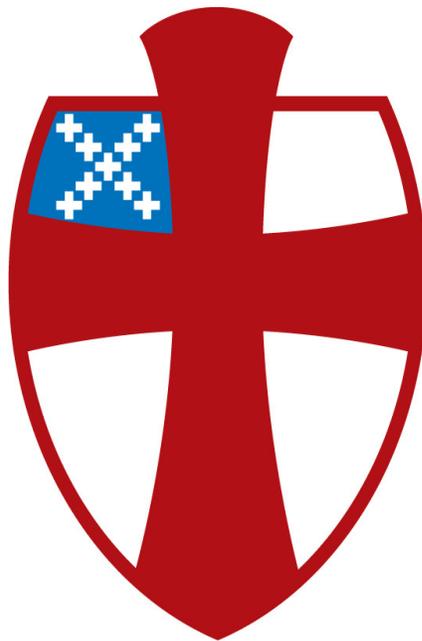


The Annual Report For 2018

To the Communicants of
Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church



Growing As God's Family

January 27, 2019

**Agenda for the Annual Meeting of
Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church,
Chandler, Arizona
January 27, 2019**

Invocation	The Rev. Dominic Moore
Appointment of the Clerk	Darlene Abel
Order for the Day	Darlene Abel
Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting	
Elections	Darlene Abel
•Junior Warden	
•Vestry Members	
•Diocesan Convention Delegates and Alternates	
Rector's Report	The Rev. Dominic Moore
Treasurer's Report	Larry Schuman
Outgoing Vestry Recognition	Darlene Abel
Election Report and Senior Warden's Report	Darlene Abel
Announcement of Senior Warden	The Rev. Dominic Moore
Benediction	The Rev. Dominic Moore

The Minutes of The Annual Meeting January 28, 2018

The meeting was called to order then opened in prayer by The Reverend Dominic Moore and turned to the Senior Warden, Darlene Abel, to Chair the Meeting.

The first order of business was appointment of the Clerk, Pamela Wilson to keep the official record of the Meeting.

The Order of the Annual Meeting was presented by Darlene Abel:
The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to Elect a Junior Warden, new Vestry Members, Delegates and Alternates to the Annual Convention.

Father Dominic addressed the Meeting with the qualifications for Voice and Vote set out by the Canons of the Episcopal Church and the By-Laws of Saint Matthews. Those eligible must be communicants in good standing of at least 16 years of age;

Must be members of record of Saint Matthews by Baptism, Confirmation, Reception or Transfer from another Episcopal Parish;

Must attend regularly; and

Be faithful in giving.

- A quorum was established. A quorum being ten percent (10%) of the membership qualified to vote. The clerk certified that a quorum was present.

Darlene thanked the Members of Saint Matthews for attending the Annual Meeting and for the support of our church.

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2017 Annual Meeting without a reading was made by Rose Cancellieri, seconded by Reverend Hank Tuell and approved unanimously.

Elections: Ballots were distributed by the proctors.

- Jeff Gentry was nominated for the position of Junior Warden. There were no other nominations from the floor. A motion was made, seconded and approved that Jeff Gentry be elected by acclamation

- There were four openings for Vestry class of 2018; Micah Abel, Beverly Houts and Andi Will were candidates. There were no nominations from the floor. Micah Abel, Beverly Houts and Andi Will were elected by acclamation.

- Father Dominic appointed Darlene Abel to serve as Senior Warden for 2018

- There are five openings for 2018 Convention Delegates; there were six candidates on the ballot; Luisa Bonillas, Larry Schuman, Rose Cancellieri, Pamela Wilson, Betsy Zakowski and Bob Zakowski. There were no candidates for alternate.

Fr. Dominic addressed the Meeting with process of determining the alternates, which would be any self-nominations from the floor and those not elected as Delegates. He also advised that this year's convention would be particularly important as we would be electing and new Bishop. As such all delegates were required to attend at least one walk-about to meet the Bishop candidates. Val Sweig asked to be included in the vote for Candidate and Donnie

Provost volunteered to be an alternate. The proctors counted the votes and the Delegates for 2018 convention will be: Luisa Bonillas, Pamela Wison, Larry Schuman, Betsy Zakowski and Bob Zakowski. The alternates will be Rose Cancellieri, Val Sweig and Donnie Provost.

Rector's Report

Recapping the 2020 Vision for St. Matthews:

- Welcome for All
- Service and Outreach
- Beautiful Liturgy and Vibrant Worship
- Offer New Programs to Change Lives
- Adult Education and Reading Groups
- Pastoral Care
- Thankful Giving
- Growing Community of Faith

The expansion project was proposed twice before in 2006 and 2008, but did not end in success. In 2014 the Reverend Susan Snook's mentoring and inspiration provided us with a new vision for growth and resulted in a successful expansion plan for St. Matthews. Watching us grow as the tower was built on Wednesday was a powerful experience. St. Matthews was planted in 1988 and this is the 30-year anniversary of that planting.

While we are coming to an end of a vision it only represents a beginning of another one. This Spring the parking area will be available by the end of February; Pews and Furniture by the end of March and 2 weeks later the windows will begin.

Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 10:30 AM Bishop Smith will consecrate the new sanctuary and a Barbeque will follow to celebrate. Be sure to save the date!

Chris Powers is creating our windows. The first that will be completed is the *Good Shepherd* which will be 18 feet tall. The second will be a rendition of Psalm 121 *I lift my eyes...* In total there will be 550 square feet of stained glass in the front of the sanctuary. You, St Matthews made this happen. Thank you.

The support, generosity and sacrifice will be recognized with a plaque and there will be memorial pavers created to continue to raise funds for our finishing touches. We have raised \$2million and another \$250,000 is needed for the completion of our project.

Question - Will the current sanctuary be repurposed someday? Later this year or next year?

Answer - There will be no change for a while.

Question - Will there be protection for the glass from exposure to the street?

Answer - Yes.

Question - Will there be a crying room?

Answer - No. There is space for children in the Narthex but no separate rooms.

Treasurer's Report:

There is a \$15,000 deficit at the end of the 2017 year instead of the planned \$51,000. This is an improved position of \$36,000.

In 2015 there was a \$70,000 deficit. St. Matthews continues to grow. In 2018 we are looking at a potential \$16,000 deficit and by 2019 hopefully we will show a balanced budget.

We will maintain the current staffing. We have increased our Utility budget by 50% across the board to accommodate the increased square footage. We are working with an unknown until we have some historical numbers to work with.

In the current construction project, we have a cash gap that we have taken a bridge loan to insure completion of the project and plan to eliminate that debt as soon as possible. All summaries are available in a packet - Statement of expenses online, in accordance with our total transparency position and *Covenant of Trust for Donations*.

Outgoing Vestry Recognition:

Brian Augustyn, Donnie Provost, Larry Schuman and Bryce Carder

Other Business: - 2017 Necrology Report

Cynthia Baker, Judy Burgess, Ida Chubbuck, Steve Conder, Connor Crowell, Millie Riley Dunn, Nancy Kane, Bud Maahs, Phyllis McCain, Charles Morse, Fred Saunders, Linda Shackle, Jim Sweig, Forrest Tate, Florence West, Marcella Wilkie.

Fr. Dominic closed in prayer.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Wilson
Clerk of the 2018 Annual Meeting

FINANCIAL REPORT - Larry Schuman

**Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church
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Financial Report**

	Actual	2018 Forecast	Variance	% Variance	2019 Forecast
Receipts					
Giving					
Unidentified plate	\$ 20,753	20,000	753	103.8%	20,000
Identified - non pledge	104,416	95,000	9,416	109.9%	110,000
Pledge	540,548	530,000	10,548	102.0%	600,000
Electronic payment costs	-6,609	-5,700	-909	115.9%	-7,250
Total giving	659,107	639,300	19,807	103.1%	722,750
Interest earned	129				0
Total receipts	659,237	639,300	19,807	103.1%	722,750
Disbursements					
Diocesan assessment	110,641	108,043	2,598	102.4%	122,145
Operating disbursements					
Pastoral	189,945	203,552	-13,608	93.3%	222,660
Music	58,080	58,580	-500	99.1%	65,590
Christian formation	47,774	59,139	-11,365	80.8%	60,640
Other programs	8,643	8,650	-7	99.9%	13,750
Worship	2,995	2,200	795	136.1%	3,100
Administrative	136,178	151,454	-15,276	89.9%	155,210
Buildings and grounds	65,969	63,720	2,249	103.5%	77,860
Total operating disbursements	509,583	547,295	-37,712	93.1%	598,810
Total disbursements	620,224	655,338	-35,114	94.6%	720,955
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	\$ 39,013	-16,038	54,921	(243.3%)	1,795

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Cash December 31, 2018**

Operating account		\$ 175,361
Designated funds		
Building	\$ 163,339	
Ministry holdings		
Funds over \$ 3,000		
Youth group including mission trip	\$ 34,750	
Memorial garden care	12,228	
Gathering conference	10,242	
Music	3,938	
Funds less than \$ 3,000	<u>22,210</u>	
		83,368
Single purpose music fund		<u>59,231</u>
Total designated funds		305,937
Total cash		<u>\$ 481,298</u>

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Sanctuary Construction**

Receipts		
Church restricted funds	\$ 400,000	
Contributions	1,790,446	
Bridge loan	450,000	
Total receipts	<u>2,640,446</u>	
Disbursements		
Redden Construction	1,944,451	
Stained glass	215,400	
Interior furnishings	104,855	
Other owner paid costs	106,608	
Loan interest and repayments	<u>105,772</u>	
Total disbursements	2,477,107	
Cash on hand	<u>\$ 163,339</u>	
Bridge loan balance	<u>\$ 359,228</u>	

2018 was a year to remember.

It was a year marked by lots of hard work, by challenges and obstacles, but also by great success and accomplishment. Over the last four years, I've spilled a lot of ink about our Capital Campaign, and so I'll keep this missive short: we did it, but we also have much more to do and I am more excited than ever about the future of St. Matthew's.

Here are a few highlights from 2018:

- We opened the new building in April of 2018, increasing our space by 6,500 sq. ft., or more than the size of the original church and office building combined.
- Just before Thanksgiving we installed 550 sq. ft. of stained glass that completely transforms our worship and provides a lasting legacy of Christian art for this community.
- We grew in attendance, to a Sunday average of 362, which is a 7% increase from the prior year - and that happened in just eight months after opening the new building.
- We had projected a deficit this year, but your generosity turned that on its head. We ended the year in the black, we are projecting a balanced budget for 2019 and we are planning to expand our programmatic offerings in the year to come.
- You stepped up to the plate and gave in record number to Helen's Hope Chest, Matthew's Crossing, Habitat for Humanity and our other outreach partners. You are making this community known across the Valley as a place that lives out its Christian mission.

Here are few things we're doing in 2019:

- We will explore opportunities for new capital projects. A new organ, and renovations to the gardens and common spaces are all on the table.
- In support of our 2020 goals, your Rector will be taking leave to pursue Spanish-language immersion so that we can think critically about expanding our Hispanic ministry offerings.
- We will be hiring a new Children's Minister and we hope to expand our offerings for young families.
- We are expanding our Pastoral Care ministries with the help of some dedicated and passionate lay people who want to make sure that no one is forgotten and that everyone knows the power of God's love.
- We balanced the budget; and we will continue to show fiscal conservatism and discipline with the gifts that you give us, devoting as much as possible to the expansion of ministry and new programming.

Someone wise once told me that for a church, "Your future should always be more exciting than your past." I love the history of St. Matthew's. We are surrounded by a great "cloud of witnesses," but we are also stepping boldly into a future that will continue to transform this place. God is not done with us yet, either as individuals or as a church, and I think that the best years for St. Matthew's are still to come.

Thank you for your faith, your prayers and your generous support of our mission. If there is something we can improve, or a way that you want to give back to this community, don't hesitate to give me a call.

Associate for Community Life**The Rev. Hank Tuell**

It's only been a year, but I feel like I have known you all for a lifetime. This feeling of welcome and inclusion is not just for staff and clergy. The Saint Matthew's family has been working hard on helping newcomers feel welcomed and at home. We have done great work this year on creating community and welcoming those who are new. The new Community Life committee will continue to plan events that offer us the opportunity to fellowship with others get to know each other better. We are called not only to worship but to build community and I believe that we have done very well at it and look forward to a growing program of community life in 2019.

Our youth and family programs continue to grow and flourish because of all the dedicated youth and children leaders and volunteers. Our youth are doing amazing work here in our church, out in our community and even across the country through feeding programs, volunteer work, and mission trips. They are shining examples of God's hands and feet in the world around us. Our children's programming has provided many opportunities for our children to engage in fun and faith development. We had an awesome VBS program last year. Through the tireless work of many volunteers, we had the chance to provide and fun and spiritually educations experience to 40 young Christians through our VBS programming last year, I expect this year to be just as successful.

In this next year, we will be looking to increase our opportunities for family fellowship. We will be looking for opportunities to get together and grow our community as well as have fun. I can't say thank you enough to all the staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to support our youth and children's programming. Your gift's to the church are planting seeds of faith that will certainly see future rewards that will be beyond our imagination. In the next year we will continue to need volunteers and people willing to help in both children's and youth programming so please contact us if you are interested.

Senior Warden**Darlene Abel**

Once again this has been a dynamic year at Saint Matthew's! We have a beautiful new home in which to worship. The dedication and inspiration of your vestry, along with countless other people, have made it possible. I am humbled to have the opportunity to work with them. A special thanks goes to our outgoing members, Janice Ghiz and Kate Hesse for their three years of service and inspiration.

In worship news, we trained up more acolytes and look forward to their joyful smiles and service in the coming year. We also have added a number of new readers and chalice bearers. We would love to welcome more! We have continued to have many opportunities to worship our Lord besides just on Sundays and invite people to participate in the life of our church.

I have been truly blessed to serve Fr Dominic and the people of Saint Matthew's as Senior Warden and am looking forward to more exciting days ahead!

Ministry Reports:

Altar Guild

Choppie Lewis

Altar Guild members serve as "God's housekeepers". Altar Guild participants prepare the altar for services. As directoress, I am assisted by Wendy Hines, who is in charge of ordering supplies and Suellen Eyre, who provides training. We serve at the pleasure of the clergy. Altar Guild members also prepare the church and altar for weddings, funerals and all seasons of the church calendar. We have been blessed with several new members this year and welcome anyone from the congregation who wishes to be a part of this rewarding ministry of service to God.

Bible Study

Ann Port

Please join a group of men and women who are eager to understand God's word as revealed in both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. Our ultimate goal is to become faithful followers of Christ as we grow in our personal relationship with Him. Whether you are a Bible "scholar" or a "novice;" whether you choose to participate in the discussion or just listen, it does not matter, you will be welcomed. Adult Bible study meets every Thursday at 10:00 in the Parish Hall. For further information, contact Ann Port at acport22@gmail.com or [480 840-6047](tel:4808406047).

Boy Scouts

Ed Dunn

Troop 233 is still in business with only six Scouts now. We sure could use a few new boys as many of our Scouts have either made Eagle and departed or have aged out. We still meet each Monday night at 6:30 in the Parish Hall and put emphasis on camping and other outdoor activities.

Children's Literacy Program—Read to Grow Suellen Eyre

Records at the end of December 2018 indicate that since June 2015, over 28,000 children's books have been distributed to children whose parents and grandparents receive food boxes at Matthew's Crossing Food Bank. A Christmas book was added to 100 family food boxes distributed the week before Christmas.

Monetary donations and St. Matthew's Outreach Committee provide some funding to purchase books when book donations run low. A book drive here at St. Matthew's will be conducted during April, but book donations may be made anytime during the year by placing children's books (pre-reading through 8th grade levels) in the blue bin in the narthex or by dropping them off at the food bank. Two to three hundred books are placed in bins each week.

The books you provide spread happiness and delight to children who might not have books of their own.

Community Life Committee

Shawn Rutledge

This is a new committee just started this year. Our stated goal is engagement of the church in the surrounding community, through activities and outreach. We organized a success Fall Festival in November, and have many other events coming up in the future. If you would like to get involved, or have an idea on how we could engage the neighborhood we live in, please feel free to reach out to Vestry member Shawn Rutledge at job_21_3@yahoo.com or 602-688-2273.

The Order of the Daughter's of the King Jane Albin

"Spiritual Development, Fellowship and Good Times" is the theme of our monthly meetings on the second Saturday of the month, from September through May. We meet in the Parish Hall at 9:30 for coffee, treats and wonderful camaraderie. A short business meeting is conducted, followed by a Spiritual Growth Lesson in which we learn, grow and explore interesting and varied topics. Our chapter is the largest in Arizona, consisting of 45 strong and caring women. Our mission is to serve as an extension of Christ's Kingdom through Service, Prayer and Evangelism. We welcome all women of St. Matthew's and encourage you to come and join us. For further information, contact Jane Albin at janealbin1@msn.com, or 480-296-8122.

Family Ministries

Kadi Strong and Emily Duffy

Family ministries at Saint Matthew's seeks to inform families with ways to promote spiritual growth both at home and at church, We send out monthly newsletters with ideas for spiritual growth as well and news and information about what is happening here at church. The Family Ministry website continues to be updated every month to allow newcomers to see who we are and what we do, while also keeping our current families in the know about upcoming events, programs, and philosophy.

Sunday School

Emily Duffy

Each week, using the Sparkhouse Curriculum, students watched an animated Bible story video, discussed the story, read their Bible storybook, and completed a creative activity to help them understand the bible and connect it to their daily living. We had approximately 30-35 children registered for Sunday school with volunteer teaching teams who plan and implement lessons. It was a great space to watch the children, not only learn about Christ, but also grow in relationship with each other. In addition, we implemented many Sunday School Fun days on Sunday's which we may traditionally not have had Sunday School. This expands the opportunities we can give to families with children in our community.

Children's Chapel

Emily Duffy

Children's Chapel offered space for children to learn and explore faith while their parents attend the church service. It was offered during the school year during both the 9am and 11am services and during one service over the summer. There was anywhere from 8-22 children on any given Sunday who participated in bible lessons, games, and a craft.

Youth Group

Kadi Strong

2018 showed some changes to youth group with the director, Kadi Strong, going from full time to part time, however, our YG program is still the largest and one of the best in the diocese. With 13 youth leaders and about 40 youth attending youth group, we provided space for the youth to ask big questions, voice their doubts, explore their faith, worship Christ through music, play games, and grow in relationship with each other. The youth band grew to 8 youth with Rob as their fearless leader, and outreach continued to occupy 25% of our meeting time. The youth of Saint Matthew's are dynamic, thoughtful, and caring, and they continue to grow in relationship with Christ and one another.

Mission Trip**Kadi Strong**

Brooklyn, NY was the destination of the 2018 Youth Mission Trip. 17 youth and 4 leaders slept in a small church in Chinatown, served in soup kitchens, elderly centers, food pantries, and more. While there, we discovered the beautifully diverse communities that exist within each city block and why Brooklynites are so proud of their borough. In our free time, we rode the subway, walked the Brooklyn Bridge, ate at Coney Island, took in the view of Manhattan from the Empire State Building, and so much more. Like all our mission trips, the youth were immersed in culture, saw a different part of the country, and spent time talking and reflecting about the world God has created.

Youth Outreach**Kadi Strong**

With Outreach occupying 25% of our meetings, the youth are definitely able to impact their community and share the light of Christ. The High Schoolers have continued to feed the homeless once a month. We mixed it up this year and some months we are received with huge open arms as we give hot pizza and coffee along with socks, blankets, and beanies.

The Junior High youth have also stepped up their game partnering with Feed Our Babies, an organization striving to develop and implement a sustainable, nutritious food source for hungry families, one school district at a time.

The 5th & 6th graders spent the year doing various outreach projects. They did random acts of kindness throughout the community, packed and sorted food bank donations for Matthew's Crossing's Thanksgiving Drive, and shopped for donation items for various nonprofits.

Outreach will continue to be a huge focus as our youth are discovering where needs exist and how they can be the hands and feet of Christ as they share a smile and words of encouragement.

Girl Scouts**Jennifer Downey**

Troop 1407 holds meetings at the church every other Monday in the Youth Room. The Troop is comprised of 10 Brownies (grades 2/3) and 10 Juniors (grades 4/5). There are two leaders and three girls who are members of our congregation in the Troop ☐

We appreciate all the support that the church supplies our Troop with a room to meet and of course purchasing our cookies each year.

Health Ministry**Helen Amena, BS, RN, Faith Community Nurse****Wellness Committee and Faith Community Nursing****Wellness Committee:**

The Wellness Committee exists to promote health, wellness and wholeness through body, mind and spirit while increasing self knowledge, personal responsibility and independence in our faith community. In 2018 the wellness committee has limited itself to identifying the needs of the community and posting flyers in the restrooms because of the construction and completion of our new sanctuary.

Faith Community Nursing:

Faith community nursing exists to maintain wholeness in mind, body and spirit while assisting by education, resources and recognition of the health-faith connection as a means to wholeness. Creating an atmosphere and environment of health and wellness. During 2018 there were approximately 24 persons followed on a regular basis by phone and visits. A total

of 848 hours were spent between visits, phone calls, office hours, administrative duties and the wellness committee meetings. The Faith Community Nurse assesses the persons condition and what help they have or may need. She may educate the person when needed. She also brings spiritual support to the people visited or called.

Habitat for Humanity

Wayne Needham

284 people worldwide now live in habitat homes sponsored by the Episcopal Habitat Coalition. Saint Matthew's has participate in every activity of the coalition. We have provided hands to help raise walls, food to nourish the volunteer workers, and funds to help purchase construction materials. These 74 homes represent the impact of our outreach activity. Thank you for all you do to make this outreach happen.

Healing, Intercessory Prayer and Laying on of Hands

Shirley Duffy

As a disciple of Christ, we are all called to participate through prayer in His ministry of healing. At Saint Matthew's Church on the first Sunday of every month, we ask our Lord Jesus Christ to walk among us healing what is broken in the human condition (mind, body, spirit). His will for all Children of God who come to him in faith, is healing and salvation; in him all darkness is turned to light and all brokenness is made whole. If you feel empowered to allow Christ to work through you in his healing of others and wish to assist in this very special ministry, please contact Shirley Duffy

Helen's Hope Chest

Olinda Willis

Arizona's 18,000 foster children benefit greatly from clothing, school supplies (including backpacks) and Christmas gifts via Helen's Hope Chest. Your generosity is a huge help to these children. Our backpack drive provided 400 backpacks to Helen's through a combination of backpacks and cash donations. The November gift card drive to provide teens with Christmas cheer collected an astonishing \$3840 in gift cards and cash earmarked to purchase more which was given directly to Helen's.

Matt's Café

Pam Garbett

Matt's Café continues to offer parishioners a place to gather after the services. We offer three types of coffee every Sunday: regular roast, dark roast and decaf. Hot water is also available for those who prefer hot chocolate or tea. Creams, sugars and some condiments are set out for people to use. We have a strong team of baristas including Jessica Moore, Tim Skarupa, Ed Dunn, Dennis Gammon and Julie Yates. Suggestions on how to improve Matt's Café are always welcome.

Mom's Group

Molly Abel

Mom's Club meets on Tuesdays from 9-11am. We read Christian books on motherhood, discuss challenges and triumphs of being a mother and pray together. We were able to serve new mothers with free childcare in our nursery

Music Ministries:

Rachel Salemi

St. Matthew's Music Ministry includes four ensembles and soloists who provide music for worship throughout the year at the 7:30, 9:00 am, and 11:00 am, services, including Adult Choir, Handbell Choir, State of Grace Band, and Children's Choirs.

Mutsumi Mori was hired as our organist/accompanist in September 2018 and provides inspiring music at the keyboard for all 7:30 and 9:00 and other special services, and accompanies our choir at rehearsals every week on organ and piano.

Music was prepared for special services throughout the year, including Ash Wednesday, daily services during Holy Week, The service of consecration of the new St. Matthew's church building, Thanksgiving Day, a service of Advent Lessons & Carols, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The Adult choir continued to provide wonderful choral music year round for the 9:00 and other special services, to grow in choral technique and musicianship, and continued its weekly rehearsals from 7-9 pm to accommodate a deeper level of music rehearsal. We have welcomed new members, guest soloists.

The Handbell Choir welcomed new members, played year round for services at 9:00, and has also deepened and improved music-reading and playing.

The Children's Choir has joyfully rehearsed and sung for services in the Spring and Fall semesters, singing a variety of sacred music styles, learning to process, work on rhythmic skills, and play choir chimes.

2018 State of Grace Band

Dave Hecker

"State of Grace" is the praise and worship band for the 11AM contemporary service lead by Dave Hecker on the piano. The group is very happy to be in our new beautiful sanctuary. What a difference to have the space we were so limited on in the old building. The sound was a bit challenging in the beginning but with some help and a new monitoring system we have corrected the issues. Thank you to all for your patience and generosity.

Please welcome new members Jill Clark and Brad Strong to our choir and Jack Strong on electric guitar and soon a new drummer Mark Zoroya will be joining us. As we grow our commitment to this ministry is to bring the best of past and present praise and worship music to the 11Am service every Sunday.

Necrology Report

Debby Tartell

The following members of Saint Matthew's entered the nearer presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the year 2018: Dennis Adamson, Evelyn Carder, Pat Means, William Moy, Fr. Charlie Smith, Carol Stege, Joyce Wilhelm, Jim Williams, Alice Verkerk, Harlie Youngblood, June Zissis

Office Volunteers

Debby Tartell

We have few office volunteers that give of their time and talents effortlessly. They answer phones, greet visitors, tidy the sanctuary, fold bulletins for adult and youth parishioners, prepare mailings to our congregation and many, many more very important duties. We thank them for leading and for their impact – much of which most don't even know about. No task is too large and no task is too small for this formidable team. Our success could not happen without God's purposing through them.

Outreach Committee

Jennifer Downey

The Outreach committee at Saint Matthew's is attended by 12 faithful volunteers. In 2018 the committee met once a month on Wednesday mornings. The Outreach budget in 2018 consisted of \$2,500 from the church general fund and \$10,363.70 in money that is rebated back to the church from the Episcopal Arizona Diocese. The Outreach committee provided funding to the following Outreach ministries:

- Youth Group - High School - Peanut Butter and Jelly Ministry (PB&J)- \$1,600
- Youth Group - Middle school - Acts of Kindness - \$1,000
- Children's Book Ministry - \$200
- Helen's Hope Chest - Backpack collection - \$500, Christmas Gift Cards \$1,000
- Matthew's Crossing Food Bank - \$2,500
- Sacaton Middle School Robotic program- \$1,400
- Habitat for Humanity - \$1,500
- Honduras Medical Mission - \$1,000
- Episcopal Develop & Relief Fund - Hurricane relief - \$500

The Outreach committee also helped to organize the following collections in 2018:

- Hosted an Easter Children's Book collection
- Collected tooth paste for the Honduras Medical Mission
- Collected all the sides to go with the Matthew's Crossing Thanksgiving distribution
- Collected Back to School backpacks for foster children distributed by Helen's Hope Chest
- Collected Gift cards for teens in foster care for Christmas presents distributed by Helen's Hope Chest

Congregation participation programs funded by the Outreach committee:

- Congregation members participated in build days for Habitat for Humanity
- The first Sunday of each month the High School teens take their PB&J's and food to downtown Phoenix to feed the homeless
- The first Sunday of each month the Middle School children visit non profit organization and give them donations and learn about volunteering

These are just some of the on going programs that are funded by the Outreach committee. We are always looking for more members and other programs to support!

The 2018 Medical Mission took place at La Iglesia Episcopal de San Marcos in Omoa which is in northeastern Honduras under the authorization of Bishop Lloyd Allen. 15 team members included physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, a pharmacist and other lay volunteers who filled various rolls. During the five day clinic, over 500 adults and children were examined and treated. The pharmacy dispensed over 1200 prescriptions and every person received multivitamins. The eye clinic evaluated 233 persons; fitting 109 pairs of prescription eyeglasses, 111 readers and 174 pairs of sunglasses. A local Honduran dentist treated 46 patients, extracting 66 teeth. In addition, 67 new Sawyer water filters were distributed after training families in proper use and maintenance. Several dozen replacement parts for water filters were given to those who already had a Sawyer filter. The 2018 Team is grateful to the

people of St. Matthew's for the \$1,000 contribution which covered the cost of the first time dental clinic and for all the toothpaste, floss and toothbrushes so generously donated.

Prayer Shawl/Quilts4Kidz

Shirley Duffy

We support our parish families dealing with a long-term or terminal illness by providing blessed comfort shawls and quilts. We provide a choice of either a small blanket or Teddy Bear to all our newest members at their baptism, and we wrap each youth group High School graduates leaving home for the first time in a comfort shawl. Our ministry volunteers also participate in many community outreach programs by providing crocheted, knitted and sewn items. Come join us. We are a creative fun group! If you do not know how to crochet or knit, we will teach you. To receive special notifications and dates regarding this ministry, call Shirley Duffy

Saints in Action

Shirley Duffy

Each disciple of Christ was given a special gift and together we can make a wonderful difference in someone's life. At the family's request, volunteers are ready to assist them by managing their reception in the parish hall following a celebration of life service at Saint Matthew's Church. Our goal is to provide some guidance and ease the planning process at a most difficult time. If we can be of assistance to your family, please contact the church office. And if you wish to participate in this ministry, please contact Shirley Duffy

Simple Give

Janet Lyons

Simple Give is Saint Matthew's new online giving platform. It is a very convenient way to set up a recurring offering schedule as well as easily make payments or donations to different ministries at Saint Matthew's. Any time a donation is made you will receive an email verification to that effect. Simple Give provides you constant and direct access to your account information as well as your online payment history. You will continue to receive statements from the parish as in the past, but you can view your online donation history at any time.

Stewardship

Stewardship can be defined as "Using the gifts God has given us to do the work He is calling us to do". It is to this end that the Stewardship Committee focuses on providing programs and activities to encourage spiritual growth as people with capacity to give, serve, and care generously. In 2018 the people of St Matthew's donated thousands of volunteer hours across the 50+ ministries in our parish and we are happy to also report good news on our financial gifts to the church as a result of our Stewardship Program called Consecration Sunday.

Theology On Tap:

Shawn Rutledge

This group meets outside of church to discuss living our faith outside of the church walls in our daily lives. We have used current events such as General Convention or the Bishop Search as topics, or sometimes we read books and use those as jumping off points. Our group has grown in attendance in the last year, growing from a steady group of 5 to a group of 8-10 on a consistent basis. Please join us! Times and location are on the church calendar and in the bulletin.

Ushers 9:00 a.m.

Jeff Pavlica

2018 was an exciting year for St. Matthews with the completion of the new Church building. The layout of the new Church required us to re-structure our Usher procedures to facilitate

the smooth flow of the congregation before, during and after Services. Overall, the process and changes went very well and the 9:00 Usher team successfully provided coverage and assistance for each Service throughout the 2018 calendar year. We look forward to a great 2019, and continue to extend an invitation to join our ministry at St. Matthews!

Ushers 11:00 a.m.

Sandi Brandau

We are blessed with a dedicated group of ushers for the 11 AM service. We have a team structure in place for all of the services each month. Each team ushers once a month. We greet parishioners, assist with seating, pass out bulletins, collect the offering, and perform other tasks as requested. We are often in need for additional ushers, so, if you are interested in ushering please call the church office or Sandi Brandau.