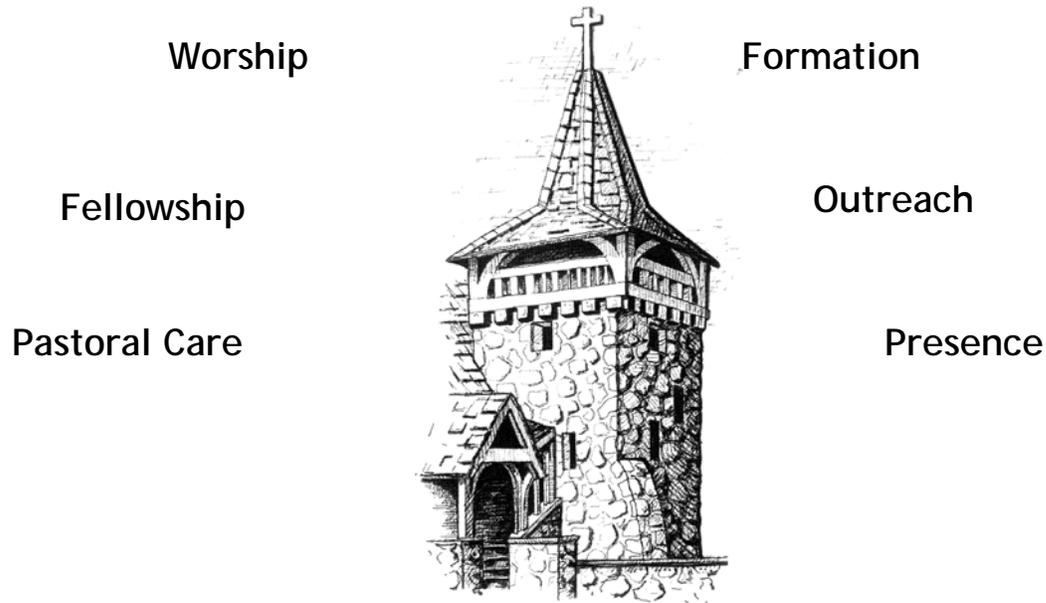


The Episcopal Church of the Ascension  
Sierra Madre, California  
Annual Parish Meeting  
January 26, 2020



Your Village Church since 1885

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

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

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**The Annual Parish Meeting**

January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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 2019 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, 2019
  - C. The Vestry's Adopted Budget for 2020
10. Other Business Items
  - Appointments
  - Volunteering for Delegates and Alternates to Diocesan Convention
11. Report on Elections for 2020 (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 1/27/2019**

### **Opening prayer**

The meeting opened with prayer at 11:20 a.m.

### **Appointment of a clerk**

Carol Rasmussen was appointed clerk for the Annual Meeting.

### **Minutes of the 2018 meeting**

John Buchanan moved to accept the minutes of the 2018 meeting. Dan Hanson seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

### **Nomination and election of vestry members**

Maggie Outhouse, Raymond Smith, and Charley Noecker have been nominated to serve on the vestry. There being no further nominations from the floor, Mike Beach moved that nominations be closed and the vote be by acclamation. Lavette Teague seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### **Election of the president of the corporation**

Raymond Smith moved that Fr. Bamberger serve as president of the corporation. Joanne Wallace seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

### **Senior warden's report**

Fr. Bamberger introduced outgoing senior warden Jean Rowe and thanked her for her service. Jean reported that "Doing More" has been the vestry's theme and focus in 2018. The vestry and parishioners did do more through pledging, increasing rentals of Hawks Hall, and publicizing church events to the wider community. The Perry restoration also did more than had been originally hoped. The biggest tasks, however, have yet to be completed.

Few people filled out the time and talent sections of their stewardship forms. We are thankful for monetary pledges but need these other gifts too. A time and talent focus will begin the first Sunday in Lent.

Because the vestry did not know what outreach activities the parish would commit to, the church held an all-parish retreat. Based on the discussion at the retreat, parishioners want to focus on meeting the needs of senior citizens, especially those living in Sierra Madre. Jay Packer has been asked to lead an investigation into senior needs with 2019 expected to see the beginning of this new volunteer program.

We want to increase the church's presence on social media and in the community. We have added ways to pledge online and sign up for food and other needs. We want to update activities and pictures every week. Maggie Outhouse will oversee this development in 2019.

Jean thanked the other two retiring vestry members, Mark Keith and Bill Voegeli. Although Jean is leaving the vestry, she will continue as administrative coordinator.

### **Rector's report**

Fr. Bamberger noted that Deacon Ed Sniecinski arrived eight years ago today and expressed gratitude for all that Ed does. He also noted with gratitude Joshua McGuffie's presence and work and thanked Deb Huffman for her hard work with the music program as well. Kim Lumino doesn't attend this church, but she is a godsend for parish administration; Fr. Bamberger asked parishioners to thank her when they see her. A final thank-you went to the mother of the baby Jesus for next year's pageant, Jobi McGuffie.

The recent wind storm revealed that we have a roof problem. The roof has temporarily been patched, but a new roof is necessary for the sanctuary. The church hasn't received firm bids yet, but the cost is expected to be in the range of \$75,000. The vestry will start a fund drive for the work some time in the future. Because our church is an historic

building, we must use a product that maintains its original appearance. The original roof was cedar shingle, but that material is no longer legal.

At last year's annual meeting, Martha Mulleavy challenged us to do some restoration to the church exterior. Fr. Bamberger thanked her and Tim Hayden for their work this year. The missing pebbles have been replaced, the new red doors are underway, windows were restored, all exterior trim has been painted, and other small jobs have been completed.

The Gooden School head was let go just before Thanksgiving. The school has retained a consultant for their search process, Doreen Olson (head of school at St. Mark's).

### **Minister for Young People's report**

Jobi McGuffie reported that we continue to be in business with Sunday school at 9-10 and at 10:15. Jobi will make a concerted effort in 2019 to reiterate that we're here, so please do come.

Sarah Duffy has been wonderful while she's been with us as child care/hospitality person, but she's overcommitted, so this is her last Sunday.

### **Treasurer's report**

Mark Keith noted that a four- year trend shows the church's financial situation is consistent and stable. The investment committee realigned the portfolio this year. The church has received a bequest of Fr. Wood's house on Grandview, property which will help with a steady flow of income in the near term. The house will be ready for rental within a couple of weeks. That money will go into a special liability account.

A parishioner asked who is taking care of the Memorial Garden and whether there's a problem with the sprinkler system because the plantings are not looking their best. The garden is maintained by someone other than the church sexton, Jose. All sprinkler heads in the garden work, but we've been cutting our water usage to be good citizens.

### **Other business**

Fr. Bamberger appointed Gordon Tomaske to be Senior Warden.

The vestry appoints delegates and alternates to diocesan convention held later in the year (November 15-16) but entertains the names of volunteers who are interested in being a delegate or alternate to diocesan conference. The vestry won't make the official delegate decision till the summer but would like to know who's interested in going. Maggie Outhouse, Monica Copeland, and Natalie Dougall volunteered.

Fr. Bamberger thanked Nicole Hanson for organizing the brunch. Nicole noted that we have been rotating rapidly through a small number of kitchen helpers, and we could make that job less burdensome if everyone would sign up to bring snacks just a couple of times a year.

Joshua McGuffie said that last year during Lent, we had great soup dinners and always had more food than we needed. This year he hopes more people will be willing to share their faith stories.

Tim Hartley is putting together a study group on the book Breathing Underwater by Richard Rohr.

Monica Copeland is co-chairing the country fair for the Gooden School on April 27 and asked for volunteers to help small children cross the street and use the parish hall.

The congregation gave a round of applause to Sarah Duffy for her service this past year.

### **Prayer and adjournment**

The meeting closed in prayer led by Joshua McGuffie.

## The Parish Staff 2019

The Rector..... The Very Reverend Canon Michael A. Bamberger  
 Assisting..... The Reverend Deacon Canon Ed Sniecienski  
 Assisting..... The Reverend Joshua McGuffie  
 Administrative Coordinator..... Jean Rowe  
 Director of Music and Organist..... Dr. Debora Huffman  
 Minister to Young Persons..... Jobi 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 & Gordon Tomaske

## The Rector's Appointments for 2020

The Senior Warden..... John Buchanan  
 Assisting Clergy ..... The Reverend Deacon Canon Ed Sniecienski  
 Assisting Clergy..... The Reverend Joshua McGuffie  
 Administrative Coordinator..... Jean Rowe  
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 Altar Guild Directress..... Lynne Holl  
 Verger..... Mike Beach  
 Associate Vergers..... Tim Hayden, Chris Bamberger  
 Senior Acolyte..... Phillip Callihan  
 Usher/Greeter Chair..... Roger Keith & Geoff Meehan  
 Wedding Directress..... Lynne Holl  
 Funeral Directress..... Nan Dougall

## The Parish Vestry 2019 Officers

Senior Warden..... Gordon Tomaske  
 Junior Warden..... John Buchanan  
 Parish Clerk..... Natalie Dougall  
 Parish Treasurer..... Dan Hanson  
 Class of 2019 ..... Dan Hanson, Natalie Dougall, Gordon Tomaske  
 Class of 2020 ..... Tim Hayden (resigned), Marie Prentice, John Buchanan  
 Class of 2021 ..... Ray Smith, Charley Noecker, Maggie Outhouse

# The Leadership Reports

## The Senior Warden's Report

Telling our Stories has been a theme for your Vestry and the 2020 stewardship campaign. Our goal with this theme is to strengthen Ascension as a community by celebrating our past while expanding our presence within the larger community in which we reside. We continue to expand our use of social media both through our website and on Facebook and publicize Hawks Hall as a place for small functions.

Other notable events in 2019 have included:

- Conclusion of the Perry Restoration Project - This project was a direct result of Martha Mulleavy's vision and commitment to repair and restore Ascension's deteriorated exterior elements, ensuring that our beloved historic sanctuary will continue to serve our church family and remain an essential Sierra Madre landmark well into the future.
- Cleanup of the Memorial Garden – Building on the success of the Perry Restoration Project, extensive cleanup of the Memorial Garden was also completed this year.
- Initiation of the Roof Replacement Project – In 2019 we began the process of seeking replacement of the Ascension's deteriorating roof. Ray Smith coordinated the process of getting three bids with a fourth bid in the works, and Scott Callihan provided oversight and basic architectural drawings to help facilitate the bid process. We anticipate a full capital campaign and replacement in 2020.
- Rental of the Fr. Wood house – Fr. Wood generously bequeathed his home to Ascension, and in 2019 we completed needed upgrade work and successfully rented out this property. While this year's rental income will not quite cover the cost of upgrades and taxes in 2019, we anticipate significant net revenue from this property in 2020.
- Showing of The Fog – After years of trying, 2019 was the year Ascension finally got permission to show John Carpenter's The Fog in October of this year. The film, which was filmed extensively at Ascension, was well attended for both showings. Special thanks to Chris Bamberger and all volunteers for a successful community event.

Stewardship has continued to be a Vestry project in 2019. Continuing the practice started in 2018, we held drives for financial pledging versus time and talent. The time and talent drive featured speakers representing key church ministries and resulted in several members volunteering to serve the church.

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

- Gordon Tomaske for his service as Sr. Warden in 2019 and Jr. Warden in 2018 and 2017.
- Natalie Dougall for being Clerk of the Vestry this past year.
- Dan Hanson for his service as Treasurer. Dan replaced Carl Foote and has graciously agreed to serve another three years in keeping with Ascension's bylaws.

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 2019 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 Dan Hanson. With input from the Parish Administrator, Dan prepares the monthly Treasurer's Report which is presented at each Vestry meeting. Dan also prepares the yearly budget for Vestry approval and adoption.

To Ross Kellock for organizing the Auditing Committee and to Hal Ryerson who gave hours of his time checking our records to complete the 2019 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 folks are the regulars: Father Michael, Deacon Ed, Dr. Huffman, and Jobi (Harrell) McGuffie; and to the many parishioners who 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, Gordon Tomaske, Senior Warden*

## **The Junior Warden's Report**

Our mission at Ascension is, at its essence, a spiritual one in which we seek and deliver inspiration and guidance for all God's children. This past year, however, required your vestry to focus on the material needs of Ascension itself, specifically Parish property. Ascension needs a new roof, and we spent a fair amount of time discussing that financially challenging but necessary capital need and how to address it. Raising money to replace the roof remains an area of focus in 2020. We also put new carpet in the Parish Hall offices, sacristy, and robing room because we needed that too. Finally, we spent a good deal of time learning to be a residential landlord as Father Wood's estate closed and Ascension acquired his home on Grand View. Acquisition, maintenance, and rental of that property presented us with something of a learning curve. Thankfully Senior Warden Gordon Tomaske's project management skills and vestry member Ray Smith's substantial experience managing property provided us with excellent vestry leadership in this area. In fact, I am grateful for the engagement of all parish leadership on these important capital needs. It made a difference.

Maintenance of our capital assets may seem entirely material; but if we pause for a moment, we see how the historic Ascension property - something we hold in trust for our community and future generations - is an important reflection of God's love. Our church buildings and grounds tell a deeply spiritual story around which all members of the parish, past and present, have come together. We then transmute this historic place into a story for those who are

to come. I dare say, no other house of worship in this community can claim a comparable generational connection. So, I am glad that this past year we gave our home the attention it deserves.

*Respectfully submitted, John Buchanan, 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 using the *Rite 13* and *Journey to Adulthood* Curriculums.

10:15 AM all ages Sunday School hosts preschool through upper elementary students. Using the lectionary calendar, *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*, *Story Makers*, and *Godly Play* curriculums, students gather in Hawks Hall, 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.

The annual Christmas Pageant was presented at the 5 p.m. Family Service on Christmas Eve. Students ages 4 months – 16) participated in the traditional reading from the Gospel of Luke. Pageant Volunteers: Michelle Keith, Nicole Hanson, Dr. Debora Huffman (organ)

### A few highlights:



**SHROVE TUESDAY**



**LENT**



**PALM SUNDAY**



**EGG STUFFING**



**EASTER EGG HUNT**



**MOTHER'S DAY**



**PENTECOST**



**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

### 2019 Volunteers in Children, Youth, and Families

Chris Bamberger	8+ Hours
Greg Beach	2 + Hours
Monica Copeland	4+ Hours
Cameron Cox	1+ Hour
Meg Cox	1+ Hour
Nicole Hanson	46+ Hours
Michelle Keith	4+ Hours
Jon Prentice	14+ Hours

### Youth (Ages 9 and up) Service Hours

Emma Allen	8 Hours	Acolyte
Jessica Allen	7 Hours	Acolyte
Charlotte Beach	14 Hours	Acolyte, Christmas Pageant
Violet Beach	10 Hours	Acolyte, Christmas Pageant
Hayden Copeland	20 Hours	Acolyte
Ian Cox	6 Hours	Acolyte
Phillip Callihan	14 Hours	Acolyte, Christmas Pageant
Peter Callihan	12 Hours	Acolyte, Christmas Pageant
Charlotte Fontenot	4 Hours	Easter Prep & Egg Hunt
Lilah Fontenot	2 Hours	Egg Hunt
Daniel Hanson	20 Hours	Acolyte, Christmas Pageant
Reid Hanson	20 Hours	Acolyte, Christmas Pageant
Coral Keith	8 Hours	Acolyte, Christmas Pageant
Faith Keith	10 Hours	Acolyte, Christmas Pageant
Bailey Keith	10 Hours	Acolyte, Christmas Pageant
Anne Marquardt	26 Hours	Acolyte, Mother's Day, Egg Hunt, Pageant
Phoebe Prentice	24 Hours	Childcare Assistance, Easter Prep, Egg Hunt
Dustin Stockly	28 Hours	Acolyte, Easter Prep Mother's Day, Pageant
Nico Tierney	14 Hours	Acolyte
Jaxson Tierney	12 Hours	Acolyte

*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 out word of our activities. More community members are joining in, and it is heartening to see the numbers of “likes” growing. I’m grateful to Natalie Dougall, Jobi McGuffie, and Jessica Meehan for helping, as well as those of you who post about what our life at Ascension is like. In addition, our facilities are being increasingly used by the larger community (which brings in income!)
- 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 Nebraska, Iowa, Texas, and 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, but I have recently stepped

aside as the 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.

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, John Buchanan and Gordon Tomaske, have provided great leadership for us. Our outgoing Vestry members – Gordon and Natalie Dougall - 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 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 2019, there were 103 Sunday Eucharists celebrated, 49 weekday masses, 48 services of Morning Prayer said on weekdays, with an overall average Sunday attendance of 129. There were 5 baptisms during the year and 14 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*

Heartfelt thanks to the hard-working members of the Altar Guild. Here at Ascension, we are very blessed to have such a dedicated group of members striving to serve God and this parish. Not all parishes are so lucky.

Please thank these volunteers for their hours of devotion and service: Kathy Calleton, Beverly Clifton, Nan Dougall, Natalie Dougall, Lin Garcia, Lynne Holl, Carolyn Johnson, Sarah LaReau, Karen Mooradian, Josephine Mosier, Veronica Ramirez, Barbara Reagan, Marilyn Siemon-Burgeson, Dorothy Steeves, Jill Wagner, and Pat

Woods. In addition, we have an auxiliary group that we can count on at different times during the year to lend an extra hand- Chris Bamberger, Jay Calleton, Georgia Dougall, John Holl, Emily Keezer, Christian Keezer, Kathryn Keezer, Addison LaReau and Ryan LaReau. We thank them for volunteering their hearts and hands.

We would not have Communion Bread without our Breadmakers: Nan Dougall, Kathy Calleton, and Karen Mooradian. Our thanks to them.

Thank you also to all of you who donated money either for weekly flowers and/or Easter and/or Christmas. I think we all would have to agree the beauty of our sanctuary is enhanced with the addition of flowers. It is unfortunate to have blanks on the weekly flower sign-up chart as we will not be able to furnish flowers on those Sundays when there is no donor due to the increased cost of flowers.

We face a few challenges in this next year. If you are interested in joining this wonderful group, please contact Fr. Michael or Lynne Holl; we are in need...

*Respectfully submitted, Lynne Holl, Altar Guild Directress*

### **St. Anne's Altar Guild Treasurer's Report 2019**

BALANCE AS OF 12-31-18		\$4,345.00
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Flowers & Donations		
Unspecified Donations	600.00	
Weekly	1,275.00	
Easter 2019	1,285.00	
Christmas 2019	1,515.00	
Votives	75.00	
Weddings-0	0.00	
	<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$4,750.00</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Flowers		
Weekly	1,570.00	
Easter 2019	900.00	
Christmas 2019	2,075.00	
Linens Laundered	372.00	
Votives	75.00	
Cotters (Wine, Candles & Purificators)	815.00	
Normandy Plating	225.00	
MISC (stamps, clippers, luncheon, new Christmas Bows...)	413.00	
	<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	<b>\$6,445.00</b>
	<b>BALANCE AS OF 12-31-19</b>	<b>\$2,650.00</b>

*Respectfully submitted, Lynne Holl, Treasurer*

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

Once again, the Ascension Choir led in worship throughout the year. My deep appreciation to sopranos Susan Beach, Colette Ostrye, and Carol Rasmussen; altos Andrea Booth, Lilah Fontenot, and Liz Levie; tenor Lavette Teague; and basses Ted Bosley, Charley Noecker, and Joe Ozawa. Tenor Mark Riebs joins us on his return visits to California. On Good Friday, Fr. Bamberger chanted the *St. John Passion* with Andrea Booth and Charley Noecker. During the summer choral hiatus, some of our singers served as soloists or in chamber groups. On All Saints

Sunday, the choir presented the exquisite Fauré *Requiem*. On the Sundays of Advent, the choir processed singing *The Great Litany*.

Guest singers included sopranos Sherley-Ann Belleus, Madeleine Lew, Betsy Noecker, and Lindy Noecker; altos Christopher Maldonado, Amber Moore, and Natalie Sheppard; tenors William Ketchum, P.T.Mahoney, and Matthew Ozawa; and bass Nathaniel Rausch.

Resident oboist Sean Dougall joined us for the Easter services and for occasional Sunday services. Jobi McGuffie subbed on piano in my absence. Guest instrumentalists included trumpeter Harrison Collard 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. New this year was the presentation of *A Classical Christmas* by the Alma Nova Duo, a sensational concert which benefited our music program as well as Sierra Madre Music.

Even as we celebrate the addition of alto Lilah Fontenot to our choral ranks, we bid farewell to Andrea Booth and Joe Ozawa as they move to San Marcos. Their move reinforces the need for additional choral singers to continue the ability to present substantive choral music from week to week. 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 simply enjoy each other!

Again, 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 capacity.

*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**

For the 2019 calendar year, Hospitality hosted or assisted with the following Fellowship opportunities:

### **Coffee Hour**

With no kitchen helper this year, congregants have had to step up with their help setting up and cleaning up in the kitchen for coffee hour. Altar Guild helps set-up on Saturday nights, Ray & Linda Smith often bring pies or pastries and several others step up to take care of the early-service prep. After the 10:15 service, there have been a few more people signing up to host, but most Sundays remain un-hosted. A few volunteers have been making coffee and helping to clean up after coffee hour most Sundays. Thanks to Maggie Outhouse, Jean Rowe, Jobi McGuffie, and Nicole Hanson for doing this most frequently.

### **Kitchen/Childcare Helper**

We (I) got a little ambitious in our search to replace the various kitchen/childcare helpers we’ve had in the past. We put forth a job description seeking a \*Ministry Intern\* in hopes that this title would attract dynamic young people in pursuit of church work. After circulating the job description for many months and receiving very few letters of interest, we will be going back to the drawing board and scaling back on the job description.

### **Annual Meeting Potluck**

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

### **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 \$316.87.

### **Easter Brunches**

There were two Easter Brunches, one following each service. Both brunches were plentiful as always. An Easter-egg hunt on the lawn, coordinated by Jobi and the youth group, followed the later brunch.

### **Bishop's Visit**

We hosted a small reception for our annual Bishop's visit and several confirmations.

### **Reception for Tim Hartley**

We hosted a small reception after Tim Hartley's last Sunday with us as an Aspirant. Thanks to Meg Cox and her family for hosting that reception.

### **Fall Kick-Off Sunday**

We held the Fall Kick-Off outside on the front lawn this year. The weather was perfect, and the fellowship was wonderful. We set up a few outdoor games such as cornhole and lawn Jenga for the young (and young-at-heart). Lunch was a build-your-own sandwich buffet along with a few potluck side-items and desserts. Based on the positive feedback, we will continue to host the kick-off on the lawn (weather permitting).

### **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. Thanks to the Stocklys and the Gormans for arranging doughnuts, lemonade, coffee & water for this event.

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

Maggie Outhouse and Nicole Hanson co-organized the Women's Room luncheon again this year. Due to the lovely weather and the reputation of our plentiful lunch, we fed our biggest crowd yet: 47 guests, 12 Friends-in-Deed volunteers, and 9 Friends-in-Deed staff members. Over 40 Ascension parishioners and their friends/families provided all the food, supplies, and decorations, transported it, heated and served it, cleaned up afterward, and returned all supplies to Ascension. The congregation was also incredibly generous with donations. Over \$840.00 was donated toward the luncheon. Funds went toward purchasing supplies and additional food. All additional funds were donated to The Women's Room at Friends in Deed.

### **Fundraisers**

- The private shopping party at Savor the Flavor coordinated by Jean Rowe was a great success again this year. It was held the weekend \*before\* Thanksgiving, which seemed to work well since it took place before the busy-ness of the season began in earnest. It ended up bringing in \$300.00.
- The annual Christmas Afghan & Nativity raffle held by Jo Mosier brought in \$287.00.

### **Needs for this ministry**

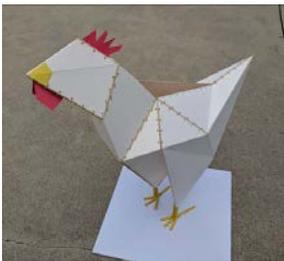
This ministry coordinates A LOT of events. In order to keep these events going, we need several volunteers who are willing to coordinate one or two events per year. There were MANY of you who stepped up this year, and it was so very helpful.

*Respectfully submitted, Nicole Hanson, Fellowship Ministry Leader*

## Outreach

Many thanks to all those who participated in Ascension's Outreach projects in 2020. 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, Ascension and Gooden youth participated in the annual Heal the Bay Cleanup Day in the Arroyo Seco and collected 25 pounds of trash, including a pair of headphones, a few tennis balls, and mostly plastic bags and wrappers at the Arroyo Seco near the Rose Bowl.



During the Lenten season, our outreach project again focused on animals through Episcopal Relief and Development. This year we focused on chickens, with an abstract chicken collection bin. We raised \$540 to provide chickens to the developing world. Thanks so much to the Gooden School kids who also participated in the project. Also during Lent, the congregation raised \$840 towards the Episcopal Relief and Development U.S. Disaster fund, which is supporting recovery efforts in Florida, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Washington, Texas, Alabama, California, Nebraska and South Dakota.

Again this year, led by the women in our Parish, the Annual Thanksgiving Lunch served women from the Women's Room of 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 fourth year in a row, we prepared sets of pre-stamped Christmas cards for each guest.

Our December outreach activity was again to work with Hillside's organization on a Christmas project. This year the focus was on providing food. Together we donated \$720 in supermarket gift cards. 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** – Nan Dougall, Karen Mooradian, 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 in 2019.

### **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 2019, we explored

- *Luke, The Good News of God's Mercy*
- A study of the books of the Apocrypha

• **The “Between the Masses” Discussion Group** is 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:

- “In Flanders Fields” by John McCrae | Poetry Foundation
- “Ethics, Morality and Genomic Science” - readings on ethics, science, and "playing God."
- “Dia de Muertos”- readings from a parish priest who discusses Día de Muertos, and a National Geographic article with some additional background.
- “Rowan Williams - Being Christian” - an interview with former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams concerning his 2014 book *Being Christian: Baptism, Bible, Eucharist, Prayer*.
- “Forgiveness and Punishment - “...the relationship between forgiveness and punishment (or forgiveness and justice)?” “Readings include an article from Psychology Today and ... some excerpts on this subject ... pulled from *The Crucifixion* by Fleming Rutledge.”
- “Rohr Incarnation instead of Atonement” -
- “The Key to Understanding Sin and Grace” – reading with a Wesleyan (Methodist) slant
- “Encourage People to Read the Bible” – reading on studying the Bible

- “On Hearing Confessions” - a continuing discussion and  
“From Richard Rohr” – a “...differing, maybe complementing, opinion...”

### **Education for Ministry (EfM)**

After 5 years of offering Education for Ministry (EfM), the program mentored by our very own Verger, Mike Beach, came to a close. Unfortunately, there was a decrease in those who could attend. Those who participated found new sources of knowledge and fellowship within this program and deemed it to be a valuable use of time.

**Exploring the Koran** – the Islamic sacred book, believed to be the word of God as dictated to Muhammad by the archangel Gabriel and written down in Arabic.

With the closing of the EfM program, Mike Beach established a new small group. This group’s goal is to explore the Koran, not only from the perspective of a shared belief in God, but also from what is written in the Koran in comparison to statements we hear about the Koran in our current world. The Koran plus other tools of learning, such as: videos, written materials, and discussion are used by the group to create questions, try to find answers, and explore similarities and differences with Christianity. This group meets on Sundays after coffee hour.

### **Discernment**

Ascension has been blessed to work with two Discerners during 2019. We worked with Tim Hartley from March through early June of 2019. Our second Discerner, Tim Hamlin, joined us in September of last year and will stay with us until early June of this year.

### **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.

- The Return of the Prodigal Son by Henri J.M. Nouwen
- Gilead by Marilyn Robinson
- In Conversation: Rowan Williams and Greg Garrett
- Desert Spirit Places by Brad Karelus
- Approaching Christmas by Jane Williams

### **Daughters of the King**

The Daughters of the King, Sisters of Joanna Chapter, dealt with a declining membership during this last year. The order elected to go on a hiatus for 2019 and reevaluate their plan in 2020. Even as the members were not able to meet regularly, they maintained a strong focus on prayer grounded in faith and commitment to their fellow sisters, their organization, and Ascension.

*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 10 burials in the Garden during 2019. We added wood chips to the garden to hold the moisture and will continue to add to and enhance the beauty of the Garden. A new gardener 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](http://www.ascension-sierramadre.com).

Contact Persons: Jobi 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

*Respectfully submitted, Mike Beach, Presence Ministry Leader*

## Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to report that Church of The Ascension had better financial results in 2019 than were budgeted. The general fund operating deficit was (\$19,775.13) favorably compared to the (\$22,359) budgeted amount. In December 2019, \$15,000 was transferred from the church's investment portfolio to meet cash needs. Note: owing mostly to a timing of payments issue, The Gooden School rental income was approximately \$6000 less than budgeted.

Parishioners pledged \$220,881 for 2019 and \$215,436 was received; however, plate giving was \$31,820, exceeding the \$22,000 that was budgeted and resulted in an income amount of \$247,256, amounting to \$4,375 higher than budgeted.

For 2020, the Vestry has adopted a budget with a (\$30,221) operating deficit to be offset by the application of \$15,000 in investment income and \$13,720 in income from the Fr. Wood house.

The Church's Merrill Lynch investment portfolio performed very well in 2019, ending the year at a total value of \$418,038.41, with market gains of \$49,644.28. The non-cash allocation was invested in 50.73% fixed income and 49.27% in equities.

Thanks to the generosity of several parishioners, the church received several significant gifts of stock which further strengthened the value of our portfolio.

The Investment Committee met and along with our professional financial advisor identified a fund that underperformed in 2019 relative to the other three in the portfolio and replaced it for 2020. Also, due to expected increase cash demands, the committee agreed to temporarily realign a greater proportion of the dividend income for 2020 into more liquid holdings.

Due to expenses related to repairs necessary to make the Fr. Wood house ready to rent, \$14,905.39 plus property taxes, in 2019 the property resulted in negative income. With a full year's amount of rent payments, it is expected that the property will result in a modest revenue stream in 2020 as noted above.

Thank you to the members of the Investment Committee: Cameron Cox, Mark Keith, Gordon Tomaske, Lavette Teague, and Rob Stockly for their service and insight as stewards of the Church's assets. Also, a very special thank you to Kim Lumino for her hard work and support.

*Respectfully submitted, Dan Hanson, Treasurer*

**Church of the Ascension – Balance Sheet – All Funds – December 2019**

Accounts	Current Balance (Last Year)	Current Balance (This Year)	
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Assets - Investments</b>			
1104.09.02 - DIT - Endowment Fund	\$730.39	\$866.35	
1104.11.01 - M/L - General Fund	\$10,477.78	\$4,006.27	
1104.11.02 - M/L - Endowment Fund	\$101,539.86	\$118,814.40	
1104.11.04 - M/L - Property Improvement Fun	\$109.93	\$16,967.41	
1104.11.05 - M/L - Memorial Fund	\$6,947.50	\$8,129.45	
1104.11.06 - M/L - Memorial Garden Fund	\$8,809.35	\$7,967.79	
1104.11.08 - M/L - Outreach Fund	\$3,218.69	\$3,766.27	
1104.11.09 - M/L - Historic Building Fund	\$51,303.13	\$60,031.11	
1104.11.15 - M/L - Clergy Housing Fund	\$169,516.57	\$198,355.71	
<b>Total Assets - Investments</b>		<b>\$350,653.20</b>	<b>\$418,904.76</b>
<b>Assets - Cash</b>			
1001.01.01 - Citizens - General Fund	\$34,847.73	\$15,344.03	
1001.01.02 - Citizens - Endowment Fund	\$7,366.06	\$7,366.06	
1001.01.04 - Citizens -Property Improvement	\$8,210.60	\$30,138.00	
1001.01.05 - Citizens - Memorial Fund	\$14,720.74	\$14,905.74	
1001.01.06 - Citizens - Memorial Garden Fun	\$311.72	\$1,524.13	
1001.01.07 - Citizens -Continuing Education F	(\$1,308.71)	(\$2,586.91)	
1001.01.08 - Citizens - Outreach Fund	\$603.96	\$603.96	
1001.01.09 - Citizens - Historic Building Fund	(\$941.58)	(\$941.58)	
1001.01.16 - Citizens - Wood House Fund	\$4,971.41	(\$714.17)	
1090.00.01 - Petty Cash	\$30.00	\$44.83	
<b>Total Assets - Cash</b>		<b>\$68,811.93</b>	<b>\$65,684.09</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$419,465.13</b>	<b>\$484,588.85</b>
<b>Liabilities, Fund Principal, &amp; Restricted Funds</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Liabilities - Taxes</b>			
1531.02.01 - Rector's Annuity Withholding	\$169.27	\$170.27	
<b>Total Liabilities - Taxes</b>		<b>\$169.27</b>	<b>\$170.27</b>
<b>Liabilities - Miscellaneous</b>			
1520.01.01 - Amounts Due Rector's Discretion	\$1,639.79	\$1,902.29	
1520.02.09 - Amounts Due Archives	\$205.38	\$205.38	
1520.03.01 - Amounts Due Church of Jerusel	\$0.00	\$20.00	
1520.04.01 - Amounts Due Youth Program	\$887.30	\$818.20	
1520.09.01 - Music Discretionary Account	\$878.75	\$895.30	
1520.11.01 - Amounts Due Daughters of the I	\$222.35	\$322.35	
1520.12.01 - Amounts Due Coffee Hour	\$352.14	\$271.38	
1520.13.06 - Amounts Due Memorial Garden	\$2,113.56	\$3,765.97	
1520.14.01 - Amounts Due Fellowship/Hospit	\$1,196.50	\$1,309.01	
1520.15.01 - Amounts Due Forum/Adult Ed. E	(\$626.83)	(\$1.14)	
1520.17.04 - Amounts Due Property Improver	\$3,200.00	\$1,200.00	
1520.18.01 - Amounts Due Elizabeth Levie	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	
1520.23.01 - Amounts Due Village Voioes	\$2,385.60	\$2,385.60	
1520.26.01 - Amounts Due Worship Supplies	\$163.56	\$107.43	
1520.29.01 - Amounts Due 2018 Childcare Pc	\$1,246.60	\$1,246.60	
1520.32.01 - Amounts Due Pre Paid 2019 Ple	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	
1520.33.04 - Amounts Due Roof-Interior	\$0.00	\$13,737.34	
1520.34.04 - Amounts Due Roof-Exterior	\$0.00	\$36,073.49	
1520.35.01 - Amounts Due Pre Paid 2020 Ple	\$0.00	\$300.00	
<b>Total Liabilities - Miscellaneous</b>		<b>\$25,864.70</b>	<b>\$68,559.20</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>\$26,033.97</b>	<b>\$68,729.47</b>
<b>Fund Principal</b>			
9999.00.01 - Fund Principal - GF	\$31,279.98	\$24,635.10	
9999.00.02 - Fund Principal - EF	\$115,254.50	\$109,636.31	
9999.00.04 - Fund Principal - PIF	\$1,698.70	\$5,120.53	
9999.00.05 - Fund Principal - MF	\$20,699.15	\$21,668.24	
9999.00.06 - Fund Principal - MGF	\$5,440.84	\$5,007.51	
9999.00.07 - Fund Principal - CEF	(\$1,466.21)	(\$1,308.71)	
9999.00.08 - Fund Principal - OF	\$4,105.19	\$3,822.65	
9999.00.09 - Fund Principal - HBF	\$53,174.28	\$50,361.55	
9999.00.15 - Fund Principal - CHF	\$178,810.47	\$169,516.57	
9999.00.16 - Fund Principal - WHF	\$5,000.00	\$4,971.41	
Excess Cash Received	(\$20,565.74)	\$22,428.22	
<b>Total Fund Principal and Excess Cash Received</b>		<b>\$393,431.16</b>	<b>\$415,859.38</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
Total Temporarily Restricted	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Permanently Restricted	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Fund Principal, &amp; Restricted Funds</b>		<b>\$419,465.13</b>	<b>\$484,588.85</b>

**Church of the Ascension – All Funds/YTD – through December 2019**

Accounts	Annual Budget (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	% of Annual Budget Used (This Year)
<b>Income</b>			
<b>Operating Income</b>			
1751.00.01 - Plate Offerings - GF	\$22,000.00	\$31,820.14	144.64 %
1752.00.01 - Pledge Payments	\$220,881.00	\$215,436.00	97.53 %
1755.00.01 - Investment Income - GF	\$0.00	\$116.22	0.00 %
1756.00.01 - Contribution & Legacies - GF	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00 %
1756.01.01 - Other Income - GF	\$1,200.00	\$724.04	60.34 %
1756.05.01 - Facilities Use Income	\$7,500.00	\$8,432.50	112.43 %
1756.06.01 - Gooden School Rent	\$51,000.00	\$44,958.00	88.15 %
1756.07.01 - Gooden School - Utility Reimburse	\$9,000.00	\$9,128.52	101.43 %
1756.08.01 - Filming Facility Use Income	\$700.00	\$0.00	0.00 %
1757.00.01 - Holy Days Offerings	\$5,500.00	\$5,954.50	108.26 %
1762.01.16 - Wood House Rent - WHF	\$0.00	\$17,500.00	0.00 %
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$318,781.00</b>	<b>\$334,069.92</b>	<b>104.80 %</b>
<b>Non-Operating Income</b>			
1755.00.02 - Investment Income - EF	\$0.00	\$3,451.06	0.00 %
1755.00.04 - Investment Income - PIF	\$0.00	\$492.13	0.00 %
1755.00.05 - Investment Income - MF	\$0.00	\$235.79	0.00 %
1755.00.06 - Investment Income - MGF	\$0.00	\$231.10	0.00 %
1755.00.08 - Investment Income - OF	\$0.00	\$109.24	0.00 %
1755.00.09 - Investment Income - HBF	\$0.00	\$1,741.17	0.00 %
1755.00.15 - Investment Income - CHF	\$0.00	\$5,753.20	0.00 %
1756.00.05 - Contributions & Legacies - MF	\$0.00	\$185.00	0.00 %
1756.00.06 - Contributions & Legacies - MGF	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	0.00 %
1756.00.07 - Contributions & Legacies - CEF	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	0.00 %
1761.04.04 - Perry Restoration Project Income	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	0.00 %
2760.00.01 - Unrealized G/L on Investments - GF	\$0.00	\$466.27	0.00 %
2760.00.02 - Unrealized G/L on Investments - EF	\$0.00	\$13,959.44	0.00 %
2760.00.04 - Unrealized G/L on Investments - PIF	\$0.00	\$1,974.78	0.00 %
2760.00.05 - Unrealized G/L on Investments - MF	\$0.00	\$946.16	0.00 %
2760.00.06 - Unrealized G/L on Investments - MGF	\$0.00	\$927.34	0.00 %
2760.00.08 - Unrealized G/L on Investments - OF	\$0.00	\$438.34	0.00 %
2760.00.09 - Unrealized G/L on Investments - HBF	\$0.00	\$6,986.81	0.00 %
2760.00.15 - Unrealized G/L on Investments - CHF	\$0.00	\$23,085.94	0.00 %
<b>Total Non-Operating Income</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$64,983.77</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$318,781.00</b>	<b>\$399,053.69</b>	<b>125.18 %</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
1864.00.01 - Diocesan Assessment	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	100.00 %
1867.01.01 - Salaries - Clergy	\$27,000.00	\$26,899.86	99.63 %
1867.02.01 - Salaries - Custodial	\$13,000.00	\$13,270.00	102.08 %
1867.03.01 - Salaries - Organist Chormaster	\$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	\$5,310.16	88.50 %
1867.07.01 - Pension Premiums	\$17,500.00	\$18,677.04	106.73 %
1867.08.01 - Employee Insurance & Benefits	\$24,000.00	\$23,294.41	97.06 %
1867.09.01 - Utility Expense	\$24,000.00	\$24,209.74	100.87 %
1867.10.01 - Office, Bookkeeping & Printing	\$9,200.00	\$9,077.72	98.67 %
1867.11.01 - Housing Stipend	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.06	100.00 %
1867.12.01 - Church & Kitchen Supplies	\$1,400.00	\$1,577.03	112.64 %
1867.15.01 - Property & Liability Insurance	\$30,000.00	\$30,907.00	103.02 %
1867.16.01 - Telephone	\$3,100.00	\$3,123.09	100.74 %
1867.17.01 - Communion Bread & Wine	\$400.00	\$36.20	9.05 %
1867.21.01 - Repair & Maint. to Property - GF	\$4,000.00	\$8,971.27	224.28 %
1867.22.01 - Taxes on Property	\$2,500.00	\$2,519.26	100.77 %
1867.26.01 - Advertising	\$1,300.00	\$1,977.44	152.11 %
1867.27.01 - Adult Christian Education	\$250.00	\$160.00	64.00 %
1867.28.01 - Salaries - Childcare	\$3,040.00	\$144.00	4.74 %
1867.30.01 - Other Expenses - GF	\$400.00	\$100.06	25.01 %
1867.32.01 - Supply Organist	\$800.00	\$200.00	25.00 %
1867.34.01 - Assist Clergy	\$14,900.00	\$12,575.00	84.40 %
1867.35.01 - Postage Expense	\$600.00	\$634.11	105.68 %
1867.40.01 - Furniture, Fixtures & Equip. - GF	\$1,300.00	\$465.54	35.81 %
1867.55.01 - Children's Christian Ed.	\$300.00	\$0.00	0.00 %
1867.56.01 - Salaries-Youth Minister	\$14,200.00	\$10,400.00	73.24 %
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	\$250.00	\$0.00	0.00 %
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$341,140.00</b>	<b>\$336,228.83</b>	<b>98.56 %</b>
<b>Non-operating Expenses</b>			
1867.21.04 - Repair & Maint. to Property - PIF	\$0.00	\$1,750.00	0.00 %
1867.21.06 - Repair & Maintenance - MGF	\$0.00	\$2,090.00	0.00 %
1867.21.16 - Repair & Maintenance - WHF	\$0.00	\$14,905.39	0.00 %
1867.30.04 - Other Expenses - PIF	\$0.00	\$6,315.00	0.00 %
1867.30.06 - Other Expenses - MGF	\$0.00	\$350.00	0.00 %
1867.30.07 - Other Expenses - CEF	\$0.00	\$200.00	0.00 %
1867.30.16 - Other Expenses - WHF	\$0.00	\$55.63	0.00 %
1867.36.07 - Conference Expenses - CEF	\$0.00	\$2,078.20	0.00 %
1867.66.04 - Perry Restoration Project Expenses	\$0.00	\$4,427.86	0.00 %
1867.68.16 - Utilities Wood House - WHF	\$0.00	\$450.73	0.00 %
1867.70.16 - Property Taxes - WHF	\$0.00	\$7,773.83	0.00 %
<b>Total Non-operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$40,396.64</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$341,140.00</b>	<b>\$376,625.47</b>	<b>110.40 %</b>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>(\$22,359.00)</b>	<b>\$22,428.22</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>

Church of the Ascension – General Fund/YTD – through December 2019

Accounts	Annual Budget (This Year)	YTD Actual (This Year)	% of Annual Budget Used (This Year)
<b>Income</b>			
<b>Operating Income</b>			
1751.00.01 - Plate Offerings - GF	\$22,000.00	\$31,820.14	144.64 %
1752.00.01 - Pledge Payments	\$220,881.00	\$215,436.00	97.53 %
1755.00.01 - Investment Income - GF	\$0.00	\$116.22	0.00 %
1756.00.01 - Contribution & Legacies - GF	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.00 %
1756.01.01 - Other Income - GF	\$1,200.00	\$724.04	60.34 %
1756.05.01 - Facilities Use Income	\$7,500.00	\$8,432.50	112.43 %
1756.06.01 - Gooden School Rent	\$51,000.00	\$44,958.00	88.15 %
1756.07.01 - Gooden School - Utility Reimburseme	\$9,000.00	\$9,128.52	101.43 %
1756.08.01 - Filming Facility Use Income	\$700.00	\$0.00	0.00 %
1757.00.01 - Holy Days Offerings	\$5,500.00	\$5,954.50	108.26 %
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$318,781.00</b>	<b>\$316,569.92</b>	<b>99.31 %</b>
<b>Non-Operating Income</b>			
2760.00.01 - Unrealized G/L on Investments - GF	\$0.00	\$466.27	0.00 %
<b>Total Non-Operating Income</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$466.27</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$318,781.00</b>	<b>\$317,036.19</b>	<b>99.45 %</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>Operating Expenses</b>			
1864.00.01 - Diocesan Assessment	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	100.00 %
1867.01.01 - Salaries - Clergy	\$27,000.00	\$26,899.86	99.63 %
1867.02.01 - Salaries - Custodial	\$13,000.00	\$13,270.00	102.08 %
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	\$5,310.16	88.50 %
1867.07.01 - Pension Premiums	\$17,500.00	\$18,677.04	106.73 %
1867.08.01 - Employee Insurance & Benefits	\$24,000.00	\$23,294.41	97.06 %
1867.09.01 - Utility Expense	\$24,000.00	\$24,209.74	100.87 %
1867.10.01 - Office, Bookkeeping & Printing	\$9,200.00	\$9,077.72	98.67 %
1867.11.01 - Housing Stipend	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.06	100.00 %
1867.12.01 - Church & Kitchen Supplies	\$1,400.00	\$1,577.03	112.64 %
1867.15.01 - Property & Liability Insurance	\$30,000.00	\$30,907.00	103.02 %
1867.16.01 - Telephone	\$3,100.00	\$3,123.09	100.74 %
1867.17.01 - Communion Bread & Wine	\$400.00	\$36.20	9.05 %
1867.21.01 - Repair & Maint. to Property - GF	\$4,000.00	\$8,971.27	224.28 %
1867.22.01 - Taxes on Property	\$2,500.00	\$2,519.26	100.77 %
1867.26.01 - Advertising	\$1,300.00	\$1,977.44	152.11 %
1867.27.01 - Adult Christian Education	\$250.00	\$160.00	64.00 %
1867.28.01 - Salaries - Childcare	\$3,040.00	\$144.00	4.74 %
1867.30.01 - Other Expenses - GF	\$400.00	\$100.06	25.01 %
1867.32.01 - Supply Organist	\$800.00	\$200.00	25.00 %
1867.34.01 - Assist Clergy	\$14,900.00	\$12,575.00	84.40 %
1867.35.01 - Postage Expense	\$600.00	\$634.11	105.68 %
1867.40.01 - Furniture, Fixtures & Equip. - GF	\$1,300.00	\$465.54	35.81 %
1867.55.01 - Children's Christian Ed.	\$300.00	\$0.00	0.00 %
1867.56.01 - Salaries-Youth Minister	\$14,200.00	\$10,400.00	73.24 %
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	\$250.00	\$0.00	0.00 %
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$341,140.00</b>	<b>\$336,228.83</b>	<b>98.56 %</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$341,140.00</b>	<b>\$336,228.83</b>	<b>98.56 %</b>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>(\$22,359.00)</b>	<b>(\$19,192.64)</b>	<b>0.00 %</b>

**2020 Working Budget – Adopted by the Vestry**

	2018	2019	2020	
<b>Income</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>20 vs. '19 fcst</b>
Plate Offerings	30,496	22,000	26,500	4,500
Pledges	219,172	220,881	221,000	119
Contributions and Legacies - GF	10,000	1,000		(1,000)
Other Income	178	1,200	850	(350)
Donations for Facilities Use	6,580	7,500	7,500	-
Filming	400	700	700	-
Gooden School	49,958	51,000	51,000	-
Gooden School - Utility Reimbursement	9,456	9,000	9,000	-
Holy Day Offerings	7,162	5,500	5,500	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>333,403</b>	<b>318,781</b>	<b>322,050</b>	<b>(14,622)</b>
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>20 vs. '19</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Diocesan Assessment	22,000	24,000	24,480	480
Salaries - Clergy	30,361	27,000	27,170	170
Housing Stipend - Rector *	66,539	70,000	70,700	700
Assisting Clergy (Housing Stipend) **	12,575	14,900	16,460	1,560
Salaries - Custodial	12,984	13,000	13,366	366
				-
Salaries - Organist Choirmaster	20,900	20,900	21,318	418
Mileage Reimbursement - Organist	900	900	900	-
Salaries - Parish Administrator	24,700	24,700	25,194	494
Salary - New Venture Ministry	14,200	14,200	10,400	(3,800)
Salary Taxes	5,713	6,000	6,180	180
Pension Premiums	17,442	17,500	19,237	1,737
Employee Insurance and Benefits	21,353	24,000	25,512	1,512
Utility Expense	24,374	24,000	24,720	720
Office, Bookkeeping and Printing	10,302	9,200	9,476	276
Church and Kitchen Supplies	23	1,400	1,600	200
Property and Liability Insurance	37,014	30,000	30,900	900
Telephone	3,122	3,100	3,162	62
Altar Supplies (Communion Bread and Wine)	360	400	400	-
Filming Facility Use Expense	130	250	250	-
Repair and Maintenance to Property GF	7,791	4,000	8,776	4,776
Taxes on Property	2,571	2,500	2,550	50
Advertising	1,388	1,300	1,600	300
Adult Christian Education	196	250	250	-
Children's Christian Education	-	300	300	-
Child Care	108	3,040	3,040	-
Other Expenses - GF	319	400	400	-
Pastoral Care Expense	1,200	1,200	1,200	-
Supply Organist	-	800	800	-
Postage Expense	706	600	630	30
Conference Expenses - GF	-	-	-	-
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment - GF	749	1,300	1,300	-
Archive Committee	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>340,020</b>	<b>341,140</b>	<b>352,271</b>	<b>1,120</b>
<b>Income/(Deficit) From Operations</b>	<b>(6,617)</b>	<b>(22,359)</b>	<b>(30,221)</b>	<b>(15,742)</b>
Divident Income	20,079	15,000	15,000	-
House Income (Net)			13,720	(20,770)
<b>Adjusted Total</b>	<b>13,462</b>	<b>(7,359)</b>	<b>(1,501)</b>	<b>(36,512)</b>

\* 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

## Our Structure for Ministry

