



ST. ANTHONY ON THE DESERT  
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# **St. Anthony on the Desert Episcopal Church**

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**St. Anthony on the Desert Episcopal Church**  
**Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**10:00 am. January 26, 2020**

Opening Address Pastor Dorian explained the rationale for incorporating the Annual Meeting into the worship service.

Senior Warden Dan Austin called the meeting to order and announced a visible 10% quorum was present. The motion was made to dispense with the individual reports and to accept the Annual Report as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. The Annual Report will be available in the Narthex, in the office or at [www.stanthony.net](http://www.stanthony.net).

Pastor Dorian's Sermon She prefaced her sermon by sharing the title of the book the Vestry will read this year. *Intrusive God, Disruptive Gospel, Encountering the Divine in the Book of Acts*. What made them follow Jesus? Answers along the way. "Repent for the kingdom of heaven has come near." And he said to Simon Peter and Andrew, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." James and John left their fishing boats and followed Jesus throughout Galilee, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom. At the conclusion of the sermon the congregation was asked to provide feedback on two questions.

- 1) As you consider the calling of Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John, what does it mean to you personally?
- 2) The fisherman in our gospel story and others who chose to follow Jesus encountered joy but also disruptions in their lives. Has being a follower of Jesus ever led to "disturbance" or "disruption" in your life? Describe. The Vestry will review the congregation's feedback at their Vestry Retreat.

Barbara Ells, St Anthony's Treasurer, reported on the financial results for 2019 and the proposed budget for 2020. She presented income and expenses in the form of pie charts on a screen. These were presented and explained that was easy to see and understand. The treasurer presented a balanced budget for 2020.

The Prayers of the People incorporate prayers for all the ministries at St Anthony.

Special Recognition. Thank you to Joe Dearborn and Monnie Ottersberg for their 3 years of service to the Vestry.

Presentation of our Appointed Senior Warden and Treasurer  
Dan Austin, Senior Warden and Barbara Ells, Treasurer

Presentation of Vestry Nomination Slate and Election  
Claudia Johnson, Junior Warden 1 year term

Senior Warden, Dan Austin asked for any nominations from the floor There were none.

Asked for a vote by acclamation. Passed

Cathy Gomez, Bobbi Macy, and Brian Wright Vestry nominations each 3 year terms. Senior Warden Dan Austin asked for any nominations from the floor There were none. The motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously electing these individuals by acclamation. The new Vestry was commissioned at the conclusion of the service. The 2020 Vestry is Senior Warden, Dan Austin, Junior Warden, Claudia Johnson, Treasurer, Barbara Ells, Barbara Goldstein, Bobbi Macy, Jeanne Paige, Melody Taylor, Mary Vanselow, Celia Warren and Brian Wright.

Presentation and Election of Convention Delegates Nominees for 2021  
Marianne Clarke, Joe Dearborn, Jill Kyler, Jeanne Paige, Melody Taylor

No further nominations. The motion was made, seconded and passed electing these individuals by acclamation.

After special Prayers for birthdays and anniversaries a video by Jill Kyler "A Community on the Way" was shown to the congregation. We give thanks for the ways we have chosen to follow Jesus.

After the Post Communion Prayer, the new Vestry was commissioned. Senior Warden thanked everyone for participating and accepted a motion to adjourn. It was seconded and passed unanimously. Everyone was invited to brunch in the Parish Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Vanselow  
Vestry Clerk

### **Senior Warden Report – Dan Austin**

2020 Vestry Members: The Rev. Dorian Mulvey, President and Rector (Jan 1-Dec 13); Dan Austin, Vice President and Senior Warden; Claudia Johnson, Junior Warden; Mary Vanselow, Clerk and Secretary; Barbara Goldstein; Cathy Gomez; Bobbi Macy; Jeanne Paige; Melody Taylor; Celia Warren; Brian Wright; and (non-member) Barbara Ells, Treasurer.

At the parish annual meeting in January 2020, Cathy Gomez, Bobbi Macy and Brian Wright were elected to three-year terms. During the January 2021 annual meeting, we will honor the service of retiring Vestry member Melody Taylor.

During 2020, the Vestry's leadership role was tested again and again, first by the late February appearance in the region of a deadly coronavirus, followed by related disruptions in parish worship and communal life, and then by the news in October that our Rector and pastor for the past 12 years, The Rev. Dorian Mulvey, would retire on Dec. 13.

Every major ministry, from Outreach to Stewardship to Youth Mission to Worship felt the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. A year that began with high hopes at a spirit-filled Vestry Retreat in early February soon became a time of Zoom, social distance, masks and concern for parishioners isolated or at special risk of infection.

Guided by the 2020 stewardship message, "Church looks different, yet our mission remains the same," the parish persevered.

Procedures to keep our worship safe and allow for a measured response to the coronavirus were developed by the Vestry and then approved by the diocese in May. Initially, no in-person worship was allowed and a Wednesday Noon service, limited only to a small altar party and a "Liturgy of the Word" celebration, was created so that a service could be videotaped and placed on the website in time for at-home viewing on Sunday mornings. Making these electronic connections possible was an innovative communications outreach strategy, at first using only a smartphone camera, developed by Jill Kyler, parish evangelism minister.

In early Fall, allowed worship attendance was widened to a total of 50 persons per service, and a 9 am Sunday service began. The Wednesday Noon videotaping continued for those unable to worship in person and was attended by those for whom the time was convenient. By October, Holy Communion, with consecrated Host only, resumed, as did "Communion to Go," offering the Host to those who could drive to the church and receive it in the church parking lot. Outdoor seating in the parish courtyard, with unlimited attendance but distanced, reservation-only seating and mask requirements was featured in the Blessing of the Animals and early Christmas Eve services and during Pastor Dorian's last service. With the purchase of more sophisticated recording equipment, allowing for live-stream Internet distribution of the Sunday 9 am service, the need for the lightly attended Wednesday Noon service dissipated, and the Vestry decided in December to suspend that service.

As 2020 came to a close and 2021 began, the spread of the virus was again on the rise in Arizona, well ahead of the expected arrival of vaccines. With several parishioners reporting COVID symptoms days after attending parish services, procedures to notify others who may have attended the same services were activated.

To keep in contact with parishioners through the year, other steps were taken. “Circles of Grace,” small group Zoom discussions led by Vestry facilitators and others, began. Both Sunday Morning Coffee Hour and Dialogue with Scripture, a Monday study of the previous Sunday’s Gospel, were offered via Zoom, as were biweekly meetings of the Seasoned Saints, an informal group of older parishioners. The Prayer Chain Ministry and the Companions Ministry stepped up their efforts to stay in touch with, and pray with and for, others in the parish.

A notable success was the Golf Tournament Charity Event ministry, led by Harry Boysen, former parishioner Malcolm Hilcove and Claudia Johnson. The actual tournament, an annual fund raiser supporting a number of parish outreach ministries, was canceled and a “virtual” tournament, with a September silent auction, substituted in its place. This event raised over \$26,000 for St. Anthony outreach, far exceeding expectations. Another success was the high St. Anthony participation in the Fall “Make a Difference Day” community program, in which teams of our parishioners joined other volunteer groups in the Fountain Hills-Scottsdale area to help elderly or disabled residents with home and landscape maintenance.

Some ministries went into hiatus during the year. The Youth Group’s leader, Mark Culbertson, resigned in June to take a teaching position in Flagstaff and wasn’t replaced, and the Youth Mission trip, an annual expedition to help others in need, was cancelled because of pandemic-related travel restrictions. Worship ministries like Acolytes and Healing Prayer Ministry were suspended because of worship-size and social-distance restrictions. However, other ministries, including Needlecrafts for Needs and support for the East Valley Men’s Center meals program, continued.

A Rector Search Committee, co-led by Marianne Clarke and Jeanne Paige, and joined by Paul Basha, Harry Boysen, Kelle Hohl, Jill Kyler, Melody Taylor and Harrison Woods, was appointed by the Vestry in November and will begin work in January 2021 as we search for a new clergy leader, a process expected to take about a year.

The Stewardship Committee--Dan Austin, Joe Dearborn, Cathy Gomez and Jeanne Paige-- brought attention to the continuing mission of St. Anthony and the need for financial support to keep that mission strong. Through the first week in January 2021, pledges for 2021 from 85 households totaling \$298,018 had been received, compared with total pledges for 2020 from 120 households totaling \$367,335. The projected decline in part reflected the adverse economic impact of the pandemic on many parishioners. Helping to offset the shortfall in church revenue was a one-time grant of \$58,700, secured with the assistance of the diocese from the federal Payroll Protection Plan.

Other examples of parishioner generosity came to the fore in 2020. One began with the October discovery of multiple leaks in the church and administration building roof and, with it, an estimated repair cost of nearly \$100,000—a sum far beyond the maintenance budget. Jeff and Kelle Hohl, long time parishioners, donated funds to cover the expense, and the repairs were made.

With the announcement of Pastor Dorian’s departure, we turned to our resident clergy for more help. The Rev. Susan Cihak, one of our three deacons, returned from sabbatical in the Fall. The Rev. Nancy Spencer Smith, an ordained priest and “snowbird” member of the parish from New Hampshire, gained certification from the Bishop to celebrate and preach in this diocese, and served as our supply priest after Pastor Dorian’s last service on Dec. 13.

In November, the Vestry also approved revisions in the parish bylaws, authorizing meetings and votes by electronic means and adding flexibility in the size of the Vestry and the requirements of Vestry nominations. The changes were designed to give the Vestry more governance latitude in times of uncertainty.

With the Bishop’s recommendation and approval, the Vestry secured the appointment of an Interim Rector, The Rev. Bruce Jackson, to lead us while the search for a permanent Rector is underway. Fr. Jackson, whose Interim term began Jan. 10, 2021, is the recently retired Rector of St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church in Glendale and has served the diocese in many senior capacities.

# Attendance Statistics

## EIGHTEEN Years

### TOTAL ATTENDANCE ALL SERVICES

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
2014	10,749
2015	10,269
2016	11,344
2017	9,726
2018	9,341
2019	9,151
2020	3,140

### TOTAL ATTENDANCE ALL EASTER SERVICES

2003	762
2004	886
2005	928
2006	842
2007	739
2008	637
2009	574
2010	578
2011	411
2012	399
2013	443
2014	431
2015	369
2016	344
2017	377
2018	376
2019	312
2020	26

### AVERAGE SUNDAY SERVICE ATTENDANCE

2003	306
2004	353
2005	307
2006	298
2007	258
2008	245
2009	236
2010	201
2011	194
2012	188
2013	190
2014	184
2015	185
2016	182
2017	166
2018	157
2019	154
2020	60

### TOTAL ATTENDANCE ALL CHRISTMAS SERVICES

2003	993
2004	1027
2005	859
2006	808
2007	646
2008	630
2009	525
2010	515
2011	584
2012	452
2013	540
2014	440
2015	440
2016	466
2017	476
2018	413
2019	372
2020	108

# Ministry Reports

## Christian Formation

### **Christian Formation Children's Ministry** - Submitted by Suzette Woods

Ministry team members - Suzette Woods, Janelle Liffiton, Melody Taylor, and Marianne Clarke

Our Mission: At St. Anthony we walk alongside parents as we strive to foster children's innate curiosity and wonder of God in a loving community of faith. The core of our ministry is the Sunday gatherings, centered on Godly Play stories, a hands-on, Montessori-based method of learning, which allows children to explore their faith through Bible stories using all their senses. This unique approach respects the deep spirituality of children and helps them to explore their faith through story, gain religious language, and enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play.

This year has presented many challenges for the families of St. Anthony. In response to these challenges, families were able to continue interacting with Godly Play stories that were prerecorded weekly by our Godly Play story tellers. I heard our stories even made it to the retirement home of one of our parishioners. Our children were invited by St. Barnabas to an All -Virtual Summer camp held July 15-19, where Suzette and Melody interacted with the children in the break-out rooms. Easter and Advent projects were sent to families' homes, and communication continued through phone calls, emails, and texts.

### **Youth Ministry** – submitted by Jill Kyler

Ministry Team Members – Mark Culbertson (Youth Minister), Jill Kyler, Jack Taylor, Melody Taylor and Marianne Tetlow

EPIC Students Ministry exists to help teenagers grow closer to God and to understand their place in this world. We met in person every Sunday night for dinner, music and Bible study. This continued until the shutdown. At that time we continued to meet weekly on Zoom.

In February we hosted our annual “Shrove Sunday” dinner with a video presentation highlighting our eighteen years of annual mission trips. The presentation featured students, now adults, who participated during the early years to our current group of students.

In order to honor our graduating seniors, Pastor Dorian Mulvey officiated over a special worship service for our graduates and their immediate family members. A video was made to commemorate this poignant service. At the conclusion of the service, the seniors were surprised by their St. Anthony family waiting in cars in the parking lot honking horns and waving banners.

In May, our youth minister relocated to Flagstaff, and our youth program is currently on hiatus.

### **Dialogue with Scripture** – submitted by Jill Kyler

This is a small group Bible study that meets following the 10 am service each Sunday. The format for this study is Lectio Divina – an ancient method which allows the words of scripture to be explored in our own lives. The scripture text is selected based on the sermon focus for the day.

In March this study group began to meet via Zoom on Monday afternoons facilitated by Pastor Dorian Mulvey. Beginning in 2021, the group meets on Wednesdays at 3 pm facilitated by Fr. Bruce Jackson.

## Life Sharing

**Arts Council** — submitted by Becky Evans

Mission: The Arts Council is an outreach to the community to share one of the many spiritually nourishing activities in which our church is involved. We do this by encouraging artists inside and outside our congregation to share their art with our congregation, the community, and those abroad who come to our website, and later, our church, for inspiration. Our artists share either beauty or insight or imagination or all of these. The council and the exhibitor roles are open to anybody inside or outside our church. In this way we hope this ministry will make St. Anthony known as a place where creativity is welcomed and where all can come visit and become a part of a community that loves art and each other, as we follow Jesus.

Now: This year we have started monthly online art exhibits because of the Covid 19 gathering restrictions. When the world is at a new normal, we will resume monthly in-person exhibits at church, which include a reception/welcome of the art between services. We also will have regular feature articles in the Fountain Hills Times as another invitation to the community to come to our church and feel welcome and at home in our church community. (An annual summer hiatus June, July, and August will be observed.)

Future: In the future, we hope to be open to other creative and artistic endeavors that uplift the soul and welcome the community to be a part of us. We hope to become a local hub for creatives to not only explore art but explore faith in a warm, welcoming, friendly, open, inspiring environment.

**Avid Readers** - Contact People: Grant or Susan Gilfeather, Eloise Crosman

Avid Readers is a group of St. Anthony on the Desert members and friends who enjoy reading and discussing a variety of good books. While the group does not have an official mission statement, through the discussions, relationships are built and participants understanding of many topics is broadened.

On the third Tuesday of every month, the group, members of St. Anthony and the community-at-large, meet for the discussions. Average attendance is 8-9 people. St. Anthony members, friends and community members are welcome to join the discussions. Join every discussion, as often as your schedule allows, or for any discussion that especially appeals to you. Invite a friend to join you.

As with so many other groups, the pandemic changed Avid Readers' meetings. In March, the meeting was cancelled, but in April, meetings via ZOOM began. The group is grateful to Jeanne Paige for hosting the meetings. Though a few members prefer not to use ZOOM, a benefit of the format has been that winter visitors and others out of the area have been able to participate in all meetings.

We were honored to host author Julie Bradley and her husband, Glen, at our February meeting. Julie and Glen presented an evening featuring discussion and a slide show of their adventures as they sailed around the world. Her two books, Escape from the Ordinary and Crossing Pirate Waters are an account of their voyage. Twenty-three people enjoyed the meeting.

Books are selected in the spring for the upcoming year from suggestions brought by participants. A variety of genres is included – fiction, non-fiction, biographies, mysteries, etc. The meetings are very informal. Members of the group research the author and book reviews, then lead the discussions.

Each month's book stimulates a great discussion. Even if you've not had the opportunity to read (or finish) the book, the discussions and fellowship are stimulating and rewarding. You'll probably want to come back for another meeting. Copies of the book selections for 2020-2021 are available on the church website ([www.st-anthony.net](http://www.st-anthony.net)), in the narthex or in the Church Office.

## **Seasoned Saints** – submitted by Maxine Walker

Amid the pandemic challenges of 2020, Seasoned Saints maintained significant connections in the group. With gratitude to Barbara and David Ells, Seasoned Saints were invited to join Zoom meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month. The participation throughout the year with a core group (included both local and seasonal residents) was strengthened by a number of Seasoned Saints' parishioners joining in as their schedules permitted.

## **Blessings of Belonging (BOB)** – submitted by Claudia Johnson

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, Bunco and the end result are friendships that continue to grow.

Normally, we meet the first Saturday of the month starting at 11am. We met January, February and March 7, just before the shutdown due to the virus. We look forward to when we can meet again!

For more information, please contact Claudia Johnson.

## **Pastoral Ministries**

### **St. Anthony Cares Companions Ministry** – submitted by Claudia Johnson

Ministry Team Members: Eloise Crosman, Bob Perrino, Gail Austin, Suzy Mitchell (*retired*), Cathy Anderson, Mary Vanselow, Judy Burry, Claudia Johnson.

The Companion's Ministry is part of the larger umbrella Pastoral Care Ministries of St. Anthony Cares. The ministry mission is to ensure that "no one walks alone" as they face the challenges and changes of life. This is accomplished by establishing close relationships with parishioners and proactively seeking out and responding to requests for pastoral care. Companions request the pastoral care services needed at the time, ie, prayer shawl, Eucharistic visitor, to support spiritual well-being.

This year the ministry experienced the resignation of one member, Suzy Mitchell. We, as Companions, strive to reach out to parishioners and strengthen the relationships in a culture of caring and supporting. We are looking forward to working with and helping Rev. Bruce Jackson as our interim rector.

### **Card Ministry** – submitted by Susan Mitchler

Ministry team: Susan Mitchler

The card ministry has served St. Anthony on the Desert for many years. The purpose of this ministry is to let people in the congregation know their church family cares about them and prays for them during celebratory times and times of illness and death. They are not alone. This information is acquired from members at the 8:00 and 10:00 am services. This changed to one 9:00 service during the pandemic. Information is also gathered from the Companions within the church and our pastor, Dorian, who may request that cards be sent. Gathering information became more challenging due to the COVID pandemic, but a total of 45 were sent. 3 were graduation cards, 31 were due to illness, 10 were sympathy cards, and 1 was a "we miss you card" (new). I missed having a group session of members who helped me make a stockpile of cards this year, again impossible due to the pandemic. Hoping next year things will be better. All requests can be sent to Susan Mitchler at: [dsmitchler@yahoo.com](mailto:dsmitchler@yahoo.com) or can be called in at the church or at 480-794-1326. I need to know the name of the person and their address if it is not in the church

directory. I also need to know why the card should be sent such as: recovering from surgery, death of a father, broken arm, etc. Although I sometimes use a commercial card, most of my cards are handmade. I would welcome help from anyone who'd like to join me in this fun ministry.

### **Prayer Chain Ministry** – submitted by Celia Warren

Our wonderful Prayer Chain Ministers are Lorna Bennett, Bob Groom, Leanne Murrillo, Jay Murrillo, Cathy Anderson, Lillian Roodveldt, Cyndi Sax, Sandy Gullledge, Ruena Close, Malcolm Hilcove, Alexa Twibell, Grant Gilfeather, Eloise Crosman and I, Celia Warren, serve as the chair.

Our mission is to offer spiritual support to all members of the congregation by praying to our Lord God for them, their family and their friends in difficult times and in times of thanksgiving. This year, we received 77 Prayer Requests.

Knowing that others are praying for you or your loved one is so comforting, and those who we prayed for were very appreciative.

In the upcoming year the St. Anthony Prayer Chain Ministry will continue to serve our congregation's needs for prayers for them, their families, and their friends. Anyone who would like to join our prayer ministry will be welcomed. Many of our ministers have told me that this ministry, through prayer, has made them feel closer to God.

### **Walking the Mourner's Path** - *a ministry of presence, grounded in prayer, centered on the healing power of Jesus' love, transforming grief into joyful living.*

St Anthony on the Desert is the owner of the National Ministry of Walking the Mourner's Path. Partnering with faith communities around the country, we are able to reach out and offer support and healing to those in grief. We are extending the mission of St. Anthony to be an *Inspire Center of Spiritual Well-being* far beyond our doors.

We began 2020 with a Facilitator Training School at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Bonita Springs Florida. 24 new facilitators were certified at the school and a new instructor, Tina Millard from St. John's Episcopal Church in Ellicott City, Maryland finished her training as an instructor. Churches offered the workshops to their communities and it looked as if we would have a year of expanding the reach of the ministry.

Then the pandemic hit, and church communities stopped in-person programming. After much discernment, it was decided in order to fulfill our mission of ensuring that all facilitators have the tools they need to offer the program, a hybrid model for training was created. It begins the process of equipping individuals to become Walking the Mourner's Facilitators and to build a foundation for the program in their faith communities. Training then would be completed in-person when it was safe. The second/third wave of the virus came, and we are again forced to put a hold on trainings.

A few of our church partners have offered the workshops via Zoom and others plan to do so in the new year. Although meeting in person is preferred, this is another way to allow those who grieve to participate in a workshop.

It is my prayer, that we will be able to offer trainings in the second half of 2021. Several faith communities are planning on hosting schools when it is safe to do so. I am most grateful for our faith community partners that continue to serve those grieving in their communities.

Blessings,  
Catherine Gilbert, Program Director

## Operations/Facilities

### Office Angels – submitted by Debbie Hubbs

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 who have been of service in 2020!

Cathy Anderson	Weekly front desk support & special projects
Gina Baker-Garrett	Weekly offering counting
David Johnson	Weekly offering counting
Jeanne Paige	Weekly offering counting
Gil Gomez	Weekly offering counting
Cathy Gomez	Weekly offering counting
Kate Fauster	Verify all bank deposits prior to making deposits & then making the deposits.
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.

### Stewardship – submitted by Cathy Gomez

The Stewardship Committee, consisting of The Rev. Dorian Mulvey, Dan Austin, Joe Dearborn, Cathy Gomez, and Jeanne Paige, met several times over the summer of 2020 to prayerfully discuss and construct the 2021 Stewardship campaign. The conversation was focused on the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and climate of unrest experienced by our parish family, our nation, and the world. Using scripture for guidance, the committee settled on the verse from 1 Peter 4:10, "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied Grace." The inspiration that followed became the campaign theme, "Church looks different, yet our mission remains the same".

During the first half of November, a series of five postcards were mailed to our parish households, first identifying many of the ways the people of St. Anthony are using their gifts to serve, and then to highlight examples of ongoing ministries and how they are touching the lives of people everywhere. Finally, Pastor Dorian sent a letter and pledge card to be returned at worship services conducted on November 18th and 22nd or sent to the parish office. An online pledge option was also made available on the church website.

### Investment Management team – submitted by Jackie Ernst

Team Members: Jackie Ernst, Chairperson; Mike Galloway, Secretary, and George Mulvey [until December 10, 2020]  
Ex-officio: Barbara Ells, Dorian Mulvey and Dan Austin

The Investment Management Team oversees and invests the funds of the St Anthony Legacy Fund. In May 2011, the fund was initiated with an investment of \$105,641.64 at Fidelity Investments. It was invested according to the Legacy Fund directive.

The value of the Fund as of December 31, 2020 was \$406,092.29 [including accrued interest of \$370.99], an increase of \$109,468.31 over the year end 2019 amount of \$296,623.98. However, the increase of \$109,468.31 includes \$20,775 in Pledged Stocks that were received in December 2020 and subsequently sold in January 2021. The total includes additional contributions of \$17,000 received in 2020.

The Fund is currently invested as follows: Cash - 3%, Bank Certificates of Deposit - 31%, Stock Funds/ETFs - 61%, and Pledged Stocks - 5%.

The dividends and interest received in 2020 was \$4,890.31.

### **Facility Maintenance Report – submitted by Kelle Hohl**

This year was another busy year at St. Anthony. We have a big campus, which requires a lot of maintenance. We had the parking lot repaired and resealed. The company was also able to repair our broken curbs. We retiled the roof on all three buildings, including recoating the flat portions and resealing the upper windows in the church. We continue to have the landscape crew repair the drip system leaks and maintain the property as needed. A huge thank you to a few parishioners who have helped maintain the grounds on a regular basis in the last year - Gill & Cathy Gomez, and especially Jill Kyler and Dave & Claudia Johnson. We have had a couple of water leaks due to cracked pipes. The last plumber discovered that it was due to our pressure regulator needing to be replaced. This work has been completed and we hope to be leak free in the years to come.

In the coming year we plan to continue the quarterly landscaping. And we know that we will have the ever present HVAC repairs.

## **Outreach Ministries**

### **Golf Tournament Team**

#### **2020 Grant Report**

The vestry met on Tuesday, April 14 via Zoom. There were six ministries that requested funds from the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf tournament. A total of \$32,000 was available for distribution. The following is the summary of the distribution. A special thank you to all that supported the tournament in the various ways.

<b><u>Ministry</u></b>	<b><u>Amounted Granted</u></b>
1. <b>School Clothes for Kid</b> Supply new school supplies and clothing to children ages 5-10 that live in poverty at local Title One School, Yavapai elementary school. Joint venture with matching funds from the AZ Legacy Fund and the Arizona Diamondbacks. Approximately 6-7 people involved. Seventh year of ministry.	<b>\$3000</b>
2. <b>Healthy Packs Program</b> Aids Title 1 school children experiencing weekend hunger by sending them home from school with food on Friday afternoon. Ninth years in existence and serves eight schools in Scottsdale Unified School District. 14 people involved. This grant could fund 618 packs for two weekends. Ninth year.	<b>\$3800</b>
3. <b>Needlecrafts for Needs</b> Continued ministry striving to reach more people in areas of AZ and beyond with gifts or prayer shawls, hats, scarves, lap robes, baby items, pillow cases and more. This ministry provides approximately 500 items a year. Funds used to replenish supplies and help grow to other areas. Approximately 12 people involved. Ninth year.	<b>\$1200</b>

4. **Dream Center-Rise** **\$5000**  
In 2018, the former RISE program and Where Hope Lives combined for all men and women to be in the Where Hope lives program. In the previous years, funds were for women in the Where Hope lives to be able to attend school and re-invent their lives after having been involved in sex trafficking. This year they are requesting that the funds would be used by men or women for their education. Last year, 2 women's education was funded, one at Phoenix College and the others at ASU. Additional funds were used for room renovation, via HVAC and plumbing. Approximately 6 people involved. Seventh year.

5. **Habitat for Humanity** **\$9000**  
Funds used to supplement donations from St. A. parishioners to fund the Episcopal Habitat Coalition in building two homes in 2018. A typical Habitat home costs \$100,000 to build/rehab. St. A. is a founding member of the Episcopal Coalition of 1998 and has been an active member since. 18-24 people involved. Fourth year.

6. **Haiti** **\$10,000**  
The Haiti team will not be planning a mission trip this year given the health concerns and political environment in Haiti. The project this year is to fund some or all of the construction of an assembly hall for social, cultural and artistic events, as well as for engineering classes co-sponsored with a Leogane-located engineering school on the Ste. Croix School campus complementing the previous constructed science lab. This hall will help the school to comply with the standards set by the Haitian Nation Education Ministry. Building at a cost of \$10,000. Approximately 6 involved. Ninth year.

**Total 2020 Grant funds awarded: \$32,000**

**Habitat for Humanity** – Episcopal Habitat Coalition - submitted by Jon Thom

Team Members: Jon Thom, Grant Gilfeather

St. Anthony is part of the Episcopal Habitat Coalition (EHC), founded in 1997, which in 2020 was comprised of nineteen Phoenix metro area Episcopal Churches. The EHC's recent history has been to provide half of the funds and half the labor to build two metro-area homes a year and participates in one international build approximately every-other year. Each year St. Anthony donates money to the EHC to help fund the homes and provides volunteer labor hours to assist building the homes.

In 2020, the total monetary contribution from the EHC to Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona (HfHCAZ) was slightly reduced from that provided in recent years, resulting in a slight reduction on contributions from the EHC to HfHCAZ. The effect of that shortfall is reflected in the 2020 home sponsorship levels, noted in the following paragraph. The EHC financial outlook for 2021 is somewhat uncertain due to the effects of the Coronavirus on parish activities and fundraising efforts, although we anticipate funding one home at some level.

In 2020, the EHC funded 50% of one home and 25% of a second home. Both are located in south-central Phoenix, an area of a major three-year collaboration between HfHCAZ and the City of Phoenix. The first home was started in mid-February 2020 and was completed in late June, even though building activity was temporarily halted during the first Coronavirus spike. The homeowner took possession of the home in late summer. The second home began in October and will be completed in spring of 2021. Volunteer build days historically have been on Saturdays and involved 20 - 25 total parishioner volunteers. In 2020, in consideration of the health and safety of the volunteers, volunteer labor has been significantly curtailed. After building activity was briefly halted, it then resumed with Habitat employees and volunteer House and Team Leaders. For the fall build, that was expanded to include up to 6-8 experienced general

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.

Funding for this ministry is largely from an annual grant from the Golf Tournament funds, supplemented by some individual parishioner support. In 2020, St. Anthony was the one of the EHC's two largest contributing parishes. Volunteering in 2020 was very limited due to the considerations mentioned previously. As a Team Leader, I (Jon) have been able to continue to volunteer and have been working two to three days per week since construction resumed. Longer-term, consistent with a number of other parishes within the larger Episcopal community and the EHC, as the Congregation of St. Anthony ages the number of potential volunteers decreases. I expect this to be a continuing trend unless St. Anthony experiences an increase in new and younger members joining the community.

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 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.thom@icloud.com.

### **Evangelism** – submitted by Jill Kyler, Minister for Evangelism

Quoting Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, “Evangelism – as part of the Jesus Movement – is about sharing the journey into a deeper relationship with God and with each other, and not about us controlling the end result. It’s not increasing our market share, and it’s not just propping up the institution. If we believe the relationship with a living God does matter, and that loving relationship with each other matters, then evangelism and anything that helps us to come closer as human children of God matters.”

During the first two months of 2020, we continued “The Way,” our ongoing study for everyone in our faith community for a deeper understanding and development of their spiritual lives.

Then there was COVID. Fortunately, we were able to record worship services immediately using an iPhone and a tripod. We have progressed to a more advanced camera system and now livestream all of our worship services on YouTube. This new ministry is definitely a work in progress, but one that will be with us indefinitely as we are able to reach a wider audience. In 2020 we had almost 4,000 viewers on YouTube alone.

Our digital communications through our website at [www.st-anthony.net](http://www.st-anthony.net) received 10,685 unique (individual people) visits in 2020 with 26,000 page views and an average of 2 pages viewed per visit.

*Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.  
Hebrews 13:2*

### **Men of St. Anthony's (MOSA)** - Submitted by Bob Clarke and Dave Johnson, co-chairs

Members and supporters: All men, women and youth parishioners who want to support us.

Mission: The Men of St. Anthony's provide support and fellowship to each other, St. Anthony ministries and the local community.

MOSA and other ministries continue to provide and serve a monthly meal at the East Valley Men's Center for 75 - 90 men.

MOSA provided and served dinners in January and February. The Vestry provided and served the dinner in March.

Due to the Covid pandemic, we had to suspend serving dinners after March. From April 2020 to January 2021 we continued to deliver food for the dinners. The EVMC staff prepared and served the meals.

This year we delivered 66 donated bikes to the EVMC bike shop. We also donated \$800 for the purchase of bike parts.

In March, MOSA provided a lunch for residents of Where Hope Lives at the Dream Center.

Recently there have been several Covid cases at the EVMC. We will continue to provide food for the dinners in 2021, but when we will be able to serve again will depend on guidance from the diocese.

The members of St. Anthony's generously contributed \$2500 this year in support of this ministry.

Several charities have cancelled dinners at the shelter this year. St. Anthony's parish has continued its' support through this difficult time with the generosity of our members. We will continue this outreach in 2021.

### **Paradise Valley and Emergency Food Bank and Vista Del Camino Job and Career Center - Submitted by Grant Gilfeather**

Team Members: Grant Gilfeather and donating members from St. Anthony's

Contributions from St. Anthony's to these two organizations have helped individuals and families in need to feed themselves and secure jobs in these COVID-19 times. St. Anthony parishioners and friends can regularly donate non-perishable food in the bin in the narthex.

Grant Gilfeather volunteered weekly at the Paradise Valley Emergency Food Bank (PVEFB) and at Vista Del Camino Job and Career Center until the middle of March. At the food bank, a volunteer's job involves receiving donated food, sorting it, shelving it, making up food boxes, giving out food boxes and interacting with clients. At the Vista Del Camino Job Career Center, I assist walk-in job seekers with computer job searches, employment resources and direct them to current job postings.

Grant worked two hours a week at Paradise Valley Emergency Food Bank and four hours a week on Thursdays at the Vista Dell Camino Career Center until mid-March.

2020 has been a challenging year for the Paradise Valley food bank due to the limited amount of produce delivered from the area grocery stores. In addition to the drop in produce donations, the client's needs have skyrocketed. The food bank is always looking for volunteers to help on a regular basis each week and if you are interested, contact [volunteermatch.org](http://volunteermatch.org).

If you are interested, please contact Grant Gilfeather at [g2feather@cox.net](mailto:g2feather@cox.net).

### **Healthy Packs Program – Submitted by Grant Gilfeather**

Team Members: Celia Warren, Karen Picard, Momoko Welch, Gina Garrett, Ann Henley, Janet and Jack Farrington, Joan Carlson, Ellen Murphy and Grant Gilfeather

St. Anthony volunteers meet every week and join about sixty others volunteers to pack weekend food for about 3,100 East Valley Title 1 students. They meet every Thursday when school is in session to pack nutritious and healthy weekend food. The food is packed at 365 W. McKellips Road in Mesa at a retired school gym.

The packs contain about ten items that can be easily prepared and consumed. The packs are discreetly placed in a student's backpack on Friday afternoon for qualifying students. This food helps students do better in school.

In April, St. Anthony's Charity Golf Tournament awarded \$3,800 to help fund Scottsdale Community Partner's Healthy Packs Program for Title 1 students in the Scottsdale Unified School District. This year's award would provide 540 students food for a little over a weekend in 2020-2021.

Due to COVID-19 health requirements St. Anthony has decided not to participate in this packing program until volunteers feel safe.

## **Global Outreach**

**Haiti Ministry** - Submitted by Jeanne Paige, Ministry Team Coordinator

The current members of the Haiti Ministry are Jeanne Paige, Jill Kyler, Henry Male, Cyndi Sax and Jon Thom.

During 2020, the Ministry Team and the people of St. Anthony continued to nurture and build on their longstanding relationship with the people of Leogane, Haiti, the members of Ste Croix parish, and the students at Ste Croix School. Pere Seme, the Rector of Ste Croix, identified as a priority the creation of an assembly hall for social, cultural, and artistic events as well as for engineering classes, co-sponsored with a Leogane-located engineering school on the Ste. Croix School campus. The assembly hall was identified as the most significant, immediate need because it helps the school comply with standards set by the Haitian National Education Ministry. The Haiti Ministry applied for a \$20,000 grant from the golf committee, the estimated cost for completion of the entire project. The committee allocated \$10,000. With that grant allocation, Haitian tradespersons, under the supervision of Pere Seme, constructed a sufficient portion of the assembly hall to allow for immediate use by the school. The assembly hall complements the science lab constructed with grant funds in 2018.

Looking forward to 2021, the Ministry will again work with Pere Seme to identify further areas of need at the school and will seek funding from the golf tournament proceeds to meet those needs. The Haiti Ministry anticipates that Pere Seme may request the funds necessary to complete the assembly hall.

**All In "Make A Difference Day"** - submitted by Claudia Sullens Johnson

This was the second year that St. Anthony participated in the international service day, Make A Difference Day, on Saturday, October 24. This event is designed for groups of people to go into a home and provide assistance completing physical tasks that the homeowner is unable to manage. *But this year, we had to modify the work to only outside tasks.*

Approximately, 16 people from our church, all ages, joined 400 others in Fountain Hills to continue this ministry. We were able to help four different families, two from St. Anthony and one from outside our parish. We landscaped, washed windows and screens, listened to stories and made new friends.

We plan on expanding this ministry to other days in the year, not just the fourth Saturday in October. Our goal is get more people making a difference in more lives.

**Council Against Domestic Violence** - Susan Mitchler 2020 Annual Report

Ministry Team Members: Eloise Crosman, Rosemary Viets and Susan Mitchler

The CADV ministry has been serving St. Anthony on the Desert for many years working in conjunction with various shelters for those suffering domestic abuse in this area. For the past four years our main function has been the collection of new items of clothing, toys, books, games, sports equipment, and certificates to be used for Christmas

gifts from Santa's Sleigh. Santa's Sleigh appears for three Sundays before Christmas. This has always been a great opportunity for members of the congregation and families to help others less fortunate than most of us have been. The generosity of this congregation has always been outstanding which is especially noteworthy this year with the pandemic going on!!! The gifts were taken to A New Leaf shelter where they have been greatly appreciated. We are very proud of the wonderful contributions made by the members of St. Anthony and hope to be able to continue this work into the foreseeable future.

### **Needlecrafts for Need** - submitted by Claudia Sullens Johnson

Members: Jean Sullens, Gina Baker, Jeanette Luke, Inge Bolan, Lillian Roodveldt, Linda Law, Susan Boone, Cathy Gomez, Pat Peterson, Cathy Anderson, Pat Vassaux, Ann Zemper, Carol Sagar and Claudia Johnson.

We met January, February and our last meeting was March 11, 2019. The group focused on providing:

- 50 hats to the homeless men of the East Valley Men's Center (EVMC, a MOSA ministry) and normally prepare and serve two meals. *This year we were not able to prepare and serve, but we adjusted our menu and delivered food to be heated and served by their own.*
- 25 hats each, for female and male teens, that found themselves in A New Leaf shelter this year.
- 75 lap robes to Fountain View Villages Skilled Nursing facility in Fountain Hills.
- 50 children's hats to School Clothes for Kids at a Title 1 school.
- Numerous blankets (baby and adult) to Phoenix Dream Center.
- Distributed prayer shawls.
- *Normally, we would also have provided items to Habitat, Ability 360 and more.*

We attempt to show what being a follower of Christ is by caring for others, the homeless, the ill and the lonely. A NFN participant was working on a prayer shawl when she had a pastoral ministry visit. While the minister was visiting, she mentioned she and her husband had been given a prayer shawl and what that had meant. An example of a full circle of our ministries.

We are looking to add more members to the ministry, and we are willing to teach others how to knit or crochet. Come join us.

### **Dream Center** - submitted by Dave Johnson

St. Anthony's ministry to the Phoenix Dream Center (PDC), a Christian not for profit, has primarily been through the Where Hope Lives (WHL) program. WHL provides food, housing, psychological and medical services and educational opportunities for at risk youth, male and female, primarily 18-26 years of age.

Education includes both lessons in life skills and online learning in preparation for trades education or college. A St. A volunteer spends one-on-one time with students in the computer lab so they may ask questions and share their experiences. The students talk about their plans for the future beyond the center and starting new lives in society.

One parishioner continued to be a weekly proctor at the education center until the March shutdown for the pandemic. MOSA provided lunch March 11 for Where Hope Lives, within the center. It was well attended and appreciated. When conditions allow, we will schedule more.

### **Inspire Labyrinth and Garden** – submitted by Jill Kyler

Located on the property directly north of our Parish Hall, the Inspire Labyrinth and Garden officially opened in November 2016. This lot was originally planned for additional parking for the church but remained unused until 2006 when a simple prayer path was created on its circumference. The entrance is at northwest parking lot of our campus. This meditative path is for the both the people of St. Anthony and also our community. The space provides a place for

spiritual well-being through prayer, gardening, and camaraderie in a Christ-centered atmosphere. We hold worship services in the labyrinth on special Holy Days such as Ash Wednesday, and walking the labyrinth was part of the annual Women's Retreat. Brochures are at the main entrance to the garden next to the church offices for suggestions about walking the labyrinth.

The labyrinth and garden are open from sunrise to sunset every day, and we encourage you to visit often. There is always an opportunity for anyone who loves gardening to participate in the garden's planning and care by contacting Jill Kyler.

## **Spiritual Nourishment**

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers**— submitted by Gail Austin

Integral to the high quality of worship services at St. Anthony are the Lectors, or Lay Readers, and the Eucharistic Ministers, or Chalice Bearers. For the first few months of 2020, they served at both services every Sunday and on Holy Days and other special ceremonies. Their duties were usually shared at the same service, with both Lay Readers and Chalice Bearers reading the assigned Scripture lessons, Psalms and Prayers of the People. Parishioners who volunteer as Chalice Bearers also administered the Cup at Communion. To accommodate the coronavirus restrictions on the permitted number of people at a service and the decision to have wafers but no wine at communion services, only one person read the lesson, psalm and prayers of the people.

Currently, twenty-five members of the parish are enrolled in this ministry, serving as either Lay Readers or Chalice Bearers. Joining the group in 2020 were Jerry and Vicki Howell. Mark Culbertson left the group when he and his family moved to Flagstaff.

The coronavirus epidemic affected the ability of many to actively participate in 2020. Pre-existing health conditions, caring for older family members and concerns about spreading the virus because of contacts made at work are some of the issues that prevented participation for much of 2020. Thankfully, almost half of the team has been able to serve. Their devotion and flexibility supporting an ever-changing schedule of online and in-person services are greatly appreciated.

The ministry is led by Gail Austin, who provides overall direction under the guidance of the Interim Rector, and Cyndi Sax, who oversees training, including individual sessions for any parishioner interested in joining the team.

If you have any interest in becoming part of this important ministry, please speak to Father Jackson or Gail Austin.

**Circles of Grace** – submitted by Catherine Gilbert, Convenor

“Now, more than ever, we need a way to strengthen our faith and support one another. We need to be church together. Join us on the way – be a part of a Circle of Grace”

These words from Pastor Dorian launched the small group ministry of Circles of Grace in August. Each member of St. Anthony was randomly assigned to a circle and invited by one of 12 convenors to meet virtually. Initially, the circles explored questions from the article “What questions to ask now” over three Zoom gatherings. The questions help frame the discussions on how we were doing individually and as a church during the pandemic. Reconnecting us with one and another after months of being apart.

Once these initial set of questions were explored, each circle was free to find themes for their gatherings based on the group's interest. Circles have since gathered using various small group resources including, The Way, The Way of Love, Living Compass Wellness, essays and book discussions. The circles have been an enriching way find God during a time that is full of many challenges and to really get to know members of our church family in a deeper and more meaningful way.

Although some of the initial groups decided to dissolve, there are still opportunities for anyone at St. Anthony who wished to be a part of a circle to join a different one. If you do, please contact the church office, Catherine Gilbert or Dan Austin for more information about the circles and when they meet.

### **Choir Music Ministry** - submitted by Joe Hacnik

The music ministry currently has 14 members. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic the ministry took on a different role which allowed members to participate individually during the Wednesday and Sunday tapings and services. With the addition of Rosemary Viets accompanying on the organ.

An eight voice choir rehearsed on Sunday's during the fall season and prepared music for the Christmas liturgies and led the congregation at the 4:00pm courtyard liturgy.

Although it was a challenging year, the choir was giving a chance to grow closer with the anticipation of returning to a new normal in the future. Our music ministry members continue to lead music under the current guidelines mandated by the diocese.

### **Altar Guild** – Submitted by Kate Fauster

This year, 2020, has been a very challenging year for everyone. Because of Covid 19, our in-church services were discontinued in March, and they were recorded for viewing at home. This closure lasted until early October when we reopened with a limited number of congregants present. Wine was no longer served, so a new set-up for the service was instituted. Several members of the Altar party were unable to return due to concerns of contracting this dreadful virus.

We continued to serve throughout the Advent and Christmas Seasons with hosts only being offered. "Take Out" communion was offered for those who were unable to attend in person.

We pray that this virus will soon be behind us, and that we shall be able to gather once again as a church family.

Thanks to those of you who were able to serve during this difficult time. As always, your help was greatly appreciated. We shall continue to love and serve the Lord.

### **St. Anthony's Flower Guild** - submitted by Rosemary Viets

The Flower Guild is responsible for providing flowers to beautify the sanctuary for Sunday services and special services as well as decorating the church for both Christmas, Palm Sunday and Easter.

While 2020 brought its challenges to all, with on-line services and limited in-person service, we still felt it important to beautify the sanctuary with flowers. Fortunately, we have many artificial arrangements to draw from to carry us through these times. Thank you to those who contributed to the flower fund at Easter and Christmas so we were able to provide a lovely setting for both with real flowers!

Unfortunately, we were not able to have our normal "Greening of the Church" (I really missed the fellowship and festive atmosphere) but I'd like to thank Gretchen Stevenson, Mildred Wilson and Karen Becerra for their help in decorating the church for the Christmas season.

I look forward to the day when we can again offer to do arrangements for your flower dedications. Currently we do not have a sign-up sheet out for your dedications but if you have special occasion to celebrate, you can contact me at 480-540-6119 and we'll make it happen.

We are always open to anyone who would like to join the Flower Guild. It can be scary at first but is very rewarding in the long run and there will always be someone to help you out until you are comfortable working on your own. Please let me know if you are interested, I can be reached 480-540-6119 or e-mail me at [rosemaryv83@yahoo.com](mailto:rosemaryv83@yahoo.com). Hopefully, we'll soon be able to meet together as a group to welcome you into the guild.

### **Ushers** - Submitted by Kelle Hohl

The Usher Ministry is responsible for a warm and friendly welcome to all who enter the parish doors. We pay close attention to the special needs of our parishioners, newcomers, and visitors. During the service, we are aware of what is happening in the congregation, as well as outside the church. We work closely with the St. Anthony Safety team and have adopted many safety practices and procedures within the last year.

We provide ushers for the various worship services on Sundays and Holidays, special events, and funerals. Our own feelings of connection to St. Anthony have grown through our interaction with one another as well as meeting people as they come through the doors. We have an amazing group of ushers, but always have a few spots to fill. Please contact Kelle Hohl at [kellehohl@gmail.com](mailto:kellehohl@gmail.com) if you are interested in being a part of the usher team.

### **2020 Treasurer's Report** - Submitted by Barbara Ells

#### **2020 Reflections**

2020 was a year of many surprises, but maybe not the surprises you are thinking! From a treasurer's standpoint, we had many wonderful surprises and blessings.

1. To start the year, pledges for 2020 were up 4% from the prior year.
2. In February we had a successful "Envelope" campaign to support the Youth Mission Trips – raising over \$5,000.
3. In March, with the help of many, our Rummage sale raised almost \$6,000 to support our mission and ministries and helped those in need find some wonderful treasures of the past.
4. During the year we received a \$17,000 Legacy gift, \$20,000 in Endowment donations, and a Special Gift of \$25,000.
5. When we found we needed to replace our 26-year-old roof that was beyond repair, we received an amazing \$100,000 gift to cover the full cost of replacement.
6. In the middle of a pandemic, we held a virtual Golf tournament to support our outreach ministries in a year of great need. The tournament raised nearly \$27,000 through an on-line auction and donations by parishioners and many outside our parish.
7. At the end of the year, our faithful pledgers paid 98% of the total pledged.
8. And on top of all that good news – we were eligible for a grant from the CARES Act *Payroll Protection Plan* (PPP). With the help of the Diocese, we received a grant of over \$58,000.

Of course, there were some surprises that weren't as good.

1. The country was hit by Covid, and we were forced to close the church campus for many months. \$45,000 of our budget comes from gifts by those who have not pledged, as they tend to only give when they are attending a service.
2. Mark Culbertson, our Youth minister, relocated to Flagstaff at the end of the school year to accept a job as a school principal.
3. Our Youth were not able to go on their 19th consecutive mission trip.
4. We had to cancel our Holiday and Christmas Festival; an event loved by all.
5. And our Rector, Rev Dorian Mulvey, retired at the end of the year.

This was definably a year of surprises – which can be a treasurer’s dream or nightmare.

What does all this mean for our church finances for 2020?

Income: Excluding the PPP grant, our income was under budget by 5%.

Expenses: Spending categories were also under budget, resulting in expenses under budget almost 6%.

Amazingly, we ended the year with net positive cash flow of over \$2,000 – without the use of any of the PPP grant! It may be some time before our Sunday worship service is back to normal and we can draw in new parishioners. The PPP grant will help us transition during that time as well as during the transition to a new Rector.

### **Looking forward to 2021**

For many of the reasons mentioned above, 2021 will be a challenging year. Putting together a budget is like throwing darts – and I was never good at that. It will be a fluid budget for sure.

Income

1. Pledge income generally makes up over 75% of our income. We had several parishioners who have relocated either to be near family or have moved to a cooler climate since they are now working from home. We wish them well but will miss them. And many parishioners were either impacted themselves by the economic consequences of the pandemic, or their children have been. As a result, our pledges are down this year by about 18%.
2. Non-pledge income will continue to be down until our worship services are back to normal and we can attract visitors and new parishioners.
3. Our fundraising activities (Rummage Sale and Holiday Festival) will be dependent on the pandemic recovery.
4. Factoring all this in, we are currently estimating that total cash receipts will be under 2020 cash receipts by about 12% or \$65,000.

Expenses:

1. While we are searching for a new rector, we are blessed to have Fr. Jackson with us as our Interim Rector. To date we have not replaced our Youth Minister and will continue to review that position. The rest of the staff works hard to support all we do. Even with no raises for staff this year, payroll and benefits make up 60% of our budget.
2. And then there is the mortgage, utilities, and all the other expenses that support not only our mission and ministries, but our grounds and facilities and the Dioceses.
3. We currently estimate that expenses will be about 5% or \$24,000 under 2020 expenses.

Net Cash receipts:

1. The net of cash receipts and disbursements leave us with a deficit of approximately \$38,000. Thank goodness for the \$58,800 PPP Grant, a portion of which will be used to offset our anticipated 2021 deficit.

If you would like a copy of the financial statements and the budget, please contact the church office.

I want to thank those who support the financial operations of the church – Debbie Hubbs, our Parish Administrator, our weekly counters and bank depositors, data entry support and accounting support personnel.

And a special thank you to all of you for your Financial support of St. Anthony – allowing us to follow Jesus’s Way.