

**98<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**  
**St. James Episcopal Church**  
**Wichita, Kansas**  
Sunday, January 28, 2018

**2017 ANNUAL REPORT**

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**I. MEETING AGENDA**

Call to Order .....	<i>Erin Compton, Sr. Warden</i>
Opening Prayer .....	<i>Sarah C. Stewart, Associate Rector</i>
Opening Hymn .....	<i>Spread, O spread, thou mighty word</i>
Necrology .....	<i>Deedee Evans, Deacon</i>
Nominations and Elections .....	<i>Erin Compton, Sr. Warden</i>
Endowment Funds Report .....	<i>Richard Bonman, President</i>
2018 Budget .....	<i>Adrienne Edwards, Treasurer</i>
State of the Parish .....	<i>Erin Compton, Sr. Warden</i>
100th Anniversary of the Parish .....	<i>Dawn Frankfurt, Rector</i>
Acknowledgements .....	<i>Dawn Frankfurt, Rector</i>
Reports and Announcements .....	<i>Erin Compton, Sr. Warden</i>
Election Results .....	<i>Dawn Frankfurt, Rector</i>
Closing Announcements .....	<i>Dawn Frankfurt, Rector</i>
Adjournment .....	<i>Dawn Frankfurt, Rector</i>

## II. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND THANKS

### 2017 VESTRY

The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt, Rector  
The Rev. Sarah Stewart, Associate Rector  
Erin Compton, Senior Warden (2018)  
Woody Swain, Junior Warden (2018)  
Delmar Klocke (2018)  
Connie Timmons (2018)  
Robin Spurrier (2018)  
George Bousfield (2019)  
Kelly Harper (2019)  
Joan Moore (2019)  
Matt Carroll (2020)  
Georgie Drake (2020)  
Joy Marlin (2020)

#### Also Serving with the Vestry:

Adrienne Edwards, *Treasurer*  
Pam McCausland, *Clerk*

### 2017 ENDOWMENT FUNDS BOARD

Richard Bowman (2020)  
Tom Zerger (2020)  
Sue Abdinnour (2019)  
Jeff Newlin (2019)  
Hew Goodpasture (2018)  
Tom Gossen (2018)

#### Also serving on the Board:

Adrienne Edwards, *Treasurer*  
The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt, *Rector*

### 2017 CONVENTION DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

#### Delegates:

Helen Bousfield (2019)  
Randy Harrison (2019)  
Beth Criss (2018)  
Bill Moss (2018)  
Rick Wulf (2018)

#### Alternates:

Colleen Didier (2019)  
Jeanie Hans (2019)  
Deb Brinegar (2018)  
Tom Gossen (2018)  
Michael Kephart (2018)

### 2017 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

#### Elected:

Marie Guldjord  
Mary Halley  
Susan Picotte  
Marcia Wilder  
Peggy Zerger

#### Also Serving:

Erin Compton, Senior. Warden  
Robin Spurrier, Vestry

#### Clerk of the 2018 Annual Meeting

Pam McCausland

*(Dates refer to the year of the January Annual Meeting when members complete their term.)*

## THE NECROLOGY

*Katharine Burns*  
01/05/2017

*Aldee (Al) Miller*  
01/12/2017

*Matt Mitchell*  
01/17/2017

*John Howell*  
01/22/2017

*Payne (Darb) Ratner*  
02/11/2017

*Grant Graybill*  
06/17/2017

*Bruce Fitts*  
06/18/2017

*Harold Lebr*  
06/18/2017

*Brenda Wright*  
08/10/2017

*Roger Nyenbuis*  
08/15/2017

*Betty Blair*  
08/19/2017

*Larry Anderson*  
10/28/2017

*Holly Bell*  
12/20/2017

*Wanda Sanders*  
12/27/2017

*Everett Stephenson, Jr.*  
12/28/2017

*Carol McEwen*  
01/04/2018

### III. ELECTION INFORMATION AND NOMINEES

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

Everyone elected to a position at the Annual Meeting takes office immediately upon adjournment of the meeting. All people holding elected positions (whether elected this year or before) will be commissioned at the 10:45 a.m. worship service, on Sunday, February 4, 2018.

According to our parish bylaws, elections at the annual meeting are to be held in this order: “The Senior Warden shall be elected first and then the Junior Warden followed by the remaining elections, each category by separate ballot.” When we cast our ballots, as in civil elections, the way we choose to vote is secret. The ballots are written, except when there is only one nominee for an office. In that case, we may take a voice vote.

#### VESTRY ELECTIONS

##### INFORMATION FOR AND EXPECTATIONS OF WARDENS AND VESTRY MEMBERS

Vestry members are well-prepared attendees of all vestry meetings. Each vestry member serves as a liaison to a parish committee and participates fully in the meetings and activities of that ministry in addition to vestry obligations. Regular attendance at worship services and parish events is expected. Vestry members lead the congregation in many ways, including their financial giving to the parish. All vestry members make an annual pledge and strive to tithe. They openly and transparently serve as official communicators between the vestry and the congregation. They are a council of advice for the Rector. The 2018 vestry meetings are scheduled each month, except July. Vestry meetings are usually on the third Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm in the lounge. There is one vestry retreat per year. The February vestry meeting is scheduled jointly with the Endowment Funds Board at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, February 22, 2018.

##### WARDEN NOMINEES

**Senior Warden** (elect one for a one year term): **Erin Compton** (third year - maximum is three consecutive years)



**Erin Compton** - Erin has been an active member of St. James since her confirmation in 2007. She has been a member of the Vestry and currently serves as Senior Warden. Erin is a member of the St. James Choir. You may see her at S. James with her family: husband, Rob - Adult Forum leader and member of the St. James Choir; daughter, Kennedy - youth group member; and son, William - Chorister, Acolyte and youth group member.

**Junior Warden** (elect one for a one year term): **Woody Swain** (second year - maximum is three consecutive years)



**Woody Swain** - In June 2014 I retired from Koch Industries after 36 years. I grew up in Wichita and joined St. James in 1988, when we relocated back to Wichita from Chicago. While at St. James, I've served on the Vestry, taught Sunday School, helped lead the Youth Group and worked at the Oyster Dinners. I usually attend the 8:30 am Sunday service, and currently I volunteer weekly at ESS.

### III. ELECTION INFORMATION AND NOMINEES

#### VESTRY ELECTIONS

**Election of Members of the Vestry** for a three (3) year term shall be by one ballot. Each elector may vote for as many nominees as there are positions to be filled. The appropriate number of nominees receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. (*Article V. Section 6. E.*)

**VESTRY MEMBER NOMINEES** (elect three for three year terms):



**Clay Bastian**

Clay is a life-long resident of Wichita and member of St. James Church. He graduated in 1979 from the University of Kansas with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Business Administration. He has previously served on the Vestry, St. James Trust, Endowment Committee, and Finance Committee. Clay has been married to Kate for 30 years and they have two adult children, Peter and Meredith.



**Delmar Klocke**

Retired executive vice president from Linder and Associates, I grew up in Wichita and joined St. James in 2006. While at St. James I've served on the Vestry, Endowment Fund Board and After-School program Board. I have assisted the Vestry identifying issues and projects that need attention with the building and grounds.



**Cheryl Schmeidler**

Cheryl is a native Wichitan and has been a member of St. James since 2004. She is a 1992 graduate of Wichita State University and holds degrees in both K-12 Education as well as in Sports Business with a minor in Business Administration. Cheryl works as a Commodity Manager for Textron and volunteers as the Chair of the Board of Directors for Textron's Management Association. She treasures volunteering as a leader of fourteen 7<sup>th</sup> grade Cadette Girl Scouts as well as coaching a club volleyball team where her daughter Lauren plays. Cheryl has held many volunteer positions in the Wichita community, the latest was as a member of the Board of EMS for Sedgwick County. At St. James, Cheryl enjoyed helping with Sunday school while her daughter participated and helping with the Youth when not singing in the choir. This community inspires passion and open's opportunities for growth. Cheryl is eager participate in that growth.



**Rick Wulf**

My family and I have been members of St. James Family since 1992. I've been married to Lynn for 45 years, have two children and six grandchildren. Having been Jr. Warden and a member of the Vestry in the past, I'm well aware of the commitment and dedication required to run the church. I can be seen most Sundays in choir or as a lector or Eucharistic minister. I've fried up more oysters than most fry cooks in New Orleans. I am currently a delegate and last May graduated EfM. I will be happy to serve my church family in whatever position asked of me.

#### INFORMATION FOR AND EXPECTATIONS OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

Delegates are members of the Southwest Convocation Board and the Diocesan Convention, and act as representatives of this parish, speaking for this parish and bringing information back to this parish. They shall attend all Southwest Convocation Board meetings and Diocesan Convention and report back to the Vestry within thirty days following adjournment of each.

One of the most serious responsibilities of delegates and alternates is to review the annual diocesan budget at convocation meetings and to vote to approve a budget at the annual convention of the Diocese. Therefore, Delegates and Alternates attend all meetings of the Southwest Convocation. These are typically held on a quarterly basis and usually on Saturdays. In 2018, elected Delegates will attend Diocesan Convention October 19 and 20 in Topeka. St. James Church pays for the convention registration fee, convention meals and hotel accommodations for Delegates. If a Delegate is unable to attend, then an Alternate attends in his/her place and receives reimbursement in that circumstance.

### III. ELECTION INFORMATION AND NOMINEES

#### DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE ELECTIONS

##### DELEGATE NOMINEES (elect three to a two year term):



##### **Diane Gossen**

I was confirmed in the Episcopal church in 1972 and St. James has been my home since 2002. Finding the Episcopal church really has been finding my spiritual home. I love the liturgy, the sacraments, the music but most of all I love our openness to inclusion and change. My service at St. James includes being a member of the previously named St. James Trust and one year as chair and contributing to The Olde English Tea. I am a retired clinical social worker and recent Master Gardener.



##### **Tom Gossen**

Tom is retired from careers in architecture & engineering as a founding partner of Gossen Livingston Associates (now GLMV Architecture); and as founding executive director of TENS, The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (an international organization serving dioceses and congregations). Service to the wider Episcopal Church includes six years as a member of the Executive Council and a total of 12 years on the Standing Commission on Stewardship and Development. In the Diocese of KS he served two terms as deputy to General Convention plus three additional terms as an alternate deputy, and for 12 years chaired the Commission on Stewardship and Development. As a member of St. Christopher's and St. Alban's he served multiple terms on vestry, as Sr. Warden and as a convention delegate. Since 2002 Tom has been an active member of St. James serving on the Vestry, the Endowment Funds Board (two terms), and as a lay reader.



##### **Jeri Moss**

I have been an Episcopalian over 32 years. Bill and I have attended St. James for 17 years. I have come to love this church and all the programs constantly being provided to the parishioners. I am a member of the Daughters of the King and served as president for two years. I have served as a SW Convocation delegate in the past and helped to organize a pastoral care group that provides food to people coming home from the hospital, etc. I have volunteered to help with the Old English Tea, the Oyster Feed, and the Newcomers group throughout the years. I recently started answering the phone and greeting people at the front desk one morning a week. The life of volunteering at St. James is always an adventure and a special experience.



##### **Bill Moss**

I am married to Jeri who introduced me to the Episcopal church in 1995. I joined St. Alban's Episcopal Church the same year. I spend my time with my family, playing golf, and woodworking. I have had the pleasure to serve on the Vestry and as a delegate to the Southwest Convocation. I enjoy working the Oyster Feed and helping with office mailings. It is an honor to be asked to represent St. James as a delegate.



##### **Necia Rillema**

When my husband, Paul, and I became members of St. James in 1999, we discovered a church home with rich opportunities for worship and personal spiritual growth. I have participated in Education for Ministry (EfM) as a student and mentor and am a member of the graduate EfM study group. I am an active member of ECW and a member of Daughters of the King. I have served two 3 year terms as an alternative delegate to the Southwest Convocation in the past. Being an Eucharistic Minister continues to be a meaningful part of my life at St. James. As a librarian, I am enjoying the work of building and maintaining the library at St. James. Our memorial books and donated volumes are a resource for St. James members to read and enjoy. I have been an active docent at the Wichita Art Museum for ten years and I continue to be an oil painting student at Mark Arts.



##### **Paul Rillema**

Necia and I have been members of St. James since 1999. Since then I have served on the Vestry, as Jr. Warden, as an Alternate Delegate and as an Usher. Currently I am an EfM co-mentor (Education for Ministry) which meets every Thursday evening from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm. It would be an honor to represent St. James as one of its Delegates at the Southwest convocations and the annual Diocese Convention.

### III. ELECTION INFORMATION AND NOMINEES

#### ENDOWMENT FUNDS BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS

##### INFORMATION FOR AND EXPECTATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE ENDOWMENT FUNDS BOARD

Members of the St. James Perpetual Memorial and Endowment Funds Board (EFB) are expected to receive and be familiar with the financial statements and legal documents of the Perpetual Memorial and Endowment Fund (PMEF). This responsibility assumes a basic understanding of financial investment. Members meet monthly, typically on the fourth Thursday of the month. Members of the EFB discuss and propose long-term investment objectives and manage one of the parish's most important assets, the funds in the PMEF. This is a responsibility which requires not only familiarity with the parish and financial investment, but the ability to plan for the future and to pray for and trust in God's guidance for the work set before us. The EFB makes quarterly reports to the vestry, recommends action to the vestry and manages transactions. The EFB will develop and implement programs designed to grow the good which can be done through the PMEF. The February EFB meeting is scheduled jointly with the vestry on February 16 at 6:30 pm.

##### ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD NOMINEES (elect two for three year terms)



##### **Louise Brinegar**

Louise is a life long Wichitan, Episcopalian and St. James member. She and her husband, Gene Carr, are active with Guild Hall Players. Louise has served as a vestry member, Junior Warden, Senior Warden and as a Trust Committee member (prior to the name change to Endowment Fund). She is a convener for the Graduate EFM group. Louise has her securities and insurance licenses and has worked at S J Prill Financial and Investment Planning (a branch of Raymond James & Associates) for nearly 20 years. Louise and Gene enjoy keeping up with his children, WSU Basketball, running a vintage resale business, remodeling homes into rental properties, entertaining in their home and parenting three dogs.



##### **Hew Goodpasture**

I am a retired physician and a member of St James church for 12 years. I am currently completing a 3 year term on the Endowment Board.



##### **Jake Graybill**

I came to Wichita in 1967 following my graduation from Washburn Law School. I have practiced law in Wichita since then. My wife Susan and I raised our family in College Hill. In 2001 we transferred our membership from St. Stephen's to St. James. I have been a regular attendee and currently attend the Saturday 5:30 evening service. This is my first venture into a formal office of the church.



##### **Paul McCausland**

Paul is an attorney. He has been a member of the Wichita law firm of Young, Bogle, McCausland, Wells & Blanchard, P.A. since 1975. He maintains a full-time state and federal civil and criminal trial and appellate practice. Paul has three adult sons, Jeff, A. J. and Trent, and four grandchildren. His hobbies include sailing, reading history, biographies, theology and other non-fiction works, and playing the violin. Paul has been a member of St. James since 1996. Paul has served twice on the Vestry and for three years as chairman of the Stewardship Team. In 2013, he completed the Education for Ministries four-year certificate program for theological education offered at St. James through the Sewanee School of Theology.

### III. ELECTION INFORMATION AND NOMINEES

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBER ELECTIONS

At each Annual Meeting, five members are elected to the Nominating Committee who report at the next Annual Meeting. The election of Members of the Nominating Committee is on one ballot. The five nominees receiving the most votes will be elected Members of the Nominating Committee.

#### INFORMATION FOR AND EXPECTATIONS OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Five members are elected annually to use their knowledge of the parish and familiarity with its members to create a “slate” of nominees for elections to be held at the next Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee is given a very important responsibility by the members of the parish when elected to serve. This is a serious task which has great influence on the ministry of the parish. The work must be prayerfully and confidentially undertaken.

#### NOMINEES FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE *(elect five for a one year term)*



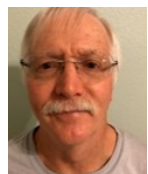
**Kate Bastian**

I was married to Clay at St. James over 30 years ago, and we have raised 2 children, Peter, 25 and Meredith 23. I am a community volunteer, and a mother of 2 dogs. I enjoy traveling, photography, and tennis.



**Alison Brookins**

I first began coming to St. James sporadically when I was in high school (40+ years ago). Over the years my participation increased. My husband William and I were married at St. James in 2001 and we have one son, Jayden, age 14. We are usually “Saturday nighters.” I’ve been employed by the Social Security Administration’s Office of Hearing Operations for 27 years., and I am a lifelong resident of the Wichita area.



**Barry Carroll**

Barry has attended St. James since 1985; he has served on the Vestry and was Junior Warden. He is married to Nancy. Barry’s son, Matt, is an Usher and serves as the Oystermeister; his two grandsons, Dylan and Colin, are active in the Youth Group. He and his family love St. James.



**Tim Flynn**

Senior Verger, Tim is a leader of volunteer servers in the liturgy. His ministry extends into many areas including technical and sound system support, outreach ministry and so many others. He shares the same address as the marvelous Deacon Peg Flynn.



**Susan Graybill**

I am married to Jake and we are proud grandparents of five-year-old Layla and one-year-old Hayes Mullen. We transferred our membership from St. Stephen’s to St. James in 2001. I have volunteered as a server for the Oyster Dinner, a part of the Olde English Tea fashion show, and a member of the After-School program Board. I currently attend the Saturday 5:30 evening service.



**Jeanie Hans**

Jeanie Hans has attended St. James for five years. She has been married to her husband, Jim, for 34 years and has two adult children. At St. James, she leads the team for All Souls Guild and is active in ECW and the Building and Grounds Committee. Jeanie is also a member of Daughters of the King. This year, Jeanie has enjoyed growing spiritually through EFM and attending various bible studies including the Thursday Spirited Study. During the Lenten season, Jeanie will be facilitating a class on The Enneagram which is a newly discovered passion of hers. She enjoys studying various subjects, reading, writing for local publications and walking her dogs.

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### III. ELECTION INFORMATION AND NOMINEES

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBER ELECTIONS



##### **Suzi Miner**

Suzi has taught Sunday school at St. James since 1997 and served on the Columbarium planning committee during the design and installation phase. She and her husband Craig enjoyed weekly worship and Bible study until his passing in 2010, and she continues to appreciate the nurture that the St. James community provides. She has volunteered with Episcopal Wichita Area Refugee Ministry and the St. James After School Program and has coordinated St. James' participation in the Wichita Alternative Gift Market for 19 years. In addition to Sunday school, her commitments include Bible study and the Restoration Project. She loves the beautiful language of the liturgy, the caring people in the parish, the enthusiasm of the children, and being able to walk to St. James for renewal of spirit.



##### **Debbie Stephens**

I first started coming to St. James in July, 1992 and was confirmed at the Cathedral in Topeka a year later. Prior to coming to Saint James I was "unchurched" so St. James and its members hold a special place in my life. I have been active in the past as a Sunday School teacher for 16 years, a Lay Eucharistic Minister for 10 years, and chair of the Nominating Committee. Currently I am on the Altar Guild and a member of the Outreach committee. I have worked as the office administrator at Reformation Lutheran Church for the past 14 years.

### IV. LEADERSHIP REPORTS

#### SENIOR WARDEN

*From Erin Compton*

Many years ago, we as a church began to talk about the concept of church growth and the expansion of our ministries. Would our successful, happy, firmly-defined pastoral church transform into a program church? More than ten years have passed since this question was first posed, and your church leaders have taken steps to facilitate the growth we began to envision all those years ago. Facilitating this kind of change is not easy. Your wise leaders acted with faith, not fear, and invested our time, talent, and treasure in the future, so that St. James' will continue to be a bright spot of God's love in our community. With each passing year we have become less and less parish-based and more and more program-based.

We are and always have been a gracious and welcoming group of people. I suspect it's one of the things we really love about one another. We love to receive new people and help them find their place to fit in, and I predict that we will be doing this more and more. This is a vital part of both our formal and informal ministry—connecting new members to existing members. As an existing member, introduce yourself to a newcomer but also to another existing member who might become a friend and help them make a deep and lasting connection to St. James. New people are coming to St. James each and every Sunday—I'm sure you've noticed. Be on the lookout and incorporate them into your groups. We may not know everyone, but everyone knows someone at St. James.

Several years ago I led a group of Vacation Bible School students. This group of elementary-age children seemed to be quick eaters, because after the snack session of our day, we often had extra time, so I incorporated a short walk into our daily activity. It became what I thought of as a spirit walk. We would walk outside and around the church and in through the red doors and I would say, "Whoosh!" to let the kids know that the Holy Spirit had just washed over us as we entered the building. The kids would fling up their arms and rain the spirit down on them. Down the Bride's Corridor and into the Nave and "Whoosh!" the Holy Spirit washed over us again. Through the Tower Room and into the Chapel, and "Whoosh!" The kids got really good at these spirit walks. After a few times, they started to walk in with purpose, crossing the thresholds with gusto and bravado. Their eyes would light up, and sometimes one would say, "Wow! I felt that one in my toes." Sometimes we would sit down on the floor and talk about the feeling of being close to God and in His presence, and more times than not, we were late to our next activity.

St. James' is a well-established, beautiful, urban church in a vibrant neighborhood with full clergy and support staffs, and an energetic and dedicated laity. *We've got it going on*—the other churches' eyebrows raise when they see our church walk by. I have spoken to many people who say that our worship service is exceptional. I suspect that more than a few of you have heard similar comments:



## IV. LEADERSHIP REPORTS

“I felt like I was in the presence of God.”

“The holy spirit touched me during that service.”

“The people here really love communion, don’t they?”

“What an inspiring building!”

“The choir sounded amazing.”

St. James’ has many gifts to share, and with each passing year, we share more and more. This is a special place.

This is evident in our budget for 2018. You will see that our ministries are expanding while our reliance on the Fleming bequest is decreasing. This is because of your continued commitment and generosity to St. James’. With this investment, we are well-positioned to make our quality work even more visible to our greater Episcopal and Wichita communities. Our reach is expanding and our leaders are looking at this potential with each new program we put forth. In the coming year, we look forward to expanding our community outreach and collaboration with other agencies, and I am especially excited to see us potentially host a national speaker at St. James in the coming year. With these and many more things to look forward to, let us go forth into this new year at St. James’ with gusto and bravado, and with our generosity, hospitality, love, and faith send God’s spirit into the world.

### RECTOR

*From The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt*

It has to be a good sign when looking back to report on the previous year, I feel that it is a daunting task because we have done so much. Our prayers that God would inspire our work in this place have been answered many fold. When the new 2018 vestry returns to the 2016 strategic plan at its first meetings this year, there will be a great sense of gratification for the progress God enabled in our ministry in 2017.

The Strategic Plan identified several areas for improvement and the vestry determined to focus on three in 2017: Buildings and Grounds, Stewardship, and Youth Programs.

Buildings and Grounds, with the leadership of Woody Swain, our Jr. Warden, the confidence of our vestry, and the support of the congregation, addressed big issues and completed big projects, both expected and unexpected. Many of these are detailed in the vestry minutes and again later in this report. One unexpectedly urgent area of concern for the Jr. Warden, Buildings and Grounds, and the vestry to deal with became safety and security after another mass shooting; one nearby at a church in Texas. Aware of the seriousness of the matter, the vestry reviewed a number of alternatives, considering options ranging from the use of armed, uniformed police officers present on Sundays, to versions of lock-down during worship, to high-tech security including light beacons and intercom systems. So far, we have increased the number of our security cameras, and we will continue to do so. This also requires updates to lighting in some situations. Instructions for what to do in case of an emergency have been made available at the front desk. We are considering safety training which can be offered to staff, volunteers, and the congregation at large.

As we consider these things, we are mindful that God has not called us to be people who live in fear. Living with faith in God releases us from fear – even when a life of faith in this world seems scary and irrational. Nothing can make senseless violence rational. Pray for those who suffer in mental distress. Pray that they might seek and find the help they need. Pray for all people who are hurt, damaged, wounded and in grief. Beseech our Lord for the healing of our broken world. If it is God’s will, let it begin with us.

The two other areas of the strategic plan which the vestry identified as target spots for 2017 were Stewardship and Youth Programs. Both have made strides this year: Stewardship under the leadership of Joan Moore, with her excellent committee and this generous congregation; and Youth Programs with the addition of Mother Sarah. Joining a strong team of leadership for our youth, Mother Sarah has begun to wrap her arms around this full-of-life-and-energy-and-possibility-ministry. Her report, along with others, is included in this booklet and makes the vestry’s decision to focus efforts in these three areas appear to have paid off well. Thank you to everyone who played a part.

The parish staff continues to evolve. Our bookkeeper of six years, Joyce Haynes, re-retired. To get us through the gap (of many months) while we worked on hiring a new bookkeeper, Adrienne Edwards, usually our volunteer parish treasurer, took on the bookkeeper job temporarily. In addition to identifying a great new candidate for the position, Adrienne worked even more than her usual number of tireless hours receiving and paying our bills, tracking our contributions and keeping up with our finances. In the fall we hired Donna Penner as our new bookkeeper. If you have not met her yet, stop by the office between 9:00 and 3:00 Monday through Thursday to be introduced. She is a pleasure to meet and to work with.

#### IV. LEADERSHIP REPORTS

The Parish of St. James, Wichita, KS will celebrate its One Hundredth anniversary in the year 2020! The actual date of our founding is June 4, 1920. A steering committee has been established to help our celebration preparations get off the ground and to run smoothly through 2020. Chairperson of the 100th Anniversary Steering Committee will be Kay Hoffman. Sue Reynolds will be Co-Chair. Many people have already been confirmed as members of the steering committee. As 2018 rolls along, a whole variety of ad-hoc working committees will begin to form. (Ad hoc means a committee comes into being for a single purpose and when that purpose has been met, the committee disbands.) There might be ad hoc working committees for an anniversary cookbook, an historical video, a gala event, etc. Bring your ideas, enthusiasm, and willingness to participate in the planning to the co-chairs of the Steering Committee. The next time you look, they'll have a box in the church office, and maybe, an email address, too!

Don't be daunted by this booklet which you hold in your hands. It is a document you can keep for reference through the year. You don't have to read it all at once. I'm happy, as I attempt to collect thoughts from the year now past, that I have gone from last January's 'just hoping to make it through the week' to being able to lift up my eyes; to feel hope down deep; and to know that the big picture, the journey ahead for St. James, looks so positive, so ripe with possibility. At night, when I'm thinking of what has happened during the day, and looking forward to the next, I have started thinking, "I can't wait to see what happens tomorrow!" God is calling this beloved community into a future where God's love will be known by us and shared with others! I can't wait to see how it will all unfold. God bless you. AMEN!

#### ASSOCIATE RECTOR

*From the Rev. Sarah Stewart*

"Love is a burning thing, and it makes a fiery ring." Soaking seared fingers—coil burners on mom's cooktop looked cool... naturally I had to touch them, and suffer my own burning ring!—I never knew June Carter Cash already had penned lyrics for my life. Her iconic hit has echoed in my mind since my first visit to Wichita, when I fell in love with the community at St. James Church. Wildly intoxicating as the song says, love emboldened me to answer your call, pulling off a cross-country move from New York City last June. Only after a first-hand encounter with Blackbear Bosin's *Keeper of the Plains* sculpture, illuminated by its mesmerizing ring of fire, did the Holy Spirit pyrotechnics pop: flaming tongues of fire to welcome me home!

I didn't grow up in the Midwest. But my beginnings were marked by love. And coming home to love is what joining this faith community has felt like. In one of T.S. Eliot's *Four Quartets*, the poet reflects, « We shall not cease from exploration/And the end of all our exploring/Will be to arrive where we started/And know the place for the first time. » Your gracious embrace has welcomed me as family member, priest, and friend. Learning customs that stoke this community's passion to know and love Jesus and to share God's love with neighbor and stranger has been an adventure in collaborative leadership that has set my soul aflame. Every time I witness your gifts for ministry, activated by the Holy Spirit and ignited with joyful generosity, I feel my deepening desire to dream big about all the ways we can nurture this beloved community in the coming years, setting our Christ-lights ablaze and stewarding this holy fire entrusted to us.

The contagious energy of parish life at St. James is irresistible. And letting God's transforming love burn within us will invite us to open ourselves to change. Perhaps not the moving thousands of miles away from home kind of change, but change that feels equally risky, at times, as we follow Jesus on his saving mission, calling the world home to love. Whether we struggle to trust or courageously surrender to this call to love and be loved, we find ourselves healed by the power that encircles and frees us, as we let love in. Forging connections with one another fuels us to go forth into the world, reaching out to those we have yet to meet and to know, touching them and letting them touch us with the love that transforms us in the sharing.

In my brief time with you as Associate Rector, I have glimpsed that vibrant spark of love intensifying. From the growing presence of young adults among us, to evolving Wednesday community meals that build relationships between new folks, who are beginning to make a home in our church, and long-time members of our parish, to stirring up new leaders among us, the Holy Spirit is *lighting it up* at St. James! Seasonal small groups are forming to afford fresh opportunities for study, spiritual reflection, and prayer, as we seek to strengthen the Body of Christ and equip ourselves as disciples of Jesus, eager to share his light with our world. Families continue to grow and thrive in the warmth of God's love. Our youth group leadership team welcomes back one of our very own youth, now grown: Tristan Holmberg, who returns from two years serving as Episcopal Church missionary in the Philippines, glowing with stories of that graced time of ministry in the wider world.

Embracing broader leadership roles in Wichita, serving as ESS Board Member in 2018 and presenter with Sisters of Sophia, an ecumenical women's organization out of Eighth Day Institute, as well as investigating possibilities of helping local high school students and staff avail themselves of the sacred blessings of silence, prayer, and meditation, I continue to wonder about ways we might connect parish-wide outreach efforts with Jesus' mission in the world, especially our call to build au-

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thentic relationships that honor God's gifts and presence, alive in every person, including those we feel called to serve in love.

Our world spins like never before. Flying through life at Mach 10, with our hair on fire, we can find it challenging to let love in, let alone welcome its power to change us. But Jesus keeps calling. When we slow down together, we discover, as I have with you here, that love's fiery embrace awaits, wanting to encircle but never constrain us. We are called to shine forth, radiantly, the light of this never-failing love. Abundant life in the beloved community, where we are welcomed home to the heart of love, proves sweet indeed, a sacred place where we know we all belong. I am wild about our shared opportunities to participate in the fulfillment of God's dreams for us in the years ahead. *Come, Holy Spirit, and set our hearts on fire!*

### MUSIC DIRECTOR AND ORGANIST

*From Marlene Hallstrom, M.M., Director of Music*

St. James Episcopal Church is blessed to have an active music ministry which continues to support and enhance worship through organ, choral and instrumental music. The foremost purpose of this music is to encourage congregational singing of hymns, Psalms and liturgical music. A second purpose is to prepare and perform meaningful choral and instrumental compositions related to the scripture, themes, and seasons of the church year. Because this congregation considers these as important to our worship life, it has continued to support the music ministry of St. James.

During 2017, the Choir, Choristers and Handbell Choir rehearsed regularly from September through May and provided musical leadership at the 10:45 service each Sunday. Soloists and small ensembles often participated in worship during the summer months. In addition to Sunday morning services, the choirs were also involved during Holy Week, mid-week Holden Evening Prayer during the Epiphany season, a hymn sing, Advent Lessons and Carols, and the annual Christmas pageant.

As Music Director, I have participated in staff meetings, worship planning, worship committee meetings, Christmas pageant planning, Sunday School music and have provided organ music for two Sunday morning services each week, funerals, weddings and other occasional services. During July 17-20, I directed music for Vacation Bible School, assisted by several members of St. James Youth.

#### St. James Choir Members in 2017:

**Sopranos:** Angee Carroll, Kennedy Compton, Fiona Halley, Joan Moore, Cheryl Schmeidler, Shirley Seminoff

**Altos:** Erin Compton, Adrienne Edwards, Mary Halley, Kate Miller, Nancy Powers, Jackie Snyder, Christina Santiago-Turner

**Tenors:** Andrew Aitken, Rob Compton, Tim Garrels, Randy Harrison, Todd Miller

**Basses:** Richard Bowman, Dylan Carroll, Matthew Kroeker, Rick Milhon, Dalton Nelson, Gene Rollins, Taylor Tracy, Rick Wulf

#### St. James Chorister Members in 2017:

William Compton, Alexis Fletcher, Jason Fletcher, Talia Halley, Leia Pameticky, Aidan Petty, Lauren Schmeidler

#### St. James Handbell Choir in 2017:

Gary Cheever, Anne Clark, Bert Clark, Mary Druding, Adrienne Edwards, Kelly Harper, Kurt Harper, Robin Henry, Bryce Morgan, Nancy Powers, Connie Timmons, Tom Timmons, Taylor Tracy. Substitutes: Jeanne Kroeker, Matthew Kroeker

#### St. James Instrumentalists in 2017:

Jeanne Kroeker, oboe; Rick Milhon, clarinet, saxophone and flute; Pam Young, flute; Nils Maletz, recorder; Sam Criss, Lisa Lutz, Paul McCausland, Zoe Maletz, Kathy Massey, Brooke Talbott, violin; Blythe Black, Sandy Cusack, viola; Daniel Dye, Betsy Hallstrom, cello; Dylan Carroll, bass; Jane Hyde, harp; David Lusk, Colin Carroll, percussion; Matthew Kroeker, organ and piano; Erin Maletz, piano; Jayden Brookins, Matthew Kroeker, saxophone; Bryce Morgan, French horn; Taylor Tracy, tuba

New members are always welcome in the musical groups at St. James. Choirs rehearse on Tuesdays (7:30 – Handbell Choir) and Wednesdays (5:45 – Choristers; 7:00 – Choir) A training session for new members is available as needed. I offer special words of thanks to:

- \* Sheri-lyn King for accompanying the choirs several times during the past year;
- \* Matthew Kroeker for providing organ music for worship on some Saturdays and for substituting for me on Sunday mornings during several of my absences;
- \* Kennedy Compton and Fiona Halley for helping with an inventory of the choral music library;
- \* St. James staff members and the congregation for support and appreciation of music and musicians.

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### CHRISTIAN FORMATION DIRECTOR

*From Chelsea Whipple, Director of Christian Formation*

“Lifelong Christian faith formation in The Episcopal Church is lifelong growth in the knowledge, service and love of God as followers of Christ and is informed by Scripture, Tradition and Reason.”

~The Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation adopted by the Episcopal Church in 2009

St. James has made it a priority to follow this resolution and be more intentional in forming each member as a disciple of Christ. We have increased our educational offerings and ways members can get involved in our congregational activities. In relation to Christian formation, the greatest need presented in 2017 was our VBS program and increasing our educational opportunities for adults.

This summer we headed to Rome for VBS and welcomed over 25 kids to join us for the journey of tracking Paul and the Underground Church adventures. We will again transform St. James into a new destination June 25-30<sup>th</sup>. We can't do this without the work of our amazing volunteers and as we increase our number of children we will again need to increase our volunteer participation. Please be on the lookout to sign up this Spring.

This Fall there were 14 adult classes offered from Sunday to Thursday each week. We hoped to increase normal attendance for these classes and learn what days and times led to better participation, both of those goals were accomplished!

I want to thank all those teachers and group leaders who have and continue to share their knowledge and help our members grow in their faith of God! Thank you to Deb Bagby, Richard Bowman, Louise Brinegar, Father Joe Bayles, Sandra Bradley, Anne Clark, Rob Compton, Father Sam Criss, Deacon Peg Flynn, Tim Flynn, Mother Dawn Frankfurt, Dr. Jim Lewis, Suzi Miner, Dalton Nelson, Amber Newlin, Susan Picotte, Dr. Paul Rillema, Deacon Jeff Roper, Jared Rowland, Phil Speary, Mother Sarah Stewart, Christina Santiago-Turner, and Dr. Brandon Whipple.

Coming up this Spring, we are launching small group activities that will take place on Wednesday evening from 6-7 pm after the Community Meal. Look for more information to be announced.

I am always looking for those who would like to get more involved with our children and youth programs and our Adult Christian Education programs. As we continue to grow as a parish our Christian Formation programs will grow as well and help is needed to enrich these programs.

As director, I coordinate the Nursery, Sunday school activities, youth programs, Christian education for all ages, special events and ministries, train parish members for teaching and leading Christian Education, and participate in staff meetings. Please see the ministry reports for more information about each Christian Education program. I encourage you to grow in the knowledge, service and love of God as followers of Christ.

**JUNIOR WARDEN** - *See Building and Grounds Report page 18*

### DEACON DEEDEE EVANS

*From The Rev. Deede Evans*

The Grief Support Group which I facilitate meets each Tuesday morning at St. James Church. I serve as Chaplain of the St. Mary's Chapter of Daughters of the King at St. James, serving as deacon at their monthly corporate communion prior to the evening meal. I serve as deacon at St. James at an occasional funeral as well as pastoral hospital or home visits. I manage the parish bereavement list, sending letters of invitation to the Tuesday Grief Support Group and postcards with a prayer three, six and twelve months after the death.

For several years I have represented St. James in a faith group who took the name Advocates to End Chronic Homelessness (AECH) in 2005. Goals include assisting people in obtaining permanent housing with on-going support and raising funds for the Warming Souls Overflow Shelter for homeless persons held at churches from November through March. In 2012 Inter-Faith Ministries began oversight of the Warming Souls Winter Shelter; the shelter is now housed in the Inter-Faith Spiritual Center on the campus to the north of the Inter-Faith offices. AECH raised funds for the Wichita Police Department's Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) Bus Fund to help homeless persons reunite with family members with stable home environments outside Wichita. AECH sponsored a National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day Service annually at various churches on December 21, the longest night of the year. For several years, the service was at St. John's Episcopal Church. Since April 2013 I have served as chair of AECH. In 2017 Advocates to End Chronic Homelessness was disbanded due to the advocacy needs being met by other groups. It has been an honor and privilege to serve St. James as a deacon for over 30 years.

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### DEACON PEG FLYNN

*From The Rev. Peg Flynn*

“I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord.’” Psalm 122: 1

One of the great joys is being part of the liturgical team at St. James on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings. In 2017 I also was active serving as part of the clergy pastoral care team.

The After School Program closed in May after 12 years of serving hundreds of children from low income families—mostly from nearby Jefferson Elementary. In the meantime, I took on more volunteer work at Episcopal Social Services. From January through March, I spent Mondays at United Way’s ESS site as a volunteer tax preparer. We served 250 families at that site and helped those households recover nearly \$250,000 from the government.

Later in the year, I began going to ESS on Tuesday and Thursday mornings to lead a morning prayer service, answer the need for pastoral care among Breakthrough Club members, and greet people from the community who come to ESS every day for a free hot lunch. It is wonderful seeing all the St. James folks who are active volunteers at that site through the hot lunch feeding program and the Representative Payee program—which helps those are without homes get off the streets and stay off the streets.

In the fall, I returned to assisting Anne Clark and Jared Rowland with the Youth Group. We instituted a new ministry to assist St Francis Community Services in providing toys for some of the 7000 children in foster care in Kansas.

I also began going to St John’s Episcopal Church on the fourth Sunday of each month to assist with their liturgical work both during the Sunday morning services and at their Hispanic service on Sunday afternoons.

May peace be ever within the walls of St James and love within the hearts of her people.

### DEACON JEFF ROPER

*From The Rev. Jeff Roper*

I just experienced my ordination anniversary. I have served as a deacon now for 7 yrs. My ministry includes: Prison ministry once per month at the Winfield Correctional Facility, teaching middle school and high school Sunday School with Mother Sarah Stewart, and college campus ministry.

I conduct a Morning Prayer service and preach once per month during the second Sunday of every month In the chapel at Winfield Correctional Facility. Approximately 18-25 inmates participate in the service. I attend an annual training to be a part of ministry in the Kansas Dept. of Corrections. This has been a very fulfilling ministry.

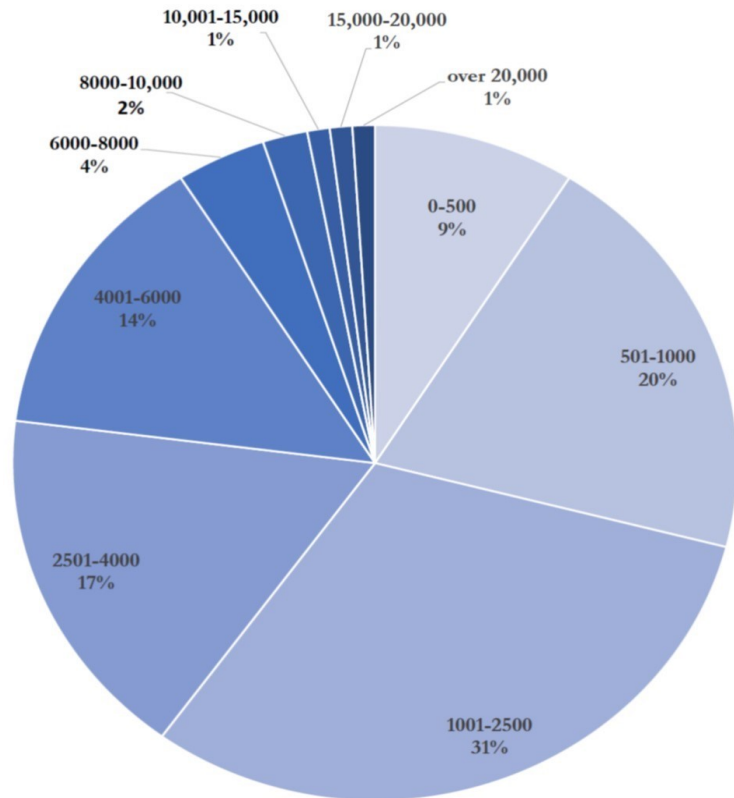
Mother Sarah Stewart and I co-teach Sunday school each Sunday. We teach Middle School and High School Students. We focused in the fall semester on aspects of our Christian faith and journey, looking specifically at our pledges and covenant in Confirmation and Baptism. In the spring, we will do some Bible study and discussion on our spiritual journeys.

I participate in college campus ministry for the Episcopal Campus Ministry of Wichita. We regularly serve five to seven college age students. The group meets at St. James for discussion, a meal, and compline from 6-30pm-8pm on Tuesday evenings. I also serve on the Diocesan Campus Ministry Council with quarterly meetings. I look forward to again serving as deacon in 2018 for St. James.

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### STEWARDSHIP

We are very grateful to report another year of increased generosity by our parish family. We receive offerings and pledges on a rolling basis through the year, so when we share information about revenue or expenses, please understand we are providing the most complete figures at the given moment. This year we received pledges from about 140 households. The pie chart provided here shows the percentage of pledges which are given at each level.



### TREASURER

*From Adrienne Edwards*

I want to begin my report by sharing with you that we ended the year in the black and begin the new year with a balanced budget.

This has been a year of changes in the bookkeeper's office. Joyce Haynes our bookkeeper for seven years retired the end of May. Donna Penner was hired in September to serve as our new bookkeeper. Donna brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to her job. Her hours are 9:00 to 3:00 Monday through Thursday. We both want to thank you for your patience as she learns the automated financial system, what and who heads our various committees and ministry teams. She asked that I notify you that the annual statement of contributions will be sent out no later than January 30, 2018.

We had a very successful stewardship program headed by Joan Moore this year.. We would like to give a warm and heartfelt thanks to the 43 parishioners who increased their annual pledge for 2018. They represent 31% of the total 138 pledging households and contributed an additional \$18,263.92 over and above their 2017 pledges.

Thanks to a generous gift from the estate of Ray Fleming we were able to use a portion of those funds to cover the salary of our new Associate Rector Sarah Stewart and our Director of Christian Formation, Chelsea Whipple. We were also blessed to receive two anonymous gifts that were used to cover Sarah's moving costs and a portion of her salary for her first six months at St. James. We hope to continue to receive increase pledges and contributions so we will not be dependent upon this generous gift.

You may have noticed that there have been a lot of workers in and around the church this past year. Our Junior Warden's report contains many of the details of that work. However I want to share with you how we were able to accomplish the needed capital improvements, maintenance, and repairs. We obtained a \$40,200.00 loan from Southwest National Bank, secured by an equal amount of funds on deposit through the Perpetual Memorial Endowment Fund (PMEF). We have set up a five year repayment plan which will come from a portion of the PMEF annual distribution. The Outreach Committee will receive 10% of the total draw for their projects. In addition we will still aside a portion of the annual draw for future capital expenditures. This is a process we established several years ago with the understanding that the amount of the annual draw would be insufficient to cover large requirements, e.g. boiler replacement, roof repair, etc. In 2017 we tapped into that account in the amount of \$22,000.

The 2018 budget follows; there are some new categories this year including line items for the 100 anniversary of St James Episcopal Church which occurs in 2020. More information will be forthcoming and is discussed in the Rector's comments. If you have any questions, you may email them to Donna Penner at [bookkeeper@stjameswichita.org](mailto:bookkeeper@stjameswichita.org)

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### 2018 VESTRY APPROVED BUDGET

<b>REVENUES</b>		<i>Notes</i>
Pledges and Contributions	\$ 510,862.55	1
Guild Hall/Kitchen Rental	\$ 5,000.00	2
Endowment Funded Ministries	\$ 111,432.65	3
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 627,295.20</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Apportionment	\$ 90,120.00	4
Clergy Ministry	\$ 206,653.00	5
Christian Education Ministry	\$ 23,425.00	6
Worship Support Ministry	\$ 7,400.00	7
Music Ministry	\$ 52,665.00	8
Outreach Ministry	\$ 7,036.00	9
Buildings and Grounds	\$ 131,246.20	10
Church Admin Support	\$ 108,750.00	11
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 627,295.20</b>	

#### *Notes*

1. Funds received from Pledges, Advanced Pledges, Contributors of Record, and Open Plate offerings.
2. Represents a donation from the Guild Hall Players and rental income from use of the Guild Hall and/or kitchen.
3. A portion of these funds are from the annual distribution from the Perpetual Memorial Endowment Fund and the balance is from the Ray Fleming Bequest to support the Director of Christian Formation and our Associate Rector.
4. St. James' portion of the shared costs of the mission plan of the Diocese. Supports missionary work of the Church, programs of the diocese and support of the Episcopate. The 2018 amount decreased by \$11,700.00 from 2018.
5. Supports the stipend, insurance, pension and travel of our clergy.
6. Supports the pay of our Christian Formation Director, Vacation Bible School, Christian Ed for children, youth, young adults, adults, Mega Camp scholarships, seminarian support and confirmation gifts.
7. Supports liturgical items in support of the service, e.g. wine, hosts, wafers, incense, candles, cleaning of vestments and service linen.
8. Supports the stipend, insurance, pension, professional of our organist and music director. Pays for music, supplies for the choristers, adult choir, accompanists, and instrumentalists.
9. Funds to support Outreach Programs, e.g. children and special needs categories of individuals, e.g. ESS, EMM, and other deserving agencies in the local area. Excludes funds received through the Pocket Change Ministry, Oyster Dinner and Olde English Tea which are self-supporting through their fund raising activities. New member and parish life ministry, hospitality, receptions and planning for our centennial.
10. Supports the maintenance of the church building and grounds, including gas, electric, gas, water, trash, pest control, as well as building supplies; Also covers property and liability insurance and taxes.
11. Supports the pay, insurance and pension for the full-time staff, and administrative costs for postage, telecommunications, internet copier lease, office supplies.

## ENDOWMENT FUNDS

### Summary of 2017 Activities

1. We saw the final installation of the permanent plaque commemorating members of the **St. James Church Legacy Society**. The purpose of the Legacy Society is to appropriately acknowledge those who have made a commitment to include St. James Church, the “Perpetual Memorial and Endowment Fund of St. James Church, Wichita, KS,” or other Episcopal entity as a beneficiary in the disposition of their estate. Individuals may elect to be listed as “Anonymous.” With the celebration of Legacy Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup>, we welcomed Paula Skinner & Deb Hager as the 19th enrollees in the Legacy Society.
2. We published the fourth annual report of the “St. James Perpetual Memorial and Endowment Fund (PMEF) & St. James Legacy Society.” The report, published annually, identifies all memorial and thanksgiving gifts given through December 31<sup>st</sup> of the prior calendar year. During 2017 we realized \$ 14,453 in new gifts. We continue to encourage St. James members and friends to participate in this program by inviting gifts of all sizes (initial minimum \$100) to perpetually recognize and honor the memory of loved ones as well as to celebrate and offer thanksgiving for significant life events.
3. We provided regular reporting of events in every edition of *SEASONS*, our parish printed newsletter.
4. We celebrated Legacy Sunday with a catered lunch and brain-storming session on suggestions for celebrating the upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of St. James Church in 2020. Suggestions were forwarded to the vestry.
5. We met monthly to monitor the Endowment Funds investment accounts and after examination of the September 30<sup>th</sup> accounting we recommended to the Vestry the 2018 Endowment Fund Distribution based on 4% of the average of the prior 12 calendar quarter balances of the invested funds. The Vestry approved a distribution \$32,366 to be allocated: (1) \$3,236 for outreach grants; (2) \$2,500 retained by the EFB for general expenses incidental to the management and administration of the endowment and legacy society programs; (3) \$10,918 to be retained in the endowment as a separate account for future capital needs; and, the balance of \$15,712 to be directed by the vestry for 2018 capital expenses.

### 2018 and Beyond

We will continue to encourage, invite and nurture active participation of members and friends of St. James Church to support the Perpetual Memorial and Endowment Fund and membership in the St. James Church Legacy Society in order to grow our Endowment Funds for the support of our community of faith, hope and charity in perpetuity. We hope to sponsor either a Wills Clinic or Final Affairs Fair during Lent, 2018.

Summary of 2017 Endowment Fund Finances		
Market Value	At 12-31-16	At 12-31-17
<b>State Street Global Advisors (SSgA) Total</b>	\$ 820,711.44	\$ 899,858.97
“Unrestricted” Funds Balance	\$ 779,020.35	\$ 849,011.08
“Restricted” Funds Balance	\$ 31,078.07	\$ 49,563.84
“Retained Capital Expense Fund”	\$ 10,613.01	\$ 1,284.06
<b>Fidelity Checking Account</b>	\$ 11,194.57	\$ 32,304.39
<b>TOTAL FUNDS ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 831,906.00</b>	<b>\$ 932,163.36</b>
<b>Balance Reconciliation</b>		
Beginning Balance		\$ 831,906.01
Donations Received		\$ 14,453.38
Other Income		\$ 5,759.55
Interest Income (Fidelity Account)		\$ 69.72
SSgA Management Fees		(\$ 7,695.83)
Investment Income (SSgA Account)		\$ 2,958.30
SSgA Appreciation (Depreciation)		\$ 130,885.06
Funds Disbursed		(\$ 46,172.83)
<b>TOTAL FUND ASSETS at 12-31-17</b>		<b>\$ 932,163.36</b>

How Endowment Has Enriched the Ministry of St. James	
1992 thru 2017 a Brief History (best guess, not auditable)	
<b>Initial Bequest</b>	<b>\$ 1,042,966</b>
<b>Additional Bequests, gifts, income from coupon sales, sponsored trips, etc.</b>	<b>\$ 852,552</b>
<b>TOTAL BEQUESTS, GIFTS, ETC.</b>	<b>\$ 1,895,518</b>
<b>Disbursements EXCLUDING Capital Campaign Draw</b>	<b>\$ 1,239,829</b>
<b>NET Capital Campaign Draw</b>	<b>\$ 729,647</b>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS THRU 12-31-16</b>	<b>\$ 2,037,476</b>
<b>Total Assets at 12-31-17</b>	<b>\$ 932,163.36</b>

### 2017 Endowment Funds Board

Hew Goodpasture (2018)	Richard Bowman, Chair (2020)	Joy Marlin, Vestry Representative*
Tom Gossen, Vice-Chair (2018)	Tom Zerger (2020)	Adrienne Edwards, Treasurer*
Sue Abdinnour (2019)	The Rev. Dawn Frankfurt, Rector	*Serve with voice, but no vote
Jeff Newlin, Secretary (2019)		

### *Have you remembered St. James Church in your Will?*

To discuss ways you can participate as a member of the Legacy Society, contact a member of the Endowment Funds Board



## VI. MINISTRY REPORTS

### A. BUILDING AND GROUNDS MINISTRY

#### BUILDING AND GROUNDS

*From Woody Swain, Junior Warden*

2017 was a busy year, as always, for your Jr. Warden and the parishioners involved in maintaining and improving St. James' building and grounds. Notable improvements included:

- New primary air conditioning unit and circulating pump
- New main boiler and circulating pump
- Major repairs to the roof for the east entry area
- Addition of 2 indoor security cameras and improved lighting in the main hallway
- Replanting of the Memorial Garden and a major dressing-up our other garden areas
- Major improvements to the meeting room in the Undercroft and the storage area in the North Basement

In 2018, we will continue to update our HVAC system, improve the lighting in the Nave and Altar areas, replant gardens, improve the parking lot island areas, install additional security cameras and lighting, refinish exterior doors and keep the lawn looking nice.

I am very grateful for the efforts of all who've been helping with these efforts, with special thanks to our former Jr. Warden, Randy Harrison, and to Delmar Klocke, and Robin Spurrier.

If you have any ideas, questions or concerns about our building and grounds, please let me know. And, as you use the many facilities our church has to offer, please continue trying to leave these areas better than you found them.

### B. CHRISTIAN FORMATION MINISTRIES

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (ADULT)

There are many opportunities for Christian Education and will be on-going for 2018. This fall there were 14 classes offered and an increase in attendance for each of these classes from last year. It was a welcome and refreshing sight to see all the people take advantage of the opportunities to grow in their faith. We look forward to continuing this trend. In addition to new classes offered each season, the opportunities listed below continue each year, the list includes: Adult Forum, Basic A, Bible Study – Wednesday Evening and Thursday Morning, Education for Ministry (EfM), Graduate EfM, and the Restoration Project. If you are interested in the ministry of Christian Education for adults, please contact Mother Dawn or Chelsea Whipple for more information.

#### The following classes were offered in 2017:

- Accidental Saints – Led by Mother Dawn Frankfurt
- Advent Series on Waiting – Led by Mother Sarah
- Heart of Christianity – Led by Mother Dawn Frankfurt
- Introduction to Christian Meditation – Led by Chelsea Whipple
- Spiritual Companion Group – Led by Terry Anderson
- St. James 101 – Led by Deacon Peg Flynn
- The Theology of John Shelby Spong – Led by Fr. Joseph Bayles, Fr. Sam Criss, Dr. Paul Rillema
- What Have They Done With My Church? – Led by Fr. Sam Criss

#### ADULT FORUM

*From Chelsea Whipple, Christian Formation Director*

The Adult Forum convenes from 9:45-10:30am each Sunday and offers a wide variety of learning and sharing opportunities anchored in Christianity and its place in the wider world. We are a group of people from all walks of life and different perspectives. For the 2017-2018 year we are discussing the Beatitudes from Matthew and how the history of the Beatitudes play an important role in our lives today. In 2017, we discussed the following beatitudes: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven; blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven; blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God; blessed are those who mourn, for they will inherit the earth.

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### **B. CHRISTIAN FORMATION MINISTRIES**

#### **BASIC A**

*From Mother Dawn*

Basic A is a class which introduces students to the Anglican Communion, the Episcopal Church and the parish of St. James. It is a version of adult confirmation class. Taught by the clergy of the parish, it is an 8-week course offered each fall. Upon completing the course, any baptized Christian not previously confirmed in the Episcopal Church may choose to be confirmed when the bishop of the Diocese of Kansas visits St. James. The class is open to anyone interested and especially those new to the Episcopal tradition. You may also come to “dust off” what you know about the church and come for a single class on a topic of special interest or attend all 8 sessions. Areas of study include: the Anglican Communion; Church History; Holy Scripture; Holy Sacraments; Sacred Music; Liturgy, Worship and Ritual; Book of Common Prayer; and Prayer. In 2017, four adults were confirmed.

#### **BIBLE STUDY**

*From Chelsea Whipple, Christian Formation Director*

There are 2 different Bible studies that took place in 2017, one on Wednesday Evening and the other on Thursday Morning. This fall, the Wednesday Evening bible study discussed forgiveness and the examples from the Gospels that lived the theme of forgiveness. The group consisted of around 4 members who met each Wednesday evening. Last spring, the Thursday morning bible study looked at Salvation and how that applies to our life today. The group consisted of around 15 regular members. Mother Sarah took over in the fall and led a group of around 5 members on the topic of God’s Spirit-ed people. This spring is a discussion on the book of Hosea.

#### **EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EfM)**

*From Paul Rillema*

A group of church members currently meet weekly from September through May on Thursday evening from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. to discuss reading materials and to clarify their understanding of their faith or beliefs that have implications in our society. The subject matter covers Old and New Testaments, 2000 years of church history, and the thoughts of religious scholars. We meet as a “one room school house” with YR 1 members focusing on Old Testament readings, YR 2 members on New Testaments readings, YR 3 members on Church History readings and YR 4 on theology understandings of our interactions in the world; hence the title of the program, EfM (Education for Ministry). This is a four year program administered by the University of the South. One receives a certificate upon completion of the program. The cost is \$350 per year which includes books of study for each year enrolled in the program. “Scholarships” and other financial support are available. Since 2009, 11 have graduated from the program. There are 8 students currently enrolled.

#### **RESTORATION PROJECT**

*From Jim Lewis*

The Restoration Project (TRP) is a national movement within the Episcopal Church calling our people back to the basic practices of the church by following the 12 steps of humility of St. Benedict within the framework of a small group. The Restoration Project’s founder, Fr. Christopher Martin, describes it as follows: “We are a Movement, not a Program. Programs come and go but Movements last. We are proposing a permanent shift in both the practices and the structure of the church. The members of each small group within TRP commit to seven vows to work toward lives with regular prayer, worship, service to the poor, generosity, learning, discerning of call and commitment to the discipleship group’s members.” Kate Moorehead partnered with Fr. Martin in forming the conceptual framework of the Project which is based on the restoration of the image of God in each Christian, just as DaVinci’s Last Supper was restored by a team of Italian art experts. Discipleship Groups limit themselves to five-seven members, but any number of groups can be formed. The St. James Discipleship Group consists of Fr. Sam Criss, Suzi Miner, Peg Flynn, Debbie Stevens, Paul McCausland and Jim Lewis. St. James parishioners are invited to explore TRP and consider forming other groups. The national website is [TheRestorationProject.net](http://TheRestorationProject.net). To observe our group in action or get information about TRP, contact one of the members above. We gather every other Thursday evening. We are planning two projects for this Spring: the first is a read-through/chant through of all 150 psalms on Holy Saturday, to which everyone is invited to participate. The second is a ‘field trip’ to Mount St. scholastic, the Benedictine Center in Atchison, KS. We will spend the weekend of April 5-7 studying St. Benedict’s 12 steps of Humility under the direction of the nuns.

## **B. CHRISTIAN FORMATION MINISTRIES**

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (YOUTH)**

*From Mother Sarah and Anne Clark*

Thank you for your continued support for the youth of St. James. Seven high school youth and seven adult chaperones enjoyed the opportunity to travel together to Washington DC this past summer. We had a great time staying at a house where we had plenty of space to hang out and take in all that DC offers. The highlight of our visit was attending a Sunday morning worship service at the National Cathedral, especially getting to tour all of the building's nooks and crannies.

This fall we decided to have the high school youth (9-12<sup>th</sup> grades) meet from 5:45-7:00pm and the middle school youth (5-8<sup>th</sup> grades) from 6:45-8:00pm, with a combined time for worshipping together from 6:45-7:00pm. Meeting 15 minutes later allowed us additional time to enjoy Wednesday community meals and to be ready to focus on our evening activities. Our shared leadership team, including Anne Clark, Deacon Peg Flynn & Tim Flynn, Jared Rowland, and Mother Sarah Stewart, facilitated meetings with a variety of service, faith formation, and community building activities. Apples to Apples remains a favorite on game nights. We also carved out time with neighbors from St. Stephen's youth group for an ice cream social, followed by volleyball and other games. We built a haunted house for our parish Halloween party and led an intergenerational All Hallows' Eve service in the chapel. Heading into the holidays, we hosted an Alternative Gift Market table, making 100 ornaments for the event. We also helped sort all the food for the Christmas baskets and made candy bags for the families. Teaming up with new friends from our 2017 Mission Wichita service week, we contributed to a holiday toy drive, raising money and purchasing gifts for children in our broader community. Our annual field trip to Botanica's "Illuminations" holiday light display proved lots of fun, even in freezing weather.

In 2018, high school youth will meet from 5:45-6:45pm and middle school youth will meet from 6:45-8:00pm. We continue our tradition of game nights, discussions exploring faith and life, as well as service projects. We are excited to welcome Tristian Holmberg as a returning contributor this semester. He will collaborate with our existing leadership team to help host weekly meetings. This spring, we are looking forward to helping with St. James' Oyster Dinner, Olde English Tea, and hosting a Wednesday night community meal. Outreach efforts will include preparing Blessing Bags and cooking up desserts for homeless guests of ESS. Don't miss our leadership of worship services on Youth Weekend (April 21-22). And when you are spring cleaning this year, keep in mind our summer rummage sale slated for July, as we start saving funds for our middle schoolers' visit to the National Cathedral (when they reach high school). We welcome your donated items and assistance with this upcoming project!

When it comes to the wider church, our young people continue to enjoy diocesan offerings like MegaCamp, MIQRA, Music Weekend, and New Beginnings. St. James' scholarships help assist them in joining peers who are on a journey to grow in faith, together. During the school year, we meet on Wednesday evenings and welcome participation by any youth, whether members of this church or not, as well as adults who are interested in supporting youth ministry. If you feel called to contribute, contact Anne Clark at [aws1155@yahoo.com](mailto:aws1155@yahoo.com) or Mother Sarah Stewart at [mothersarah@stjameswichita.org](mailto:mothersarah@stjameswichita.org).

### **NURSERY AND CHILD CARE**

*From Chelsea Whipple, Director of Christian Formation*

We serve children birth through age 5 on weekend service, Wednesday evenings, and various other church events throughout the year. We are always looking for energetic and interested volunteers to help cover these services and events so we can have two trained adults in the nursery at all times. We serve around 12 kids during weekend services and 15+ on holiday services. Janet Holmberg continues to staff the nursery at the majority of services and is a favorite of all the kids, new and old! We are beyond grateful for the many hours these volunteers have put in throughout the nursery during 2017. We have seen about a 20% increase in attendance in the Nursery, this is proof of how much St. James is growing!

### **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**

*From Chelsea Whipple, Director of Christian Formation*

Children in pre-school through first grade meet in the Atrium of the Good Shepherd with Sandra Bradley and Amber Newlin to learn and retell Bible stories with the Godly Play materials and share related craft activities. This year, six students are enrolled in this age group. Second through fifth graders gather in the Atrium of the Upper Room with Suzi Miner for lessons from the Episcopal Children's Curriculum. This year, five students are enrolled in this age group. Susan Picotte continues to be a substitute teacher when needed and we are so grateful for help.

In November, both classes created ornaments for the Alternative Gift Market. Their project was Trained Teachers = Better Students. We encourage our youngest members to be with us on Sunday mornings, and we invite parents and grandparents to visit our classes anytime.

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### **MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL**

*From Mother Sarah and Deacon Jeff Roper*

Our Sunday formation time with high school and middle school youth, which takes places between our morning services, has benefitted from the continued, seasoned leadership of Deacon Jeff Roper. Joining Jeff, our youth, and me in these discussions on faith, Scripture, and our Christian tradition have been ad hoc leaders like Jared Rowland, Christina Santiago-Turner, and Deacon Diane Kruger, who each have contributed periodically, and Tristan Holmberg, who has consistently participated since returning late in 2017, from several years working with the Episcopal Church on global mission projects across the Philippines. Our most powerful conversations have led us to explore the stages of grief, through the lens of faith, and our St. James sanctuary's visual spiritual symbolism and sacred history.

Though we had no youth confirmands this fall, our cohort of young people revisited essential faith commitments forged in our Episcopal baptismal and confirmation promises. Together we delved into what it means to think, question, and grow, embracing our faith individually and corporately, as we follow Jesus and witness to God's goodness in creation. We have examined how our distinctly Christian mission of loving and being loved in Jesus' name changes us as we engage deeply with the needs and concerns of our world. We have encountered new methods of theological reflection, engagement with Scripture, and practices of prayer that strengthen our compassion and fuel our service to all, inside and beyond our church building. This spring, we turn our focus toward biblical and historical themes identified by our young people as fascinating and helpful for grounding ourselves in our Christian tradition, even as we continue to pray, laugh, and learn together.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

*From Chelsea Whipple, Christian Formation Director*

VBS took place on July 17-20, and we headed back into time to visit Paul and the Underground Church. We welcomed 25 kids to this experience along with 25 volunteers. Kids enjoyed talking with Paul, creating "Roman" crafts, partaking in delicious food, singing, dancing, playing and witnessing a drama unfold each night. VBS will happen this year on June 25-30. Planning is currently underway. If you are interested in being a part of the planning committee or volunteering please contact Chelsea Whipple.

## **C. PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES**

### **ALL SOULS GUILD**

*From Jeanie Hans*

All Souls Guild provided funeral hospitality for families in 2017. The funeral of a family member or friend is sometimes the last chance we have to interact with a member's loved ones. We want those people to walk away and think, "That church cared for us well in our time of grief." Our desire as a team is to be a comfort to families and friends during what is a stress filled time season of life. And always to be the hands and feet of our Lord to others. We have a wide range of responsibilities from setting up for a funeral reception, to providing food, and cleaning up afterwards. Volunteers are needed for any or all of these tasks. If you have an interest in joining All Souls Guild please contact Jeanie Hans.

### **BREAKFAST SUNDAY**

We offer monthly hot, buffet-style meals to the whole parish, their families, and our visitors. We think it's a fun way to catch up with friends and to see people who attend worship services at times other than we do. We have a small, wonderful group of people who volunteer to provide these meals. They are led by the Harrison family who coordinate, cook, and clean-up. Talk to any of the Harrisons, but especially Randy if you are interested in joining the Breakfast Sunday crew. Tom and Peggy Zenger are faithful dishwashers. Aidan and Vicky Petty prepare the fresh fruit. If you have a little nugget of the morning you'd like to adopt, let us know in the church office. The future will give rise to expanded opportunities for ministry in this area. Anne and Bert Clark, who led the substitute crew recently, reported cheerful camaraderie, and a happy morning of feeding and being fed. However you choose to do it, be sure to join the fun every second Sunday of the month September through June. A suggested donation of \$5 per person helps us provide the plenty.

### **DAUGHTERS OF THE KING, ST. MARY'S CHAPTER**

The mission of the Daughter's of the Kings is dedication to prayer, service and evangelism. DOK meets on the first Monday of the month from September to May. We start with a healing service in the chapel followed by a meal; or a meeting and sometimes a short program. We welcome any women to St. James who would like to take vows to follow the Rule of Life.

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### EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN – ECW

All women of St. James are members of ECW. The Olde English Tea in May and the St. Nicholas Bazaar in December are the main endeavors for the year. Proceeds from the Tea are distributed to local charities such as Episcopal Social Services, Wichita Children's Home, Kansas Food Bank, Victory in the Valley.

### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

*From Deacon Deedee Evans, Facilitator*

The Grief Support Group meets each Tuesday morning in the Lounge at St. James Church from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. year round with rare exception. One does not have to be a member of St. James to participate. The group has been available for over fifteen years now and finds that the time is well spent as participants support each other. People attend as their schedule and energy allow and then move on when the time is right. Different losses have been experienced - spouse, partner, sibling, child, friend, parent, grandchild, pet, our home. We laugh and we cry. There is no homework, no tension, and no lecture – just a lot of understanding as we learn from each other. Who attends is not secret but what is said in the group stays in the room. Currently there are about 20 on the roster although not everyone attends each week. Generally there are 8-10 present.

### MEMBERSHIP AND PARISH LIFE

*From Peggy Zerger*

Our committee works at welcoming new members to St. James, and bringing members of the church together through fellowship activities outside of our regular worship services. Among other things, we hosted the outdoor picnic on the parish grounds and provided refreshments for different events. We meet the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm.

### OLDE ENGLISH TEA

In 2017, The Olde English Tea was held on Saturday, May 7. The Episcopal Church Women of St. James (ECW\*) put on the Tea, which is their largest yearly fundraiser to be given away. They were able to give away \$7,000 to area charities and services, including Episcopal Social Services, Breakthrough Club, Wichita Children's Home, Erin is Hope, Assistance League of Wichita, Victory in the Valley, Kansas Food Bank, KU School of Medicine HIV/Aids Program, Wichita Sexual Assault Center, YMCA Women's Crisis Center, WPD Homeless Outreach Team, HOT, and Dress for Success. We will host the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Olde English Tea, this year, on Saturday May 5. The Co-Chairs this year are Kate Miller (kate7426@cox.net) and Susie Stallings (smstallings6@cox.net). \*All women of St. James are members of ECW

### OUTREACH COMMITTEE

*From Judy Goodpasture, Chairperson*

The St. James Outreach Committee is most grateful to the St. James congregation for its generous support of our work. We are also appreciative of other impactful parish outreach efforts, such as the Olde English Tea and the Oyster Dinner.

At our meetings we update our knowledge concerning charitable organizations in our community through speakers, printed materials, and discussion. For example, **Patrick Sehl, Director of Reality U** for The **Pando Initiative**, spoke to our group in the fall.

#### 2017 Projects

1. **Pocket Change Ministry:** We gave checks for \$500. to the **Wichita Children's Home, Kansas Children's Service League, ESS, and St. Francis Community Services.** We also gave checks for \$500. To The **Pando Initiative Back-to-School Supplies Drive** and **Episcopal Migration Ministries.** Since 2014 this project has given \$5000. to community charities. Project Chair: **Gary Thudium**
2. **Christmas Food Baskets and Gifts:** Our parish successfully completed two major projects this year.
  - a. **Gifts for Foster Children:** Approximately 60 gifts for foster children were delivered to St. Francis Community Services. Chairs, **Peg Flynn** and **Sarah Robinson**
  - b. **Food Baskets and Gifts for families:** Large food baskets and family gifts for 108 members of 12 **ESS families** and for 12 **Kansas Children's Service League** families made their Christmas a reality. Special thanks to the Youth Group and the caring people who delivered baskets. Chair, **Mary Druding**
3. **Undies Sundays:** Our project for the **Wichita Children's Home** will be held in the spring 2018.. Project Chairs: **Joy Johnson-Thudium, Mary Klocke** and **Debbie Stephens**
4. **American Red Cross Blood Drive:** Our parish held 3 successful blood drives for the American Red Cross. Our

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- donations have helped several hundred people, mostly in south central Kansas, but also as far away as Denver, St. Louis, and Houston. Chair, **Dottie Evans**
5. **5th Annual Blanket Drive:** Our parish contributed 70 blankets to **Episcopal Migrant Ministries, the Women's Crisis Center**, and the homeless shelters sponsored by **Inter-faith Ministries**. Chairs: **Abby Ottaway** and **Judy Goodpasture**
  6. **Water Bottles for ESS:** During the summer months, five carloads of water bottles were delivered to ESS for their clients. Chairs, **Matthew Kroeker** and **Mary Druding**
  7. **Paperbacks for Prisoners:** Several times during the year paperbacks donated by the parish were delivered to the **Sedgwick County Jail**. Chair: **Beth Criss**
  8. **Bags of Blessings:** In the Guild Hall in February, **St. James** hosted the city-wide assembling of bags of toiletries to be distributed by **Partners for Wichita**. Chair: **Tim Flynn**
  9. **Alternative Gift Market:** Once again the children of St. James sponsored booths at the Alternative Gift Market. This year's booths were "Trained Teachers = Better Students" and "Healing Hope for Refugee Children in Syria's Border Countries." The monetary proceeds will be tallied in February. Chair, **Suzi Miner**.
  10. **Sewing Ministry:** We honored **Shirley Seminoff** and her sister in Florida for making hundreds of outfits for children in Kenya and Haiti.
  11. **Read-to-Succeed** and **Pando Reading Volunteers:** We recruited volunteers for United Way's Read-to-Succeed Program and for The Pando Initiative's Reading Program. Volunteers go weekly to work with individual students. Chair, **Hew Goodpasture**
  12. **School Supply Drive** for **The Pando Initiative:** We collected a carload of backpacks and school supplies for Pando's Back-to-School Drive. **A Committee Project.**
  13. **Box Tops** and **Soup Can Label Collection:** To date we have delivered **\$114.30** worth of "Box Tops for Education" coupons to **Jefferson Elementary**. We have also mailed a total of **\$70.30** worth of "Labels for Education" to **St. Jude's Children's Ranch** in Nevada, but unfortunately the sponsoring company has discontinued the Labels for Education program. We will continue collecting Box Tops for Education for Jefferson Elementary. Chair: **Judy Goodpasture**
  14. **Reality University Project** for **The Pando Initiative:** Ten St. James volunteers helped staff the Reality University project at Southeast High School and at South High in October. Chair: **Judy Goodpasture**
  15. **Youth Group Shared Meal:** We shared a meal with the St. James Youth in March. Another joint meeting is planned for 2018. **A Committee Project.**
  16. **Episcopal Migration Ministries:** We delivered blankets and coats to EMM. Chair, **Peg Flynn**.
  17. **Cards for Ill Parishioners:** At each meeting we sign cards for ill parishioners.

In recognition of the work done by two of our St. James deacons, **Deacon Deedee Evans** and **Deacon Peg Flynn**, we recommended that this year's Endowment Fund charitable distribution of \$3,185. be given to two organizations important to our deacons. In honor of Deedee Evans, a check was sent to **Inter-faith Ministries** for their **Homeless Shelters**. And, in honor of Peg Flynn, a check was sent to **Episcopal Migration Ministries**.

Please consider visiting our group on the 4<sup>th</sup> **Tuesday** of each month at **6:30 p.m.**

I am grateful to the members of the Outreach Committee for their hard work, enthusiasm, and compassion. Thank you **Mtr. Sarah Stewart** (our Clergy Liaison), **Marcia Wilder** (Outreach Secretary), **George Bousfield** (Vestry Liaison), **Deacon Peg Flynn**, **Beth Criss**, **Mary Druding**, **Dottie Evans**, **Tim Flynn**, **Hew Goodpasture**, **Mary Klocke**, **Matthew Kroeker**, **Suzi Miner**, **Abby Ottaway**, **Sarah Robinson**, **Shirley Seminoff**, **Linda Smith**, **Debbie Stephens**, **Marilyn Taylor**, **Gary Thudium**, **Joy Johnson-Thudium**, **Diana Williams**, and **Dick Williams**.

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## OYSTER DINNER

*From Matthew J. Carroll, Chairperson*

The St. James Oyster Dinner opens our church to the Wichita community for food and fellowship and to raise money to help support Episcopal Social Services and the Wichita Children's home. The dinner is possible because of the hard work put into the event by our parishioners. There are over 50 people who come and help with the Oyster Dinner each year. It is a community wide success that goes back many years. If you would like information on the dinner or how to get involved please contact Matthew Carroll at 316-721-1055 or 316-259-7587. This year's Oyster Dinner will be on Shrove Tuesday, February 13, beginning at 5:30 pm.

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### WEDNESDAY DINNER

*From Mother Sarah*

The invitation to coordinate this essential ministry still remains open! Meanwhile, Mother Sarah has steered our weekly community meals toward the flavor of teamwork. Sharing simple family-style cuisine on Wednesdays during the school year creates welcoming space for familiar and new folks alike (typically 30-45 in number) to lean into life in our beloved community, as we celebrate our passion for food, fun, and fellowship. Seasoned chefs like Kay Hoffman continue to lend expertise to guide our evolving shared leadership in cooking and clean-up efforts. Vestry participation in 2018 expands the store of support seeded by enthusiastic new contributors in 2017, like Maddy Bishop, Georgie Drake, and Jack & Susan Stallings. Parish groups, committees, and individuals inspired by fall semester volunteers (the St. James' Choir, the Compton, Halley, Holmberg, and Whipple families), still have time to embrace this recurring, practical opportunity to nourish God's family with love. Especially as we widen our formation offerings at the church on Wednesday nights during Lent and Eastertide, these community meals afford a chance to forge mid-week sacramental connections, as we serve and grow together in the Body of Christ. Please contact Mother Sarah to talk about getting involved!

## D. WORSHIP MINISTRIES

### ALTAR GUILD

*From Crystal Barber*

The Altar Guild served at funerals, weddings, baptisms, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday services, greening of the church, Holy Week (palm cross making, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, etc.), laundering and pressing linens, meetings (usually on a Saturday and before any major event), cleaning of silver and brass (usually before a major event), and many other special services/events. Contact any Crystal Barber at 612-6955 or [barbercris@cox.net](mailto:barbercris@cox.net).

### EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS

*From Georgie Drake*

The Eucharistic Visitors Ministry serves Communion to those who are home bound or otherwise can not make it to church. Some times the person being served has no relatives and we are the only people they see. Besides bringing Communion, we bring a cheerful presence of God and a reminder they are not alone. We share the message of the gospel and the sermon. The E.V. are Brooke Bergquist, Terry Anderson, Marcia Wilder, Richard Bowman, Georgie Drake and we are excited to add a familiar name, Tristan Holmberg! Last year this Ministry made 77 visits to homes and served Communion to 128 people. Our plan is to grow this ministry and if you think you might be interested please contact me at [georgie-drake@hotmail.com](mailto:georgie-drake@hotmail.com).

### USHERS

Thanks to our dedicated ushers for their faithful service during worship this year. They are always here on time greeting our worshipers with a friendly smile. In 2017, Colleen Didier stepped away from her ministry of coordinating our ushers and Matt Carroll has taken responsibility as the head usher. He will be working on defining tasks for ushers regarding welcome of newcomers, conduct of the liturgy, and safety of worshipers.

### VERGER'S REPORT

*From Tim Flynn*

As always, clergy and vergers love to have lay members involved in the Eucharist. Several new members have joined the laity that are involved directly with the service. If you have think you would like to explore becoming an acolyte, a lector, or become a Eucharistic minister let's sit down for a few minutes and talk about the roles. [timflynnict@gmail.com](mailto:timflynnict@gmail.com) 316-640-5031.

### Acolytes, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

The people holding these positions are the backbone of the Liturgy. There are over sixty people who faithfully fulfill their duties in one of these positions. What a wonderful way it is to share your talents.

#### Acolytes

*Deb Bagby, Colin Carroll, Dylan Carrol, Anne Clark, William Compton, Fiona Halley, Talia Halley, Tristan Holmberg,*

*Michael Kephart, Matthew Kroeker, Dalton Nelson, Jared Rowland, Lauren Schmeidler, Lennon Tyner, Alexis Walters, Jason Walters*

Anyone that is interested in becoming an acolyte can contact either Mary Halley [mbhalley66@gmail.com](mailto:mbhalley66@gmail.com) or Tim Flynn.

#### Lectors

*Cris Barber, Maddy Bishop, Richard Bowman, Sandra Bradley, Louise Brinegar, Dylan Carroll, Bert Clark, Rob Compton,*

*Mary Druding, Adrienne Edwards, Kirk Filbey, Tom Gossen, James Guldjord, Marie Guldjord, Kurt Harper, Jeanine Hathaway,*

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*Robin Henry, Kay Hoffman, Garrison Holmberg, Tristan Holmberg, Michael Kephart, Jeanne Kroeker, Jim Lewis, Martha Lewis, Paul McCausland, Rick Milbon, Dalton Nelson, Jeff Newlin, Abby Ottaway, Emily Ottaway, Vicki Petty, Jay Price, Craig Rich, Necia Rillema, Gene Rollins, Drew Rucker, Diane Schawe, Donna Stricklan, Rick Wulf*

We have a wonderful group of lectors that support all of our Liturgies.

Training for lectors is very easy and takes very little time. Call me or send me an email if you are interested in reading scripture and prayers of the people at a service.

Reading the Bible to church members is a great way to become more involved in the Liturgy. Almost everyone can be a lector, and it is a great way to explore your call. Anyone that is interested in becoming a lector can contact Tim Flynn.

### Eucharistic Ministers

*Deb Bagby, Cris Barber, Richard Bowman, Sandra Bradley, Mary Druding, Adrienne Edwards, Fiona Halley, Michael Kephart, Martha Lewis, Rick Milbon, Dalton Nelson, Amber Newlin, Necia Rillema, Marcia Wilder, Robin Wilson, Rick Wulf*

There is a dedicated group of people serving as licensed Eucharistic Ministers. It takes very little investment of time to be trained, or for that matter on the day you serve. Albs are provided by the church. Communing your fellow parishioners with the cup is an incredibly meaningful way to participate in the Eucharist. Individual training can be scheduled so if you are interested please contact Tim Flynn at [timflynnict@gmail.com](mailto:timflynnict@gmail.com) 316-640-5031.

## VII. AFFILIATED PROGRAM REPORTS

### THE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

After many years of generous ministry to youth in need in our community, the St. James After School Program ceased its operation in the spring of 2017 at the end of the school year. Those who served on the board of ASP found it increasingly difficult to raise and maintain sustained energy and funds to keep the program running. The vestry, along with the ASP Board and volunteers were sad and regretted the close of the program. They also knew they could no longer ignore the budget reality that the program could not afford to continue. The ASP ministry started more than ten years ago during the tenure of The Rev. Kate Moorehead. Serving with her were David Cason, The Rev. Betty Glover, Jean (Showalter) Lehr, Theresa Johnson, The Rev. Kenny Miller, Johnson Olanya, and others. When the program closed this year, the dedicated volunteers supporting the ministry included: Mike Lehr, serving as president of the board, along with Tim Flynn and Deacon Peg Flynn. There was an ASP van which was used to bring children from local public schools to St. James for the program of art and music. This summer, the van, which St. James owned (and for which the ASP paid maintenance, insurance and taxes), was sold. Proceeds from the sale of the van (\$1100), along with the value of a few pieces of office equipment left behind by the ASP, and their remaining reserved cash, were used by the parish to cover final ASP payroll and expenses and to close their accounts. Institutional memory recalls the love and help of many parishioners over the years including: Deacon Patsy Abshier, Bev Calvert, Georgie Drake, Mary Druding, The Rev. Amanda Eiman, Dottie Evans, Jackie Farha, Gus Gossard, Susan Graybill, Eric Hartenstein, Caryn (Johnson) Lehr, Al Miller, Suzi Miner, Jim Petty, Susan Picotte, Necia Rillema, and many others who gave children the opportunity to be creative and showed them what it was like to be loved. May God bless all whose paths crossed the way of the St. James After School Program. Thanks to the parish for your prayers and support of this program and the children who participated. You have served Christ in these little ones.

### THE GUILD HALL PLAYERS

*From Phil Speary, Program Director*

GUILD HALL PLAYERS continues as a unique outreach ministry to the Wichita area. In its thirteen years producing plays and musicals, GHP continues to present four-five productions each year and attracts over 1000 audience members who otherwise might have no exposure to our parish. The 2017 season was successful with large appreciative audiences. The season ended with 17 Mary Jane Teall awards from the Wichita theatre community. GHP is self-supporting through its modestly priced ticket sales which cover the expenses of productions (royalties, scenery, lighting, costuming, promotion, musicians, etc.) which range from \$1500 to \$4500 depending on the production. Directors, actors, technicians and house staff volunteer their services. More than 50 artists and crafts-persons from the arts community contribute to the productions. Even with the considerable expenses and modest revenues involved, GHP makes a significant contribution annually to the St. James operating budget. The 2018 plays include LOST IN YONKERS - April, FLEE AS A BIRD - May, and PETER & THE STAR CATCHER in August. If you would like to become involved, contact Phil Speary, Louise Brinegar, or Randy Harrison. Or at least plan on attending one of the shows!



## VIII. PARISH MINISTRIES AND CONTACTS

### ADMINISTRATION & GOVERNANCE – *Sr. Warden: Erin*

*Compton*  
Archives  
Library – *Necia Rillema*  
Building Use and Management – *Parish Office*  
Delegates - Diocesan Convention & Convocation  
Nominating Ministry – *Sr. Warden*  
Office Volunteers – *Parish Office, Chris Murphy*  
Parish Staff – *Parish Office*  
Policies and Personnel – *Parish Office*  
Record Keeping – *Parish Office*  
Vestry – *Parish Office*  
Guild Hall Players – *Phil Speary*

### BUILDING & GROUNDS – *Jr. Warden: Woody Swain and liaison Robin Spurrier*

Facilities maintenance, repair and improvement  
Grounds maintenance, repair and improvement  
Budgeting, planning, prioritizing  
Re-establishment of working groups  
Landscaping  
Churchyard summer mowing – *Gene Rollins*  
Columbarium and Memorial Garden – *Parish Office*  
Furnishings and Memorials Ministry  
Safety and Security – *Jr. Warden, Parish Office*

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION – *Chelsea Whipple*

Adult Christian Education – *Mother Dawn, Chelsea Whipple*  
Adult Forum – *Rob Compton, Phil Speary, Chelsea Whipple*  
Basic A / Confirmation – *Mother Dawn, Mother Sarah*  
Children's Sunday School – *Suzi Miner, Chelsea Whipple*  
Education for Ministry – *Paul Rillema*  
Graduate EfM – *Richard Bowman, Louise Brinegar*  
Middle School Sunday School – *Mother Sarah*  
Senior High Sunday School – *Jeff Roper, Mother Sarah*  
Nursery – *Chelsea Whipple*  
Vacation Bible School – *Chelsea Whipple*  
Bible Study (Wednesday) – *Phil Speary*  
Bible Study (Thursday) – *Mother Sarah*  
Youth Group – *Mother Sarah*

### CLERGY

Priests, employed  
Priests, associated  
Deacons  
Clericus and Diocesan responsibilities – *Mother Dawn*  
Pastoral counseling – *Mother Dawn, Mother Sarah*  
Pastoral care ministries – *Mother Dawn, Mother Sarah*  
Eucharistic Visitors – *Georgie Drake*  
Grief Support – *Deedee Evans*  
Prison ministry – *Jeff Roper*

### COMMUNICATIONS – *contact parish office*

Communications Committee  
Internal and external communications development  
Website – *Parish Office*  
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### FINANCE MINISTRY – *Treasurer: Adrienne Edwards and liaisons Joy Marlin and Joan Moore*

Endowment Funds Board – *Richard Bowman*  
Finance Ministry  
Financial Reports – *Adrienne Edwards, Joy Marlin*  
Annual Budget – *Adrienne Edwards, Joy Marlin*  
Stewardship Ministries – *Joan Moore*  
Annual Giving  
Year-Round Stewardship

### MEMBERSHIP & PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES

All Souls Guild – *Jeanie Hans*  
Breakfast “Club” – *Judy Thompson*  
Breakfast Sunday – *Randy Harrison*  
Campus Ministry – *Jeff Roper*  
Daughters of the King – *Janet Newlin*  
Episcopal Church Women, Olde English Tea – *ECW*  
Membership & Parish Life Ministry – *Peggy Zerger*  
OPUS – *Mary Druding*  
Oyster Dinner – *Matt Carroll*  
Wednesday Dinners – *Mother Sarah*

### OUTREACH MINISTRIES

After School Program – *Mike Lehr*  
Blood Drive – *Dottie Evans*  
Christmas giving trees – *Mary Druding*  
Episcopal Social Services (ESS) – 316-269-4160  
Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM) – 316-977-9276  
St. Francis Community Services – 316-831-0330  
Outreach Ministry – *Judy Goodpasture*

### WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRIES

Choristers (Youth Choir) – *Marlene Hallstrom*  
Hand bell Choir – *Marlene Hallstrom*  
Instrumentalists/Musicians – *Marlene Hallstrom*  
Music Ministry – *Marlene Hallstrom*  
St. James Choir (Adult Choir) – *Marlene Hallstrom*  
Acolytes – *Tim Flynn, Mary Halley*  
Altar Guild – *Crystal Barber*  
Lectors and Chalice Ministers – *Tim Flynn, Mary Halley*  
Ushers – *Matt Carroll*  
Wedding Ministry – *Parish Office*  
Worship Ministry – *Tim Flynn*

## IX. 2018 DATES OF NOTE

### February

- 4 – Commissioning of all Elected 10:45 a.m.
- 5 – Daughters of the King 6:00 p.m.
- 11 – Breakfast Sunday
- 13 – Oyster Dinner and Shrove Tuesday
- 14 – Ash Wednesday and Services 12:15 & 5:30 p.m.
- 15 – Vestry Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 17-18 – First Weekend of Lent
- 22 – Vestry & Endowment Funds Board 5:30 p.m.
- 28 – Last Wednesday Parish Potluck 5:15 p.m.

### March

- 5 – Daughters of the King 6:00 p.m.
- 11 – Breakfast Sunday
- 14 – ECW
- 15 – Vestry Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 25 – Palm Sunday
- 26-31 – Holy Week

### April

- 5-8 – Lost in Yonkers (GHP productions)
- 8 – Breakfast Sunday
- 19 – Vestry Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 21-22 – Children & Youth Weekend all services
- 25 – Last Wednesday Parish Potluck 5:15 p.m.
- 27-29 – New Beginnings for youth

### May

- 5 – Olde English Tea
- 7 – Daughters of the King 6:00 p.m.
- 13 – Breakfast Sunday
- 17 – Vestry Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 17-20 – Flee as a Bird (GHP production)
- 19-20 – Feast of Pentecost all services
- 28 – Memorial Day

### June

- 3-9 – Mega Camp for youth
- 10 – Breakfast Sunday
- 21 – Vestry Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 25-29 – Vacation Bible School
- 26-31 – Mission Wichita for youth

### July

- 1 – Mission Wichita for youth
- 19 – Vestry Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 20-22 – Happening for youth

### August

- 2-5 – Peter and the Starcatcher (GHP production)
- 16 – Vestry Meeting
- Back to School Blessing all services

### September

- 3 – Labor Day
- 10 – Daughters of the King 6:00 p.m.
- 9 – Start-Up Sunday and Breakfast Sunday
- 16 – Sunday School starts for all ages
- 20 – Vestry Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 26 – Last Wednesday Parish Potluck 5:15 p.m.

### October

- 1 – Daughters of the King 6:00 p.m.
- 14 – Breakfast Sunday
- 18 – Vestry Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 18-20 – Diocesan Convention
- 20-21 – The Feast of St. James all services
- 31 – Halloween Party & Parish Potluck 5:15 p.m.

### November

- 1 – All Saints Day
- 3-4 – The Feast of All Saints all services
- 4 – Daylight Savings Time ends
- 5 – Daughters of the King 6:00 p.m.
- 11 – Breakfast Sunday
- 15 – Vestry Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 17 – Confirmations for SW Convocation
- 22 – Thanksgiving Day service and lunch
- 28 – Last Wednesday Parish Potluck 5:15 p.m.

### December

- 2 – Advent begins
- 3 – Daughters of the King 6:00 p.m.
- 9 – St. Nicholas Bazaar & Breakfast Sunday
- 16 – Christmas Pageant 10:00 a.m.
- 20 – Vestry Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 23 – The greening of the church
- 24 – Christmas Eve 4:00, 7:00, 11:00 p.m.
- 25 – Christmas Day 10:00 a.m.

### January 2019

- 5-6 – Feast of the Epiphany all services
- 7 – Daughters of the King 6:00 p.m.
- 13 – Breakfast Sunday
- 17 – Vestry Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 21 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 27 – Annual Meeting
- 30 – Last Wednesday Parish Potluck 5:15 p.m.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION SPRING 2018 CALENDAR FOR ADULTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
9:45am Adult Forum: The Beatitudes <b>*Begins Sept. 17                      every Sunday                      but 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday*</b>	7:00pm Financial Peace University  7:00pm Graduate EfM <b>*Sept.11-Apr.30                      but 1<sup>st</sup> Monday*</b>	6:00pm Theology of John Shelby Spong <b>*Jan.16-Mar. 20*</b>	<b><i>Small Group Wed.</i></b> <b>*Feb 21-May16*</b> 5:15pm <i>Community Meal</i>  6:00pm <i>Small Groups</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ten Commandments</li> <li>• Civil Rights Conversation                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experiencing God with our five Senses</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Sacred Enneagram</li> <li>• Spirituality in Children</li> </ul>	10:00am God's Spirited People <b>*Jan-May*</b>  6:30pm EfM <b>*Sept 21<sup>st</sup> – May*</b>  7:00pm The Restoration Project <b>*Sept – May*</b>

### Additional Adult Christian Education Opportunities 2018

- The Great Divorce by C.S. Lewis.  
 Wednesday evening small group led by The Rev. Sam Criss and Jim Lewis beginning April 18.
- “What is The Bible” by Rob Bell. A discussion group on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm, June 12-July 31.  
*What is the Bible* is an New York Times Best Seller. Rob Bell: *How an Ancient Library of Poems, Letters and Stories* can transform the way you think and feel about everything. Talk it over with Mother Dawn this summer.

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## THE OPENING PRAYER

A portion of Psalm 144 from Nan C. Merrill's *Psalms for Praying*

Blessed are You, O Radiant One,  
You, who are hidden within  
our hearts,  
even as we are hidden within your Heart!  
You invite us to participate in  
the Divine Unfoldment,  
As we awaken from our long sleep  
and give birth to creativity.

Open us that we might recognize the  
divine in every person,  
and become sensitive to all we  
meet along the path.  
For You are the Breathing Life of all,  
the infinite and eternal within  
our hearts.

Evoke the Child in our souls,  
that purity and grace might  
flourish!

Inflame us with compassion so  
we nurture ourselves and others  
with healing and forgiveness!  
Empower us with wisdom and knowledge,  
that we might bring forth  
the Divine Plan!  
And let us recognize the truth  
that clear vision might unfold...

Let each one be receptive to the  
Spirit that inspires,  
allowing the will to respond  
with action;  
And may all judgments and denials  
be released,  
that our souls are freed  
to serve the Light with joy!

Amen.

## THE OPENING HYMN

Hymn 530

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,  
2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;  
3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;  
4 word of how the Spi - rit came bring - ing peace in Je - sus' name;  
5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,

1 that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;  
2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;  
3 how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;  
4 how his nev - er - fail - ing love guides us on to heaven a - bove.  
5 spread a - broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.

Jonathan Friedrich Bahnmaier (1774-1841); tr. Arthur William Farlander (1898-1952) and Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), alt. St. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)

*Gott sei Dank*, melody from *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergel (1793-1870)