



Fall 2018

What a Difference a Year Makes

A year ago, I was still trying to adapt to what had just happened. In a couple of months, we had lost our organist and then our priest. It seemed like we had lost all of our forward momentum but I was sure that members of St. David's would pull together, figure things out, and with the grace of God, carry on.

Last year was a difficult year. The members of St. David's have had two opportunities to discuss their feelings from all the abrupt transitions we experienced. The first was in December when Dr. Kay McLaughlin led us. These themes surfaced again in June during the Search Committee's dinners in June. I found those conversations difficult but healing.

A year ago, we had no paid staff; today we have 3. In late October, Adrienne Shipley accepted the position of Organist/Choir Director. Since then Adrienne has not only brought us organ, piano, and harpsichord music but the choir has more than doubled in size. In February, Darlene McDonald was hired as the Administrative Assistant. Darlene works in the office Friday mornings and handles phone messages on a daily basis. In March we hired Penny McGuire to clean the church. Technically Penny McGuire is not an employee; she owns and operates the Sunrise Cleaning Services. Penny cleans both buildings Saturday morning so the church is fresh after the Farmers' Market.

A year ago, I was concerned that we would lose our momentum. It may have been reduced for a time but I believe it has come back. We have continued old programs. We have a dedicated group of people who make the 9:30 am Sunday worship possible, lead Wednesday Evening Prayer, take Eucharist to the sick, and lead the service at Brown County Health and Living. The Bean Blossom Music Series and Pub Theology continue to thrive. We are wrapping up another season of the Farmers' Market, and we just had one of the most productive rummage sales in recent memory. Outreach continues to challenge us to do more with their grants: food for St. Vincent de Paul and Mother's Cupboard, and the Back-Pack Program.

We have a lot to look forward to in the near future. September is going to be busy. We have an excellent Search Committee. They have been working hard all summer and hope that in September the profile will go out to candidates. In early September we will have the Second Annual Biker's Breakfast and Blessing of the Bikes. The last day of September we will have a Blessing of the Animals. Outreach and Adult Educations are roughing out some interesting forums and we are going to have one, maybe two BBMS concerts yet this year. Of course, we are all looking forward to the Advent, Celtic Worship Services, and Christmas. (Richard Halladay will be the priest Christmas Eve.) We will then be finished with another year.

It will be interesting to take inventory next September. What new programs did we add? Did we drop old programs? Did we receive new members? Did we call a new priest? I do know that there will be much hard work from dedicated people and aid and guidance from the Holy Spirit.

Jim Huber, Senior Warden



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Adapting

St. David's is definitely an adaptable church! When there was a date miscommunication with the planned supply priest, our fearless Junior Warden, Jan Holloway, asked Rev. Charlie Hill to sub three minutes before service began!

Thank goodness we are such an eclectic parish...our congregation could even begin trite joke with, "a retired Presbyterian minister, a retired Methodist preacher and a retired Disciples of Christ pastor all met at a bar one evening and...!"

Thank you Charlie Hill for your "improv" service hosting, homily and blessings in the midst of this confusion. As always, your message was spot-on and you made us laugh and appreciate St. David's uniqueness even more! What a church!

—Marylin Day



"Our days are the altars of our lives. We can lavish wonder on them or spill the wastes of our distracted days." Kathleen Hirsch, as quoted in the Christian Century magazine.

—from Sandy Ridenour

United Thank Offering

For an article about the United Thank Offering, I usually write about the goals of UTO and summarize a few of the grants given by the UTO Board. However, I found this article Included interesting detail about UTO grants that I thought worth sharing. A copy of the 2018 grants is on the outreach table in the gathering place.

The UTO Ingathering date at St. David's is **October 21**. Blue boxes are available on the outreach table. If you aren't already, start saving your change (and bills) with a prayer of thanks.

The United Thank Offering invites every Episcopalian to:

Notice the good things that happen each day.
Give thanks to God for your blessings.
Make an offering for each blessing.
Through UTO, your
Blessings become blessings for others.

—Jane Savage



Congratulations to the 2018 UTO Annual Grant Recipients!

During General Convention, the UTO Board announced the 2018 UTO Grant recipients. This year, the Board awarded three grants in what we consider the historical category – grants that tie back to the founding work of UTO, including support for missionaries; for the UTO Internship program, which will move to Washington, DC in 2018; and for the Presiding Bishop's Grant, which this year supports Partners in Welcome, a new program through Episcopal Migration Ministries. In 2018, 27 grants were awarded to sites within The Episcopal Church and four were awarded directly to sites in the Anglican Communion. Every single grant is amazing and will do profound work, but we wanted to take a moment to tell the stories of a couple of unique projects.

The grant to the Diocese of El Camino Real will support Project Bridge in hiring its first staff person. Project Bridge aims to provide strengths-based reentry case management that targets incarcerated men and women within 30 days of their release, utilizing the Church as a strategic support partner. This program will also provide advocacy within the community and work for prison reform.

The grant to the Church in Spain is truly fun and unique. It is to support a congregation that is purchasing space to house young adult refugees who are interested in furthering their education while participating in acrobatics. The building will house those without shelter, provide a gym and training space for the acrobatics program (instead of needing to raise money to pay for use of the local community recreational center), and help refugees find new hope and a new life in Spain.

Of all the grants submitted this year that were eligible for funding, 30 went unfunded because we simply ran out of money. These projects are wonderful ministries that deserve the opportunity to start, grow, and thrive. We hope you will join us in inviting others to participate in UTO so that each year we might be able to fund more and more wonderful projects.

Treasurer's Notes

I always seem to have two problems with deadlines for the newsletter. First it seems a long way off and then, without warning, here it is newsletter time again and I'm behind. Second, this is the third quarter newsletter but the financial statements are only through July so they do not actually reflect the third quarter. However, if you have any questions about more current finances feel free to contact me anytime and I will gladly answer them.

We continue to increase our assets by not having clergy and associated expenses. Some of this will be used for search expenses (\$10,000 has been allocated) and some for improvements / maintenance on buildings and grounds with the remaining surplus building up the general fund. The first two items will be reflected in the August statement and I will detail their effects on the finances in the last newsletter of 2018. The third item is the primary reason why the assets have increased by \$39,265.51 over last year.

Helping to keep expenses down during this past year we have been using two grants, one from Centers for Congregations and one from the diocese, to cover 75% of our consultant expenses. As we moved from using the consultant to help deal with past issues to an active search for a priest with a search coach, we were allowed to use these grants to cover search coach expenses. The original grants totaled \$10,881.00 and we now have used \$7,338.78 and have a total of \$3,542.22 remaining. These grants will terminate at the end of October of this year with remaining funds being returned to the grantors.

Assets (not including fixed)	End of July	
	Previous Year	2018
Fifth Third Accounts	\$19,315.75	\$49,939.28
IUCU Accounts	\$22,024.42	\$24,343.76
IUCU Investments (CD's)	\$60,141.24	\$66,463.88
Total Assets	\$101,481.41	\$140,746.92
Revenues & Expenses Year through July (not including Farmers Market)		
	2018 Actual	2018 Budget
Revenues	\$71,308.72	\$66,565.36
Expenses	\$39,616.55	\$66,460.93
Net	\$31,692.17	\$104.43
Pledge revenue	\$69,106.50	\$64,430.43

Respectfully,

Ralph Linscott
Treasurer

Global Mission Update



News from Rev. Jeffrey Bower, Chair of Global Missions for the Diocese of Indianapolis:

Haiti: A planned pilgrimage to Haiti was previously scheduled for July 25th-30th. At the last minute, this pilgrimage was canceled because of civil unrest in the country due to hiked gas prices (in some areas as much as 50%). Rioting ensued and on July 15th the Prime Minister resigned under growing tension in the administration and "no confidence." The US Consulate issued a Level 4 alert that has since been upgraded to a Level 3 (travel in emergency cases only). For everyone's safety, we decided to reschedule our trip for January 9th-14th, 2019. St. David's is welcome to participate in this upcoming pilgrimage in January, 2019. The cost is \$1300 and registration materials will be reposted in the days ahead for those who might want to go.

In the next several weeks we hope to go live with our *Lunches and Lessons 303@99* campaign, replicating what we initiated last year. Currently any gifts may be made to the Diocese of Indianapolis with *Lunches and Lessons* in the memo line.

Brasilia: Rev. Jeffrey Bower will be preaching at the 15th Anniversary celebration of Bishop Mauricio Andrade's ordination in Brasilia and celebrating the diocesan partnership this December. We have also recently received a gift of \$25K over the next two years, to create a match with the Diocese of Indianapolis, to build a sports center/community recreation area, across from the Social Agency in Pedregal. We hope to kick off that fundraiser in early 2019 (calendar year).

Diocese of Athooch, South Sudan: Global Missions sponsored Bishop Moses Anur Ayom and Mother Rebecca Koryom, from the Diocese of Athooch (*Al-took*) to come and join in conversation for a period of 9 days. After 954 miles, 14 parishes, and numerous social agencies later, they were exposed to the breadth and depth of the Diocese of Indianapolis as we think of ways to be in relationship with this South Sudanese diocese. Our work is in the early stages and we are still discerning how best to enter into a companionship (or if it is even possible).

Thank you for your past support for Global Missions in the Diocese of Indianapolis. We encourage you to participate in our planning sessions, sharing of news and prayer as we continue these efforts to share God's love throughout the world.

*Rev. Jeffrey Bower
Global Missions Commission
Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis*

Search Committee News

Search Committee to complete parish profile

The Search Committee has been hard at work creating a profile for prospective priests to learn about the great community we have and the transformative work we do here at St. David's. However, the process began long before we ever put pen to paper writing answers to the narrative questions. The diverse Search Committee was assembled in May consisting of Gene Niednagel, serving as our committee chair, Jan Benham serving as our spiritual guide, Madeline Webster serving as the secretary, as well as Maggie Linscott and Joan Amati.

The committee began with a search retreat with search coach Kay Collier McLaughlin where they looked back upon the history of St. David's to establish the best possible route for moving forward. The Search Committee then hosted a series of Holy Conversations that allowed them to listen to the hopes and needs of their fellow parishioners. The committee asked questions such as "When did you feel fulfilled and enlightened at St. David's?" It was vitally important to Search Committee to hear a variety of voices from St. David's church that would best support them in the process of seeking out the best match for this congregation. We are currently in the process of solidifying the profile to be approved by the bishop. Search Committee is excited to share what a loving, pastoral, and spiritually-engaged community St. David's is.

—Madeline Webster



Thanks to Wilma Melendez (See Genesis 2:7-25) 11-08-2000
 ADAM'S QUEST FOR A LIFE-PARTNER WAS A
 TOUGH ONE BEFORE EVE WAS CREATED

A Word from Charlie Hill

St. Martha and the Egg Sauce

‘St. Martha’s Catholic Church’, it said on the sign in front of the church we saw on a trip one time. This was my first ‘St. Martha’s’, named for the loser of the argument when Jesus visited two sisters at home. As the story goes, Martha complained about having to do all the kitchen chores while Mary sat in the front room listening to Jesus. “Tell Mary to come help me”, she says. But Jesus says Mary has chosen well. A bit of equality appears here, for Jesus apparently believes that a woman does not have to be limited to the household servant role.

However, the fact remains: not many churches are named after Martha, the doer of dishes and server of tables, however noble and sacrificial her endeavors.

It happens that my brother’s wife is named Martha, and works diligently at household tasks as well as dedicating her life to school teaching.

One day, Margie and I were visiting Al and Martha Jane. For breakfast she had pulled out all the stops and served eggs Benedict. Liking eggs but not the sauce, I proceeded to remove the sauce from my egg, thus defeating all the careful preparation of a special dish.

Needless to say, there was some comment around the table, during which I was not held in very high regard, to say the least. I had no idea what the dish was, but I learned that day.

So I told Martha Jane about St. Martha’s Church, dedicated to the doer of chores, and apologized for my earlier crass behavior. She, of course, had not been in the least offended, and told me that she heard others occasionally refer to her as a St. Martha, because of her dedicated serving, although I don’t think I ever heard her complain about the work.

If, at the end of our days, we are compared to St. Martha, or even mentioned in the same sentence with such dedicated service, we have done well, especially if we don’t complain about it. What’s more, in future, I will try to be better-mannered about egg sauce and the like.

Charles McClure Hill, 8-5-18

An extra word!

Thinking Through

Thinking through its theology
A church in the woods
Understands itself better

Charles M. Hill
8-18-14

Birthdays and Anniversaries

SEPTEMBER

3 Ralph Linscott
 7 Ed McCabe
 11 Ben Herr
 13 Margie Hill
 13 Juniper McCabe (Ed & Cori's dau)
 16 Jan Benham
 24 Louis and Laura Wenzler
 27 Eric Cole

OCTOBER

4 Marylin Day
 7 Bob Oliger
 10 Marge Steiner
 11 Jim Drum
 11 Wesley Smith (Adie & Ben's son)
 15 Tracey Simmons
 18 Adi & Ben Smith - Anniversary
 24 Joe Miller (Joan Amati's husband)
 25 Gene Niednagel
 26 Jonathan Hutchison
 26 Laura Wenzler
 26 Yvonne Oliger

NOVEMBER

8 Rich & Eli Rodriguez Hill -Anniversary
 9 Joan Amati
 9 Tim & Laurie Stant - Anniversary
 10 Joe & Sandy Ridenour - Anniversary
 11 David Sindlinger
 12 Jan Holloway
 12 Jane Herr
 13 Andrea Barber
 20 Ralph & Maggie Linscott -Anniversary
 23 Rich Hill
 28 Carol Ruffin
 29 Roberta White
 30 Pat Bolinger

DECEMBER

1 Erin Fleser
 3 Mark Rainey
 9 Quinn Cole (Bess & Eric's son)
 12 Donna Niednagel
 27 Jim & Jan Drum -Anniversary
 28 Phyllis Sindlinger
 29 Deborah Hutchison

Don't see your birthday or anniversary - drop me a line at jane@rjherr.com

News from the West: Judy is having radiation treatments for three more weeks. Temperatures here in "Death Valley" are really cooling down. We had 42 drops of rain last night.

Band rehearsals begin in September. We do miss all of our friends at St. David's Episcopal Church at the cross roads of Southern Indiana.

We can house one (1) couple at a time in our guest bedroom with private bath.

We also have a mother cat with two little ones. Mother finally figured out what the requirements for Motherhood are. Mainly feeding and providing love and security every minute of every day.

We are having a change of piano and organists at our church starting September 1. Jane's banana cake is always welcome even in Arizona.

Ray and Judy Laffin

Newsletter Submissions?

Please send your news items, stories of spiritual growth, book reviews, jokes, cartoons, recipes, etc. to Jane Herr (812)320-2340 or 4923 Stevens Rd., Nashville, 47448 or (the preferred method!): jane@rjherr.com

Next deadline for submissions:

Advent: November 18, 2018

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SERVICES

Sunday 9:30 AM Holy Communion

Wednesday 6:00 PM Evening Prayer

Schedule of Special Services and Parish Events

Thursday	Sept. 6	Pub Theology	6 pm	Out of the Ordinary
		<i>"Love: What we mean when we say it"</i>		
Friday	Sept. 7	Biker's Breakfast	9 am—noon	St. David's
Friday	Sept. 7	Euchre <i>(now back to 1st Fridays)</i>		
Saturday	Sept. 8	Blessing of the Bikes	9 am	Bill Monroe Campground
Thursday	Sept. 30	Blessing of the Animals	2:30 pm	St. David's
Thursday	Oct. 4	Pub Theology	6 pm	Out of the Ordinary
		<i>"Animals that comfort us"</i>		
Sunday	Oct. 21	UTO Ingathering		St. David's
Sunday	Nov. 18	Advent newsletter deadline		
Sunday	Dec. 2	First Sunday in Advent		