Ἐγώ εἰμι τὸ φῶς τοῦ κόσμου· ὁ ἀκολουθῶν μοι οὐ μὴ περιπατήσῃ ἐν τῇ σκοτίᾳ, ἀλλ’ ἔξει τὸ φῶς τῆς ζωῆς

~ John 8:12

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”
The Vision of Saint Gabriel the Archangel Episcopal Church is to be an increasingly vibrant and loving Christian community, constantly pursuing our God-given mission, and expanding our capacity to serve our neighborhood, our city and beyond through:

**Worshipping** in the classical Anglican tradition with biblical and Christ-centered preaching and teaching, liturgy and music (Psalm 105:1-4; Romans 15:5-6)

**Nurturing** children, youth and families in the knowledge and love of God (Matthew 19:13-15)

**Serving** and rejoicing in our neighborhoods, city and beyond (Proverbs 11:10; James 1:27)

**Building** relationships within the church through mutual support, care and encouragement (Hebrews 10:24 & 25)

**Mission**

The Mission of Saint Gabriel the Archangel Episcopal Church is to proclaim and celebrate the Good News of God’s grace and life-changing love for all.
“The Light of Christ” - Annual Meeting of the Parish

January 19, 2020, 9:15 am

Agenda

9:15 Call to Order

The Rev’d Chris Ditzenberger, Rector
Declare a Quorum
Appoint a Secretary

Opening Prayer
The Rev’d EJ Rivet, Assisting

Approve Previous Year’s Minutes
Fr. Chris

Retiring Vestry Member Recognition
Fr. Chris

Warden Confirmation &
New Vestry Member Acclamation
Mr. Steve Fink & Mr. Philip Jolas

Report of the Nominating Committee
Recognize Persons Standing for Vestry
Acclamation and Commissioning of Lay Ministers in the Church

Stewardship Report
Ms. Brooke Fox

Endowment Report
Mr. Bob Leaman

Presentation on 2020 Budget
Ms. Cecily Fink

Staff Transitions & Appreciation
Fr. Chris

Hymn – O Zion, haste
Hymnal 539

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Fr. Chris

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A Litany for the Church
O Zion, haste
In the following reflection I invite you to celebrate our work in 2019 and look forward with me to 2020, the 60th Anniversary of Saint Gabriel the Archangel, Cherry Hills Village ....

“The Light of Christ. Thanks be to God.”

I come back to these words of the Exsultet from the Great Vigil of Easter liturgy that we chant on Easter even.

We are blessed with Christ’s light shining and illuminating the world, and so we are full of thanksgiving and gratitude that Christ OVERCOMES SIN AND DEATH, dispelling the darkness and filling us with his love.

Surely part of this gratitude that wells up within us leads us to love, serve and share this gift with those who may not know the love and power of Christ Jesus for themselves.

This exhortation is related to the so-called Great Commission from Matthew 28 where Jesus charges his disciples – “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations ....”

The early church in Acts received the Holy Spirit who enabled them to be Christ’s "witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

In 2020 let’s work together to find ways to grow in the knowledge and love of Christ and share this love among those who are our neighbors.

Looking back over 2019, I marvel at God’s goodness and provision. The pages that follow paint a picture of activity and busyness of our active congregation. What is harder to capture are all the ways that ministry touches people’s lives – through worship services like the Gathering on Sunday evenings in Lent and throughout the summer, through love experienced in Godly Play for our younger members or through a prayer quilt from Saint Gabriel received by the feeble hands of a loved one who happens to live hundreds of miles from Cherry Hills Village.

2019 saw several staff changes. We said goodbye to Sarah Dougherty as parish administrator and welcomed Kathy Green. Likewise, we thanked both Neal Wegener and Deacon Cammie, and we welcomed Mark Kelly as our director of music ministry.

We saw a reduction in our budget in several important areas, but we continued to be a church that seeks to make a difference in our local community and is generous with its love and financial
resources. We strive to be a community that “opens wide her doors with a welcome from Jesus, the mighty friend of sinners.”

We are thankful, and grateful, and we wish to plant those seeds of gratitude in the year that is on our doorstep.

Yes, we have our challenges, too. As we look to this year and subsequent ones, the health and vitality of the congregation demands attention and the employment of our collective creative energies.

This past fall, I found myself with a close colleague and friend, wondering what would be Saint Gabriel’s long-term prospects when he posed to me the question “How can you change to live”? It was not a question I had heard framed in that way. I would have expected something along the lines of “change or die” but he asked about changing to live.

How can we look at our situation as an invitation to pursue outward-and-other-focused ministry?

How can we “change to live”?

I offer some suggestions below, (but we may well come up with better ones!)

- Plant younger member home-based groups
- Develop the Gathering Service into a year-round offering, perhaps on a weeknight rather than weekend, with something for all-ages, including dinner!
- Increase “hands-on” local outreach ministry opportunities, showing the community that we are a presence for “good” in our neighborhoods
- Build relationships through social media-initiated community meetups

All of these require the marshalling of energy, commitment, planning, and financial support.

Of course, we must continue to care for one another as sisters and brothers in Christ, and we want to grow in faith, knowledge and the love of our Lord.

I’m hopeful that with the energy we will enlist towards growing our church, this year’s expense-side adjustments will be temporary and indeed unnecessary in future years. Wouldn’t that be a good goal for us in 2020?

The best way for us to achieve this goal is not so much to focus on financials, as it is to work together to present the love that God has poured into our hearts before a city that is in need of God’s love. As human beings, we’re all stamped with the image of God and precious in His sight, even as we experience loneliness, anxiety, and messiness of life! In this context of life in 2020 Denver is where the church is called to proclaim and live the gospel message.

“The Light of Christ. Thanks be to God.”

I look forward to having these discussions with you and the vestry in the coming months. Thank you for prayerfully reading these reflections and for your continued prayers for your parish leadership – lay and ordained.
I value the privilege and opportunity to be your pastor and look forward to what God has in store for us in the coming year!

Faithfully, in Christ’s love,
Chris+

Senior Warden

As I look back on my first year as Senior Warden, I want to thank my predecessor Margaret Swank for her many contributions to the growth and sustainability of Saint Gabriel. Her dedication to the role provided a great example of leading by faith.

Being a newer member of the church, I have been impressed by the number of ministries that work together to achieve our mission. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our congregation members who make our church such a positive and spiritually renewing place for everyone, and I admire their devotion and stewardship. We regularly attend the 8 am service but will make an effort in 2020 to occasionally attend the 10:30 service to get to know more of you.

I’d also like to thank Philip Jolas, who was kind enough to extend his term as Junior Warden for another year through the end of 2019. A lot of work goes into handling the operations and maintenance of our building and grounds, and he deserves recognition for his strategic and insightful decision making.

We have good news to celebrate from 2019. Following the successful completion of the Tier 1 projects of the “Rooted in Christ, Forward in Faith” campaign last year, we were able to pay off the loan early, which is a blessing in leaving us debt-free.

With the end of 2019 came the departure of our deacon, Cammie Houpt. We were richly blessed as a congregation by Cammie’s service over the years and we will miss her peaceful and thoughtful leadership.

We at Saint Gabriel find ourselves as part of the trend in the United States of lower church attendance, regardless of religion. Fortunately, we are still thriving as a congregation; but at the same time, each of us needs to look for opportunities to grow in this challenging environment. As you all are very aware, Father Chris is a tireless and inspiring leader and provides our congregation with the hope and optimism to live a life in faith. I whole-heartedly appreciate his guidance during my first year and his devotion to nurturing all of us as a community.

Moving forward, if you have particular needs or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

~ Steven Fink, Senior Warden
Assisting Priest

During 2019, I have served the congregation of Saint Gabriel by assisting the rector in the areas of preaching, pastoral care, and the Pathways Ministry. In addition to serving at worship each Sunday, I have provided Eucharist during home visits to members of the congregation as well as hospital and nursing home visitations. Father Chris and I alternate monthly worship at Holly Creek. I continue share with Father Chris Clergy-on-Call responsibilities each month.

My greatest joy is the continuing growth of the Pathways Ministry Team. Pathways was organized as the means through which Invite Welcome Connect would be implemented at Saint Gabriel the Archangel Episcopal Church. This year we added several new members to our ministry team. They have become actively engaged in our ministry of Welcome by serving at the Welcome Table. The mission of Pathways Ministry is to proclaim and celebrate God’s grace and life-changing love for all parishioners. The ministry involves invitation to newcomers, welcoming their participation in parish life, and deepening their connection to the Body of Christ that is the church.

The Rector and I consult regularly regarding my continuing role at Saint Gabriel the Archangel. I look forward to serving this community and sharing the celebration of God’s grace and life-changing love for all.

I am truly blessed by the abundance of love and support provided by the clergy, staff, and congregation!

~ The Reverend EJ Rivet
Junior Warden

Once again 2019 has been a big year for the Saint Gabriel campus. I seem to write that every year, but it just shows how dynamic and committed our congregation is to Saint Gabriel!

Our big projects are behind us and now things are returning to more normal activities. The job of Junior Warden is made so much easier by all the hard work of our Church Campus Arts and Architecture Committee (C2A2) and others. When you see them, please thank our C2A2 members; Nada Graves, Tim Green, Jerry Mounts, Sally Plummer, Lisa Swenson, Frank Thornton. Of course, Fathers Chris and EJ deserve special thanks for going beyond their pastoral duties and helping me with suggestions for the Saint Gabriel building and ground needs.

My four years as Junior Warden have been quite the time of change for Saint Gabriel. We finished off the Columbarium extension, replaced the leaky roof, replaced the old shed with a new one, refurbished the parking lot and sidewalks, and added a snow melt system. There were bathroom upgrades, a new hot water heater and exhaust fans, a new dishwasher and refrigerator in the kitchen, the new HVAC equipment, new landscaping, we refurbished the main church doors and got automatic door openers, and the office door was replaced following the break-in. These years included new LED lights in the Sanctuary and the Saint Teresa room, the marvelous renovations of the parish hall (by Barbara Ariss and Judy DeBord), and new signage throughout the church and parking lot.

This year a number of people volunteered to weed and maintain sections of the church grounds, which was a big help and saved us money. We also fixed fences and added sand to the playground, got two new wheel stops for the parking lot, and a new sprinkler system controller which was moved outside for security reasons. There were the pews removed for the new piano, we installed a dry well in two parking lot islands, complied with the needs of a surprise building inspection, installed a security mailbox, repaired nails sticking up in prayer kneelers, dealt with animal holes in our outside soffit, and the occasional church mouse. We also had all the Ash, Honey Locust,
Cottonwoods and Pine trees trimmed, a big job that took 4 days to complete but was badly overdue. That's a lot of projects done by our congregation the last four years, so if you felt like something was always going on at Saint Gabriel, you were right!

I must thank parish administrator Kathy Green who followed Sarah Dougherty, and who coordinates so many small repairs, and instructs the vendors on scheduling, directs them about what needs to be fixed where, etc. My thanks go out to all the parishioners who turned out for our annual clean-up days, and the Advent Greening of the Church.

Our congregation with our blessed feelings toward our Church inspires these projects and guides our hands, so we can maintain Saint Gabriel as such a peaceful and inviting place to worship.

~ Philip Jolas, Jr. Warden

Administration and Operations

Communications

This report covers the time from June 1 to December 1, 2019, since Sarah Dougherty, previous Parish Administrator left employment at Saint Gabriel Episcopal Church.

I have spent the last six months learning the various, and numerous duties of the position, and the many facets of the ways in which to serve the needs of the clergy and the congregation. The position offers a variety of ways to serve, not to mention those who just drop in to pray, and a stranger or two looking for something to eat.

We are looking at replacing a few of the administration and finance computers, as they are nearly at the end of their useful life. A computer consultant is going to provide an analysis of our needs. An anonymous donor has provided a small gift to finance this change. We hope to have this done by the end of 2019.

The South Metro Fire Marshal inspection in October, revealed several Fire Code violations. New batteries were required for all emergency exit lights, and the emergency lighting units. All are in the process of being replaced by our handyman Nick Campbell. Most impactful of the violations was that "fire rated" doors are not permitted under the Universal Building Code and Fire Code to be propped open with door stops. This has presented the congregation with a bit of frustration, because the doors are quite heavy.

Numerous outside groups utilize our building for meetings and special events, as well as numerous memorial services over the course of the second half of the year.

I have enjoyed working with Fr. Chris, EJ, Deacon Cammie, Mark Kelly, and Sheila Martin. All are dedicated to you, the congregants and have servant hearts.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Green – Parish Administrator
Treasurer
For the year ending December 31, 2019, the operating fund income statement for Saint Gabriel the Archangel showed a small amount of income greater than expenses ($5.7k). The balance sheet shows Saint Gabriel as financially sound despite some depletion of cash resources. If desired, copies of the financial statements and audit reports for 2019 can be requested from the Treasurer for review.

On November 1, 2019 the church retired the outstanding debt to Lutheran Investment Fund that was taken to complete work for Tier 1 items in the Rooted in Christ. Forward in Faith. campaign. The funds in the Capital Account will be used to increase the Maintenance Reserve to $30K; the remaining funds will be retained to fund Tier 2 items. There is currently $42,961.17 in the capital checking account. The Finance Committee and Vestry will manage these funds to ensure the best return on the investment.

The 2020 operating fund budget as presented and approved by the Vestry is balanced. The Vestry, Staff and Finance Committee are all working diligently to identify additional efficiencies for expenses and new income opportunities. The programs and mission of Saint Gabriel the Archangel will be ably carried out in 2020.

The Treasurer role has been transitioned to Cecily Fink, beginning in 2020. I, Judy, want to thank the congregation for allowing me to serve in the role for the last two years and I am very confident that Cecily will continue to serve the congregation well.

If anyone has questions, we are happy to answer them.

Cecily Fink, Treasurer
Judy Wilson, Treasurer

Core Ministry: Worship

Worship Committee
The Worship Committee, composed of clergy and lay members, meets periodically during the year to plan various components of liturgy and to generate ideas for enriching the worship of our congregation for the different services we offer—the regular Sunday morning services throughout the year; the Gathering Service on Sunday evenings during the summertime; seasonal liturgies during Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter seasons; and other opportunities for coming together in devotion to our Creator and observance of our commitment to each other and the world.
Overall, the Worship Committee seeks to enfold the liturgies within a traditional framework (while sometimes appropriately stretching the boundaries) in order to provide enriching and impactful experiences of the Divine. It truly takes a village to coordinate all the individuals who provide these meaningful services for our congregation—from the setting of the altar to the music.

We began using our new “Rejoice!” song book, particularly during the summer evening Gathering Services. During Lent this year, we offered some new worship services, including weekly evening Gathering Services on Sundays (which included sung responsorial psalms accompanied by the sanctuary grand piano that was graciously donated by Betsy Jeffery Thornton), and the Surrounding Passion service. Our Blessing of the Animals service was well-attended and featured the musical talents of Mark Kelly (our new music director) who sang accompanied by Connie Roth on guitar. Close to All Saints Day in November, we provided an afternoon service, “A Great Cloud of Witnesses,” which featured meditations by or about several different holy men and women from across the ages. And at the end of November, coinciding with the Feast of St. Andrew, our second Kirkin’ o’ the Tartan service was held. We also offered a service of Lessons and Carols in mid-December.

Meanwhile, we continue with planning liturgies for the upcoming liturgical seasons …

Prepared and submitted by
Tess Vonfeldt-Gross

Music

I am so grateful for the warm welcome I have received since joining the Saint Gabriel family in September 2019. My time here has been brief, but, thanks to your love and affirmation I already feel at home. Caroline and I are so very appreciative of all the well-wishes of so many of the parishioners, and the wonderful support of all the Staff.

Thank you to all those who have led or assisted with the music at Saint Gabriel the Archangel in 2019! Your sharing of your talents has indeed blessed and enriched our worship!

*The Adult Choir* has continued to provide wonderful music for the 10:30 a.m. service, as well as for *Holy Week*, for the *Advent Lessons and Carols*, and for *Christmas Eve*; with the excellent collaboration of our organist/pianist, Caroline Neely. Special thanks to Caroline, who has shared the gift of music for the 8:00 a.m. service as well! Also, special thanks to Connie Roth, who has blessed us with beautiful piano solos during Holy Communion throughout the year; to Margi Stewart, who has blessed us with beautiful vocal solos throughout the year; to Tess Vonfeldt-Gross, Jim Talman, Margi Stewart, and Thomasluke Mansi-Florez for their capable leadership as Cantors; to all others I may not be aware that served before I arrived; and to Neil Gillette, who has blessed us with his wonderful cello solos,
bagpipe solos for Saint Gabriel’s second *Kirkin’ of the Tartan*, and for arranging the string/wind ensemble, and transcribing all of their music for the *Advent Lessons and Carols* and *Christmas Eve*.

The *Children’s Choir* has been such a blessing to all of us, as they shared their gift of music in November and are preparing a wonderful *Children’s Christmas Pageant* for *Christmas Eve*. Special thanks to both the choir and the “choir Moms & Dads” for their many contributions to the success of these special services! A special thanks to Caroline Neely for her assistance and leadership with the children.

We are pleased to have a Choral Scholarship recipient, Thomasluke Florez-Mansi, a voice major from the University of Denver, continue as part of our choir during the school season; and have been blessed by his wonderful voice and his participation in the 10:30 a.m. services!! We are so grateful for his presence and participation in our Music Ministry; and grateful to our congregation for making this Choral Scholarship possible!

The Sunday evening *Summer Gathering Services* were a great success, including the wonderful “Blessing of the Animals” (Saint Francis’ Sunday) and the special “Great Cloud of Witnesses” liturgy celebrating holy women and men that have shaped our faith. We look forward to continuing these services next year.

We are very grateful for the addition of our new musical instruments. Thank you to Elizabeth Jeffrey for the memorial gift of her family Steinway grand piano, and, to Connie and Hal Roth for our Yamaha piano in the Parish Hall. We dedicate these instruments to the Glory of God and rejoice with thanksgiving for the generosity of these families.

It is a joy to worship at Saint Gabriel the Archangel! May the Lord bless and expand our ministries for His glory in all the days to come!

~ Mark Kelly, Director of Music

**Worship Team Scheduling**

For the past few years I have been responsible for scheduling servers at both services, including lectors, acolytes and chalice ministers, in addition to ushers and coffee hosts. This has been very rewarding as I have got to know so many wonderful volunteers at Saint Gabriel.

I am very fortunate to serve alongside our clergy and staff and the team captains of the various worship areas. The captains recruit and train the volunteers in the various areas and provide me with lists of names and I just slot them into the schedule. The area of greatest need for additional volunteers varies from time to time – right now we have very few youth who serve as torch bearers at the 10:30 service, we have an ongoing need for more chalice ministers at both services and we would like more ushers for the 8 a.m. service. However, we always welcome more volunteers for any area, so please let the area captains or the office know if you are interested.

Our goal is to staff the Sunday morning services at Saint Gabriel (and special services as needed) with volunteers to assist at the altar and to read the lessons and prayers, and those who serve as ushers and coffee hosts. We are blessed with many wonderful volunteers, some of whom serve in several capacities. We are very grateful to you all.

I believe the main objectives of this ministry are to ensure that services run smoothly and that as many people as possible can participate in these various functions. At the same time, we try not to
impose upon volunteers by calling on them too often. Currently the schedule is made out quarterly, using information provided to me by volunteers regarding their availability. Thank you again to all the wonderful captains and volunteers.

~ Carole Lane, Worship Team Scheduler

**Youth Acolytes**

Saint Gabriel continues to be very fortunate this past year to have several regularly scheduled and very dedicated young people offering their services at the altar as youth acolytes. This together with several youths leading very busy lives, who generously offer their services assisting at the alter as they are able.

We welcome children to the program at any time, from approximate age 8 or 9 through high school. Training is generally conducted "as needed" to individuals or in small groups. The training is led by clergy and the acolyte warden.

Continuing several years of service to the youth acolytes were our Crucifers and Table Servers: Levi Chavaree, Christine Martin and Ben Tate. We are very grateful for these regulars and we also have enjoyed the occasional and "fill-in" services of recent high school graduates.

Among those recent graduates we list as occasionally available for service during visits home and vacations are: Grace Ditzenberger, Brennan Dorighi, Cole Johnson, Kiersten Johnson and William Martin.

Our current corps of youth acolytes continues at a cyclically low number. Therefore, an ongoing priority for 2019 will be recruitment at both the children’s and adult levels. If parents and/or youth would like to explore an interest in becoming an acolyte, please reach out directly to Saint Gabriel clergy or staff, or the Acolyte Warden. We would be pleased to explain the program in detail to you and your child.

An Acolyte Training Manual is available for viewing on the Saint Gabriel’s website under the “More...” tab at “Parishioner information” (password protected – available from church office).

~ Joel P. Johnson, Acolyte Warden

**Altar Guild**

Members of Saint Gabriel Altar Guild prepare the sanctuary for all services: worship, weddings, funerals etc. throughout the year. We care for the altar, vestments, vessels and altar linens. At present, there are 20 active members. The members work in teams of three or four for two consecutive weeks. Additional members assist the teams during Christmas, Holy Week and Easter services. Teams are scheduled every six months and serve with different members. New members of the guild are trained by observing and working with a team.
Each member has an Altar Guild manual which is updated to reflect changes in preparing for services. The master copy of the manual is in the sacristy for reference. Memorials gifts are always welcome and may be designated for linens, vestments, Eucharistic Visitor travel kits, crosses, etc. We are blessed to have very dedicated members of our Altar Guild and the contribution of each member is important. Special thanks to Diane Mounts and Ellen Snyder who retired this year after many years of service.

The guild welcomes new members (men and women) who want to be a part of this vital ministry. Altar Guild members can expect to be enrich in their knowledge of the liturgy and history of the church. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Fr. Chris, Sharon Stewart or Ann Young.

~ Sharon Stewart and Ann Young, Altar Guild Directors

**Flowers**

Have you ever noticed the flowers in the niche on the altar? The arrangements are donated by individuals in the congregation, usually in memory of a loved one, in honor of a special occasion or maybe “just because”. The arrangements are there every Sunday except during Lent. I try very hard to honor choice of flowers and/or colors when I order the arrangements. The cost of the arrangements is $30, payable by check (or cash) to Saint Gabriel with Flower Ministry in the memo line. There is a sign-up calendar on the bulletin board in the parish hall. They do add a beautiful touch to our already beautiful church.

~ Kay Ward, Flower Ministry Chair

**Usher Report**

Thank you to those who have began serving as ushers during 2019: Joan McGill, Gina Fielder, Carole Lane, Amber Kahn, and Lisa Swenson.

In addition to greeting people at the sanctuary entrance, ushers greet people in the Parish Hall prior to the service and for a few minutes into the service, handing out bulletins and providing direction.

Ushers are often the first contact that people receive at Saint Gabriel. Ushers provide a friendly greeting and guide people to the sanctuary, restrooms, the nursery, children’s formation and the adult class.

Ushers assure parents with younger children that there is a speaker in the narthex if they would be more comfortable there with the sofa and chairs.

Ushers assist people in finding seating while minimizing disruptions once the church service has begun. Ushers also direct safe evacuation in case of emergency.

Please consider volunteer to help us expand our team of ushers.

~ Linn Wilson, Usher Captain
Core Ministry: Children, Youth and Family (CYF)

Children and Youth
January - June
This year began with the annual Bible Jeopardy, in which multigenerational teams compete for the most points based on their correct answers. This year's attendance was smaller than in the past and we are looking at changing it towards the middle of year, so we can incorporate more of our Education Formation throughout all generations.

Easter included Saint Gabriel's annual Easter egg hunt and a special Children's Chapel held in the parish hall for our youngest parishioners and guests. This year Bunny came to visit and took pictures with several of our kids.

In May we hosted our annual Mother's Day tea, which is always well attended.
In June we gathered for Arts Camp, an outgrowth of our Vacation Bible School model. We learned to celebrate God’s blessings and offer Him praise throughout the week. We created many different works of art to display on the Sunday following. We learned wonderful songs to sing. We had several new children attend Camp, and we employed Junior High and High School volunteers to help facilitate the kids through the different arts stations. We had so many wonderful adult volunteers to help with lunches, carwash, and other activities throughout the week. Thank you, thank you. Overall, it was a great success!

In the summer months we focused on Children’s Chapel where we taught a new interactive curriculum. The children explored scripture through games and other activities.

**September – December**
We enjoyed a busy start of children and youth formation. Tracy Methe conducted a training on how to lead Godly Play. Several of our members attended this valuable session.

**What is Godly Play?** It is our primary curriculum for Preschool through Grade 3. This is a Montessori based curriculum that incorporates movement and wonder.

**In Godly Play** (preschool through grade 3) we have had an average of six participants each week. We have volunteers scheduled through the first of the year and continue to invite adults to serve in the classroom.

An illustration demonstrates Godly Play’s power and impact. During the story of “The Exodus,” I brought out materials and Beau Wilson said, “I remember this story.” He took the desert box - laid out the sea and put the people in place and began to share the story of how Moses led his people from slavery in Egypt into freedom through the Red Sea. Once God’s people crossed the Red Sea he said “then Pharaoh’s army came, and the sea fell and swallowed them up” while on the other side of the sea the people danced and celebrated because they were free. After Beau’s sharing the story, we took time to wonder what the best part was, or we asked, “I wonder why Pharaoh decided to chase after God’s people when he set them free?” Beau did a wonderful job re-telling this important story. For anyone wondering what Godly Play is, I invite you to “wonder” with us as we learn the stories of the Bible and build connections with God. We meet in the Saint George room at 10:30 am every Sunday morning.

We have a new curriculum for our 4th - 6th graders. We are using The Episcopal Children’s Curriculum and currently focusing this year on the Old Testament, particularly the stories of Moses and Covenant.

In Youth Formation, Barbara Ariss and CJ Ditzenberger continue telling the grand narrative of salvation history, building from the foundations of the Old Testament. While our numbers are small, I invite all 7th – 12th to join us for this valuable time. (I am also looking for Volunteers to teach February – May. Please let me know if you would volunteer for a month!)
Children’s Choir, Youth Sunday, Advent, and Christmas

Our children’s choir began rehearsing in September to sing on November 10. Eight children worked hard to learn multiple songs sung throughout the service. They sounded wonderful, as evidenced by the many compliments received. In November and December, the children focused on the Christmas songs that are sung during the Family Service on Christmas Eve.

At the beginning of Advent, CYF hosted an Advent party and potluck. Families made Advent wreaths for parishioners who pre-ordered them. They also created “Advent in a Box” filled with activities, including a Jesse Tree, to help them prepare for the Miracle of Christmas at home with their families.

On Christmas Eve, children and youth shared the story of the first Christmas with the congregation—singing, acting, and inviting children of visiting guests to participate in the performance.

Nursery

Keri Havran is our regular caregiver in the nursery. We are grateful for her nurturing and welcoming presence in our nursery each week. She plays Bible songs and interacts with babies and toddlers and has even given birthday presents to the children she loves and cares for!

~ Sheila Martin
CYF Coordinator

Core Ministry: Servanthood

Daughters of the King®

In 2019, Daughters of the King®, an international order, continued to fulfill our vows of prayer and service. We each pray daily for all who have requested special prayers for illness, loss, life decisions or situations, friends, family, etc. as well as for the staff and clergy of Saint Gabriel with a confidential Prayer List. We pray for this parish and for the spread of Christ’s Kingdom in the world. While members serve in many other ways as well, our service to Saint Gabriel, in addition to prayer, includes welcoming newcomers and visitors on Sunday mornings with a warm smile and a small gift with a brochure about Saint Gabriel, and hosting funeral receptions. This last year we were able to reinstate the logoed mugs. We hosted several funeral receptions, both for members of the congregation and others. An adjunct -- and very important -- service ministry is the Quilters, who design and create prayer quilts for those who will be blessed by them. This ministry grew out of the Daughters and has expanded to include others in the congregation. We invite the parish to join in our prayers for the receivers by tying knots in each quilt.

We also have a Coupon Ministry wherein people contribute coupon books from the newspaper and Jean Talman uses them to purchase supplies for the homeless at incredibly discounted prices. Anyone can contribute. The box is located on the stand adjacent to the kitchen side by the elevator. This year we also hosted an Advent Quiet Morning for the whole parish and other folks as well, presented by the Rev. Nina Stasser. We joined with other chapters in the state for a spring retreat at Cathedral Ridge and an All Saints service on November 1 at the Cathedral of Saint John in the Wilderness. Our chapter meets on the second Saturday of each month and, as part of each woman's
rule of life, we seek to study and increase our faith through informative/experiential programs, this year focusing on the actual words of women in the Bible. Teresa’s Treasures, our Jr. Daughters of the King® Chapter, is in a state of transition, as Sarah Dougherty, the former Directress, has resigned due to moving to Germany where her husband has gotten a new job. We are currently working on keeping a continuity with the help of Kaitie Beeler and Sandy Sweeney. We also welcomed several new members.

"The Order is a spiritual community in a busy world where women with similar interests can pray, study, share together, affirm ministries and support each other. Members are present to each other in Christ’s love” (from the National Study Guide). We always welcome new members.

~ Respectfully submitted by Lynne Lawlor, President, Saint Gabriel’s Chapter, Daughters of the King®

**Outreach**

Deacon Cammie Houpt served as interim chair for one year and stepped down at the end of 2019. A new permanent chair will be needed beginning in 2020. Our membership on the committee is as follows: Frances Brown, vestry representative, Rosine Bouobda, vestry representative, Tricia Favero, Gina Fielder, David Geras, Lisa Houston, Rusty Pickard, Jean Talman, Sharon Samu, and Dana Thompson. Jane Jackson is considered member emeritus and Fr. Chris, ex officio member.

**Highlights**

- **January:** the 2019 budget for Outreach was determined to be $20,000.00. This was a 49.9% decrease from the previous year.
- **March:** Saint Gabriel Reach Out Weekend (SGROW) occurred during lent; 50 volunteers worked with staff at Metro Caring and Saint Francis Center as well as packaging rice and beans in the Parish Hall for MetroCaring. $1,130 was collected to purchase the rice and beans.
- **July:** The annual Loaves of Fishes generated about a ton of food for Metro Caring and approximately 400 “Klean” Kits were assembled for HAAT Force: south metro.
- **October:** The Annual Gathering of the Jeans netted 233 pairs of jeans for the St. Francis Center
- **December:** The Christmas Angel Tree is up in the Parish Hall. The recipients of the gifts purchased will go to HAAT Force: south metro, Village Resource Center and Covenant Cupboard. The gifts will be delivered during the week of Dec. 15th.

~ Respectfully submitted
Deacon Cammie Houpt
**2019 OUTREACH BUDGET DISBURSEMENTS**

**Committee Directed Funds (distributed monthly)**
- Colorado Haiti Project = $1800
- Metro Caring = $3600
- St. Francis Center = $6000
- Village Resource Center = $2400
- Silver Lining House = $1800
- Bessie’s Hope = $900

**Restricted Funds (distributed quarterly)**
- HAAT Force = $1880

**Other unbudgeted Funds (one-time donation)**
- Episcopal Relief and Development = $1000
- PATH = $500
- Sports Servants = $500

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**Congregational Care**

The mission of Congregational Care is to proclaim and celebrate God’s grace and life-changing love for all parishioners. The ministry rests on the conviction that a healthy church has an opportunity, responsibility and privilege of caring as best it can for those within the body who are in need—in whatever the shape or form that need is manifested.
In practical ways the ministry works in the following areas

· Prepares cards for home-bound members - quarterly
· Provides personal phone calls or hand-written notes of support and encouragement
· Oversees meals during times of crisis or life-transitions
· Conducts Eucharistic Visitor (EV) contacts, training and deployment of EVs
· Offers educational seminars – twice per year
· Liaises with Holy Comforter Quilt Ministry
· Coordinates caring liturgies, such as the special Christmas service for the home-bound, monthly Eucharist at the Holly Creek senior living community, and the Blessing of the Pets at Holly Creek.

Who’s Involved?

All members of Saint Gabriel the Archangel Episcopal Church are called to care for their brothers and sisters in Christ. You are a member of Congregational Care by virtue of your being at Saint Gabriel!

Additional support in 2019 provided by —

**Fr. Chris Ditzenberger**, Chair  
**JoAnn Evans**, EV, Card Ministry  
**Reg Holmes**, Liaison to Holly Creek  
**Virginia Hood**, Grief Support, Referrals for Psychotherapy  
**Deacon Cammie Houpt**, EV Scheduler, Training and Clergy Liaison  
**Lindsay Leaman**, EV, Meal Coordinator  
**Tom Lien**, EV, Christmas Service Driver Coordination  
**Roger Rhodes**, EV, Special Programs  
**Sharon Stewart**, EV, Holy Comforters and Pre-planning packets  
**Betsy Jeffrey Thornton**, Card Ministry and Committee Secretary  
**Linn Wilson**, EV

How can you be involved?

We have ongoing opportunities for service in Eucharistic Visitation, in the card ministry, Holy Comforters quilt ministry, meal preparation and delivery.

Special Christmas Service for the Homebound: pre-Christmas, concluding with a festive coffee hour in the Parish Hall - drivers are needed.

~ Fr. Chris Ditzenberger, Chair

**Eucharistic Visitors (EVs)**

In 2019 Deacon Cammie was responsible for overseeing the EV program. The EVs list their availability for the month and are then assigned accordingly. We have eight EVs licensed at this time, with three more in process. We can cover all recipients each month currently, but we are always open to new participants in this ministry.

*For 2020 Father EJ has taken responsibility for this ministry.*

~ The Reverend Deacon Cammie Houpt
The Prayer Quilt Ministry (Holy Comforters)

“What a love gift and hours of work which glorify our Lord. When we were told the little ties were prayers for him, tears came to both our eyes.” (from a thank you note)

The prayer quilt ministry began in 2004 by four members of the Daughters of the King. It has continued as a sub-group of Daughters of the King but has expanded to include all women of Saint Gabriel. This year we blessed 31 prayer quilts distributed to friends and families of Saint Gabriel parishioners who were in need of prayers, love and healing.

Holy Comforters has evolved into somewhat of a cottage industry with women who design the quilts, iron and cut fabric, sew them, make the quilt “sandwiches”, those who sew in the ties, cross stitch the labels, bind the quilts, the clergy that bless them, the people at the Sunday tie table and last the most important, you, the Saint Gabriel parishioners who tie the knots of prayer.

Thanks to our team leaders, Felicity Halse, Diane Mounts, and Jane Rivet.

We gather to work on prayer quilts on the third Friday and Saturday of each month. Most of our women are not sewers, but each has found a way to contribute. We hope some of you will join us on this important ministry at Saint Gabriel. If you would like to request a prayer quilt please talk to Chris+ or EJ+, Sharon Stewart or Jane Rivet.

~ Sharon Stewart and Jane Rivet, Holy Comforter Coordinators

Church Safety Ministry and Preparedness Committee

This year has seen big changes in the membership of the Preparedness Committee as three of the committee’s original members, Theresa Blumberg, John Morrison and Mason Whitney have moved on.

Through Mason Whitney’s involvement with various faith-based safety committees, we have been able to keep informed of security incidents and best practices in the field of church safety, which we continue to incorporate into plans and procedures here at Saint Gabriel.

In September, we held a Preparedness training session with 16 participants. This training, which is meant to better prepare our congregation for possible emergencies, has been held annually since 2014.

In an ongoing effort to keep the church’s emergency related equipment, (i.e., first aid kits and AED) operational and updated, we conducted our annual inspection.

Much of this past year has been spent researching and discussing options for creating some level of a church safety/ security team. We will continue to have discussions with the vestry regarding this important topic in the coming year.

I worked with the security company and project planning committee to assess and come up with a detailed plan and recommendations for the new church security system.

~ Rose Lynch
Preparedness Chair
Core Ministry: Fellowship

Pathways

Pathways at Saint Gabriel the Archangel incorporates *Invite, Welcome, Connect* into our parish life. Pathways is a ministry of relational evangelism and congregational empowerment. The ministry allows our church to become a place of genuine connection as we share the Good News of Jesus Christ and celebrate God’s life-changing love for all.

During 2019, Pathways was provided with several opportunities to broaden its ministry. The three areas of the ministry exist as: *Invite, Welcome, and Connect*.

The *Invite Ministry* provides printed cards, similar to business cards, which are presented by members of the congregation to friends and family members. Each card provides the recipient with information about our church. The cards are known as Moo Cards. They are available at the Welcome table. We also took part in this year’s *Trunk or Treat Celebration* on Halloween. We assisted with a mailing sent to our neighborhood inviting residents to join the festivities!

The *Welcome Ministry* a personal one-on-one welcome by members who identify themselves by wearing a red Welcome badge. The idea was introduced and implemented by George Evans and Barry Meigs. Together they have introduced the following:

- A Wave hello - This simple act lets a first-time guest know that the church is ready to welcome them and their family.
- Walk people to the door – engage the newcomer in a conversation and as you approach the door ask if they have any questions about the service.
- Hold an umbrella – If it’s raining, etc. walk everyone to the door, even regular attendees will appreciate the chance to stay dry.
- Offer help in an emergency – a dead battery or flat tire is a nuisance which is lessened by the assistance of a helpful other.

A *Welcome Table* is now a regular feature of our parish hall. We acknowledge the participation of Barry Meigs, Sharon Samu, Sharon Reichman, Rose Lynch and Linda Cole who enthusiastically accepted the service of hosting the table. In addition, the Pathways Ministry team has been served faithfully by Ellen Snyder, JoAnn Evans, Linn Wilson, and Sheila Martin. Recently, we have added a new member to our team, Frank DeBord.

The *Connect Ministry* provided new members with an introductory class titled *Being Episcopalian*. The class was sponsored jointly by the Pathways and Adult Formation ministries. A positive result of the class was our participation in this year’s Regional Confirmation at Saint John’s Cathedral. We also connect our congregation with one another through our presentation of *Faces of Saint Gabriel*, an effort to acquaint newcomers within our congregation.

~ The Rev. EJ Rivet
Pathways Chair

Gadabouts

Gabriel’s Gadabouts is a fellowship ministry in which groups of Saint Gabriel parishioners get together for an in-home hosted meal in order to get to know one another better. Jean Talman and
Lindsay Leaman are the co-chairs. Participants are both couples and singles. We had five groups of six people in each group. Some groups met at each participant’s home at least once - dinner, brunch, whatever worked. We have discovered that some of the groups only met once or twice. We are working to prevent that happening in 2020. Bob and I (Lindsay) have always met at each home and sometimes twice at some homes. It has always been a good experience, meeting folks we might otherwise not have gotten to know. We are continuing to encourage more people to join, thereby allowing for more groups.

~ Respectfully Submitted, Lindsay Leaman and Jean Talman
Gadabouts Coordinators

Coffee Hosts

Coffee hosts provide refreshments and hospitality following Sunday services. Hosts volunteer in teams of two and are scheduled by Carole Lane. New volunteers are always welcome. Thank you to all the coffee hosts for their time and dedication.

~ Marcy Pierson
Coffee Host Chair

Artist’s Gallery

Thank you to the following 2019 Gallery Artists: Karen Cain, Sally Doty, Priscilla Garrett, Janice Hanson, Suzanne Lee, Gail Parsons, Gill Romano, Judy Schlechten, and Jean Talman. These people are dedicated artists who keep pumping out their work so they will have something new to show you 3 times a year. A typical display will include acrylic, oil, watercolor and photography. The lovely stained-glass pieces are made by Gill Romano.

The exhibit is changed every January, May and September. The challenge for rotation day is placing the new artwork in groups of 2 or 3 based on a common theme such as color or style, then figuring out a pleasing wall arrangement for the groupings. Thanks to Jean Talman the pieces are skillfully hung!!

After Carl’s memorial service I heard many nice comments about the gallery from outside guests. We also get positive feedback from you the parishioners which helps to keep us motivated!

~ Allie Wells
Gallery Coordinator

Ramsey Golf Tournament

On a beautiful warm and sunny Saturday, September 28, we held the 28th Annual Ramsey Dinner and Golf at Heather Gardens. The temperature was comfortable, and the wind cooperated for the 21 Golfers. We had 43 join us for the all-you-can-eat buffet dinner.

All were assembled in the patio area for beverages at 5:30 pm. When all the golfers came in, we migrated to our special room for the buffet, fun, fellowship and many door prizes! Some of the attendees have been coming over 25 years since the golf and dinner event has been held!
David Ariss was the big winner on the Men’s side. The women’s champion was Shelia Martin. She is the 2nd generation in the Sweeney family to be Women’s champion since her mother, Sandy, has won this coveted award in the past.
~ Roger Rhodes, Coordinator

**Solo Angels**

2019 just flew by. Karen and I (Amy) have gained so much pleasure in the past year planning our outings. All participants in Solo Angels got to know each other a little better and enjoyed some good food along the way. We added some new restaurants to our list and revisited some old cherished ones. We welcomed some new Solo Angels and said goodbye to some old ones. Our fellowship time together is truly a blessing. There are only two requirements to become a Solo Angel—one is that you be single, and, of course, you must like to eat. Come join us!

~ Amy Cain and Karen Cain, Coordinators

**Core Ministry: Discipleship**

*Discipleship at Saint Gabriel the Archangel endeavors to engage all ages in a life-long pattern of following Jesus and growing into his likeness and character. The disciples sat at the feet of Jesus, they watched him act, they were covered in the dust of the Rabbi whom they followed so closely, they found themselves challenged by him, and he equipped them to be men and women sharing the good news of God’s kingdom in word and deed.*

*The early church modeled Christian discipleship, and we have the exciting work of taking up the disciplines of the early church as we “proclaim God’s grace and life-changing love for all.”*

**Adult Christian Formation**

In early 2019 *Being Episcopalian* taught by Fr EJ Rivet, drew many people to a class that served as preparation for confirmation and reception in the Episcopal Church and as a refresher for the curious.

Fr. Chris led sessions on the example of Gideon’s faith in January and hosted a conversation on the nature of Outreach on February 10. He then taught a series on the praying the Daily Office in October.

Gary Hague and Fr. Chris began a series on the Book of Revelation, and this will continue into early 2020.

Other highlights included a set of sessions on the question, “What is God up to in Englewood” – helping us focus on the way that God is bringing people together and being “salt and light” in the community.

Two special offerings that reached a multi-generational group was the Stations of the Cross trip to San Luis on March 16, and the Parish Retreat at Cathedral Ridge, August 9-11. For the retreat, we welcomed Brian Gray from Christ Church, Denver, as our speaker, teaching on Colossians.

~ Fr. Chris Ditzenberger
**Men’s Bible Study**

The Saint Gabriel's Wednesday night Bible study group meets every first and third Wednesday from September through May. Our unique approach to Bible study includes each participant reading a different bible commentary on the book being studied, then discussion at the meetings. It is always interesting when the commentaries do not agree. Last year we studied Exodus. This year we are studying the Letters to the Church: James, 1Peter, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John and Jude. Occasionally we will read a religious book for a change of pace.

~ David Ariss

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study**

The Saint Gabriel Wednesday morning Bible Study Meets each Wednesday morning from 10 - 11 a.m. at the church. With 10 - 15 in attendance each week, our format is to open with prayer needs and prayer for our group. Then we read and discuss Bible passages, sharing questions and answers about the passage. This fall we studied the book of Philippians, and we are currently studying the life of King David through I and II Samuel and through some of David's Psalms. We welcome anyone who would like to join us as we seek to know God's word and to apply it to our daily lives.

~ Jeanie Hague

**Men’s Breakfast**

We are an Episcopal men's social group open to all members of Saint Gabriel. We meet at 7:00 am on Wednesday mornings for Eucharist. There is usually a short homily discussing “the saint or most important Christian” connected with the current calendar date. Then we have breakfast in the parish hall.

The meals are prepared by our members or their spouses. A sign-up sheet is passed around quarterly, so everyone has a chance to display their cooking skills. We ask $5.00 for the breakfast and the providers can be reimbursed for their expenses if they wish. The profits from the collection are used to repair equipment in the church or other church activities as needed. We usually have 10 to 15 people present weekly, weather permitting, and there is room for plenty more.

We have some interesting discussions during breakfast about the “Christian of the Day” or other topics. Then we clean up and try to be out by 9:00. Please join us if you can.

~ Jim Talman, Breakfast Treasurer

**Men of the Covenant**

The Men of the Covenant was formed several years ago to gather men of Saint Gabriel to support one another in living within the provisions of the Baptismal Covenant.

To that end, we:

• accept this Covenant as our “daily rule of life to be observed in each personal encounter and relation [that we] experience”,
• meet together once a month (usually on the 2nd Saturday of the month) except during the summer when we are on “hiatus,”
• study Holy Scripture and other books related to our faith,
• volunteer (several of us at the Saint Francis Center).

Currently, our one major issue is that attendance at our monthly meetings has dropped, especially during the last couple of years. This is due to several factors including people moving away, members traveling, death, physical disabilities and limitations, and apparent reduction in motivation by some to attend those meetings. At this writing, we are in the process of evaluating how to address this situation.

~ Respectfully submitted, David Lee

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**Stewardship**

**Annual Campaign: Planting Seeds of Gratitude**

We express our deep gratitude to the members of Saint Gabriel who give faithfully every year to support the mission and ministry of Saint Gabriel.

This fall we launched *Planting Seeds of Gratitude* as the theme of our annual giving campaign. It’s exciting to witness the many ways in which the generous planting of seeds by parishioners at Saint Gabriel the Archangel bear fruit. Because of those seeds Saint Gabriel nurtures life-giving, joyful ministries focused both inside and outside of our church walls. In addition to ministries that have existed for decades, new ministries are emerging to meet specific and evolving needs. Pathways, our new welcome-and-new-member ministry, is a wonderful example that has sprung to life in the past few years.

We held three “wine and cheese” events to raise awareness of our needs and to listen to attendees share about what they value about our church. Our campaign was three weeks in duration, at the end of which was the Pledge Ingathering celebration, held this year on All Saints Sunday, November 3. The “Letter from the Wardens” and the special appeal brought in additional pledge increases and special gifts. Thank you, thank you.

Currently we have $412,612 in pledges from 123 pledges (as of January 12). Our pledge goal was set at $435,000, leaving us 23,000 to go. However, in 2019, by comparison, we had a total of 137 pledges for $406,791.

With Kathy Green’s timely and invaluable assistance throughout the campaign, the Stewardship Committee mailed “Planting Seeds of Gratitude” pledge thank you letters in December. My appreciation goes to Joel Johnson, Brooke Fox, David Ariss, and Margaret Swank who joined me as the Stewardship Committee 2019. We’re looking to bring in new members for 2020. Stay tuned!

~ Fr. Chris Ditzenberger, acting Stewardship Chair
Endowment Committee

Your Endowment Committee was pretty much dormant for most of the year following the loss of its leader, Malin Jones, who resigned last December with his move to Christ Church. We also experienced a second major loss with the retirement of our investment advisor of many years, Frank Isenhart. We are grateful for Frank’s many years of service and wish him well. Father Chris asked that I step in as temporary Chairperson and the Committee met in December. Our investments have done well this year and our Vanguard investment account now stands at $267,931 (as of 9/30/19). The Committee recommended and the Vestry approved an annual distribution from earnings in the amount of $12,500 which will be paid in January and recognized in the 2020 operating budget.

The loan from the Trust Fund to Operations totaled $11,267 (advanced in 2016, 2017 and 2018 to assist the Vestry in meeting its pledge to the Cathedral Ridge campaign) and now stands at $5,771. We will deduct the payment of principal and interest due on the note from the annual distribution noted above and actually pay a net of $10,769. At our meeting in December Diane Mounts suggested that after six years on the Committee she felt it was time to retire. We thank Diane for all those years of stellar service. At its December meeting the Vestry appointed me as Chairperson and approved Margaret Swank to serve out Diane’s remaining term on the Committee.

Your Endowment Committee now includes me (Bob Leaman) as Chairperson, David Evans, Jim Talman, Frank Thornton, Chris Haymons and Margaret Swank. We have much to be accomplished in the New Year, including the selection of a new Investment Advisor. (If there is anyone in the congregation with professional experience to contribute, please step forward!) Also, we would like to see a renewed focus on our Legacy Society which has been somewhat dormant in recent years. Margaret has indicated an interest in this, and we think she might be the perfect person to bring it new life and energy.

~ Bob Leaman
Endowment Chair

Capital Campaign Continuation Team ~ 2019 Annual Report

Our Rooted in Christ. Forward in Faith. campaign is continuing with great success thanks to the generous support of all of you. If you still have an outstanding pledge balance, please continue to follow your desired contribution plan – every dollar is important!

The Capital Campaign Continuation (CCC) Team, comprised of Fr. Chris Ditzenberger, Sue Coombs, Anne Cosby, Sharon Stewart, David Ariss and Margaret Swank continues to monitor the progress of our Rooted in Christ, Forward in Faith Capital Campaign efforts and acts as a source of input to the Vestry for future allocation of funds. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Linda Cole and Andy McGill for their past service to this Team!

It is important to pause to celebrate a huge accomplishment for 2019. Recently, the Mission Investment Fund Construction Loan was completely paid in full! In addition, the Maintenance Reserve Fund, a key goal of the campaign, was fully funded at the $30,000 level, providing vital resources in the event of an unexpected large maintenance issue.
With your continued help in completing your pledges to the Capital Campaign, the CCC Team, in consultation with the Project Planning Team will make recommendations to the Vestry for the remaining priorities to be addressed in 2020 and the coming years.

We cannot say it enough - thank you so very much for your support!

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Swank

Legacy Journey

Legacy—a contribution of great value to future generations

Legacy Journey is the avenue by which we educate and encourage our membership to consider the Ministry of Planned Giving to Saint Gabriel the Archangel.

What is the Ministry of Planned Giving?
• It is a ministry to encourage and assist each of us to plan responsibly for our desired legacy.
• It encourages each of us to make suitable provisions for our family members, and where possible, remembering Saint Gabriel the Archangel.
• It invites each of us to witness to our faith and our love of God and Saint Gabriel the Archangel in a very special way.
• It strengthens our ministry of the church or the program to which we may have a special commitment, in order to support generations to come.

The Legacy Journey will be re-launching our efforts in 2020. We would like to take this opportunity to share our appreciation for the Endowment gifts received in 2019 from the Martha Ramsey Estate. Because of these generous gifts, the Endowment continues to grow and enrich our parish!

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Swank
A Litany for the Church, The Book of Offices 1949

O GOD the Father, Creator of heaven and earth;
*Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world;
*Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful;
*Have mercy upon us.*

O *holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, One God;* *Have mercy upon us.*

O CHRIST, the Rock upon which thy Church is built, whereon thy People, as living stones fitly framed together, grow into a spiritual house;
*Defend thy Church, O Lord.*

O Christ, the Vine of which thy People are the branches, that they may bring forth fruit an hundred-fold;
*Defend thy Church, O Lord.*

O Christ, the Head of thy Body, the Church, whereof all thy People are the members;
*Defend thy Church, O Lord.*

O Christ, our Prophet, who teaches the way of God in truth;
*Defend thy Church, O Lord.*

O Christ, our Priest, who didst offer up thyself upon the Cross, and ever livest to make intercession for us with the Father;
*Defend thy Church, O Lord.*

O Christ, our King, who reignest over all the earth, and makes us the citizens of thy heavenly Kingdom:
*Defend thy Church, O Lord.*

O Christ, who didst send the Holy Ghost upon the Church at Pentecost, enduing it with power from on high;
*Defend thy Church, O Lord.*

We do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that we may continue steadfastly in the Apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers;
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That we may make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost;
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That thou wilt fulfil thy promise to be with us always, even unto the end of the world;
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That thou wilt bless the Clergy of thy Church, that they may diligently preach the Gospel, and faithfully administer the holy Sacraments;
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That thou wilt heal the divisions in thy Church, that we all may be one, even as thou art one with the Father;
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That every member of the Church in his vocation and ministry may truly and godly serve thee; *We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*
Arise, O God, maintain thine own cause;
And forget not the congregation of the poor for ever.

Look down from heaven, behold, and visit this vine;
And the branch that thou madest so strong for thyself.

Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness;
And let thy saints sing with joyfulness.

The Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O LORD, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve her evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Now unto Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Bless we the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
1 O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling,
to tell to all the world that God is Light;
that he who made all nations is not willing
tell how he stooped to save his lost creation,
one soul should fail to know his love and might.

2 Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation
that God, in whom they live and move, is Love;
give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;
pour out thy soul for them in prayer vigorous;
and died on earth that all might live above.

3 Send heralds forth to bear the message glorious;
make known to every heart his saving grace;
let none whom he hath ransomed fail to greet him,
thru through thy neglect, unfit to see his face.

till God shall bring his kingdom's joyful day.
Refrain

Publish glad tidings: tidings of peace,


tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.

Words: Mary Ann Thomson (1854-1923), alt.
Music: Tidings, James Walsh (1857-1901)

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Proclaiming the Good News of God’s Grace and Life-Changing Love for All