

Annual Report for the Year 2012

SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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The Parish Mission Statement

- ✦ Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church is a center of spiritual growth for those seeking Jesus Christ.
- ✦ We are an open, welcoming congregation that encourages the participation of parishioners and visitors.
- ✦ We affirm and strengthen our love of God through worship centered in the Eucharist, and through prayer, praise, and learning.
- ✦ We express the love of Christ by ministering to one another through fellowship and pastoral care, and to the larger community through outreach and service.
- ✦ We are stewards of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, stewards of the riches of creation, and stewards of the gifts of time, talent and treasure engaged in the ministry of this community of faith.

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REPORT OF THE RECTOR

“I therefore beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God of all.”

(Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians 4: 1-6)

As we gather together for the 54th Annual Meeting of the parish of St. Michael and All Angels, I bid you a warm welcome. It remains a blessing to be your Rector - and I thank you again for calling me to this place in May of 2009 - as we work together to continue to build up God’s church - not only in this parish here on Sanibel but also out in the world. The dream of Fr. Thomas Madden and a small group of faithful people who wanted to plant a church here has probably gone far beyond the wildest hopes they ever had! From the little worship gatherings at Casa Marina in 1958, to the building of this structure in 1960, to now in 2013 - fifty-five years have passed and you are a growing, vibrant, faith-filled, and outreach-focused congregation. You truly do live out the words from Ephesians 4 - “to make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace...with humility, gentleness, patience, being with one another in love.”

This past year of 2012 has been a time of great growth - both physically and spiritually. St. Michael’s has made deeper commitments to outreach - both in dollars and in the increased efforts of so many parishioners’ hands and feet - locally and globally. A Mission Fair of over twenty agencies was held; the ongoing work of ECW in its ministry of Noah’s Ark continues to the tune of over 80 volunteers; both outreach budgets have increased; four mission teams have gone out (to Haiti, to Pine Manor/Ft. Myers, and two to Honduras); and an extraordinary year-long effort began in 2012 by St. Michael’s to raise money for the renovation of a home for Habitat for Humanity. It reached fruition on Feb. 1 this year with a fun-raising and fund-raising evening at the Sanibel Community House. What incredible commitments to walking the Gospel out in the world!

Over thirty ministries continue to flourish here at St. Michael’s and this past year saw many more parishioners offering their skills and seeking new ways of reaching out. The following ministries added many new members: Pastoral Care (4), Finance (2), Christian Education (3), Healing Ministry (3), Outreach (4), Lectors (4), Eucharistic Ministers (4), Eucharistic Visitors (5), Stewardship Team (6), Shuttle Bus (2), Wednesday Evening Lay-led Worship (3), Greeters and Ushers (6); and a newly structured Property Committee was formed with eight new members to assist the Junior Warden with his many responsibilities. I thank the leadership of these, and all our other ministries, for their deep commitment and good faithful energy. These ministries, coupled with your regular commitment to weekly worship services, Bible discussions, Morning Prayer, and spiritual fellowship groups, serve to heighten both personal and corporate commitment to the Body of Christ.

We will be extending gratitude to many people during this Annual Meeting; however, I would like to extend thanks also in this report to the many people behind the scenes who support your work and ministries. I’ll begin with our Minister of Music and Organist, Hank Glass (and his wife Jeanie), our Parish Secretary Susan Gonzalez, our Parish Nurse, Roberta Heller, and our Financial Administrator Wanda Adler. Although not technically referred to as “staff,” I would be remiss in not extending my thanks to Edgardo and Norma Arce for their incredible work at St. Michael’s. I’d also like to thank from the bottom of my heart my dear husband who is a source of support and encouragement - and who likes to be called “the Rector’s wife.”

Allow me at this time to extend personal thanks to my back-up team of clergy: Paul Goddard, Anne Kimball, Doug Lind, Mardi Ponader, and Bob Ingraham. They remain a blessing in my life in spiritual, emotional and physical ways. Finally, I express deep gratitude to the Vestry Members whose terms are ending: Penny Lind, Jandy Bird, Junior Warden David Bath, and Senior Warden Hyde Tucker, and to my dedicated Clerk of the Vestry, Bob Syversen. We will be thanking them again with even greater applause in a few moments.

As we move forward together in love, I pray that we continue to honor our Baptismal Covenants “to seek and serve Christ in all people,” that we bear with one another in love and patience, and that we lift up each other’s load. I thank you with all my heart and soul for all you do for this amazing parish and for allowing me to serve you. May the peace of Christ be always with you.

Blessings,

The Rev. Dr. Ellen M. Sloan

Sixth Rector of St. Michael and All Angels

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church
53rd Annual Meeting of the Congregation
February 26, 2012
Parish Hall

Draft Minutes

I. Call to Order, Welcome, Opening Prayer – Ellen Sloan, Rector

- A. Ellen called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. with an opening prayer.

II. Report of the Rector – Ellen Sloan

- A. Written report included in the 2011 Annual Report.
- B. Beginning with a quote from Hebrews, Ellen read highlights from the Rector's Report contained in the 2011 Annual Report distributed just before the Annual Meeting. Ellen reflected upon the word perseverance from scripture and thought of the hope, love, and perseverance that led Father Thomas Madden and a committed group of people to found the parish on Sanibel in 1958. She felt that the reason we are still doing well, trying to love one another, flourishing, and thriving is due to that same love, hope, hard work, and perseverance in all of us.
- C. Ellen highlighted some of the accomplishments during the past year that both amazed and pleased her and the Vestry. One example is the expanded Outreach efforts, both in increasing the budget and increasing the number of people involved in schools, agencies, and one-on-one tutoring. Ellen complemented the hard work of the Outreach Commission and Episcopal Church Women (ECW) in continuing to working together during the allocation process to provide grants to local and global agencies. Ellen reported that many new people have been seeking to become part of St. Michael's and complimented our efforts to welcome, integrate, and assimilate them. Ellen was very pleased that we confirmed six girls ages 12-17 who took Confirmation classes and were confirmed at St. Michael's on February 5, 2012. The Bishop is extremely pleased with this and parishioners should be as well. Ellen related that the music ministry under the direction of Hank Glass, our new Minister of Music and Organist, is exciting and ever growing. The ongoing efforts to build up the three new funds created by the Vestry last year (Special Projects, Capital Reserve, and Operating Reserve) have improved long-term financial planning and stability. Ellen thanked the good will and generosity of the anonymous donor who extended our driveway pavers. This has contributed to significantly less dust and flooding.
- D. Ellen noted that we would be honoring the outgoing Vestry members shortly but wanted to express her deep appreciation to the entire 2011 Vestry and officers. Nevertheless, Ellen thanked outgoing Vestry members Joanne Syversen, Bruce Neill, and Hyde Tucker. Ellen also thanked outgoing Treasurer Jim Bird for his long hours over budgets and other financial matters. Ellen also thanked Bob Syversen, Clerk of the Vestry, who has agreed to stay another year. She praised his ability to take 3-4 hours of Vestry meeting content and put them into coherent minutes. Ellen thanked her staff for their tremendous efforts in making the office and church run smoothly: Hank Glass, Susan Gonzalez, Roberta Heller, and Wanda Adler. Ellen also thanked non-stipendiary priest associates Paul Goddard, Anne Kimball, Liz Farrow, Doug Lind, and Mardi Ponader and our Theologian-in-Residence Bruce Duncan and his wonderful wife Margaret. Ellen also thanked her husband Ralph for all his support as well as tasks at St. Michael's such as driving the bus, writing articles, taking pictures, and most recently becoming the PR person for the church. Ellen thanked Roger Heider for all his work on the Powerpoint slides.
- E. Ellen ended her report by encouraging us to greet each other with a holy kiss – that holy kiss of care, compassion, and love – that in all our perseverance at tasks and responsibilities, we remember to be faithful to the Gospel and seek and serve Christ in all people. Only in that way will this parish continue to flourish and grow.

III. Appointments for the Annual Meeting – Ellen Sloan, Rector

- A. Ellen Appointed Judy Workman, Chancellor of the Vestry, as Parliamentarian; Bob Syversen, Clerk of the Vestry, as Scribe; and Bob Crossman, Dottie Moore, and Joanne Syversen as Inspectors of Election.
- B. Judy Workman reviewed the three eligibility requirements to vote in the election of the Vestry per the By-Laws and Canons as: 1) being a communicant member 16 years of age or older, 2) regular in attendance at worship services, and 3) makes contributions of record to the general support of the congregation.

IV. Nominating Committee Report – Jandy Bird, Chair

- A. Ellen thanked Jandy and the Nominating Committee for the tremendous amount of work that they did in selecting the slate of candidates and invited Jandy to the podium
- B. Jandy introduced the nominees to the Vestry as follows: Julie Boyd, Patty Molnar, Stephanie Rahe, and John Talmage.
- C. Jandy introduced the Nominating Committee composed of Mike Cuscaden, Charlie Emerson, Wayne Ponader, and Joanne Syversen and thanked them for their service.

V. Election Process for the Vestry Class of 2015 – Jandy Bird

- A. Jandy stated that there are three vacancies on the Vestry and parishioners can vote for either 3 or 2 or 1 candidate but no more than 3.
- B. Ballots were passed out and completed ballots collected.

VI. Minutes of 2010 Annual Meeting – Bob Syversen, Clerk of the Vestry

- A. Minutes from 2010 Annual Meeting are included in 2011 Annual Report.
- B. Bob asked whether there were any corrections to the Minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting.
- C. Motion made to accept 2010 Annual Meeting minutes as read made by Dick Jacker; second Ralph Clark; Accepted.

VII. Treasurer's Report – Jim Bird, Treasurer

- A. Written report included in 2011 Annual Report.
- B. Handout of Analysis of Revenues & Expenses – Detail '11 available to interested parishioners (on file).
- C. Jim thanked the financial team beginning with the Monday morning receipt counters, Budget Administrator & Bookkeeper Wanda Adler, Dean Traxler (who fills in for Wanda when she is on vacation), Assistant Treasurer Attila Molnar, Chair of the Finance Committee Bob Winters, all the members of the Finance Committee, M&F Trust Treasurer Bill Carr, and ECW Treasurer Judy Pryor.
- D. Jim reported that the church finished 2011 in excellent financial condition. As of December 31, 2011, our budgeted income was \$619,000 and our actual income was \$634,742. Our budgeted expenses, consisting of operating expenses of \$563,695 and funds contributions of \$45,592, were \$609,287. Our actual expenses, consisting of operating expenses of \$553,151 and funds contributions of \$45,592, were \$598,743. Comparing the actual revenue and expenses, the church had a surplus of \$35,999. The surplus was used to increase the 2011 Outreach budget (\$5,000), to a new account to accumulate funds to help pay for future Diocesan Capital Apportionment assessments (\$5,500), to the Operating Capital Asset account for use on the current parking lot paver project (\$10,000), and to the Capital Replacement Fund asset account for future capital needs (\$10,500).
- E. Jim reported that the paver project has been very successful and is an excellent example of how everyone pulled together, both project-wise and financially. Using the funds from the anonymous donor coupled with funds from other sources, the church was able to complete the project without having to call upon parishioners for additional financial support.
- F. Jim discussed the three funds that were established in late 2010 and how important they are to our future. The Operating Reserve Fund helps us to smooth the flow of seasonable variable income or

stoppage of income in the event of a disaster like a hurricane or fire. The funding goal is to have three times the monthly operating budget on hand at the point in the year when the receipt of contributions is the lowest (usually in November). The funding was successful in 2011 and the Vestry for 2012 decided that current funding was adequate for the year. The funding levels will be reevaluated in November, 2012. The Capital Replacement Fund was set up to start systematically saving for large capital expense projects, like replacement of the roof or to meet the insurance deductible in the event of a hurricane. Our immediate goal to have \$50,000. We currently have about \$22,000 and expect to have \$34,000 by the end of the year barring any needs. The Special Projects Fund was set up to systematically fund smaller unbudgeted projects up to about \$15,000 and the fund ebbs and flows according to the type of project. For 2012, the Vestry authorized the addition of \$14,400 to the fund. The Funds Committee meets to evaluate and prioritize projects. A number of projects have been completed in 2011 under the direction of David Bath, Junior Warden. From the comments received from the 2012 Budget presentation to the parish, most people felt that the creation and use of these funds was a more responsible way to exercise good stewardship and to manage our financial needs.

- G. Jim referred to a report in the 2011 Annual Report summarizing the M&F Trust funds and stated that the church's assets and liabilities are in reasonable shape. He stated that with the economy as it is, the assets don't generate any readily usable income. Thus, almost all of our operating income comes from parishioner contributions.
- H. Jim reported that the operating budget for 2012 calls for budgeted income of \$630,800, which is a 1.9% increase over 2011. Our expense budget, including funds contributions, is \$620,450 or a 1.3% increase over 2011.
- I. Jim stated that the Finance Committee has undertaken a number of initiatives, including the preparation of a Procedures Manual. This includes an Expenditures Guideline for all church parishioners and employees involved in spending the church's money. A copy of this guideline will be provided to all committee and commission heads and all parishioners involved with church finances.
- J. Jim reported that he is stepping down as Treasurer and stated that it has been a pleasure serving the Vestry and parishioners.
- K. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report made by John Mason; second Wayne Ponader; Accepted.

VIII. Senior Warden's Report – Hyde Tucker

- A. Written report included in 2011 Annual Report.
- B. Hyde related that the most important thing we do is to meet the spiritual, religious, and pastoral needs of our parishioners. His assessment is that we did this well in 2011, and we improved our performance in all categories. Another important area is reaching out to the community and the world. Our Noah's Ark thrift shop, run by the Episcopal Church Women, had an exceptional year in sales and contributions to charities here and elsewhere in the world. The church at large increased its outreach contributions from \$35,000 to \$40,000. The process of deciding how to allocate these funds was improved.
- C. Hyde stated that we managed our financial resources well, exceeding our objectives for both revenue and expenses. He also thanked parishioners for giving more than they pledged, which has been unprecedented in the six churches' he has been involved in to date. Hyde felt it has been a very good year all round.
- D. Hyde reported that the Nominating Committee Chairs for the past three years, all of whom were present, found that some excellent candidates will not stand for a contested Vestry election. In the history, we have had some contested elections and some uncontested elections. The current By-Laws permit only contested elections. The Vestry has been unanimous in wanting to change the By-Laws to permit some or occasional elections to the Vestry with only one person nominated by the Nominating Committee per vacancy. This would make it more likely that some excellent and previously unavailable candidates would become available for Vestry service. This would be at the discretion of the Vestry. Hyde related that we planned to put that change, as well as one permitting

absentee ballots, before you at this meeting but realized that we had not given parishioners an opportunity to hear about the proposed changes and ask questions prior to the Annual Meeting. Thus, the proposed By-Law changes have been withdrawn from the Annual Meeting to allow parishioners to be more fully involved in the discussion. An informational meeting for parishioners to discuss the proposed By-Law changes has been scheduled for Wednesday March 14 at 4 p.m. The Rector has called a Special Meeting of the Congregation for Sunday March 25 following the 10:30 a.m. service to permit a vote on By-Law changes and permit early implementation of proposed By-Law changes. We must have 25% of the congregation present.

- E. Hyde reported that Sexton Joe Stahl was terminated last Wednesday. Hyde wished him well and stated that we are working out the terms and conditions of when he leaves the apartment. Hyde asked that anyone having questions about this issue see him privately. He reported that we are beginning to work on a plan for a new Sexton.

IX. Appointments – Ellen Sloan, Rector

- A. Madden Education Fund: Ellen reported that there are no reappointments for the Madden Education Fund. Ellen thanked Judy Workman for her work on the Madden Education Fund.
- B. Ministries and Facilities Trust: Ellen announced that she has invited Bill Carr to another three year term and he has accepted. The other members remain the same.
- C. Memorial Garden Committee: Ellen announced that she has reappointed Lee Almas. Ellen thanked Lee and all the members of the committee.
- D. Ellen thanked all the members of the Madden Education Fund, Ministries & Facilities Trust, and Memorial Garden Committee for all their hard work.

X. Report of 2011 Annual Giving – Hyde Tucker, Annual Giving Chair

- A. Written report included in 2011 Annual Report.
- B. Hyde reported that as of Tuesday last week we had pledges totaling \$475,000. Quite a few pledges have come in since then. Thus, Hyde is very optimistic that we will reach our goal of \$483,000. Last year, we had pledges totaling \$471,000 versus a goal of \$469,000. Hyde stated that we will continue to make calls to parishioners that have pledged in the past but have not pledged to date.
- C. Ellen asked all the members of the Stewardship Ministry to stand and be recognized for all their hard work. Hyde also thanked Don Rolley, Chair of the Stewardship Ministry, who was unable to be present. Ellen stated that there were 12-15 people in the Stewardship Ministry this year. In addition to Annual Giving, Ellen also thanked Jenny Wilson for time & talent, Nancy DuPont & Jenny Wilson for an evening of hors d'oeuvres where the pledge letters were signed, Dick Salerno for organizing the Neighborhood Conversations, and Mollie Avery for the Angel Society and Planned Giving. Ellen also thanked all the hosts of the Neighborhood Conversations.
- D. Ellen reported that 81 parishioners have raised their pledges and felt this was incredible. Hyde added that there were more parishioners who raised their pledges than left them the same. Ellen also stated that there were 25-30 new pledges this year.

XI. Special Thanks – Paving Project – Ellen Sloan, Rector

- A. Ellen expressed her thanks to Tom Williams for managing the paver project and to David Bath, Junior Warden for overseeing the project
- B. Ellen had previously mentioned other sources of funding for the paver project and wanted to publicly thank the Episcopal Church Women for their \$20,000 contribution for the paver project.

XII. Recognition of Outgoing Vestry Members – Ellen Sloan, Rector

- A. Ellen recognized outgoing Vestry members Bruce Neill, Joanne Syversen, and Hyde Tucker.
- B. Ellen asked Bruce, Joanne, and Hyde to come to the podium and presented them with a gift of appreciation for their efforts over the past three years.

XIII. Thank you to Treasurer Jim Bird and Reappointment of Vestry Clerk Bob Syversen – Ellen Sloan, Rector

- A. Ellen announced that she has invited Attila Molnar to be the next Treasurer and that he has accepted.
- B. Ellen thanked Jim Bird, outgoing Treasurer, for his long hours and hard work and presented him with gifts of appreciation for his service.
- C. Ellen announced that Bob Syversen, Clerk of the Vestry, has agreed to continue his term for the balance of the year

XIV. Announcement of Vestry Class of 2015 – Ellen Sloan, Rector

- A. Ellen thanked all the nominees for their willingness to stand for election to Vestry positions.
- B. Ellen announced the three new Vestry members from today's election as Patty Molnar, Stephanie Rahe, and John Talmage.

XV. Announcement of New Senior Warden – Ellen Sloan, Rector

- A. Ellen announced the appointment of Hyde Tucker as the Senior Warden for 2012 to provide continuity and consistency for the year.
- B. The appointment of the new Secretary and Junior Warden will be postponed until the March Vestry meeting. Thus, there is no need to have a Vestry Meeting following this meeting. Ellen announced that there will be a new Vestry orientation preceding the March 22 Vestry meeting. New Vestry members will be given the details shortly.
- C. Dick Jacker made a resolution that this meeting recognize and thank Ellen Sloan for her third wonderful year with us as Rector and that the parish is so grateful to Ellen for what she has brought us; second John Mason; Approved.

XVI. Closing Prayer – Ellen Sloan, Rector

- A. Ellen delivered the closing prayer.
- B. The meeting closed at 12:45 p.m.

Phil Pilibosian, *Secretary*

Submitted by Bob Syversen, *Scribe*

SENIOR CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

I believe that we have made good progress toward meeting the religious needs of our parishioners. We are on track to continue to move in the direction of our greater potential to meet those needs.

I thank those who have helped during my tour on the Vestry and as Senior Warden. Those include the congregation at large, my Vestry colleagues, the church staff, and especially the Rector, The Rev. Dr. Ellen Sloan.

Hyde Tucker
Senior Churchwarden

JUNIOR CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

2012 has been a busy year for property maintenance. Projects included:

- New pavers in the rear campus.
- Resolution of front driveway flooding issue.
- Improved landscaping.
- New tandex front steps, ramp and deck.
- Handrails on all steps at Saint Michael's.
- Installation of more efficient lighting in Noah's Ark.
- Renovation of the "cottage".
- New, attractive, signage.
- New poles and lights for driveway and parking areas.
- Upgraded audio mixer system for the church.
- New church roof ridgeline, with removal of mildew in the nave interior.
- New tandex steps and ramp for Noah's Ark.
- New fire alarm panel.
- Repainting the church frontage on Periwinkle Way.
- And continuing miscellaneous repairs.

This extensive list was made possible with the help of many parishioners. Special thanks are due to Tom Williams, Bill Carr, Sandy Trevor, Carolyn and Ralph Clark, Ralph Korn, Pat Van Alstyne, Betsy Schuman, Lee Williams, and for the invaluable help of our Treasurer, Attila Molnar, and the Finance Committee.

Possible projects on the horizon include:

- New steps and ramp for the office.
- New, safer, chairs for the angel chapel and choir loft.
- Install an attractive lattice skirt on the rear campus buildings.
- Repair and maintain rainwater control, gutters and downspouts.
- Install more effective, and more efficient, church lighting.
- Continue exterior repainting and wood protection.
- Complete campus landscaping plan.
- Improve the parish hall a/v system.
- Plan and execute the next Memorial Gardens extension.
- Interior painting of church, parish hall, meeting rooms, etc.
- Repaint the church bus.

David Bath
Junior Churchwarden

PARISH MINISTRIES

ALTAR GUILD

This year the Altar Guild welcomed four new members, bringing our number to twenty four. Each week these members, working in rotation, prepare the altar for the three services on the weekend and for the Wednesday healing service. Our members also give their time at all special services during Holy Week and Christmas as well as weddings, baptisms and memorial services. This has amounted to approximately 200 services this past year.

Our members participated in the annual meeting of Diocesan Altar Guild held at St. Peter's Cathedral in St. Petersburg and also in the Fort Myers Deanery meeting in November at Iona Hope in Ft, Myers. Your Director served at the annual meeting of the diocese in Punta Gorda in November.

Once again we remind you that monetary contributions to your Altar Guild are always welcomed. Also one member, Karen Searles, has continued to volunteer to launder and iron linens each week. This is a wonderful contribution.

Jenny Wilson has contributed many hours preparing a new pictorial Altar Guild manual which illustrates the proper preparation of the altar.

We always welcome new members and would love to share this most special ministry that is done to the glory of God.

Bettie Modys
Altar Guild Director

ART COMMITTEE

The mission of the Art Committee, which was formed early in 2008, is to work in concert with the Property Committee to select and display works of visual art in the Gallery and elsewhere in parish spaces, both inside and out, that are welcoming, attractive, and environmentally responsible.

Four different displays have been featured in the Gallery since the Annual Meeting last year. In the spring the long anticipated "St. Michael's Prime Time Show" better known as "The Way We Were Show" was hung in the Gallery. The walls were covered with collages of photographs of St. Michael's parishioners taken between the ages of 18 and 35. The premiere showing took place in conjunction with the March covered dish dinner. The entertainment for the evening consisted of guessing the identity of each person as the photos were shown on the big screen in the Parish Hall. "The Way We Were" remained on display throughout the summer as a result of popular demand. The fall brought a radical change of pace in the Gallery with whimsical children's book covers dancing across the walls. The books were all written by author and St. Michael's parishioner, Helen Ketteman. During Advent and Christmas a special "Sacred Art Show" was made possible by the generosity of parishioners who were willing to share sacred art work that they had collected over the years during their holiday season for the enjoyment of the congregation. Again, the appearance of the Gallery abruptly changed in January with the "Artreach Show." This was a display of paintings created by groups of teenagers in our area for the purpose of educating and warning other vulnerable young people about the dangers of human trafficking. The show was timed to coincide with a Sunday Forum presentation by Nola Theiss on the same subject.

The Art Committee was also responsible this past year for designing the signage on the buildings and grounds. This has been a helpful and welcomed addition for the many visitors to our church campus.

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy Schuman,
Art Committee Chair

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMISSION

The Christian Education Commission has 4 components. They are the Forums, Book Study groups, the Shared Scholar programs and the Bible studies.

Our main focus is the Forum, which meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 until 10:15 from mid-November until Easter. The theme for the 2012-2013 Forum season has been “Passionate Issues in the context of our Faith”. There will be a total of 15 Forums. The titles are listed below.

- Nov. 11The Rev. Stuart Hoke..... *The Episcopal Church Welcomes you-Or does it?*
- Nov. 18Rae Ann Wessel..... *Water Issues on the Caloosahatchee*
- Dec. 2Outreach Mission Fair
- Dec. 9Kitty Green..... *Habitat for Humanity*
- Dec. 16Hank Glass and Jim Bird *Christmas program on Music and Art*
- Jan. 6Drs. John Harries and Michael Wood *Medical Ethics*
- Jan. 13Jonathan Scalone..... *End of Life Issues*
- Jan. 20Tim Padgett *Immigration*
- Jan. 27Nola Theiss *Human Trafficking: The Moral Dilemma of Modern Day Slavery*
- Feb. 3The Rev. Dr. Doug Lind *Business Ethics*
- Feb. 10The Rev. Dr. Doug Lind *Business Ethics*
- Feb. 17Dr. Bruce Neill and John Talmage..... *Social Networking*
- March 3Yaro Garcia *Abuse*
- March 10Jan Klein *Bullying*
- March 17Mark Braverman *Palestinian/Israeli Conflict*

The commission thanks Susie Wilson who has formatted the brochure for us.

There were 3 successful Book Groups in the Fall:

Tuesday: Liz Farrow, Landscapes of Prayer

Wednesday: Doug Lind, Against Atheism

Friday: Falling Upward, led by members of the group

The Friday group is currently reading The Untethered Soul.

The Shared Scholar program is a partnership with the Congregational Church and Bat Yam Congregation. The speaker this year was Robin Fox, who spoke on “The Puzzle of the Ten Commandments” on January 27th.

The Bible study was an Advent study and currently the group is reading Luke. The Bible studies are run by the Rector, Ellen Sloan.

Respectfully submitted,

Jandy Bird and Judy Pryor

Christian Education Commission, Co-Chairs

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN – ECW

Calendar: ECW Board meets on the first Monday of the month, November through April with luncheon programs the second Monday of the same months. ECW’s major project, Noah’s Ark Thrift Store operates year round weekdays 9:30-12:30 with reduced hours during May through August and complete closing mid August to October 1st. The ECW brochure, mailed during the summer, advised all SMAA women of the schedule of programs for the coming year.

Finances: Income for the fiscal year January-December was \$271,740. The Ark income is remarkably consistent from year to year and correlates directly to the number of days it is open for business. 88% of the income was granted to community and worldwide social service agencies. As these funds and the allocation process which distributes them are critical to many groups, we are deeply grateful for the fine work of our

treasurer, Liz Coffey and the Allocations 2013 team headed by Judy Pryor including Liz Coffey, Norma Emerson, Merrell Rushworth, Chris Salerno, Susie Scutakes and Pat Van Alstyne,

Allocations: Following a careful grant application process, ECW 2013 grants include the following social services organizations in Lee and Collier Counties: CCMI, FISH, Harry Chapin Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity, Human Trafficking Awareness, InterfaithAction of SWFL, Interfaith Charities, Literacy Volunteers, Salvation Army, St. Matthew's House, SanCap Outreach, Sanibel Housing Resources (CHR), Sanibel Sea School, Voices for Kids.

Worldwide agencies receiving grants include: Agape Flights, El Hogar Projects, Our Little Roses Girls School, Society for Increase of Ministry, and Marine Biological Laboratory. Our collaboration with SMAA Outreach allows St. Michael's to support a still wider group of charitable organizations.

Programs from November, 2012: Programs to date have been well attended and enthusiastically received. We are especially grateful to Linda Korn and her hospitality team of Val Sadd, Sylvia Heider, Karen Searles, and Debbie MacKelcan for providing wonderful lunches for each event.

November: Welcome Back: Story of St. Michael's, Past and Present - Dory Rooker and Don Adams

December: Laces of Love; Christmas Carol Sing with Hank Glass and Ralph Sloan (Santa)

January: Pine Manor Improvement Assoc., Ft Myers.

February: 2/11 Fashion Show: It's Our Bag;

2/14 ECW members attend luncheon at St. Isabel

March: Growing up on Sanibel (and in SMAA) Jim Jordan and Oscar Gavin

Luncheon honoring the Men of the Ark

World Day of Prayer will be at the Christian Science Church: SMAA is 1 of 6 cooperating congregations March 1st

April: Katie Gardenia and her dolls

Board members: as of April, 2012

Ellen Sloan: Rector, ex-officio

Gillian Bath: Past President

Christina Salerno: President

Norma Emerson: President-elect

Liz Coffey: Treasurer

Merrell Rushworth: Assist. Treasurer

Carol Kreml: Secretary

Susie Scutakes, Pat VanAlstyne: Ark chairs

Judy Pryor: Allocations

Julie Boyd: Program

Linda Korn: Hospitality

Carol Heath: Historian

Marge Almas: United Thank Offering

Sylvia Heider: Chaplain

Char Mallory: Publicity

Patty Molnar: Vestry Liaison

ECW at St. Michael's is a remarkably vibrant, energetic and active group of women which depends on the seventy plus ECW/Ark volunteers for their inspiration, effort, and dedication to keeping the Ark as a place of cooperative work, friendship, service and productivity to the local and greater community. We thank all of these wonderful, reliable volunteers and welcome any SMAA woman and some special, collaborative men to join our unique volunteer team. Just contact one of the two chairs or myself. We thank all of you for your patronage, and especially our Rector, Ellen Sloan who brings her special joy and enthusiasm to our meetings and blesses all the work of ECW.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Salerno

Episcopal Church Women, President 2012-14

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

I serve as the scheduler for the Eucharistic Ministers and I am particularly grateful to the many Eucharistic ministers who serve at St Michael's.

Those who have served this past year are: Lee Almas, Marvell Bradley, Bob Crossman, Kara Cuscaden, Mike Cuscaden, Carol Daniels, Elise Fay, Laney Fay, Alex Flesh, Ellie Harries, Penny Lind, Dale McGinley, Carl Meier, Phil Pilibosian, Judy Pryor, Abby Neill, Christine Steege, Bob and Joanne Syversen, Wendy Warner and Lee Williams.

This process is often initiated by the candidate who has a strong desire to serve God at the altar and is willing to make a deep commitment to participate in the celebration of the Eucharist. The Bishop must approve and license all candidates. They are then trained by the Rector and are responsible for purchasing their own alb, cincture and cross.

Eucharistic ministers are authorized to administer the elements at any celebration of the Eucharist and in the absence of a sufficient number of priests or deacons, to assist the Celebrant in any way. Two Eucharistic ministers serve at each of the three liturgies during the season, while in the summer season, one serves on Saturday and two serve at the single Sunday liturgy.

Thank you to each of you for your steadfast devotion to God and your service to Christ and his Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Pryor

EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS

The ministry of Eucharistic Visitors continues to grow – with six new people during 2012. There are now a total of twelve Eucharistic Visitors at St. Michael's – not including three clergy who also bring communion. These people who take communion to parishioners not able to attend worship services offer the important ministries of hope, healing, and their presence – all in the Body of Christ being built up among us wherever we may be.

Ellen Sloan

FLOWER GUILD

There are nineteen dedicated members of the Saint Michael's Flower Guild who take great pleasure in enhancing the beauty of our services by creating fresh flower arrangements each week during the months of November through May. "Floral Artistry" takes over this responsibility during the summer when many of our members are away. The weekly budget is \$50 for flowers. Much of this money is donated by members of the congregation for special requests. These are honored whenever possible.

The altar arrangements are taken apart after the Sunday services and small vases of flowers are prepared for the Pastoral Care Committee to deliver.

Easter Lilies were delivered by a wholesale vendor in Naples. Members of the guild installed and care for them until the plants were distributed to members of the congregation after the festival.

Pink carnations were purchased at Floral Artistry and given to all the women at the services on Mothers' Day.

The women of the guild donned hats and enjoyed a luncheon together in November.

The greening of the church took place the week before Christmas. Red poinsettias, wreathes with gold ribbons and trees with little white lights welcomed all to the Christmas services. After Epiphany the

poinsettias were given to parishioners, the trees were stored in the Vestry Room closet and the wreaths were taken to The Extra Closet, a rented space in Fort Myers.

Many thanks to all the women of the Flower Guild who give of their time and talent to the glory of God and the beautification of Saint Michael's.

Expenses:	Easter Lilies \$518	Christmas poinsettias \$450	Supplies \$50
	Mothers Day carnations \$112	Storage locker \$132	

Respectfully submitted,
Harriet Pattison
Flower Guild, Chair

GREETERS

Thanks to the Greeters of all three services. My personal experience is largely with the 10:30m Sunday group. Mostly they seem to be enjoying themselves. Their enthusiasm has got to have a favorable effect on visitors. They have been instructed to relay complaints to me. I have received very few. (Mostly from 10:30 people who aren't called on enough.) A special "Thank you" to John Pryor who magically has the Welcome table in order.

There is a small discrepancy between the number of Greeters last year and this year. Some people have expressed a willingness to serve at more than one service.

Last year:	This year:
Saturday, 5:00 p.m. - 28	Saturday, 5:00 p.m. - 33
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. - 15	Sunday, 8:00 a.m. - 15
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - 57	Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - 65

An effort is made to have 2 Greeters at each service. That's almost impossible at Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Frequently Ushers step up to cover Greeter vacancies.

The Greeter Committee has no expenses. The office supplies name tags, sticky tags for guests, bags with Church information for visitors, etc.

Respectfully submitted,
Marnie Kent
Greeters Scheduler

GRIEF AND LOSS GROUP

The Grief and Loss Group continued to meet throughout the year of 2012. The first part of the year was spent with a nationally-known program of DVDs and discussion groups. Then during the Fall, one of our St. Michael's parishioners designed and facilitated a bereavement group. We continue to vary both the topics and the format of these groups, as the composition of the group also varies from month to month. In addition, there is ongoing one-on-one support, as well as referrals to professional grief counselors and to ongoing bereavement groups in the Fort Myers area.

Ellen Sloan

HEALING MINISTRY

The Healing Eucharist continues to take place each Wednesday at 9:00 in the Angel Chapel; and at each of our Saturday and Sunday worship services, people from the Healing Ministry Team offer their presence and prayers in the Memorial Garden. Our Healing Ministry meets once a month and has grown to twenty-five people. Last year the group had a workshop on “healing touch therapy,” and studied the book A Powerful Joy: Lessons in Healing by Joseph Acton. During the Fall of 2012, we began a book study on Healing Everywhere by John Banks. The occasional workshops, book discussions, and the ongoing sharing of scriptural and personal narratives of healing continue to inform, inspire and support the ministry of healing at St. Michael’s. We invite anyone who is interested in learning more about this ministry to join us at one of our regular meetings. Our ministry is always to expand the healing ministry of Jesus for all people – in mind, body and spirit.

Ellen Sloan and Paul Goddard
Healing Ministry, Co-facilitators

MADDEN EDUCATION FUND COMMITTEE

The Madden Education Fund Committee is proudly supporting 3 St. Michael’s parishioners to further their educational goals during this current school year.

Elise Fay is a student at Rollins College and is pursuing a Liberal Arts degree, with a focus on pre-med.

Marvell Bradley is a student at Edison State College studying business administration and management.

Heather McIntosh is pursuing an international diploma in Montessori Pedagogy.

All grants were for \$3,000.00, and cover one year only. Students must reapply for schooling beyond one year. Thanks to the ECW’s ongoing support, as well as contributions from parishioners, funds are available for future grants.

During the past year the committee has developed criteria, an application form, and procedures for applying. Any parishioner of St. Michael’s may submit an application by contacting the church office.

Respectfully, submitted,
Judy Workman
Madden Education Fund Committee, Chair

MEMORIAL GARDEN COMMITTEE

In 2009 we renovated and updated the Memorial Garden by adding an additional wall with 24 niches, upgraded the fountain, removed the cruciform to provide more space for attendance at services, replaced concrete walkway with colorful pavers, replaced stairs and ramp and seating in the arbor with composite material, added handicap railings, and added plantings. Since then the Memorial Garden has become more than an endearing resting place for our loved ones; more and more parishioners are visiting the Garden as a sanctuary for meditation, and weather permitting the Garden is used for Healing Prayer during the Eucharist at each of the weekly services. During Christmas season the Garden is festive with wreath and lighted garland strung across the fountain wall and potted poinsettia plants placed about. Easter brings the potted lilies. This year a parishioner gifted the garden two titanium metal benches.

The Memorial Garden does not receive any funds from the Parish Operating Budget. The income for maintenance is from the interest earned on reserves from the sale of niches and the use of the scatterfield.

The original wall contains 52 niches and the newest wall has 24. Since the renovations from three years ago the response to purchase a niche or scatterfield has been great. At the present time there are only five niches not spoken for. With this being the situation the Vestry has charged the Committee to pursue a plan to

expand the Garden. At the present time we have some conceptual plan drawings that are in the early stages and we will be working with contractors to develop the costs.

There are brochures and application forms with Terms and Conditions available in the Church Office. Susan will provide you with these and your name will be forwarded to the Committee, and you will be contacted.

Respectfully submitted

Lee Almas

Memorial Garden Committee, Chair

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The St. Michael's Men's Fellowship meets at 7:30 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. We gather together every month with the exception of the Christmas holiday and vacation absences of a significant number of members in the summer. There were fifteen to twenty men attending fairly regularly during our busy season and six to twelve faithful attendees during the summer.

On Tuesday's we were led by a different member from our group on a topic selected by that member for discussion. This was followed by a sometimes lively discussion of our individual experiences on these issues. Thinking about how the Lord is part of our lives in so many different ways can provide for a lively discussion.

All men of the parish are encouraged to join us for this fellowship and please feel welcome to bring along a friend if you like. You know what they say, make a friend, be a friend and bring your friend to Christ. Help us continue to grow in our community of faithful Christians, learning how to share with a group of other individuals searching for their paths and learning how to trust each other into a closer relationship with each other and the Lord. See what God is planting in your heart and come join us!

In God's Love,

John Mason

Men's Fellowship Coordinator

MINISTRIES AND FACILITIES TRUST

Trust Purpose

The Saint Michael and All Angels Ministries and Facilities Trust completed its ninth year of operation in 2012. The purpose of the Trust is to hold, disburse (in accordance with restrictions as to purpose and preservation of principal), and oversee management of those financial assets of the Parish that are placed in trust for restricted purposes either by the Vestry, a parish organization, or by individual donors. That portion of the principal in funds that are donated or bequeathed by individuals as endowment may never be invaded without specific permission or direction of the donor(s).

Trust Governance

The Trust is governed in accordance with a deed of trust executed by the Rector, Senior Warden, and three voting trustees in January 2003. Trustees select a professional investment manager for liquid assets, meet at least quarterly to review investment performance and asset allocation strategies, and to conduct other trust business.

The three voting Trustees are appointed by the Rector and approved by the Vestry for staggered three-year terms. There are also two non-voting Trustees, namely, the Rector (*ex officio*) and a Vestry member appointed by the Rector. In 2012, voting Trustees (who also serve as trust officers) were Chair Ralph Clark (term expiring 2013), Treasurer Bill Carr (term expiring 2015), and Secretary Parke Avery (term expiring 2014). The Parish Treasurer, Attila Molnar, served as Vestry appointee.

Trust Composition

The Trust is currently comprised of eight funds, each with a restricted purpose and most of which are partially or fully endowed. Except for that portion of the Clergy Housing Fund invested in clergy real estate, all assets are liquid. Liquid assets, except for a small co-mingled sum maintained in a Bank of the Islands (BOI) money-market account, are currently co-mingled in a portfolio of equities and fixed income managed by State Street Global Advisors (SSGA) in Boston, which manages investments for the Episcopal Church Foundation and over 100 participating parishes. M&F Trust assets were invested throughout 2012 in a 70-30 blend of diversified equities and fixed income.

The beginning and ending value of each fund is given in the table below (*unaudited*):

LIQUID ASSETS – M&F TRUST FUNDS (Sum of BOI and SSGA Year-End Totals)							
Fund Name	Opening Balance	Rec'd. 2012	Disb. 2012	Investment Gain	Closing Balance	Endowed Portions	Notes
Clergy Housing	\$273,057	\$0	\$0	\$30,537	\$303,594	\$71,242	A
Parish Maintenance	\$100,611	\$0	\$0	\$11,225	\$111,836	\$102,722	B
Memorial Garden	\$31,231	\$0	\$0	\$3,447	\$34,678	-----	C
Madden Education	\$20,773	\$0	0	\$3,211	\$23,084	\$10,000	D
Matthew 25 Endow.	\$21,514	\$0	-\$900	\$1,565	\$23,079	\$25,515	E
Memorial Endowment	\$620	\$330	\$0	\$50	\$1,000	\$950	F
Vestry-Controlled	\$45,812	\$0	\$0	\$4,990	\$50,802	-----	G
TOTALS	\$493,618	\$330	-\$900	\$55,005	\$548,072	\$210,429	

Notes:

Disbursements: Although the Trust generated sufficient income to allow disbursements of income from the Clergy Housing Fund and the Parish Maintenance Fund, none was distributed from either because funds from other sources (primarily pledge income) were sufficient to cover needs.

A – **Clergy Housing Fund** has been funded by a) parishioners' designated gifts totaling \$71,242 and b) the proceeds from the Vestry's real estate transactions beginning with the 2003 sale of the Balsa Court rectory.

The Fund serves two purposes:

- to apply Fund principal and income to aid clergy in purchasing and improving their principal dwellings by co-owning 20 percent of the property.
- to apply Fund income to offset the Parish's cost of clergy housing allowances.

At year-end, the Parish's investment (cost basis) in the Rector's Barra Court residence was \$141,176. (See note on Disbursements above.)

B – The **Parish Maintenance Fund** income is restricted to maintenance of parish facilities. (See note on Disbursements above.)

C – The **Memorial Garden Fund's** purpose is to manage the investment of the Memorial Garden funds transmitted from the Memorial Garden Fund Treasurer and to disburse them upon request.

D – The purpose of the **Matthew 25 Endowment Fund** is to distribute earnings of the endowment for charitable purposes outside the Parish over and above budgeted outreach. The donor(s) have stipulated that at least \$900 per year be distributed, invading principal to the extent necessary to meet this requirement. This stipulation was met in 2012.

E – The **Madden Education Fund** is funded by a) an endowment of \$10,000 and b) several transfers of funds from ECW. Trust income from the endowment is to provide education scholarships to people of the Parish. ECW contributions to the fund are purpose-restricted, but not restricted as to principal.

F – The **Memorial Endowment Fund** receives memorial contributions; income use is restricted to uses designated by the Memorials Committee.

G – The **General Vestry Controlled Fund** contains funds that the Vestry wishes to have invested for over one year but over which it retains control as to purpose and disbursement decisions.

Fund Performance - 2012

The value of that portion of our investment portfolio managed by SSGA, net of deposits and withdrawals, increased by 11.2 percent in 2012. January 2013 results continued to be positive, and there are no current plans to change course.

Conclusion

An endowment provides the means to supplement and enhance existing Church activities and facilities and can provide seed money to undertake new initiatives and to support existing ministries. Your Trustees are committed to doing their best to protect and grow the endowment assets of the Parish. We encourage parishioners to continue to make generous gifts and bequests to ensure the long-term financial health of Saint Michael's Church.

Ralph Clark
Chair

Parke Avery
Secretary

Bill Carr
Treasurer

MUSIC IN WORSHIP

The music program has grown during 2012 in very meaningful ways. The ministry of the Church Choir has expanded, as well as the membership of the choir. As this amazing leadership of worship grows, it is expected that membership will grow even more. In 2012 the Choir sang for the World Day of Prayer Service held at Saint Michael's Church this year. Six of our young people were confirmed by our Bishop Smith, and the choir sang for this inspiring and moving service. Trumpet music was added on this special Sunday. Castlebay again provided music on a Sunday morning celebration as well as the duo of Ahearne and Adler.

Holy Week brought a busy choir singing for all of the major services. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil were all remembered with special anthems by the church choir. Easter brought us the two trumpets of Steve Mondora and Nancy Boyle with the full choir singing two services on that special Sunday celebrating the Resurrection.

During the summer months, Lynne Dugan presided at the organ for the months of June through September. The choir returned singing for the All Saints Celebration. Advent and Christmas brought a different ministry to the choir singing the wonderful message of the coming of Christ and His birth.

Special thanks go to Walter Schuman, Janet Davis and the three Lilleshatten children who have provided beautiful music throughout the year.

Submitted by
Hank Glass
Minister of Music/ Organist

OUTREACH MINISTRY

"Whatever you do to the least of these, you do to me"

The Mission of Saint Michael & All Angels Outreach Ministry is to manifest our Love of Christ by supporting local and global charitable organizations both financially and through the active involvement of our parishioners in service to the less fortunate.

Members of the Outreach Ministry: We were pleased that several new members joined the Ministry during 2012. We are thankful for the faithful participation of the following: Don Albrecht, Cindy Crocker, Carol Daniels, Jill Dillon, John Harries, Peggy Hupfeldt, Penny Lind, Daphne Mason, Bruce Pattison, Judy Pryor, Win Rathje, Chris Salerno, Bob Syversen, and Rev Ellen Sloan.

The Ministry held seven meetings during 2012. The main areas of focus during the year were:

- 1) **Parish Mission Fair** – The goal of the annual Mission Fair is to afford parishioners the opportunity to increase their knowledge of some of the local, regional and global organizations that St. Michael's supports through grants and/or as volunteers. The Fair was held on Dec 1 & 2, 2012, with 20 organizations represented. A number of parishioners signed up as new volunteers to help organizations which serve the less fortunate in our area. The 2013 Mission Fair is planned for Dec 7 & 8.
- 2) **Volunteers** – Members of the congregation volunteer to assist at Pine Manor, ECHO, South Fort Myers Food Pantry, Habitat for Humanity, El Hogar, Community Cooperative Ministries, FISH, Human Trafficking Awareness, Brightest Horizons, Voices for Kids, Taking Stock in Children, and Our Little Roses to name but a few.
- 3) **Financial support for not-for-profit organizations** - On behalf of the parish, the Outreach Ministry awarded support grants to six local and global organizations:
 - a) Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization (ECHO) - ECHO is a global Christian organization that equips people with agricultural resources and skills to reduce hunger and improve the lives of the poor. Its vision is to honor God through sustainable hunger solutions. Grant \$5,750.
 - b) Brightest Horizons - The mission of Brightest Horizons is to provide educational and developmental day care for children of low income working families and to strive to provide for the social, emotional, economic, and developmental needs of those children and their families. Grant \$10,000.
 - c) El Hogar - The mission of El Hogar Projects is to provide a loving home and education in a Christian environment for abandoned, orphaned and hopelessly poor children in Honduras. Grant \$6,000.
 - d) South Fort Myers Food Pantry - The South Fort Myers mission is to provide food and other services to those in need in South Fort Myers. Grant \$6,750.
 - e) Pine Manor - Pine Manor is one of six neighborhoods designated by the Lee County Board of Commissioners as "blighted" and in need of direct social service assistance. The mission of Pine Manor to improve the neighborhood by developing effective, cost efficient, holistic neighborhood revitalization strategies designed to provide decent, affordable housing, suitable living environments and expand economic opportunities to our residents. Grant \$7,500.
 - f) Habitat for Humanity - The mission of Habitat for Humanity is to follow God's lead and partner with the community to provide decent, affordable homes for people in need so they may build better lives for their families. Grant \$10,000. Starting in March 2012, the Outreach Ministry supported parish fundraising efforts for a Habitat home in Harlem Heights.
- 4) **Support for the use of sustainable resources** – Reusable St. Michael's shopping bags were offered for sale throughout the year.

During the year the Ministry explored possible new programs which might be available and of interest to volunteers. It should be noted that any program which involves contact with children requires a background check through the Sheriff's department. These ideas are in their formative stage but we would like to get a sense of interest among the congregation:

- 1) **Sanibel School** – several volunteer opportunities might be available:
 - a) The librarian is only part-time so she could use some help;
 - b) The music teacher is the sole person organizing musicals and needs assistance;
 - c) The School could use help in teaching Spanish;
 - d) Classroom volunteers who would provide mentoring and other one-on-one assistance. Individuals would have to commit for the entire school year August to May but times are flexible;

- e) The School would welcome the assistance of retired attorneys to help with ‘mediation’ sessions with students;
- f) The after-school program needs volunteers from 2:15-3:15. They would help individual students or small groups with reading, homework etc.
- 2) **Taking Stock in Children** – acting as scholastic advisors and providing counsel and support for students in Fort Myers or Immokalee at their schools during the lunch hour.
- 3) **Hope Hospice** – interacting, reading and supporting patients.
- 4) **Brightest Horizons** – Holding babies, interacting with children, assisting teachers, playing with kids

If you are interested in knowing more about any of these volunteer opportunities please email John Harries at HarriesSMAA@gmail.com.

Finally, the Outreach Ministry would like to thank Phil Pilibosian who stepped down in March 2012 after four years of outstanding service as Chair of the Outreach Ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
 John Harries
Outreach Ministry, Chair

PARISH LIFE COMMISSION

We would like to begin our report for year 2012 with grateful thanks to those of you who have, not once or twice but several times throughout the year, devoted time and effort to nourishing the starving masses that enter the parish hall after each weekend service anticipating your love and care. And we would also like to invite those of you who are unfamiliar with the kitchen to join us in the fellowship of serving fellow parishioners. There is always a sign-up sheet on the table in the back hall opposite the Sunday School room, or you may call either Pat or Roberta and we'll find a kitchen partner for you. Come try us out. It's fun!

In addition to the weekend kitchen parties, in January we celebrated Confirmation with an inspiring group of young people and the Bishop. The Maundy Thursday Agape dinner was well attended and a lovely beginning to the Easter weekend. There was the lemonade feast for the July 4th parade, and Pink Sunday in October, and of course Luminary night, with cookies and mulled cider. We can't forget the potluck suppers with Pat's decorating talents transforming the parish hall, whether it be Christmas or Halloween or Thanksgiving or just a plain old Wednesday that ends up being anything but plain.

Many of you have commented on the new paper products we've adopted, We thank you for your input, and invite any and all suggestions you might have for us with respect to Parish Life and how it can best serve the needs of us all.

Pat Jones and Roberta Winters
Parish Life Commission - Hospitality, Co-Chairs

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

As I begin my seventh year as the parish nurse at Saint Michael's, my goal remains the same - to help parishioners maintain or improve their health status in body, mind, and spirit through the integration of faith and health. My role is to be a resource to parishioners, a referral agent, health educator, and advocate and health counselor.

Currently, 35 parishioners are certified in The American Heart Association CPR and AED training, provided by the Sanibel Fire Department. Future training programs will be offered in February or March of this year. A plan for medical emergencies in church has been written and continues to be a work in progress. A Sunday forum emphasizing the importance of CPR/AED training and reviewing procedures, led by Dr. Michael Wood and Dr. John Harries, was well received by parishioners.

In late October, the Visiting Nurses Association of Ft. Myers, held a flu and pneumonia vaccine clinic. Twenty four parishioners and members of the Sanibel community took part in this program.

A monthly health lecture series during season last year included a discussion on end of life issues, good sleep, and breast cancer update. Attendance ranged from 12 to 23, many from outside the St. Michael's community. A Health Fair, organized by the Congregational Church's parish nurse and this parish nurse, was held at the Congregational Church in January.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry, which meets monthly from November through April, continues to grow. To date, 136 quilts and shawls have been made. Blessed shawls and quilts have been given to 97 parishioners who have been ill, hospitalized, or bereaved, as an expression of God's love and comfort through the hearts and hands of our parish. The Prayer Shawl Ministry, with Ellen's approval, donated 8 shawls to ACT to give to women in need of comfort.

I continue to serve on LEAPP – Lee Elder Abuse Prevention Partnership, a coalition of public and private agencies and individuals serving the elderly - representing faith community nurses (Parish Nurses).

During 2012, I visited with 146 parishioners in their homes, the hospital, nursing homes or in my office and made phone contacts with 114 other parishioners. I am grateful to the many members of this parish who volunteer their time to visit with parishioners, drive parishioners to appointments, and provide meals for other parishioners. Illness and aging can sometimes be an isolating experience. Together we support our church family in difficult times through prayer, the Eucharist, and offering assistance and advocacy.

Roberta Heller, RN, BSN

Parish Nurse

"In life, we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love." Mother Teresa

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

The Pastoral Care Ministry supports the ministries of healing, caring, comforting, and cheering the parishioners of St. Michael and All Angels along with the Rector, the Parish Nurse, the clergy, and many volunteers. Monthly meetings help a core group of about 15 members plan, communicate and keep on top of needs. There are many areas in which we give service:

- Flower delivery of the weekend altar flowers is coordinated after the services to the sick &/or shut-in.
- Prayer Shawls (and quilts), led by Roberta Heller, are a tangible expression of care, love, and prayerful action. Also, Holding Crosses (made on Pine Island and supporting their ministry) are another source of comfort. Either/both may be asked for, and are distributed by the clergy or PCM.
- The Prayer Chain Ministry has about 13 people praying daily for particular people, and is in addition to the Red Door list and to the Prayers of the People during services. Betsy McCullough leads this ministry from up north.
- About 7-8 volunteer shuttle drivers bring parishioners in our van to St. Michael's from Shell Point for weekend services. Jerry McCullough schedules this from "way up north", with Bill and Barbara Maruchi's oversight. We now also have a few drivers available if someone needs a car ride to church for a service.
- Cards are sent to people in times of illness, bereavement, anniversaries, or life events. Norma Emerson and Christine Steege lead this ministry with help from volunteers.
- Songfests are scheduled a couple times a year for our Shell Point Village friends in the Pavilion. This Christmas approximately 25 people from St. Michael's joined us! Janet and John Bendall regularly assist in this.
- The Healing Prayers Ministry serves at all three weekend services during Communion. Paul and Ellen lead this ministry, and June and Bob Ingraham schedule the rota.

- Meals and food supplies are provided to those who need them as suggested by Ellen. There are about 25 people on our list to help with this.
- This fall there was a series of sessions for those suffering from grief and loss led by Sally Hanser. Dates are noted in the weekly bulletins and *The Red Door*, and are open to anyone seeking solace.
- Certified Lay Eucharistic Visitors provide comfort and communion to parishioners unable to attend services. Ellen has a corps of volunteers who visit with folks as well.
- Prior to hurricane season evacuation lists are updated and preparation notes are revised. Don and Jane Adams have assisted in this for several years.
- Plus, people like Christine Steege, Betty and Bill Carr, Joan Desilets and others help us continue all these services during our “off” season when needs continue but hands are fewer.
- The Rector leads and regularly updates us about parishioners’ needs and provides continuous direction to the Pastoral Care Ministry.

We also welcomed some new people to our core group within the last 12 months. The services from Pastoral Care Ministry to the parish have many more people involved who are not named here, but who are vital to the care and love we have for one another. We appreciate all of them!

Respectfully submitted,
 Joanne Syversen
Pastoral Care Ministry, Chair

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

Stewardship Ministry Team Members

The following persons have faithfully served on Stewardship Ministry throughout 2012: Bill Carr, Ralph Clark, Nancy DuPont, Alex Flesh, Evelyn Neill, John Pryor, Dick Salerno, Phil Urion, Jen Wilson, Lee Cooper, Hyde Tucker (Senior Warden), Mollie Avery (Planned Giving Chairman), Attila Molnar (Treasurer), Bob Winters (Finance Committee Chair) and Ellen Sloan (Rector).

2012 Annual Giving

Hyde Tucker served as Chairman of the 2012 Annual Giving campaign. Some of the highlights included: Articles on the campaign in the *Red Door*; Separate letters from the Rector and the chairs were sent in January; On stewardship weekend the Rector preached on the subject and three parishioners, Evelyn Neill, John Harries and John Talmage discussed the impact of Saint Michael and All Angels on their lives. Eight neighborhood Conversations, organized by Dick Salerno were held beginning January 5th and ending on January 24th. The positive tone in the conversation gatherings were later reflected in a highly favorable pledge response with many new pledges and substantial increases from many others. The final results allowed for a successful conclusion in exceeding our goal for the budget in 2012.

2013 Annual Giving

Hyde Tucker served as Chairman of the 2013 Annual Giving campaign. Its highlights included:

- The theme for the 2013 campaign was: Sharing Christ’s Love;
- Separate letters from the Rector and the chairs were sent in early January.
- January 12 and 13 was designated Stewardship Weekend; The Rector preached on the subject and three parishioners, Mollie Avery, JoAnn Syversen and Dick Schilling discussed the impact of Saint Michael and All Angels on their lives.
- Time and Talent Forms were sent along with the pledge cards for parishioners to express their interest in various volunteer areas. A good response was received to this request.
- An attractive brochure was created by our Rector and Evelyn Neill, which was distributed at the Neighborhood Conversations. Many favorable comments were received from the parishioners on the content of the brochure.

- Eight Neighborhood Gatherings, organized by Dick Salerno, were held beginning January 4 and ending January 29. Hosts were Daphne and John Mason, Carolyn and Ralph Clark, Liz and Bill Coffey, Dianne Leonardi, Peggy Hupfeldt, Gail and Carl Meier, Barbara and Dick Schilling and Gloria and Hyde Tucker. Our thanks to all of them!
- The Conversation Gatherings included a social period, the Stewardship Chair's opening remarks; a talk by the Rector; and a talk by Hyde Tucker, Annual Giving Chairman, who discussed the details of the budget. A copy of the new brochure was handed out.

The positive tone of the gatherings has been reflected in a favorable pledge response. It is clear that most parishioners appreciate the many blessings afforded by our faith community and consider it worthy of their continued support. Final results will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Time and Talent

The questionnaire on Time and Talent was mailed together with the mailing of the pledge cards to everyone on the parish mailing list. The questionnaire is a concise inventory of all the ways parishioners can serve the missions of the church, provide opportunities for service and foster the integration of members into parish life. Jen Wilson is compiling a final tally of the responses that have been returned. Committee heads will then be asked to follow up with those respondents expressing interest in serving in their areas.

Planned Giving

Members of the Planned Giving Team are Mollie Avery, Chair, Lee Cooper, Wayne Ponader, Ellen Trevor, Hyde Tucker, and Ellen Sloan and Don Rolley ex-officio.

On March 21, 2012, Jim Murphy of the Episcopal Church Foundation presented a two day program for parish members about the future security and opportunity for ministry expansion provided by a planned giving program at St. Michael's, as well as about the most popular vehicles people use to make a planned or legacy gift. Jim's main presentation was attended by 40 people, and he also conducted a leadership session, and met with the Vestry.

St. Michael's Angel Society is made up of parishioners who have chosen to support our future either through their estate plans, or with an outright gift to endowment. There are now 38 individual parishioners at St. Michael's who are Angel Society members.

The goal of the planned Giving Team is to educate and inform parishioners to encourage all to make a planned gift to the church, and to make known that such a gift can be made through a simple process.

There were no realized planned gifts to the church in 2012.

Year Round Stewardship

The Stewardship Ministry Team initiated ways for increasing year round awareness of Stewardship through distribution of the new brochure on Stewardship at services and occasional articles in the Red Door. Anyone with ideas that might assist this effort is encouraged to bring them to the Ministry Team.

Don Rolley

Stewardship Ministry Team, Chair

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP

Under the wonderful guidance of Donnalee Washburn, our Sunday School is flourishing – with eight children registered between grades K-4. Other teachers include John Talmage and Laurie Kjoller, as well as high school teaching “assistant” Lya Kjoller. Last year we began having the Sunday School children take part in the procession at the 10:30 service to increase the awareness of parishioners who may not know of St. Michael's growing Sunday School program.

During the Fall of 2012, our Youth Group began meeting jointly with the youth of the Sanibel Congregational UCC Church. Our twelve youth and their four combined to make a Youth Group of sixteen – which has enabled us to do many more things. Last year the St. Michael’s Youth Group planned a Mission Trip to Pine Manor Neighborhood Association in Fort Myers – spending the days painting, cleaning, and planting an herb garden. We traveled each day to Pine Manor in our church van. Our Youth Group also raised over \$700 using the Angel Tree during Advent to raise money for the St. Michael’s Habitat Home; and during every Shrove Tuesday for the past two years, our teens have helped the men at the pancake supper as dessert servers. Three of our teens now also serve as Eucharistic Ministers at worship services: Abby Neill, Meghan Warner, and Laney Fay – this is something they are invited to participate in when they reach high school age. Others in grades 5-8 continue to serve on the altar as acolytes, crucifers, torchbearers, and readers. Last Fall Marvell Bradley – now in his first year in college – was invited by the Rector to be our Youth Minister. Through all our activities together – whether in outreach, prayer, worship services, scripture discussion, and just having fun – we continue to try and make the Gospel relevant in our teens’ complex and complicated world.

Ellen Sloan

“SUPPERS FOR SIX”

Started in January of 2002, “Suppers for Six” has become an ongoing program of St. Michael & All Angels’ Parish. Over the last ten years it has been coordinated by Mardi and Wayne Ponader to whom we offer many thanks for their time and talent in making “Suppers” a continuing success. During the first year 75 parishioners signed up to participate.

The numbers have varied over the years and at the end of 2012 once again 75 people signed up to be included in the suppers to be held in the early months of 2013. At the Rector’s request we arbitrarily invited an additional 30 “newcomers” as well. Although they did not “sign up” we felt it would be a nice way to give them an opportunity to get to know some of our church members in a less formal setting. Also, as an experiment, one group of single women (most of them fairly new to the church) has been formed and they are making plans to get together as well. Unfortunately some folks could not participate for one reason or another, but ultimately there are seventeen groups who will be “dining together” in the winter months of 2013.

In addition to Mardi & Wayne, I extend many thanks to the participants who have been efficient and positive in the coordination of their individual group suppers.

Submitted by

Dianne Leonardi

“Suppers for Six”, Chairman

WEDNESDAY EVENING LAY-LED WORSHIP

In 2012, the Wednesday Evening Worship (WEW) Group continued to organize lay-led half-hour worship services on Wednesday evenings followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments. Most services are held in the Chapel of the Angels, with 15 to 20 people attending (a slight decrease from previous years). On the first Wednesday of each month, the day of the monthly Pot Luck supper, the service is held in the church to accommodate a larger congregation. Our services are suspended during Lent. In the summer months (May through September), our services are held only on the first Wednesday of the month to coincide with the pot-luck suppers.

Approximately 15 people have led or participated in services, and seven have played the organ or piano. Service attendance is greatest for services held on the beach. This year we held our first service on the causeway, and it

worked very well. We were able to park close to the spot where the service took place, and timed the service to end just before the sunset over Sanibel. The service was followed by our usual refreshments.

The service starting time was changed in the fall from 6 PM to 5 PM, because of concerns that pot luck suppers were running too late for the comfort of some. We continue to evaluate which time works the best for those attending our services.

Services of Evening prayer and Compline from the Book of Common Prayer or the New Zealand Prayer Book are often used, as are Celtic liturgies from *A Wee Worship* book and others. We celebrated the lives of loved ones with a service of remembrance in November and glorified God's creation including a reading from Philip Newell in December. Earlier in the year we enjoyed a service of six psalms matched with six hymns, a service on Sanibel beach at Nerita, and in January a service of remembrance and thanksgiving for the life of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

We anticipate more variety next year, including an African service, youth group participants, and a hymn-sing. Copies of past services are available on CDs kept in the vesting room. We invite others to investigate our worship resources and join us in attending and leading service.

Betty Carr
WEW, Convener

WELCOME MINISTRY

The Welcoming Ministry had two main projects this past year. The first was a get-together of new parishioners that we do every year. The most recent one was particularly successful both in numbers and enthusiasm. 17 new members showed up for our Sunday February 10, 2013 brunch along with 18 committee members and clergy. It was hosted by Chris and Dick Salerno.

The second project is *Faces*, a compendium of names and photographs of church members and attendees. It is designed as a memory enhancer for both newcomers and regular members in a parish where the majority disappears and reappears after long absences. It is intended in particular for newcomers who suffer from a memory overload of new faces and names. Personalized versions of *Faces* were given to each newcomer who attended our brunch. The final version will be available in early March and will contain over 200 photographs. It will be printed in full color and copies available to all church members. *Faces* will be updated on an annual basis.

A special thanks goes to Parish Secretary, Susan Gonzalez for her help and cooperation in making *Faces* successful.

Respectfully submitted,
Corky Boyd
Welcome Ministry, Chair

WOMEN AT THE WELL

This group continued its gatherings twice monthly for the winter and spring season of 2012 – completing the discussion of topics in the book *Autumn Gospels: Women in the Second Half of Life*. Women at the Well remains inclusive of all women – both parishioners and friends – who seek to gather together to listen to one another's perspectives, share opinions, gain insights, and offer support when needed. Many new relationships have been formed over the past two years and the Body of Christ is deeply apparent in our interactions – whether joyful or painful. (Plans for meeting times and topics for 2013 are now in progress.)

Ellen Sloan
Women at the Well, Coordinator

VESTRY COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

During 2012 the Finance Committee substantially completed the job of developing recommendations for rebuilding the basic elements of the church's financial management structure. As a result we released a Manual of Accounting and Financial Policies in May. There remains work to be done but the fundamentals are now in place.

The committee continues to look for ways to strengthen our practices. In November the committee adopted guidelines for project management, flowing from lessons learned with the paver project. We participated in the development of the 2013 budget from the operating account. Looking forward, a significant effort for 2013 will be the preparation of a three year projection of the financials for the operating account.

Bob Winters,
Finance Committee, Chair

TREASURER'S REPORT

I am pleased to report the financial highlights for Saint Michael and all Angels Episcopal Church for the calendar year 2012. This report does not include financial data of the M&F Trust, ECW/Noah's Ark, and Memorial Garden.

1. Acknowledgements

I want to offer my deepest gratitude to all who provide help in the financial functions of the church.

A special "thank you" to the Monday morning counters Jane Adams, John Mason, Susie Scutakes, Jenny Wilson who regularly count monies received from each of the three services, and prepare appropriate records and bank statements.

A deep "thank you" also to Wanda Adler, our Financial Administrator and Budget Administrator, who handles our computer entries, prepares checks, produces financial reports, and assists in preparing the Parochial report to the Diocese and our annual Audit as well.

Bob Winters, chair of the Finance Committee, and all members of the committee, who advise the Vestry and Treasurer on improvements to all aspects of our entire financial effort.

And finally, Bill Carr, Treasurer to our Ministries and Facilities Trust, and Liz Coffey and Judy Pryor for her work on handling the Treasurer's functions of ECW and Noah's Ark operations.

2. Operating Statement

2a. Income

Total Income for Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church for the year 2012 was \$727,401 vs. a Budget of \$630,800. Notable deviations were:

- The total pledge payments for the year were \$521,413 surpassing the Budget of \$483,000.
- Donor - No Pledge Payments were at \$91,491 vs. a Budget of \$ 45,000.
- Comparatively small deviations were:
 - Hospitality income \$3,415 vs. budgeted \$2,500
 - Use of Building \$1,150 vs. Budget of \$1,700
 - Use of Parking Lot \$1,300 vs. budgeted \$1,800
 - Altar Flower Income \$5,050 vs. budgeted \$3,000

2b. Expenses

Total Expenses for the year were \$678,059 vs. a Budget of \$621,200. This resulted in a cash surplus for the year of \$41,259.

Contributions to the Capital Replacement Fund and the Special Project Fund during the year amounted to \$29,702.

The increase in expense over Budget was mainly a result of increased necessity to initiate and complete projects for repairs and maintenance as well as projects for beautification of the campus. These projects amounted to:

Total projects approved:	\$90,325	thereof:
Capital Projects	\$55,120	
Maintenance Projects	\$35,205	

These projects included among others:

- Finalization of the Pavers Project, addition of Benches and new Signage to the Campus and general beautification of Front Campus our Back Campus.
- To improve the physical upkeep we renewed Steps and Ramps and initiated Painting Projects.
- To improve the Efficiency of operations we upgraded the Sound System, purchased a high efficiency dishwasher, a new carpet cleaner, improved the parking lot lighting and the sprinkler system.

Through the generosity of many donors, only a smaller portion of the costs for these projects had to be paid through the "Special Projects Fund" and the "General Operating Account".

Expenses from the "Special Projects Fund" amounted to \$17,477.

Actual Total Property Expenses were at \$129,151 vs. a Budget of \$90,945.

The Expenses for the other Ministries were generally very well controlled and came in at or below their budgeted allocation. Total Ministry Expense was \$131,169 vs. budgeted \$140,350 whereby Outreach was on budget with expenses of \$102,678 vs. a Budget of \$103,000 and essentially all Ministries came in under the amount allocated to them. Expenses for the remaining Ministries \$28,491 vs. Budget of \$37,350.

Well controlled were also the administrative expenses:

- Communication and Office actual \$37,946 vs. budgeted \$43,700
- Payroll and Benefits expenses were at \$310,277 vs. budgeted \$310,105

2c. Unrestricted Cash Situation

Available unrestricted cash on hand by the end of December 2012 was at \$303,500.

The balance of the Vestry approved projects, not yet paid for at the end of 2012 was at \$18,500. The sum of outstanding checks to vendors written before the end of the year but not cashed yet was at \$30,000.

With a Vestry required operating reserve of about \$170,000 (for 2013) and outstanding commitments of \$48,500 this results in a cash surplus for distribution over and above the required reserve amount of \$85,000.

2d. Distribution of Unrestricted Cash at year end

Vestry decided to distribute the Unrestricted Surplus Cash by the end of 2012 as follows:

- Increase "Mission Outreach" in 2013 over the already approved 2013 Budget by \$4,000. This will bring the amount to be spent in 2013 to \$50,000 vs. \$40,000 in 2012.
- Strengthen "Special Project Fund" and "Capital Replacement Fund":
 - contribution to the Special Project Fund - \$25,000
 - contribution to the Capital Replacement Fund - \$56,000

2e. Pledge Performance 2012

Pledging Units: 200

Grand Total of Pledges received: \$514,346

Actual Amount from all contributors received \$521,413

23 contributors gave more than their amount originally pledged

25 contributors did not fulfill their pledge to 100%

13 of them were within 10% of their pledged amount

2f. Funds

Two years ago it was decided to set up special funds to help the church prepare for future needs without necessarily having to seek special contributions from the parishioners. The funds are:

- Operating Reserves Fund - set up to help smooth the flow of seasonable variable income or stoppage of income in event of a disaster like a hurricane or fire. The funding goal is to have three times the monthly operating budget on hand at the point in the year when the receipt of contributions is usually the lowest at the end of November. This fund is fully funded and contains an amount of \$170,000.
- Capital Replacement Fund - set up to start systematically saving for large capital expense projects, like replacement of the roof, or to meet the insurance deductible in event of a hurricane. The fund now contains an amount of \$90,500.
- Special Projects Fund - set up to systematically fund smaller unbudgeted projects up to the \$15,000 range. This fund is for shorter term unbudgeted projects, and the fund total ebbs and flows depending on the types of projects. A Funds Committee was set-up and meets to evaluate and prioritize projects. This fund now contains an amount of \$30,488.

3. Budget 2013

The Revenue budgeted for 2013 is \$676,100. This is a nominal decline vs. the actual revenue received in 2012. We however have to keep in mind that one of the reasons for the high revenue in 2012 was the extraordinary generosity of individual donors to individual projects and/or occasions.

The budgeted expense for 2013 is at \$674,264. This is essentially at same level as actual 2012 expenses. Because of a necessary high level of repair, maintenance and replacement projects we expect this increased level of expenses to continue in the future as well.

Respectfully submitted

Attila Molnar

Treasurer

NOMINATING COMMITTEE PRESENTS:

THE 2013 CANDIDATES FOR ST. MICHAEL'S VESTRY

Don Rolley

Don's formal education is a Business Degree from The University of Kansas and a Law Degree from UCLA. The last 15 years of his business career was spent developing and managing Independent and Assisted Living Facilities in Kansas and Missouri. He retired from this in 2005. Upon the death of his first wife in 2006, he moved from Kansas to Sanibel where he and his wife had owned a condo since 1985. He met and married his present wife, Nancy, in 2008. They were married on the beach in Sanibel by The Rev. Dr. Douglass Lind to whom they are eternally grateful for his instruction in becoming Episcopalians.

During the 40 years that Don resided in Kansas he had served as president of the County Mental Health Association and on the Board of the local Council of the Boy Scouts of America. As a member of the United Methodist Church he service as chairman of the Finance and Staff-Parish Committees. He also was chairman of their Capital Funds Drive. As a member of St. Michael's he has been a member of the Outreach Committee and is serving his third year as Chairman of the Stewardship Team.

I would consider it a real privilege to serve on the Vestry at St. Michael's. St. Michael's has helped me to grow spiritually in many ways. I am proud to be a part of a church that supports so many worthwhile charitable causes. I would like to be able to use whatever skills and experience I have to assist St. Michael's in continuing to be a viable part of Sanibel's spiritual community.

Anne Stewart

Until moving to Sanibel in 1979, I lived on the Eastern Shore of Maryland where I was a member of Old St. Paul's, Kent. I think I was born an Episcopalian, and as a young woman found strength and faith through the Anglican tradition.

After coming to Sanibel, we found a church home at St. Michael's and since then I have served on two Vestries, search committees and many other ministries of the church.

If I become a member of the Vestry, I pray God will use me to further his plans for his beloved church. Looking back and seeing how this church has grown over the years in love and service and especially now under the leadership of Ellen, I know God has some great things in store for us. Come Holy Spirit, Come.

Roberta Winters

During my childhood I attended two churches, one Roman Catholic, the other Episcopalian. At age 15 I chose to become a confirmed Episcopalian – perhaps because of the strawberry festivals that wonderful church had, or perhaps because the congregation sang all of the hymns along with the organ and I loved to sing. Whatever the reasoning behind it, I have never regretted my decision.

While raising my brood of six I taught Sunday School and later lead the Youth Group in two different churches. In addition, and because the parish I belonged to at that time was beginning to have a large number of aging members, I helped to design and participated in a study to determine what this age group felt was missing from our Church, and what we could do to provide it. I became a member of St. Michael's when Robert and I married in 2006 and I enjoy my weekly stint at The Ark's cash register and the time contributions made to Parish Life as Pat Jones' sidekick.

My working world (I retired in 2006) included teaching classes of autistic children in the public school system, twelve years as a paralegal in New York City, and finally as real estate associate in Southern New England, my very favorite job. And my favorite church among the five or so I've attended life-long? St. Michael's, of course! We have a congregation and leaders always willing to participate in making our church the best, from the standpoint of caring for each other and for the greater community. We are a unique and inspired group of church people, and it would be a singular honor to serve on the vestry and cheer us ever onward.

