

St. Mary's Episcopal Church – Annual Meeting - Sunday, January 30, 2022

It is my honor to bring good news to this parish family: St. Mary's Episcopal Church is thriving and in an exceptionally strong position.

The past 12 months have been challenging, frustrating, yet extremely rewarding. On behalf of the Vestry, I would like to publicly commend and thank David May and all of the staff for their leadership, dedication, and tireless work to lead this spiritual community in worship with God, to connect us as members of this parish, and to keep us as safe as possible during the Pandemic. The leadership of St. Mary's continually was aware of our senior parishioners during Covid. We were mindful to keep our young people protected until they were able to receive their vaccinations and the clergy was aware of the needs of our members with compromising health conditions.

We faced obstacles and roadblocks over the past year, but with the love and support of God, St. Mary's has been successful in caring for its church family.

I can qualify the statement that St. Mary's is thriving:

- We are completing one of the most successful Stewardship programs in the history of St. Mary's.
- The Vestry has approved a balanced budget for 2022.
- Our Outreach programs demonstrate the character and soul of St. Mary's in assisting others less fortunate – others, beyond our members.
- The number of, and enthusiasm by, our youth clearly indicates that future of St. Mary's is in good hands.
- The Fellowship program supports members through delicious food and socialization.
- Our physical plant, the buildings, are in excellent condition through professionally planned and executed maintenance.
- The Choir and our music program have led us through the Pandemic and now provides outstanding musical accompaniment for our worship.
- These are a few examples demonstrating the strength of St. Mary's in 2022.

From the Vestry's perspective, St. Mary's is an active, strong, and growing parish. Not every church can make this statement. Thank you for your participation and love of God's work in this wonderful place. With gratitude we say together - Thanks be to God.

- Harry W. Baldwin