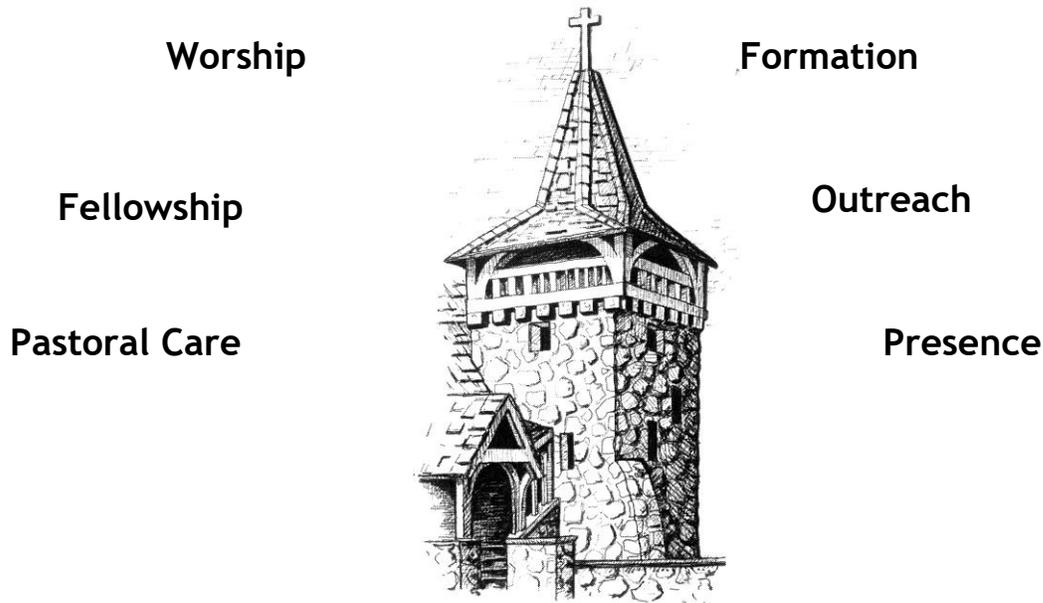


**The Episcopal Church of the Ascension
Sierra Madre, California
Annual Parish Meeting
January 27, 2019**



Your Village Church since 1885

*Our Vision: We serve Christ today
for those who will come to know and serve Christ tomorrow.*

The Diocesan Bishop:	The Right Reverend John H. Taylor
The Suffragan Bishop:	The Right Reverend Diane Jardine Bruce
The Rector:	The Very Reverend Canon Michael A. Bamberger
The Assisting Clergy:	The Reverend Deacon Canon Ed Sniecinski The Reverend Joshua McGuffie

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The Annual Parish Meeting

January 27th, 2019

11:15 a.m. (after the 9:30 service and potluck)

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer
2. The Appointment of a Clerk for the Annual Meeting
3. The Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting
4. Nominations and Election of Vestry Members - Balloting (*if necessary*)
5. Election of the President of the Corporation
6. The Leadership Reports (*The Wardens, and the Minister to Young Persons*)
7. The Rector's Report and Address
8. The Parish Ministry Reports
 - Worship Report
 - Fellowship Report
 - Outreach Report
 - Pastoral Care Report
 - Formation Report
 - Presence Report
9. Treasurer's Report
 - A. Current Assets
 - B. Operating Statement as of December 31, 2018
 - C. The Vestry's Adopted Budget for 2019
10. Other Business Items
 - Appointments
 - Volunteering for Delegates and Alternates to Diocesan Convention
11. Report on Elections for 2019 (if needed)
12. Announcements
13. Adjournment and Blessing

(Simple parliamentary procedure will be followed during the Annual Meeting. An easy guide will be available in Hawks Hall.)

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 1/28/2018

Opening prayer

The meeting opened with prayer at 11:33 a.m.

Appointment of a clerk

Carol Rasmussen was appointed clerk for the annual meeting.

Minutes of the 2017 meeting

Gordon Tomaske moved to accept the minutes of last year's meeting. Rob Stockly seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Nomination and election of vestry members

Four new vestry members are needed this year: three to replace members whose terms are up, and one to fill the remaining two years of Carl Foote's term. John Buchanan, Dan Hanson, Tim Hayden, and Marie Prentice have agreed to be nominated. Fr. Bamberger called for nominations from the floor. There were no additional nominations. Mike Beach moved to close nominations and elect the four existing nominees. Diane Rhodus seconded the motion. The motion carried by show of hands.

Election of the president of the corporation

Fr. Bamberger was elected to serve as president of the corporation.

Senior warden's report

Jean Rowe began by thanking God that we are ending this fiscal year in the black and that we can fund the childcare position and earthquake insurance in 2018. This is truly unexpected because the parish entered 2017 with a \$30,000 deficit budget. The vestry has focused all year on how to decrease the deficit. One parishioner donated a vehicle, and income increased both from Gooden School in accordance with the lease and from rental of Hawks Hall. Vestry members funded many things such as new computers and a new website, but the deficit remained after the end of the pledge drive in November. As of the December 19 vestry meeting, all vestry members expected a large deficit for 2018 and voted to reduce expenses accordingly by cutting earthquake insurance and the childcare/hospitality position.

After that meeting, however, the church received \$16,000 more than pledged in giving. A member made a special donation to fund the childcare/hospitality position, and the church received a legacy of \$10,000.

With these changed circumstances, at the vestry's January 16 meeting Vestry again discussed the best way to move forward. Treasurer Mark Keith revised the 2018 budget, restoring the line items for earthquake insurance and childcare and adding estimated income from the Endowment Fund. The resulting 2018 budget has a modest deficit of \$3300. The vestry thanks parishioners for their pledges and other financial support.

Fr. Bamberger noted that the youth ministry report was visible in the slide show, which included many pictures of children's activities.

Rector's report and address

Fr. Bamberger began with thank-you's to Jobi Harrell for putting together the slide show, Nicole Hanson for organizing the potluck, Maggie Outhouse for overseeing the cleanup and all who brought food. He thanked Parish Administrator Kim Lumino and Senior Warden Jean Rowe for helping put together the annual report. He thanked those who supported him through a challenging summer, especially his wife Debbie. The losses of Fr. Wood and Carl Foote were also difficult.

Our diocese is beginning a new era with a new bishop. Our parish has a new lease with Gooden School, thanks to hard work by Garry Pinney, Ted Bosley, John Buchanan, and others.

This year we have been diving headlong into our identity as the village church. Fr. Bamberger thanked all who have posted on the church's social media. One of the ways we live out our identity is for our neighbors and friends to know about us, so it's incumbent on us to share what's good about our parish.

In response to a question, Fr. Bamberger noted that this identity has been forming for about a decade. We first defined Ascension as "a village church," but about five years ago we began to identify as "your village church." This identity lives out in a number of ways. Fr. Bamberger is growing into being the village priest, getting called for village funerals, celebrations, and blessings. For the parish, the identity has included such changes as welcoming trick-or-treaters for Halloween and better publicizing the blessing of the animals, leading to a large increase in attendance.

Junior warden's report

Gordon Tomaske paid a brief tribute to vestry member Carl Foote, who died unexpectedly this summer. Carl was responsible for the new Christian education offering, *Between the Masses*, which was a continuation of a confirmation class. Carl was a dedicated vestry member, even calling in to vestry meetings while on travel on the East Coast. Carl's presence in our church was brief, but it has had a lasting impact.

Gordon reported that the vestry has focused on increasing our social media reach. It appears to be having an effect. New families and individuals have been attending. It's a testament to our faith and community.

Treasurer's report

Gordon Tomaske also reported for treasurer Mark Keith. This was a good year for the stock market, and we got about \$15,000 in income from the endowment. We're concerned about 2018 pledge levels and are projecting a deficit this year. Considering only the operating budget, the deficit would be \$18,000, but if we make use of the endowment income, we estimate that the remaining deficit will be only \$3,300.

Lavette Teague asked about expenses connected with filming. The church pays a fee to our agent, and there was some cleaning afterward that was not anticipated, so the church did not make as much as expected, but did make money. The fees for filming in Sierra Madre have gone down, so we might get more filming contracts this year.

A parishioner asked about the expenses for children's Christian education, which appears as only \$13 in the general fund. Fr. Bamberger explained that this is funded from a liability account rather than the general fund.

A parishioner noted the changes in tax laws and asked if the church could encourage rollovers, etc., even though itemizing charitable donations may no longer be as advantageous as in the past. Fr. Bamberger said we trust everyone will continue to give generously no matter what the tax situation.

A parishioner generously offered to pay for repairs to the stone on the south side of the church, which is suffering sun damage.

Other business

Jean Rowe was appointed senior warden. Other appointments are listed in the annual report.

Fr. Bamberger asked for volunteers for diocesan convention representatives and alternates. The convention will be the first weekend in December (Friday and Saturday). Maggie Outhouse, Monica Copeland, Mike Beach, and Diane Rhodus volunteered, and two vestry members will attend as well.

Lavette Teague moved to adjourn the meeting. John Buchanan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mother Robin Kassabian gave a blessing, and the meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

The Parish Staff 2018

The Rector.....	The Very Reverend Canon Michael A. Bamberger
Assisting.....	...The Reverend Deacon Canon Ed Sniecinski
Assisting.....	The Reverend Joshua McGuffie
Administrative Coordinator.....	Jean Rowe
Director of Music and Organist.....	Dr. Debora Huffman
Minister to Young Persons.....	Jobi (Harrell) McGuffie
Parish Administrator.....	Kim Lumino
Altar Guild Directress.....	Lynne Holl
Verger.....	Mike Beach
Usher/Greeter Chairs	Roger Keith & Geoff Meehan
Sexton.....	Jose & Alicia Aguayo
Wedding Directress.....	Lynne Holl
Funeral Directress.....	Nan Dougall
Auditors	Hal Ryerson & Sandra Dickey

The Rector's Appointments for 2019

The Senior Warden.....	Gordon Tomaske
Assisting Clergy	The Reverend Deacon Canon Ed Sniecinski
Assisting Clergy.....	The Reverend Joshua McGuffie
Administrative Coordinator.....	Jean Rowe
Director of Music and Organist.....	Dr. Debora Huffman
Minister to Young Persons.....	Jobi (Harrell) McGuffie
Parish Administrator.....	Kim Lumino
Sexton.....	Jose & Alicia Aguayo
Altar Guild Directress.....	Lynne Holl
Verger.....	Mike Beach
Associate Vergers.....	Tim Hayden, Chris Bamberger
Senior Acolyte.....	Ian Cox
Usher/Greeter Chair.....	Roger Keith & Geoff Meehan
Wedding Directress.....	Lynne Holl
Funeral Directress.....	Nan Dougall

The Parish Vestry 2018

Officers

Senior Warden.....	Jean Rowe
Junior Warden.....	Gordon Tomaske
Parish Clerk.....	Bill Voegeli
Parish Treasurer.....	Mark Keith
Class of 2018.....	Mark Keith, William Voegeli, Jean Rowe
Class of 2019	Dan Hansen, Natalie Dougall, Gordon Tomaske
Class of 2020	Tim Hayden, Marie Prentice, John Buchanan

The Leadership Reports

The Senior Warden's Report

Doing More has been the theme of the 2018 Vestry, Our goal has been to expand Ascension's role in our community in a variety of ways. We have increased our presence on social media with our new website and our presence on Facebook. We are publicizing the visibility of Hawks Hall as a place for small functions. Following your guidance at the All Parish Retreat, we are in the process of reaching out to others by developing an active volunteer program to support Sierra Madre Seniors.

Stewardship has continued to be a Vestry project in 2018. This year we decided to separate the financial pledge drive from our gifts of Time and Talent. The Fall fund raising campaign is over, and we will be starting the Time and Talent side of Stewardship this Lent.

As we end the Vestry year, I would be remiss if I did not thank our two retiring Vestry Members. We are especially grateful to

- Mark Keith for his service as Treasurer for the past three years and for chairing the Finance Committee.
- Bill Vogeli for being Clerk of the Vestry this past year and for chairing the Stewardship Committee in 2016.

In addition to my role as Senior Warden, my primary assignment as Administrative Coordinator has been to supervise the operations and administration of Ascension. Once again, I welcome this opportunity to recognize our behind the scenes workers who so generously give of their time to make our services and programs run smoothly.

Our thanks must go to the following people:

To Kim Lumino, our Parish Administrator. Among other things, Kim maintains Ascension's calendar, keeps our financial records up to date, orders supplies, prints our service bulletins, organizes the publication of the monthly Spire, prepares the parish directory, and answers questions about almost any topic.

To Jose Aguayo, our Sexton, who cleans, moves chairs and tables, maintains our grounds, and assists in setting up for all our special occasions.

To Mike Beach who is in the office almost every day to answer the phone, supervise building and grounds, shop for kitchen and bathroom supplies, make reminder calls to those lay folks who will be serving on Sundays and to always be ready to help whatever the need.

To our 2017 offering counters Kathy Calleton, Beverly Clifton, Lynne Holl, Ross Kellock and Jean Rowe who prepare the deposit and get weekly financial records ready for Kim.

To Bob Burnett who picks up the deposit and takes it to the bank for us every week.

To our Treasurer Mark Keith With input from the Parish Administrator, Mark prepares the monthly Treasurer's Report which is presented at each Vestry meeting. Mark also prepares the yearly budget for Vestry approval and adoption.

To Ross Kellock for organizing the Auditing Committee and to Sandra Dickey and Hal Ryerson who gave hours of their time checking our records to complete the 2018 Audit.

To those who organize the weekly Sunday bulletins. Father Michael is the primary creator with monthly input from Dr. Huffman.

To those people who write articles for the Spire. Some of these folk are the regulars: Father Michael, Deacon Ed, Dr. Huffman, and Jobi (Harrell) McGuffie; but many parishioners contribute articles about parish events and programs throughout the year. Thanks to you all.

To Maggie Outhouse for organizing the lay rota so that we have ushers, lay readers, and acolytes at all of our services and for keeping our website up to date.

To our Staff. Much of the organization of our services, arrangement for Pastoral Care visits, and assignments of clergy and lay duties at our church services is discussed at monthly Staff Meetings which are attended by our clergy as well as our Parish Administrator Kim, Verger Mike Beach, and our Altar Guild Directress Lynne Holl. Lots of decisions for the good of the spiritual direction of the parish come out of these meetings

To Jobi for her work with our Youth and for providing music for us at Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Now working full time at St. Mark's School, her hours with us are largely limited to Sundays.

To Beth Smith-Kellock, the Vestry's Ministry of Thanks Leader. Her skill in knowing just the right thing to say has made her the ideal person to express our thanks

To Tim Hayden who takes our food donations to ECPAC each week.

We who see these folks in action can attest that Ascension would not function as the place we know and love without their gifts of time and talent.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Rowe, Senior Warden

The Junior Warden's Report

Church of the Ascension: Restoration Project Perry

At our 2017 annual meeting, Marthann Mulleavy expressed her concern over the state of the church's physical condition and committed to funding the restoration of a number of critical areas including trim, mortar, and doors. Over the last year, Marthann's passion has been translated into a tangible restoration through the dedicated leadership of Tim Hayden and the skilled efforts of Joe Crowley and our Verger, Michael Beach. Of particular note are the following:



The door to the south of the altar is being carefully and fully restored by Joe Crowley.



The sanctuary doors have been painted and realigned.



Trim has been cleaned, patched, and repainted; and under Mike Beach's guidance, the rock panels on the south side of the church have been removed, cleaned, restored, and replaced. In addition, weakened mortar around the stone base of the church has been cleaned and replaced in a manner consistent with the unique, square application of the original.



Four stained glass windows have been removed, reconditioned; and their frames have been restored.

As this effort has progressed and unforeseen issues with the 130 year old structure of our beloved church arose, the scope of this effort was expanded. But through careful stewardship of resources, the generous donation of time, and the application of more than a few clever solutions to seemingly intractable problems, all of these efforts are expected to come in at or below budget.

Respectfully Submitted, Gordon Tomaske, Junior Warden

The Minister to Young Persons' Report



Formation:

The 9 AM Education Hour consists of upper elementary through junior high age students in a variety of service projects and confirmation preparation.

10:15 AM all ages Sunday School continues to flourish. Using the lectionary calendar, *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*, and *Godly Play* curriculums, students ages three through sixteen gather in either the Atrium II or the childcare room each Sunday through the beginning of offertory in the Mass, at which point students rejoin their families for communion.



The red carpet in church continues to provide a larger space for our youngest members to worship in.

Village Voices offered small group music lessons each Wednesday through May with Jo Mosier serving as class assistant.



The Childcare and kitchen help position was filled by Sarah Duffy in March and she will remain on staff through January 2019.

A few highlights from 2018:

Shrove Tuesday



Easter Egg Hunt:



Pentecost:



On August members of the youth group took a trip to Boomers:



September 16 Heal the Bay:



The 2018 Scarecrow was Joseph and his coat of many colors!



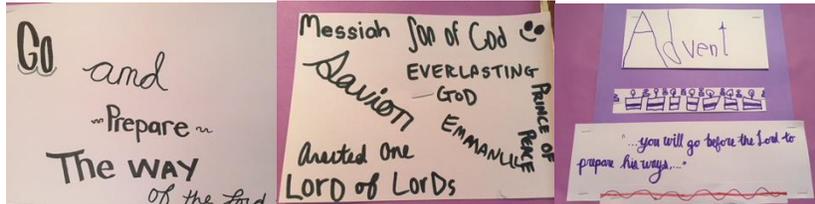
St. Francis Sunday pet sitting:



Parish Retreat



Advent:



The annual Christmas Pageant was presented at the 5 p.m. Family Service on Christmas Eve. Students ages 6 months – 16) participated in the traditional reading from the Gospel of Luke. Pageant Volunteers: Michelle Keith, Nicole Hanson, Dr. Debora Huffman (organ)



2018 Volunteers in Children, Youth, and Families

Chris Bamberger	14+ Hours
Greg Beach	2 + Hours
Liz Callihan	5+ Hours
Scott Callihan	9+ Hours
Monica Copland	8+ Hours
Natalie Dougall	14+ Hours
Nicole Hanson	46+ Hours
Michelle Keith	6+ Hours
Jon Prentice	22+ Hours
Lisa Reed	14+ Hours
Jo Mosier	28+ Hours

Youth (Ages 9 and up) Service Hours

Emma Allen	8 Hours	Acolyte
Jessica Allen	6 Hours	Acolyte
Charlotte Beach	22 Hours	Acolyte, Pentecost, Scarecrow, St. Francis Pet Sitting
Violet Beach	20 Hours	Acolyte, Pentecost, Scarecrow, St. Francis Pet Sitting
Hayden Copeland	22 Hours	Acolyte, Easter Prep, Pentecost, Heal the Bay Scarecrow, Parish Retreat
Ian Cox	12 Hours	Acolyte
Phillip Callihan	14 Hours	Acolyte, Pageant, Choir
Peter Callihan	16 Hours	Acolyte, Heal the Bay, Christmas Vocal Ensemble

Daniel Hanson	20 Hours	Acolyte, Pageant
David Kassabian	8 Hours	Acolyte
Coral Keith	10 Hours	Acolyte, Pageant
Faith Keith	9 Hours	Acolyte, Pageant
Bailey Keith	7 Hours	Acolyte, Pageant
Anne Marquardt	30 Hours	Acolyte, Mother's Day, Pentecost, Heal the Bay Scarecrow, Parish Retreat, Pageant
Phoebe Prentice	16 Hours	Good Friday Prep, Heal the Bay, Parish Retreat, Women's Room, Pageant
Dustin Stockly	34 Hours	Acolyte, Easter Prep Mother's Day, Scarecrow, Pageant
Nico Tierney	12 Hours	Acolyte, Christmas Pageant
Jaxson Tierney	14 Hours	Acolyte, Pageant

Respectfully submitted, Jobi (Harrell) McGuffie, Minister to Young Persons

The Rector's Report

Each year as I write my Annual Report, I am aware of how grateful I am for the opportunity to share in ministry here at the Church of the Ascension. We have a wonderful and supportive community which I never take for granted.

As I reflect on this past year, there are some highlights to point to:

- We continue to grow into our role of the Village Church. Through social media, we are getting word of our activities out. More community members are joining in, and it is heartening to see the numbers of “likes” growing. I’m grateful to Natalie Dougall, Jobi (Harrell) McGuffie, and Jessica Meehan for helping, as well as those of you who post about what our life at Ascension is like.
- We have a very strong and capable staff here. Our ministry is very much that of a team. Better yet, we love our work, and we genuinely care for each other.
- Our worship is life-giving and enriching. Over the years, we have sustained our tradition of Anglo-catholic worship without sacrificing our joy in being human. In some parishes, Anglo-catholic worship is synonymous with pretentious, stuffy, precious, or robotic. We are none of those things. And we are willing to try new things.
- My work on behalf of the larger Church – Episcopal Relief and Development -- has given me the opportunity to serve congregations and institutions in the dioceses of North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, Northern California, as well as here in Los Angeles, as they work to recover from disasters. In addition, I have been working on developing preparedness training materials for use here in our diocese as well as beyond. I continue to serve as a member of the General Board of Examining Chaplains and as co-chair of the Commission on Ministry for the Diocese of Los Angeles. Each summer I look forward to serving for a week as a chaplain at Camp Stevens in Julian. I enjoyed representing the diocese at General Convention in July 2018 in Austin, Texas. I served on the legislative committee in the area of Ministry.

At this point, I want to once again acknowledge some of the people who continue to work so hard for the life and ministry of this place. I know that I sometimes omit someone, and for that I apologize in advance – I do appreciate the efforts of all who give so freely of their time and talents. I want to thank the participants in our Parish Ministry Council. This is the venue now where we develop the programs of our program sized church. Our wardens, Jean Rowe and Gordon Tomaske, have provided great leadership for us. Our outgoing Vestry members – Jean, Bill, and Mark - deserve our thanks as well. I also want to offer a word of thanks to my clergy associates, Pastor Josh McGuffie and Deacon Ed Sniecienski. I want you to join me in thanking Dr. Debora Huffman, our truly wonderful parish musician, and the great choir she leads. The Altar Guild has been capably led by Lynne Holl. Jean Rowe keeps us all organized. Our office is efficiently and graciously managed by the very capable Kim Lumino. Jobi (Harrell) McGuffie serves our parish and not just our young people. I must also say that this has been another year in which the multiple gifts of our Parish Verger have been evident. Many people give so generously of their time and talents. I am sure that I should be including dozens of people to whom I am indebted for their efforts. As you think of those folks, I would hope you might offer your thanks to them on all of our behalf. I know that one element of our common life that can only enrich us is the use of the words “thank you.”

Respectfully submitted, Canon Michael Bamberger

Ascension's Core Ministries

Our vision is that Ascension serves Christ here today for those who will know and serve Christ tomorrow. How do we carry out this vision? Through our six Core Ministries of

Worship –our community praising God in Word and Sacrament and celebrating the Christian year

Formation – our ongoing Christian education from Sunday school to small groups

Pastoral Care – our community's effort to extend concern, support, and counsel to each other

Fellowship – our community coming together to connect through food, fun, and friendship

Outreach – extending our ministries beyond 25 E. Laurel

Presence – our buildings, grounds, and the offering of ourselves to God's purpose

Worship

Worship is what brings us all together at Ascension. There are many dedicated people who work diligently to make our worship at Ascension meaningful. The Altar Guild members, acolytes, lectors, intercessors, choir members, musicians, chalice bearers, ushers, members of the clergy, and you, the parishioners worshipping at the services, all contribute to our ministry of praising the Lord. At Ascension, we engage in a full range of the liturgical traditions of the Church.

During 2018, there were 105 Sunday Eucharists celebrated, 49 weekday masses 44 services of Morning Prayer said on weekdays, with an overall average Sunday attendance of 129. There were 2 baptisms during the year, 1 marriage recorded, and 6 burials. The Blessing of the Animals was held on the first Sunday of October.

Worship Committee Reports are presented below:

St Anne's Altar Guild Report – Lynne Holl, Altar Guild Directress

I want to thank all our women of the Altar Guild: Dot Steeves, Barbara Reagan, Sarah LaReau, Jo Mosier, Veronica Ramirez, Marilyn Burgeson, Jill Wagner, Kathy Calleton, Bev Clifton, Karen Mooradian, Pat Woods, Nan Dougall, Natalie Dougall, Lin Garcia, and Carolyn Johnson. In addition to dedicating one Saturday morning and one Sunday morning each month to routine chores, they put in extra amounts of time especially for breadmaking and during Holy Week, Easter, and Christmas.

I would also like to thank our Altar Guild Auxiliary- John Holl, Ted Calleton, Chris Bamberger, and Jay Calleton; also our Altar Guild members in training – Addison LaReau, Georgia Dougall, and Kathryn Keezer.

I would also like to acknowledge Nan Dougall as the Funeral Team Captain and thank her and her team for their extra time in overseeing funerals here at Ascension.

We are a very fortunate parish to have such a group of dedicated and hard-working women that our clergy can count on to step up at a moment's notice. Please give them your thanks when you see them.

We are always looking for new members...please contact Fr. Michael or any of our members if you are interested in fulfilling your call to serve.

Respectfully submitted, Lynne Holl, Altar Guild Directress

St. Anne's Altar Guild Treasurer's Report 2018

BALANCE AS OF 12-31-17		\$4,988.00
INCOME:		
Flowers & Donations		
Weekly	1,150.00	
Easter 2018	1,210.00	
Christmas 2018	1,600.00	
Votives	75.00	
Weddings -1	No Charge	
	TOTAL INCOME:	\$4,035.00
DISBURSEMENTS		
Flowers		
Weekly	1,142.00	
Easter 2018	1,150.00	
Christmas 2018	1,300.00	
Linens Laundered	181.00	
Votives	100.00	
Cotters (Wine, Candles & Purificators)	854.50	
	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	\$4,803.00
	BALANCE AS OF 12-31-18	\$4,220.00

Respectfully submitted, Lynne Holl, Treasurer

Music Program – *Debora Huffman, Director of Music and Organist*

As always, the Ascension Choir led in worship throughout the year. My deep appreciation to sopranos Susan Beach, Colette Ostrye, and Carol Rasmussen; altos Andrea Booth and Liz Levie; tenors Lavette Teague and Mark Riebs (who, returning to Ascension in September, was our most welcome “*September surprise!*”); and basses Ted Bosley, Charley Noecker, and Joe Ozawa. On Good Friday Fr. Bamberger chanted the *St. John Passion* with Andrea Booth and Charley Noecker. During the summer choral hiatus, most of our singers served as soloists or in chamber groups. On the Sundays of Advent, the choir processed singing *The Great Litany*.

Guest singers included sopranos Sherley-Ann Belleus, Vincentia Geraldine, and Keiko Sakatani; altos Monica Huffman and Mary Lyans; tenors Kevin Febryan, William Ketchum, Matthew Ozawa, and Michael Rothbart; and basses Steven Bermann and Nathaniel Rausch.

Resident oboist Sean Dougall joined us for the Easter services and for occasional Sunday services. Jobi (Harrell) McGuffie subbed on piano in my absence. Guest instrumentalists included trumpeter Carlos Ramos and the AlmaNova Duo - Jessica Pierce, flute, and Almer Imamovic, guitar.

Colette Ostrye continued in her invaluable role as choir librarian. Jennifer Jesser once again signed “Silent Night” on Christmas Eve.

Special services included, per usual, Holy Week (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday), and Christmas Eve.

A need continues to exist for additional choral singers to sustain a quorum from week to week. Travel commitments frequently create gaps – if the group were larger, we’d be able to absorb travel absences more graciously. Please see me if you’d like to consider serving Ascension in this manner – it’s an incredible way to worship, to serve God and your fellow parishioners, and just to make music together. Plus we enjoy each other – at rehearsals and at social events such as brunch and dim sum!

At the risk of repeating myself, please know that the success of Ascension’s music program may be attributed to our talented musicians in consort with our dedicated clergy, engaged congregation, and generous donors. My deep appreciation to all who interact with the program in whatever dimension.

*Bless, O Lord, us Thy servants, who minister in Thy temple.
Grant that what we sing with our lips, we may believe in our hearts,
and what we believe in our hearts, we may show forth in our lives.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

~ A Prayer for Choristers, Royal School of Church Music

Respectfully submitted, Debora Huffman, Director of Music and Organist

Worship Report respectfully submitted, Canon Michael Bamberger

Fellowship

Over the last year, I began overseeing all the Fellowship needs of the parish. I spent the last year working on understanding how things have been done in the past and thinking about ways to encourage community. Over the coming year/s, I hope to encourage more participation in dinner groups, hosting snack time, annual retreats, and, of course, potlucks.

For the 2018 calendar year, Hospitality hosted or assisted with the following Fellowship opportunities:

Coffee Hour

When the year started, we did not have a kitchen helper; and so, the kitchen clean-up responsibilities fell on the shoulders of a few volunteers. It was decided that we would benefit from a paid kitchen helper once again; and so as a result of the generosity of a parishioner, we hired Sarah Duffy to help out. She has done a great job, and our children have loved seeing her every Sunday. Unfortunately, her busy work and school schedule have made it difficult for her to be with us every Sunday, and she has decided to resign as of the end of January. We will once again need the congregation to pitch in with snack & cleanup duties while we discern our next steps.

Annual Meeting Potluck

Who doesn't love a potluck? Good food, good meeting. How about we do it again?

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Annually on Shrove Tuesday, we have a Pancake Supper with the clergy cooking for the parishioners. The proceeds from this year's supper went to Friends in Deed. We were able to donate \$337.29

Easter Brunches

There were two Easter Brunches, one following each service. Both brunches were plentiful, and both celebrations included an Easter-egg hunt on the lawn coordinated by Jobi and the youth group.

Josh & Jobi's Wedding

What started out as a small wedding during the 8am service quickly turned into an all-parish event with a single service so all could attend. We were all so overjoyed with the news of this wedding that everyone stepped up to help make it special. Many volunteered to bring food and to help with set-up and clean-up.

Bishop's Visit

We hosted a small reception for our Bishop's visit that included several charcuterie boards. As there were several confirmations that day, the reception was full and joyous.

Fall Kick-Off Sunday

This year, the kick-off was celebrated with tables set up by each of the ministry leaders. Congregants were able to chat with the leaders about their ministries and sign up for events hosted by each.

First Annual Retreat

Tri-tip anyone? This year, Nicole Hanson, Natalie Dougall, Pastor Josh McGuffie, and Father Michael Bamberger planned and hosted our first annual retreat. We kept it small and hosted it in Hawks Hall for our first event. Though it was small, it was an excellent first step. The theme of the first retreat went hand-in-hand with the Stewardship theme of Doing More. We discussed ways that we can be doing more in our community utilizing the gifts and willingness of our parishioners. We identified several ways we can be doing more including reaching out to the retirement communities in various ways, fostering a more reciprocal relationship with Gooden School and her families, and investing in our own relationships within the parish. Future retreats will focus on themes relevant to our church and will include more activities and interaction. We want to hear everyone's voices and know each of you deeply.

Blessing of the Animals

We love hosting pet and animal-lovers from the community for this service that was held outside around the baptismal font. We provided bottled water and doughnuts for the people, and doggie treats and water for the K9s. We met some lovely neighbors and had a great time connecting with the community.

Gooden Sunday/Haunted House

Due to several transitions at Gooden, there was no Gooden Sunday last year and therefore no Haunted House. We are hoping to coordinate a Gooden Sunday this year as it is a great way to keep us connected with our neighbors. Father Michael and Nicole Hanson will be working on more ways to connect Ascension with Gooden as we move forward.

Thanksgiving Luncheon for the Women's Room at Friends In Deed

Maggie Outhouse and Nicole Hanson co-organized the Women's Room luncheon this year. There was a date change at the request of The Women's Room, so we served lunch on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving instead of the Monday we had been used to. Several of our regular volunteers were unable to help out on Tuesday, but several new families were. We had more than enough volunteers and the luncheon went smoothly thanks to the robust planning and forward thinking of Maggie.

Tuesday Night Dinner Group

This Fellowship group is still meeting every Tuesday at various restaurants and is run/coordinated by Beth Smith-Kellock and Beverly Clifton.

Fundraisers

- Private Shopping Party at Savor the Flavor was a huge success and brought in \$200.
- The annual Christmas Afghan & Nativity raffle held by Jo Mosier brought in \$305.

Meals Assistance

There has been some discussion about revitalizing our meals assistance chain. There have been several parishioners who have been recovering from surgeries or illness whom we would have liked to help. Thanks to Sandra Dickey for bringing it to our attention that this part of our ministry has been lost or forgotten. We used to do this ministry well, but it has since fallen by the wayside. Look for ways to help one another out in the coming year as we refine the way we coordinate this program.

Needs for this ministry

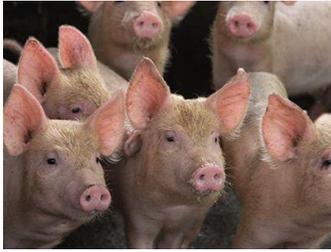
This ministry coordinates A LOT of events. In order to keep these events going, we need several volunteers who are willing to coordinate one or two events per year. We have many people already volunteering to help out, but coordinators are scarce. If you are willing to help out once or twice per year (with guidance and assistance!), please do contact Nicole Hanson via phone or email: 626-627-4681 or nhanson123@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted, Nicole Hanson, Fellowship Ministry Leader

Outreach

Many thanks to all those who participated in Ascension's Outreach projects in 2018. Our church worked in a variety of ways to assist those in our community. Looking back at the year, we can see that together we make a significant impact in our community and the world:

- Fr. Michael continued to serve with Episcopal Relief & Development in disaster relief, making multiple trips to work with churches in affected areas.
- We continue to collect and deliver food on a monthly basis to the Pantry at Friends In Deed.
- Once again we participated in a Back to School Drive in association with Friends In Deed. We provided a number of backpacks and many school supplies.
- In September the youth participated in the annual Heal the Bay Cleanup Day in the Arroyo Seco and collected nearly 30 pounds of trash.



During the Lenten season, our Outreach project again focused on animals through Episcopal Relief and Development. This year we chose pigs, encouraged by a plush pink pig (eventually named Chris P. Bacon) with saddlebags for donation pockets. We raised enough funds to provide 9 pigs to the developing world. Thanks so much to the Gooden School kids who also participated in the project.



In the early summer, Ascension hosted a clothing drop off in association with Acts Thrift Store and Friends In Deed. Many in our parish participated, but Ascension also served as a collection point for the larger community, and many donations came from outside the parish as well. Donations resulted in vouchers that clients at Friends In Deed could use at Acts Thrift Store. Thanks to Tim Hayden for organizing the project and transporting the donations.

Again this year, led by the women in our Parish, the Annual Thanksgiving Lunch served women from the Women's Room for Friends In Deed. For more information about Ascension's support of the Women's Room, please refer to the Fellowship section of the annual report. For the third year in a row, we prepared sets of pre-stamped Christmas cards for each guest.

Our December activity was the Hillside's Adopt a Family program for the second year in a row. This time we sponsored one family of eight, (mom, dad, and children ranging from 8 to 16 years of age), as identified by the Hillside's staff. We covered a lot of ground, from market gift cards to shirts, jackets, pants, shoes, socks, makeup and lotion, a variety of toys, including soccer balls and footballs. Altogether we donated close to \$1,500 worth of items. Thanks so much to everyone for making this a huge success!

Respectfully submitted, Scott Callihan, Outreach Ministry Leader

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care encompasses the following ministries: Lay Eucharistic Visitation, Spiritual Direction, and Funeral Ministry.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors - Lay Eucharistic Visitors bring Holy Communion to members of the congregation who are homebound or hospitalized. If you are interested in becoming a Lay Eucharistic Visitor, please advise Deacon Ed or Mike Beach.

Spiritual Direction - is the practice of exploring our interior lives and developing a closer and deeper relationship with God. Several members of our community have completed courses at Stillpoint: The Center for Christian Spirituality. Please contact Deacon Ed for additional information. He is a certified Spiritual Director.

Funeral Ministry - Karen Mooradian, Nan Dougall, and Jo Mosier are on the funeral committee. Any member of the congregation who is interested in helping as well as being there for those in times of sorrow and need is welcome.

Respectfully submitted, The Rev. Canon Ed Sniecienski

Formation

FORMATION IS A PROCESS THAT TAKES A LIFETIME.

Formation for our Children

Please see the report from our Minister to Younger Persons, Jobi (Harrell) McGuffie, for information about Formation for our children.

Formation for our Adults

Each group represents a gentle but powerful opportunity to learn more about the spiritual journey we all share with God. Your contributions are determined by your own comfort level. Please Remember That There Is Always An Empty Chair Waiting For You. No Invitation Required. Just Join Us.

Sunday morning Small Groups meet at 9am between the services

• Our Hawks Hall Library Small Group is facilitated by Jean Rowe. The focus for this group continues to be learning more about the bible and how the teachings contribute to our spiritual growth. During 2018, we explored

- The Mass from a Catholic and Anglican Perspective
- many of the books of the Apocrypha
- St. John's Gospel

• The "Between the Masses" Discussion Group is now facilitated by Diane and Gordon Tomaske with the assistance of Pastor Josh McGuffie and B.D. Howes (We miss you, Carl). Topics vary for this group of 10-12 or so participants, but reading materials are always sent out to all participants before each Sunday to allow for preparation. This group continues to remain strong and always open to those who want to participate in lively discussions or just to listen. They meet in Hawks Hall.

Here are some examples of weekly topics discussed:

- The 'Evidence for Belief': An Interview with Francis Collins
- How to Prepare for Lent
- Unlock the Stations of the Cross
- The Lord's (Subversive) Supper
- Historical Roots of Ecological Crisis
- What is the Anglican Communion?
- The Strange Myth in The Song Jerusalem
- Creationism and Conspiracy
- Why Do We...Genuflect and Kneel?
- Virtue Signaling Is Now A Cheap, Prolific Substitute For Actual Virtue
- The Not -So-Ancient Origins of Christ the King Sunday by *Frank C. Senn*
- Teaching Pastoral Theology with the Book of Job
- The Star of Bethlehem

Education for Ministry (EfM)

In 2015, Ascension started hosting Education for Ministry (EfM), a unique four-year distance learning certificate program in theological education. The program is based upon small-group study and practice and meets in the Hawks Hall Library Sunday afternoons. EfM is now in its 5th year at Ascension with 5 participating members under the mentorship of Mike Beach, our very own Verger.

Rector's Forum

Fr. Michael facilitates a dedicated group of 8-10 individuals who meet with him for one hour on Thursday mornings. They select a book or topic and discuss what they learned as well as the impact on their spiritual growth. Additional adult educational opportunities are presented throughout the year.

- Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices
- Formed by Love: Church's Teachings for a Changing World

Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King, Sisters of Joanna Chapter, met quarterly during the program year. The order remains connected through the week via technology. A focus on corporate prayer grounded the education portion of each meeting, and the sisters also gathered for fellowship and meals.

Respectfully submitted, Maggie Byrne Outhouse, Formation Ministry Leader

Presence

Ascension seeks to be the Village Church and to reflect the loving presence of God in Sierra Madre through the maintenance, enhancement, and use of our historic buildings and grounds and through the welcome we extend to those seeking a place of rest and renewal. This mission includes publicity and personal contact. The Memorial Garden is also provided for temporal as well as permanent resting.

Ministry Leader: Mike Beach

Communication

Communications keep Ascension in the minds of the community through the press and community organizations, advertisements, and marketing. Every major event this year has been advertised in the local papers.

Contact Person: Michelle Tierney

Memorial Garden

The Memorial Garden continues to provide peace and comfort to Parishioners of Ascension Church as well as the community of Sierra Madre. There have been four burials in the Garden during 2018. We added wood chips to the garden to hold the moisture and will continue to add to and enhance the beauty of the Garden. The Verger keeps a watchful eye on the Garden, takes care of any problems that arise, and does any additional clean-up and watering that is required. A new large plaque was installed, and the existing plaques were re-aligned to make them more secure and to provide more space.

Contact Person: Mike Beach

Photography

Jonathan Prentice has provided a photo documentation of our parish activities this year as well as photographs for the parish directory. These events include our special services, the All Parish Retreat, our rogues' gallery in the hallway, and other special support activities. If your photo is not on the bulletin board and/or is missing from the directory, let Jon know.

Contact Person: Jonathan Prentice

Spire

The SPIRE is our primary information link to the congregation. It highlights our parish activities and keeps our community informed as to what is going on at Ascension. This activity has largely gone digital with the posting of the Spire on our website and by means of email. Our thanks to the many folks who contributed articles throughout the year. Kim Lumino produces the monthly Spire with the editing help of Jean Rowe.

Contact Person: Kim Lumino

Website

The Website Committee maintains the parish website. This is another communication media from the parish to the general public. Please visit this site at www.ascension-sierramadre.com.

Contact Persons: Jobi (Harrell) McGuffie, Maggie Outhouse, or Kim Lumino

Welcome Ministry

This ministry is our first contact with guests and visitors to the church to greet them, introduce them to others, and to express to them the warmth and openness of Ascension. This is a ministry for all of us and seems to work well since I haven't seen anyone leaving in a neglected huff.

Contact Person: Deacon Ed

Perry Project

The Perry Project is designed to enhance our parish buildings and grounds. The red paint on the front door, the repainting of the brown trim, the replacement of the small rocks on the south side of the church building, and the rebuilding of the Apse door were Perry Project tasks. Many thanks to Marthann Mulleavy for the creation of this project.

Contact Person: Marthann Mulleavy, Fr. Bamberger, or Tim Hayden.

Respectfully submitted, Mike Beach, Presence Ministry Leader

Treasurer's Report

Church of the Ascension had better financial results than anticipated in 2018. Through the kindness of the parishioners, the General Fund operating deficit was (\$6,617) compared to a budget of (\$18,391). The operating deficit was offset by \$20,079 in dividend income from the Church's investment portfolio. Expenses remain closely monitored and were approximately \$6,000 more year over year. The increase is related mostly to some out of period insurance expense.

Parishioners pledged \$220,881 for 2019, this is right in line with the \$219,172 in pledge payments received in 2018. Based on the pledge amounts, the Vestry has adopted a working deficit budget of (\$22,359). That deficit will be lessened with approximately \$15,000 in income from the investment portfolio.

The Church's investment portfolio saw a decrease of approximately \$51,000 from 2017 to 2018. Part of that decrease was a shift to cash and part was due to market changes. The portfolio remains conservatively invested at Merrill Lynch in fixed income (48%), equities (35%) and cash (17%). The Church continues to have a healthy balance sheet, but any large capital improvements or projects would require the need for additional funds being raised. (Raising the Roof)

The Investment Committee realigned the Church's investment portfolio by divesting from individual stock holdings and selecting four funds that have historically good performance. This project has been in the works for some time and should make the management of the investments much simpler moving forward.

The Church also received the generous donation of Fr. Wood's house in 2018. This gift increases the Church's footprint and should soon provide an additional stream of income to help the Church.

Thank you to the members of the Investment Committee: Cameron Cox, Gordon Tamaske, Lavette Teague, and Rob Stockly for their continued guidance and oversight of the church's assets. And thank you to Kim Lumino for the support and all that she does.

It has been a pleasure and an honor serving on the Vestry and I thank everyone for allowing me the opportunity.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Keith, Treasurer

Church of the Ascension – Balance Sheet – All Funds – December 2018

Accounts	Current Balance (Last Year)	Current Balance (This Year)	
Assets			
Assets - Investments			
1104.09.02 - DIT - Endowment Fund	\$783.09	\$730.39	
1104.11.01 - M/L - General Fund	\$3,253.45	\$10,477.78	
1104.11.02 - M/L - Endowment Fund	\$147,105.35	\$101,539.86	
1104.11.04 - M/L - Property Improvement Fur	\$115.96	\$109.93	
1104.11.05 - M/L - Memorial Fund	\$7,328.41	\$6,947.50	
1104.11.06 - M/L - Memorial Garden Fund	\$7,182.68	\$6,809.35	
1104.11.08 - M/L - Outreach Fund	\$3,395.16	\$3,218.69	
1104.11.09 - M/L - Historic Building Fund	\$54,115.86	\$51,303.13	
1104.11.15 - M/L - Clergy Housing Fund	\$178,810.47	\$169,516.57	
Total Assets - Investments		\$402,090.43	\$350,653.20
Assets - Cash			
1001.01.01 - Citizens - General Fund	\$13,577.20	\$34,847.73	
1001.01.02 - Citizens - Endowment Fund	\$7,366.06	\$7,366.06	
1001.01.04 - Citizens -Property Improvement	\$2,782.74	\$8,210.60	
1001.01.05 - Citizens - Memorial Fund	\$13,370.74	\$14,720.74	
1001.01.06 - Citizens - Memorial Garden Fund	\$2,114.30	\$311.72	
1001.01.07 - Citizens -Continuing Education F	(\$1,466.21)	(\$1,308.71)	
1001.01.08 - Citizens - Outreach Fund	\$995.82	\$603.96	
1001.01.09 - Citizens - Historic Building Fund	(\$941.58)	(\$941.58)	
1001.01.16 - Citizens - Wood House Fund	\$0.00	\$4,971.41	
1090.00.01 - Petty Cash	\$60.00	\$30.00	
Total Assets - Cash		\$37,859.07	\$68,811.93
Total Assets		\$439,949.50	\$419,465.13
Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds			
Liabilities			
Liabilities - Taxes			
1531.02.01 - Rector's Annuity Withholding	\$168.27	\$169.27	
Total Liabilities - Taxes		\$168.27	\$169.27
Liabilities - Miscellaneous			
1520.01.01 - Amounts Due Rector's Discretio	\$1,444.88	\$1,639.79	
1520.02.09 - Amounts Due Archives	\$205.38	\$205.38	
1520.04.01 - Amounts Due Youth Program	\$1,065.45	\$887.30	
1520.06.08 - Amounts Due ECPAC	\$475.00	\$0.00	
1520.07.01 - Amounts Due (Miscellaneous)	\$704.00	\$0.00	
1520.09.01 - Music Discretionary Account	\$241.15	\$878.75	
1520.11.01 - Amounts Due Daughters of the I	\$222.35	\$222.35	
1520.12.01 - Amounts Due Coffee Hour	\$352.14	\$352.14	
1520.13.06 - Amounts Due Memorial Garden	\$3,856.14	\$2,113.56	
1520.14.01 - Amounts Due Fellowship/Hospit	\$927.50	\$1,196.50	
1520.15.01 - Amounts Due Forum/Adult Ed. E	(\$518.69)	(\$626.83)	
1520.16.08 - Amounts Due ER&D	\$170.00	\$0.00	
1520.17.04 - Amounts Due Property Improver	\$1,200.00	\$3,200.00	
1520.18.01 - Amounts Due Elizabeth Levie	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	
1520.23.01 - Amounts Due Village Voices	\$1,935.60	\$2,385.60	
1520.25.01 - Amounts Due Kassabian Discret	\$440.30	\$0.00	
1520.26.01 - Amounts Due Worship Supplies	\$159.42	\$163.56	
1520.27.01 - Amounts Due Church/Kitchen St	\$1,353.71	\$0.00	
1520.28.01 - Amounts Due Pre Paid 2018 Ple	\$7,550.00	\$0.00	
1520.29.01 - Amounts Due 2018 Childcare Pc	\$0.00	\$1,246.60	
1520.32.01 - Amounts Due Pre Paid 2019 Ple	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	
Total Liabilities - Miscellaneous		\$25,784.33	\$25,864.70
Total Liabilities		\$25,952.60	\$26,033.97
Fund Principal			
9999.00.01 - Fund Principal - GF	\$6,132.32	\$31,279.98	
9999.00.02 - Fund Principal - EF	\$143,547.13	\$115,254.50	
9999.00.04 - Fund Principal - PIF	\$1,689.56	\$1,698.70	
9999.00.05 - Fund Principal - MF	\$20,026.86	\$20,699.15	
9999.00.06 - Fund Principal - MGF	\$5,594.12	\$5,440.84	
9999.00.07 - Fund Principal - CEF	\$669.05	(\$1,466.21)	
9999.00.08 - Fund Principal - OF	\$3,698.10	\$4,105.19	
9999.00.09 - Fund Principal - HBF	\$48,904.55	\$53,174.28	
9999.00.15 - Fund Principal - CHF	\$164,702.35	\$178,810.47	
9999.00.16 - Fund Principal - WHF	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
Excess Cash Received	\$19,032.86	(\$20,565.74)	
Total Fund Principal and Excess Cash Received		\$413,996.90	\$393,431.16
Restricted Funds			
Total Temporarily Restricted	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Permanently Restricted	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Restricted Funds		\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds		\$439,949.50	\$419,465.13

Church of the Ascension – All Funds/YTD – through December 2018

Accounts	Annual Budget (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	% of Annual Budget Used (This Year)
Income			
Operating Income			
1751.00.01 - Plate Offerings - GF	\$21,273.00	\$30,496.42	143.36 %
1752.00.01 - Pledge Payments	\$211,001.00	\$219,172.49	103.87 %
1755.00.01 - Investment Income - GF	\$0.00	\$1,461.02	0.00 %
1756.00.01 - Contribution & Legacies - GF	\$11,000.00	\$10,000.00	90.91 %
1756.01.01 - Other Income - GF	\$4,741.00	\$753.83	15.90 %
1756.05.01 - Facilities Use Income	\$7,915.00	\$6,580.00	83.13 %
1756.06.01 - Gooden School Rent	\$46,500.00	\$49,958.00	107.44 %
1756.07.01 - Gooden School - Utility Reimburse	\$9,000.00	\$9,456.27	105.07 %
1756.08.01 - Filming Facility Use Income	\$0.00	\$400.00	0.00 %
1757.00.01 - Holy Days Offerings	\$6,280.00	\$7,161.70	114.04 %
Total Operating Income	\$317,710.00	\$335,439.73	105.58 %
Non-Operating Income			
1755.00.02 - Investment Income - EF	\$0.00	\$14,374.44	0.00 %
1755.00.04 - Investment Income - PIF	\$0.00	\$15.58	0.00 %
1755.00.05 - Investment Income - MF	\$0.00	\$984.62	0.00 %
1755.00.06 - Investment Income - MGF	\$0.00	\$965.04	0.00 %
1755.00.08 - Investment Income - OF	\$0.00	\$456.16	0.00 %
1755.00.09 - Investment Income - HBF	\$0.00	\$7,270.84	0.00 %
1755.00.15 - Investment Income - CHF	\$0.00	\$24,024.40	0.00 %
1756.00.05 - Contributions & Legacies - MF	\$0.00	\$1,350.00	0.00 %
1756.00.07 - Contributions & Legacies - CEF	\$0.00	\$2,269.65	0.00 %
1756.01.06 - Other Income - MGF	\$0.00	\$300.00	0.00 %
1761.04.04 - Perry Restoration Project Income	\$0.00	\$18,000.00	0.00 %
2760.00.01 - Unrealized G/L on Investments - GF	\$0.00	(\$2,064.88)	0.00 %
2760.00.02 - Unrealized G/L on Investments - EF	\$0.00	(\$19,992.63)	0.00 %
2760.00.04 - Unrealized G/L on Investments - PIF	\$0.00	(\$21.61)	0.00 %
2760.00.05 - Unrealized G/L on Investments - MF	\$0.00	(\$1,365.53)	0.00 %
2760.00.06 - Unrealized G/L on Investments - MGF	\$0.00	(\$1,338.37)	0.00 %
2760.00.08 - Unrealized G/L on Investments - OF	\$0.00	(\$632.63)	0.00 %
2760.00.09 - Unrealized G/L on Investments - HBF	\$0.00	(\$10,083.57)	0.00 %
2760.00.15 - Unrealized G/L on Investments - CHF	\$0.00	(\$33,318.30)	0.00 %
Total Non-Operating Income	\$0.00	\$1,193.21	0.00 %
Total Income	\$317,710.00	\$336,632.94	105.96 %
Expenses			
Operating Expenses			
1864.00.01 - Diocesan Assessment	\$22,000.00	\$21,999.96	100.00 %
1867.01.01 - Salaries - Clergy	\$28,800.00	\$30,361.41	105.42 %
1867.02.01 - Salaries - Custodial	\$13,000.00	\$12,984.00	99.88 %
1867.03.01 - Salaries - Organist Choirmaster	\$20,900.00	\$20,899.84	100.00 %
1867.04.01 - Salaries - Parish Administrator	\$24,700.00	\$24,700.00	100.00 %
1867.06.01 - Salary Taxes	\$6,000.00	\$5,713.44	95.22 %
1867.07.01 - Pension Premiums	\$17,815.00	\$17,442.00	97.91 %
1867.08.01 - Employee Insurance & Benefits	\$23,553.00	\$21,352.53	90.66 %
1867.09.01 - Utility Expense	\$22,700.00	\$24,374.36	107.38 %
1867.10.01 - Office, Bookkeeping & Printing	\$9,700.00	\$10,302.18	106.21 %
1867.11.01 - Housing Stipend	\$70,000.00	\$66,538.51	95.06 %
1867.12.01 - Church & Kitchen Supplies	\$1,400.00	\$23.27	1.66 %
1867.15.01 - Property & Liability Insurance	\$26,841.00	\$37,013.50	137.90 %
1867.16.01 - Telephone	\$3,700.00	\$3,122.46	84.39 %
1867.17.01 - Communion Bread & Wine	\$0.00	\$359.57	0.00 %
1867.21.01 - Repair & Maint. to Property - GF	\$3,500.00	\$7,791.26	222.61 %
1867.22.01 - Taxes on Property	\$2,500.00	\$2,571.13	102.85 %
1867.26.01 - Advertising	\$800.00	\$1,388.00	173.50 %
1867.27.01 - Adult Christian Education	\$150.00	\$195.54	130.36 %
1867.28.01 - Salaries - Childcare	\$3,500.00	\$108.00	3.09 %
1867.30.01 - Other Expenses - GF	\$100.00	\$318.86	318.86 %
1867.32.01 - Supply Organist	\$873.00	\$0.00	0.00 %
1867.34.01 - Assist Clergy	\$14,000.00	\$12,575.00	89.82 %
1867.35.01 - Postage Expense	\$895.00	\$705.82	78.86 %
1867.36.01 - Conference Expenses - GF	\$106.00	\$0.00	0.00 %
1867.40.01 - Furniture, Fixtures & Equip. - GF	\$130.00	\$749.09	576.22 %
1867.55.01 - Children's Christian Ed.	\$20.00	\$0.00	0.00 %
1867.56.01 - Salaries - Youth Minister	\$16,320.00	\$14,200.00	87.01 %
1867.57.01 - Organist Monthly Travel Expense	\$900.00	\$900.00	100.00 %
1867.58.01 - Rector's Monthly Travel Expense	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	100.00 %
1867.59.01 - Filming Facility Use Expense	\$0.00	\$130.00	0.00 %
Total Operating Expenses	\$336,103.00	\$340,019.73	101.17 %
Non-operating Expenses			
1867.21.06 - Repair & Maintenance - MGF	\$0.00	\$360.00	0.00 %
1867.30.08 - Other Expenses - OF	\$0.00	\$106.07	0.00 %
1867.36.07 - Conference Expenses - CEF	\$0.00	\$2,112.15	0.00 %
1867.66.04 - Perry Restoration Project Expenses	\$0.00	\$14,572.14	0.00 %
Total Non-operating Expenses	\$0.00	\$17,150.36	0.00 %
Total Expenses	\$336,103.00	\$357,170.09	106.27 %
Net Total	(\$18,393.00)	(\$20,537.15)	0.00 %

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1864.00.01 - Diocesan Assessment	\$22,000.00	\$21,999.96	100.00 %
1867.01.01 - Salaries - Clergy	\$28,800.00	\$30,361.41	105.42 %
1867.02.01 - Salaries - Custodial	\$13,000.00	\$12,984.00	99.88 %
1867.03.01 - Salaries - Organist Choirmaster	\$20,900.00	\$20,899.84	100.00 %
1867.04.01 - Salaries - Parish Administrator	\$24,700.00	\$24,700.00	100.00 %
1867.06.01 - Salary Taxes	\$6,000.00	\$5,713.44	95.22 %
1867.07.01 - Pension Premiums	\$17,815.00	\$17,442.00	97.91 %
1867.08.01 - Employee Insurance & Benefits	\$23,553.00	\$21,352.53	90.66 %
1867.09.01 - Utility Expense	\$22,700.00	\$24,374.36	107.38 %
1867.10.01 - Office, Bookkeeping & Printing	\$9,700.00	\$10,302.18	106.21 %
1867.11.01 - Housing Stipend	\$70,000.00	\$66,538.51	95.06 %
1867.12.01 - Church & Kitchen Supplies	\$1,400.00	\$23.27	1.66 %
1867.15.01 - Property & Liability Insurance	\$26,841.00	\$37,013.50	137.90 %
1867.16.01 - Telephone	\$3,700.00	\$3,122.46	84.39 %
1867.17.01 - Communion Bread & Wine	\$0.00	\$359.57	0.00 %
1867.21.01 - Repair & Maint. to Property - GF	\$3,500.00	\$7,791.26	222.61 %
1867.22.01 - Taxes on Property	\$2,500.00	\$2,571.13	102.85 %
1867.26.01 - Advertising	\$800.00	\$1,388.00	173.50 %
1867.27.01 - Adult Christian Education	\$150.00	\$195.54	130.36 %
1867.28.01 - Salaries - Childcare	\$3,500.00	\$108.00	3.09 %
1867.30.01 - Other Expenses - GF	\$100.00	\$318.86	318.86 %
1867.32.01 - Supply Organist	\$873.00	\$0.00	0.00 %
1867.34.01 - Assist Clergy	\$14,000.00	\$12,575.00	89.82 %
1867.35.01 - Postage Expense	\$895.00	\$705.82	78.86 %
1867.36.01 - Conference Expenses - GF	\$106.00	\$0.00	0.00 %
1867.40.01 - Furniture, Fixtures & Equip. - GF	\$130.00	\$749.09	576.22 %
1867.55.01 - Children's Christian Ed.	\$20.00	\$0.00	0.00 %
1867.56.01 - Salaries-Youth Minister	\$16,320.00	\$14,200.00	87.01 %
1867.57.01 - Organist Monthly Travel Expense	\$900.00	\$900.00	100.00 %
1867.58.01 - Rector's Monthly Travel Expense	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	100.00 %
1867.59.01 - Filming Facility Use Expense	\$0.00	\$130.00	0.00 %
Total Operating Expenses	\$336,103.00	\$340,019.73	101.17 %
Total Expenses	\$336,103.00	\$340,019.73	101.17 %
Net Total	(\$18,393.00)	(\$6,644.88)	0.00 %

2019 Working Budget – Adopted by the Vestry

Income	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2019 Working Budget	2018 Variance to Budget
Plate Offerings	12,634	21,180	21,367	30,496	22,000	(8,496)
Pledges	240,194	228,558	224,516	219,172	220,881	1,709
Contributions and Legacies - GF		4,878	735	10,000	1,000	(9,000)
Other Income	465	1,196	1,286	178	1,200	1,022
Donations for Facilities Use	6,291	8,720	7,110	6,580	7,500	920
Filming			9,000	400	700	300
Gooden School	41,500	42,498	43,916	49,958	51,000	1,042
Gooden School - Utility Reimbursement	7,829	8,148	9,037	9,456	9,000	(456)
Holy Day Offerings	5,229	5,030	7,531	7,162	5,500	(1,662)
Total	314,142	320,208	324,498	333,403	318,781	(14,622)
Expenses	2,015 Actual	2,016 Actual	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	2019 Working Budget	2018 Variance to Budget
Diocesan Assessment	20,004	22,000	22,000	22,000	24,000	2,000
Salaries - Clergy	40,000	58,800	56,900	30,361	27,000	(3,361)
Housing Stipend - Rector *	55,000	40,000	40,000	66,539	70,000	3,461
Assisting Clergy (Housing Stipend) **	11,200	13,850	13,342	12,575	14,900	2,325
Salaries - Custodial	12,252	12,866	12,329	12,984	13,000	16
Salaries - Organist Choirmaster	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900	20,900	0
Mileage Reimbursement - Organist	900	900	900	900	900	-
Salaries - Parish Administrator	24,700	24,700	24,700	24,700	24,700	-
Salary - New Venture Ministry	15,600	16,320	17,280	14,200	14,200	-
Salary Taxes	5,822	5,962	5,833	5,713	6,000	287
Pension Premiums	17,100	17,784	17,442	17,442	17,500	58
Employee Insurance and Benefits	20,807	19,452	20,925	21,353	24,000	2,647
Utility Expense	21,740	22,153	24,833	24,374	24,000	(374)
Office, Bookkeeping and Printing	10,012	9,429	9,122	10,302	9,200	(1,102)
Church and Kitchen Supplies	1,556	1,387	1,739	23	1,400	1,377
Property and Liability Insurance	34,151	25,056	21,848	37,014	30,000	(7,014)
Telephone	4,073	3,625	3,122	3,122	3,100	(22)
Altar Supplies (Communion Bread and Wine)				360	400	40
Filming Facility Use Expense			4,170	130	250	120
Repair and Maintenance to Property GF	10,856	4,279	4,011	7,791	4,000	(3,791)
Taxes on Property	2,504	2,473	2,551	2,571	2,500	(71)
Advertising	801	716	1,428	1,388	1,300	(88)
Adult Christian Education	144	221	120	196	250	54
Children's Christian Education	53		13	-	300	300
Child Care	2,660	3,147	1,422	108	3,040	2,932
Other Expenses - GF	95	284	172	319	400	81
Pastoral Care Expense		1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	-
Supply Organist	800	800	800	-	800	800
Postage Expense	820	847	658	706	600	(106)
Conference Expenses - GF	97		931	-	-	-
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment - GF	119	343	3,522	749	1,300	551
Archive Committee				-		
Total	334,766	329,494	334,212	340,020	341,140	1,120
Income/(Deficit) From Operations	(20,624)	(9,286)	(9,713)	(6,617)	(22,359)	(15,742)
Other Income			15,673	20,079	15,000	(5,079)
Adjusted Total			5,960	13,462	(7,359)	(20,821)

* Of the rector's compensation, \$70,000 is designated as a housing allowance for the purpose of income taxes.

** The entire compensation of the assisting clergy and deacon is designated as a housing allowance

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