



St. Anthony on the Desert Episcopal Church

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Meeting Minutes

Opening Address: Celebrant

Pastor Dorian opened the meeting with an explanation of why we incorporate the Annual Meeting into a worship service.

Senior Warden

Cyndi Sax called the annual meeting to order at 10:08. A quorum was present. Cyndi moved that we dispense with the reading of the 2012 Annual Report (available for review on the St. Anthony website) and moved that the congregation approve it. There was a unanimous vote to accept the Annual Report as presented.

Sermon

Following the Gospel reading, Dorian's sermon reflected on the Gospel in the context of how we as a community have focused on a mission strategy and are embodied to living and proclaiming God's word.

The Gospel reading focused on the beginning of Jesus' ministry after his baptism and the clarity of purpose on the work he was called to do. He goes to the synagogue and reads a carefully chosen passage from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah.

Jesus reads, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. Jesus inaugural sermon is nine words long, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Jesus did not merely speak God's word, but embodied it. He publicly declared his purpose – his mission – to bring God's Good News to the poor, to the imprisoned, to the blind. Jesus is the great liberator who proclaims –now – today – is the time when God acts.

When Jesus utters the words, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing", could he have meant TODAY? Could he also intend that his body – each of us gathered here – has a mission to embody God's Good News? If it is true then we are all missionaries – anointed and charged in our own baptism with the same purpose with which Jesus himself was charged.

The marks of mission have several identifying qualities. We are called to communicate the Good News not only with our words but with our actions. We are called to share our faith, to teach, to baptize and to nurture new believers. This missional work requires our movement away from an internal, church based focus to one of deep community engagement. This missional work requires a letting go of church based institutional leadership and instead embracing a leadership that is organic, joining in those places where God is already at work.

We have wonderfully active ministries involved in many aspects of pastoral care as was evidenced at our recent Pastoral Web Workshop. We have increased participation in formation ministries touching lives locally and globally. And over the past two years through amazing efforts of our Golf Tournament team, we have raised nearly \$20,000 for outreach mission work. The video – Celebrate Mission – tells some of the story of the work we are doing together to share God's Good News.

Today – not just two thousand years ago – not in some distant future we can't see – but today – as long as we have the courage to boldly embrace and live God's Word – we bear the Good News today – today – today.

Video – Celebrate Mission

Cyndi Sax provided an introduction to a video that provided a recap of the mission efforts of St. Anthony in 2012. Rachel Judge narrated the video that reflected on contributions of time, talent and treasures to the Haiti nursing scholarship, Haiti school, Rwanda orphanage, East Valley Men's Shelter, Nogales Clinic and CADV. Each ministry was recognized for ongoing mission efforts.

A Time of Reflection

Cyndi asked for a time of reflection where the congregation was invited to journal in response to questions posed on the yellow sheet distributed to each member of the congregation.

1. St Anthony ministries are involved in many different sorts of mission outreach work as evidenced by the video presented. What areas of mission outreach are you most excited and passionate about? Why? What additional things would you hope we might do?
2. In an effort to promote more mission work at the parish level, the diocese will be providing a 1% rebate on our mission share (the funds we send to the diocese) to use in ways that will share our faith and God's love more locally. In 2013 this will amount to approximately \$2,900. What ways would you propose we use this money that would increase our connections to the community around us?

After some time allowed for reflection, the ushers gathered the yellow sheets for compilation and consideration by the Vestry during their upcoming retreat and in planning for the coming year.

Financial Highlights: Barbara Ells, Treasurer

2012 was a busy year at St. Anthony with many things to celebrate.

- Completion of the Infinite Blessings...Imagine Campaign (IBI) – mortgage balance reduced from 1.2 million to \$760,400, a 37% reduction.
- Diocese Mission Share – Full share paid in 2012, first time since 2006
- Successful Fundraisers – Spirit Auction brought in over \$14,500 and Golf Tournament brought in almost \$16,000. St. Anthony outreach ministries will receive \$11,200 to fund various grant requests.
- Montessori School – negotiated a new three year lease
- Walking the Mourner's Path – another successful year bringing in \$26,361 of which \$11,361 is held in reserves for future development.
- Youth Ministry Apprentice Program – Will Strong joined St. Anthony in August. We are in the second year of a five year grant administered by the Diocese to support Youth Ministry in parishes. Our share of expenses was 22%, or \$11,800 which was partially paid by a designated gift.
- Office Refurbish – With labor from the staff and special gifts, we were able to refurbish the parish offices with new paint, carpet and linoleum.
- Pledge Income and other giving – 71% of our income was from donations and of those donations, 82% came from pledges. Total giving (parish donations) exceeded budget by over \$20,000.
- Net Cash Receipts – net cash receipts exceeded our disbursements by \$16, 850. This funded initiatives that were not able to be included in the budget. Additional outreach funding, maintenance projects, equipment repairs, newcomer programs and landscape projects.

2013 Budget

Starting 2013 with a balanced budget based on pledges, rent from Montessori School, successful fundraisers, Walking the Mourner's Path, designated gifts for the Youth Ministry Program and cutting some expenses.

- Based on current pledges, total giving (plate offerings, pledges, non-pledge income and holiday donations) are budgeted to be \$15,400 less than 2012.
- Net income from Walking the Mourner's Path allocated to St. Anthony operations is budgeted at \$20,000, an increase of \$5,000 from 2012. Also have an increase in Montessori Scholl rent for 2013.
- Lay Pension Plan – Three employees are covered under the plan, expense amounts to 9% of the covered employees' salary and is \$8,600 for 2013.
- St. Anthony's share of the Youth Apprentice Program for 2013 is \$18,475, up from \$11,839 in 2012. We have a designated gift of \$6,000 which partially offsets our costs.
- Staffing – no salary increases outside of the Youth Apprentice Program.

Next week will hold a financial forum after both services.

Recognition of Retiring Vestry Members: Rosemary Hansen, Henry Male and Malcolm Hilcove

Presentation of our Appointed Senior Warden & Treasurer

- Dorian Mulvey presented the following nominees:
 - o Continued appointment of Cyndi Sax as Senior Warden
 - o Continued appointment of Barbara Ells as Treasurer

Presentation of Vestry Nomination Slate & Election

- Cyndi Sax presented the Vestry Nomination Slate:
 - o Junior Warden: Richard Sinclair
 - o Three year Vestry Terms: Cindy Cordes, Keith Kendrick and Sue Vold
 - o Two year Vestry Term: Bob Burns and Janette Liffiton
 - o One year Vestry Term: Claudia Johnson

No other nominations from floor, congregation voted by acclamation to approve all nominations.

Presentation & Election of Convention Delegates

- Alternate Delegates for 2013: Marianne Clark, Steve Cordes, Suzi Edmundson, Kelle Hohl and Jill Kyler

No other nominations from floor, congregation voted by acclamation to approve all nominations. The alternate delegates will become the convention delegates in 2014.

Faces of the People – Video of Parish Life

We give thanks for those who have faithfully served in ministry and enjoy a video montage of all the faithful at St. Anthony.

Commissioning of New Vestry

All the newly elected and continuing Vestry Members, Wardens and Treasurer were commissioned by Dorian Mulvey.

Call to Adjourn Annual Meeting: Senior Warden

- Cyndi Sax adjourned the meeting at 11:52am.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Garrett
Clerk of the Vestry

Rector's Report – Connected in Christ

There is much discussion in church circles around the word “mission” but all too often we fail to fully understand what this means. There is a description of the tribe of Joseph contained in a single verse from the book of Genesis that might provide a helpful bit of imagery to answer the question – what is mission? Mission is:

“A fruitful tree by a well of water whose branches hang over the fence.”
(Genesis 49:22)

We – the community of St. Anthony – are this fruitful tree planted by a well of water. Our water source is the water of baptism. Recall the story of Jesus’ conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well. In the midst of a dry and desolate desert Jesus tells this woman that he is living water – water that will forever quench her thirst. We come together week after week to drink from this living water – to be filled with God’s Holy Spirit and to enter into a relationship with the source of all life.

Drinking of this living water produces incredible transformation in our lives. We find peace in the midst of life’s confusion. We find joy in simple blessings. We find belonging and love. And, we discover that we flourish in this place where we are planted. We identify our own unique gifts and help others identify theirs as well. We tap into a deep reservoir of desire to share with joy and generosity. And then we, in turn, begin to grow and produce abundant fruit.

The branches of the St. Anthony community extend well beyond “our fence”. Our ministries literally span the globe – from local work, to ministry across the United States and to places more far flung such as Rwanda and Haiti. The “fruit” that we offer is equally abundant: meals at a shelter, prayer shawls, airfare for surgical treatments, homes for first time home owners, scholarship funds for a nursing student, healthy pack lunches, gifts for a domestic violence shelter, grief support programs, building repairs...and more. These fruits are our ministries reflecting the rich diversity of our gifts and passions. And yet all of these ministries share a single purpose – to share God’s love with others.

I hope that you will take the time to read through the stories contained within the pages of our Annual Report. Collectively these stories tell of St. Anthony’s mission and purpose. We are indeed growing as a fruitful tree planted by a well of deep water and our branches hang well beyond our fence. And for this – thanks be to God.

In Christ’s Love,
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Senior Warden Report – Cyndi Sax

Vestry Members: Cyndi Sax, Sr. Warden; Richard Sinclair, Junior Warden; Fran Garrett, Clerk; Barbara Ells, Treasurer; Bob Burns, Cindy Cordes, Rob Gotwals, Claudia Johnson, Keith Kendrick, Janelle Liffiton, Sue Vold; **Interim Vestry Member:** Harry Boysen. **Retired Vestry Member:** Rachel Judge

The vestry is the fiduciary body of the church providing management and leadership to the congregation. Our responsibility is to be good stewards of the gifts given to St. Anthony, manage the resources entrusted to us and articulate God's vision for our church. This includes development and expansion of ministries, as well as the promotion of individual spiritual growth.

Vestry members are elected to serve at the parish annual meeting. It is a role that comes not only with great responsibility, but also with tremendous blessing. On behalf of the entire vestry, I thank the congregation for entrusting us with the opportunity to serve during 2013. St. Anthony on the Desert is truly blessed by your presence, your ministry, your financial support, and the generous sharing of your time and talents.

During 2013, we experienced turnover of just one vestry position. Rachel Judge was offered the job of her dreams and relocated to New Mexico during the summer. We greatly miss Rachel's energy and perspective, as we recognize her tremendous contributions to the vestry and the parish. We support her continued success with our prayers and love. Following parish bylaws, the vestry appointed Harry Boysen to fill the vestry position vacated by Rachel. Harry quickly got up to speed, rolled up his sleeves, earnestly contributing to our shared work.

It is customary for St. Anthony's vestry to begin each year on retreat. In 2012, we spent a cold but sunny weekend at Chapel Rock in Prescott, time spent coming together as a leadership team, visioning and planning for the year ahead. We explored together how to define our role as leaders in the church during times of change, focusing not only on what we would do, but also on how we would accomplish those things. The Five Marks of Mission provided a model for our visioning, and we applied the concepts of appreciative inquiry and active listening as ways of respectfully exploring different perspectives, viewpoints, and needs. Through it all, the presence of the Holy Spirit moved within and amongst us as we worshiped, prayed, explored, and laughed together.

We carried with us to Chapel Rock, reflections of all of you, collected in January during the annual meeting, on the values and qualities of St. Anthony that are most meaningful. We entered into a discernment process on these values and qualities, which laid the foundation for us to draft a new vestry covenant. By signing the covenant, vestry members commit to upholding the core values and principles of the parish. It serves as an outward sign of our commitment, a reminder of those values, and a guideline for all of our actions and decision-making. The full text of the vestry covenant can be found on St. Anthony's website and in the church office.

We were blessed this year with continuing improvement of St. Anthony's financial position, increase in outreach funds, and a successful, innovative stewardship campaign. Full details of St. Anthony's budget may be found in the treasurer's report. I extend gratitude to our dedicated and hard-working Treasurer, Barbara Ells, for her skillful management and reporting of our finances. In addition, our parish administrator, Kelle Hohl, continues to do a fabulous job of managing expenses and researching ways of stretching our financial resources. The team of volunteers that generously contributed their time and talent to our two major fundraisers, the Golf Tournament and Spirit Auction, are a blessing and inspiration.

During the annual meeting, we will honor the service of outgoing vestry members Fran Garrett, Rob Gotwals, Claudia Johnson, and our Jr. Warden, Richard Sinclair. I am grateful that each of them said "yes" to serving on vestry, for their unique and plentiful gifts, for the wisdom, truth and voice that they bring to all that they do, and for the friendships and respect that have grown out of our shared experiences. Thank you all, and may the next phase of each of your ministries bring even greater awareness of God's presence in your life.

It has truly been an honor and a blessing for me to serve as Senior Warden. Thank you all for your continued prayers and support.

Junior Warden Report – Richard Sinclair

2013 in Review...

As most have noted, the parking lot was repaired and coated in June. It should be noted that this is an event that should happen every five years without fail – for the cost to repave our parking lot would run well over \$100,000.

Perhaps unnoticed were the roof repairs. A serious leak had developed on one section of the Parish Hall. As we examined the flat sections of roof to develop estimates, it was determined that we had suffered hail damage. Ultimately our insurance company's reimbursement for the hail damage provided sufficient funds to repair and coat the foam roof sections on the Parish Hall and the school building. Damaged tiles on the Sanctuary were also replaced. As with the parking lot, the foam roof sections require a fresh coat of paint every five years.

Grounds & Landscaping: The two day spring event brought out a record number of volunteers. On Friday the team focused on permanent brush removal on the north side of the buildings. The pathway, while rough, does provide clear access for emergency responders. On Saturday the team worked at removing large grass and brush with a back hoe. Significant progress was established along 130th St and along Shea Blvd. This December, a small team of MOSA members completed the strip immediately along Shea Blvd – that area has been excavated and filled with crushed granite.

Looking ahead...

- Exterior Paint: Presently the stained exterior trim on the Sanctuary desperately needs two coats of paint. Painting the exposed wood only has been quoted at \$13,000. A complete repaint of the Sanctuary – wood and all exterior exposed surfaces – came in at \$22,000.
- The Education building and Parish Hall both are also due for exterior paint jobs. A complete paint job for all three buildings has a quotation right at \$60,000.
- Landscaping & Grounds: Volunteers have worked relentlessly for the past two years to bring a part of our five acre tract back under control. Landscaping has arrived at the point where we need a professionally prepared master planting plan. The execution of such a plan will require professional services to properly clear, grade, plant and irrigate the front of our property. The development of a Biblical Garden in conjunction with the Prayer Path will require the same professional services. It would take \$50,000 to improve the front and 130th Street side; likely the same funding would be required for the Biblical Garden.
- Heating & Air Condition: We have units that are twelve and eighteen years old. Current A/C units are much more efficient and reliable. I would suggest that we first replace the units on the school building as they are used constantly. The added efficiency would be a plus – in addition to the enhanced reliability. We have not obtained any quotations for the total overhaul of the A/C system, but a guess would put the total in the range of \$150,000 to \$200,000

Now is the time to lay out a five year plan to resolve these property issues.

While I am departing the Junior Warden position, I will continue my efforts to improve the grounds and landscaping at St. Anthony.

Ministry Organization for 2013

Christian Formation

- Children's Ministry – Eloise Crosman
- Youth Ministry – Will Strong
- Adult Formation
 - Sunday Café – Dorian Mulvey, Jill Kyler, John Millar
 - Confirmation Classes – Dorian Mulvey, Jill Kyler, John Millar
 - Lenten program – Dorian Mulvey, Jill Kyler, John Millar
 - EFM – Susan Cihak, Jeanne Paige

Life Sharing

- Unbinding the Soul groups – Malcolm Hilcove
- Arts Council – Claudia Smith
- Avid Readers – Eloise Crosman
- Desert Diners – Barbara Goldstein, Marianne Clarke
- Winter Residents/Seniors Group – Margaret Sinclair, Carol Stott
- Coffee Hour Hospitality – Ruena Close, Leanne Murillo
- Welcome Team – Jill Kyler
- Hiking Group – Claudia Johnson
- Blessings of Belonging (BOB) – Claudia Johnson, Gina Baker
- Communication – Jill Kyler
- Writers Team – Jon Bost
- Wedding Guild – Cindy Cordes, Debbie Fox
- Legacy Society – Malcolm Hilcove
- Memorial Garden – Jean Sullens

Pastoral Ministries

- Helping Hearts and Hands – Pat Schmid
- Prayer Chain – Inge Bolan
- Healing Prayer – Rosemary Hansen
- Eucharistic Visitors – Susan Cihak
- Walking the Mourners Path
 - National Ministry – Catherine Gilbert
 - St. Anthony Ministry – Susan Cihak

Outreach Ministries

- Golf Tournament team – Malcolm Hilcove
- Habitat for Humanity – Grant Gilfeather
- MOSA – David Paige
- East Valley Men's Center – Jon Bost
- Vista del Camino – Grant Gilfeather
- Global Outreach – Becky Pearson
 - Rwanda – Becky Pearson
 - Haiti – Becky Pearson
 - Kids Clinic Partners – Mark Close
- Council Against Domestic Violence – Susan Mitchler
- Needlecrafts for Need – Janet Allen

Spiritual Nourishment

- Acolytes – Janelle Liffiton
- Eucharistic Ministers – Cyndi Sax, Leanne Murrillo
- Choirs – Joe Hacnik
- Altar Guild – Sue Vold
- Flower Guild – Cindy Cordes
- Ushers – Suzi & Sam Edmondson

Operations/Facilities

- Landscape team – Richard Sinclair
- Office Angels – Kelle Hohl
- Spirit Auction team – Barbara Ells, Janelle Liffiton
- Stewardship – Harry Boysen, Keith Kendrick, Cyndi Sax, Dorian Mulvey
- Investment Management team – Jackie Ernst

Vestry Terms of Office

Class of 2014

- Fran Garrett
- Rob Gotwals
- Claudia Johnson

Class of 2015

- Bob Burns
- Rachel Judge (Harry Boysen replaced Rachel in August 2013)
- Janelle Liffiton

Class of 2016

- Cindy Cordes
- Keith Kendrick
- Sue Vold

Vestry Slate for 2014

Senior Warden – Cyndi Sax

Junior Warden – Mario Vassaux

3-Year Terms

- Harry Boysen
- Leanne Murrillo

1-Year Term

- Jeanne Paige (to complete Rachel Judge's place on the Vestry)

Diocesan Convention Delegate Slate

Delegates for 2014 (Elected in 2013)

- Marianne Clarke
- Steve Cordes
- Suzi Edmondson
- Kelle Hohl
- Jill Kyler

2014 Alternates/2015 Delegates (Elect 5)

- Fran Garrett
- Claudia Johnson
- Jill Kyler
- Leanne Murrillo
- Lillian Roodveldt

Attendance Statistics – Twelve Years

TOTAL ATTENDANCE ALL SERVICES

2002	18,568
2003	17,704
2004	19,683
2005	20,261
2006	19,319
2007	15,296
2008	14,421
2009	13,361
2010	12,673
2011	11,003
2012	10,997
2013	11,296

TOTAL ATTENDANCE ALL EASTER SERVICES

2002	906
2003	762
2004	886
2005	928
2006	842
2007	739
2008	637
2009	574
2010	578
2011	411
2012	399
2013	443

AVERAGE SUNDAY SERVICE ATTENDANCE

2002	317
2003	306
2004	353
2005	307
2006	298
2007	258
2008	245
2009	236
2010	201
2011	194
2012	188
2013	190

TOTAL ATTENDANCE ALL CHRISTMAS SERVICES

2002	1028
2003	993
2004	1027
2005	859
2006	808
2007	646
2008	630
2009	525
2010	515
2011	584
2012	452
2013	540

Ministry Reports

Christian Formation

Children's Ministry - submitted by Eloise Crosman

2013 was a busy year for the children of St. Anthony! Thanks to the support of our congregation, Vestry and Staff, it has been a successful year.

Classes are offered for children from three years old through fifth grade and a Nursery is provided each Sunday morning for children from birth through preschoolers. We are blessed to have regularly attending children in each of our age groups.

Jamie Scott, our Nursery Coordinator, provides care, play and/or crafts for our youngest children each Sunday. For a short time this fall, we asked volunteers to be on call if the number or needs of the children indicated a second person's presence. Justin Hinch is now regularly available to help if needed. On those occasional Sundays when Jamie is not available, we appreciate Marissa Mulvey's willingness to help out.

Sunday mornings during the school year, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is offered to three and four-year-old children in the Atrium, which is located to the right as you enter church. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-based program that introduces children to Jesus and to our service.

Children's Chapel, held during The Liturgy of the Word, which is a participatory service, has been refined to closely resemble the Liturgy of the Word, in which adults are participating in church. A few minutes of music (usually relating to the scriptures that day), is followed by an Opening Prayer, preparing the altar, the "five-finger prayer" (a version of The Prayers of the People), the Children's Creed, the story (one of the appointed lessons of the day), the collection of their offering, and a closing prayer. A child presents the children's offering at the altar with the adult offering, and another stands with Pastor Dorian at the altar during the preparation of the Eucharist.

Two church school classes meet immediately following the 10:00 service. "The Adventurers," children in kindergarten through second grade, and "The Explorers" children in third through fifth grade, use *Living the Good News*, a curriculum which follows the revised common lectionary, so the children are exploring one of the scriptures that parents have heard in church. *Living the Good News* is published by Morehouse Publications, a division of Church Publishing, Inc., the publishing branch of the Episcopal Church.

Children have been involved in four outreach programs this year. In the spring, they made bookmarks to be given to children in two Scottsdale schools in cooperation with Healthy Packs, an outreach program of our church. A pet food drive was held in conjunction with the Blessing of the Pets, with proceeds delivered to Foothills Animal Shelter, a no-kill animal shelter in Scottsdale. In December, children donated gifts to children living in Sojourner House, a Phoenix shelter for victims of domestic violence. Each year, the children's offering is dedicated to outreach, with the children deciding what organization will be the recipient of the offering. In early 2013, they voted to use their 2012 offering to purchase a gift from The Heifer Project and to Episcopal Relief and Development.

A new undertaking this year was an Art Display in the Parish Hall in May. This included some work done by children of St. Anthony, and pieces done by art classes at Tonalea Elementary School and The Arcadia Learning Center as part of the Healthy Packs program. Claudia Smith coordinated the display.

Special events in 2013 included Shrove Tuesday activities with the "Burial of the Alleluia," the Children's Ash Wednesday service, Lenten Wednesday night group, Good Friday, an Easter Egg Hunt, Closing Celebration, fall Kick-Off Event and others. The Good Friday service this year was a Stations of the Cross Walk in the Prayer Garden, done in conjunction with the Youth Group. Children participated in the Annual Christmas Pageant, directed by Scott & Suzette Woods in December.

Camp St. Anthony, the summer program at St. Anthony on the Desert was held on Sunday mornings in June through August. The theme this year, "Biblical H2O," focused on stories from the Old and New Testament that involved water.

The Children's Ministry program could not take place without a dedicated group of volunteers! Teachers include Janelle Liffiton and Leanne Murrillo (Catechesis of the Good Shepherd), Maureen Kendrick (The Adventurers), Kelle Hohl, Lisa Muilenberg and Andrea Parrella (The Explorers), and Deacon Susan & Stephen Cihak, Marianne & Bob Clarke, Kathryn Lewis and Melody Taylor (Children's Chapel). Thanks also to Rosemary Viets who shares her love of music in Children's Chapel and special events, and to Claudia Smith for teaching an art class during our Lenten program and for other help. There are many others parents and parishioners who helped with projects, classes, etc, who also deserve thanks.

Teacher training also took place. In addition to the usual teacher meetings, Pat Vassaux led a September workshop for teachers on effective ways to involve children and classroom management techniques. This workshop was greatly appreciated by all those in attendance. Eloise Crosman was able to attend the FORMA conference held in Albuquerque, NM February. (FORMA is the national organization of Episcopal Christian Educators.) All those who work with children have completed background checks and "Safeguarding God's Children."

Youth Ministry – submitted by Will Strong

2013 was a busy year for the youth ministry program of St. Anthony.

- During Lent the money raised during the Soup Suppers went to the refurbishing of the youth room.
- In March the youth hosted their annual rummage sale. We raised \$4,000 to go towards the summer senior high mission trip.
- In May we hosted a youth room open house to showcase the newly refurbished youth room. 3 sofas, 3 chairs, coffee table, 46" tv and TV stand. In addition a new foosball table and pool table essentials were purchased.
- June/July 4 students and 2 adults flew to NYC and then traveled to Rochester, New York for the mission trip. While there we repaired decks, painted homes, cleaned up and helped plan a community park, and other projects. We also had the chance to sight see. We visited Niagara Falls, Cooperstown, NY, and Time Square in NYC. Truly a once in a lifetime experience.
- August brought the first annual event called "Youth Week" which was a week-long event for students in 6th-12th grade to hang out together and get to know each other.
- Sunday night youth group kicked off in September and used an exceptional curriculum that took our students through the bible.
- We gave up our dodge ball championship title this year but have plans to win it back next year!

We have seen growth in both numbers on Sunday but more importantly in the spiritual maturity of our youth. Thank you for your support and here's to 2014!!

Adult Formation – submitted by Dorian Mulvey

Ministry team members – Jill Kyler, John Millar, Dorian Mulvey

The Adult Formation team is responsible for planning formation offerings throughout the year. One of our major roles is to design the Sunday Café presentations. Café topics in 2013 were wide ranging – a continuation of civil discourse on current controversial topics, videos presented by Brene Brown on shame and vulnerability, discussions on what it means to love unconditionally, interactive exploration of social media, Advent reflections on the birth of Jesus and informational cafes on outreach ministries including CADV and Haiti.

In addition to Sunday Cafes, this ministry also plans the Wednesday Lenten offerings. In 2013 several small discussion groups were led by Dorian Mulvey, Jill Kyler and Susan Cihak. These groups focused on two different books – *Unbinding the Soul*, which encouraged exploration and sharing of our faith stories and *Come Be My Light*, writing and reflections by Mother Teresa.

In the fall a new member class titled *Your Faith, Your Life* was offered. Twelve participants met for seven sessions. Study in this group included scripture, church history, prayer and sacraments and those traditions that make us uniquely Episcopalian.

Education for Ministry (EFM) – Susan Cihak, Jeanne Paige

Every baptized person is called to ministry. Education for Ministry is a four-year intensive study of Old Testament (Year 1), New Testament (Year 2), Church History (Year 3) and Theology (Year 4), along with a study of theological ideas, and reflections on how these ideas connect with our everyday lives. The program provides people with the education to carry out the ministry we are called to at baptism. Rather than a four-year program, it is one year at a time of fascinating, challenging, fun education experienced with others on their own faith journey. Stories, insights, and experiences are shared in a safe, confidential place.

This year, our learners are experiencing an exciting new curriculum. Once again, we offered an evening class, and eight learners are enrolled in the class. For the first time in several years, we have learners in each year of the program. We have also been blessed with EfM graduates who have returned to experience the revised curriculum. We have continued our flexible scheduling, to allow our winter residents to begin EfM study in their home churches, and join our St. Anthony group in progress upon their return to Arizona. For those participating learners, and for the St. Anthony group they join, it has been a tremendous blessing, and has greatly enriched the experience for all.

Life Sharing

Unbinding the Soul groups – submitted by Malcolm Hilcove

Team Members: Dorian Mulvey, Jill Kyler, Rob Gotwals, Barbara Goldstein, Malcolm Hilcove

Mission – The mission of the “Unbinding” ministry is to invite participation by at least 80% of St. Anthony’s congregation in an “Unbinding” prayer session, by December 2016.

Events – An initial “Unbinding the Gospel” prayer study was held over 8 weeks in Dorian’s office. “Unbinding the Gospel” is subtitled “Real Life Evangelism” and it’s part of a four book series:

- *Unbinding the Gospel*
- *Unbinding Your Heart*
- *Unbinding Your Church*
- *Unbinding Your Soul*

The “Unbinding” series deals with the “**why**” and the “**how**” of sharing our faith.

Four of the members of the initial 8-person “Unbinding the Gospel” group went on to lead two more groups of 8 people in the “Unbinding Your Soul” experiment in prayer and community within St. Anthony and Malcolm led another 8-person group with non-St. Anthony people.

A survey was conducted in one of the St. Anthony groups asking members to rate the experience. Overall, the group scored it a 9 out of 10 and seemed very keen to either continue with the same group or lead other in an “Unbinding Your Soul” experiment in prayer and community.

Next Year – So far, approximately 24 members of St. Anthony have taken part in “Unbinding” prayer groups. This represents approximately 10% of our parishioners. The ultimate goal is to have 80% of our parish participate in this prayer series. There are at least eight “graduates” of the Unbinding Series that are prepared to lead more groups in 2014. If two “graduates” each led two more Unbinding prayer sessions this year, it would bring the total St. Anthony’s participation to about 36%, or about 90 members.

My prayer is that we set this as a goal and plan out the “Unbinding” prayer series for 2014 to achieve it.

Arts Council – submitted by Claudia Smith

The Arts Council mission is to give both the professional artist and the non-professional hobbyist the opportunity to share their God-given talents and love of creating. We believe that these shared gifts nourish spirituality; and by so doing, a “Life-Home” in Christ is manifested upon the walls of the parish hall and within the *heart and soul* of St. Anthony.

This “Life-Home” of creativity becomes a “life-line” as it reaches out to members of the surrounding community, and invites them to actively participate as exhibitors or as viewers. This is done through word-of-mouth, articles written for the *Fountain Hills Times* and St. Anthony weekly news, its website, and by invitation.

This season began with the wonderful bird paintings of St. Anthony member, **Mark Close**. This was Mark’s second time exhibiting at St. Anthony, and his talent and technique continue to amaze and charm us.

The second (and current) exhibit is by artist/teacher, **Mary McCain**. Mary specializes in block printing. She works mainly with linoleum block, creating traditional hand-pulled paper prints, as well fabric prints. She is interested in teaching a workshop for St. Anthony members and guests, which is wonderful way to extend that “life-line.”

Future exhibits of the season will be by St. Anthony members: **Cliff Cauthen** (jewelry) and **Marcia Nichols** (paintings). The season will end, as it did last year, with work by our youth.

The Arts Council encourages those members who create (or know someone who does) to contact the office or a member of the council.

Avid Readers – submitted by Eloise Crosman

Contact People: Grant or Susan Gilfeather, Eloise Crosman

Avid Readers is a group of St. Anthony on the Desert members and friends who like to read a variety of good books. If you enjoy curling up in a comfy chair with a book or an e-reader, or listening to an audio book in your car and then discussing what you've read with others, consider joining Avid Readers, St. Anthony on the Desert's book discussion group. Everyone is welcome to come to the Parish Hall at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month to join in the lively discussions. Come every month, as often as your schedule allows, or for any discussion that especially appeals to you.

In June, everyone is invited to come with suggestions to compile the following year's list of books. A variety of genres is included – fiction, non-fiction, biographies, mysteries, etc. Book lists are available in the Narthex and Office. This year, the group decided not to meet in December and July due to busy schedules and members' travels.

On the third Tuesday of each month, about 4 – 9 people, members of St. Anthony and the community at large, meet in the Parish Hall. This year the group, along with spouses and friends, began meeting at a local restaurant before meeting for the monthly discussion. This has been very popular and affords a good opportunity to socialize. Attendance has increased since this was added.

Avid Readers again contributed two baskets of children's books to the Spirit Auction this year.

Each month's book stimulates great discussions – everyone is welcome to join the discussions. Even if you've not had the opportunity to read (or finish) the book, the discussions and fellowship are rewarding. You'll probably want to come back for another meeting!

Desert Diners – submitted by Barbara Goldstein and Marianne Clarke

What this ministry is: Desert Diners is a 4-month session where participating parishioners gather to share a meal at a home or other location each month. Each session is designed for deeper fellowship with the participants and it should be stated that participants need not be a member of St Anthony on the Desert. A typical session will have a convener who will reach out to the group (6-8 members) initially and arrange the date and host the first gathering. During that evening, the next gathering will be scheduled. There are two sessions each year. Winter session runs from Dec – April and summer session runs from June – October.

Co-chair responsibilities: Prior to each session starting, the co-chairs are responsible for ensuring advertising is done in the weekly newsletter and in the church bulletin leading up to the enrollment deadline. Sign-up sheets are printed up and are available before worship services during the enrollment period. Once a sign-up sheet is collected, a co-chair will email the participant thanking them for their interest and that enrollment will end on a specific date and more information will follow shortly. At the end of the enrollment period, the co-chairs create groups from the sign-ups. One last email is then sent out announcing the group members and identifying the convener for each group. From there, all correspondence will be done within the groups. This is typically where the communication ends between the groups and co-chairs.

Future considerations for increasing participation: Although current participation is good, one bit of feedback received was from someone who has recently had to change his diet selections. He said he can make safer options in a restaurant than wonder what will be served once he arrives in someone's home. The suggestion given was that instead of meeting in homes where meals are served via banquet style, that 'happy hour hopping' – (sampling various happy hours around town) might be considered. Although, gathering options are already stated briefly on the sign-up sheet, it may be time to revamp the sign-up sheet to emphasize more options.

Action Plan: The co-chairs will meet to discuss the above suggestion prior to the next session in June.

Winter Residents/Seniors Group – submitted by Carol Stott and Margaret Sinclair

The Seniors and Winter residents group was started to help the Winter Residents connect with each other. Since then we have expanded to include all Seniors (and almost seniors) of the Parish. This ministry has grown from an original group of about 20 to almost 80 members. We meet monthly from October through April for a social gathering in member's homes, Parish hall or other locations of interest to the group. We are always interested in new activities. Events are usually coordinated by two couples. Our group continues to grow and we continue to welcome new members to St. Anthony into our group. While our group mission is to offer a welcome to seasonal members of our St. Anthony family there are many full time residents who form lasting friendships through the group.

This year we have again committed to prepare and serve a meal at the East Valley Men's Shelter. This has been a popular activity with our group. Also, we helped with the Youth Christmas Party by preparing and serving dessert. The common goal of helping others has strengthened the bond among our members. Our ministry has proven to be a great way to celebrate Christ's love by reaching out to each other. Thanks to all who have participated and we look forward to our continued growth.

Coffee Hour Hospitality – submitted by Leanne Murillo

The Hospitality Ministry fosters connections and nurtures friendships in welcoming guests, visitors, and strangers by providing coffee and refreshments after both services on Sunday. The ministry additionally assists with special events held at St. Anthony.

Each Sunday either individuals, groups or couples assist to create a sense of belonging through love and caring by offering a period of time and place for our members to meet, converse and grow in fellowship.

We welcome and thank everyone for all donations of refreshments and supplies for our kitchen. If you enjoy baking or creating new dishes please feel free to sign up for a coffee hour. As another year comes around, please join us to be a Life-Home in Christ for all.

Welcome Team – submitted by Jill Kyler

Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Hebrews 13:1-2

The Welcome Team has continued its mission of offering radical hospitality to all who visit our campus. We believe that as we welcome guests to share in our worship, teaching and outreach, we are each displaying the love of Christ. Additionally, Christian hospitality is to see Christ in every person we meet.

We offer assistance to guests, answer questions and strive to create a welcoming environment so that all will feel comfortable and appreciated. Regardless of how long you have been worshipping at St. Anthony, if you have a heart for welcoming our guests, and perhaps even entertaining angels, join us. Contact Jill Kyler at 480.451.0860 for more information.

Blessings of Belonging (BOB) – submitted by Claudia Johnson

This is a new ministry developed in 2013. The mission of this ministry was to develop relationships within the church; with those who are not part of our community; and others as we cross their paths, while welcoming God.

We started having monthly meetings in March 2013 and continue. We have prayer, fellowship, food and the end result are friendships that result in the process.

Where we have not expected, God's hand has intervened. All are invited, so please come and be involved.

Communication – submitted by Jill Kyler

In 2013 a Communications Team was formed with the responsibility of creating and sustaining an overall communications strategy for St. Anthony. As our website www.st-anthony.net and our presence on social media have become the most common ways we make initial contact with guests, its importance cannot be overstated. The core team ensures that communications be relevant and concise while taking advantage of the many formats available to us, such as our website, Twitter, Facebook and Pinterest, in addition to email blasts and Sunday morning announcements. The Communications Team members are Pastor Dorian Mulvey, Will Strong and Jill Kyler.

Legacy Society – submitted by Malcolm Hilcove

Team Members: Becky Pearson, Keith Kendrick, Hal Hunt, Jack Fauster, Malcolm Hilcove

Mission – The mission of the Legacy Fund Board is to consistently educate and inform people about how to get their “Final Affairs” in order, while at the same time encouraging donors to “leave a legacy” to St. Anthony.

Events – The two main events held this year were a Final Affairs Workshop and a Wills Clinic led by attorney Emily Kile. Both events were well attended and well received, with many requests for further clinics by Emily Kile.

Growth – The Legacy Fund Board continued to begin each of its meetings with a “devotional” led by a different member each time. The intention is to make a deeper connection with the “why” of our ministry, to better guide us in the “what” we hope to accomplish.

Next Year – The following events are planned for 2014:

1. Legacy Society Celebration on February 22, 2014 with official Arizona State Historian, Marshall Trimble providing the entertainment.
2. Wills Clinic led by attorney Emily Kile on February 23rd, with a special emphasis on younger parishioners.
3. Final Affairs Workshop on March 22, in which parishioners will actually complete parts of their Life Planning Manuals at the workshop sessions.

Pastoral Ministries

Helping Hearts and Hands – submitted by Pat Schmid

Helping Hearts and Hands seeks to assure that all members of St Anthony on the Desert and our neighboring community are cared for in their time of need. There are six teams that work with the Rector and Deacons to assure that all are included and cared for.

Meal Maker Team Leader ~ Sharon Daniels
Grief Support Team Leader ~ Pat Roach
Visitors and Callers Team Leader ~ Pat Schmid
Greeting Cards Team Leader ~ Carol Stuart
Transportation Team Leader ~ Peggy Hilcove
Funeral Reception Team Leader ~ Mildred Wilson

Over 120 cards which were made by the greeting card team were sent to those in need. (A special thanks for John Preston for providing all of the stamps.) The visitors and callers team has kept in touch by phone or visits to shut-ins and those recovering from illness. The meal-makers made and delivered 23 dinners and 13 lunches to families and prepared lunch for 50 people who attended the Walking the Mourners Path Facilitator Training School. The grief support team has provided support to families suffering from loss. The funeral reception team has developed guidelines which the Rector now shares with families while developing funeral plans.

The transportation team has provided rides to church and medical appointments. This ministry organizes rides for people who need help getting to church. Our drivers have found that the ride given is truly as much of a blessing to the driver as the passenger as we seek our "Life Home in Christ". This year we have helped two elderly members who are no longer able to drive. Drivers provided 122 rides to church.

Please contact Pat Schmid (480-837-5020 or pawsschmid@cox.net) when you know of someone who could benefit from our help. Remember to...*Love one another.*

Healing Prayer – submitted by Rosemary Hansen

2013 saw a continuing increase of our parish family utilizing our Healing Prayer Ministry in our St. Luke the Physician Chapel. The rewards of this ministry are a gift that grows throughout our dedicated membership. We also have experienced pastoral web successes by partnering with other ministries in expanding St Anthony's ministry outreach - even across the ocean. Plus our winter ministry members go back to their respective parishes and continue our healing prayer ministry beyond our borders.

We are in the process of producing a two-sided laminated handout card. On the front will be Joyce Rupp's prayer, "Blessing Prayer for Healing", with the back of the card giving Information on St. Anthony's Healing Prayer Ministry and our "Wednesday's at Noon" HEALING PRAYER SERVICE, conducted by Pastor Dorian. This card will be an excellent ministry outreach and marketing tool.

If you would like more information on this ministry please feel free to contact any of our dedicated members: Olivia McFadden, Becky Pearson, Pat Roach, Steve Judge, Janelle Liffiton, Sue McConnell, Constance Wanamaker-Starkman, Cindy Cordes, and Rosemary Hansen.

Eucharistic Visitors – submitted by Susan Cihak

There are fourteen Eucharistic Visitors currently serving at St. Anthony: Mark Close, Ruena Close, Bob Clarke, Marianne Clarke, Joe Dearborn, Malcolm Hilcove, Peggy Hilcove, Keith Kendrick, Bob Groom, Lorna Bennett, Sue McConnell, Claudia Smith, Sheila Henry and Allen Henry.

This past year the Eucharistic Visitor Ministry stayed very active providing visits to homebound and recuperating individuals in peoples' homes, group homes, hospitals and nursing facilities. This ministry saw strong attendance this year at Westminster Village where the Eucharistic Visitors provide a prayer service that frequently saw attendance of 15 or more. In 2014 we will hold training and informational sessions for anyone interested in joining this wonderful ministry.

Walking the Mourners Path – submitted by Catherine Gilbert

We are blessed at St. Anthony to be caretakers of the amazing program of Walking the Mourner's Path. I hear many stories of transformation from clergy, facilitators, and program participants who have been a part of the program. The following is one such testimony. This is an excerpt of the Homily given at the Closing Eucharist of the Houston Facilitator Training School given by The Rev. Linda Shelton:

“Through tears, shared stories, victories, struggles, and yes, laughter, hands are freed to receive and then hold and reflect Christ’s light for one another on the mourner’s path—the place where we can encourage and hold each other in His light and love as we move forward, ever so slowly, but faithfully, through the darkness and wilderness of grief, changed and transformed, into our continued walk as his disciples on our journeys.

I believe it is the hand of God that is at work in and through us, all our lives, comforting, prompting and setting us free from grief, sorrow and our fears.By waiting, allowing the tears, hurt and grief to flow out, we create a space (a holy space) in our lives, where we may sit together in our various places of need, to let God in, and to feel His love and presence doing the touching, consoling and healing work in us.

*This is Walking the Mourners path--
a place to come in our pain instead of withdrawing, to be comforted; a place to come together and to join hearts and hands so that we can do together what we cannot do alone.”*

2013 started rather slowly but the reach of the ministry grew beyond our expectations:

- 386 Walked the Mourner’s Path and participated in the Eight Week Workshops
- 324 “30 Days toward Healing Your Grief” sold and given out
- 45 new facilitators were trained at
- 6 Facilitator Training Schools

Additional highlights:

- Deacon Susan Cihak named Administrative Assistant
- A growing awareness of the program nationally – Schools planned for 2014 where the program has not previously been offered
- Developing a new Journal with the assistance of many creative individuals from St. Anthony
- Our Logo was registered as a Trademark with the US Patent office
- Creation of a separate ministry team at St. Anthony who will serve those in grief in our community and reorganizing the national ministry
- Re-design of Website www.mournerspath.com
- Facebook Page, please “like” us



Outreach Ministries

Golf Tournament team – submitted by Malcolm Hilcove

Committee members: Malcolm Hilcove, Claudia Johnson, Dawn Patterson, Bob Groom

The mission of the St. Anthony Golf Ministry is to raise funds for outreach by holding an annual golf tournament that feeds, entertains and informs up to 100 golfers dinner guests. The 3rd Annual Charity Golf Tournament was held September 21st at FireRock Country Club.

This was our most successful tournament to date, with a record number of players (77), silent auction donors (35), hole sponsors (26) and volunteers, resulting in a record amount raised (\$19,522).

Golf committee meetings were held on a regular monthly basis from January through June and then more frequently (after breaking for summer), from August through the week before the tournament. In addition to regular committee members, ministry representatives Mark Close and Grant Gilfeather also attended most meetings and assisted in obtaining silent auction donors.

The after-tournament dinner was also attended by a record number of people (110). The highlight of the evening was a talk by Pastor Dorian, who showed a video and spoke about the various ministries that benefit from the funds raised.

Next year's tournament will be held again at FireRock Country Club on September 20, 2014.

Although a record number of players (77) participated this year, we were advised by ex-PGA tour member Howard Twitty, that the maximum number that could comfortably play is one hundred. This is an additional 23 players, representing a potential \$3,450 in additional funds raised. The committee is considering ways to increase this number to 100, including approaching our sister parish, St. James in Tempe, to see if they might have an interest in participating. Funds raised could be distributed between the two parish's charities on a pro-rata basis, or however is mutually agreed upon.

The 2013 Grant Recipients

The 2012 annual Golf Tournament was a great success which led to a wonderful year for our Outreach Ministries! \$11,200.00 was available to the ministries compared to \$8,700.00 from the 2011 tournament, a \$2,500 increase of funds!

The following captures the funds granted and approved by the Vestry:

MOSA - \$1000.00 to continue the wonderful efforts at the East Valley Men's Center with the bike repair shop that was started with a grant last year.

Needlecrafts for Needs - \$500.00 to continue and expand their gifts to EVMC, Arizona Bridges to Independent Living and many more.

GO Ministry - Kid's Clinic - \$2,400 to continue to transport children from Mexico to US hospitals for medical treatment, as well as cleft palate repair for other children.

Healthy Packs Program - \$1400.00 to continue to fund food, for children in south Scottsdale, in take home backpacks for those in need, during the weekend days.

GO-Rwanda - \$1350.00 to purchase seven cows in the Mother's Union Shyira Diocese for seven mothers who learn to care and nurture the cows, so they can then provide independently for their own children. GO used \$2,770 of their ministry funds for this project.

GO – Haiti - \$1550.00 to partially fund tuition for children and staff salaries for the school in Leogane that David Paige has worked so closely.

GO – Haiti - \$3000.00 to subsidize the Haiti Nursing Scholarship for a nursing student the vestry has supported the past two years.

The Outreach Ministries of St. Anthony have and continue to do remarkable work locally and globally! But to continue to do this work they will need funding. Please consider helping the Golf Tournament committee members make this year even more financially helpful to our ministries. There are many ways to help beyond playing golf. For more information, please contact Malcolm Hilcove or Claudia Johnson.

Habitat for Humanity – submitted by Jon Thom

Team Members: Jon Thom, Grant Gilfeather and numerous Saturday volunteers

St. Anthony is part of the non-profit Episcopal Habitat Coalition (EHC) comprised of fifteen Phoenix metro area Episcopal Churches. The EHC typically funds and builds two metro-area homes a year and participates in approximately one international build per year. Since inception, EHC has completed 28 metro-area homes and helped with 61 international homes. Each year St. Anthony's donates a minimum of \$2,800 to help fund the homes, and provides significant volunteer labor hours to assist building the homes.

In 2013, the EHC funded two homes. A home in Glendale for the Renteria family was completed and dedicated in June. The second home, in Phoenix for the Melendez family, was started in September and completed and dedicated in January 2014. Volunteers from St. Anthony worked on the Renteria home on two Saturdays, and worked on the Melendez home on three Saturdays. Overseeing construction of the Melendez home from start to completion were EHC delegates Wayne Needham from St. Matthew's Episcopal as House Leader, and Jon Thom from St. Anthony as a Team Leader.

Builds are on Saturdays and usually involve 25-30 volunteers. New homeowners work side-by-side with volunteers to fulfill the 400 hours of sweat equity required as the down payment on their home. Over the past year, St. Anthony volunteers performed tasks including framing, truss placement, hanging drywall, painting, and landscaping. In addition, St. Anthony volunteers provided either snacks or lunch for the 25-30 volunteers on the Saturdays we worked.

New for 2013 was the first annual Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona Clergy Build. An interdenominational event, it attracted over 40 local clergy who worked on three homes in south Phoenix, including the EHC Melendez home. Almost half of the attending clergy were from Episcopal churches, and participants included our Rector Dorian Mulvey, and Bishop Kirk Smith.

For 2014, the EHC anticipates funding two metro area homes. The first home should begin in mid-February and the second home will begin in fall of 2014. An international build is planned for early spring 2015, with Cambodia currently being the most likely location.

It is our hope for 2014 and beyond to increase St. Anthony's financial contribution to EHC and develop more diverse revenue sources for St. Anthony's HfH build fund. We also hope to expand our volunteer base to increase the number of potential Saturday participants. We will be exploring various fund-raising and volunteer awareness opportunities, including being part of the St. Anthony Block Party in March. Also, we encourage young people (16 years and older) to become involved and earn community service credit from their schools.

Habitat for Humanity Central AZ is a Christian-based, valley-wide ministry that is a hand-up, not a hand-out. New Habitat families earn the ability to become homeowners through hard work, education, and by financially qualifying for the home that they purchase with a zero-percent interest mortgage. If you like the idea of helping a worthy family move up from substandard housing to get a new start as a Habitat homeowner, contact Jon Thom at (480) 286-4724 or jon@thomdirect.com.

MOSA – submitted by David Paige

Members and Supporters: All interested male parishioners, and anyone else who wants to help us.

Mission: By many activities, the Men of St. Anthony provide support and fellowship to each other, other St. Anthony ministries, and the local community. Over the past year, MOSA has continued to increase its support of the East Valley Men's Center ("EVMC") in Mesa. One evening each month, MOSA volunteers provided food supplies and served dinner to 75 – 90 men at EVMC, for an approximate total of 900 plates of food. MOSA's fellowship reach beyond St. Anthony is reflected in part by the fact that some of the EVMC dinner volunteers who we serve with at times are not members of our church and / or faith tradition, but they want to be engaged in this part of MOSA's ministry. During 2013, MOSA members and supporters donated more than \$1,800 to assist in the purchase of five (5) hams for each of the monthly EVMC dinners in 2014. MOSA continued its financial and volunteer time support of the Bicycle Repair Shop at EVMC, with assistance from the Outreach Grant Fund. Also, last year toiletries donated at St. Anthony were periodically provided to homeless men temporarily living at EVMC. Members of MOSA and the St. Anthony Youth Group met to prepare sack lunches for EVMC.

On the grounds of St. Anthony, MOSA members and supporters provided periodic general maintenance services, landscaping work, the removal of weeds and unnecessary vegetation, the clearing of a fire lane on the north side of the building complex, the planting of new flowers and, recently, the removal of weeds and the placement of crushed granite in the easement area on Shea Blvd. immediately south of the church parking lot.

During 2013, MOSA's assistance to other St. Anthony ministries included Spirit Auction set-up work, assisting in advance set-up for and working at the Youth Group's Annual Rummage Sale, serving meals at other St. Anthony ministry meetings. David Ells of MOSA, with Grant Gilfeather, served lunch at Vista del Camino during an annual youth career planning and development goals event, with the food being purchased using a generous MOSA designated donation.

All of these MOSA volunteer activities will continue in 2014. Some will be expanded. For example, MOSA already has made arrangements with Will Strong to now meet on a quarterly basis with Youth Group members to share fellowship and prepare sack lunches for EVMC. Also, throughout 2014, at regular Saturday morning meetings, MOSA members will be discussing addition ways for us to support St. Anthony and other charitable organizations in our community.

East Valley Men's Center – submitted by Jon Bost

The East Valley Men's Center, located in Mesa, AZ, houses and feeds about 100 homeless men who are in transition back into society. The Center is under the umbrella of *A NEW LEAF*, a not-for-profit corporation supporting the homeless, abused and needy across the Valley.

St. Anthony has long supported the Center with meals through the Men of St. Anthony (MOSA) but in recent years this has been expanded to include support on other levels and from other ministries. Managing this support from St Anthony is not in itself a ministry, but rather a coordination effort between the various ministries and the Center as well as awareness for new opportunities to support these men working to get their lives back in order.

In 2013, we provided, prepared, and served about 1800 dinners to the men. MOSA still does the majority of this work, supplying food 11 of the 18 evenings. Two evenings were supported by the parish at large, with one evening each by the Ushers, Needlecrafts for Need, EFM, Seniors and Winter Residents, and the Vestry. Additionally, as the holidays approached, the Center was still without dinners scheduled for Christmas Day. St. Anthony volunteered to support, through the donation fund set up for this effort, having a dinner catered if the Center could locate an appropriate caterer. The Center located a caterer who not only supplied the meals, but volunteered to do it pro bono.

MOSA also prepared lunches for the Center, preparing the sack meals after their MOSA meeting on Saturdays. This effort was expanded to include the Youth of the parish in a joint meeting and collaborative effort.

The Needlecrafts for Need ministry hand knitted 100 caps for the men and supplied them to the shelter at the onset of cool weather. This is becoming an annual tradition and the men, who rotate through the shelter on a regular basis, love the hats.

The bike repair shop, funded and organized by St Anthony in 2012, provides the men a facility to repair used bikes donated to the shelter as well as a venue for maintenance on their bikes on which they are dependent for their transportation to and from work. In 2013, St Anthony donated an additional \$1000 for purchase of new bikes and materials for the shop.

Plans for 2014 provide for expansion of the efforts of last year as well as pursuit of new programs for the shelter. One opportunity I would like to explore is establishment of a recycling center at the shelter. The men go through about 100 aluminum cans per day and this could be turned into another source of income for them with a little coordination.

Vista del Camino and Paradise Valley Emergency Food Bank – submitted by Grant Gilfeather

Team Members: Janet Allen, Grant Gilfeather, and generous donating members from St. Anthony's

Contributions from St. Anthony to both organizations have helped those families in need to feed themselves in these challenging times. St. Anthony parishioners and friends donate regularly non-perishable food in the basket in the narthex. Janet Allen and Grant Gilfeather volunteer weekly at the Paradise Valley Emergency Food Bank (PVEFB) on Friday mornings. Grant volunteers at Vista on Monday afternoons.

A volunteer's job at both food banks involves receiving donated food, sorting it, properly shelving and making up food boxes or set ups to be given out. At the clothing bank the donated items are examined, separated and bagged into specified categories.

2013 has been a challenging year for food banks. Both Vista Del Camino and Paradise Valley Emergency Food Bank recently have experienced a surge of donations. However those in need have increased and both food banks continue to give out food boxes to those that come through their doors.

One Friday at Paradise Emergency Food Bank, Grant helped a young mother with an infant, who had received food parcels, get her car started. Her car had a dead battery and he was able to give her a charge off his car battery. After opening up the hood on his car he fumbled around with the cables. She looked at him and took the cables and quickly hooked them up on both cars and got her car started. Apparently for her, this was not a first time situation. Although the food from the bank was much appreciated, the client was so grateful for the "jump".

In October, St. Anthony's awarded \$1,400 to fund Vista Del Camino's Healthy Packs Program, which benefits several south Scottsdale elementary schools. This grant money came from St. Anthony's Charity Outreach Golf Tournament and will go to supplement weekend food needs for at-risk students in 2013. Last school year Betty Mitchell, Jean Dunsing, Cathy Anderson, Janet Allen, Eloise Crosman, and Rosemary Viets helped pack weekend sacks on three occasions for Tonelea and Arcadia Learning Center schools.

It is my hope that more donors and volunteers will come forward to help at both food banks in the coming year.

If you can volunteer on a week day, Vista Del Camino and Paradise Valley Emergency Food Bank would be most interested in your assistance. If interested please contact Grant Gilfeather at g2feather@cox.net.

Council Against Domestic Violence – submitted by Susan Mitchler

Team Members: Eloise Crosman, Rob Gotwals, Jaye Presta, Suzanne Magee, Susan Mitchler, and Rosemary Viets

The Council Against Domestic Violence is an outreach ministry into Scottsdale and our surrounding communities. Organized in the fall of 2008, the following Mission Statement was adopted: "The mission of the Council Against Domestic Violence is to provide a leadership role at St. Anthony on the Desert Episcopal Church by educating and raising awareness of domestic violence and abuse for ourselves, our church community and the community at large supporting and advocating for victims and existing agencies."

In February 2013 we sponsored our annual Baby Shower collecting items which went to *Sojourner Center*. Dina Gerdon, their Cultivation Manager, was our speaker for the coffee hour after the 10:00 am service. In March, the CADV co-hosted a Wednesday night Lenten Soup Supper with the Needlecrafts for Need Ministry.

A Clear Your Clutter Sunday was organized in September and gently used items went to *Sojourner Center*. The CADV also sponsored a golf hole for the Golf Tournament for the first time as a ministry. A check for \$1,000.00 was contributed to *Autumn House* in Mesa from our funds to purchase 4 VCR/DVDs and 1 TV for their shelter.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month and the CADV passed out bookmarks and had a guest speaker during the coffee hour. Tim Lidster from *Save the Family* spoke to us regarding their activities, plans and dreams. A, "Tea for Two," basket was put together and contributed to the Spirit Auction by the CADV for their auction in November.

Santa's Sleigh (done annually) collected new items for women, teens and children for *Sojourner Center* this year. Gift cards were also contributed and two car loads took things to this shelter before Christmas. Many wonderful gifts were supplied by the generous members of St. Anthony.

Only four members have been active in the CADV this year. We have met every other month for the most part. It is a good and useful ministry but we are looking for new leadership as the current chairperson will leave this position by the end of February.

Needlecrafts for Need – submitted by Claudia Johnson

Members: Janet Allen, Jean Sullens, Gina Baker, Jeanette Luke, Gene Tarry, Inge Bolan, Lillian Roodvelt, Maxine Walker, Mary Rice , Linda Laws and Claudia Johnson

Other Contributors: Shirley Hacnik, Maureen Kendrick, Pat Roach, Cathy Anderson, Betty Mitchell, Rosemary Hansen and Sue McConnell

2013 continued to be a wonderful year for the Needlecrafters being blessed. We have more members and others from the church who contribute, but might not attend meetings.

As with 2012, the Needlecrafters provided twenty-five matching hats and scarves and lap robes to Arizona Bridges to Independent Living (ABIL). ABIL assists in transitioning wheelchair bound individuals from assisted living situations to independent living. The hats, scarves and lap robes were distributed to ABIL clients and may be the only gift they received for the holidays!

In addition, 100 hats were made and given to the men of the East Valley Men's Center, part of *A New Leaf*. These men are homeless and often are exposed to the elements while traveling to and from their work. The Needlecrafters also served two ample dinners to the men at the center.

A new venture occurred when "*A New Leaf*" representative asked if the NFN could provide 50 hats to a new program for male teens who are in sheltered living situations. Those hats were delivered in October.

Another new area of assistance has been to individuals who are cared for at *Fountain View Villages Skilled Nursing* facility in Fountain Hills. Thirty-seven lap robes/prayer shawls were delivered to those in need and were gratefully received. *Sojourner's Center* benefited from handcrafted gifts.

In addition, an Altar cloth, utilizing some of Deacon Jan Wilner's skilled needlework, was donated to the EM's to use during services at Westminster Village.

The Prayer Shawl ministry has flourished in 2013 with 43 prayer shawls being given to the parish community and beyond to the mission field. The prayer shawls have provided comfort to many and the feedback to this ministry is a gift to all of us!

NFN applied for and received a grant of \$500 from the 2012 Golf Tournament proceeds. Without these funds, we would not have been able to expand our ministry. The year to date total pieces gifted through the ministry totals 315 pieces. We have plans to expand in 2014.

Thank you to all who have helped grow and support the ministry.

Global Outreach – submitted by Becky Pearson

Core Committee Members: Jill Kyler, David Paige, Jeanne Paige, Becky Pearson

Our mission is to provide ways for the St. Anthony community to reach out to our neighbors on a global scale. Specifically our focus is on what we can do to end extreme poverty in support of the Millennium Development goals. We welcome all members of the congregation to participate in this ministry.

PROJECT UPDATES:

RWANDA ~ THE COW PROJECT: In 2010, we formed a relationship with the Shyira Anglican diocese in Rwanda. The Vestry and the GO Ministry provided funding in 2013 to purchase seven cows for a group of women in the Shyira diocese.

Project Abstract: As the vast majority of women in our Diocese work in the agricultural sector planting crops, they lack the financial ability to make large investments and advance their economic standing. This project seeks to address this issue by jump-starting these women's economic lives by providing them with cows, which will enable them to generate income and be job creators, as well as provide for their families and their children's futures. Further, the training of participants in animal husbandry will equip them for future success in raising animals without outside assistance, as well as being integral members of communities as sources of knowledge and training. Beyond the monetary and nutritional benefits coming from the sale and consumption of milk, manure, and eventually, protein, this project has the additional benefit of community reconciliation as the women will contribute the first offspring of their cattle to another woman in need in the Diocese in her community. Occurring every 9 months, this transfer will bring communities closer together in reconciliation, a desperate need of the Rwandan population where distrust is still palpable.

Future Dreams: We hope to continue to partner with the Diocese of Shyira as they identify ongoing needs for their parishioners. This support will likely take the form of rural development projects that primarily empower and support women and children.

HAITI ~ EPISCOPAL NURSING COLLEGE

In 2011, the Vestry approved sponsorship of a full scholarship, for four years at \$3,000 per year, for a student at the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti's School of Nursing in Leogane, Haiti. The Episcopal Nursing College is located in the Belval neighborhood of Leogane, about two miles from Hopital Sainte Croix ("HSC"), also operated by the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti. The nursing school, known as FSIL in Haiti, is the only four-year nursing college in Haiti operating at full enrollment level. The college recently added Masters level nursing-related degrees.

Our sponsored student is in her second year of study and provided this update:

What are you enjoying the most in your second year at FSIL? *In my second year, I learned many things regarding the knowledge and experiences of safe nursing practices and also I learn the practical concepts we have been taught.*

How do your family and friends feel about you getting a degree in nursing from FSIL? *My family and friends are very happy that I am at this college, which is the best in Haiti.*

What do you hope to see for the future of Haiti? *In this regard I hope to become a useful nurse for my country, I would like to see all people without exception get the necessary health care they need. And I would say thanks to my four years of experiences at FSIL, because we are the difference.*

What are you expecting in your third year at FSIL? *For my third year, I have the possibility to learn in much more depth in order to succeed.*

HAITI ~ SAINTE CROIX EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

In 2013, the Vestry continued to provide funds to the Sainte Croix Episcopal School to augment the salaries of teachers and staff. David Paige learned during a recent visit in Leogane, Haiti with Pere Kerwin Delicat, the Rector of Sainte Croix Episcopal Church, who also is a member of the school's administration, that after the earthquake the school's enrollment declined from 900 to 450 students. They discussed how this dramatic change in student enrollment, as well as changes to the employment status of many parents of students after the earthquake, caused Sainte Croix school to experience a significant loss of tuition revenues. Because Pere Kerwin and school administrators would not deny enrollment to students whose families could not pay full tuition, teacher and staff salaries were unpaid for several months. Even now, the school is not able to pay the pre-earthquake salaries of all teachers and staff.

In 2013, the Haiti Project assisted the Vestry and the Mission Trip Planning Team with the planning for a July 2014 trip to Leogane. During 2013, eleven individuals signed up for the July 2014 trip. During the Mission Trip, the St. Anthony Group will be involved in repairing as many as fifty damaged student desks and benches, and engage in the construction of an open-air classroom to convert it to a secure, walled in administration office and a reception area for parents and students. The Mission Group also will be outfitting the school's computer lab with new lap tops and printers. Currently, only three of the twenty computers at the school are operational. The St. Anthony Mission Group also will be hosting a meal for as many as 250 parishioners of Sainte Croix church after the Sunday service on July 6, 2014.

Kids Clinic Partners – submitted by Mark Close

TEAM MEMBERS: Mark Close, Grant Gilfeather, Rachel & Deb Misra, David & Gene Tarry, Jackie Das, Becky Evans, Karen Picard, and Jaye Presta

2013 saw a productive year for the St Anthony Kids Clinic Partners.

Mission Statement: Our mission is to serve as a support ministry to St. Andrew's Children's Clinic in Nogales, Arizona providing education and publicity about the clinic to the members of St. Anthony on the Desert and to the greater community and by encouraging service to the clinic.

St. Andrew's Children's Clinic is a non-profit, non-denominational clinic that reaches across the border to provide free, specialized medical care to children living in Mexico who cannot get the care they need in their home country. The clinic is celebrating its 40th anniversary. Ministry team members participating on this year's charity golf tournament committee helped St Anthony raise over \$19,000.00 that will be used to support the church's outreach programs in 2014. We are already planning to participate on the 2014 team effort.

This year Kids Clinic Partners grant request was approved for a gift contribution of \$2,400.00 - a \$1,700.00 increase over the previous year. Luis, aged three months and Kyle, aged four months each received cleft lip surgeries in Oct 2013. Both are doing well having successfully completed both procedures. In addition, Monseratt, aged six years, is now able to develop life changing speech development from special Spanish translated software transferred to an iPad our ministry was able to provide. The equipment now allows her to select specific icons on the iPad, which then returns Spanish translated words or phrases back to Monseratt. It has been reported that Monseratt has already demonstrated significant improvement in her ability to communicate among both family members and her teachers at school, as a result of using this device.

In April 2013 team members met with the Nogales Clinic Staff in a very productive round-table meeting. Much information was exchanged enhancing a more refined focus of continued support of the clinic needs. 2014 should produce even better results. We hope to sponsor three cleft lip/cleft palate surgical repairs and sponsor the purchase of two additional iPads in support of the clinics developmental Speech Apraxia Department. The team wants to continue support of our charity golf tournament objectives and increase individual donation fund raising supporting numerous other clinical areas of opportunity. We also hope to expand local community of Faith outreach participation in support of the St Andrew's Children's Clinic in 2014.

Spiritual Nourishment

Acolytes – submitted by Janelle Liffiton

Coordinator: Janelle Liffiton

Assisting: Deacon Susan Cihak, Verger Sue McConnell

Ministry Members:

8 AM: Sue Vold, Rosemary Viets

10AM: Spencer Cihak, Chris Counce, Kaitlyn Hohl, Alexandra Hurney, Kelly Kendrick, Kevin Kendrick, Kyle Kendrick, David McDonald, Molly McDonald, Faith Taylor, Austin Taylor, Alexa Twibell, Caroline Tetlow, David Woods, Harrison Woods and Emily Mitchell

The Acolyte Ministry is a ministry of service that takes place during our worship. The Acolyte serves God and the Church through this service. Youth and adults participate in this ministry, performing tasks that support the worship service, and assisting the priest in celebrating the Eucharist. Some of these tasks include carrying a processional cross, lighting candles, holding torches, handing the offering plates to ushers, assisting the deacon with set up and clean up at the altar, washing the priests hands during Holy Eucharist, swinging incense and carrying the incense boat, and many other tasks as directed by the priest. Participation in the service in this way can deepen connections to worship. These connections create a feeling of belonging and can last a lifetime.

This year we were able to recruit 2 new Torch Bearers during the Christian Education registration process. These new torch bearers were trained and started into service. Each new torchbearer was paired with an experienced torchbearer as a mentor. Older Acolyte Ministry members, who serve as Crucifers, were also available to help train the new members. As Crucifers, they are in charge of the Acolyte team during the worship service. They mentor the new members during the service each Sunday.

In May of 2014, we will have 2 senior high school members graduate and start college in the fall. Several of our torchbearers were cross-trained this year as crucifers and have started to serve in this role. Several of our torchbearers have taken a leave of absence this year to pursue other ministries and activities.

In the coming year, the Acolyte Ministry hopes to grow in the following ways:

- Recruit more members – another 8 am member is urgently needed
- Service recognition program
- Educational/team building program

The current members of the Acolyte Ministry are a dedicated group. A special thanks goes to Sue Vold for her dedication to the 8 AM service.

Altar Guild – submitted by Sue Vold

Team Members: Janet Allen, Sally Allexan, Cathy Anderson, Gina Baker, Joan Carlson, Ruena Close, Kate Fauster, Debbie Fox, Jaye Presta, Pat Schmid, Sharon Schulenberg, Debbie Van Hoven, Mary Vanselow, Rosemary Viets, Sue Vold

The Altar Guild is a connecting ministry bringing the Christian community together through celebration by preparing the Lord's Table and Sanctuary for Eucharistic services, baptisms, weddings, funerals and memorial services.

Although there is a separate group for the Flower Guild, preparing and decorating the sanctuary and chapel for Christmas and Easter is now a more collaborative effort between the two groups.

Two new members joined the Altar Guild in 2013. In addition, one member who was previously a winter resident, moved to Arizona permanently in 2013. There is still a need for additional members to have a year-round member on one of the 10:00 teams.

Eucharistic Ministers – submitted by Leanne Murrillo

Ministry Co- Leads: Leanne Murrillo and Cyndi Sax

The Eucharistic Ministry is comprised of over 20 individuals who are dedicated to serving as lectors and/or chalice bearers during worship. This is a ministry that members feel called to by God. That calling can come when one recognizes that they have the desire to serve God in this capacity and the gifts to do so...or sometimes when a clergy member, friend, or ministry member recognizes those gifts in another person. Regardless of how one becomes a lector or chalice bearer, individuals who serve God and God's people in this capacity share a sense of honor, awe, and respect for the privilege to read God's Word and administer the chalice.

Ministry members serve at virtually every service held at St. Anthony – regular Sunday worship, Holy Days like Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, memorial services, and other events. This ministry is one that requires constancy, commitment, and dedication to serving God and others. Many describe their experiences as lector or chalice bearer as being integral to their spiritual practices, deepening their own faith as they serve others. We always have room for more. If you feel a stirring in your heart or hear a whisper questioning "What would it be like to do that?", feel free to bring that question to a member of the clergy, or to one of us.

Choirs – submitted by Joe Hacnik

Members of the music ministry include an Adult choir presently consisting of 15 members (vocal), in addition to the vocalists we have one trumpet player, and Joe Hacnik directing and accompanying the choir on both organ and piano. Henry Male is the cantor for both the 8:00 and 10:00 am services. The St. Anthony Singers presently has three members. Our Bell Choir has 9 members, 4 of which are children/youth. The Bell Choir began rehearsals in November and rang for the first time on Christmas Eve. We will continue through Easter Sunday.

Music Ministry is a vital part of our worship as a faith community, providing quality music for parish liturgies on a weekly basis, as well as special parish liturgies and events throughout the year. In addition to the Sunday liturgy, music ministry volunteers participate in a weekly rehearsal. We are always recruiting new members both vocally and instrumentally.

Ushers – submitted by Sam & Suzi Edmondson

Description of Ministry: Our connection to the church mission statement revolves around a warm and friendly welcome to all coming through the parish doors. The welcome will allow the worshipers to feel the spiritual communion of the congregation – the outreach will follow as they enjoy the warm feeling from the ushers initially and the congregation as they decide to participate in the church. We are also responsible to help those members that may be in physical need before, during, and after the service.

Growth of the Ministry: Our ministry is focused mainly on the various worship services on Sundays and Holidays, as well as special events such as funerals. Growth entails adding interested people to our usher team. Our own feelings of connection have grown through our interaction with other ushers as well as meeting people as they come through the doors of the parish. Most of the usher team shares the same feeling of connection.

Ministry Hopes for 2014: Our plan for 2014 is to encourage more of the congregation to be a part of our usher team. We are fortunate to have the awesome group of ushers who continue to participate on a regular basis. We will continue to pursue other members to be a part of our great ministry.

Operations/Facilities

Landscape team – submitted by Richard Sinclair

St Anthony's occupies an excellent location on Shea Blvd. Our acreage affords us the opportunity to have an incredibly beautiful "face to the world" of native southwestern plantings. Of course our reality has been much the opposite – that of two year's work to remove unwanted volunteer plants and to save the remaining desirable plants.

The core landscaping group has concluded that we are reaching the limits of a volunteer landscaping effort. Further development requires a detailed planning scheme developed by a landscape architect. Some of the additional work requires skilled labor with equipment.

I plan to hold a congregation-wide Landscaping meeting during February to review our needs. Hopefully new and additional members will join the Landscaping group and together we can map out a plan that will allow us to improve and beautify our grounds.

Office Angels – submitted by Kelle Hohl

The Office Angels support the office responsibilities of the Treasurer, Accountant, Walking the Mourner's Path and the Parish Administrator.

Thank You to the following dedicated volunteers!

Janet Allen	Weekly front desk support & special projects
Cathy Anderson	Weekly front desk support & special projects
Olivia McFadden	Weekly front desk support & special projects, weekly bulletin assembly
Don Bennett	Weekly bulletin assembly
Gina Baker	Weekly counting the offering
Carrie Forkner	Weekly counting the offering
Hosea Harkness	Weekly counting the offering
Jeanette Luke	Weekly counting the offering
Cindy Creamer	Verify all bank deposits prior to making the deposits
David Ells	Verify all bank deposits prior to making the deposits
Rob Gotwals	Monthly check reconciliation
Susan Gilfeather	Posting contributions & giving statement preparation
Eloise Crosman	Help with the Church Registry

We continue to welcome new volunteers into the office for special projects or regular weekly support.

Investment Management team – submitted by Jackie Ernst

Team Members: Jackie Ernst, Chairperson; Mike Galloway, Secretary; and George Mulvey
Ex-officio: Barbara Ells, Dorian Mulvey and Cyndi Sax

In May 2011, The Investment Management Team funded and invested the St. Anthony Legacy Funds at Fidelity Investments with an original investment of \$105,641.64. It was invested according to the Legacy Fund Directive. The 2013 year-end balance was \$143,727.67. We had \$1,438.75 of dividends and interest in 2013 as well as a \$7,500 donation.

Spirit Auction team – submitted by Barbara Ells and Janelle Liffiton

On November 23, 2013, St. Anthony held our annual fund-raiser. Our new theme this year – *Diamonds and Dice* – was fun for all. 105 adults enjoyed wonderful hearty appetizers and wine while bidding on silent and live auction items. New this year was a raffle of a diamond necklace. Raffle tickets were sold for several weeks before the event, giving those who were not attending a chance to win. Attendees had fun with our two new events – a “Wine chance” for some wonderful donated wines, and a “Dice Roll” for some of our fun travel bags. Overall we had one of our most successful years, making \$15,284 to support St. Anthony’s mission and ministries.

Due to the generous support from merchants, parishioners, and ministries, our auction tables were full with over 150 items, and bidding was brisk. We also had fun travel brown bags filled with items parishioners had brought from travels around the world. Chuck Bolte was our auctioneer extraordinaire. Our wonderful menu prepared by Sergio Mendez got rave reviews – even when served outside under tarps protecting us from the rain!

The “Kids Only” party was again a success with 14 children attending. Our Youth helped with the kid’s party and also helped carry auction items to bidder’s cars after the auction.

We had a wonderful committee this year with lots of energy and good ideas. A big thanks to all who helped with the planning, procured or donated items, attended the auction and/or helped the night of the auction. You truly made it a success!

Stewardship – Harry Boysen, Keith Kendrick, Cyndi Sax, Dorian Mulvey

As we gathered last spring for our first of many meetings to plan our annual campaign, we had no idea what God had planned for the next phase of our journey at St. Anthony. Our discussions started by reflecting on the many blessings we have shared as a church community over the years, and our feelings of gratitude and joy for all that we have accomplished through the work of our more than forty ministries.

After considerable discussion and prayer, the direction God provided became clearer. It was time for a celebration, as well as a time to dream. It was time to capture many of the contributions by our parishioners since our humble beginning in a rented band room at the old Anasazi Elementary School in 1988, but it was also a time to dream...and dream big...about all that we can and will accomplish in the years ahead.

The “**Celebrating a Quarter Century of Joyful Giving**” brochure summarized the work of many ministries, featuring some of the people that helped formulate St. Anthony’s proud heritage. The campaign also asked you for a “Celebration Pledge”, an increase of 10% or more over your 2013 pledge, in order to increase our contributions to the community and wider world. In addition, we asked you to consider pledging an additional gift to help make one or more of the following dreams a reality:

- Fully Funded Youth Minister
- Haiti Mission Trip Project
- Accelerated Mortgage Pay-Down
- Expanding Reach of Walking the Mourner’s Path Ministry
- Furnishing Renewal & Equipment Replacement
- Landscape Beautification
- Social Media Communications Consultant

Due to your considerable generosity, we enter 2014 in a position to make an even greater impact in the community and wider world through the work of our many ministries. Total pledging households grew by 10%, with 22 new households joining us on our journey. Pledge dollars for 2014 grew by nearly 10% and totaled over \$325,000, in large part due to the 68 households that made Celebration Pledges. 27 contributions to our seven dream goals exceeded \$26,000. Our goal of making additional investments in our ministries, as well as funding key operational needs, is now within our reach. We are also well on our way to realizing many of the dreams that we identified with God’s guidance during the process, such as the ability to fully self-fund our youth minister and make critical maintenance investments in our beautiful facilities.

2013 Financial Highlights - Treasurer's Report – submitted by Barbara Ells

2013 was a busy year at St. Anthony with many things to celebrate. From a financial standpoint, here are the highlights.

- Pledge Income and Other Giving:** We are blessed with income from several sources, but we are primarily dependent on the gifts that we receive from those who worship with us to pay our operating costs – staff, utilities, mortgage, etc. In 2013, 70% of our income was from giving, and of those donations, 82% came from pledges. The remaining came from our plate income, non-pledge givers, and holiday giving. In 2013, total donations exceeded our budget by over \$13,800.
- Successful Fundraisers:** We hold two major fundraisers each year. Our Spirit Auction brought in over \$15,200 to support St. Anthony's Mission and Ministries. The Golf Tournament, in its third year, brought in over \$19,500. This tournament draws many from outside our parish and I am happy to announce that \$16,000 of those net proceeds will go to Outreach Grants. The Outreach ministries of St. Anthony will be able to request grants to support the wonderful ministries that St. Anthony supports beyond our parish. The remaining Golf Tournament funds supported our Youth Ministry Outreach here at St. Anthony.
- Montessori School:** We are fortunate to have a Montessori School on our campus. They contribute over \$64,000 to our budget and are a wonderful addition to our campus life.
- Walking the Mourner's Path** had another successful year bringing in \$28,765 of which \$8,765 was held in reserves for future development. The balance of \$20,000 was used to support St. Anthony's operating expenses.
- Youth Ministry Apprentice Program:** Will Strong is in his second year as our Youth Minister and we continue to see the program grow. St. Anthony is in the third year of a five year grant administered by the Diocese to support Youth Ministry in parishes. This program is a community outreach program to reach unchurched youth in our communities. The Youth minister receives training from the Diocese during the first years of the program, with the hopes that the Youth program will grow and attract not only new Youth to our programs but young families to our parish. The grant covers a portion of the salary and the program expense and the parish pays the balance. Each year of the program we pay a larger share of the total cost of the program. For 2013, our share of the expenses was 38%, or \$18,475 which was partially paid by a generous designated gift.
- Youth Room transformation & Parish Hall renovation:** With labor from our staff and many volunteers and designated special gifts we were able to renovate and update our Youth Room, Parish Hall and Kitchen. In addition, with a grant from the Diocese and some Legacy Funds, we removed the stage area of the parish hall to make the room totally wheelchair accessible.
- Legacy and Endowment Gifts:** in 2013 we received a \$10,000 Legacy gift and a \$7,500 gift to our Endowment Fund.
- Mortgage:** Our mortgage balance is now \$732,755 with 18 years remaining. Our mortgage payment is \$5,329 for a total of nearly \$64,000 a year.
- Net Cash Receipts:** For the year, net cash receipts exceeded our disbursements by \$20,550. The Vestry allocated the excess funds as follows:

\$4,000	To fund a financial audit in 2014
\$11,950	Add to our Deferred Maintenance & Repair fund
\$4,600	Fund the 2014 projected budget deficit

2014 Budget

The Vestry is annually charged with putting together the budget, and the starting point is the amount pledged by parishioners. For 2014, we received 130 pledges for \$325,555, a 10% increase in both the # of pledges received and the amount pledged. In addition, you were asked to “Dream” about things that were not covered in our budget. Your Dream Gifts totaled over \$26,000 and were designated for funding our Youth Minister, the Haiti Mission Trip, Accelerate our Mortgage Pay-Down, expand WMP, Repair and Replacement of Equipment, Landscape Beautification, and a Social Media Communications consultant. 2014 budget highlights are as follows:

1. Based on our current pledges, total giving (plate offerings, pledges, non-pledge income, and holiday donations) are budgeted to be \$363,883 – an increase of almost \$9,000 from 2013.
2. In 2013, Walking the Mourner’s Path contributed \$20,000 to St. Anthony’s operations. For 2014, we have budgeted \$15,000, a decrease of \$5,000 in order for WMP to use more of the funds generated from their programs to further expand WMP.
3. Rent from the Montessori school is over \$66,000.
4. Our Youth Minister receives a salary increase under the Youth Apprentice Program guidelines. All other staff will receive a 2% salary increase after not receiving any increase in 2013.
5. We are in the 3rd year of the Youth Apprentice Program administered by the Diocese. St. Anthony’s share of the Youth Apprentice Program for 2014 is almost \$30,000, up from \$18,000 in 2013. We have received Dream Gift commitments of \$11,150 to fund youth ministry which partially offsets our costs.
6. Staffing: Many are not aware that 40% of our “staff” are volunteers. These include Deacon Susan Cihak, Deacon Grant Gilfeather, Assisting Priest John Millar, (paid when he celebrates), and Minister of Evangelism Jill Kyler. These people are so important to our worship and we thank them for their dedication to St. Anthony.
7. All expenses were reviewed in detail by the Vestry. Some expenses, including Altar Guild, Music, Landscape, and Equipment repairs will be paid out of available deferred funds. Our Financial audit will be paid out of funds set aside from the 2013 excess funds.
8. The balance of our budget - \$4,600 will be paid from excess 2013 funds.
9. Outreach: Our Golf Tournament Committee is already working on the Golf Tournament for 2014. We anticipate another successful tournament which will hopefully enable us to again dedicate a substantial portion of the proceeds from the tournament to Outreach. The budget has \$16,000 allocated to outreach from the Golf Tournament Funds.

The attached Cash Receipts statement for 2013 and the 2014 Budget along with the Balance Sheet and List of Designated Funds are an integral part of this report.

St. Anthony on the Desert Cash Receipts Statement
2013 Budget vs. Actual - Operations
2014 Budget

	2013			2014
	Budget	Over (Under)	Actual	Budget
Cash receipts and disbursement				
Cash receipts				
Plate Offerings	\$10,872	\$672	\$11,544	\$12,000
Pledge Income	281,374	10,416	291,790	312,533
Non-pledged Member Income	32,200	(1,953)	30,247	28,000
Holiday Offerings	16,620	4,698	21,318	11,300
Interest Income	300	35	335	300
Montessori Building Use Income	64,368	0	64,368	66,295
Building Use Income	1,625	215	1,840	1,800
Fundraising Account	28,700	7,348	36,048	36,000
Youth Ministry Income	36,000	(3,956)	32,044	28,650
Walking the Mourner's Path Inc	20,000	0	20,000	15,000
Total Cash Receipts	\$492,059	\$17,475	\$509,534	\$511,878
Cash Disbursements				
Expense				
Personnel	\$294,494	(\$2,689)	\$291,805	\$313,137
Administration Expense	16,157	(387)	15,770	16,380
Facilities Expense	24,258	(558)	23,700	23,848
Insurance	16,027	329.75	16,357	16,931
Diocesan Mission Share	50,824	(439)	50,385	55,802
Christian Education Expenses	3,150	(518)	2,632	2,577
Youth Apprentice Program Expense	7,561	(4,939)	2,622	2,800
Worship Expense	950	(54)	896	175
Committees - Services Expense	5,980	(1,167)	4,813	4,870
Outreach	8,700	7,348	16,048	16,000
Total Cash Disbursements before				
Mortgage Payment	\$428,101	(\$3,074)	\$425,027	\$452,520
Net Cash before Mortgage interest payment	\$63,958	(\$0)	\$63,958	\$59,358
Mortgage interest payment	63,958	(0)	63,958	63,958
Net Cash receipts	\$0	\$20,549	\$20,549	(\$4,600)
Funds from 2013 Excess Funds				4,600
Net Cash Receipts				\$0
Use of 2013 Excess Funds				
Fund Financial audit			\$4,000	
Add to Deferred Maintenance & Repair			11,650	
Fund 2014 projected deficit			4,600	
				\$20,250

St. Anthony on the Desert Episcopal Church
Balance Sheet
December 31, 2013

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

CCCU Ministry Checking A/C 91	\$36,504
CCCU Desig/Restricted Ckg 92	58,899
CCCU Desig/ Rest Money Mkt - 60	105,005
Desig WMP Development Cash Acct	23,404
	223,811

Total Checking/Savings \$223,811

Other Current Assets

Fidelity Investments Account	\$143,728
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Total Other Current Assets \$143,728

Total Current Assets \$367,539

Fixed Assets

Land	\$700,000
Parish Hall (Net)	248,190
Sanctuary and Ed. Bldg (Net)	1,552,419
Furn & Fix-Parish Hall (Net)	8,171
Furn, Fix-Sanc & Ed Bldg (Net)	3,145
Courtyard Columbarium (Net)	17,214
	2,529,141

Total Fixed Assets \$2,529,141

Other Assets

Walking the Mourner's Path -Net	\$3,724
Columbarium Account	1,925
Advance Event Deposit	400
	6,049

Total Other Assets \$6,049

TOTAL ASSETS \$2,902,728

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable

Accounts Payable	\$1,019
Diocesan Assess 2007 Payable	21,095
Diocesan Assess 2008 Payable	44,667
Diocesan Assess 2009 Payable	71,437
	138,219

Total Accounts Payable \$138,219

Other Current Liabilities

Prepaid Pledges	\$18,832
Retirement Withholding	777
Desig/Restrict Fund Obligation	163,904
WMP Development Fund	23,404
Endowment Designated	143,728
	350,643

Total Other Current Liabilities \$350,643

Total Current Liabilities \$488,862

Long Term Liabilities

Loan CCCU Principal Payable 21	\$732,755
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Total Long Term Liabilities \$732,755

Total Liabilities \$1,221,617

Equity

Retained Earnings	\$1,676,512
Net income	4,599
	1,681,111

Total Equity \$1,681,111

Total Liabilities & Equity \$2,902,728

**St. Anthony on the Desert
Designated Funds
December 31, 2013**

DESIGNATED OPERATION FUNDS

Acolyte Fund	\$113	
Altar Guild	1,199	
Arts Council	55	
Building Maintenance	23,263	
Celebrations and Gatherings	90	
Children's Education	125	
Evangelism & Newcomers	399	
Facilities Maintenance	1,003	
Financial Audit	4,000	
Flowers	2,543	
Hearts and Hands	220	
Holiday Flowers & Music	1,327	
Landscape Improvement & Maintenance	0	
Legacy Operations	1,125	
Parish Retreat	152	
Pastoral Musician Fund	1,267	
Rector Sabbatical	8,740	
Special Projects	110	
New Server	1,068	
Vestment donations	4,724	
Youth Ministry Apprentice	16,439	
Youth Ministry Donations	<u>750</u>	
TOTAL OPERATIONAL FUNDS		\$68,713

DESIGNATED OUTREACH

Camp Scholarships	\$239	
Children's Outreach	171	
Deacon's Discretionary Fund	251	
Domestic Violence Council	802	
EFM Fund	199	
Global Outreach	790	
Habitat for Humanity	251	
Habitat Housewarming	66	
Needlecraft for Need Ministry	842	
Mission Work/Outreach	25,781	
MOM-OSA	484	
MOSA	1,736	
Outreach Grant Funds	16,048	
Rector Discretionary	2,172	
Youth Mission Trip	7,047	
V Evans EFM Scholar	521	
Vista Del Camino	<u>1,450</u>	
TOTAL OUTREACH FUNDS		\$58,852

DESIGNATED DREAM GFITS

\$11,863

DESIGNATED MEMORIAL FUNDS

Courtyard Memorials	\$500	
Music Memorials	808	
Other Memorials	<u>1,358</u>	
TOTAL MEMORIALS FUNDS		\$2,666

LEGACY FUND

\$21,810

TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS

\$163,903