



A publication of St. Michael's in the Hills Episcopal Church

Cross Currents

Worship: Sunday at 8:00 and 9:45 am

February 2019 Edition

FEBRUARY.... Ugh-ruary

February, cold, miserable, wet, ugly February. Mark Twain used to say, "Everyone talks about the weather, but no one ever *does* anything about it!" It's time we did something about February. We need to show it who is boss. We need to do something interesting, something happy, something that makes February FUNbruary (yeah, this is a stretch). So we are having HOT CHILI and COOL GAMES (remember Dad's day last summer — this is a theme) on Friday, February 15th at 6:30pm. We will have a Chili Contest and Game Night (this is how you tame February!).

Bring Chili. We will pass out tickets and everyone gets to taste chili. Winner gets a wonderful prize from The Baker's Kitchen (we will have more than one prize for "hottest", best, and "most interesting"). We will also have game upon game upon game.

We're going to make February the month everyone talks about, looks forward to, can't wait for. **FUNB R U A R Y** is coming. So start working on your best **CHILI** recipe. Imagine winning ALL of the games and being carried around on everyone's shoulders. Imagine eating the hottest chili-and surviving.

Come Friday, Funbruary 15th at 6:30 pm for "Hot Chili and Cool Games" in the Fellowship Hall (and bring a pot of your best chili, or bread or a dessert!)

John +



Friday, February 15
6:30 pm
Fellowship Hall



Sign up on the hall bulletin board if you plan to attend
and if you can contribute to the meal!

Building a People who Love, Learn & Serve in Christ's Name!

SENIOR WARDEN'S ANNUAL REPORT

2018: A Good News/Bad News Year!

Although we had some disappointments in 2018, we also had much for which to be grateful. Or to somewhat misquote Job, "the Lord taketh away and the Lord giveth".

The bad news is that we have not had success in our search for a Priest in Charge, which I know is an issue of urgency to us all. The good news is that we have been blessed with the wisdom and caring of Father Hagan, who has challenged and inspired us with his sermons, brought comfort to those suffering or in need with his pastoral care, and made us groan with his jokes! I certainly could not have managed as Senior Warden this year without his help and guidance, as well as his day to day interactions with the staff.

The bad news is that we ran a fairly substantial budget deficit in 2018. The good news is that we were able to cover it with surpluses built up in past good years (something governments would do well to take note of!). I would personally like to thank John Graham for his outstanding work as Treasurer. It is a shame his name does not rhyme with "No drama", otherwise he could steal a nickname from a recent President – he is unfailingly calm, decisive and respectful, as well as skilled in the art of keeping meetings short and to the point. His talents will be needed going forward, as you have heard we are predicting another deficit year for 2019 unless we can find creative ways to increase our income.

The bad news is that our Music Director (Kristina Green-Hill) resigned in order to move back to New Hampshire to take care of her mother. We were very sorry to see her go after so many years at St. Michaels, but the good news is that this has given section leader Justin Bays a chance to try his hand at Music Direction and see if it a career path he might like to follow. We are glad that Justin was willing to take on this challenge. Likewise we were sorry to see Grace Mauk leave but have been blessed by the musical talents of Rebecca Park on the organ.

We are also delighted to welcome Kim Schrinel back as part time secretary to job share with Michelle Knecht. Michelle has been our rock though our much extended time of transition, but needed to have a little more time for her family. Kim brings a burst of energy and enthusiasm to the office, and has been able to "hit the

ground running" because of her prior experience. With the increase in office hours we are hoping to put a lot more focus on digital outreach. Be sure to keep an eye on our website, as Julia Burtscher and the website committee are actively working to refresh its look, feel, and functionality. More to come in the next few weeks!

The most exciting project during my time as Senior Warden has been the determination of how to best utilize the substantial bequest we received at the end of 2017. Three committees were formed, with the excellent leadership of Pam Cousino (Facilities), Nancy Elzinga (People/Outreach) and John Graham (Long Term Financial planning). They took suggestions from Parishioners, the Vestry and their own brainstorming to come up detailed plans for spending and/or saving the money, and I feel that we have achieved a good balance with the outcomes. We are spending money to upgrade our church facility but also on outreach to make sure that it does not become a beautiful but empty church. And we are saving some money for future needs, as well as donating to worthwhile local causes outside of the church. Checks have already been written for a dentist chair for Compassion Health, an extremely worthwhile cause, and for a down payment on a handicap accessible playground equipment to be installed this spring.

At the December Vestry meeting there was a lively discussion about how to address our current budget deficit. A lot of interesting ideas were brought up and I hope that there are people with the talent and enthusiasm to bring some of them to fruition. We should continue to move the church forward rather than be in a holding pattern waiting for a permanent Priest-in-Charge.

This year has been an interesting learning experience for me – being an "8 o'clocker" and not involved in music or youth ministry there were a lot of the inner workings of St. Michaels of which I was pretty ignorant. I have learned that we have some incredibly talented and devoted people who give unstintingly of their time and treasure to make St. Michaels the vibrant and interesting place that it is. I hate to drone on like one of those award recipients at the Oscars but I would particularly like to thank David Braun, Joe Gerhardinger, Pam and Brent Cousino, Barb Rezsco and Julia Burtscher for making my life easier! But to continue the good news/bad news theme, I have also been on the receiving end of some pretty abusive e-mails and phone calls, and I hope this is not something that future Wardens experience.

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THE VESTRY CLASS OF 2022

Eboné Waweru

Eboné joined St. Michael's as the soprano soloist/section leader in 2002. In 2008 Eboné was confirmed and baptized at St. Michael's. Eboné has a music ed. degree from The University of Toledo. She resigned her position as music specialist for Toledo Public Schools in 2007, to stay home and raise her family. She enjoys singing in local choirs and with the Toledo Opera. Eboné along with her husband John and four children (Grace, Myles, Claire and Julia) attend services at St. Michael's.

Nancy Elzinga

Nancy has been at St. Michaels for 2 years coming from many years in the Mennonite Church. She appreciates the worship, music, welcoming congregation and Father Hagan's challenging sermons. She is on the Common Grounds and Outreach Committees and is a greeter. She is involved with AARK (Arts and Athletics for Refugee Kids) with Steve Wipfli and Lucia Cooper. Since retiring in April from a career in medical social work, she has been volunteering at Compassion Health Toledo. Nancy is married to Steve who has owned Erie Orchard and Cider Mill for 40 years. They have three adult children and five grandchildren.

Dani Zoorob

Dani moved to Toledo in Nov 2017. He joined University of Toledo and Promedica to help develop a women's pelvic health program that addresses the care of middle-aged and older women suffering from prolapse, incontinence, and sexual pain. He was then appointed as the residency director for the department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Prior to relocating to Toledo, he had lived in Kansas City following his training at the University of Cincinnati.

Kay Gerhardinger

Kay Gerhardinger has been a parishioner at St. Michael's for 22 years. She has been active with the child ministry, youth mission trips, a youth leader, the worship committee, and altar guild. She looks forward to learning from and working with her fellow Vestry members.

"Senior Wardens Report," continued from page 2...

I know I am leaving the Parish in safe hands with David O'Connell and Julia Burtscher and the new Vestry members, but I do ask that everyone remember that they have full time jobs outside of St. Michaels - my biggest challenge as Senior Warden has been feeling that I am always short changing either the church or my employer as there just aren't enough hours in the day.

As most of you know my husband and I will be moving out of town later this year, and I will greatly miss all the wonderful friends I have made at St. Michaels. The Parish will be in my prayers as you continue the Priest-in-Charge search and I am sorry that I will miss all the exciting ideas and improvements that are coming. I hope that I will be able keep in touch - if nothing else through our soon to be new and improved website!

*Respectfully submitted,
Julia MacLachlan, Senior Warden*



JOIN US SUNDAY'S IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOLLOWING THE 9:45 AM SERVICE.

Grab a cup of coffee, and enjoy stimulating programs and discussion! Each program ends between 11:45-11:50 am.

- February 3** "What Hath Come Before.. a Local Architectural Journey" Ted Ligibel, Ph.D., will be our guest to share one of his (many) favorite topics on historic preservation. Ted has literally "written the textbook" on historic preservation and is a fascinating speaker on Toledo history. Until last year he was the director of Eastern Michigan University's graduate Historic Preservation program. He is Advisor Emeritus to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, has authored many articles, served on national boards, advised presidents, and has been particularly involved in the River Raisin Battlefield, now a National Battlefield.
- February 10** A Brief Report from the St. Michael's Lay Delegation to the Annual Diocesan Convention. David Braun, Kay Gerhardinger, and Barb Reszko attended the fall annual Convention and will share some reflections.
- February 17** "Winston Churchill and The Dream": Richard Marsh, a retired attorney now living in Ann Arbor and friend of Fr. John Hagan, is the longtime President of the Churchill Society of Michigan, a chapter of the International Churchill Society. This group offers 2-3 annual events with speakers who research and share their interest in all things "Churchill." He is a collector of original documents, and has spent 50 years building one of the largest private collections of its kind in the US. He has a fascinating story to tell us about Mr. Churchill.
- February 24** Joe Gerhardinger presents on "Joseph Campbell and Myth" Joe will share his interest in Joseph Campbell, the late American professor of literature at Sarah Lawrence College, who introduced us to comparative mythology in his book, "The Hero with A Thousand Faces," and became more widely known through a series of interviews with Bill Moyers on PBS. (Note: This program was rescheduled from Jan. 20.)

Please Join Us...

Lay Visitation Ministry

Luncheon, Discussion and Celebration

Thursday, February 14

Noon- 1:30 pm

St. Michael's Commons Room

Hosted by Carol Nichols & Sarah Schendel

RSVP to Carol at (419-346-4606) or
carollennichols@yahoo.com
by Tuesday, February 12.



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

This past Wednesday through Friday, I was in Indianapolis, Indiana for the "FORMA Conference 2019: Formed to Proclaim." FORMA is a network of Christian Formation professionals; the conference fostered an environment where both clergy and lay leaders were equipped to serve more effectively. I loved browsing through new materials on children's spirituality as well as the ideas and the offerings for Vacation Bible School. I enjoyed the workshops that I attended including: Building a Culture of Social Justice with Children and Youth, and Dismantling Racism. I was blessed to hear plenary sessions led by Sandra Montes, the Reverend Dr. Juan Oliver, the Reverend Paul Fromberg and the Reverend Marcus Halley, all of whom loomed large in my personal pantheon as I was considering becoming an Episcopalian.



The main take-away from the conference was "God is not a germaphobe who's afraid to come into close contact with humans." It would do all of us well to remember that God is always near to us even when we feel distant from God. I would like for more people to volunteer to be near to the smallest humans in our parish. Children learn by doing and I'd like for adults who do not typically interact with the children to prayerfully consider helping out in Sunday School.

Be blessed, Imani

The Rev. Bridget Coffey, Mary Ann Semple, the Rev. Canon Vincent Black, and Roger Barnhard from the Diocese of Ohio, pictured with Imani.

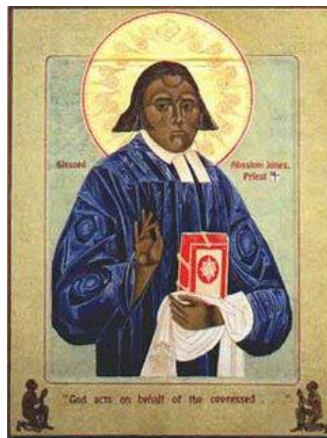
FEAST DAY OF ABSALOM JONES

*February 13th is the Feast Day of the Blessed Absalom Jones.
How much do you know about him?*

Absalom Jones was born into slavery in 1746 and at the age of 16, he was purchased by a store owner in Philadelphia. He learned to read through the New Testament and went to a night school for Blacks where he was taught by the Quakers. Absalom Jones purchased his freedom in 1784. Jones became the first Black priest in the Episcopal Church.

For more information about this Saint, please see *Holy Men, Holy Women*.

Parents of youth confirmed in May 2018, ask your teen if they remember our discussion of Absalom Jones and Richard Allen. How are we related to our brothers and sisters in the African Methodist Episcopal Church?



GAME NIGHT!



In case you missed the memo on the front page of this newsletter.... We will be having a multi-generational GAME NIGHT on Friday, February 15 at 6:30 pm! Kids, parents, you name it — all are invited to enjoy a chili supper and some fun & games! Hope to see many families there! Sign up on the hall bulletin board and let us know you can come.



WEDNESDAY'S IN LENT — BEGINS MARCH 13TH

6:30 pm Soup/Salad Dinner,
followed by a speaker from 7–8 pm

LENGTHEN (Lent)

This year in Lent we will have a very special program. On Wednesday nights we will have a soup and salad dinner at 6:30 pm (soup, salad, vegetarian soup, rolls, and beverages). Then from 7–8 pm we will have presentations on different religions by five different speakers. The focus this year will be on how each religion celebrates its High Holy Days. Please sign up if you plan to attend (you can come even if you don't sign up).

Here are our speakers for our Lenten program:

March 13	*Imam Talal Eid—The Imam and Director of Religious Affairs of the Islamic Center of Greater Toledo
March 20	Gerald R. Kowalski—Buddhist
March 27	Rabbi Sam Weinstein—Temple Shomer Emunim
April 3	*Fr. Jeremy Miller—Pastor at Corpus Christi Catholic Church
April 10	Anant Dixit—Priest, Hindu Temple of Toledo

Be sure to set aside these 5 Wednesday nights in Lent...
and sign up if you can help provide a portion of the evening meal.



BOOK CLUB: AN OPPORTUNITY TO READ AND LEARN TOGETHER!

I have learned a lot recently about our country's history of racism from reading well-written fiction and history about the horrors of slavery and the brutal period of "reconstruction." Here are two more books I would love to read and discuss with others about very contemporary issues in our world. There is so much for me to learn, as a Christian who vows regularly to "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being." Will you join me? If so, look for these books (the pubic library, Amazon, etc.), e-mail me (schensar@sbcglobal.net) or call the church office (419-531-1616) to say you are interested. We will organize to set a couple of dates to meet and discuss.

"I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness," by Austin Channing Brown. Personal memoir by a young, Black Christian woman who actually grew up, in part, in Toledo. She served in a church-based service program in Chicago. This book is not long, and very readable. I listened to it as an audio-book.

"White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism," by Robin DiAngelo. DiAngelo is an academic lecturer, and author and has been a consultant and trainer on issues of racial and social justice. You can also watch her presentation on CSPANN's Book TV videos. A lively and challenging speaker with some specific ideas. I heard/watched her on Book TV and am starting the book.

—Sarah Schendel

NUTS & BOLTS

COMPLINE SERVICE EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 7PM

Please join us for prayer on Wednesday evenings from 7—8pm. We often use the Night Prayer service from the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer. All are welcome. This is a midweek opportunity to share thanksgivings and petitions. If you have questions, contact David or Diane Braun at (419) 344-2524 or Scott or Susan Hendricks at (419) 882-2978.



ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2019 Altar Flower chart is posted on the hall bulletin board. If you wish to provide flowers for the altar on a Sunday in memory of a loved one, please sign up. The church office makes the weekly arrangements with the florist, and the florist will direct bill the donor for \$100. A memorial note will appear in that Sunday's bulletin.



ASH WEDNESDAY: MARCH 6

7 am

Holy Eucharist,
with imposition of ashes

10 am

Holy Eucharist,
with imposition of ashes

7 pm

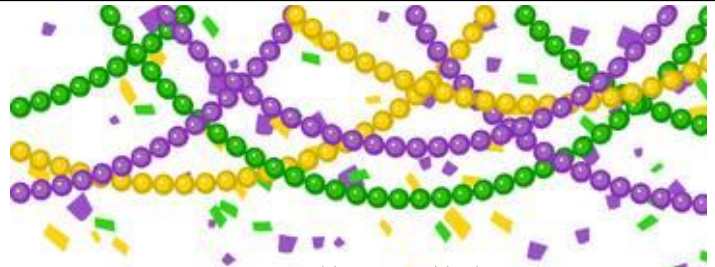
Holy Eucharist,
with imposition of ashes

"All are from
the *dust*,
and to
dust all
return."

Ecclesiastes 3:20

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If you have palms from last year
to be used to make our ashes,
please place them in the baskets in the Narthex.



"Farewell to Alleluia"
Pre-Lenten Celebration
&

Pancake Breakfast

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

Immediately following the 9:45 am
service, join us for a Pancake
Breakfast, hosted by our youth.



When you are sick, hospitalized or in need of pastoral care, please notify the church office or Father John. Privacy laws prevent institutions from sharing such information. Also, the church office is happy to keep a record of your emergency contact info. should someone need to be contacted. Fr. John Hagan can be reached on his cell phone at: (304) 545-1734.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| 4 Wendy Greeley | 18 Zach Hauck |
| 7 Nancy McDowell | Enna McBride |
| Todd Fruth | Emily Porter |
| Sarah Tuttle | |
| 11 Lauren Bailey | 21 John Kight |
| | Myles Waweru |
| 15 Dennis Kanfield | 22 Andrew Boesel |
| Leigh Rorick | 25 Russell Troyan |
| 16 Oliver Rorick | 29 Jonathan Day |
| | Mackenzie Francisco |



*February birthday and
anniversary blessings
will be on February 10.*

— OFFICE NOTES —

Church office hours:

Monday–Tuesday from 9 am to 2 pm.

Wednesday– Friday from 9 am to 4 pm.

March Newsletter: Articles due Feb. 15.

Please check in at the office when entering the building. It is helpful for the staff to know who is coming and going — so we do not lock anyone in or set the alarm on them.

Please schedule meetings at the church through the church office. All meetings should be written on the church office calendar. Just send us an email or call!

Updated Parish Directories are always available. Contact the office to request one.

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS...

Homebound: Betsy Bailey, Isabelle Carter, Carolyn Cousino, Kay Marion, Al Reiser, and Jo Youngen.

Parishioners: Alma, Dick Aldinger, Dan, Jack Christopher, Susan Gilbert, Grace, Elmer and Letty Haigh, Carol and Dennis Kanfield, Gayle Kurrelmeier, Jackie Moore, Marion Boyer, Marilyn Palermo, Jean Schaefer, John Shelly, and Lillian Spaulding.

***Family & Friends:** Leland Ames, Cindy, Jill Christopher, Didi Beckham, Dixie, Evelyn, Lee Gable, Joan, Joe, Jean, John, Karen, Leonard, Lexi, Sandra, Santee, Tori, Victoria, and Gloria Weller.

For those in harm's way: Jake, Michael, Ian Reinheimer, John P. Smith and Scott Sykes.

For those who have died: Grace Moore

**Family and Friends remain on the prayer list for one month unless the Church Office is otherwise notified.*



KNIT AND PRAY SHAWL MINISTRY



The Knit and Pray Shawl Ministry would like to welcome any other knitters or crocheters out there! They meet the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am in the Office Conference room. Join them **February 12th**. If you have any questions, contact Anne Morris,

*I will give thanks to you, O Lord,
with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.*

Psalm 138:1



2018 FINANCIAL REPORT/2019 BUDGET

		2017	2018	2018	2019
		Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
Pledges (Including Prepaid)		327,586	304,566	321,800	291,200
Non Pledge Donations		15,913	17,320	7,000	15,000
Plate Offering		2,516	2,686	3,400	2,500
Interest Income		6,406	10,157	8,200	9,000
Fundraising		4,053	2,599	4,300	2,500
Building Use		1,870	860	1,200	1,200
Funds Transfer In		2,500	3,594	2,500	2,500
Other		4,507	4,779	2,000	3,000
Endowment Draw					33,000
Total Revenue		365,351	346,561	350,400	359,900
Ministry Expense		22,442	48,880	103,050	107,892
Clergy Wage and Benefits					
Stewardship					
Pastoral Care					
Worship/Altar					
Administrative Expense		84,165	74,312	70,904	88,663
Office Wages and Benefits					
Office Supplies					
Telephone and Publicity					
Postage, Printing, & Newsletter					
Office Equip. Rental & Repairs					
Facilities Expense		105,530	111,911	104,429	101,187
Sexton Wages					
Utilities--Church & Rectory					
Taxes and Insurance					
Grounds and Maintenance--Church and Rectory					
Furniture/Equipment & Supplies					
Christian Education Expense		20,170	21,141	22,016	22,859
Director Wages & Benefits					
Youth & Adult Education					
School Expenses					
Music Expense		58,870	52,662	58,017	58,243
Directors/Section Leaders Wages					
Music Supplies					
Instrumentalists					
Ecumenical Support Expense		45,870	48,487	59,630	54,480
Diocesan Support					
Other Outreach					
Total Expenses		337,047	357,393	418,046	433,324
Surplus/(Deficit)		28,304	-10,832	-67,646	-73,424

READINGS	DATE	SERVICE	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD	GREETERS	LECTORS & LEM	USHERS
4th Epiphany	Sun. 2/3	8 a.m. HE		Kay Gerhardinger		Ben Dansard	
<i>Jeremiah 1:4-10</i>		9:45 a.m. HE	Sarah Jewell	Penny Cobau-Smith	Cheryl & Laurel Volk	Penny Cobau-Smith (L)	Al Stephens
<i>1 Corinthians 13:1-13</i>			Meredith Randall	Terri Ward	Ann Verner	Laura Randall (L)	Nancy Lehmann
<i>Luke 4:21-30</i>			Myles Waweru			Mike Ward (P)	
<i>Psalm 71:1-6</i>						Vivian Bork (TEM)	
5th Epiphany	Sun. 2/10	8 a.m. HE		Julia MacLachlan		Cam Smith	
<i>Isaiah 6:1-8, [9-13]</i>		9:45 a.m. HE	Will Gerhardinger	Jano Nolette	Jaymie Fontana	Carol Nichols (L)	James Carlisle
<i>1 Corinthians 15:1-11</i>			Catherine Kight	Julia Burtcher	Mark Frankina	Ricky Becker (L)	Joe Gerhardinger
<i>Luke 5:1-11</i>			Lucy Porter			Barb Reszko (P)	
<i>Psalm 138</i>						Anne Morris (TEM)	
	Wed. 2/13	4 p.m. Sunset		Edvina Ledgard			
6th Epiphany	Sun. 2/17	8 a.m. HE		Nancy Lehmann		Carole Shirk	
<i>Jeremiah 17:5-10</i>		9:45 a.m. HE	Charlotte DeRosa	Barb Malkoski	Annette Boice	TBD (L)	Julie Graham
<i>1 Corinthians 15:12-20</i>			Walker Kight	Sara Roberts	Puffin Coe	Vivian Bork (L)	Ron Volk
<i>Luke 6:17-26</i>			Nolan Walker			Nancy Burton (P)	
<i>Psalm 1</i>						Laura Randall (TEM)	
7th Epiphany	Sun. 2/24	8 a.m. MP		Sue Merce		Julia MacLachlan	
<i>Genesis 45:3-11, 15</i>		9:45 a.m. MP	William Becker	Dee Becker	Nancy Hughes	Larry Nichols (L)	Scott Hendricks
<i>1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50</i>			Sophie Jewell		Jano Nolette	Joan O'Connell (L)	Mark Keleher
<i>Luke 6:27-38</i>			Grace Waweru			Gretchen Rohm (P)	
<i>Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42</i>							

FEBRUARY SERVICE SCHEDULE



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*Closed for Lunch from 12-12:30pm

THE VESTRY

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Julie Hagenbuch
David O'Connell
Jeff Smith

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PARISH STAFF

Imani Driskell – Director of Children's, Youth and Family Ministry

Rebecca Park – Organist

Justin Bays – Interim Director of Music

Michelle Knecht & Kim Schrinel – Administrative Assistants

Diane Reeves & Lisa Watson – Sextons

Gretchen Rohm – Financial Administrator

PARISH LEADERSHIP

The Rev. John Hagan – Clergy

David O'Connell – Senior Warden

Julia Burtcher – Junior Warden

John Graham – Treasurer

David Braun – Clerk