



St. Mark's Annual Report

• 2019 •

"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain." - Psalm 127:1a



Dear Friends,

2019 has been a year of transition at St. Mark's. Most notably, we began our Atrium entrance addition and restoration of Larrabee House (our rectory for 60 years). We expect to dedicate the work near Eastertime of this year. It was also a time of transition as several long-time staff members moved on at the end of 2019. I am personally appreciative of their labor for Christ and His Church and look forward to God's provision for St. Mark's as we assess our staffing needs for the next seasons of ministry.

As you take note of facts and figures in this annual report, I expect you'll recognize God's grace poured out upon His people and passed on through us to those with need in the Fox Valley and around the world.

God is Good! All of the Time!

Father Mark

Who We Are

We are a Christian community that worships God in the Anglican tradition, engages the historic teaching of the church, and participates in Christ's mission.

2019 Highlights from Eucharistic Services

- 985** worshipping at one of our Christmas Eve/Christmas services (+9.6% from 2018)
- 780** gathered for our Easter celebration (-3.5% from 2018)
- 306** average adult weekend Eucharistic Service attendance (+1.3% from 2018)
- 279** services of Holy Communion
- 15** welcomed to the Christian family through baptism
- 8** lives remembered and honored through a St. Mark funeral
- 8** couples given in Holy Matrimony
- 1** ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests (Fr. Marcus Johnson)

2019 Highlights from Cornerstone Groups

- 20 CGs in the Winter/Spring:** a strong start of our new groups ministry with the Stations all-church study
- StM Youth Cornerstone Groups:** successful fall launch of our Sunday night program
- 23 CGs in the Fall:** continuing group health throughout the year and 3 new StM Youth CGs
- Groups Serve Together:** many Cornerstone Groups made the love of Jesus credible by serving our community in His name

2019 Highlights from StM Kids

- Instructed Worship:** offering Kids Connect children the opportunity to participate in Anglican liturgy while asking questions and forming their faith
- Passion Event:** actors and parent volunteers made this retelling of the Easter story a huge success
- Christmas Pageant:** updated costumes, engaged volunteers, and the faithful cast made this year's depiction of Christ's birth particularly meaningful
- Kids Connect Volunteers:** added 6 new teaching shepherds to the Kids Connect ministry
- Welcome:** greeter station added to make Kids Connect more welcoming and informative, particularly to visitors

God's Provision for Our Church

God has blessed St. Mark's with a faithful and generous congregation. Many thanks to all who contribute financially to extend the Gospel ministry of our church in the Tri-City region.



2019 INCOME *

- \$726,000 General Giving = 54%
- \$268,000 Cornerstone Campaign = 20%
- \$255,000 Roof repairs = 19%
- \$99,000 Other Designated Contributions = 7%

\$797,000 Total Operating Expenses

\$1,348,000 Total Income

*All figures rounded to the nearest \$1,000

2020 BUDGET

- \$3,000 Community = <1%
- \$8,000 Teaching = 1%
- \$17,000 Administration = 2%
- \$31,000 Worship = 4%
- \$58,000 Benefits and Payroll Taxes = 8%
- \$81,000 Missions = 12%
- \$116,000 Property = 17%
- \$381,000 Compensation = 55%

\$695,000 Total Expenditures



For the ongoing and future ministry health of St. Mark's, you are encouraged to take advantage of our online and recurring giving options at stmarks-geneva.org/giving.



Cornerstone Campaign

Thanks to the vision, labor, and generosity of our parish we expect to begin using our new Atrium and the renovated Larrabee House this spring.

- Pledged: \$987,000
- Received to Date: \$677,000
- Projected Final Mortgage: \$550,000

As you can see we are still in need of pledges to come in and further giving to offset the expected mortgage. If you'd like to give to the Cornerstone Campaign please go to stmarks-geneva.org/giving.

2019 Highlights from our Local Service Partners

Fox Valley Christian Action: summer camp for 700+ disadvantaged children and 5 new clubs near Section 8 Housing

Hesed House: obtained permanent housing for 242 families or individuals

Kane County Young Life: started a new ministry for teens with disabilities

Lazarus House: completed a successful capital campaign to house all guests under one roof

Corbella Clinic: successful online marketing campaign to encourage women to have their babies

2019 Highlights of St. Mark's Global Ministry

Our Generosity: financially supported 8 couples and 2 singles in their work in 9 countries

Honduras: raised \$8K for a used vehicle for Fr. Gerardo Martinez

Spain: welcomed home our own Lidia after her first two years of service

Lebanon: partnered with Exodus, Int. to send John Schoff to Lebanon (twice) to serve Syrian refugees

StM Kids: Kids Connect added a global ministry moment and connected meaningfully with Lidia on her visit