

2017 Annual Reports

Early Draft

Music Ministry Report 2017

Music Ministry at St. James continues its growth and high level of quality. Using the “teaching through repertoire” method, we have used specific pieces of music in combination with valuable rhythm and tonal exercises to increase the musical level of the choirs. A strong, robust music program is essential to glorify God to the fullest, and dramatically increases not just morale of the musicians, but also the congregation. Among many great pieces, this year the choir sang Haydn’s *Missa Brevis* in F near the end of Advent, which was well-presented and well-received!

The bell choir also has seen considerable improvement over the course of the past few months, performing more complicated repertoire than in recent memory and growing in potential. Size is still an issue in both ensembles; an addition of just a few members to the vocal and/or bell choir would radically increase the variety of repertoire these groups could perform. If 2 or 3 people are missing from these groups, it makes things drastically more difficult for those who remain. Hopefully those congregation members who are still “thinking about it” will try it out! All are welcome!

The musical instruments continue to perform well, although constant temperature fluctuations in the winter months do create some wear and tear. This is particularly hard on the chapel organ, which sees the most temperature variation and is most susceptible to damage and severe tuning issues. In addition, several pipes on the chapel organ need revoicing; currently these pipes speak late, making it difficult to perform large pieces that require reeds on the instrument. The sanctuary organ expansion was completed in October, which allows for more variations in color and dynamics, and allows the organ to finally fill the space. It is now truly a powerful organ!

The grand piano’s new cover and Dampp Chaser system are saving the church money on repair and tuning costs of the instrument, as these items stabilize temperature and humidity in the strings and sound board. The virginal in Galloway continues to be in a state of disrepair, with tuning issues and several keys not working consistently. Although the instrument, if in working order, would be rarely used, several congregation members have expressed a desire for the instrument to be restored to working order.

The music series at St. James has been a big hit and concerts have been very well attended. Over its course the program will utilize almost every instrument at St. James this year. The music series presents a wide variety of different musical styles and forms, from the Renaissance era to the 21st century. The music series has also raised money for the music program, as well as raised the profile of St. James as a wonderful place for gathering community and hearing high-quality music. Many attendees of the music series have been community members from the wider Downriver area who would normally not set foot into St. James, and continuing the successful program will continue to raise St. James’ visibility in the area.

Money raised by the recital series allows for that program to not only pay for itself, but also pays for much-needed additions to the music library at St. James. A substantial purchase was made over the summer of the Oxford Anthem Book, a staple in most Episcopal churches, and with 63 excellent anthems contained in the volume, it is a bargain. Standalone pieces have also been purchased, such as Jocelyn Hagen’s *I Will Pray and Sing*, David Ashley White’s *Spirit Moving Over Chaos*, Benjamin Wegner’s *He Leadeth Me* and *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*, and Chesnokov’s *Tebe poyem* and *Blagoslovi, dushe moya*. These purchases, in addition to a wide variety of public domain music, have helped to expand the variety of repertoire the choir can perform from around the world, and is helping move the library into the late 20th and 21st centuries. A generous donation from two congregation members for bell choir music has also been made, allowing us to soon purchase sorely-needed literature for our current bell choir, whose library hasn’t seen a significant update since the ‘90s.

As we look to the future, there is lots of opportunity for expansion of the music program, and with additional publicity and some investment, possibly through grant money or other means, a very real possibility for St. James to be a leader in the downriver area in terms of music programming, which will naturally lead to greater attendance in worship services and other St. James events.

2017 Senior Wardens' Report

Another wonderful and on-going year for St. James! Many things were accomplished which you will hear about from our various committees. Projects in the works were completed and new ones cropped up to take their place. The church is our "second home" and just like our own personal dwellings something needs immediate attention or is put on our wish list.

The Vestry, you might say, is the "gatekeeper of the financial and well-being" of our church. When a proposal or problem comes before us it is thoroughly investigated, discussed (heated on a few occasions, but that's alright) before it is acted upon. No herd of sheep following the leader to the edge of the cliff and jumping off I am proud to say! Before business we have prayer and end the meeting with prayer. My prayer is to be open-minded and willing to listen to each point of view which I am sure is echoed by all of us.

Each term is for three years with a meeting each month with the exception of July and August. After three years four people roll off and four new are elected by the parish. We have four fresh faces with new ideas and the remaining eight. If you have any thoughts regarding St. James please talk to one of the vestry members. We need to know what you are thinking.

Consider serving on the vestry; you'll be surprised about what it takes to keep us afloat and sailing smoothly.

Above all, give us guidance as we enter the year before the 150th anniversary of our church in 2018. Stay tuned for a great celebration in the works – something for everyone!

God Bless!

Marie Johnson

Junior Warden : Building and Grounds 2017 Annual Report

Projects for 2017 were mainly normal maintenance issues. Such as, inspection of the boilers in both the main building and rectory, parking lot snow removal and salt, lawn care and gutter repair etc. Father Phil and Harold patched a leak in the education/office wing roof. Water was leaking through the ceiling in a couple spots. This roof needs repair.

We continue to replace lighting fixtures with LED's whenever possible. There were several large trees that had to be removed in 2017. Unfortunately there are several more that will have to go in the near future.

Father Phil and Libby did some very nice work at the rectory. They reclaimed some brick pavers and with a lot of time and hard work used them to make a beautiful patio in the back yard of the rectory. It's really very nice and adds value to the rectory.

We spent a lot of time in 2017 working on our capital campaign. We received initial bids on most of the projects. This way we are able to give you a more accurate idea what these projects cost. The list adds up to a ton of money but we really need to get these things done. We've been able to fund the first project, refurbishment of the Four Evangelists stained glass window in the chapel. Between the money we made from last year's golf outing and funds given by the ECW we were able to cover the cost, about \$10,000.

The rest of the capital campaign projects need your attention. We've taken some pictures and they help. However, if you want to see some of these things up close I'd be happy to show you. The last time we undertook a capital campaign was 15 years ago. It's definitely time to do it again. It's our 150 year anniversary and this campaign will get us off on the right foot for the next 150 years.

Jeff Faistenhammer

Acolyte Ministry

1) The **Acolyte ministry** continued through 2017 with some changes to the roster and the leadership.

Tom and Erica Benson assumed the duties of the Acolyte Ministry in December of 2017. Preceded by Sylvia Booth who was accepted into seminary and is currently serving at St. Michaels as an intern; and, Sue Weston who faithfully served in the interim.

Graduations: Thomas Shumate graduated from Torchbearer to Crucifer. Sam Rankin a current torchbearer has expressed interest in learning the role of the Crucifer. Danny Bohl graduated from high school and the acolyte ministry.

New Recruits: Training for new recruits along with seasoned acolytes happened last week on January 21st. Due to the timing of the report, we are unable to provide you names at this time, but are excited for the new year and the group.

The list of serving Acolytes PRIOR to the January 21st training are as follows:

- Boswell, Joy – Torchbearer
- Christie, Zoie – Torchbearer
- Johnson, Andrew – Crucifer
- Johnson, Landon – Crucifer/Torchbearer
- Lewis, Mitch – Crucifer
- Rankine, Samuel – Torchbearer
- Shumate, Anna – Torchbearer
- Shumate, Thomas – Crucifer/Torchbearer
- Tatem, Daiejah – Crucifer

Even though we have recently had a training, we are always looking to include more of St. James' youth in the ministry of the acolyte. It is never too late to express an interest. It is a wonderful opportunity to serve the congregation, gain a different perspective of worship, and be super awesome cool by caring a torch or cross. Let Fr Phil know, or get in touch with Erica and Tom Benson at ericabenson101@gmail.com or (231) 690-9655.

EM/Lector Ministry Annual Report 2017

The EM/Lector ministry continued through 2017 with a few changes to our numbers. A couple people had to resign for various reasons, but we gained two EMs for the 8:00 service, three EMs and one lector for the 10:00 service. Sylvia Booth left in August to follow her calling to seminary in Chicago and will be missed as both a member and the leader of the EMs, Lectors and Acolytes. I took over scheduling for both groups starting with the September – November schedule and will continue with the EM/Lector scheduling. I have only been at St. James since March, 2017, but am a life-long Episcopalian. I have been an EM for over twenty years and scheduled and trained the EMs and Lectors at my previous church for the previous 8 years, and am also a Licensed Worship Leader and Catechist. We are now grateful to have new Acolyte leaders to recruit, train and schedule that group into the future.

The 8:00 team consists of four EMs and three lectors. Tom Coleman will return as an EM in February, and we welcomed Kim Faistenhammer as an 8:00 EM in December. Thank you all for your devoted service! We would welcome anyone who would like to greet Sunday early; if you feel so called, please contact Fr. Phil or me!

The 10:00 team now has ten EMs and 14 Lectors. We always welcome more voices to read, but currently have more Lectors than there are Sundays for most of our three-month schedules. We would also welcome more EMs too, of course!

The schedule for the EMs and Lectors is posted every three months on the Service bulletin board outside the church office.

We have been scheduling families to serve together whenever possible, so that an adult can serve as EM or Lector at the same service as their Acolyte child/grandchild. This makes it easier for them to schedule family activities, and also lets them enjoy serving in the Chancel together.

During the summer the EMs took over the Acolyte duties while both services were held in the chapel. This made it easier to schedule around summer vacations and seemed to work well for everyone, so we will do this again for the summer of 2018.

For anyone who hasn't served as EM in the Chapel, there is an excellent video that was made by Fr. Phil and Sylvia last year and is available at www.youtube.com/watch?v=jPvTfD_IpDY. I can also walk through it with anyone who hasn't done it or just wants a refresher. At some point I hope to work with Fr. Phil to make a similar video for services in the main church to help train EMs for those services.

Thank you to all who served in 2017 and especially for your patience while I worked through everyone's needs for scheduling! I look forward to serving with you all in 2018.

For everyone else, please consider whether you may be called to lead prayers, read a lesson, or assist Fr. Phil with communion. It is very rewarding to be part of the service, worshiping the Lord, and training, support and practice are available so no one is scheduled until they are comfortable and ready!

Peace be with you,
Sue Weston
EM/Lector Leader and Scheduler

Altar Guild Annual Report 2017

The Saint James' Altar Guild was organized in 1922. We currently have 23 active members and are always looking for additional members.

Our duties have not changed, preparing the table for Holy Eucharist and caring for silver, brass, linens and hangings. Included in this are weddings, funerals and mid-week services. Only the dedications of our members helps to get the job done..

Please continue to support our flower ministry. A new chart is posted for 2018 in the hall by the office. Please review and sign up for a Sunday.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kurth and Michael Glover, Co-Chairmen

Altar Guild Treasurers Report

| | | | Beginning Balance | 3935.05 |
|------------|--------------------------|--|----------------------|---------|
| Date | Description | Category | Amount | Balance |
| 1/1/2017 | Bank Fee | monthly fee | -2 | |
| 1/7/2017 | Deposit | Dec AF | 310 | 4243.05 |
| 1/7/2017 | Deposit | Xmas Flowers | 660 | 4903.05 |
| 2/1/2017 | Bank Fee | monthly fee | -2 | 4901.05 |
| 2/7/2017 | Linda Kurth | linens and flower chart | -186.9 | 4714.15 |
| 2/18/2017 | Deposit | monthly checks | 250 | 4964.15 |
| 2/20/2017 | Trentwood Flowers | flower bill for 9 months | -1957 | 3007.15 |
| 3/1/2017 | Bank Fee | monthly fee | -2 | 3005.15 |
| 3/5/2017 | Linda Kurth | Palms | -173.75 | 2831.4 |
| 3/19/2017 | Linda Kurth | Wed Lenten service | -52.48 | 2778.92 |
| 3/19/2017 | Schwartz's Greenhouse | flowers for Easter | -720 | 2058.92 |
| 3/25/2017 | deposit | from Linda Kurth | 9.9 | 2068.82 |
| 3/25/2017 | Deposit | monthly checks | 75 | 2143.82 |
| 4/1/2017 | Bank Fee | monthly fee | -2 | 2141.82 |
| 4/29/2017 | Deposit | Easter Flowers | 740 | 2881.82 |
| 4/29/2017 | Deposit | monthly checks | 200 | 3081.82 |
| 5/1/2017 | Bank Fee | monthly fee | -2 | 3079.82 |
| 6/9/2017 | Transfer from Church | Lange Funeral | 65 | 3144.82 |
| 6/24/2017 | Deposit | monthly checks | 135 | 3279.82 |
| 7/31/2017 | Transfer from Church | from Easter | 120 | 3399.82 |
| 8/5/2017 | Deposit | monthly checks along with EF check that I had missed | 225 | 3624.82 |
| 8/5/2017 | Deposit from Church | | 30 | 3654.82 |
| 9/2/2017 | Deposit | monthly checks | 205 | 3859.82 |
| 11/11/2017 | Deposit | monthly checks | 180 | 4039.82 |

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| 11/19/2017 | Trentwood Farms | altar flowers Jan -Oct | -2137 | 1902.82 |
| 11/19/2017 | Grosse Ile Music Boosters | Poinsettia | -480 | 1422.82 |
| 12/17/2017 | Cokesbury | Flower chart | -9.2 | 1413.62 |
| 12/17/2017 | Linda Kurth | new linen | -118.5 | 1295.12 |
| 12/30/2017 | deposit | Christmas Memorials | 1070 | 2365.12 |
| 12/31/2017 | ending balance | | | 2365.12 |

Audit Committee

Auditing is a silent job, a behind the scenes job, but a necessary one. We want to ensure there is oversight so that when you come to church and put money in the plate, those funds are doing what they are supposed to do.

Every year, members of the Audit Committee are assigned a few accounts to look over, get a better understanding of, and double check the math. Last year we inspected the financials for 2016 and wrote up reports on our findings. Those reports go to the Vestry and the Diocese. To sum up the reports: everything we looked over was in order.

I would like to thank members of this year's audit committee: Charlotte Campeau and David Dowhan for their time and attention to this task. I would like to thank Curt Crysler for his hard work, and the heads of a church committees that were asked for documents and information. We appreciate your patience and understanding. And lastly, I would like to thank the congregants who received a donation verification letter (If you haven't you may in the future). Thank you for being timely in your response. All of this helps us do a thorough job.

Audit Committee Chair

Jennifer Drake

CHAPEL MINISTRY REPORT

In 2017, as Saint James moved toward its 150th Anniversary, there were several "Red Doors" events both educational as well as lots of fun. In April we traveled to Kokomo, Indiana to Kokomo Opalescent Glass. Louis Tiffany used glass from KOG in our magnificent Tiffany window. It was a 2-day trip with a visit to Pokagon State Park, and lots of great eats along the way. In September, we took a closer look at Lisette's Canadian life when we toured the Amherstburg Freedom Museum and then enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Artisan Grill. We finished our day off at the John Freeman Walls Historic Site and Underground Railroad Museum with a heartwarming tour given by the grandson of escaped slave, John Freeman Walls. In November, Barbara Kreuger, the director of the Michigan Stained Glass Census, came to Saint James to talk to us about "The Art and Architecture of Stained Glass". After her wonderful presentation we enjoyed a delicious soup and salad lunch.

Saint James was visited by many groups who received tours. May brought the Trenton Chapter of Questors - an organization that promotes preservation, restoration and education. The members loved the chapel and its history and are adding our historic Saint James Chapel to their itinerary when

the Questors national convention comes to town next October. Other groups who took tours of Saint James included 30 members from UBE -Detroit Chapter, and a group from St. Constance in Taylor who were visiting several historic Detroit area churches.

Exciting news for the year was the induction of Elizabeth Denison Forth into The Michigan's Women's Hall of Fame! What an honor for our chapel's founder!

It is a pleasure and an honor for me to share our Chapel's rich history with our Saint James Church family as well as our community. If you would like to arrange a tour for yourself or a favorite group, please feel free to contact me or the church office.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Hartwell
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Saint James coffee and tea club report

Whether you enjoy hot or cold drinks from beans or from leaves you owe it to yourself to look into joining the Saint James coffee and tea club. There is no initiation fee to join the club, there are no monthly dues you have to pay, and you are under no obligation to buy anything, EVER. How cool is that!

Why should I sign up you say? Read on --

The following is but one example of the communications that coffee and tea club members receive during the course of the year:

To all coffee and tea lovers,

On Tuesday, February 13, the Saint James coffee and tea club is planning a road trip to Monroe and you and your family and friends are invited!

We plan to carpool from Saint James to visit Agua Dulce Coffee & Tea for a morning cup of coffee or tea, tour Trinity Episcopal Church to see, among other things, their beautiful Tiffany windows, eat lunch at Harbor Inn & Ale or Public House, and then return to Saint James.

The club welcomes new members and there is no cost to join. Every month on the Monday after the first Sunday an order is placed with CoffeeAM for coffee and tea, but there is never any obligation to buy. FYI -- the coffee served at coffee hour after church services is from CoffeeAM. Periodic emails are sent to members with news about an upcoming order, about a road trip, about a taste test program, etc..

If you are not a coffee and tea club member yet but would like to join just let me know your email address and consider yourself a member! Recently members were polled what day(s) of the week were good for them to go on road trips, etc., and Tuesday and Friday were chosen. Let me know if either or both of these two days are also good for you. Your input is encouraged because it will help shape the plans for future club events.

Questions for coffee lovers: What is your favorite coffee brewing method -- drip, pod, French Press, pour over ...? Do you prefer a light, medium, or dark roast coffee?

Questions for tea lovers: Do you brew your tea with a tea bag or with loose leaf tea? What is your favorite tea -- black, green, white, Oolong, Earl Grey, herbal, chai, tisane?

There is a saying for coffee lovers -- Life is too short to drink bad coffee. Does a similar saying apply for tea lovers?!

Sincerely,

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ECW Annual Report – 2017

We would like to acknowledge the amazing work done by everyone this past year for our fabulous and profitable Spring and Fall Rummage Sales and our Greens Market which was the most successful one ever. THANK YOU ALL, from the bottom of our hearts. We could not be as successful as we are if it were not for all the wonderful people who step up to help every year. This past year we were able to add more charitable giving to our budget and give a portion of the money needed to repair and restore the “The Four Apostles’ Window” in the back of the Chapel. We want the men of our church to know how much we appreciate them for all the amazing work they do in setting up our Rummage Sales and Greens Market and for all the work they do during these events as well and especially for coming and helping us return the church to its’ normal state at the end of our fundraising events.

2017 got off to a great start with our January 9th program which was headed up by our own Father Phil along with Jim Holubka, Mandy Phillips and Erica Chappuis who shared their wonderful experiences and a slide show of the Holy Land from their trip in November of 2016. The program took place after a Potluck meal and was truly enjoyed by everyone who attended. January 19th – 21st a group of 7 of us attended the ECW Diocesan Retreat at Columbiere Center in Clarkston. It was a wonderful weekend of Worship and a true “Spiritual Journey”. We have established a scholarship program in our budget to help with the registration expenses for those who have need so they may attend the retreats in the future.

In February, we again had a Potluck dinner before our speaker Vahid Sendijarevic gave a touching and warm presentation of his training, work and experiences in life with Kurt C. Frisch (as he affectionately called him) and his lovely wife Sally who were well loved parishioners in their lifetime here at St. James. Curt Chrysler was so kind as to film the presentation and create a DVD for those members of our parish who were away for the Winter, so they could see it as well. Thanks, Curt!!

A blustery winter storm greeted us on March 13th, but we were still able to have our silly but fun "March Madness Fashion Show". It was a total blast to participate in and was enjoyed by all who attended. We then had our Stone Soup Meal during which a short program on what the Stone Soup is and represents and how it came to be was presented. Then on Friday, March 16th we had the first ever St. Patrick's day Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner which was prepared by our own Irish Lass, Colleen Lough! It was well attended and Irish music was provided by our wonderful music minister Bobby Ragoonanan and was enjoyed by all!!

May brought our Annual Meeting which consisted of an evening meal at Grosse Ile Golf and Country Club. Amy Kohair was named and honored as our "Woman of the Year". Election of new members of the board took place as well.

In September, an outing to Canada via the "Red Door Series" was well attended by a group of us all going to see where our benefactress, Lisette lived and spent her Canadian Life. It was an entertaining and fun adventure. Then we had our Welcome back luncheon at Grosse Ile Golf and Country Club in mid-September.

In October, we had a Potluck Dinner and again were honored by Father Phil who presented a great and helpful program on "Making Electronics Work for You". Father Phil was joined by Robin Knudson and together they helped those who needed tech help with their smart phones, I Pads and Laptops. Thanks guys, it was great!!

In November another fabulous "Red Doors Series" program of "Meditations on Stained Glass" was organized by Kate Hartwell. A wonderful brunch followed the program and we even had Stained Glass Jello with our meal. Thanks, Kate!

As you can see from this abbreviated version of all our activities this year, it has been an extremely active and fun year. There is plenty more to come in 2018. We want all the women who attend St. James to know you are automatically a member of ECW (Episcopal Church Women). If you are new to St. James, please join us in our meetings or activities so you can get to know us and we can get to know you as well. There are no dues or mandated meetings to attend, just come and have fun with us. You won't regret it!

We look forward to our programs and activities in 2018 as we continue to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of our beautiful St. James Chapel. It has been an amazing two years for me serving as ECW President to this wonderful church family and I truly feel blessed to have been chosen to do so. May you all have a healthy and safe year.

Wishing you all God's peace and blessings,

MaryLou Cartwright
ECW President

E.C.W. Financial Report

January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017

Balance, January 1, 2017

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| PNC Checking | \$ 13,830.99 |
| PNC Money Market | \$ 2,812.99 |
| PNC CD | \$ 10,043.43 |
| Total | <u><u>\$26,687.41</u></u> |

Receipts

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|------------------|---------------------------|
| Interest | \$44.71 |
| Rummage | \$33,416.36 |
| Greens Market | \$17,410.42 |
| Helping Hands | \$150.00 |
| Annual Meeting | \$1,000.00 |
| UTO | \$750.00 |
| Cookbooks | \$335.00 |
| Corned Be Dinner | \$993.00 |
| Bank Returns | \$82.00 |
| Mugs | \$55.00 |
| Total | <u><u>\$54,236.49</u></u> |

Total Assets

\$80,923.90

Disbursements

| | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| ECW Retreat fees | \$ 200.00 |
| Checks/ postage/Awards | \$385.25 |
| Rummage | \$3,813.72 |
| Greens Market | \$6,223.38 |
| Kitchen supplies | \$354.35 |
| Welcome Lunch | \$755.70 |
| Annual Meeting | \$1,100.00 |
| Corned Beef Dinner | \$513.00 |
| Withdrawals | \$2,904.00 |
| | <u><u>\$16,249.40</u></u> |

Benevolences

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|------------------------|------------|
| UTO | \$750.00 |
| Dioscean ECW | \$300.00 |
| Episcopal World Relief | \$2,000.00 |
| Fistula Foundation | \$2,000.00 |

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| Jerusalem Peacekeepers | \$2,000.00 |
| Crossroads | \$500.00 |
| Youth Works Detroit | \$1,000.00 |
| Mariners Inn | \$300.00 |
| St. Michaels & All Angels | \$1,000.00 |
| Sword of Spirit | \$250.00 |
| Crop/CWS | \$250.00 |
| Sams | \$500.00 |
| El Hogar | \$1,500.00 |
| First Step | \$500.00 |
| Cass Comm. SS | \$1,050.00 |
| GI Food Pantry | \$1,200.00 |
| Salvation Army B&B | \$500.00 |
| Northern Lights | \$800.00 |
| Spirit of Hope S K | \$700.00 |
| COTS | \$500.00 |
| Rector's Disc. Fund | \$1,500.00 |
| Capucian Soup Kit. | \$250.00 |
| Total Benevolences: | <u><u>\$19,350.00</u></u> |

St. James

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|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Pledge | \$14,000.00 |
| Coffee | \$696.43 |
| Copier | \$2,000.00 |
| Chapel Window Repair | \$1,800.00 |
| Cleaning | \$1,200.00 |
| Total | <u><u>\$19,696.43</u></u> |

TOTAL Disbursements

\$55,295.83

Balance, December 31, 2017

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|------------------|----------------------------------|
| PNC Checking | \$ 12,813.93 |
| PNC Money Market | \$ 2,814.14 |
| PNC CD | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Total | <u><u>\$25,628.07</u></u> |

Respectfully Submitted,

*Collie Hooper-Yan
E.C.W. Treasurer*

2017 Rummage Sale Report

We had another wonderful year in the Rummage Sale department! The ministry of our rummage sale encompasses much more than just selling gently used items at fantastic prices. Our ministry begins with the many donated items including pickups on the island for large items. Fellowship with each other and sharing delicious hot lunches with each other help to make the work go by fast. Our volunteers are second to none in their never ending kindness and conversation with our customers and each other. We strive to set a good example of Christian life through our actions and interactions with each other in this ministry.

Here are the numbers for 2017's sales:

Spring Sale: Total revenue collected was \$13,544.31. Expenses such as supplies, food, dumpster, advertising, etc. totaled \$1,828.75 leaving us a **total profit of \$11,715.56!**
(The French Room, Antique Room and The Boutique were responsible for \$6,088.00)

Fall Sale: Total revenue collected was \$17,694.05. Expenses such as supplies, food, dumpster, advertising, etc. totaled \$1,984.97 leaving us a **total profit of \$15,709.08!**
(The French Room, Antique Room and The Boutique were responsible for \$7,273.00)

Our next rummage sale will be May 4th & 5th, 2018.

Submitted by Sharon Metz & Carole Vandenberg
Rummage Sale Co-Chairs

Coffee Hour Annual Report

Coffee Hour after the 10:00 service is always a big success, whether there are just a few leftover cookies or a big feast. Thank you to all of you who took a turn working in the kitchen, bringing refreshments and cleaning up. A special thanks to those who noticed that help was needed and stepped in without being asked. Coffee Hour is a great time for meeting old friends and for welcoming new members and visitors.

In order to keep this tradition going, volunteers are needed each week. Look for the signup list on the table in Galloway Hall. Invite a friend or newcomer to help. Coffee, tea and sugar are provided. Just bring **simple** refreshments (Kroger cookies will do). There is no "special committee"....Everyone at St. James is on the "committee"!

Joan Hemsworth

89th Historic Greens Market 2017

The 89th Greens Market had a rocky start with the delay of the greens and wreath delivery but that snag did not hinder a great finish with a profit of \$10,700.00. This would not have been possible without the talent, dedication and hard work of the whole Greens Market crew. Thank you to everyone who went in their yard and cut greens from their trees and bushes so we could begin work on the scheduled Monday morning. Keep those trees and bushes growing because we hope you can share with us again next year.

The Greens market is an event in our church which is anticipated with excitement and enthusiasm. This is evident by the number, of day and evening workers who come year after year eager to start making little trees and swags, decorating wreaths, creating special arrangements, trimming little trees, measuring roping and fashioning bows. Keeping count of the whole production at the order table and in distribution is essential for an orderly sale. The fabulous kitchen crew keep all of the workers well fed at lunch time.

The Greens Market is a full fall event. The wiring of cones and berries, sorting and shopping for supplies, start the week after rummage and continue until the set-up on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The set-up, take down and deliveries would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of all the men who faithfully help us year after year.

We decorated 165 regular wreaths and 16 extra-large ones, 7 candy cane shaped greens and 2 mantle greens and made 56 little trees, that were decorated, 50 decorated swags and door knockers, created 156 special arrangements, and made 150+ bows. 35 coils of roping were measured, cut and tagged to decorate many homes. The kitchen crew fed 35+ people every day and an additional 8-10 workers arrived each evening to work late into the night. Many unique hand-crafted items made by talented crafters and our bountiful goodies table added to our profits. We were very fortunate to have a beautifully decorated doll house for auction this year. Thank you to Sharon and Phil Metz for the doll house renovation and furniture making. It made a very special Christmas gift for one family. The open house gathering on the Friday evening was a well-attended festive event. The cheese and punch were a hit again this year. The complimentary cider and cookies table was enjoyed by the shoppers on sale day.

A Big Thank You to everyone who helped in any way with this successful Historic Greens Market. It could not be done without your dedication and hard work. We are looking forward to the 90th Greens Market!!!! Only 11 years to the 100th!!!

Collie Hooper-Yan
Mary Jo Brough

GREETERS' COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT—2017

The greeters are the first people you come in contact with when you enter Saint James' for Sunday Service. We greet you with a smile, a "Good Morning" and a warm handshake. The greeters especially look for newcomers: we encourage them to complete a visitor information card; we direct them to Sunday School and the nursery if they have children with them; we explain the procedures for Communion; we invite them to coffee hour and introduce them to other members and to Father Phil.

They are given a Saint James' Welcome Bag with goodies and valuable church information. Our hope is to make a great first impression so that they will return to Saint James' the following Sunday.

Of course, remember that **every one of you** becomes a greeter when you see someone new!

If this is a ministry you are interested in, please contact me at 676-3967, or lblanks@wideopenwest.com.

Many thanks to the members of the Greeters' Committee who served this past year:

10:00:

Dave and Judy Christie

Sue Anderson

Robin Knudson

Linda and Chuck Kurth

Marie Johnson

Lil Everlove

Anthony Baker

Natalia Morris

Wendy Kiblawi

Lynn and Paul Blanks

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Blanks

Interfaith Council Report 2017

Interfaith Council is made of at least 2 members from each of the 5 Island Churches. They work cooperatively together on events that involve all Churches and their membership.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE – Each year Interfaith Council encourages ALL graduating seniors to attend this Christian based service. This year the service was held at St. Thomas Lutheran Church. All Island Clergy help deliver a heartfelt message to the seniors. Everyone was invited to enjoy refreshments and conversation in Fellowship Hall.

CROP WALK – The participation for Crop Walk has been down for the last several years. This year we arranged to have the Walk the weekend of Islandfest. It was held at 1:00 on Sunday. There were 21 walkers and we collected about \$3000. All the donations are sent to Church World Services which help to alleviate world hunger. Some of the donations are kept locally. Interfaith Council along with CWS would like to thank everyone that walked and or donated to this worthy cause. A special thanks goes to our ECW for their generous donation.

CHRISTNET – is the biggest and most costly event that is sponsored by the Interfaith Council. This year Christnet was November 12-19. The program provides shelter and food for about 30 homeless people for a week. The warming center moves to a different church Downriver each week. When it is our turn Christnet is always held at Grosse Ile Presbyterian Church since they have the room and showers. Each church on the island hosts one or two nights during the week. Each day our guests

are given three meals, warm beds, and showers. Church members make and serve dinner, take orders and pack lunches for the next day, and make and serve breakfast. Each day all towels are gathered, washed, and redelivered for evening use.

Besides meeting our guests daily needs, the Sundays before and after our week, volunteers are needed to setup and pack up supplies. All beds and pillows are sanitized and the 30 sets of sheets, pillowcases and blankets are taken to the laundromat then delivered the next church day.

This project is a big undertaking so many volunteers and donations are greatly appreciated. We are so grateful to each island church for the donations of time and money. Without all the help we couldn't possibly be a part of the great cause.

Memorial Garden

Memorial Garden of St. James is a final resting place for members of St. James and their family members. It is maintained under the leadership of Carole Vandenberg and Sue Lowery. This past year we hired a Master Gardener to mow the lawn and keep things looking tidy. The garden is filled with flowering shrubs in order to have as much blooming as possible throughout the spring and summer months. Burial spots are not marked, but names of those interred are on plaques which are mounted on the building and the west wall of the garden. If you are interested in the garden as a final resting place contact the church office.

Men's Ministry Group

The Men's Ministry Group continues to be an active and vital organization here at Saint James. Our monthly breakfasts vary in attendance but they are always a chance to get out and meet up with other guys from the Parish and share a meal and conversation. Our conversations at breakfast generate many of the ideas for activities that we sponsor.

In 2017, we launched our fourth Parish Boat Cruise on the Detroit River. The Men's Ministry Group hosted a sellout crowd on the Diamond Jack Riverboat as we cruised the Detroit River and enjoyed a narrated tour. The cruise was catered by Jimmy Johns of Wyandotte and we had a nice variety of sandwiches and snacks as well as beverages for purchase on the boat. The Men's group also hosted a Parish bonfire in November and our annual drive for warm winter clothing for men served by the Spirit of Hope community was a huge success. We added another Toledo Mud Hens game to our calendar and a good time was had at the ballpark. We continue to seek ways to be of service to the Parish and to the greater community beyond our doors.

In 2018, we will continue to gather for our fellowship breakfasts at Mom's Restaurant in Trenton on the second Saturday of the month at 8:30 am. We will continue to be open to joining hands with the ECW to host Parish events and several of our guys will be attending the annual Men's Retreat sponsored by our neighboring Presbyterian Church. Plans are being made by the Men's Group to

host an event, this coming Summer, to honor the 150th anniversary of the founding of Saint James Parish. Come join us and help plan this year's boat cruise and other fun events. There's always room at our table.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Holubka

Annual Report for Healing Prayer Ministry – 2017

The purpose of a Healing Prayer Team is to meet the spiritual healing needs of our congregation through the request of a parishioner. Every Sunday, at the 10 AM service, during Holy Communion, two people on the Healing Prayer Team stand on each side of the alter, ready to listen to a prayer request and then praying with that person. These caring prayer ministers are ready to listen to your particular need, hurt, or concern, and pray with you right then and there. Everything is held in complete confidence. That's what our healing prayer ministry is all about.

This past year we had several changes to our prayer team. Sylvia Booth left to pursue her calling to the Episcopal Church priesthood. Marie Turner left to join her family at another church. We wish them both well and thank them for their service. Both will be missed.

Our own prayers were answered when Anthony Baker, Natalia Morris, Tom Benson, Erica Benson, and Colleen Lough volunteered to serve on our healing prayer team. They, along with Sue Anderson, Madeleine Jones, Amy Kohair, Linda Shannon, and myself, Herman Rugel, make up our healing prayer team. Those of us on the prayer team become a channel of God's healing light and love. We consider it an honor to pray with you and for you.

Only two or three people take advantage of the healing prayer ministry during Holy Communion. Parishioners might not know why we are standing on the side of the alter, or they might be too shy to ask for a prayer. It would be helpful to get feedback so we can learn how better to serve the needs of the congregation in this ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

Herman Rugel
Healing Prayer Ministry

REJUVENATION COMMITTEE

MEMBERS: Judy Christie, Sue Anderson, Jack Hartley, Sue Hartley

MISSION STATEMENT – To preserve the rich historical past of Saint James through rejuvenation of the church.

The Rejuvenation Committee has been in progress for 9 years. It is a Vestry appointed committee. Many members of the church have worked on this committee. We are always looking for new members.

There has not been any activity within this Committee in 2017. We have plans for the ladies restroom for 2018, with approval from the vestry.

Respectfully , Sue Hartley

SCRIP AND KROGER'S ANNUAL REPORT---2017

SCRIP is a term that means “substitute money.” When you purchase SCRIP, you are purchasing gift certificates that are used just like cash. The reason for the effectiveness and ease of using SCRIP is simple: families generate revenue through purchases **they would make anyway**--- groceries, clothing, toys, gifts, gasoline, electronics, and entertainment.

The Great Lakes Scrip Center purchases large amounts of SCRIP from grocery stores, department stores, and other retailers. Because the SCRIP is purchased with cash up front, the participating retailers offer a substantial discount.

Saint James' buys SCRIP at the discount prices and re-sells the gift cards for full face value. The bulk of the discount—from two to fifteen per cent or more—is retained by Saint. James' as revenue. You may place orders with Lynn Blanks at any time. Place an order on Sunday and receive your order by Wednesday. Go to www.glscrip.com for a list of participating retailers.

Many of you also have participated in the **Kroger's Community Rewards Program**. All you do is register your Kroger's Plus Card and you earn money for Saint James' each and every time you use your card. Many of you are currently enrolled in the program and have earned us close to \$1600 this past year. If you have not yet registered your card (you will know if **Saint James Episcopal Church** is printed at the bottom of your Kroger's receipt), pick up an enrollment form from the information table. You can follow the on-line instructions: www.krogercommunityrewards.com or turn in your enrollment form to the office and I will enroll you.

Thank you to all who support the Scrip and Kroger's programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Blanks

2017 ANNUAL REPORT: SPIRIT OF HOPE SOUP KITCHEN

January 21st: We cooked, Sacred Heart served. Our ½ cost \$243.10
Taco Soup, Garden Salad & Dinner Rolls.

February 18th: Detroit Moose Hockey Team took care of the entire meal. Our cost \$0.00

March 18th: Sacred Heart took care of the entire meal. Our cost \$0.00

April 15th: We took care of the entire “Easter” meal. \$420.08 cost
Ham, Cheesy Potatoes, Garden Salad, Dinner Rolls & Easter eggs.

May 20th: We cooked. Sacred Heart served. Our ½ of cost \$186.30
Taco Soup, Garden Salad & Dinner Rolls

June 17th: We cooked and Sacred Heart served. \$291.83
Taco Soup with Macaroni and Cheese, Dinner Rolls, and Salad.

July 15th: Sacred Heart took care of the entire meal. Our cost \$0.00

August 20th: Detroit Moose Hockey Team took care of the entire meal. Our cost \$0.00

September 16th: We took care of the entire meal. \$305.79
Sloppy Joes, Potato Salad, Pickles, Baked Beans & Chocolate Pudding.

October 21st: We cooked & Sacred Heart served. Our ½ of cost \$183.13
Hamburger & Vegetable Stew over Mashed Potatoes, Applesauce, Dinner Rolls & Carrot Cake.

November 18th: Sacred Heart took care of the entire meal. (Thanksgiving) Our cost \$0.00

December 16th: We took care of the entire meal (Christmas). \$334.55 Ham,
Mac-n-Cheese, Green Beans, Corn Bread, Applesauce & (Pumpkin Rolls from Saavedra family).

Constants for each meal Saint James prepares at the Spirit of Hope:

Thank you to Dave and Judy Christie for so generously providing the meat for the meals!

Thank You to Greg Goyert and Marcie Treadwell for helping with the cost of the supplies.
Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwiches are always made so that our guests will have something to eat later
which will not spoil.

\$45. (\$50. On Holidays) out of each meal cost is payed to Norm, who takes care of Security and
sextant work at the Spirit of Hope while we are there.

Thank you to ALL Volunteers who make this soup kitchen ministry a reality. May God Bless you
always! Sincerely, Amy & Frank Kohair, Saint James Coordinators. If you ever have questions,
please call 734-693-0694. Sign-ups are on the bulletin board in the long hallway.

Thanks + Giving Fun Run 2017

Our 4th Annual Thanks + Giving Fun Run grew again this year; it's becoming a great
Thanksgiving Day tradition for many families. It may be a cold morning but the hearts of our
participants are warm as they give generously to help those who need it most downriver. Our Chapel
bell sent off over 300 racers on a 1 mile kids dash and/or a 3 mile run. “Santa” gave water and loads
of encouragement to the runners. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners received pumpkin pies and

whipped cream as awards and all participants were given handmade “wooden spoon medals” at the finish line! Over \$3,600 was raised to support St. James’ ministries, Grosse Ile’s Sacred Heart Food Pantry, and the Spirit of Hope Soup Kitchen.

The following local businesses helped in our success:

Discount Drinks—donated post-race water bottles

Everal Race Management—donated start/finish race balloon, mile markers, and finish line timer

Grosse Ile Kroger’s—donated post-race bananas

Woodhaven Meijer—donated \$175 (used towards post-race granola bars and napkins, table cloths, and hot chocolate for 2018)

-Libby Dinwiddie

USHER MINISTRY ANNUAL REPORT

HELLO ST. JAMES ! Please accept this writing as my annual report on behalf of the St. James Ushers. I volunteered to take over the role of Head Usher during 2017. Walt Denson had served as our leader for 28 years and he did an outstanding job. It will be hard to fill his shoes, but with the help of my fellow ushers we hope to continue providing good service to our Church.

We invite you to join us and serve as a St. James Usher. We greet people, hand out bulletins, and help with communion. There is always someone with you to coach new ushers. We have fun and we have a good group. During 2017 we were happy to have Ron Bonis join us and he is doing a great job.

Our usher at the 8 A.M. service is Gwyn Dugliss. Our ushers at the 10 A.M. service are Paul and Lynn Blanks, Ron Bonis, Stuart Cartwright, David and Judy Christie, Jack Hartley, Robin Knudsen, Chuck Kurth, and Zach and Merri Lewis.

We appreciate the work of all of our ushers. We do need to add to our numbers to avoid over scheduling. Please consider joining us. Contact me or sign up on our sign up sheet posted on the welcome board across the hall from the doors of the main sanctuary. Thank you.

Carl Colwell, Head Usher
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YOUTH MINISTRIES ANNUAL REPORT 2017

The Christian Education program for children ages 4 through 5th grade runs on Sunday mornings during the 10:00 service. The students enter the worship service before Communion so they can experience the Eucharist with their families. Middle School and High School Youth Group meets on occasion. A Ministry team was formed with Douglas and Elizabeth Johnson, Marie Johnson, Natalia Morris, Sue Johnson, Kim Faistenhammer, Erica Benson and Nancy Crysler. Natalia and Nancy attended a Children's Ministry Conference in Chicago this past year picking up ideas to lead the program in new ways.

Nancy Crysler, Douglas Johnson and Sue Johnson are teaching children ages 4 through 5th grade. The following are some of the activities in which the children and youth participated:

*Halloween Party

*Making Christmas poppers for the soup kitchen led by Joni Bohl and Dianne Mammo.

*Christmas Eve pageant

*Easter Brunch and egg hunt

* Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School was chaired by Nancy Crysler this summer. The children donated enough money to El Hogar to adopt a student to the entire year of schooling. Father Phil led the biblical teachings and music. A record **80 children attended** this year with nearly **50** St. James people working in some capacity to make VBS possible!! Libby Dinwiddie and Madeleine Jones were the official photographers for the week.

The Children's Choir has had a slow start this year but there are hopes for a brighter future under the leadership of JILL Robinson and Bobby Ragoonanan.

The Middle School Youth Group is being led this year by Natalia Morris and Anthony Baker. There was a bowling outing and coming up is a Christian music concert plus more.

The Senior High School Youth Group is led by Rev. Phillip Dinwiddie.

CHILDREN'S RAINBOW BELL CHOIR is directed by Sue Johnson.

Thank you to the **many** of you who have helped St. James children grow in the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ. No matter what the help: VBS, poppers, decorating, bringing in candy, plastic Easter eggs, bathroom paper rolls providing snacks, you are serving God's children. Those of you who have children in Sunday School, we ask you to be faithful in your attendance so the children's relationship with God will grow in strength. What greater gift can we give to our children? Pass that baton of faith.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Crysler
