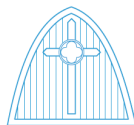


A photograph of several children sitting in wooden pews in a church, looking down with their hands clasped in prayer. The children are of various ages and are wearing casual clothing. The lighting is warm and natural, coming from the side.

CELEBRATING

OUR *Story*



ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
2017 Narrative Budget



And he said
to them, "Go
into all the
world and
proclaim the
gospel to
the whole
creation."
-Mark 16:15

A Gift Opens the *Way*

Dear People of St. Mary's,

Thank you for being a part of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. As we continue to grow, I am so grateful for your enthusiasm for our life together, your commitment to our future, and your appreciation for our unique past. Each of you contributes immeasurably to our common life by joining together in worship, fellowship, learning, and service.

The theme of this year's Annual Giving campaign, "Your Gift Opens the Way," recognizes that your contributions of talent, time, and treasure are what make this such an exciting time to be at St. Mary's. We hope that this booklet will give you a greater understanding of the importance of your contributions. We also hope that it will inspire you to think about how much more we can be and do in the future with what God has given each of us, and how much that will both strengthen us as a community in Christ and empower us to share Christ's love in the world.

As you read this booklet and consider how your gift opens the way, please contemplate what is known as proportionate giving. It can be a profound, even life-changing,



spiritual practice: if God is the source of all that we have, what is our responsibility to give back? What percentage of our income reflects the gratitude that we feel for God's many blessings in our lives? 5%? 10%? 15%? We have so much to celebrate.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Louise".

Louise Browner Blanchard
Rector, St. Mary's Episcopal Church



Giving *Time, Talent, & Treasure...*

“Let us come before him
with thanksgiving and
extol him with music
and song.”

– Psalm 95:2

Music at St. Mary's encompasses the musical offerings of both our Adult Choir and Children's Choir. This fall we welcome our new Director of Music, Ryan Tibbetts, as we seek to expand our already excellent music program. Your gifts of time, talent, and treasure help to ensure that St. Mary's maintains a vibrant musical life through the maintenance of our instruments, funding of musicians, and the lifting up of voices in the choirs and congregation for the praise and worship of God.



To Grow Together.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church is a community in a time of growth and vibrancy! Over the years, we've grown from a little country parish to an active church with opportunities throughout the week to learn, serve, and simply be together. Our parish community brings with it gifts of time, talent, and treasure. We are called to celebrate these blessings and share them here not only at St. Mary's, but also out into the world.

The theme for 2018's Annual Giving Campaign is "a gift opens the way" from Proverbs 18:16.

Over the past couple of years, we've asked ourselves, "where is God calling St. Mary's?" We've discerned that answer by making worship a vital role in our church life, expanding adult education and spiritual practice opportunities, growing our children's and youth ministries, strengthening relationships through fellowship gatherings, and developing outreach opportunities. We've opened the way for each of us to deepen our

relationship with God and build a community of faith.

As we walk in love together, conversations and prayers focus on how we continue to cherish beloved traditions and open the way for new opportunities. On Sundays, we hear the message of going out into the world and finding our path to spread God's love throughout the week.

How will we open the next chapters of St. Mary's life and write our story?

St. Mary's Opportunities

Throughout the week there are opportunities to learn, serve and simply be together. With each person's gifts, we continue to broaden these programs for each one of us to find where God is calling us as a faith community.

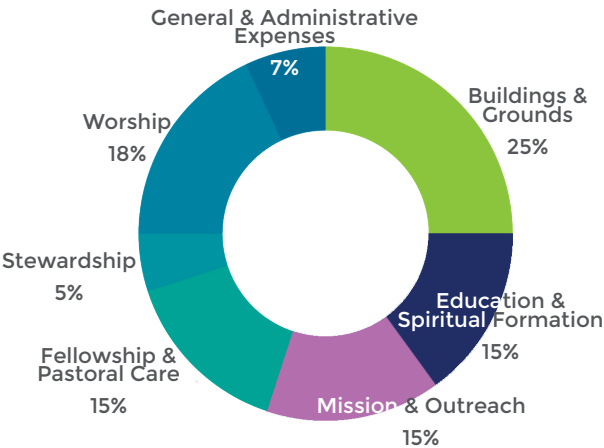
❖ Sunday Morning Adult Education ❖ Women's Bible Study ❖ Divine Dance Book Study ❖ High School and Middle School Youth Mission Trips ❖ Adult Mission Trip to Ecuador ❖ St. Peter's Bible Study and Food Distribution ❖ Parish Breakfasts and Suppers ❖ Seniors Lunch ❖ Vacation Bible School ❖ Children's Choir ❖ Sunday School ❖ Confirmation Class ❖ Noonday Prayer ❖ Pastoral Care Teams ❖



Our Vision

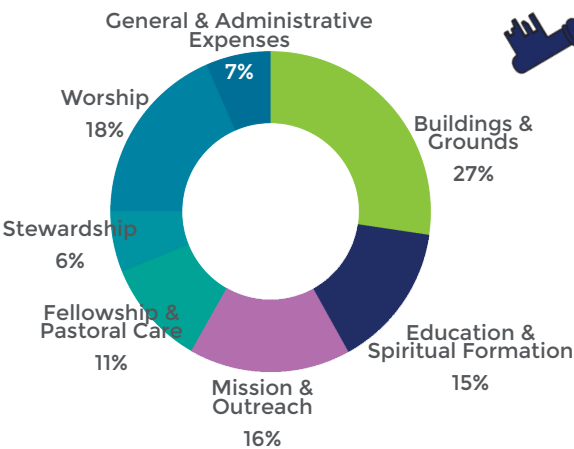
Our vision concentrates on two of the most distinctive features of life at St. Mary's: the people who make up our community and our beautiful buildings and grounds. First, our exceptionally strong and talented staff works side by side with parishioners of all ages to foster a community that is deeply rooted in faith, our common life, and the life of the world through worship, education and spiritual formation, fellowship and pastoral care, mission and outreach, and stewardship. Second, our staff and dedicated professionals work with committed and skilled parishioners to care lovingly for the buildings and grounds that provide such a unique setting for life at St. Mary's and warmly welcome people of all ages and at all stages of life, even unto death. Accordingly, we seek to focus the allocation of our resources in ways that both nurture our community and tend to the legacy of our unique setting.

2018 Annual Fund
PROPOSED BUDGET
\$1,055,000



2017 Expenses

Church Operation August 2016 through July 2017



Our Vision

Our goal for 2018 is to continue empowering the people of St. Mary's for ministry at home and in the world. Our hope is for that to be reflected in how we allocate our funds.



“Shout for joy to the Lord,
all the earth” – Psalm 100:1



Stewardship at St. Mary's

“The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.” Psalm 24:1-2

God has created the earth and each and every one of us. Everything we have accomplished is a gift from God. A steward is someone who watches over that which belongs to someone else. In our case, we are asked to be good stewards of the earth and God's people. The Bible is full of stories where we are asked to take care of the widows and orphans; and to love our neighbors.

Stewardship at St. Mary's calls each of us to a time of personal, prayerful discernment with God – thinking about the rich blessings each of us has received. What is God calling you to do? Please consider your commitment to St. Mary's for the coming year. How will you share your gifts of time, talent, and treasure to become a disciple of Christ at St. Mary's?

We look forward to opening the way and your generosity is the key to the future of St. Mary's.





Your Gift is the *Key...* to Opening the *Way.*

"Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid." We say these words each Sunday but do we hear them? Do we miss the call into worship and into a deeper relationship with God this day and every day? Let these words invite you to open your heart to St. Mary's and its offerings by tithing your gifts during this pledge season. Our annual giving campaign is the time to renew your relationships, revive your faith, and help us to continue to grow our parish's opportunities and missions through your time, talent, and treasure.

