



Cathedral of St. John
Annual Report

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Mission Statement of the Cathedral of St. John

We are a welcoming community,

where all are challenged

to live most deeply

into their Christian journey.

We focus on

building up the Body of Christ

for the work of the Gospel.

Cathedral Staff for the Year 2017

The Diocese of the Rio Grande

The Rt. Rev. Michael L. Vono, DD, *Bishop*

Clergy

The Very Reverend Mark Goodman, *Dean* (through November 1, 2017)

The Rev. Canon Michael Drinkwater, *Canon for Formation*

The Rev. Chuck Jones, *Outreach and Stewardship*

Associate Clergy

The Rev. Canon Carole McGowan

Canon Emeritus

The Reverend Canon Adams Lovekin

The Reverend Canon Steve Caldwell

Cathedral Seminarians

Michael Coburn

Cathedral Staff

Edmund Connolly, *Assistant Organist*

Cindy Davis, *Cathedral Admin*

Ken Davis, *Sexton*

Hewett Melfi, *Nursery Director*

Ralph Martinez, *Assistant Sexton*

Kent Rivera, *Assistant Sexton*

Kathleen Steichen, *Cathedral Accountant*

Canon Dr. Maxine Thevenot, *Dir. of Cathedral Music & Cathedral Organist*

Vestry Officers

Mary Erwin, *Senior Warden (Jan.-Oct.)*

Charlie Hawkins, *Senior Warden (Nov.-Dec.)*

Jeremiah Mustered, *Junior Warden (Jan.-Aug.)*

Arturo Rangel, *Junior Warden (Sept.-Dec.)*

Kirk Bigger, *Treasurer*

Paul Bidwell, *Treasurer Advisor*

Robert St. John, *Chancellor*

Terms Expire 2017

Diane Butler

Alyssa Landahl

Jeremiah Mustered

Arturo Rangel

Terms Expire 2018

Kirk Bigger

John Homko

Dinah Pierotti

Terms Expire 2019

Shannon Baldwin

Katy Braziel

Mary Erwin

Paul Wilson-Scott

Diocesan Convention Delegates

Marshall Binns

Mike Coburn

Lesley Mortimer

Arturo Rangel

Kay Sedler

Diocesan Convention Alternates

Richard Forbes

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

January 21, 2017

Dean's Address

During Evensong, Dean Goodman reflected on 2016 and the changes that happened, including the departure of Shawn Wamsley to serve with Bishop Daniel Gutierrez in Pennsylvania, and the retirement of Steve Caldwell. A special Thank You is being planned to celebrate Steve's time with us.

The Dean noted that 2016 was a year of active ministry with volunteers serving in many ministries such as outreach, study, prayer, and music. Volunteers are at the heart of growing into the full stature of life in Christ.

Dean Goodman added that as we live, work, and worship together we grow spiritually because growth always happens when two or three are gathered together.

The Dean addressed the vestry's work in balancing the budget in 2016 that included great spiritual growth for members of the vestry. Their work resulted in a \$60,000 reduction to the budget and a \$3000 reduction in the budgeted amount of the investment draw. This was accomplished by budget cuts and by the Mind the Gap campaign.

In 2017 the vestry will continue to work on budget reductions and lowering the draw until it is at a sustainable level by 2020. Thanks to the work of the Stewardship Team, consisting of Charlie Hawkins, Ross Holmen, and Chuck Jones pledges are at the highest level in 6 years.

As a Cathedral family, we continue to journey in faith, through transition, growth, and challenges as we are attentive to living into Christ's call. Dean Goodman closed by quoting Julian of Norwich who said, "All will be well, and all will be well, and all manner of things shall be well."

Following the conclusion of Evensong, the Annual Meeting of the Cathedral was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes 2016 Annual Meeting

- ✚ The minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting were presented.
- ✚ There were no changes or corrections.
 - *A motion to accept the minutes as printed, carried.*

Vestry Elections

- ✚ The Dean introduced nominees for vestry noting that biographies were available for: Shannon Baldwin, Katy Braziel, Mary Erwin, Carol Trelease, and Paul Wilson-Scott.
 - The floor was opened to nominations. There were none.
 - *A motion to close nomination, carried.*

Convention Delegate Elections:

- ✚ Dean Goodman stated that Delegates to Diocesan Convention would be elected.
- ✚ Those elected this year will serve in 2018 as part of the Electing Convention since Bishop Vono has announced his retirement.
- ✚ The Dean introduced the nominees to serve as delegates. The three with the most votes will be delegates and the other person will serve as alternate.
 - Nominees were: Marshall Binns, Mike Coburn, Dick Forbes, and Lesley Mortimer.

- *A motion to close nominations, carried.*
- ✚ Ballots were distributed, collected and the tellers adjourned to count them.

Dean's Report

- ✚ The Dean thanked the outgoing vestry members: Mike Coburn, Mary Erwin, David Martinez, and Kurt Woolley, noting that Mike served 2 terms while working and attending seminary.
- ✚ Dean Goodman stated that Mary Erwin has been a God-send in her leadership as Senior Warden for the past year and half after Todd Parker resigned due to family matters.
 - The Dean remarked that it was Mary's birthday, so *Happy Birthday* was sung.
- ✚ Dean Goodman commended David Martinez's work as Junior Warden for three years, citing his work on the Annex, Bible Room, contract renewals, and other issues have led to smoother running of the Cathedral plant.
- ✚ The Dean thanked Kurt Woolley for his work on the vestry even though he had been unable to attend meetings due to working long hours. He met regularly with the dean to offer input and contribute his ideas.
- ✚ Dean Goodman thanked the staff, reiterating the plan to have a Celebration of Thanksgiving for the ministry of Steve Caldwell when a date can be worked out.
- ✚ The Dean stated that Canon Michael Drinkwater has been at the Cathedral for nearly 5 years and brings gifts of compassion, teaching, and the knowledge that all persons are truly ministers.
- ✚ Noting the Deacon Chuck Jones who was ordained at the Cathedral last year, and has been a vital part of the staff, is currently undergoing treatment for lymphoma. He asked for prayers for Chuck.
- ✚ Continuing to thank the staff, the Dean remarked that Cindy Davis does many tasks.
- ✚ Maxine Thevenot is the brightest light among organists Dean Goodman has been privileged to share ministry with. She has a passion for her work with an open heart and the yearning to have God seen through her ministry.
- ✚ Edmund Connolly brings talent and a solid roundness to his position. He has been at the Cathedral almost five years and attained his citizenship last September. His work with the Cherubs is a sight to behold.
- ✚ Kathleen Steichen is a God-send in the bookkeeper position with her gift for accounting and her sense of humor. Despite having another full-time job she is available to answer questions if you email or leave her a phone message.
- ✚ The Dean thanked the sextons, Ken Davis, Kent Rivera, and Ralph Martinez for their hard work in maintaining the cleanliness, and integrity of the Cathedral buildings.
- ✚ Noting that he learned long ago to not try and remember all heads of ministries by name, Dean Goodman thanked everyone who offers service and ministry at the Cathedral.

Mary Erwin, Senior Warden

- ✚ Mary jokingly thanked everyone for joining her birthday, noting that the Cathedral is part of her family.
- ✚ She urged everyone to read her printed report, noting that in 2016 there were many budget concerns.
- ✚ This year there will continue to be work on the budget, which thanks to the success of the stewardship campaign and the congregation 'stepping up' will be easier.
 - The plan is to continue to halve the annual investment draw each year until it is at a sustainable level.

- ✚ Mary thanked Dean Goodman for this stable leadership.
 - She also noted that the Cathedral music program is second to none and a strong evangelism tool
 - Cathedral outreach continues to be a vital part of who we are as a Christian community.
 - Mary thanked the staff for their work. She also thanked outgoing vestry member Mike Coburn for his faith and David Martinez for his ability to ask the tough questions that need answers.
- ✚ In closing, Mary stressed that each member should join a ministry.

Treasurer

- ✚ Kirk Bigger noted that when the Dean asked him to be Treasurer he had no idea of the budget issues facing the Cathedral.
 - He has enjoyed working with and as part of the vestry.
 - As treasurer, he does not make monetary decisions, however as a member of the vestry he does offer suggestions and help make decisions on how to be more fiscally responsible.
- ✚ Kirk noted that some final 2016 numbers have not been received from financial institutions.
- ✚ He stated that the vestry and finance committee continues to look for ways to reduce the draw.
 - In 2016 the draw was budgeted at \$140,000. For 2017, the amount will be \$80,000.
 - The biggest operating cost is staff, and the 2016 departure of Canon Shawn Wamsley helped to reduce 2016 expenses.
 - The Cathedral has obligations and therefore it is necessary to continue to draw monies from the investment account, but it is important to reduce that amount.
 - The generosity of the congregation to the Mind the Gap campaign with \$95,000 in donations also helped.
- ✚ For 2017, income includes rent from the Annex which is completely leased, and income from Christ Church who uses the space on Sunday evenings.
- ✚ Kirk thanked Kathleen for her work and thanked the finance committee.
- ✚ Kirk reminded those present that you can now pay your pledge or make a donation via PayPal through the website.
- ✚ The 2017 budget numbers were available as handouts.
- ✚ If there are any questions, he is always happy to respond.

Election results

- ✚ Vestry: Shannon Baldwin, Katy Braziel, Mary Erwin, and Paul Wilson Scott
- ✚ Convention Delegates: Marshall Binns, Mike Coburn, and Lesley Mortimer
 - Alternate: Dick Forbes
- ✚ The Dean asked for any questions and a motion to adjourn, which carried.
 - The meeting closed with the singing of the Doxology.

Refreshments following the meeting were provided by Carol Trelease in Kaseman Hall.

Respectfully,
Cindy Davis, Clerk

Senior Warden's Report

What an exciting year 2017 has been at the Cathedral! As I reflect upon the work we have accomplished this past year, I am satisfied that we are moving in the right direction.

At our annual meeting last year, I presented you with the vestry's planned budget for the year and it is with great gladness that I report today that we stood by our plans to lower the draw on our investment funds by half. Thanks to each of you who have faithfully participated in stewardship! Without your financial support, this financial turn-around would not have happened. As we look toward the challenges and opportunities of the coming year, your vestry is relying on your continued support.

Dean Goodman served us faithfully for ten years and was loved dearly. When he left at the beginning of November so many of us were sad to see him go. I will miss his sermons that always seemed to speak to something in my own spiritual journey. I remember a particular sermon where he asked us to pray for God to put us in the path of someone who needed help-and then to answer that call. He frequently asked us to listen to God speaking in our lives and he shared his own experience with answering God's call. It is not always easy to do in our busy, modern lives, but he reminded us that listening and following God's call is the work of God in our lives and in this world. I ask that you join me in prayers for Mark and his family as he moves to follow his calling.

During the time that the Dean was on his contractually negotiated sabbatical, Canon Drinkwater stepped up to be our clergy-in-charge. I would like to thank him for his steady and unwavering help and support. Father Drinkwater maintained our expectations for liturgical excellence with his ever calm and unflappable presence.

Deacon Jones became Reverend Jones during this time at a wonderful celebration of his commitment to God! We are so very fortunate to have him join our staff this year. He has worked hard to secure our campus and to help create a safer place for us all as we serve the diverse needs of our community. He has many gifts that he shares happily with us all and I know that you join me in being grateful for his compassion and dedication to this community.

While Dean Goodman was away, we invited Carolyn Metzler to join us part time. Her worship and sermons have connected us to the message of the Gospel in new ways. I hope that you have been inspired by her deeply spiritual response to the Word of God-I know for certain that I have been!

Saying good-bye to Dean Goodman means we will also say hello.

This fall, the vestry put together a small task group to seek letters of interest for an interim Dean. This person will help to guide us over the next year as we seek to call a new, permanent Dean. The diverse group met for many hours developing a plan that ultimately helped the Cathedral Chapter call Canon Dan Webster to be our interim Dean. I am confident that Canon Webster will bring with him the right combination of training, experience and great love for God in this world. I know that we will all help him and his family to feel welcome into our family and that our collective prayers will lift them up as they settle into life in Albuquerque.

Bishop Vono so aptly stated that, "God already knows who the next Dean will be. It is up to us to discern who this person must be." 2018 will be a time of anticipation, renewal, discernment and listening for where God is calling us as a Cathedral family.

I decided to step aside from my role as Senior Warden in November to allow the Interim Dean to have someone that will have the experience needed to guide us as we do the work of calling our new Dean. Charlie Hawkins has agreed to take on the role of Senior Warden and he brings with him a wealth of experience as a long-time Cathedral member as well as a member of the Diocese Congregation Leadership and Development (CLAD) team. Please pray for him as we move through our search process. Be quick to help him if he asks! It will take us all participating in the daily life and running of the ministries of the Cathedral.

I remain on the vestry, as elected, and look forward to being part of the dedicated and loving people who are working to make sure that the Cathedral will continue to be a place that welcomes all to God's table.

In Peace,

Mary Erwin

Senior Warden (2017)

Junior Warden's Report

First, thank you to David Martinez, Jeremiah Mustered and Arturo Rangel for their service to the Cathedral of St. John as Jr. Wardens in 2017. I am most honored to follow in the footsteps of those who have served before me. Thanks also to our Sextons for their day to day care of the Cathedral, and to the Rev. Chuck Jones who has taken time to walk the grounds and noted needs related to our security issues as an urban parish.

Former Wardens have reported the following accomplishments for 2017:

- Regulating temperatures throughout the building for the care of our instruments
- Repair of leaks in the basement
- Enhanced fencing on the brick wall adjacent to the parking lot
- Repainting lines in the parking lot
- Work day in April with good participation of parishioners
- Reuter's maintenance on the pipe organ
- Correction to drainage problems that included removal of the planter outside the NE entrance
- Installing signage to improve security of the property. Special thanks to the Rev. Chuck Jones for his work with the APD.

Projects in Process

- Establish Building and Grounds Advisory Committee
 - Plans for enhanced security
 - Assessing and prioritizing facility needs
- Establishing work days to make all areas of the Cathedral inviting and hospitable
- Repair of stained glass window that was broken as a result of a break-in
- Repairs to annex roof
- Repairs to window well/repair of walls in the Canon Precentor's office
- Father Chuck Jones and Vestry member Katy Braziel have been working with the *City of Albuquerque* and *New Mexico Historic Preservation Division* to attain historic status for the Cathedral. We anticipate that the application will be completed this spring.
- Updating library content and appearance
- Review of existing contracts with outside vendors

Many years ago, shortly after moving to Atlanta, my daughter and I visited the Cathedral of St. Philip to determine if that church might become our parish home. When we walked into the nave four year old Lisa looked around and, with wide eyes turned to me, and said, "Mommy, it looks like God lives here." Yes, God lived there, as God lives here, in this holy space we call the Cathedral of St. John, our parish home. I feel called to help care and maintain this sacred space and invite you to join me in that care, with your time and contributions to its maintenance and improvements.

Respectfully,

Diane Butler

Junior Warden

Treasurer's Report

For the year ending December 31, 2017

According to the unaudited, preliminary financial statements the income and expenses of the operating fund were as follows:

Income

Plate Offerings	\$	15,676.55
Pledged Income	\$	689,700.84
Incidental Income	\$	12,715.70
Other Income	\$	133,606.97
Investment Fund Draw*	\$	99,441.81
Total Income	\$	951,141.87

Expenses

Diocesan Assessments	\$	115,318.79
Pastoral Staff	\$	270,845.51
Lay Staff	\$	310,874.92
Education and Youth Programs	\$	4,673.48
Music Program	\$	12,682.98
Maintenance Program	\$	28,870.60
Office Expenses	\$	41,065.38
Parish Activity Expense	\$	41,719.11
Administrative Expense	\$	62,099.88
Utilities	\$	53,024.58
Total	\$	941,175.23

Income-Expenses	\$	9,966.64
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*Investment fund draw includes the draw taken from principle (\$79,992.93) plus the value of stock donated to the Cathedral (\$19,448.88). Our business practices require gifts of stock to be deposited in the investment account, and liquidated. The liquidated funds are shown as a draw.

II Investment Fund

Balance: December 31, 2016	\$	856,686.84
Balance: December 31, 2017	\$	931,447.14
Difference	\$	74,790.30

Unrestricted Funds	\$ 736,397.01
Restricted Funds	\$ 181,784.82
Cash	\$ 13,295.31
Total	\$ 931,447.14

III Cathedral Outreach

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	Net
Angel Tree	\$ 2,768.47	\$ 3,114.49	\$(346.02)
Backpacks Fund	\$ 1,565.00	\$ 309.93	\$1,255.07
Clergy Outreach Funds	\$ 8,067.17	\$ 6,092.70	\$1,974.47
Food Pantry	\$ 23,093.15	\$ 22,538.04	\$555.11
Oljato Mission Fund	\$ 2,231.42	\$ -	\$2,231.42
Outreach Program	\$ 13,777.00	\$ 19,143.22	\$(5,366.22)
Gift Shop Bible Center	\$ 11,385.74	\$ 11,936.79	\$(551.05)

IV Financial Highlights for 2017.

2017 presented challenges and opportunities for the financial health of the Cathedral. The Vestry has worked hard throughout the year to both reduce expenses and raise funds. Staff expenses continued to be the largest single set of expenses of the Cathedral.

Merrill Lynch continued to manage the investment portfolio. The beginning balance as of 31 December 2016 was \$856,686.84. The balance as of 31 December 2017 was 931,447.14. This is growth of \$74,790.30. This growth is attributed to increases in the stock market and reduction in investment draw. In order to bring income in line with expenses for 2017, the Vestry sought to limit the investment fund draw to \$80,000. Our actual draw was \$79,992.93. This is a significant drop from 2016, when the draw on investment funds was \$136,677. This amounts to a reduction of \$56,674.71, or 41% less draw than the previous year. All donations of stock are deposited into the investment fund, then liquidated into cash as required by Cathedral business practices. The gifts of stock amounted to \$19,448.88.

Several factors contributed to the reduction of the investment draw: 1) Further cost cutting measures of Cathedral expenses, 2) The resignation of Dean Mark Goodman, and 3) Continued renting of our building to Christ Church.

The Vestry seeks to continue to reduce draw on the investment fund. The goal for 2018 is to limit the draw on the investment fund to \$40,000.

In closing, I want to thank members of the Finance Committee; Senior Wardens: Charlie Hawkins and Mary Erwin, Junior Wardens: Diane Butler, Arturo Rangel, and David Martinez, and Members at Large: Ross Holmen, Jeremiah Mustered, in addition to Dean Mark Goodman and Deacon Chuck Jones.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kirk Bigger, Treasurer

Canon's Report

In my time working for the church, which included some time on a Diocesan staff. I have seen many parishes go through transitions like the one we have started here at the Cathedral. For some, including a few that surprised me, it was a time that brought out the worst in people. For others, it was a time when the call to the laity to be involved in the decision-making was heard loud and clear. One of the largest determiners is how the vestry itself deals with the transition.

In no other situation I have been through have I had the privilege of working with a vestry like the one I worked with this year. We faced many challenges this year, and at each turn the Cathedral Vestry offered support and stepped in where appropriate to help everything run smoothly.

The crime on our property this summer was such that I asked The Rev. Chuck Jones to reach out to our partners and to local law enforcement to brainstorm a solution. This eventually led to more elaborate and secure grates over the windows at street level and the purchase and installation of signs at various points both on our property and at the Thrift Shop. At each point in that process we reported our progress to the Vestry through Mary Erwin, the Senior Warden at the time, who in turn gave us the support we needed to make St. John's a safer place to work and to do ministry within our downtown setting.

The Vestry also helped me to brainstorm ways to deal with challenges to our local partnerships. Due to pressure from their food suppliers, Road Runner Food Bank has had to make changes to the way they ship food to their partners which make it difficult for smaller food pantries like ours to remain in the TEFAP program (this program supplies most of the free food we then pass along to our Food Pantry Clients). After hearing my report on the situation, the Vestry voiced their support for our food pantry volunteers and were prepared to back that up with funding if necessary to ease any transition that might have to take place.

Our partners at St. Martin's also made a unilateral decision to discontinue a worship service that was taking place on Sunday mornings and had been going on for years. It was the vestry which gave me the idea to gather together other congregations which had historically been involved in the service. This idea led to St. John's being instrumental in gathering other episcopal congregations together to cope with the change, and to strengthen our commitment to that community by being part of ongoing conversations about how we can best meet the spiritual needs of the clients at St. Martin's within the boundaries that have been set for us.

More recently, St. John's Cathedral also made the change to follow track 2 of the Revised Common Lectionary. This was an easy decision to make, as the Cathedral hosts many guest preachers and the RCL is the lectionary used by the rest of the Episcopal Church (and several other denominations); however, it was a difficult decision to implement. It has required communication and cooperation from several groups, including the music department, vergers, lectors and many others. I am thankful for the hard work that everyone has put in to make this change look smooth on Sunday morning.

It has been my pleasure to serve the Cathedral in 2017 in the way that I have. I could not have done it without the dedication and hard work of our staff and volunteers. I look forward to the challenges and opportunities that 2018 will bring our community. I am confident that we are well prepared to face the year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Canon Michael Drinkwater

Report on Adult Formation:

Education for Ministry Program

Education for Ministry at the Cathedral of St. John has had an eventful year. Four students graduated at the end of May and two transferred because of a family move to Pennsylvania. In August we welcomed two new students, one of which commutes from Socorro. We have three mentors, Canon Drinkwater, Laurel Burdick, and Joanne Gray.

We miss the students that are no longer in the class, but we are already noticing that a class size of six makes it much easier for everyone to participate in conversation.

Wednesday Discussion Group

In the last year, the Wednesday discussion group concluded its survey of Apocalyptic Literature with a look at Revelation and the Book of Enoch. We have begun our study of Isaiah as a beginning to our study of Prophetic Literature. Our class varies in attendance from five to eight people.

Dean's Forum

With the Dean's sabbatical and subsequent departure, the Dean's Forum has not been consistently offered during 2017. We were, however, able to consistently offer a course in comparative religion with permission to air "The Great Courses: comparative religion" course on the big screen in Kaseman. This was well attended and we look forward to concluding this series in 2018.

Youth Group

Youth Group met other week in 2017. We had good attendance during the spring semester. After the spring was over, many of our youth had graduated. While we continued to meet every other week, attendance was irregular. This, however, does not mean that we did not have an active youth program. Two of our youth: Bryce Vane Note and John Leonard, attended the Episcopal Youth Event over the Summer with other youth from around the Diocese.

Sunday School

I continue to be privileged to work with a faithful and hard-working volunteer core of Sunday School Teachers and alternates. In the spring we had four classrooms, each with a teacher and an alternate, as well as several volunteers that could rotate into a classroom on an "as needed" basis. The end of the spring semester saw the departure of our Sunday School Coordinator because of other time commitments. This was somewhat unexpected.

When it was time to gear up again for the Fall, I was supremely grateful for the support of Betty Jo Rangel, who stepped in to fill the gap left by the paid position. As stated in the "youth group" report, many of our youth graduated in the spring, so a decision was made to offer three Sunday School classes. While attendance in these three classes has varied, our volunteers continue to remain faithful and ready to offer age-appropriate formation to the children that attend their classes.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Rev. Canon Michael Drinkwater

The Cathedral Choirs

Cherubs, Choir, Choristers, and Chorale

Now in my 13th season at the Cathedral of St. John, it continues to be an honor and privilege to write the annual report for the music ministry of the Cathedral.

2017 was a musically active year at the Cathedral all around. The year not only encompassed the multitude of sung services and rehearsals for both the Cathedral and the Diocese throughout the year (a total of more than 350 hours per year), but several additional music outreach liturgies with our brothers and sisters in the Diocese, including a visit to some of those in the farthest reaches of our Diocese. These occasions are always joyous and our choir members benefit greatly from having the opportunity and support to make music with other congregations and musical entities.

The Cathedral Cherubs, now in its sixth season, is a group for children aged 3-8. They are holding strong and steady with 8 active members. The Cherubs are led by Assistant Organist-Choir Director, Edmund Connolly, assisted by Brianne Conner. We thank Robyn Clarke for her invaluable assistance with the Cherubs in the first 5 years of their existence. The Cherubs participated at several liturgies throughout the year, always to rave reviews and applause. Many new families come to the Cathedral for this unique, free program.

The Cathedral Choristers continue to hold in numbers and musical strength (not to mention height!). This year was a year of growth and continued transition as we educate and nurture 10 choristers. All of the senior choristers have now graduated to the Cathedral Choir (girls and boys) with the exception of two wonderful mentors in Daisy Beltran and Jordyn Tatum who are helping the younger members of the group until they get stronger on their own. We began the Fall 2017 term with 10 choristers, and we look forward to having one or two young cherubs move up in 2018 into the Chorister program. Attracting young families to our downtown parish is a constant struggle despite aggressive advertising and the offering of a world-class, free musical education.

The Choristers are assisted by Ms. Lauren Breden and Ms. Edin Archuleta who both possess a natural knack for assisting the probationers and junior choristers. We continue offering music theory/church history classes beginning at 5pm each Tuesday ahead of their 5:30pm rehearsal time. This continues to be a free musical education program for all enrolled choristers and probationers and attracts families from our community.

7 choristers attended Royal School of Church Music summer courses in 2017. Jordyn Tatum, Daisy Beltran, and Samantha Van Note attended the one week course for Girls at Saint Thomas Fifth Avenue, NYC. Bryce Van Note, Xavier Robinson, William Landahl, Connor Van Note, Sujina Wilson-Scott, and Madelynn Jewel attended the Royal School of Church Music: Pacific Northwest course for boys and girls along with Director of Cathedral of Music, Maxine Thevenot who served as a proctor and guest lecturer/conductor. Participation in these national courses help connect our youth with youth from across the country who are in like music programs, and helps to prepare them as they transition into the Cathedral Choir.

The Cathedral Choir continues to attract some fine singers from our fair City. We bid farewell in May 2017 to 4 high school seniors-Madeleine Jacoby, Parker Jacoby, Xavier Robinson, and Samantha Van Note. I especially wish to thank our section leaders (SL) and choral scholars(CS) from the 2017 year, who have served our musical community and Cathedral Choir in 2017: Edin Archuleta(SL), Lauren Breden(CS), Kate Winchester (SL), Eric Parker(SL), Lars Fabricius-Olsen(CS), Xavier Robinson (CS) Travis Rourk (CS), Jordyn Tatum (Jr.CS) and Stephen Lewis(SL). In September 2017 one of our basses lost his year-long battle with pancreatic cancer. May Lee J. Rickard Rest in Peace.

Special thanks to our Assistant Organist-Choir Director, Edmund Connolly for his outstanding musicianship week after week as he supports our various Cathedral Choirs with expert accompanying.

We are all grateful for the assistance provided by: all cookie bakers and sellers; the vestment mistress, Alyssa Landahl; the keeper of the choir rosters, John Homko; the choral librarian, Janelle Anyanonu, and her assistants. As we head into a UK Tour year in 2018, I especially wish to especially thank John Homko and Paul Isaacson for taking on the financial management of the tour. It takes a small village of dedicated individuals to support the music ministry to allow it to blossom and grow.

Our **Cathedral Organ** continues to be a blessing to our music making. Our organ is currently being serviced and tuned by John Grunow from Denver, CO. We were pleased to have among us in the Fall 2017 term a master's degree graduate student from Oklahoma University who assisted on occasion with service-playing. .

The music ministry involves a considerable time commitment on the part of Cathedral Choir, Choristers, Cherubs, Chorale, and their parents, families, partners and spouses. I am very grateful for the time and talent everyone in the Music program brings to the Cathedral in order to provide, week after week, the finest music for Cathedral liturgies and musical outreach through concerts and tours.

The Cathedral has a unique role in the Albuquerque community and indeed the larger Southwest community, which requires the commitment and support of clergy, staff, vestry, and congregation alike. We work very hard together to provide an exceptional weekly offering. On behalf of the music ministry, we are thankful for all the support we receive and look forward to a wonderful year of music-making ahead. *Soli Deo Gloria*.

Submitted respectfully by:

Canon Maxine Thévenot, Director of Cathedral Music & Organist

Friends of Cathedral Music

Friends of Cathedral Music is dependent on its *Friends* throughout the Albuquerque area and across the country to support the concerts, commissions and occasional workshops hosted by the Cathedral. The series is not funded through the Cathedral operating budget, but entirely by the *Friends*. Thank you to our accommodation sponsors, Hyatt Regency and Andaluz Hotel (downtown); to our ticket takers and ushers; to Edmund Connolly who assists in producing beautiful programs and brochures for our audience members. 2017 included the concluding concerts of the 23rd FCM season in addition to the beginning of the 24th FCM season.

We offer our considerable thanks to Carol Tucker Trelease for her continued support and generosity to Friends of Cathedral Music in sponsoring the **Fridays at 7:00pm** series begun in 2012. Each of the concerts were preceded by a free lecture given by Oliver Prezant. Artists included in the 2017 series were: flautist Jennifer Lau and pianist Kristin Ditlow; guitarist, Jeremy Mayne; Las Cantantes Women's Choir, The Cathedral Choir, oboist Kevin Vigneau, pianist/organist Edmund Connolly, Polyphony: Voices of New Mexico, and pianist Douglas Riva all under the direction of Director of Cathedral Music, Maxine Thevenot, for a sold out performance of *Canto de las Estrellas* by Enrique Granados; the Iridium Saxophone Quartet; mezzo soprano, Sarah Weiler, cellist, James Holland and pianist/organist Maxine Thevenot. This series actively encourages members of the audience to bring non-perishable food items for the Cathedral's Food Pantry. Audience members have responded positively and generously to this invitation and as such it has proven to be a successful cathedral outreach collaboration.

Further educational outreach about the organ at the Cathedral included the annual visit from the **UNM Physics department** (an ongoing relationship which began in 2007, Maxine Thevenot collaborating with professors from the Astro-Physics department from UNM). Many participants from these outreach events have returned to the Cathedral for other musical and/or liturgical events.

The 2017 Cathedral Commission was awarded to UK based-composer **Cecilia McDowall**. The commission was sponsored by Dr. Todd Parker, Dr. David and Ann Stinchcomb, and Col. Kenneth Moorhead. The premiere of the work needed to be postponed due to an illness in the composer's family and so we look forward to the re-scheduled premiere on February 18th, 2018.

The 7th annual **Great Hymns & Anthems** concert on May 21st, 2017 drew a large audience of approximately 300 people. The choirs performed with the Cathedral's resident brass ensemble, Breaking Brass. All four of the Cathedral Choirs performed in this spectacular 1-hour free concert event.

In June, 2017, Director of Cathedral Music & Organist gave a solo organ recital to a near capacity audience. Her program was one that she also shared at the Regional Convention of the American Guild of Organists in Dallas the following week.

To kick off the Fall 2017-2018 season due to physical injury, we had to postpone the much anticipated concert given by international organ diva, Diane Bish. We are still awaiting a new date on which this wonderful world-renowned artist can make her way to New Mexico.

In October, 2017 our Director of Cathedral Music & Organist, Maxine Thevenot, presented a solo organ recital of works by predominantly Canadian and French composers. The concert was extremely well attended and appreciated.

In November 2017, the Cathedral saw a standing-room only audience for **A Concert of Remembrance** presented by The Cathedral Choirs, Chatter chamber ensemble, Las Cantantes Women's Choir from UNM along with members of Polyphony: Voices of New Mexico. The concert was offered in loving memory of former choir member, Lee J. Rickard who passed away earlier in the Fall.

In December our Cathedral Choir and Choristers collaborated for the 5th consecutive year with the **Santa Fe Opera** young artist educational program and sang to a capacity audience at the Cathedral.

FCM sponsored the collaborative event led by **Polyphony: Voices of New Mexico** who joined musical forces with Various orchestral members in the City, Rio Rancho Youth Chorus and school choruses from Tijeras, Rio Rancho and Albuquerque in the presentation of a free educational 45-minute concert titled, '**A Children's Messiah**' to a capacity audience. The concert donations supported the Cathedral's Food Pantry and the event welcomed hundreds of newcomers to the Cathedral of St. John.

If you are not already a Friend of Cathedral Music, please consider becoming a donor. www.fcmaq.org.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Maxine Thévenot

Canon Precentor, Director of Cathedral Music & Organist

Liturgical Ministries

Acolyte Guild

In 2017, St. John's was happy to welcome two new acolytes. Our acolytes serve at all three services during the program year, and are able to make worship a more beautiful experience for the community. This year with the help of Fr. Chuck Jones, we have been reminded of the importance of facilitating the common worship through our own individual worship and prayer, rather than just looking good. We were able to begin a more regular schedule of near-monthly trainings which we intend to continue in 2018. We thank all of the acolytes and their families for their faithful service and willingness to grow and assist even in times of change.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sterling Courville

Altar Guild

"Altar guild is a ministry of service that has its roots in the historical Hebrew tradition of the Levites. We are a part of those people who have been set aside for service. When we offer ourselves to serve at the altar, we are offering ourselves to God as a living prayer." Fran McKinney, National Altar Guild Association.

The Altar Guild at the Cathedral of St. John is a dedicated and vibrant group of women, men and youth that embrace service as a living prayer. We prepare the table of our Lord for our brothers and sisters in Christ every week. We offer our steadfast support and service for our families whose loved ones have entered eternal rest. We lovingly celebrate and gently guide our newest couples during their first steps together in the sacrament of marriage. Whether it is the calm green Sundays after Pentecost, the reverent purple of Advent and Lent, or the glorious white celebrations of Christmas and Easter, our service is the same: steadfast and reverent.

I am Director in name only, as our Guild lovingly and prayerfully supports our Cathedral Family. Having said that, I must give recognition to those individuals who have accepted additional leadership responsibilities. Mark Brasington is serving as Assistant Director and will assume the role of Director after Pentecost. Connie Debois has continued her role as Sacristan and will pass the baton to her current Assistant Sacristan, Sandra Stevens. Marshall Binns has executed expert floral and liturgical assignments and Amy Dixon who graciously serves as the Wedding Coordinator. She has been diligent in training other Altar Guild members in the intricacies of holding a wedding at the Cathedral. Amy and her team members have generously used their fees this past year to buy the beautiful silk magnolia flowers to decorate the church during Christmas. We are so blessed to continue to have four teams to serve each week. The Team Leaders who are so committed to building fellowship each month are as follows: Team 1-Lynn Burress, Team 2-Sandra Stevens, Team 3-Amy Dixon and Team 4-Vicki Reder.

We are most excited to report about the purchase of new white vestments and paraments. Most of our members did not believe that gold is the same as white and so some visionary members: Allan and Sandra Stevens, Vicki and Ron Reder and Marshall Binns, sponsored the creation and purchase of new white vestments, paraments and palls for the Cathedral. The design came from Allen's mother, who was a wood carver in New Mexico.

Altar Guild welcomes anyone regardless of age, gender, or predisposition that this is "your grandmother's ministry". We are fun, active, supportive, prayerful, but most of all, we love our Cathedral Family.

In Peace,
Julie Martinez

Chalice Bearers

The Chalice Bearer Guild or Lay Eucharistic Ministry is a vital part of the Liturgy here at the Cathedral. These dedicated individuals assist the Clergy in distributing the consecrated wine to the congregation.

The chalice bearers serve at most services when communion is offered. Usually, six or seven chalice bearers serve each Sunday: one at the 8:00 service, usually two at the 9:00 service and two or three at the 11:00 service. On certain occasions such as at special services for Christmas, Holy Week and weddings, their service is likewise required.

Currently, there are 9 dedicated individuals committed to this ministry. On certain Sundays some will do back-to-back services to ensure that there are sufficient chalice bearers to support the clergy. This wonderful group of parishioners see to fulfilling their ministry with dignity and reverence. If you feel called to serve in this ministry, please contact Dean Goodman or Roger Southward.

It is my distinct pleasure and privilege to work with this wonderful group of people in our collective service to the Cathedral.

Your servant in Christ our Lord,
Roger Southward

Lay Readers

The Lay Readers, or Lectors, are some of the most visible of the many volunteers who serve our Cathedral. Every Sunday there is one for the 8:00 service, two, one of whom is a Youth Reader, at 9:00, and one at 11:00, except on the last Sunday of the month, when there are two. In addition, they read the Scripture lessons at special services, particularly around Christmas and Easter. There are currently more than sixty Lectors, most of whom have been trained in the last four years

For the last few years we have added an outreach component to our mission. We collected used children's books – well over 200 of them – to give to neighborhood children at the Cathedral's Trunk-n-Treat event on Halloween. This past December we participated in the Alternative Gift Market, choosing a project to bring books to urban libraries in Ethiopia.

We can always use more volunteers, especially for the 8:00 and 9:00 services. More young people over the age of 10 would be especially very welcome. There will be a training session, lasting about 40 minutes, on Saturday, Jan. 27, at 10:00 am in the chancel. If you are interested in joining this ministry or if you just want to discuss the many ways to pronounce "Isaiah", please contact Jeanine Zenge at jzenge@mindspring.com or call 298-5074.

Faithfully,
Jeanine Zenge

Ushers

The usher guild continued its long-standing commitment of service, camaraderie, and ministry to the Cathedral during 2017. While the below list represents the ushers as of the close of 2017, we wish to thank all of those who helped during the year. We had a number of the Cathedral family who helped out on an "as available" basis, and we include them among our list. We especially want to thank our coordinators for the 8:00 and the 9:00 service, Bill Pommy for the 8:00 service and Bill Blair for the 9:00. In particular, we do need to point out three individuals in particular: Tim Spinney, David Martinez, and Gary Barragato. Each of them frequently filled in for absentees, sometimes on very short notice. On more than one occasion they served on multiple services on the same day. They need to be recognized for their selfless service.

Additionally, as many of you have heard – or heard first hand – the fire alarm went off at Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. The ushers quickly learned that over exuberant incense had set off the alarm, but nonetheless checked every fire alarm and the surrounding areas to ensure that the congregation (and the church) were safe until the fire department arrived and we were able to get Ken Davis and his team to silence the alarm. As an outgrowth of that, Tim Spinney has contacted Ken and we will be giving additional training during 2018 for the ushers to assist the congregation in the event something similar occurs, keeping the safety of everyone first in mind.

With that, following is a list of the ushers who served during the year: Ushers for the 8:00 service include: Douglas Adkins, Ashby Albright, Larry Bennett, Robert Brooks, Mark Hallemeier, John Lovejoy,

Zachary McCormick, Andy Murray. Thanks to Bill Pommy for coordinating the 8 o'clock ushers during the past year. Bill has now passed that baton to Zach McCormick for the coming year. The nine o'clock ushers continue to be led by Bill Blair, who indicates that they could use at least three more ushers for that service (and our youth group is eligible to be included). Others are: Kathy Breen, John Burress, Clay Campbell, David Martinez, Walt Furen, Alice Strebeck, Gia Gilk-Strebeck, Ed Johnson, Peter Pierotti, Will White, Paul Wilson-Scott, and occasionally Tim Spinney. For the 11:00 service: Dave Kauffman, Joanne Grey, Tom Bowling, Sam Smith Tim Spinney, David Martinez, Karen Wallace, Marilyn Fifield, Alan Andrews, Dick Forbes, Madeline Black, Roger Black, Gary Barragato, Carol Trelease, Bill Hays, Rosanna Hays, Sandy Veltkamp, David and Ann Stinchcomb and me. Em Rowe has also helped out when it has not conflicted with her other ministries.

We give thanks to everyone for their ministry, their flexibility, and their dedication and willingness to serve the Cathedral Church of St. John's and the members of the congregation.

Jeff Albright

Vergers and Sub-Deacons and Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Vergers serve at the Liturgy by helping to prepare for worship, assisting the Altar Guild, ensuring all the various roles are filled, and tending to any details and changes that frequently come up, and thus freeing the celebrant for the more important and immediate task of preparing to lead God's people in worship. During the liturgy, you'll see the Verger leading the processions, escorting Lectors to the lectern, and ensuring everything happens gracefully and without distraction.

Your Verger team started the year with six members and we ended the year with seven. Your Vergers have continued to learn and grow in proficiency of their duties, as they have tended to well over 150 services at our Cathedral this past year.

The Sub-Deacon is one of the three Sacred Ministers at the Solemn Mass celebrated each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and at other special Feasts and services. The Sub-Deacon completes the representation of all orders of ministry of our Church at the altar: the Priesthood, the Deaconate, and the Laity, assisting the priest and deacon in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Your Sub-Deacons, nine in number, have served at almost 50 services this past year, and continue to grow and serve with faith and love for our Lord.

On behalf of the Vergers and Sub-Deacons of the Cathedral of St. John, I express our appreciation for the opportunity to serve you all and to serve God at His altar.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEV) are members of the laity that have responded to God's call to take Holy Communion from the altar on Sunday to a member of the Cathedral that is unable to attend worship. After the distribution of the Eucharist is completed, the LEV receives the consecrated elements from the Celebrant with a commissioning prayer. The LEV then processes with the altar party at the end of the service carrying the Holy Eucharist to our home-bound family keeping them connected to all of the rest of us through the Body and Blood of our Lord.

Though this year began with one LEV visiting a Cathedral member on a monthly basis, and another LEV visiting another two to six people on an irregular and infrequent basis, we gladly accepted the service of another member addressing the need of a parishioner for a short period of time. Over three dozen visits have been made over this last year.

On behalf of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors, I extend our thanks for the privilege of being extensions of the Body of Christ at the Cathedral, and for the joy we bring back to you from your brothers and sisters.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay B. Vinson, Head Verger

Cathedral in the Community

Gallery Guild

The Gallery Guild hosted 4 shows this year. Our Winter Show themed "Things With Wings" began the year, followed in the spring with the ever popular Santero Show. Our summer show was an All Media show. Our last full show of the year was "New Mexico Landscapes". We end the year with the newly hung show featuring artists of the Rainbow Group.

The gallery sold a total of \$7818 in art work and jewelry this year. The gallery profited \$1954.50 for the year.

Ruth Norton (gallery@stjohnsabq.org)

Gallery Guild Director

Keeping in Touch

Keeping in Touch sends cards to Cathedral Family members to celebrate special occasions, to express care, and to offer prayers for illness and loss. For calendar year 2017, 998 cards were sent. The Cathedral Gift Shop supports this ministry as part of its Outreach. We meet every Monday at 1:00 p.m. for an hour or two, and we welcome anyone who would like to share time with us.

Sandy Veltkamp 292-8896, 385-7034 and Betty Logan

Coordinators

Pastoral Care

While the pastoral care team did not meet regularly during 2017, we did manage to keep a close watch on our shut-ins and hospitalizations. As always, a huge debt of gratitude is owed both to Cindy Davis, who facilitated much needed communication when we were notified of hospitalization and other pastoral care needs; and Betty Logan, who assisted Father Chuck and myself in making sure that all of our needs were covered.

We started a very important conversation in 2017 which will serve us well as we prepare to call a new Dean. This was to reach out to congregations around the Diocese who had a really well-functioning Lay Eucharistic Visitor (LEV) program. Father Chuck was and remains a key part of that conversation due to his connection to St. Michael's, which is known for its LEV program.

For our part as clergy and other pastoral care givers, we continue to provide contact as soon after a hospitalization or surgery as we can. We will continue to need your help and support in 2018. We cannot make visits when we don't know that someone is in the hospital, so communication between the Cathedral offices and members of the congregation is one of the most vital pieces of keeping our pastoral care team informed about the needs of our community.

Father Chuck and I will continue to work developing and implementing a new LEV program in 2018 alongside Father Webster. Please consider being a part of this conversation when you see it advertised in the Cathedral News.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. Canon Michael Drinkwater

St. Margaret's Library Guild

There is no one currently in charge of the Library. Diane Butler is forming a team to clean, arrange, and sort the many recently donated books.

Cathedral Gift Shop and Bible Room

The Bible Room has been visited by parishioners of all ages and others from the community on a regular basis. We have a few docents that introduce the Bible to those who want more information as they read and look at the St. John's Bible. We are in need of more docents.

The Gift Shop continues to be well received as a continuing part of the Cathedral. Our sales in 2017 we're about \$10,000 with profits of approximately 30%. In addition to building our inventory, the Gift Shop Supports the Front Desk Ministry's Sack Lunch Program, other outreach, and provides the cards for the Keeping In Touch Ministry. The inventory in the Gift Shop is both consignment from several parishioners as well as purchased from The Printery House (Conception Abbey in Missouri), Liturgical Press, Bethlehem Olive Wood Art, Bob Seiman's Designs, and others. We have only a few volunteers that help in the Gift Shop.

We are in need of more Docents in the Bible Room and volunteers in the Gift Shop. We are currently open Sunday's from 9:00am until 1:00pm and Tuesday's from 11:00am until 1:00pm. Groups wanting access to the Bible Room at other times should contact Cindy Davis to make arrangements for a Docent to be available.

Contact Martha Ernest for information and volunteering.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Ernest, Director

Outreach Ministries

Community Efforts

Outreach was made to organizations and resources in 2017.

In response to an urgent need to combat violence and drug activity on Cathedral property, especially in the parking lot, we are grateful for the advice and support of Fr. Warren Broussard at Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church and the downtown Community Response Police Officers. These people helped us begin to address the problem of security and illegal activity on our property so that we can all remain safe while at the same time continuing to reach out to our neighbors who are affected by hunger and homelessness.

We also joined a collaborative effort with St Martin's Outreach Team by hosting their early morning collaborative outreach program in our parking lot one Friday each month. This program brings together other resources such as Albuquerque Heading Home, First Nations Health Care, Molina Health Care, Albuquerque Coalition to End Homelessness, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, as well as many other organizations that address issues of homelessness in Albuquerque. Tables are set up in the corner of our parking lot and sandwiches, donuts, coffee and hot chocolate are distributed to those in need while offering aid and enlisting them in support programs.

Finally, initial contacts have been made with representatives from InnovateABQ, United Way's Mission: Families, the Center for Action and Contemplation and the Albuquerque Mayor's Office, in an effort to offer the Cathedral as a resource to the greater community. These efforts are only in the very beginning stages but we hope to increase our involvement with them in 2018.

St Martin's Hospitality Center

The Cathedral continues to serve breakfasts at St Martin's the first Sunday of every other month. Stephanie Wilson-Scott has assumed leadership of this ministry and we are greatly appreciative of her efforts. Breakfast casseroles are made by parishioners and delivered to as many as 300 guests at St Martin's. We expect to continue this ministry throughout 2018, even as it continues to grow.

Backpack Ministry

The annual Backpack drive provided nearly 200 backpacks to local students. Most were distributed directly to families who signed up while approximately 30 backpacks were donated to the Albuquerque Public Schools Homeless Project.

Angel Tree Ministry

The 2017 Angel Tree effort assisted more than 200 children from over 50 families with gifts that made sure the children had fun and useful present under their trees. We are especially grateful to Samantha Van Note who was our 'champion shopper' this year once again. Sam shopped for, wrapped and delivered gifts for more than 30 children. Thank you to everyone who made this such a successful effort in 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Chuck Jones

Alternative Gift Market

From the bottom of my heart I want to thank you The Cathedral of St. John's. Thank you for being open minded, thank you for taking a chance, and thank you for helping to usher in something brand new.

The First Alternative Gift Market to be held here at St. John's was a huge success. We raised over \$1500 in donations for organizations like; Reading Works, Heifer International, Locker 505, Habitat for Humanity, Family Promise and through the Alternative Gift Market International donations we made it possible to build tree farms in Africa, give medicine to Burma, build libraries in Ethiopia, and build water wells in sub Saharan Africa.

We only had 36 people come "shop" at the market this year and we raised \$1500! Imagine if we had 72 people come and shop in 2018. I hope that you will remember the Alternative Gift Market for those hard to find gifts, or if you are tired of giving the same types of gifts, or if you are just wanting your gifts to

have a little more meaning. Some of the agencies liked the Gift Market idea so much they incorporated it into their fundraising activities.

We are hoping to grow our market next year to include more local agencies. If you know of one deserving agency and they are not on our list please let us know. I would be more than happy to reach out to them. If you feel like this might be a ministry you would like to be a part of, please reach out to me as well.

For all of the volunteers that helped throughout the planning process thank you, for those that stepped in, or were thrown in at the last minute, thank you! And of course a huge thank you to Father Drinkwater for listening to me and Father Jones for helping me look at details I never thought of.

As always, it takes a village. Thank you for being an open, loving and giving village! Go write in pencil on your calendars **Dec. 2nd** for our **Second Annual Alternative Gift Market**. See you there!

Stephanie Wilson Scott – swilsonscott3@gmail.com
St. John's Alternative Gift Market.

Front Desk Ministry

Those at the Front Desk answer the phones, provide information, and welcome those that come to the Gallery door of the Cathedral. In addition, they hand out knitted scarves (from the knitters group), sack lunches, socks, toiletries, etc. to the homeless/hungry. These are a dedicated group of volunteers that welcome all those who come to the Cathedral each day. We are in need of more Front Desk Volunteers.

Contact: Cindy Davis about volunteering for the Front Desk.

The Sack Lunch Ministry became a part of the Front Desk Ministry several years ago and continues with the support from Outreach, the Gift Shop, The Thrift Shop, and parishioner donations of food and funds. We are now making lunches on Sundays in Kaseman hall, the Gallery, or by the Dean's Lounge. This has been a tremendous help as the number of lunches handed out has again grown. In 2017 we handed out over 17815 sack lunches – that's over 5500 more lunches than last year. The most lunches given out on a single day were 155 lunches on Wednesday November 29th. The most lunches handed out in a single week in 2017 were 519 lunches the week of June 26th - up from 385 lunches the week of September 25th in 2016. We averaged just over 308 lunches given out per week for the first half of 2017 (up from 205 last year) and averaged 391 lunches given out per week for the last half of 2017 (up from 266 last year). We exceeded 400 lunches per week 14 times in 2017. The approximate cost is \$1.22 per sack lunch. To donate directly to this ministry – please put *Front Desk Ministry* in the memo line of your check made out to The Cathedral of St. John's.

Contact: Martha Ernest to volunteer for the Sack Lunch Ministry. We are in need of people to pick up food, help/coordinate on Sundays, etc.

Respectably submitted,
Martha Ernest

Knitters Guild Scarf Ministry

The needle workers were again busy in 2017 - - at least 100 scarves were knit or crocheted. A fabric tag saying "St. John's Cathedral, Albuquerque, NM, Love & Prayer Gift" is sewn on; and each scarf is wrapped with a "Cathedral" purple ribbon which has a small cross attached.

The group meets the 2nd Saturday of the month (Sept-May) in the Conference Room on the 2nd floor – 10 to 12 AM. We do much of the tagging and ribbon wrapping at the monthly gatherings, and YOU are always welcome to help with that project or continue your particular needlework and enjoy the fellowship.

Scarves are blessed at all three services on the 2nd Sunday every quarter in January, April, July and October – and then distributed from the Hospitality Desk in the colder weather – October through March.

At the end of the summer we had a healthy supply and therefore delivered 75 to Borderland Ministries in October. We have also been supplying Safe House here in Albuquerque and the Men's Winter Shelter associated with Heading Home.

In the year 2017 we distributed 111 scarves from January through March, and then beginning in October through December 15th, 40 more have been given out from the Hospitality Desk, for a total of 151.

Including those sent to Borderland Ministries, Safe House and the heading Home Men's Shelter, total distributions in 2017 were 346.

We can always accommodate more participants – women, men and young folks are all welcome. We do have some donated yarn, or you may provide your own – so bring your needles/crochet hooks and join in the cheerful and productive ministry. You may also work at your leisure and bring completed scarves to the church and deposit them in the Knitter's Basket at the Hospitality Desk in the Gallery – remember to log-in the booklet in the basket – name and how many. *A suggested size for a scarf is at least 5 inches wide and at least 5 feet long.* Additionally some of us have begun to make mittens and hats, which are welcome.

Linda White or Elizabeth (Betsy) Bayne will be happy to answer any questions, like suggestions on size or stitch patterns.

Linda White & Betsy Bayne, Scarf Ministry Coordinators

St. John's Food Pantry

“To all volunteer workers: My children and I want to thank you so much, for giving your time, energy, and love. To see that we eat better and have more food. May God's love, and peace continue being with you and yours.”

I received this message on a Thank You card from one of our long-term food pantry clients. It perfectly says why the food pantry at St. John's exists. When I joined this ministry 9 years ago, I thought it was about the food. What it's really about is sharing our love with our neighbors and receiving their love in return.

I offer my thanks as well to the Food Pantry volunteers who operate this ministry. We have six volunteers who shop for food, deliver food to the Cathedral, and receive deliveries from Road Runner Food Bank and 22 volunteers who distribute food to our clients on Tuesday mornings. This year I wish to give special thanks to the New Mexico Metropolitan Finance Authority (MFA). These are the folks next door to the south whose parking lot we use on Sundays. Twelve of the MFA employees have volunteered to make the third Tuesday of each month be “MFA Day.” With 3 or 4 of our regular volunteers, the MFA volunteers operate the food distribution. We are always looking for volunteers to help with food distribution (particularly Spanish speakers) and to help with purchasing. If you would like to take part, please let me know. I can accommodate your schedule.

Our Food Pantry ministry provides food assistance once a month to families who have houses or apartments in the neighborhoods surrounding the Cathedral and whose income is less than the Government limit for food assistance. The food we supply is mostly non-perishable (canned goods, flour, sugar, pasta, etc.) although we also provide frozen food, eggs, margarine, and, when it is available, fresh produce.

The value of the food we supply is only about \$29 each month for a family of 4. This helps supplement the families' food budgets, but certainly does not meet all their needs. Clients choose the foods they prefer from among several varieties of canned fruits, vegetables, meats, etc. The amount of food they receive varies based on family size.

This year the number of families served and our food expenses climbed significantly. The number of families continued the rise that began last year, increasing another 21% before leveling off in September. Our food expenses averaged \$1951 per month, which is an increase of 24% over last year; this is very close to our arbitrary budget limit of \$2,000 per month. We will continue adding new families to our client list during at least the early part of 2018. In order to avoid exceeding our food storage space and budget, we limit the number of families served each week to 25. We were seldom forced to ask a family to come back the following week due to this limit.

Eight-six percent of the funding for the food pantry comes as monetary donations from the Saint John's Thrift Store Ministry and from our parishioners. The remaining fourteen percent comes in the form of donations of food from our parishioners.

My thanks to all of you who have contributed your time, treasure, and love to the Food Pantry ministry. Please know that you have helped make life easier for those of our neighbors who are most in need.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Reder, Food Pantry Coordinator

St. Joseph Carpenters' Toy Ministry

This outreach of the Cathedral started in 2010. A small, dedicated group of woodcrafters cuts out toys like small cars, airplanes, and trucks. These are assembled for delivery to children in the hospital at Christmas time. In December, over 50 toys were delivered to hospitalized children at Presbyterian Hospital.

There are several ways you can assist this ministry. If you have time to sand toys, tools to cut out wood shapes, or lumber to donate, new volunteers are always welcome. Funds to purchase wood and other supplies are always useful.

Ken Davis, Coordinator

St. John's Thrift Shop

Thanks to the hard work of many volunteers, St. John's Thrift Shops successful. We continue to support The Food Pantry and Cathedral Outreach as well as The Storehouse and St. Martin's.

Several new volunteers have joined us this year and several have retired or moved. Currently, we have a core of 22 people who volunteer on a regular basis. Our goal is to have a minimum of 24 volunteers so there are three folks on each shift. Our regulars work anywhere from once a week to once a month. We have 9 volunteers who sub, work a special area or work "as available" We also have a group of 10-15 regular volunteers who help with the estate sales. **There are only 3-4 estate sale volunteers under the age of 60ish. Currently, we really need people to help with estate sale pickups who can do some lifting and carrying. If you are on the list, you will be emailed the date of the pickup and you reply I can or cannot help.**

About 65% of our volunteers are Cathedral members and 35% are from the community.

We are happy to accept clean working items. We always need household items, small kitchen appliances, towels, blankets, furniture, knick-knacks and books. Clothes that are clean, fluffed and immediately wearable sell. We are unable to sell clothing and other items that need mending, repair or are dirty. Clothing that is not sold is donated to St Vincents to be bailed. Other items we cannot sell or use are thrown in the dumpster. Medical equipment is taken to Back in Use, a group that donates the medical equipment to people in need.

Our income is down about 10% probably due to the ART construction on Central. Many businesses have reported 20-30% drop in sales.

Please put us in your prayers, and if you feel called to this ministry contact Kay Sedler (kdsedler@me.com or 505-573-3236). Our current hours are 9:30 to 3:30, Wednesday through Saturday.

Submitted by Kay Sedler
Shop Manager

Thrift Shop Financial Report: January 1-December 31, 2017

<i>Income</i>	
Shop Sales	\$ 79,670.55
Rent	\$ 8,400.00
Other	\$ 14.39
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$ 88,084.94</i>
<i>Operating Expenses</i>	\$ 23,662.94
Outreach	\$ 41,103.00
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>\$ 64,765.94</i>
NET	\$ 23,319.00

2017 sales are down \$10,000 from 2016 sales. We attribute this to the ART Project on Central Ave.

Spiritual Development

Centering Prayer

Parishioners have the opportunity to deepen their prayer lives and devotions through the practice of Centering Prayer at the Cathedral. Centering Prayer is drawn from ancient prayer practices within the Christian contemplative tradition. This quiet prayer opens our minds and hearts to God through silence. It invites us to respond to the Spirit of Christ by consenting to God's presence and action within us.

Centering Prayer complements other forms of prayer, deepens our relationship with God, and provides a discipline in service of that relationship.

Parishioners are invited to join us in prayer and in the study of contemplative writings each Tuesday afternoon from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the Dean's Lounge at the Cathedral. Contact: Martha Ernest for more information

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha Ernest

Seminarians and Ordinations

One of the signs of a healthy parish is the movement of parishioners into and through the process toward receiving Holy Orders - ordination.

After completing his Master of Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary, James Stambaugh was ordained to the transitional diaconate on June 17th. James served at the Cathedral until receiving a call from Church of the Holy Apostles in Wynnewood, PA. On December 9th, Rev'd Stambaugh was ordained to the priesthood by the Rt Rev'd Daniel Gutierrez, XVI Bishop of Pennsylvania. Fr. Stambaugh now serves as rector at Holy Apostles.

In a festive celebration on Saturday, September 16th, the Rev'd Chuck Jones was ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral. Fr. Chuck has been serving at St John's since his ordination to the transitional diaconate last year and remains on staff at the Cathedral in the capacity of priest in charge of stewardship and outreach.

Michael Coburn continues to serve as an acolyte and is on the preaching rota at the Cathedral. Michael is a Postulant for Holy Orders in the Diocese of the Rio Grande and is mid-way through year three of the four-year low-residency program at Church Divinity School of the Pacific.

St. Agnes Chapter of the Daughters of the King

The St. Agnes Chapter, Daughters of the King at the Cathedral, had an active year in 2017, as usual. We completed our study of Fr. Michael Gemignani's *Prayer Deeper*, and began a new study of *Biblical Women in Crisis*. Sisters participated in numerous events, both "here and abroad," including several for women of the diocese at large. These included a one-day retreat with Deborah Smith Douglas in Santa Fe; the *Wild Lent* retreat in Big Bend country; the DOK Diocesan Assembly in Carlsbad; the *Banner Over Me* weekend in Los Alamos; the *Sabbath Rest* retreat at the Bosque Center, with Rev. Monica Whitaker; and a Christmas potluck luncheon at the Cathedral, where we brought practical, non-food items for the Women's Circle of Empowerment.

Once again, we collected novel supplies for Mother Jan Hosea to take to the orphanage she will visit in Uganda. These included flash cards, nail clippers, embroidered handkerchiefs, and colorful bandanas. We prepared five funeral receptions during the year, including one for our dear sister Elizabeth Charrette, whose loss we mourn. We sent memorial gifts to the national DOK and to the Cathedral in honor of Elizabeth, and also made a cash donation for Mother Jan's mission-trip expenses.

The chapter applied for and received a grant for our Front Desk Sack Lunch ministry via the Diocesan Daughters Assembly of \$500. Commemorating the 2016 anniversary of our 120th year as a chapter, we presented the Cathedral with an altar Book of Services, which was dedicated in October.

Average attendance at our regular meetings was six, although our two luncheon meetings boasted 15+ members enjoying our sisterhood. Officers at the end of 2017 were Julie McVay, Vice President, and Linda White, Secretary/Treasurer

Respectfully submitted and For His Sake,
Linda White, President of St. Agnes Chapter

Society of Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary Ward

The Rev. Canon Michael Drinkwater, Priest Superior

The Society of Mary meet on the third Saturday of the month at 11:15 in the Chapel of the Beloved Disciple. We pray the rosary, have a teaching, and short meeting. We celebrate the holy Eucharist in recognition of special days connected to our understanding of Mary. We provide rosaries and end permission for those who wish to join us in prayer and reverence of Our Lady. We rejoice that we have had several people have attended for our time together. This year we sadly report the passing of Margaret Myers, Vernon Morgan, and Jo Berry, three of our long term members.

Faithfully submitted by Emilie Rowe, Secretary.

Respectfully submitted
Emilie Rowe, Secretary

Fellowship

Coffee Hour Ministry

The Coffee Hour Ministry continues to thrive and flourish at the Cathedral. There is a wonderful group of volunteers who enjoy providing coffee hour after the late service on Sunday and at receptions after concerts. More volunteers are always welcome. If you are interested, please contact Carol Tucker Trelease at CarolTT@aol.com or at 275-1827.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Tucker Trelease

Name Tag Ministry

I have created 36 name tags in the time that I have been responsible for this ministry. Being fairly new to the cathedral, I have found the congregation's use of name tags to be very helpful. With the selection of an interim dean and then a permanent dean it will be helpful to them, as well as their families, to be able to put names with faces.

I encourage everyone to make a habit of wearing their name tag as a welcoming gesture to all newcomers.
Christine Vender

St. Matthew's Guild

The St. Matthew's Guild is responsible for recording, counting and depositing the church's income. The Guild meets weekly in an atmosphere of good fellowship while ensuring the necessary discipline and process control for high quality results. We also are a group of friends who enjoy one another's company while doing this important work of the Cathedral.

John Rich

Parish Record 2017

Made Inheritors of the Kingdom by Baptism

Macedon Andrew Cooper
Sochi Maylea Cooper
Owen Micah Indahl

Dalton Murphy Medina
Liam Paul Thomas Scully

Zecharia Eleazer Wright

Confirmed in the Faith

Katherine Burns-Winchester
Matthew Burress
Vicki Reder

Jesse Robinson
Ronja Steinback
Christine Vender

Received in the Faith

Stephen Montoya

Entered into Eternal Rest

Frederick Blottner
Patricia Brower
Elizabeth Charette
John Cory
Catherine D'Angelo
Harry Dickson

A.J. Ferrara
Johnnie Jepson
Orval Jones
June Kouri
Elizabeth Lackmann
Gloria Mocera

Margaret Myers
Herbert Natzke
Kathleen Hall Rich
Glenn Wonn

Joined Together in Holy Matrimony

Nowel Danfora & Jordan Easley-Small
Mary Elizabeth Bigley & Lee Vincent Langen
Lynda Solidea Vargas & Anthony Joseph Osmond
Catherine Elaine Campbell & Andrew Christopher Trujillo
Mary Ngozi Ezuanuna & Kennedy Chima Ukadike