ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2013

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## St. John's Operations Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
### Year Ending 2013

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- Revenue vs. Expenditures: (818.3) (7670) (8051.3)
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Giving by members of the parish well exceeded pledges and expectations by almost $48,000. Expenses were less than budgeted due to a generous gift applied to music expenses and careful spending, resulting in savings in various categories through conscious efforts to reduce expenses. Every expense category was under budget for the year except for Outreach (which includes the Covenant) and Administration, which exceeded budget only because of the unbudgeted cost of refurbishing the kneelers at the altar. The net result was a general fund deficit for the year of only $7,669 compared to a budgeted deficit of $88,000. This was an outstanding outcome, much better than anyone had dared to anticipate.

Our cash balances at the beginning of the year were strong. As a result of the unexpectedly generous giving and good results on expenses, the year 2013 ends with an excellent cash reserve of $642,289.

There is also good news for the coming year, with an expected increase in pledges for 2014 of approximately 5 percent. The increase is especially encouraging since pledging had been flat for the preceding 5 years. The increase provides confidence for going forward with a full staff and clergy contingent.

There are two reports attached for your review which reflect the operation of the parish in 2013. The first report attached shows actual revenues and expenses for the year 2013 compared to budget and, as you will see, shows revenues of $47,809 more than budgeted and expenses of $32,704 less than budget, resulting in a small deficit.

The second report attached, the Cash Flow Statement, shows the activity in the General Fund and also in various restricted funds in a summary fashion. The first column shows our General Fund cash, receipts and expenditures. All other columns show funds restricted for various purposes that do not fall within the budget. The names of the various funds appear at the top of the page and the headings down the left side of the page show the sources and purposes for which funds were received and paid and beginning and ending cash balances for each segregated fund. Cash on hand in the General Fund is at a very satisfactory level adequate to fully fund church operations for almost three months, a plentiful reserve. The 2014 budget is again a deficit budget, due in large part to the cost of including the third clergy member for the full year.

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Church. While we had experienced tremendous financial growth years ago, the past several years have been tougher ones financially. Perhaps the economy is improving or perhaps we were resting from some previous years of growth, or perhaps the combination of stability and new vitality in our ministry has inspired us all to give more. Our current indebtedness on our building is right around $1 million as we begin the year. The loan amount was reduced by $725,000 in 2013 and our goal is to be debt free by July 2015. Your generosity is making headway and we are very nicely positioned for future growth. Giving money may not be the most important thing that we do but it provides a necessary foundation for spiritual growth and good works. As we give we grow in Christ.

The bottom line statistics reveal a steady year with no substantial numerical loss or growth. We do continue to attract new members, most of them younger, and we continue to enjoy numerous children in our midst. Nearly a third of our members are under 20. Only about 15% are over 65. All are important and the diversity of an older downtown parish is a unique and powerful witness in a polarized world where people seem to gravitate only to groups where everyone is the same. We appeal to a wide range of people and we see a glimpse of the kingdom as a result. 19 baptisms, 4 weddings, 8 burials, and 7 confirmations were recorded. Our average Sunday attendance is over 300 including summer months. Our average weekly attendance at all our various worship services is 470.

Holy Cross Episcopal School continues to be an important part of the overall mission of our parish. The school is separate from us in terms of governance and finance yet our support and involvement there is substantial. Your clergy help lead morning Chapel services there on a regular basis, numerous parishioners serve on the Board of Trustees, and this year I was elected Chairman. In our search for a new Head of School, we attracted a most capable candidate in Melissa Coumanis who moved here from Bayside Academy in Mobile. We continue to believe Holy Cross offers the very best primary education in the area and commend the school to you for your own support and the education of your children and grandchildren.

Some areas of needed growth for the parish include: increased pastoral care; better participation in the high quality programs offered; attracting more new members; more forms of outreach to those in need; involving more members in our choirs; better involvement in the growing downtown area; inviting more members into the center of activity; progressing in our understanding of what it means to be a Christ centered community in the midst of a changing world; better understanding of our responsibility to be good stewards of our God-given gifts.

I continue to be grateful for the privilege of serving in this vital part of the kingdom. This year of renewal on top of so many successful years together allows us the rich opportunity of deepening our spiritual grounding in Christ Jesus and to reach out to our community. In addition to the great deal of fun that I have here each day, I also carry a deep sense of responsibility to take full advantage of this exciting season in our parish’s history. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required...” (Luke 12:48). 2013 was a year of substantial change and rebuilding, the purpose of which is the growth it may hopefully inspire. May God continue to lead and guide us as we seek to worship him and make disciples for Jesus Christ.

Yours faithfully,

Robert C. Wisnewski, Jr.
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Respectfully submitted,

Bob Young
Bobby Seibels
R. Bruce Rinehart
Mark Harris
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REPORTS OF THE ASSOCIATE RECTORS

After being ordained a deacon in May 2013, I began serving St. John’s in June of 2013. I was ordained a priest on November 23, 2013 by The Rt. Rev. Kee Sloan at St. John’s. It was an auspicious occasion which has marked not only my life as a priest, but a transformative moment in who I am and how I serve God’s people. In the examination for priesthood, the bishop declares that the one being ordained is called to work as a pastor, priest, and teacher. These three descriptors shape my approach to ministry and prioritize my work.

As a Pastor

One of my greatest joys and wonders is being welcomed into the homes and confidence of parishioners. It is with a grateful heart that I get to make visitations with those who are in the hospital, rehab facilities, and nursing homes or assisted living facilities as well as those who are home-bound—taking communion to them, sharing in conversations that include anything from their favorite memories to their greatest fears, and praying together.

I have also enjoyed connecting and building relationships with parishioners in a variety of settings that have influenced and strengthened pastoral relationships. These settings range from purely social such as Heavenly Host and Holy Spirits to more intentional spiritual work and nourishment through short term spiritual direction and conversation.

This past summer I enjoyed the opportunity to travel to Honduras with our medical mission team. Not only was this a great adventure and successful mission, it gave me the opportunity to participate in the work of the Holy Spirit that reaches out across all borders or barriers. Since that time, I have remained in contact with some of those I met there through social networking and the internet and am reminded that we are not just members of a church in Montgomery, AL but are members of a great family of God that extends well beyond our own awareness.

As a Priest

Good liturgy is a foundation to Christian ethics. St. John’s offers several services each week in which one might participate in good liturgical practice, two on Sunday, as well as one each on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. It is with great joy and reassurance that I serve the altar and people of St. John’s at these services. I believe that what we do in these services is a practice for how we are to live our lives in the world. In so doing I am very intentional in my service at the altar and preparation for that work, including sermon prep and bulletin prep. You may have noticed our use of seasonal blessings at the end of the service. These blessings are authorized by the Episcopal Church and written to reflect the focus of each season in our church year. As we become more attuned to the seasons of the church year, we discover a loosening of the hold that our human, or chronos, time has upon us and deeper engagement with God’s time, or kairos. This shift in focus can begin to align our needs and desires with that which brings us into greater reconciliation with God. To that end, these seasonal blessings are a means to refocus our attention away from ourselves and towards God’s work in the world.

As a Teacher

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I look forward to our ministry together in 2014. St. John’s. I am grateful for all of them and grateful to all of you for your welcome, encouragement, and support of me. I look forward to our ministry together in 2014.

I am now in my second year serving as Curate at St. John’s Church. This past year has been one of many life transitions. On May 18th I was ordained as a deacon in the church and on June 1st I was married to my wonderful wife, Jessica Dawn Cenci. Six months after my diocesan ordination (on November 23rd) I was ordained to the priesthood. I was blessed to have both my diocesan and priesthood ordinations in the nave of St. John’s surrounded by the wonderful people of this parish.

This past year has not just been a time of transition but it has also been a time of Spiritual growth. St. John’s has afforded me the opportunity to be formed and molded into the pastor, preacher and teacher that God has called me to be. I have been both challenged and encouraged in a variety of ways and I am confident that God has (and will) use all of these experiences to His glory and purpose. I have been truly blessed to serve under the leadership of The Rev. Robert Wisnewski. His example of humility and thoughtful and godly conduct regarding the administration of the parish has been instructive and inspirational. I am additionally honored to have had the opportunity to work with all of the staff members of St. John’s who daily go above and beyond the call of duty to serve our Lord in this wonderful Church. I continue to remain excited about the future of St. John’s Parish and I continue to pray that God will work in and through me to bring about His works of providence in this place.

**Adult Sunday School Christian Education**

Christian education beyond the pew is such an important aspect of spiritual growth in any Christian community. It is exciting to see the participation at St. John’s in religious forums, evening lectures, EFM, and adult Sunday school. This past year I had the opportunity to teach a variety of classes that were designed to bring our faith to life in new and intriguing ways. In the Spring I taught an adult Sunday school class on the book of Ruth and another class on the twelve apostles. The latter used both scripture and early church history to unlock the mystery of what happened to the twelve apostles after the ascension of Jesus Christ. I presented this same class in the form of a six week series to the men’s breakfast at the Church of the Ascension. This fall I taught a Wednesday night series on the development of the character of Satan in scripture and in church history. The purpose of this course was to identify the reality of evil in the world and to better understand how evil is personified in the Devil. This fall I also had the opportunity to deliver a lecture to the local chapter of the Colonial Dames outlining the history of religion in British Colonial North America. 20’s and 30’s Ministry

St. John’s is blessed to have a large group of folks in their 20’s and 30’s. This past fall we began a new Sunday school class for this group led by myself and Jim and Mallory Salter. The purpose of this class is to bring the younger people of St. John’s together to discuss scripture and to address a variety of issues that are unique to our age demographic. Our group also meets occasionally for social events and gathers every third Thursday at Pine Bar for the “Holy Spirits” fellowship. Holy Spirits is an opportunity for all our parishioners (not just our 20’s and 30’s folks) to come together and fellowship outside of the church.

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Report of the Outreach Grants Committee

In 2013, the Outreach Grants Committee distributed $105,000 in grants to charitable organizations providing services to our neighbors in need. The amount we had budgeted was level funded from the previous year. In the spring, the members of this committee reviewed the grants submitted to us and worked to ensure our resources were shared with worthy organizations in and around Montgomery.

The committee always strives to distribute funds among a variety of needs, such as children, elderly, prisons, homeless, and the sick. Before we meet as a committee to determine funding amounts for each charity, a member of the committee calls on the organization requesting the grant money and further researches their services and needs.

This year, our monies helped fund the Volunteer & Information Center, Lighthouse Counseling Center, Family Sunshine Center, the Salvation Army, Holy Cross for scholarships, MACOA, Karios, Aid to Inmate Mothers, and the Sawyerville Day Camp, just to name a few. In all, we provided grant money to 39 charitable organizations.

As always, we encourage St. John’s members to provide us with information on any charitable organization that might benefit from our outreach grants.

Thanks to the entire Outreach Committee for all of their hard work in carefully researching each of the requests we receive.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzi Edwards
Outreach Committee Chair

Report of the Pastoral Care Committee

The pastoral care committee is primarily a ministry of providing food to individuals and families within our parish community during crucial times of loss or sickness. About fifty women make up the pastoral care committee. These folks are divided into twelve monthly teams, headed by a captain. (Some people serve more than one month.) The captain discusses with the four or five people who will work with her that month about how they would like to share the work. Most decide that every member should have the opportunity to make a delivery, as it is at that time that one can experience what a blessing this ministry brings to those in need of it. Many of the current members of the committee have been recipients of pastoral care at some time in the past, and want to have a chance to participate in an activity that means so much to them.

Easter and Christmas offer the opportunity to do a little something special for all those church members on the prayer list, some of whom are in nursing homes or homebound. Our fabulous group of women delivered special gifts and love during this time as well. During the other months, pastoral care committee members assisted at visitations and memorial services for parishioners. We prepared and assisted at numerous luncheons or dinners for families who had lost someone, serving from as many as 7 to 100. We delivered meals to those who were sick or had family members who were. We also visited numerous individuals, usually while delivering food. Sometimes the people we called needed no food, but we let them know the church was thinking about them. Many of those calls were followed up with written notes.

Some months were busier than others. We remind those volunteers who serve on a slow month that it’s good that it’s slow; it means that everyone in the parish is getting along fine. We give thanks to God at all times, but particularly when we know none of us is experiencing loss or sickness.

May God be with each of us and guide us in our service to him.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzi Edwards

Mission and Outreach

Mission and outreach is who we are as Christians. The scriptures do not make it optional, but rather call each of us to love and serve all people in the name of Jesus Christ. At St. John’s we have many mission and outreach opportunities. Locally we work with a variety of organizations that assist those in need in our city. These organizations include; Habitat for Humanity, Bridge Builders, Rebuilding together, One Church Mission, Family Promise, and the Salvation Army. Since coming to St. John’s I have helped organize efforts to assist these ministries in a variety of different ways. This past fall we just finished a community faith build, in which we worked with a number of other churches to build a Habitat for Humanity house.

We at St. John’s also serve God’s people abroad through our Honduras mission projects. This past summer I had the opportunity to assist in leading a group of youth and adults from St. John’s on a week-long service mission. In Honduras we were able to conduct a vacation Bible school in a rural village, help build a home for a woman in need, and build a fuel efficient stove for a local Episcopal church. Each night we gathered for prayer and worship and reflected on how the Holy Spirit was at work on our trip.

One Church Mission

This past year I was also appointed as a board member of One Church Mission. One Church Mission is an inter-denominational Christian outreach to the poor and homeless of Montgomery. The mission provides food, clothing, shower facilities, laundry facilities, and advocacy assistance for many of the struggling people in our city. St. John’s has become active in One Church Mission in a variety of different ways. On the fourth Monday of each month the Saint Anne’s Guild prepares dinner for the approximately 120 people who eat at the mission daily. St. John’s volunteers then transport the food to the mission and serve it to the people. St. John’s also continues to participate in an ongoing clothing drive for the mission which has become quite a success! Several parishioners have also offered their professional services in aiding with the expansion plans of the mission.

Each Thursday at 2:30 I also offer a Bible study with praise music at the mission. This Bible study continues to grow each week and has helped many people deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. The Bible Study has also been successful in bringing a number of our homeless friends into the St. John’s worshipping community on Sunday mornings.

Financial Assistance Ministry

One of my duties as curate is also to use my discretionary fund to financially assist the needy. This past year I created an application process so the clergy can better assess the needs of those who come through our doors. This is still a difficult task because there is far more need than we have the financial ability to assist. I have however been encouraged through the thankfulness of those receiving assistance and through the deep faith I have witnessed among the “least of these” in Montgomery.

Visitation Ministry

One of my favorite duties as a pastor is to visit the parishioners of the church. Visiting in the hospitals and visiting with our house-bound members is and enriching and deeply spiritual experience. I often have the opportunity to sit and listen to the wonderful stories of the past and to share the sacrament with these, my brothers and sisters in Christ. Both prayer and pastoral care are important elements of my visitation ministry and I trust that God will continue to bless me and help me to bless others through this area of service.
By God’s grace and providence I look forward to another year at St. John’s church, and I pray that God will continue to help me grow in my faith in Christ and as a priest in Christ’s church.

Blessings,

The Rev. Daniel Mark Cenci

REPORT OF THE SENIOR WARDEN

As 2014 begins and my terms as Senior Warden and Vestry member end, I think it proper to briefly reflect on what I think our Parish has accomplished and where we are going. With their ordinations in 2013, Daniel and Candice have completed a clergy complement that I daresay is second to none in the Episcopal Church. The Parish should have every confidence in our clergy and lay staff. Together, they do an excellent job of overseeing the financial and communications aspects of parish operations, organizing and presenting a Christian education program and the musical elements of our worship experience, maintaining our beautiful facilities, and generally handling the day-to-day operations of the Church. As downtown Montgomery continues to revitalize, there is no reason that St. John’s, Montgomery’s historic downtown Episcopal church, cannot continue to expand on its mission. None of this is possible without the support of the Parish as a whole. We have every reason to believe that our recent canvass will be successful in reaching its goals of increased participation, both as a matter of revenue and in terms of adding to the number of people who pledge to the Church. The Church has steadily paid down debt incurred to accomplish the needed expansion and renovation of our facilities. The importance of continuing financial support cannot be minimized since, obviously, money is needed to pay for the cost of staffing and operating the Church and to expand in what the Church offers. Beyond that, however, much of what we are able to do stems from your generosity in donating time and effort to support the Parish.

Daniel and Candice have completed a clergy complement that I daresay is second to none in the Episcopal Church. The Vestry will provide steady and thoughtful lay leadership for the Parish. As I step down, I encourage everyone to continue to do so. You will be enriched through that service. There are numerous opportunities to serve in ways that truly make a difference. Please continue to do so.

Being halfway through my 2nd year as Choirmaster and Organist, I feel that progress toward the music program that I envision is being made. I would like for St. John’s to continue taking a strong lead by making a statement for high-quality sacred music as it has in the past. A firm foundation is in place for that to continue to happen. The congregation, vestry, and clergy have been tremendously supportive and collegial.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joel Gregory
Organist and Choirmaster

REPORT OF THE ALTAR GUILD

The ministry of the St. Johns Altar Guild is to prepare the sanctuaries of the Church and Chapel for worship services and to be stewards of the silver and linens used in those services.

During 2013 our team members served with quiet humbleness, loyalty and dedication at more than 263 services; most of which were Holy Eucharist. Special services included the hosting of the Diocesan Convention and the ordination of Daniel Cenci and Candice Frazer to the priesthood.

During the year we obtained six new lavabo towels and 12 new purificators. We plan to continue evaluating linens as needed to pay for the cost of staffing and operating the Church and to expand in what the Church offers. Be-yond that, however, much of what we are able to do stems from your generosity in donating time and effort to Church activities. The fact that we can successfully host the Diocesan Convention as we did in 2013, help care for the needy and the sick through local missions and abroad, and offer beautiful and inspiring services and other events oriented to the larger community (among many other things) is a testament to the generosity of the Parish as a whole.

It has been my distinct privilege to serve as Senior Warden. I freely confess that the position is made much easier when one works with steady and focused leadership from our clergy, a collegial Vestry, lay staff of the caliber we are very fortunate to have at St. John’s, and participation by you, the members of the Parish. I fully expect that incoming Senior Warden Charles Harris, incoming Junior Warden Fred Tyson, and the next Vestry will provide steady and thoughtful lay leadership for the Parish. As I step down, I encourage everyone in the Parish to support the continuing work of this wonderful Church as you are able by attending regular services and other events, by making financial contributions as you can, and by giving your time to help out. There are numerous opportunities to serve in ways that truly make a difference. Please continue to do so. You will be enriched through that service.

Thank you.

J. Fairley McDonald, III
Senior Warden

REPORT OF THE FLOWER GUILD

The Flower Guild has been arranging flowers for the altar for the past twenty-four years. We have thirty-eight active members and welcome new members at any time. The commitment consists of arranging the flowers for Sunday on either Friday or Saturday, and then dismantling them after Sunday services for delivery to members of St. John’s in homes, hospitals, and nursing homes. Three members serve on a team and arrange once every two and a half months. We as a flower guild do not arrange flowers for weddings or funerals.

Kitty Coleman and Catherine Woodson select and order the cut flowers each week. Each member of the Flower Guild provides the altar flowers for St. John’s year round, except on Sundays following a wedding. Sarah Spratling and Martha Allen coordinate the Easter and Christmas decorations, with the Flower Guild members arranging flowers, wreaths, and greenery in the church, parish house, hallways, and on doors. Sarah, with assistance from members, arranged the altar flowers. Richard Woods and Ward Chesser joined in to help with Easter. The Flower Guild members maintained the advent wreaths in the church and the chapel.

Plants, cut flowers, dried arrangements, and greenery were placed in the hallways and parish house throughout the year. Valerie Wilkerson with fourteen additional members make up the Flower Delivery teams and rotate once a month. After Easter and Christmas the group delivered potted plants to the shut-ins. St. John’s is blessed to have these dedicated members.

The cooperation and help from Mike, Myron, and Mary are greatly appreciated by all of us.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Allen
Flower Guild Chairman

Respectfully Submitted,

Dottie Moore
Organist and Choirmaster
REPORT OF THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

ADULT CHOIR

The choir is a mix of professional and volunteer singers. It consists of 12 singers with two additional singers brought in on an infrequent basis as needed for Sunday morning services. While we enjoy good singers at St. John’s, the pool of skilled singers in the Montgomery area from which we may recruit continues to shrink and was already very small. Singers from other church music programs are occasionally brought in to sing when our performances and services do not conflict with their own. The music area maintains a good an collegial relationship with other Episcopal church and musicians in the area. Involvement with the choir by parishioners has increased slightly over the past year. The choir library has been expanded somewhat but will need to continued expansion over subsequent years.

INSTRUMENTALS

The church continues to employ and enjoy the skills of a group of instrumentalists that play for the morning services (primarily for communion) and occasionally at other services. I restate this year, as I did last, that I consider this a valuable endeavor for the church. It shows St. John’s to be supportive of a high form of art in its worship and supportive of the arts and musicians in the larger community.

CHILDREN’S CHOIR

We have continued the children’s choir on the same format as was established for the 2012/2013 year. This has not been met with even the nascent success and support that it enjoyed during that year. Efforts will be taken to re-evaluate the structure of this program (rehearsal time, conflicts with school and sports, etc) to see how and if participation from the church may be improved. It is extremely important that St. John’s establish and maintain a children’s choir program that parents feel and realize is an important part of their children’s participation in the worship life of the church. The current level of participation would indicate that something needs to be changed in order to easily involve more children. This year we have 3 families who participate on a consistent basis with another two families whose support is somewhat less frequently. It is quite normal for us to have 3 or 4 in rehearsal (two of whom are brothers) compared with the 8 to 10 who participated consistently last year and likely 30 to 40 who participate in the Christmas pageant. The disparity in these numbers is obvious.

ORGAN

The organ is a combination pipe and digital (electronic voice) instrument built by the Wicks Organ Company with digital voices by Walker. It is one of the larger, more flexible instruments in the city. Only normal maintenance and repair issues are expected. It is maintained and tuned by R.G. Capra Organ Co.

MUSIC OFFERED OUTSIDE OF SUNDAY MORNING

There has been a conscious effort to offer services and music programs outside of the normal Sunday morning services over the 2013 year. We have presented the following:

- **An instrumental concert** – Music for violin, organ and harpsichord
- **Choral Evensong** – Sung evening prayer preceded by a short instrumental recital
- **Advent Vespers** – An evening service of worship during which music and readings centered around the Advent theme was presented – most notably a performance of Johann Sebastian Bach’s Cantata 140, “Sleepers Wake.”

I think that it is important that music events and services be presented outside of the Sunday morning because, just as with the Wednesday Lenten series, such events bring people in to St. John’s who might not otherwise be able to attend.

OVERVIEW

REPORT OF THE JUNIOR WARDEN

Having been a member of this wonderful parish for more than a few years, I have had the opportunity to read a large sampling of “Annual Reports”. A common thread in the letters from the wardens is the phrase “honor and privilege”. Not being one to break tradition, I echo what my predecessors have stated; it is indeed an honor and a privilege to serve on your vestry. Working with our priests, other staff members, and with each of you to make sure the church is addressing the issues that need to be addressed is a responsibility we take seriously. I would be remiss if I did not add that it is something we all enjoy and, in my opinion, has been a lot of fun. Having the opportunity of being on the door on a regular basis, greeting each of you, seeing old friends and making new ones is indeed a wonderful way to start our worship service and I think embodies the Christian Community.

As reflected throughout this report, much has happened at St. John’s in 2013 – hosting the Diocesan Convention, the ordination of Daniel and Candice at St. Johns, the addition of Sarah Collier as Director of Christian Formation and Caitlin Gilliam as Director of Youth Ministries, plus numerous other events and activities. In preparing remarks for the “Every Member Canvas” meetings in the fall, I was amazed at all the recent significant changes. Expanded outreach ministries, increased offerings in our music, Christian education programs that continue to grow and expand for both our youth and adults are just some of the dynamic changes we are experiencing.

As most of you know, the Junior Warden’s primary responsibility is the annual fall “Canvass”. This could not be accomplished without the many volunteers who take the time to reach out to everyone in the parish asking for your prayerful consideration in determining what you can do to insure that St. John’s is fulfilling its mission of “Worshipping God and making Disciples for Christ”. We continue to believe that tithing is a goal that we should all be striving towards.

At the time of this writing, all indications are that we should hit our goal for the 2014 budget and we are extremely grateful for your support and trust. Should you have any questions regarding the 2014 budget or if I can be of assistance, please let me know.

Serving on the vestry also provides insight into what an incredible group of dedicated people we have working at St. Johns. We are blessed in having three outstanding priests - Robert, Daniel, and Candice - their leadership is critical. I think they would be the first to tell you that the church functions on a day to day basis because of our staff - Libby Poole, Mike Jarrell, Fay Worrilow, Anne Tippett, Myron Smoke, and Mary Parent. I have previously mentioned Caitlin and Sarah. The two of them stepped into well run programs without missing a beat and are providing outstanding leadership. Under Joel Gregory’s leadership and direction, our music program continues to grow and there are several incredible concerts scheduled for 2014. Our worship experience would not be possible without all of these people – as LSU’s head football coach, Les Miles said last year after a tough game, “If you see any player around campus, you should give him a big kiss on the mouth ….. if you’re a girl”. Who am I to second guess Les Miles? I am sure your heartfelt expression of appreciation to these incredible people would be most appreciated.

My report highlights some of the recent changes at St. John’s. One of the constants through the years is our membership. Our strong, diverse body is what defines St. John’s. The countless hours that all volunteers so tirelessly and graciously provide are absolutely vital to our life as a parish.

There is much happening at your church. Read the Eagle, make note of the different worship services, the numerous outreach opportunities, the aforementioned music concerts and so many other offerings. I look forward to seeing you in 2014.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve on your vestry as Junior Warden and am looking forward to 2014. It is indeed an honor and a privilege.

Respectfully submitted,

Caitlin Gilliam
Youth Director
REPORT OF THE CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN FORMATION DIRECTOR

The year 2013 has been such a fabulous year for St. John’s! I am beyond grateful to have the new position as Director of Children’s Christian Formation. Moreover, I would like to thank all of the volunteers who help make this program such a success. Their devotion and hard work has such an impact on our children at St. John’s! Thank you for sharing your sweet children! It is with much joy and gratitude that I give this report.

On Sunday mornings, there are many activities for the children. The Toddlers continue to use Catechesis of the Good Shepherd materials. The pre-Kindergarten children are continuing with Spark Bible Stories. This curriculum retells 150 bible stories in exciting and fun ways for young children. Kindergarten through 5th grade continue to use Weaving God’s Promises. This fall we returned to the 1st year of this 3 year curriculum. It is suggested to repeat the curriculum after the first 3 years, and it is designed to engage children of all ages by including a variety of crafts and activities that follow the church year while weaving Episcopal tradition throughout every lesson. This curriculum has been labeled as a huge success among the teachers and children. Moreover, the 6th grade excitedly participates in Confirmation Class. This year they continue with the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama curriculum in preparing to join the church as adult members. Our Children’s Chapel is blooming, and I am excited about new activities that will go on in the year 2014! St. John’s is such a fabulous place to be!

Other activities and events took place from August throughout the year for Children’s Formation. They include:

- **Annual Round Up Rodeo**- fun and fellowship kicking off the new year with games, prizes and class information
- **Blessing of the Backpacks**
- **Blessing of the Animals**- joined by the Montgomery Zoo and donations to the Humane Society
- **October Wednesday Night Series- The Lord’s Sweetness** (Children had a different bible lesson that taught of the Lord’s goodness. Each lesson was followed with a sweet treat!)
- **Halloween Carnival**
- **All Saints Procession**
- **Operation Christmas Child**- shoebox gift outreach
- **Advent Wreath Making**
- **Families lighting the Advent Wreath at the 10:30 service**
- **Los Posadas- Mary & Joseph visit with families during Advent**
- **Christmas Angel Tree Outreach**
- **Annual Christmas Pageant**
- **Birthday Sunday- the first Sunday of each month we gather for a blessing and cake**

The Eagle continues to include materials for parents on our Children’s News page. In addition, we have a new Children’s of St. John’s Facebook page. Both of these include information and photos of our children at St. John’s!

We currently have nine qualified nursery workers who provide childcare on Sunday mornings and other events. We hold a meeting once a month to stay updated on our childcare needs. I am beyond blessed to have this wonderful opportunity at St. John’s! I wish you and your family much happiness in the New Year!

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Harris
Junior Warden

REPORT OF THE YOUTH DIRECTOR

This summer marked a time of transition for the youth of St. John’s as they said goodbye to Worth Stuart after three wonderful years. Caitlin received a warm welcome when she began as the new Director of Youth Ministry in August. The transition was made simple by the solid foundation established by Worth in his time here. We also greatly benefited from the help of a fantastic set of EYC advisors. They continue to be a vital asset to our group providing guidance, supervision, transportation, and most importantly friendship.

Youth meet for EYC AM every Sunday before the 10:30 Eucharist. Our time together consists of coffee, breakfast, and good conversation. This formational time is planned by Caitlin and led by Price McLemore with the help of Dinah McLemore and Lawrene Hughes. Most Sundays we use Making It Real and Relevant; a lectionary based discussion guide that uses contemporary movies to bridge the gap between scripture lessons and our daily lives. Other activities range from pop culture debates, prayer stations, Bible skits, helping children’s classes pack for Project Christmas Child, and Advent Jeopardy.

On Sunday evenings we continue to gather for EYC PM from 5:30-7:30. The senior and junior EYC members meet separately for program time from 5:30-6:30. After program we share dinner as a big group before heading to the chapel for worship. Most nights the youth lead Compline. We also enjoyed a special service for the feast day of St. Francis as well as the Service of Light for St. Lucy on the third Sunday of Advent. Our program topics have ranged from The Life of Saints: then and now, Prayer: its purpose and ways to pray, to a study of church marques and how their messages portray God’s Word. Throughout the fall we’ve seen consistent attendance of twenty plus youth and consistent support from our advisors Chris Tippett, Jim Marshall, Steve Frazer, and Mary Margaret Kyser. We’re extremely thankful for the support of Daniel and Candice who often join our group.

On Wednesday afternoons our youth meet with Ascension’s EYC to fill Café Louisa to the brim. It’s a casual time for us to set aside the chaos of our week for two hours of snacks, coffee, and conversation. We look forward to the continued growth of this fellowship time.

In September Holly Bauer and Caitlin, the Montgomery Youth Department Advisors, assisted the Montgomery Youth Department Representatives in hosting District Day at Shakespeare Park. We had outstanding attendance. Over 65 youth from our area participated in games, fellowship, and worship time. With encouragement from Susan Oakes, Diocesan Youth Ministries Coordinator, the Montgomery youth ministers, Holly Bauer, Kari Hennigan, and Caitlin decided to host a quarterly Montgomery EYC District Day. We’re so excited to share this time with the youth of Montgomery and the surrounding areas beginning in February.

In October several youth joined Caitlin, Daniel and Candice in serving dinner at One Church Mission. We learned a lot from the experience and are hoping to increase youth participation in this important ministry. Beginning in January, senior EYC members will meet at One Church Mission to serve the homeless before walking downtown to share dinner together.

This Advent, St. John’s EYC adopted three families from the Angel Tree. By coordinating with Christmas Clearhouse the youth were able to provide gifts for fifteen people in need. They donated over two hundred and fifty dollars to the gift giving effort.

As the New Year swiftly approaches we have so much to be grateful for and look forward to. January brings The Feast of Lights and our annual Ski Trip. We’ll be finalizing plans to take ten youth to Honduras in the summer as well as focusing on mission work within the local community. Several of our youth are already signed up to participate in Happening ’67 led by our youth staff and participants. We plan to participate in the Diocesan Convention Youth Lock-In and Rites of Spring at Camp McDowell. With all of that and our regular EYC schedule, 2014 is sure to be a fun and fulfilling year for us! We can’t wait.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Collier
Director of Children’s Christian Formation