round reflections on the theology of stewardship throughout our lives. Stewardship of creation, stewardship of our money, stewardship of our relationships, health, and well-being...the team will help us all reflect on how our care in all these areas speaks about God.

Women's Ministries Annual Report - Deby McGinnis & Sacred Circle Leaders

This year's women's retreat was another successful event. Twenty-five ladies, mostly from St. Patrick's, attended. After a morning prayer service and a breakfast meet-and-greet, our retreat leader, Christine Hiester, led us through a lovely day filled with inspiration, music, art and sharing. There was laughter and a few tears. New friends were made, and old friends reconnected. Our lunch was provided by Freedom a La Cart. All in all, it was a wonderful day spent by all of us in attendance.

Throughout the year, the Sacred Circle groups have met using many formats. Groups have and continue to meet in person only, on Zoom only, and by using a hybrid model that allows participants to join via computer connecting to an in-person meeting.

Sacred Circle 1 meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm. This year our group is using the guide entitled *Our One Word - Creating Spiritual Joy and Depth* by Martha Johnson Bourlakas. While using this book, we discuss one word in depth, looking at it in many contexts. Through that we have looked at Bible passages and shared our experiences. This approach does not require advance preparation. We are always welcoming new members. If you are interested in joining, please talk to or email Val Pittsenbarger or Amy O'Neill.

The **Sunday Sacred Circle** is led by Tawnya Lewis and Kim Nelson. We did Jan Richardson's Women's Christmas Retreat and then studied the Gospel of John using a book by Jamie Clark-Soles as a guide. We also joined the Adult Forum for *The Ignatian Workout for Lent* by Timothy Muldoon, led

by Kim Nelson. We meet twice a month at 11:30am, and we always enjoy the time we spend together.

Sacred Circle 3 meets in the afternoon of the third Tuesday of the month and has gone through the elements of the Way of Love. We've begun to discuss the facets of the Spiritual Compass from the Living Compass material. We are having great discussions about the elements of Heart, Soul, Mind and Strength as it applies to our lives, relationships, and prayer life. There was also a Quiet day held in December that was open to all that was designed to give some quiet space and meditation time in the midst of the frenetic preparation for Christmas.

Earlier in 2023, **Sacred Circle 4** read *Birth of the Holy: Wisdom from Mary to Nurture Creativity and Renewal*, we savored that book and occasionally welcomed our sister, Nancy McCracken to lead us in some writing exercises, which we do from time to time. It is always a treat! Next, we read Joan Chittister's book in *The Gift of Years: Growing Older Gracefully*, many of us had read it but a slow reading helped us talk about the many ways we deal with aging in a society that refuses to acknowledge this reality. We find that our moments together have built strength and resilience among us, enough to face the world and all the many losses we face. We count on each other and that alone is the gift of Sacred Circles.

The members of these groups actively support and nurture each other as we learn and grow into the body of Christ. All groups would love to welcome new members to share our spiritual journeys with us. If one is interested in joining a group, please contact the church office or Val Pittsenbarger to get connected with the group that fits your needs.

Aging as a Spiritual Practice - Rose Walker

The newest small group entitled Mature Spirituality or Aging as a Spiritual Practice meets in the afternoon on the second Thursday of the month in the parish library. They discuss information from various authors and at each meeting, explore a new phase in their spiritual lives. If you would like to join, please reach out to Rose Walker or simply come in at 1:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month.

Worship Volunteers – Bill Righter

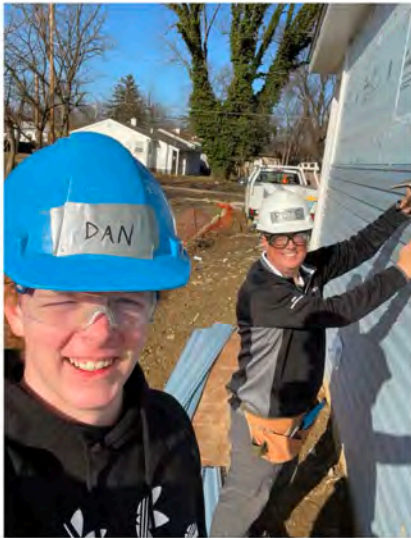
Worship volunteers have the enjoyment of helping the Sunday and special services run smoothly throughout the year. Our passion is expressed to the St. Patrick's congregation as Ushers, Lector/Lay Readers, and Acolytes. 2023 was a year where this ministry continued to rebuild. While we currently have enough Lay Readers and Lectors, we are very much in need of Ushers and Acolytes (age 10 and older) Plan to come join us!

As 2023 came to a close, after roughly 30 years leading this ministry, I have handed over the reins to Matt Lewis who graciously accepted this mission.

II. Outreach

Ministries in which we engage in meaningful ministry that empowers people by walking and working side by side with them.

- CATCH Court
- Dublin Food Pantry
- Franklin County Children's Services
- Friends of the Homeless
- Habitat for Humanity
- Kairos Inside and Kairos Torch



Habitat for Humanity



Harvest of Hope Donations for the Dublin Food Pantry



C.A.T.C.H. Court Lunch

CATCH-Freedom Ministry - Fran Montgomery

As a Beloved Community, we care about women caught in the web of sex trafficking and our goal is to show love and support to these women in CATCH Court, Freedom a la Cart, and the Butterfly programs.

We received an Episcopal Community Ministries (ECM) Grant for \$3,500. \$1000 of the Grant made it possible to serve lunch the 3rd Thursday of the month to women at CATCH Court. CATCH (Creating Autonomy Through Collaborative Healing) is a special weekly, 2-year supportive, caring alternative to incarceration court docket where women transform from victim to survivor. \$2,500 went to Freedom a la Cart for utilities and apartment deposits. It is also heartwarming to provide CATCH and Butterfly (graduates of CATCH) women household items, clothing and winter coats from our St. Pat's presale spring and fall garage sales. Our congregation supported this ministry by donating over one hundred \$25 Kroger gift cards for Holiday gift bags. The Saturday Knitting Circle made hats, scarves, mittens, and baby hats for the women. Several members volunteer at Freedom a la Cart Café.

The opportunity to serve women who have been traumatized by abuse, broken relationships, drug and alcohol addiction, and the lack of hope reminds us of the healing power of God's Grace. The gift of this service deepens our faith and changes our hearts.

Dublin Food Pantry – John Montgomery

2023 was a year of new beginnings for the Dublin Food Pantry. With the financial help of many community donors, the Pantry purchased and renovated a standalone building to serve a client population that continues to grow following the days of COVID and now during these inflationary times. Located at 6608 Dublin Center Drive, the new Pantry has returned as a "choice" pantry rather than being a drive-by "get a box of food" operation necessitated by recent COVID restrictions.

2023 was also a year when once again, the congregation of St. Patrick's proved that great goals can be achieved by taking small but steady steps. Little by little, one week at a time, food donations placed in the red wagon by the church entry totaled 4,144 pounds of nourishment for our Dublin neighbors in need. Soup, oil, pancake mix and syrup, ramen, peanut butter, Jiffy cornbread mix, cranberry sauce – all of this and more lend support to those experiencing food insecurity.

The Dublin Food Pantry serves clients who reside within the boundaries of the Dublin City School District. As the Pantry settles into its new home, planning is underway to seek volunteers once again from area church congregations, and once plans are in place, St. Patrick's will be notified. Stay tuned for further information in that regard. Until then, you can go to the Pantry website to check on volunteer opportunities.

Thanks are extended to all members of our parish for their donations of food, treasure, and time as we work to sustain the direction of Jesus to feed the hungry. Thank you for your continuing support of the Dublin Food Pantry.

Franklin County Children's Services Holiday Wish Program - Jo Yuhas

Franklin County Children's Services provides Christmas for several thousand children under their care each holiday season. St. Patrick's has generously supported this program for over 30 years. In 2023

we sponsored a Toy Drive collecting unwrapped toys that were delivered to FCCS on December 3rd. These donations included an extra-large rolling bin of diverse toys, books and puzzles as well as \$400+ in gift cards, cash and checks. In 2024, we would like to continue this successful, worthwhile program that puts a smile on the faces of so many children and their families each year. This toy drive gives us an opportunity to share our many blessings with those less fortunate during a season of giving.

Friends of the Homeless – Susan Jones & Rick Sicker

The FoH facility at Main and Carpenter has about 125 residents. These are men that work and are actively looking for permanent residence. St. Patrick's has been serving hot, homecooked meals here for over 25 years.

COVID restrictions have been lifted, so we are back to serving in-person meals. Currently we have a devoted crew that purchases food, cooks, transports, and serves the meals on the third Thursday each month. Church members donate soft fruit, while Panera Bread donates bagels, bread, and desserts that are added to the meal served.

The FoH crew looks forward to 2024 and appreciates the church's support so we can continue to offer a meal, a word of support, and share the love of God to some pretty great guys.

Habitat for Humanity – Brenda Eddy

We serve the goals of St. Patrick's through our support, both financially and in volunteer hours, to Habitat for Humanity, Central Ohio, making home ownership possible for families who otherwise face unstable and substandard housing. Working with 14 other churches in our Northside Adopt-a-House Partnership also presents a unified impression of the work and love possible through our Lord.

In 2023, our partnership raised \$80,000 - \$100,000 annually and provided volunteers to help build a home. Through November of 2023, the partnership contributed almost over \$90,000. St. Patrick's exceeded our 2023 pledge of \$5,000 by \$2,000! Our annual Lenten Fish Frys contributed \$6,000 and individual donations rounded out the total. Material supply lines and contractor scheduling continue to affect building schedules and significantly delayed the start of our 2023 house, but it is underway as of this writing and St. Patrick's completed a volunteer workday. These complications continue to complicate the coordination of volunteer activities.

Accomplishments in 2023:

- Exceeded our financial pledge.
- Completed a St. Patrick's volunteer workday – December 9, with 7 volunteers. And we have added a number of enthusiastic volunteers to our list for future dates.
- We are working to secure an additional workday this winter/early spring.

Goals for 2024:

- With Vestry approval, maintain our pledge at the \$5,000 level.
- Support and complete our 2023 house - in early 2024 and start another.
- Plan at least two St. Pat's Build Days for the 2024 house.
- Introduce another option for parish participation:
 - Fill the pantry – for the newly dedicated house; provide grocery gift cards for the new homeowner.

Kairos Inside and Kairos Torch – Bill Fairweather, Dick Gehman

Our team is, at last, fully back in operation within the prisons after many months away. Kairos Torch, our Kairos for the young men in the prison has finally rebooted after 3 years and the team is in formation now. One of the many unique gifts of The Torch program is “The Team,” which is a skeleton crew from the outside consisting of only 15 men who support an inside team of about 45 men that put on the weekend.

Additionally, after the weekend, there is a discipleship/mentoring process that goes on for 6 months pairing up incarcerated men to explore what it is to have a walk with God, a daily relationship, and learn what it is to build trust in another person, a hard thing to come by inside. Thank you all for your support.

III. Welcoming

Ministries in which we show that St. Patrick's is a welcoming and loving family.

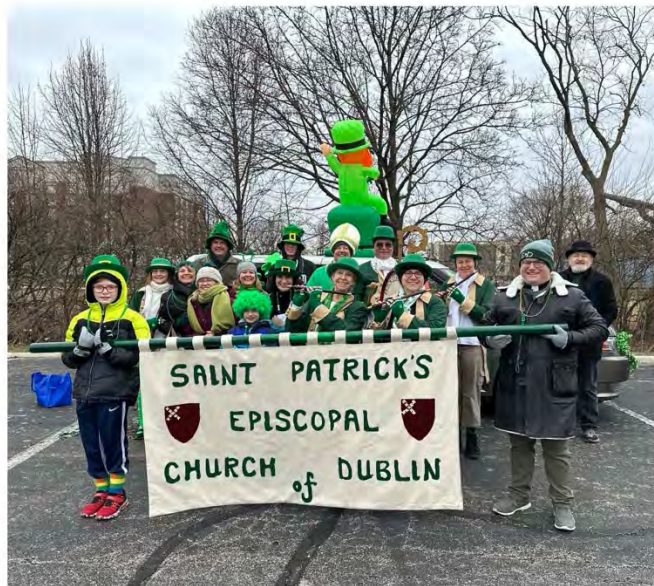
- Altar Guild
- Bread Ministry
- Broadcasting
- Coffee Hour
- Creation Care
- Garage Sale
- Invite Welcome Connect
- Landscape and Grounds
- St. Arbucks
- St. Patrick's Day Parade
- The Breastplate
- Wedding Coordinator



Garage Sale Workers!



Father's Day Coffee Hour



St. Patrick's Day Parade!



Broadcasting

Altar Guild – Mary Horton

Bishop Curry said “People go to church to refocus. Focus on God. What you do for God matters. The altar guild helps us refocus. Focus on God the Creator then follow Jesus into the world.”

Our Altar Guild Ministry currently has 13 members: Suzanne Holliday, Val Pittsenbarger, Vicki von Sadovszky, Julie Myers, Lynette Palmer, Lynne Colcombe, Sandra Wilson, Shannon McCarthy, Mary Kennedy, Mary Horton, Michele Miller, Pat Mann and Jane Switzer.

Bread Ministry – Rosemarie Deschler

During 2023, the Bread Ministry was rewarded with visitors once again exploring the happy heart of our St. Patrick's home. It appears that Covid is here to stay, and visitors have not let that deter them, when looking for a church home.

The Bread Ministry Team is the second face of St. Patrick's Church. Our dedicated team members took baked bread weekly to visitors who have signed our guest book in the narthex. This ministry is a way to follow up with guests who visited on Sundays and thank them for visiting us. In this small way, we hope to connect with our visitors, show appreciation for their visitation, and hope they will return to get to know the soul of our church family.

Our Bread Ministry Package includes a gift bag with delicious baked bread, a St. Patrick's Breastplate for the current month, a greeting, and a note of the significance of the bread, and a welcome shepherd connect information note. If our visitors are looking for a church home, we answer any questions they may have. The Bread Ministry Package is a way to extend our hospitality and appreciation for their visitation, in hopes that they will return.

Members of our Bread Ministry Team are rewarded almost weekly by the thankful and smiling faces of our visitors. Additionally, I am so very grateful and appreciative for the loyal and dedicated team we have. They are Roy Barker, Teri Leitwein, Caroline Wagner, Cindy Doan, Michele Ruf, Nancy McDowell, Bonnie Lafleur, Glenna Butler, and Julie Myers. Kate Anne Brennan will be joining our team in 2024. We are indeed blessed with a lively group of intelligent, active, caring individuals.

In closing, The Bread Ministry is a very rewarding ministry! It offers flexibility and independence. We put smiles on people's faces, we warm their hearts, and we endear them to our church community. We welcome anyone who is interested in being part of our lovely team. Please consider joining us, and making a difference.

Online Streaming (Live) – Bill Eddy

The mission of this ministry is to ensure a solid, high-quality venue for all that seek worship through streaming services. The Streaming (or Broadcasting for God) ministry is an evolving ministry that is “learn as we proceed” through each event we broadcast.

Our events include a livestream of

- Every Sunday 9:30 am service.
- All services through Holy Week.
- Most services through Christmas.

- Special events that need to be broadcasted (Weddings, Funerals, etc.).

Our first official broadcast was on September 6th, 2020, and since then we have had thousands of views. Approximately (low-end estimated) 8,800. This number does not include streaming for funerals, or the multiple streams for Christmas/Easter.

The one thing we fear is equipment failure. In July we noticed that the sound was dominating the left side of the sanctuary. This is because the right-side sanctuary speaker stopped working. We really didn't have to say anything because people started migrating to the left side of the church! After purchasing new 1,000-watt sanctuary speakers it took us 3 months to finally find someone who was willing to scaffold both sides, reengineer the support for the speakers and install. Not easy when you must do this work 20 feet up in the air on scaffolding.

We stopped streaming our Wednesday noon service this year due to low viewer turnout. The First Sunday of Lent is still one of our highest views with this year reaching 108. Each time we broadcast, actual *live* viewers average about 15 and that's below 2022 and 2021. However, by the end of the day, it's typically up to 60 total views. As of this writing, both of the 2023 Christmas Eve services totaled 136 views. That's below the Covid numbers, but still quite impressive. This year we had a weekday funeral, on a Friday, that totaled 91 viewers.

I love streaming because I know that this is a way in which people can worship that are not able to come to church or are curious about our church. When Peter and I first started streaming, the numbers (or the YouTube views) were marginal or low. But you have to say to yourself, if this broadcast reaches only one person, then it's worth it. This is one of those ministries that is very new but very rewarding. As we stream (Thomas, Peter and I sometimes work together or individually), we can follow *and* attend the service at the same time. We stand to pray and sometimes kneel. You really feel like you are doing The Lord's work: get the word out to the masses. Isn't that what this ministry is all about?

In 2024 we wish for more volunteers! We would like to have 4 volunteers in which each one does 1 Sunday service a month. You do not need a degree in broadcasting, but if you are fascinated with technology and can follow instructions (our manual) this might be your calling.

Another dream is a new PTZ (pan, tilt, zoom) camera for the Parish Hall. This camera will help us broadcast special events (plays, pageants, etc.) and Easter Services. Youth today are very techno-savvy. They get restless sitting and not getting stimulus. Technology in our church will draw them in. This was the reason behind our big screen installation in the sanctuary.

Coffee Hour – Jan & Tim Redman

The Coffee Hour Ministry continues to be a "behind the scenes" ministry, but one that is a favorite for many of us at St. Patrick's.

This year we added 4 new members bringing our total to 30 faithful team members who lovingly prepare coffee, tea, and delicious appetizers and snacks so that those who can stay after the 9:30 service can enjoy fellowship, food and fun in a relaxed environment. Many new friends have been made during this hour, and many problems have been shared and sometimes solved. Our faithful 8:00 churchgoers also host a monthly coffee hour to help strengthen the bonds with our early birds.

We all know that without this Sunday ministry, we would have a lot of unhappy parishioners - just ask the kids! Our team is growing, and we always look forward to adding some new members. We promise training, partners to work with on Sunday, and lots of laughs. We also promise positive feedback and probably an occasional recipe request. Whether you join the team or just want to contribute food, we can always use help. We have a great time feeding the masses.

Contact Jan or Tim Redman, or any of the team you see on Sunday morning, if you would like to become a member of this ministry. Remember as Father Jason has said many times, "coffee is one way God says, 'I loves you!'"

Creation Care – Randy Edwards

In 2023, Charlie Horton handed over the reins of this ministry to Randy Edwards. The Diocese is now sponsoring meetings to help churches navigate Creation Care and the group had a couple of meetings in 2023. Once again, there is a potential for solar panels to become a reality for St. Patrick's. The recently enacted Inflation Reduction Act provides direct payments (in lieu of a tax benefit) to tax exempt entities. In view of that, the Diocesan trustees are currently taking the pulse of congregations to determine who may be interested in investing in solar panels. They have expressed a willingness to provide grants if there is enough interest. We have expressed an interest and will be evaluating the feasibility of undertaking such a project over the next few months.

Garage Sale - Mark Hanes

In 2023 we held two very successful Garage Sales for the church. These sales enable us to serve God by supporting a variety of charitable organizations through direct donations of items prior to the sale. These sales also help many families who might be struggling by allowing them to purchase nice items at low cost. In addition, we raised more than \$31,000 in total for the 2023 calendar year for St. Patrick's infrastructure projects. It was truly wonderful to have so many members of the church working together on the sales again this past year. What a great community we have!

Our next Garage Sale will be in Spring 2024. The tentative dates for the Spring sale are May 3-4. The work and preparation will take place the week before these dates. So please mark your calendar to volunteer between April 27th and May 4th and start saving up those treasures for the sale!

Invite Welcome Connect – Beth Landers, Fran Montgomery

INVITE, WELCOME, CONNECT is a St. Patrick's Ministry with the theme, "It's the work of the WHOLE congregation" to Invite, Welcome, and Connect guests, parishioners, and the greater community to our joyful community of faith. We encourage parishioners to share St. Patrick's social media posts, attend coffee hours, children's chapel & adult forum, and to wear your names tags to create an environment of invitation, welcoming and connection. Beth follows up with visitors after they receive bread ministry delivery and helps them connect with ministry leaders as needed.

Ask Fran Montgomery if you're interested in joining the in-person Greeter team and Angel Cinco if you'd like to join the virtual Greeters. We're excited to all St. Pat's will offer with our programming, events, and all the ways we can enrich our joyful community!

Landscape & Grounds – Cindy Doan

2023 was a year of lower maintenance for the Saint Patrick's landscape and gardens. The 5 acres of church property are in good shape but continue to require constant attention. In my absence this past spring and summer, we relied on professional landscapers as well as some wonderful volunteers to keep up the tasks. We now have a beautiful butterfly garden, thanks to the hard work of an Eagle Scout from Troop 299. Another scout is planning a Labyrinth. The Boy Scouts were very helpful in both of the volunteer workdays in 2023. A few new trees were planted on the property, courtesy of the men's group. The Columbarium Garden is an area that needs more plants and a bit of sprucing up. About 400 bulbs were planted there by the youth group in the fall, so spring should be lovely in that space. I look forward to working with the committee who oversees that area and building a more beautiful space for parishioners to enjoy.

St. Arbuck's – Ginger Coco

The ST. ARBUCKS coffee group gets together in Dublin year-round, rain or shine, every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. ST. ARBUCKS is a blend of members from the original group (started in Marysville approximately 12 years ago) and men and women from the Dublin area. We added two new members in 2023, so now we have a core group of twelve "Saints."

Finding a local Starbucks that can accommodate our "large" group has been a challenge. But we have found our home at the **Starbucks inside the Giant Eagle store at 6700 Perimeter Loop Rd., Dublin.** We have plenty of space and flexibility AND we have room to continue to add new members to our group.

We Saints listen, support, comfort and share with one another with an attitude of loving kindness and respect. We laugh together and genuinely enjoy being with each other, sharing highlights of our week and our plans for the future-always lending a helping hand (or ear or heart) when needed. We have found that when we "share a burden, it's cut in half; and when we share a joy it's doubled."

The Spirit is alive and well and shows up at every meeting of ST. ARBUCKS.

St. Patrick's Day Parade – Amy O'Neill

In 2023, the St. Patrick's Day parade in Dublin returned to a traditional parade format. St. Patrick's was present in the parade with a decorated vehicle, a fife & drum band, St. Patrick, and several parishioners walking along passing out candy and postcards to spectators.

Participating in the parade is a fun way to show your passion for St. Patrick's and an obvious representation of our joyful community of faith. Kids love to wave and pass out candy and it is a wonderful intergenerational gathering to support and spread the love of God to the community outside our walls. Please consider joining us in 2024 as we are registering to participate in the parade on March 9th.

The Breastplate – Sarah Immell & Amy O'Neill

The Breastplate is a communication medium that reaches more than 360 families of the church, helping parishioners stay connected with St. Patrick's and the wider Episcopal Church. Most Breastplate publications are sent via email, but a few are still sent in the mail. If you would like to

change your method of receiving the monthly newsletter, please contact Amy in the church office. If you would like to contribute to the publication, please send your articles to Amy O'Neill and Kati Glover by the 15th of the month prior to publication.

Our editor, Sarah Immell, has taken on this task for many years and has done a phenomenal job of taking this material and laying it out to produce the very readable and esthetically pleasing newsletter you receive each month. We owe her a huge thanks for helping us report all of the upcoming events and news of St. Patrick's. She is going to retire as our editor in 2024 and hand the reins over to Kati. Her ministry over the years has been a huge asset to St. Patrick's parishioners and staff. Thank you, thank you, thank you Sarah!

Communication to our members and potential new members keeps the excitement of being a part of our community alive and allows us to keep everyone informed of upcoming events.

Wedding Coordinator – Julie Righter

A wedding is a glorious event for a couple, their families and friends. Weddings at St. Patrick's are especially beautiful because of our lovely, bright sanctuary. The wedding coordinator welcomes and assists the couple and their guests to create a meaningful, spirit filled service. One wedding took place in 2023. We are hoping to have more in 2024.



BSA Eagle Scout Presentation

IV. Support and Caring Engagement

Ministries in, at and through St. Patrick's where we fearlessly support each other and the broader community.

- Dinner with Friends
- Foyer Groups
- Lay Eucharistic Visitors
- Partners in Prayer
- Purls of Wisdom
- Seasonal Offerings & Special Events
- Second Saturday Knitting Circle
- Stephen Ministry
- UTO
- Wellness Council



Saturday Knitting Circle



Faith Days at the Clippers' Game



Shrove Tuesday and Fish Fry

Dinner with Friends – Bill Eddy

Our mission is to create a strong fellowship environment through numerous social dinner events. These events have different themes based on the time of the year and the needs of our church and community. The *Dinner with Friends* Fish Fry Events raise money to assist with our pledge to Habitat for Humanity. We have successfully matched our contribution again this year. On occasion, other event monies raised go to support other church needs (CATCH/Freedom, Mission Trips, etc.),

Our events include:

- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (February 13th)
- Wayne Holliday Memorial Lent Fish Fry (attendance for 2023 events was over 450)
- Spaghetti Dinners (Hoping)
- BBQs
- Other Community/Parish Feedings

2023 marked the 14th year of Fish Fry Events. We have three Lenten season Fish Fry dinners per year. 2023, the last two were back-to-back. During the start of the last Fish Fry (March 31st) one of our deep fryers decided to go defective! Needless to say, it went out with a bang. Literally. To date, we have had 38 Fish Fry dinners and served thousands. There is nothing more satisfying than serving others, especially when we are serving our community.

I truly enjoy working with every volunteer. I am thankful for such a great volunteer base and know it will continue into 2024. I never have to reach-out and beg for volunteers!! In fact, sometimes we have too many! Our volunteers come to this event, I believe, to serve. Serving is about caring and fellowship. We truly have fed the thousands, but not quite the way Jesus did (as written in Matthew).

I encourage you to try volunteering at one of our events. Many have said that the clean-up at the end is the best part! There is a lot of fellowship and laughing. That is why I, and our repeat volunteers, choose this feeding ministry. If you have never volunteered for a ministry and don't have a lot of time, try volunteering for just one Fish Fry, it is only about 2 ½ hours of work. Come and discover how the Body of Christ fills St. Patrick's!

Three Lenten Fish Fry events are scheduled for 2024 and this year will be a real logistical challenge because we are doing each one, back-to-back! March 1, 8, and 15th. As you probably have figured out, Lent is even earlier than last year! Shrove Tuesday is February 13th.

We are hoping that, based on trends within the economy, our parishioners, and their friends will see these dinner events as an economical way to feed the family while enjoying the fellowship. Food pricing over the last five years has been a challenge due to increased transportation and fuel costs. However, generous cash donations have helped keep our expenses in check. Thanks so much for all the contributions to make these events happen.

Foyer – Mary & Randy Edwards - No report submitted for 2023.

Grief Support Group – Becky Stains & Angel Cinco

The Grief Support Ministry met monthly in 2023 at 6:30 pm in the church library. This year we have had 10 people join us. We started offering a Zoom link which has been well received. This past September we welcomed Brenda Hammersly, a certified grief counselor from St. Mark's Episcopal

Church, to speak to the entire parish on “Grief 101”. We have added a shelf in the library for books (we have 2!) and would welcome any donations. Anyone who has lost their spouse, or another significant member of their family is welcome to join us for one or more gatherings. We do not provide counseling; rather we gather to offer support, love and understanding to anyone traveling this road called grief. We share prayer, simple meditations, and our stories. We have lively discussions often with much laughter and sometimes tears. We sincerely thank those parishioners who have shared resources with us – they are greatly appreciated and useful. If you know of anyone who might benefit from joining our gatherings, either a member of St. Patrick’s or not, please let us know and we will contact them. Our ministry does not recruit, but we will be here for those who seek our support.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors – Kimberly Nelson

The Lay Eucharistic Visitors team continued our ministry of visiting members of our parish who cannot attend church in person and sharing the eucharist with them. Because of our team of dedicated volunteers, we are able to go out on visits every week, with the exception of major holidays when everyone is spending time with their families. We are blessed to be welcomed into our members’ homes. We plan to continue our weekly visits in 2024. If you feel called to this joyful ministry, please contact the church office, or Kim Nelson.

Partners in Prayer – Tawnya Lewis, Mary Kay Arbogast & Jan Foley-Orosz

In 2023, we continued to send our electronic Weekly and Monthly Long Term Prayer Lists, as well as connect monthly Prayer Partners together. Prayer Partners are pairs of parishioners who pray for each other's more specific concerns and thanksgivings. Call throughs are made for immediate needs. With the assistance of Amy O'Neill, we accept paper requests at church in the Prayer Box, northside table in the Narthex. We also accept requests at pip@pats-dublin.org. Requests are kept confidential and are prayed for by the Partners in Prayer ministry. We appreciate Thanksgiving celebrations as well. Please remember to send updates on submitted requests so that we can keep the lists current and accurate. By joining as a prayer partner, you lift those in need and change lives. Your prayers join all of ours and magnify their impact.

Purls of Wisdom - Phyllis Beuter

After 20 years as an active ministry, the focus of Purls remains providing prayer shawls for those in need. Our group is small but devoted, only 4 active members. We meet every Thursday from 10:00-12:00 in the classroom across from the library. Any and all are welcome to join us. No experience necessary! If you are interested in knitting a shawl but are not available to meet with the group, we can help you get started. Contact Phyllis Beuter.

Second Saturday Knitting Group - Deanna Douglass, Annika Russo

The hats, mittens and scarves knitted by our parish community for CATCH/Freedom and for the children of Daniel Wright School in Dublin were warmly welcomed. I smile every time I think of a child or the ladies from Freedom in one of the colorful hats you made, fingers tucked into mittens or perhaps a scarf wrapped around their neck!

For Winter of 2024-25, once more, we will have another opportunity to make a difference. Both Freedom and Daniel Wright Elementary have indicated that their need for cold weather gear is always present. Our “HAT BASKET” is located in the hallway, just waiting to once again be filled! So, grab a skein of yarn, some needles or a hook and join us for another year of our Makers Ministry.

We will no longer be meeting in person on the Second Saturday. However, if you want to learn to knit or crochet, update your skills, need patterns, etc. contact Deanna Douglass.

Stephen Ministry – Amy O'Neill

Stephen Ministry is a group of lay Christians selected and trained by Stephen Leaders to provide effective, one-to-one Christian care to people in need in our congregation or the community. In 2023, we cared for several people within our parish and in the greater community who requested someone to speak with while navigating life during a difficult time. We remained safely meeting each month either via Zoom or hybrid format with our group so that we could support each other in our caring relationships for others. We also kept track of parishioners who may have become homebound during the pandemic and kept the clergy aware of anyone needing additional support or care. Almost all of our ministers are currently assigned to a care receiver and we are working with the grief support group to help anyone who may need care due to a loss.

The heart of Stephen Ministry is rooted in showing Christ's love by offering an open mind and open heart to listen to the concerns of others. We are always willing to offer support and care for anyone in need of it. If you need someone to talk to or would be interested in becoming a Stephen Minister yourself, please reach out. Our caring relationships are often just as impactful to our caregivers as our care receivers and the friendships developed from our caring relationships can last a lifetime.

UTO – Molly Carty & Bonnie LaFleur

We were able to have two UTO offerings in 2023 and we were able to collect \$350.73 in the Spring and \$365.60 in the Fall. In the past, UTO money has gone to help the church with missions and ministries. In 1981, a grant was given to Father Stephen to pay his salary while he worked in Appalachia. A grant was also given to renovate St. Patrick's kitchen in the past.

Wellness Council – Lissa Barker & Rose Walker

Lissa Barker and Rose Walker have provided Wellness Words columns for the Breastplate each month. There are a variety of topics, all explaining various aspects of health with understandable and reliable information. We have also provided handouts to the congregation with accurate and up to date information about the persistent threats to our health (COVID, Flu and RSV) so that the members of the congregation can make decisions about protecting themselves and their families. We have also provided handouts about the recommended immunizations for adults, children, and adolescents.

On December 16, we presented a Quiet Day to offer a healthy break from the stress of the holiday time. It was very well received by the attendees, and we had visitors from other congregations who joined us. The Wellness Words bulletin board is updated about once a month and provides information on healthy exercise, healthy eating, stress reduction, mental health, communication with persons with dementia, and reliable and accurate websites for people to use to get up to date information for healthy decision making. We have had the assistance of several parishioners who designed and implemented bulletin board topics. Many grateful thanks to them for their expertise.

In 2024, we also hope to provide specific outreach for healthy aging topics. We also are happy to offer "coffee hour consultations" if there are questions you have about wellness. Both Rose and Lissa are licensed Registered Nurses. Lissa is a Certified Family Nurse Practitioner; Rose is a community health

expert and so we have lots of expertise to offer. We would really love to hear from the congregation about the topics that are of interest. We have a desire to meet health information needs for people across the life span- so please contact Lissa Barker or Rose Walker with your suggestions. We have a box in the church office where you can put your suggestions. Of course, we are always happy to talk with you. Here's to the Best of Wellness in 2024!



Vacation Bible School

V. Joy and Creativity in Faith Formation

Ministries in which we show that we are a joyful, inquisitive community of faith in Christ.

- Adult Formation
- Education for Ministry (EfM)
- EfM Extension
- EfM "Survivors"
- Intergenerational Formation
- Nursery
- Sunday School
- Vacation Bible School
- Wiggles for Jesus
- Youth Ministries



AdvenTea



Youth Group presenting about Mission Trip



Wiggles for Jesus Handbell Ensemble!

Adult Formation – Ben Trotter, Alex Carter, and Father Jason

In addition to EFM, Sacred Circles and the Men's Groups, 2023 saw the return of the Adult Forum in earnest post COVID. We had sessions led by Ben Trotter, Kim Nelson, Alex Carter and Father Jason. Also, we started the Way of Love Dinner series in the fall and once again we did an Advent Read Along of the Gospel for the Lectionary Year (in this case Mark.) A big thank you to all the table facilitators and food team for the Way of Love Dinner series.

Looking forward we will continue the Way of Love Dinner Series in the Spring and then assess whether to do something similar next year. In Lent, Alex Carter will be leading the Adult Forum – Noon on Zoom – with the topic The Rev. Pauli Murray: Race, Gender, and Justice. Then in Easter, Ben Trotter is leading a session on Celtic Spirituality with the help of Dianne Clay. Huge thanks to all the leaders involved in Adult Formation.

Education for Ministry (EfM) – Susan Jones

Education for Ministry is a four-year program designed by The School of Theology, University of the South based upon small-group study and practice. The aim is to contribute to the education of members and enable them to impact the world around them through practical application of their theology. EfM helps the faithful encounter the breadth and depth of Christian tradition in order to make a positive impact on everyday life.

St. Patrick's continues its vibrant and faith-deepening EfM program on Tuesday evenings (7- 9pm). Typically, our group of 9-12 members and mentors gather weekly during the program year in the education room. Now, because of the pandemic we meet via Zoom. Our diverse group currently consists of members within our congregation and outside. We are looking to encourage additional diverse members to engage in this ministry where we celebrate the dignity of every human being.

EfM Extension – Mary Kennedy

We are graduates of the EfM program that have elected to continue meeting on a weekly basis with focus on sharing, study and prayer. In 2023, we met via Zoom on Monday mornings. We took the summer off from our regular meetings but met several times in person with a focus on community and sharing. Our regular discussion topics are based on group recommendations and included the *Living Compass* for Advent and Lent, *Christ the Celts* by J. Philip Newell, overviews of "Holy Poetry" and "Art & Spirit" (a deeper dive looking at what inspires various group members and where they find the Spirit) and an overview of the *Apocrypha*. If you are an EfM graduate and would like more information about this ministry, please contact Mary Kennedy.

EfM "Survivors" – Lissa Barker

Our wonderful group has added some members who are either post EFM or in the fourth year. We meet the first Monday of the month (usually) via Zoom for about an hour of discussion. Our group has participants from New York, Pennsylvania, Washington, and St. Pat's congregation. We choose a book to read and then discuss how the book affects our spiritual growth. This year we have read books written by Native American authors, Celtic Spirituality teachers, and the Dalai Lama to name a few. We welcome other members, just let Lissa Barker know. Blessings!

Intergenerational Formation – Jodie Emerson & Heather Stottmann

This calendar year the intergenerational ministries team hosted several parish events. In Lent, the team hosted the annual Holy Week Workshop exploring the stories of Holy Week and building Resurrection Gardens. In August, the parish enjoyed fellowship at the annual Clippers Game followed in September by the kickoff Sunday Cookout. Weather cancelled out the Corn Maze event, but we look forward to its return in 2024. The program year ended with our AdvenTea on the first Saturday in December which was a huge success. In 2024, we look forward to repeating these events and adding a parish talent show and retreat in January of 2025 at Procter Center.

Thank you to all who participated in intergenerational ministry events this year. If you are interested in helping with these events, please reach out to Amy and she will put you in contact with Jodie and Heather.

Nursery

The Nursery is back with usually 1-5 children participating each Sunday. It is currently staffed by 2 paid teachers, Alice Dunfee and Sara Bentz, who care for the children ages 0-3 years during the 9:30am service. If you would like to help out or become a sub for the nursery when the regular teachers are out sick or on vacation, please contact the church office. Thank you to Tasia Sicker and Amy O'Neill for volunteering when staff members were unavailable in 2023!

Seasonal Offerings and Special Events for the Parish-Transitioning to Intergenerational

Each year we host a variety of special and seasonal events for children and youth, their families, and the whole congregation of St. Patrick's. These inter-generational activities are an innovative approach to faith formation for all members of our community. A number of these include a Parish sponsored meal, activity and/or craft, and a worship service. Additionally, they are a wonderful opportunity to bring friends and extended family to church and share the joy of St. Patrick's with others.

Epiphany Pageant returned in 2023, and we were able to offer a live Epiphany Pageant which meets the needs and desires of our parish. It was very well attended and directed by Becci Shields. Thank you to all who participated!

Ash Wednesday- This year, you had options when observing Ash Wednesday. Father Jason provided a drive-thru "Ashes to Go" at 7am and we also had in-person Holy Eucharist with imposition of ashes at 12:00pm and 7:00pm.

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt for children was held on Easter Sunday, April 9th in between the 9:30 and the 11:00am services. Many children and families joined in the fun hiding and/or finding eggs on the church lawn.

A Celebration of Mother's Day and Father's Day honoring the men and women of our parish and the ways in which they embody parental roles was marked by the gift of chocolate for our Moms and an ice cream social for Dads made extra special by Vicky Bratton and Beth Landers.

Advent Quiet Day was held on Saturday, December 16th and Lissa Barker led us in a day to escape busyness and holiday pressure by practicing simplicity and the traditions of rest, balance, and

contemplation.

Parish Outings. Periodically throughout the year the parish sponsors outings providing an occasion for people to spend time together as the community of St. Patrick's in a broader context.

St. Patrick's goes to the Ballfield. St. Patrick's celebrated summer by attending Faith Days with the Columbus Clippers on August 2nd.

St. Patrick's at the Irish Festival marked the return of the U2Charist led by the Behrens Family and was incredibly joyous. Over 150 parishioners and members of the community joined us for this service on the Dublin Rec Center grounds.

Sunday School - Heather Dudash, Karen Mason, Annika Russo

The second half of the program year ('22-23), we were able to expand into two classrooms to allow our older kids space to do more age-appropriate exploration of the lessons.

To end the program year in 2023, we will had an Epiphany series, "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus," where we explored the miracles of Jesus as He revealed Himself as God's Son. Our Lenten series focused on spiritual practices and services projects, SP2 (squared). And we finished the year with the Parables According to Dr. Seuss and read six of his beloved stories as Christian parables and investigate their meaning from a Christ-centered perspective.

For the start of the 2023-24 program year, due to low attendance and a challenge of finding enough volunteers to cover, we have merged Sunday School and the Wigglers program as we explore where we go with our children's education programming. We are hopeful that our new staff may be able to help us implement additional children's programming and grow this in our church. Many thanks to Heather, Karen and Annika for leading this program for the remainder of the program year in 2023 and to Jessica Randolph who spearheaded the program in 2024 as we expanded the Wigglers.

Vacation Bible School – Annika Russo

We were blessed, again, with a wonderful, Spirit-filled Vacation Bible School week mid-July. This year's theme was, Hero Hotline: Called Together to Serve God based on Romans 14:19 "So let's strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up." This verse reminds us that God calls us to be a part of a community—working to bring peace to the world is something that we are all called to do together. At Hero Hotline, everyone's gifts are valued, and each Hero has a role to play. We are so blessed to be able to show the campers and crew that we are supported by an entire parish of our church family who is praying for us, donating to our ministry, and volunteering their time and effort to make this an amazing week! Jessica Randolph, this year's Donation Chair, writes, "Thank you to all who provided a donation to VBS. Your generosity makes this week possible! Thank you, Judy Hale, Becci Shields, Ann Semans, Gregg Mambourg, Tawnya Lewis, Molly Carty, Michelle Fox, Steve & Jane Keeran, Fran & John Montgomery, Amy O'Neill, Lynette Palmer, Lissa Barker, Anna, the Eddy family, Glenna Butler, Sarah & Robert Behrens, Erin Zelinski-Righter, Rosemarie Deschler, Vicky Bratton, Terrie Clark, Emily LaMonica, and Kim Machesky."

We were supported by an amazing crew! Amy Bethune, Crew Liaison, writes, "Our family is relatively new to St. Patrick's, and I'll admit I was a little surprised when Annika asked me to serve on the VBS planning team! I had been hoping to get more involved and this sounded like a great opportunity.

Serving with VBS has been a great way to connect with others in the core group and acting as the liaison between the core group and our adult and youth volunteers has allowed me to meet so many people. I'm grateful to have been invited (thanks, Annika!) and to be part of this creative, dedicated, hard-working core team!"

Thank you to our are crew: Liz Mason, Bentley Espenschied, Isaac Emerson, Paisley Essex, Jonathan Osenga, Rowan Bethune, Joe Machesky, Graham Bethune, Emily DeAngelo, Ben Fox, Michael Pittsenbarger, Evelina O'Neill, Claire Haney, Maddison Pittsenbarger, Dan O'Neill, Broder Russo, Jodie Emerson, John Brian Russo, Lindsey Peterson, Liz Gunthorp, Denise Haney, Fran Montgomery, Vicky Bratton, Ryan DeAngelo, Karen Mason, Amy Bethune, Sarah Halcrow, Kim DeAngelo, Judy Hale, Terrie Clark, Heather Stottmann, Dick Gehman, Becky Stains, Becci Shields, Val Pittsenbarger, Susan Jones, and Doug Langenfeld

Heroes received an assignment each day by the Professor and Super Meer to help solve a problem that other Heroes in the community are facing. Heroes spent the morning exploring the files in the database of the Hotline to discover how Heroes can work together to bring peace. Campers rotated through Craft Cove (crafts), The Lab (science), Inspiration & Perspiration Station (Bible story telling/drama & music/movement), Training Center (games), and Power Up (snacks). All activities were designed by our crew to demonstrate that to the campers that God's word is relevant everywhere—especially in our fun and games!

We tripled our campers this year due to, in part, amazing marketing and advertising from our PR Director, Kim Machesky. She writes, "It has been my pleasure to serve on the VBS ministry these past few months. It was so rewarding to work with such dedicated people on the planning team; it truly was a team effort. I am particularly grateful to Amy O'Neill and Annika Russo for their guidance and assistance as I navigated through my first VBS experience and to Fr. Jason and Tasia Sicker for creating an amazing promotional video. You all are my superheroes!" VBS was so fortunate to recruit an almost entirely new group to serve on the Core Team: Amy Bethune, Terrie Clark, Emily LaMonica, Kim Machesky, Karen Mason, Jessica Randolph, and Tasia Sicker. This VBS would never have been so successful had it not been for the efforts, ideas, and ethics of these fabulous humans. I am so grateful!

This year, the Youth Crew decided to lift up Earth Heroes for their service project. We invited Danielle Vogel from the Procter Center to teach us all about supporting native habitats. We planted a pollinator garden to support native insects, planted native trees to support native birds' nesting, and certified our St. Patrick's grounds as a National Wildlife Federation Habitat. The Youth Crew inspired the campers to be Earth Heroes by challenging them to be the Earth Heroes of their family and help their household make small changes that make a big impact. The campers collected change and took home pollinator garden seed paper to plant their own pollinator garden.

Wigglers for Jesus – Jessica Randolph

In 2023, we continued our worship program for our littlest parishioners—the Wigglers for Jesus. This group meets during the 9:30 service after the Children's Sermon. While the parishioners in the "big church" are hearing the sermon, reciting the Creed, and offering the Prayers of the People, the preschoolers through 5th graders (or anyone who needs to wiggle) carry to cross back to the Wiggler room for activities and return for the passing of the Peace.

This has become an important time for the kids to play, get their energy out, and hear about how much God loves them. We have grown this year to include a lesson, craft/ activity and prayer to help the kiddos learn the message and get their wiggles out all at once.

The kids even practiced and played the handbells during the Christmas Eve service this year! Thank you to all the volunteers who have stepped up to lead this ministry each week. The Wigglers program will continue to grow in 2024 as we build a community within our young children and their parents.

Youth Ministries – Tawnya Lewis, Annika & John Russo, Angel Cinco

Youth Group 2023 was full of fun, fellowship, and formation. We enjoyed many adventures together: Plain City Bowling, ugly Christmas sweater party, Twelfth Night Party, and a Super Bowl party. Our formation theme for the year was *Job: Afflicted Yet Fully Restored*. We also dug deep into community building with Peer Ministry support from Father Jason. We participated in many service projects throughout the year: helping organize the garage sale, sparkle fun day, Dublin Food Pantry Birthday Bags, and service dogs. We also had fun with the Columbus area Deanery of Youth Groups by hosting a Halloween event on fear and taking in the Labyrinth at St. Mark's. Our youth were deeply invested in Vacation Bible School this summer and enjoyed the mission trip immensely!

Thirteen youth and 4 leaders traveled to First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, North Carolina for 5 days of work, learning, and fellowship the week of July 9th in a mission immersion program centered around homelessness and food insecurity. We were joined by 2 other churches for the week. Activities included working at Black Mountain Home for Children whose mission is to keep siblings together during protective services; working with Homeward Bound whose mission is to provide "first housing;" Bounty and Soul Warehouse whose mission is to rescue and re-home fresh fruits and vegetables; assisted River Link by removing invasive plant species from the reclaimed river area; cleaning at Woodfin Apartments (owned by Homeward Bound); as well as participated in fellowship and worship at Haywood St. Congregation. We also participated in an Awareness Walk that took us through downtown Asheville as if we had arrived at the bus stop as a homeless person. In addition, we had nightly formation and St. Pat's group discussions with singing and sharing. Finally, we toured All Souls Cathedral which was built by the Vanderbilt family as a focal point to the Biltmore Village.

We all learned something new and challenged some assumptions that we had. Most of all we found God in multiple faces and experiences! Thank you for all your prayers and support while we endeavor to build our faith together!

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