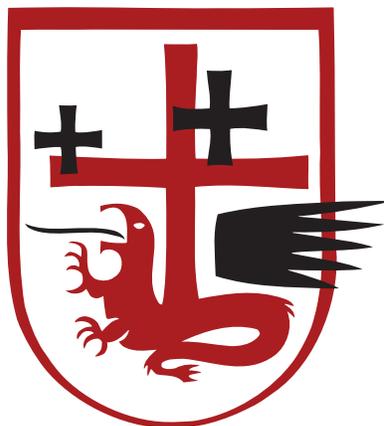


CELEBRATING OUR L.I.F.E.

ANNUAL REPORT
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2020



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WE manifest joy through vibrant worship, beautiful music, and the active participation and nurturing of our children and youth.

WE embrace resilience by learning each other's stories, proclaiming the Good News of God's unconditional love, and strengthening our capacity to hope.

WE seek justice by advocating for political change, continuing our work as an Immigrant Welcoming Congregation, and striving to understand our role in social, economic, and racial inequality.

WE live in love through our Baptismal Promises to welcome and respect the dignity of every human being, care for God's creation, and engage in the ministry of Jesus to bring light, healing, and grace to our world.

WE are rooted as an Episcopal Church, honoring our traditions from the creative perspective of our community, learning how to engage the bilingual and multicultural makeup of our congregation, and seeking silence and stillness to glean insight from the Holy Spirit among us.





Dear Ones,

In 2020, we were given many opportunities to discover the things that are important to us and the things that we can live without. Often, the ache was in realizing how important something or someone is to us and not being able to draw close. That ache was very real and present for your staff and clergy as well. We miss you.

I am not at all surprised that the values of this community persisted and strengthened. Throughout it all, we found ways to manifest joy, embrace resilience, seek justice, and live in love. I'm recalling the introduction of our congregational mascot, the llama, who first made their appearance in the Palm Sunday procession. I am thinking about the generosity and outpouring of resources for community members affected by COVID.

I am grateful for the continued work to understand how to be an antiracist. I am in awe of the creativity that has been tapped to keep us connected and in relationship with one another.

The following pages show and tell many more ways in which we survived and thrived in 2020. Thank you for your patience, for your appreciation, for your care, and for your love. We will be back. And it will be *something*.

Faithfully,

Your rector, Chris Craun+

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas,

En el año 2020, tuvimos muchas oportunidades para descubrir las cosas que son importantes para nosotros y las que podemos vivir sin ellas. El dolor al darnos cuenta de lo importante que algo o alguien es para nosotros y que no podemos estar cerca. Ese dolor era muy real y también estaba presente en todo el personal de la iglesia y el clero. Los extrañamos.

No me sorprendió en absoluto que los valores de esta comunidad continuarán y se fortalecieron. En medio de todo esto, encontramos formas de manifestar alegría, abrir los brazos y resistir, buscar la justicia y vivir en amor. Recuerdo la presentación de nuestra mascota de la congregación, "la llama", que apareció por primera vez en la procesión del Domingo de Ramos. Estoy pensando en la generosidad y la abundancia de recursos para los miembros de la comunidad afectados por COVID-19. Estoy agradecida por el trabajo que continúa para entender cómo ser una persona antirracista. Estoy asombrada por la creatividad que se ha empleado para mantenernos conectados y en relación unos con otros.

Las siguientes páginas muestran y cuentan muchas formas más en las que sobrevivimos y prosperamos en 2020. Gracias por su paciencia, por su aprecio, por su cuidado y por su amor. Volveremos. Y será algo más.

Fielmente,

Su rectora, Chris Craun+

We Appreciate Vibrant Worship

Services & Prayer

After 10 Sundays in January, February and early March that felt very normal, everything related to worship came to a sudden halt. In retrospect, we all agree that Chris made the right decision in calling off services after March 8. Of course, we had no idea just how long they would be called off! It speaks to the resilience of the clergy and music team that they were able to pivot to a brand-new way of holding church, which evolved from hand-held phones and tablets to the more sophisticated system we are using now.

- Prayer services following the **tradition of the Taizé Community** took place in January through March. No Taizé services were held after that, but the Taizé cross was set up in the courtyard for prayer stations. We hope to resume these lovely, peaceful services sometime in 2021.
- **The 1:00 Misa continued** throughout 2020. After March, Padre Beto and one to four musicians came every Sunday to live-stream the Misa using phones and tablets. **Please read about the ways that the Misa community stayed connected and engaged on pages 16-17 of this report.**
- Once in-person church services shut down, **Altar Guild members** no longer met weekly in person to care for the sanctuary and sacristy. Chris, James and Hannah began taking care of things they needed for the services. Altar Guild members ordered needed altar sup-

plies, and others laundered and ironed the altar linens. Several folks, including a couple of staff members, arranged flowers for regular live-stream services and special occasions. The MOW/WOWs put up and took down the large Advent wreath, the small wreaths in the Nave, the Christmas tree and the crèche.

- Up to mid-March, the **Usher Ministry** greeted parishioners, handed out bulletins and fulfilled their other duties. After the shutdown, several ushers assisted with prayer services and courtyard prayer stations at various times during the year.
- **Holy Communion was offered** every week for the few staff members and singers present in the Nave during the livestream services. For a couple of months, the clergy also offered **holy communion to community members** in front of the red doors after the Sunday services. This was very meaningful to many but had to be discontinued in late fall.

- **Chris and James began their devotionals** in the spring and continued hosting them throughout the rest of the year. Tuesday through Thursday, Morning Prayer was in English, and on Friday, it was bilingual. These devotionals were a time of prayer, song, Bible and other readings, reflections and the sharing of concerns.





- Parishioners were invited to assemble a **home altar for Lent** this year and many did, in meaningful and creative ways.
- **Two persons were baptized** in 2020, one a baby who was baptized in the courtyard with families looking on from across the street, and the other a young man who was baptized by Chris and James in the Willamette River near Sellwood.
- We offered interactive **Prayer Stations** in the summer for folks to drop by and spend some time in the courtyard. Hannah played peaceful piano music while they spent time in the Nave in prayer and meditation.
- In the fall, we opened our doors to a limited number of in-person attendees for **Wednesday Evening Prayer services**. These services kept a simplified format, usually using a psalm, a simple chant, a piece of scripture and reflection and prayers. Attendance at Evening Prayer was highest around the election.
- **Our Lector Ministry** continued to be a vital part of our services throughout 2020. After March 8, many lectors challenged themselves to learn a new way of communicating and recorded their readings. These recordings were then played for the livestream viewers at the appropriate times during the services.



We Create Beautiful Music



Music Program

What a strange and unforgettable year 2020 was! The music team came up with new and creative ways to keep the choirs engaged and safe through the pandemic. All of the choirs, from the St. Michael's Singers to the youth Choristers to the Saints & Singers Choir, continued to rehearse regularly over Zoom, not least of all to see each others' faces, check in and keep their singing voices active.

Music Director/Organist Hannah Brewer and Choir Director Brian Fairbanks both taught themselves audio and visual editing and recording techniques, with Hannah's dad Mark editing many of our more complex virtual choir videos. Our [YouTube Channel](#), [STMAA Connection](#), which did not even exist in 2019, now boasts 222 subscribers and over 150 videos, averaging three to four new videos per week, many of them music-related!

This is how 2020 unfolded for the music program:

- **January:** Our choir room renovation was completed, thanks to the incredible work of Amy Valentine (who oversaw the entire project over the span of several years), Cliff Fairley (who designed and built the brand-new choir cubbies), and so many others who helped along the way.
- **February:** Broadway Night 2020 saw us celebrate 10 years of fundraising entertainment, complete with an "under the sea" theme decorating the

entire Nativity Hall, thanks to the creative talents of Lynda Garner and Amy Valentine.

- **March:** St. Michael's hosted what would be our final live concert of the year (*The Future is Female*, with Baroque vocal and chamber music by, for and about women) AND our final church services open to the public, both on Sunday, March 8. The pandemic would force us to shut our building to the public and start holding exclusively live-streamed services.
- **April:** Holy Week and Easter were celebrated only by Chris, James and Hannah in person, utilizing technology and creativity to engage people in their own homes.
- **May:** The music team experimented with producing their first virtual choir project, *If ye love me*, sung by members of the St. Michael's Singers and edited by Mark H. Brewer.
- **June-August:** The music didn't stop in the summer-time! Several guest soloists graced our altar steps to offer special pre-recorded music on Sundays, including Beth Ilem, Audrey Sackett, flutist Brian Fairbanks, Freya Scherlie, Alex Adams and Kaeli Porter.
- **September:** The Chamber Choir, consisting of our four paid section leaders,





returned to lead the singing each Sunday in person. The St. Michael's Singers offered another virtual choir anthem to kick off the program year, *Locus iste*, by Anton Bruckner.

- October:** The St. Michael's Choristers recorded their [first virtual choir anthem](#) in a round. Hannah also offered a virtual [Halloween Organ Spooktacular](#) interspersed with scary poetry.
- November:** This month we premiered TWO more virtual choir videos, *O quam gloriosum* for All Saints' with the St. Michael's Singers and *Soon and very soon* for the first Sunday in Advent, with the Saints & Singers giving virtual choir a go.
- December:** The annual tradition of [Nine Lessons & Carols](#) continued with a virtual offering for Advent as well as a virtual choir collaboration between the St. Michael's Singers and Choristers: the classic carol *In the bleak midwinter*. Your music staff and singers recorded over 25 different anthems, solos, and instrumental offerings over the course of just one month, all of which can be viewed on our YouTube channel.



We Nurture our Children and Youth

Children & Families Ministry

January & February Highlights

- What may have seemed very ordinary at the time, we now realize was a very special gift indeed! **Each Sunday**, a team of Godly Play teachers, Children’s Liturgy of the Word leaders and Childcare providers welcomed, cared for and guided the children in our parish.
- The **Souper Bowl of Caring** raised \$2,699 for the [North-east Emergency Food Program](#).
- **Family Worship** in January celebrated the Season of Epiphany, including a story about Mae Jamison, the first African American woman in space. Music, worship and a potluck dinner – so much fun!

March – December Highlights:

- After the lockdown in March due to COVID-19, Children & Families Ministry provided online content for religious education and Christian formation. Additional resources were available on the St. Michael’s website to help support children and families during the many long months of the pandemic.
- **New Children’s Liturgy of the Word** videos were produced weekly for [St. Michael’s YouTube Channel](#)
- **Virtual Vacation Bible School**—Compassion Camp—took place on Wednesdays, July 15 through August 12.

- **Foster-care school kits** were created with school supplies and Fred Meyer gift cards for local children in foster care.
- **Seasonal Resources for Advent and Lent** filled take-home bags, which included craft supplies and educational-resource materials for children and families.
- **Halloween at St. Michael’s** provided a safe and fun trick-or-treat experience for children.
- **“Welcome Friends!”** Weekly Zoom meetings for kids at 9:30 am on Sundays began in October. *Bingo, Mad Libs* and *What’s in the Mystery Box* were some of the favorite games.
- ***DO NOT BE AFRAID: A Virtual Nativity Play*** was rehearsed, performed and recorded on Zoom! Special thanks to the 28 young people who participated in the play, their families, musician Hannah Brewer, singers Audrey and Avery Heater Sackett and our wonderful “tech guy” Tim Sackett! This was a labor of love that we hope will bring joy and hope to all who watch it.

Jesus said, truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.
— Mark 10:15-16



St. Michael's Youth Group

January – June

- **Youth group started out meeting weekly** in January and February at St. Michael's House, with the Mission Trip meeting happening once per month. We were averaging 15 youth per meeting, and then COVID-19 hit. We continued to meet in person until the schools stopped in-person learning. We began holding weekly virtual youth groups with a steady, slightly smaller contingent. The Youth Group created 20 signs supporting the staff of a local nursing home. In late May, the decision was made to postpone the Mission Trip.

July – mid-October

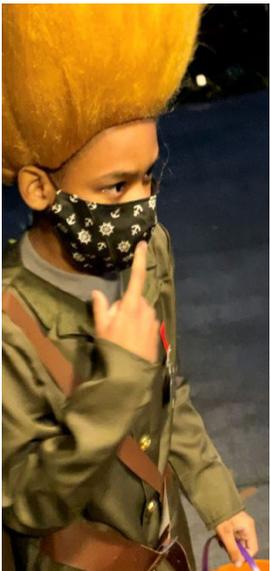
- **Over the summer**, we did not meet, but the youth leaders did make a point to reach out to youth to check in. In fall, we began meeting in person at Normandale Park. We were all wearing masks, keeping six feet apart, but interacting in person! We were able to do this for four weeks before the weather turned. We played outdoor games like kickball, red rover and red-light green-light. Prior to the game, we would break the youth up between those in middle school and high school and then into smaller groups by grade level. They would sit or walk socially distanced and just get to talk in person.

We also went to a corn maze, the perfect outdoor and socially distanced activity, and were able to hold our annual "Corn Maze Race."

Mid-October – December

- **Starting in mid October**, we moved back to weekly virtual meetings. We ended the year with a fun surprise – gingerbread RVs decorated by the youth. Twenty-three youth participated in the virtual Christmas party and displayed their RVs. There were even a few prizes distributed!

*Our youth have shown us that despite all the let-downs of 2020, **we can still be a community.** Their resilience is inspiring. We look forward to 2021!*



We Advocate for Change and Understanding

Outreach & Justice

- The **Trader Joe's Food Transfer ministry** and the delivery folks were celebrated in January, especially Gary Lawrence, who began it more than 20 years ago, and Pete Miller, who led it for most of that time.
- In January, February and March, our **Community Meal and 2nd Saturday Lunch** volunteers provided a warm welcome and tasty meal to the community.
- **Burrito Love** was begun in **September 2020** out of a desire to continue the St. Michael's long history of meal ministry. The burritos, handed out on the last Saturday of the month in the courtyard, are made by Super Torta, owned by parishioners Armando & Kenya Cruz. The hope is to continue this ministry until we are back in-house. Email Hjalmer at lenabl6769@gmail.com to volunteer. Donations to the ministry may be made through the [St. Michael's website](#).
- The annual in-gathering for the **Souper Bowl of Caring** took place on Sunday, February 2, after the 9:00 and 11:00 am services. Some of the children made the announcements and collected \$2,699 in donations for NEFP. St. Michael's has raised \$35,700 through the Souper Bowl since 2001!
- In August, Leslie Sackett organized a **virtual school-supplies drive** to provide much-needed items for local foster children served by the mid-town Department of Human Services.

- **The O&J Council** researched and made disbursement decisions that generally fit into three categories. First was for agencies helping those affected by COVID-19. They are Mother and Child, Episcopal Diocese of Navajoland, Self-Enhancement, Oregon Workers' Relief, American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDG), and Bridge Meadows.

- To support the actions of the **Black Lives Matter movement**, financial support went to Don't Shoot PDX and to the NAACP Defense Fund. **Oregon's forest fires** were extreme this fall, and funds went to the Oregon Red Cross, Rogue Valley Fund and the Community Rebuilding Fund. The Council also sent funds to Quilts for Empowerment, Friends of Sabeel, El Porvenir and Vamos.
- **For Advent, the Council researched and recommended** five worthy organizations to the community: the HIV Day Center, Canaan Fair Trade, ERD's Gifts for Life, EcoFaith Recovery and Oregon Harbor of Hope.

The O&J Council will continue to work electronically until it can again meet in person. As always, anyone is welcome to join with ideas and input. Please email Lynn Baker at lm.rl.baker@comcast.net or Susan Barnett at susanb51@hotmail.com if you're interested in being part of the discussions.





Advocacy Action

The COVID-19 pandemic provided unique challenges for the Advocacy Action team in 2020.

- During **three Second Sunday offerings** in January, February and March 2020, the team averaged over 80 signatures on each of five offerings, including three letters to federal lawmakers supporting the closure of Guantánamo Bay, supporting global net neutrality and promoting human rights for vulnerable communities worldwide; a letter of protest to auto manufacturers when they decided to ignore stricter state air-quality regulations in designing new cars; and a comment on the Oregon Civil Court rule prohibiting warrantless ICE arrests near courthouses.
- **Once the pandemic hit**, closing St. Michael’s to gatherings, the Advocacy Action team used the eblast, “The Messenger” newsletter and personal emails to provide telephone scripts and email templates so parishioners could be heard on many critical issues, including urging public comments on proposed law changes, tightening asylum laws, which would have effectively ended all asylum in the U.S.; supporting a ballot measure for universal preschool; and encouraging calls and letters to city council and Oregon legislators to extend the moratorium on evictions and foreclosures.

The team joined other St. Michael’s members, along with Vote Forward, in writing *GO-TV* letters and postcards to voters in swing states to “Get Out the Vote” for the primaries, the November election and Georgia’s special election; and we encouraged people to participate in the 2020 Census.

- **This fall, the team offered handouts** at St. Michael’s occasional Saturday gatherings, including a voter’s guide, *Democratic Values and the 2020 Election: A Reference Guide for Faith Communities*; a fact sheet on “forever chemicals” such as PFAs and PFOs that stay in our environment forever; information on how to join IWC members demonstrating at ICE headquarters; instructions for how to join those protesting legislation weakening the Endangered Species Act; and a how-to guide for calling Congress to oppose legislation that would weaken the Social Security Act.

As the shutdown persists, the Advocacy Action team will continue to keep you advised of opportunities to express faith-based values on pending legislation and other pertinent developments. We hope you will be moved to keep making phone calls, writing letters and sending emails to Legislators and

Congress to make our voices heard.



Immigrant Welcoming Congregation (IWC)

Despite the challenges presented by COVID-19, the IWC continued its work of deepening connections between immigrant and non-immigrant members of St. Michael’s, educating ourselves about immigration-related issues, advocating for comprehensive and humane immigration reform and accompanying our immigrant families through their challenges whenever possible. We are looking forward to the time when we can all gather together so that we can implement some of the many other projects we had to postpone due to the pandemic.

- Through our focus on immigrant advocacy, members of the IWC, in partnership with the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice (IMIrJ), **received training and facilitated multiple Sacred Circles**, creating a space for people to gather weekly and talk about immigration injustice, racism and white supremacy and engage in the work of dismantling these in our communities and in the world. Many also participated in *Reimagine Oregon*, advocating for the dismantling of systemic racism in Oregon. As always, we continued to focus on calls, letter-writing and testimony in various forms on the local, state and national levels.
- In our goal to continue to learn about the challenges faced by our immigrant brothers and sisters, some members of the IWC participated in a six-session workshop sponsored by IMIrJ and the Western States Center that focused on the **history of and current trends of white nationalism in Oregon** and nationally. This was followed by a five-part workshop titled *Make Me An Instrument of Your Peace*. This workshop was sponsored by the National Church and focused on the tenets of civil discourse and learning the skills to create a brave space to engage in conversation with people from differing political perspectives.
- Over the years, the IWC has learned that accompaniment takes many forms. In response to the dramatic loss of income for many members of St. Michael’s and our immigrant brothers and sisters, **the IWC worked with clergy to establish the St. Michael’s Covid-19 Emergency Fund**. Read more about this important ministry on Page 15.

We Respect Each Other...

Parish Life

Looking back, the COVID-19 shutdown in March feels particularly poignant in this area. Before we shut down, the busy parish life we enjoyed together included many opportunities to enjoy each other's company – at Coffee Hour and *Convivio*, in Forums and Book Groups, and in many outside-of-church social times. Before we shut down, we had a fun Epiphany party for families, enjoyed a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper hosted by the youth to raise funds for their summer mission trip, held a well-attended Annual Meeting at the end of January and had a blast at an unimaginably packed Broadway Night show and fundraiser in late February.

After mid-March, these activities came to a sudden and complete halt. But our hunger to see and speak to each other remained unabated. It was partially filled in 2020 by new and creative ways of connecting. Many combinations of folks stayed in touch by Zoom, and there were multiple opportunities to see each other's faces, even if we were masked and at a distance.

- In 2020, **Women's Breakfast Club** met on the second Saturday of each month at Sam's Billiards on three occasions before the shutdown. This was a fun and informal way to get to know each other.
- The **Open Table** dinner gatherings occurred just once in 2020, in January, when a group of about ten folks gathered at Aladdin's Café in NE Portland. These dinners provided a setting for a smaller group of people to explore Portland's ethnic restaurants in a relaxed, informal setting.
- **Coffee Hours** took place through March 8 after both

the 9:00 and 11:00 am services. They gave folks a chance to chat with existing or new friends and eat some goodies.

- On these same Sundays, the **1:00 pm Misa** was followed by a **convivio**, hosted by a couple of folks or a family. These meals were hearty and delicious, and up to 50 people ate together and enjoyed being in community.
- In mid-February, the day before Ash Wednesday, St. Michael's offered the traditional **Shrove Tues-**



day Pancake Supper. The youth hosted the event and appreciated the help of a number of men from the parish.

- **Broadway Night** was a sensational Parish Life event in February, attended by parishioners as well as their family and friends. The food, decor and talent presented to a full house in a transformed Nativity Hall, raised thousands of dollars for the Music Program.
- The **Men's Breakfast** met on the first Saturday of January through March at Sam's Billiards in Hollywood. This was a time of socializing with no agenda. The Men's Breakfast continued to meet through the end of 2020 via Zoom.





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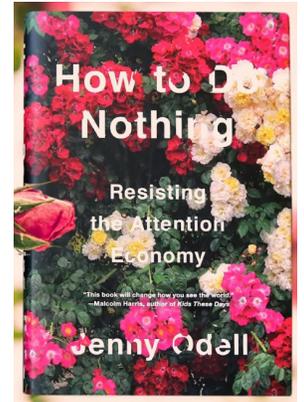
- **In the summer, Chris took off on her bike** and made safely distanced “home visits” to eastside—and to one on the west-side—parishioners.
- In spite of the restrictions, we **celebrated a number of graduations in our community** in June. These included graduations from elementary, middle and high school, college and seminary. [You can see those graduates again here.](#)
- Community members sent in photos from other special occasions as well. **We gathered photos from Easter and Pentecost for slideshows** which were featured in the Weekly Messenger and available to view again on our YouTube channel, STMAA Connection.
- **For St. Francis Day, we held the traditional pet blessing** in the courtyard after the 10:00 am service, and we also invited parishioners to share photos of their beloved pets for a [Blessing of the Animals](#) slideshow.
- On Halloween, Hannah presented *Haunted Pipes & Poetry: A Halloween Organ Spooktacular*, and families were invited to **dress in their costumes and come trick-or-treating** at various doors of the church buildings. Those giving out the treats were parishioners, also in costume. It was a beautiful evening and wonderful opportunity to see each other in person.



We Learn & We Share

Adult Education

- **The Legacy Writing Circles**, which had completed the introductory sessions in 2019, continued to meet in 2020, first in person in the Parish Hall and then over Zoom for the rest of the year. A new session via Zoom began in early 2021.
- **Book Groups with the Rector** continued throughout 2020, albeit in different formats. We were in the middle of *The Five Invitations: Discovering What Death Can Teach Us About Living Fully* by Frank Ostaseski when we moved our Parish Hall gatherings of about 40 people to Zoom. While we certainly missed our soup lunches and fellowship, the opportunity to have quiet, small, breakout rooms offered a new way for us to know each other.
- **Over the course of 2020**, the book group list included about 75 people. We read and discussed *How to do Nothing: Resisting the Attention Economy* by Jenny Odell, *How to be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi and *See No Stranger* by Valarie Kaur.
- **The morning prayer/devotional broadcasts on Facebook** were formational, as the clergy unpacked some of the context and meanings of the readings from the Daily Office in light of the traumatic events of the past year, and held one another's prayer concerns together on a daily basis.
- **We offered four separate extended courses** on Tuesday evenings, including the most recent offering in the fall, *Teach Us to Pray*, a close examination of each segment of the Lord's Prayer in light of our current times and lives of prayer.
- Associate Rector James Joiner hosted nearly **150 sessions of small groups on Zoom**, involving around 75 members of our community. Each group met once a week for four to six weeks with four to eight other community members for conversation around current events, the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday, and prayer time with each other.
- Early in the pandemic, the **clergy formed Angel Groups**, which included every member of the congregation. This was an emergency response to the developing situation, and we had little understanding of the long haul we were facing. As time passed, each group adapted to the needs and wishes of its members. Some persisted with special projects, and some stopped checking in regularly as we adapted to the "new normal."





We Care for One Another

Pastoral Care



- In 2020, the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** continued to provide a tangible token of care and comfort for parishioners, family, and friends. A few shawls were shared during these readings from the Daily difficult times, and they continue to be available on request. The group gathered in person on the first Friday of each month until March. Members contin-

ued to create items at home while adjusting to the constraints of the pandemic. Since the fall, the members have been Zooming on the first Friday of each month at 9:30 am.

In November, the group turned their skills to **making hats and scarves for the food program** at St. Philip's Episcopal Church to share with their guests. And when they learned about the Creekside Angels supporting the staff of Creekside Nursing and Rehab, they shared 18 shawls with that group.

- **St. Brigid's Guild's healing prayer meetings** also adapted to new technology. The breakout-room feature on Zoom was used to continue hosting healing prayer on the second Sunday of the month, and the Guild continued to meet on the third Monday. The breakout room feature allowed individuals to seek healing prayer for themselves or a loved one with two to three members of the Guild who shared intercessory prayers after a time of listening.
- **The St. Michael's COVID-19 Fund** began as a way to provide food assistance to St. Michael's families needing support after the spring economic downturn. The IWC, in collaboration with the Meal Delivery Ministry, identified the families who were in need. In addition to food support, this group worked with various members of St. Michael's to provide homemade face coverings and, as winter approached, worked with the Ministry for Children & Families to provide winter coats, hats and gloves to the children in many of these same families.

- In the spring, a group of concerned parishioners explored the idea of **showing support for a local nursing home**. They "adopted" Creekside Rehab and Nursing Home in SE Portland and showed support there for the residents and staff for the rest of 2020. They held signs, called out their encouragement, brought special food to the staff and generally let these essential workers know how much they are appreciated and valued.
- The **St. Michael's Prayer Chain** included 40 members in 2020, and the prayers were updated by email weekly and in a hard copy with each new season. About 15 to 20 new requests were added to the prayers each month.
- **Eucharistic Visitation** was on pause during most of 2020. While Chris and James did make occasional in-home pastoral visits, particularly near the time of death, general in-home visitations were discouraged.
- The parish was extravagantly generous in its response to the **Meal Delivery Ministry in 2020**. It was a complicated year, and the ministry pivoted to react to the unprecedented needs caused by the pandemic. Twenty-six parishioners provided 30 *Door Dash* cards to one family experiencing a most difficult time. Over the course of nine months, an unknown number of parishioners provided 442 gift cards equaling \$29,790 to 15 families in need. The gift cards were provided either by individuals or were purchased through the COVID Fund. A *Meal Train* was started for one family, and four home-cooked meals were provided to another family.
- **St. Michael's said goodbye to parishioners who died**, including Ruthanne Bullock, Michael Berkson, David Donnell, Ann Filz, Arlys Fischer, Jerry Vannice and Katie Vogt.
- **We held well-attended services** for Jimmy Chan, friend of a parishioner, in January, and for David Donnell in February, with the traditional prayers and hymns he loved. **The Memorial Receptions Committee** provided lovely receptions afterwards with elegant tableware and finger food. **Because of the pandemic restrictions**, a small, private service was held for Ruthanne Bullock in August. A public service via Zoom for Michael Berkson and a private, in-person service for Jerry Vannice were both held in January 2021.
- Throughout 2020, a parishioner continued to mail **lovely birthday cards** to all those in the community who were over 65. Those not on that list are invited to send their **birth-dates to the office**.
- For **All Saints' Sunday**, we read aloud the names of those who had died both within and beyond our church community and filled in the Book of Remembrance with all names sent in. **We also produced a slideshow** of many of the people who were part of our St. Michael's family in the past.

Oremos, Cantamos y nos Apoyamos

Informe del Año 2020

No hay necesidad de mencionar que el año 2020 fue único, por muchas y variadas razones, que todos conocemos y más aún experimentamos y vivimos en la familia, el trabajo, la escuela, las tiendas, las comunidades y la iglesia. Nos sentimos confortados, apoyados, comunicados y unidos en oración, gracias a nuestra Iglesia de San Miguel y todos los Angeles.

Con el apoyo de todos los miembros de la comunidad, este año:

- **Manifestamos gozo**, durante las celebraciones litúrgicas de Epifanía, La Presentación de Jesús, Domingo de Ramos. Con la ayuda de la tecnología, celebramos Jueves y Viernes Santo, La Pascua, el Día de las Madres, Pentecostés, La Fiesta Patronal, San Francisco de Asís y la bendición de nuestras mascotas, Todos los Santos y el Altar de los difuntos, La celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y la Vigilia de Navidad.
- **Practicamos la perseverancia**, cuando, a pesar de no estar físicamente juntos debido al COVID-19; nos apoyamos, nos preocupamos por nuestros miembros, nos comunicamos, y con la ayuda de toda la comunidad, recibimos consuelo en momentos difíciles y no estuvimos solos (St. Miguel reunió \$26,000.00 para la ayuda en este año), cuando escuchamos la voz de quien nos llamó para preguntar ¿Cómo están? Cuando no nos dimos por vencidos y continuamos cada domingo participando por FaceBook, YouTube o WhatsApp, en nuestra Eucaristía. Cuando estuvimos en oración por nuestros familiares y amigos enfermos o que fueron llamados al Reino de Dios. *Practicando perseverancia recibimos consuelo y fortaleza.*
- **Buscamos la justicia**, cuando por las condiciones políticas, sociales y laborales de este año, muchos no tenían acceso a las necesidades básicas, y la comunidad con generosidad, brindando su ayuda, apoyó a quien lo necesitaba. Cuando los Promotores de Salud continuaron con su trabajo, ayuda y apoyo a la comunidad brindando talleres de Salud Mental donde se habló sobre Depresión, Ansiedad, Estrés, Abuso de sustancias, y otros temas. *Esto nos motivó para mantenernos fieles al llamado de Jesucristo de “Todos seamos uno.”*
- **Vivimos en amor**, cuando dimos ayuda al escuchar el dolor de mi hermano(a); cuando extendimos la mano al ver la necesidad del otro(a) compartiendo talleres de información sobre diabetes, clínica dental, clínicas telehealth, chequeo de presión arterial; cuando caminamos para llevar comida o ropa a nuestros hermanos y hermanas, compartiendo recursos para las familias, paquetes familiares para la cena del Día de Gracias y Navidad; cuando practicamos las medidas de seguridad en esta pandemia para proteger a nuestra comunidad, cuando no dejamos que la oscuridad de el odio y la mentira invadiera nuestras vidas. *Cuando elevamos nuestro canto para alabar, bendecir, dar gracias y pedir al Señor fortaleza, calma y paz.*
- **Honramos nuestra tradición Episcopal**, al practicar el ministerio del laicado y su gran importancia en la congregación, al ser flexibles para celebrar nuestra fe, honrar, improvisar y desarrollar nuestras tradiciones, al acoger las celebraciones bilingües y los diferentes elementos culturales de la comunidad; y *cuando participamos activamente para la elección de nuestra Obispa Diana Akiyama.*



We Pray, We Sing & We Support Each Other

Yearly Report 2020



- There is no need to mention that the year 2020 was unique, for many and varied reasons, which we all know and even more that we experienced – which we lived with our families, at work, at school, at the stores, in communities and in church. We felt comforted, supported, connected and united in prayer thanks to our Church of St. Michael & All Angels.

With thanks to all the community members this year:

- **We manifested joy** during the liturgical celebrations, including Epiphany, The Presentation of Christ and Palm Sunday. With the help of technology, we celebrated Holy Thursday and Good Friday, Easter, Mother's Day, Pentecost, St. Michael's Day, St. Francis of Assisi and the blessing of our pets, All Saints' and the Altar of the Dead, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and Christmas Eve.
- **We practiced perseverance** when, despite not being physically together due to COVID-19, we supported each other, we cared about our members and we stayed in touch; when, with the help of the entire community, we received comfort in difficult times and we were not alone (St. Michael's raised almost \$30,000 for aid this year); when we heard the voice of the one who called us to ask, "How are you?"; when we did not give up and we continued to participate every Sunday—through FaceBook, YouTube or WhatsApp—in our Eucharist; when we were in prayer for our sick relatives and friends or those who were called to the Kingdom of God. *By practicing perseverance we received comfort and strength.*

- **We sought justice** when, due to the political, social and labor conditions of this year, many did not have access to the basics needs and the community generously offered its help and supported those who needed it; when the Health Promoters continued their work, their help and their support to the community by providing mental health workshops, addressing issues like stress, anxiety, depression, substance abuse and other topics. *This motivated us to remain faithful to the call of Jesus Christ to all be one.*

- **We lived in love**, when we helped by listening to the pain in others, when we saw their need and reached out to them, sharing information and workshops on diabetes, dental clinics, telehealth clinics, blood-pressure checks; when we walked to bring food or clothing to our brothers and sisters, sharing resources for families and packages for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner; when we practiced security measures in this pandemic to protect our community; when we did not let the darkness of hatred and lies invade our lives. *When we raised our songs to praise, bless, give thanks and ask the Lord for strength, calm and peace.*

- **We honored our Episcopal tradition** by practicing the ministry of the laity and its great importance in the congregation; by being flexible in celebrating our faith, honoring, improvising and developing our traditions; by welcoming bilingual celebrations and the diverse cultural elements of the community; *when we actively participated in the election of our Bishop Diana Akiyama.*



We Care for our Space

Facilities Committee & MOW/WOWs

- **The St. Michael's Facilities Committee/ Comité de Servicios San Miguel** is charged to explore, identify, prioritize, estimate, obtain funding and manage projects related to capital upkeep and improvements to the building and grounds.
- **The north room of the childcare area in the lower level** suffered for years from frequent water intrusions. A new, low-vapor floor covering was installed at the beginning of the year, replacing the moldy carpet. There continued to be a flooding problem during periods of hard rain, and an inexpensive and so far successful solution was implemented by our Senior Warden in very early 2021.
- One of the projects accomplished at the end of 2020 and beginning of 2021 was a **large-scale gutter cleanout, roof-cleaning and roof moss-removal**, accomplished by a local company.
- **The Music Room remodel** was almost completely finished in 2020. The cabinets and cubbies were installed, and the room is ready to be used by the choir as soon as possible.
- **A dedicated group of MOW/WOWs (Men & Women on Wednesday)** continued to care for our buildings and grounds throughout 2020.

Before the shutdown, they accomplished the usual Wednesday chores, including emptying trashcans, replacing lightbulbs, making small repairs and enjoying coffee and treats together afterwards.

After March, most of the MOW/WOWs' work was outside, but they came in when necessary to check on maintenance issues and, at Christmastime, to set up the large wreath and the Christmas tree. Outside, they tended to the landscaping, which never looked as nice! They watered, weeded, planted, trimmed, mowed and connected with one another. They also attended to the trash, drug-related items and vandalism (including to a courtyard hose-bib and the tool "cage"), which has increased noticeably this year.

- **Some of the Spanish-speaking parishioners** also contributed, trimming the hedge along the side of the driveway and filling in the edge of the parking lot behind St. Michael's House, alleviating some of the staff's parking stress.

We Light the Present — and the Future

Report from Dan Bagwell, Solar Power Coordinator

- **Over the past three+ years, the St. Michael's Environmental Committee** (aka the Green Team) has been focused on making solar power a reality for our parish. In late February 2020, we received word that we were awarded the **Pacific Power Blue Sky Grant** and began to move forward with acquiring funding to pay for upfront material and installation costs knowing that the grant would be paid out at the end of the project. We began the process, and by early June we had acquired a loan of \$70,000 for this project from the Episcopal Church Building Fund (ECBF). Then in late June, we received the grant award from the Diocese of Oregon for \$25,000.
- **Initially, we were planning to begin the installation in mid-July**, but permit problems delayed the start for two months. Installation began mid-September and was finished by mid-October. The total cost of the project was \$62,134. Total grant money was \$55,509 (Blue Sky Award of \$30,509 + the Diocese of Oregon award of \$25,000). The Energy Trust of Oregon incentive paid to the contractor through us was \$6,625 (this was an in-and-out receipt). Our cost after incentives and grants was \$6,625 plus interest on the loan carried for seven months of \$2,298, totaling \$8,923. Prior to starting this project, there were already receipts that had come in from congregational supporters that comprised approximately \$3,000. **So our estimated final cost for 2020 for the Solar Project is \$5,923.**
- **At St. Michael's, we now have a 23kW hour, 72 panel EV system** that will supply us with about 55% of our annual electrical needs from the sun. If this proves true, our electrical savings will pay back the cost of the project in two to two and a half years. It is because of the grants and the people of this community that we were able to move forward on this project.
- **There are so many people to thank.** First, I would like to thank the people who support and work with the Blue Sky program. Next, a thank-you goes out to our Bishop Michael Hanley and Canon Neysa Ellgren Shipley and the Diocesan Board of Trustees for their financial and moral support.
- **In our own community, a special thanks goes out** to Rector Chris Craun and the vestry, to our Green Team members—especially Peter Sergienko and Marili Reilly—and to a support group including Gloria Orellana, Lynda Garner, JT Quanbeck, Bruce Collins and everyone who has been positively supporting this project. We could not have done this without the support from so many. Also, a special thank-you to Robert Sandberg of LightSource Energy. Robert was instrumental in getting us here. And finally, a big thank-you to Elemental Energy for their expertise on the installation.



We Invest in our Future

Report of the Endowment Fund

Things were different for the Endowment Fund in 2020 – no surprise there! Many of the conferences and other opportunities for education and service that we normally support were cancelled or postponed. It was also a “roller-coaster ride” type of year for our endowment investments. Although we haven’t yet received our last quarter results, it appears that our funds will have recovered fully by the end of 2020.

The purpose of the fund is to enhance the mission of the parish through grants in four areas:

- Scholarships for parishioners for education, training, attending camp or leadership conferences to enable them to grow in Christian faith and service.
- Outreach into the community, including social service agencies and Episcopal institutions.
- Projects and programs of the Episcopal Church.
- Capital improvements, debt reduction, or the building program of St. Michael’s.

A total of \$3,500 was awarded in grants approved for the following during in 2020:

- Scholarship to help Ramon De Luna Lueveno with his studies at Mt. Hood Community College.
- Assistance for parish staff member Gloria Orellana to attend the national Episcopal Communicators conference. Unfortunately, the conference was cancelled, and the funds were returned. These funds would be available for a future conference for Gloria.
- Scholarship to help Ashley Rojas-Cortes with her studies at Garden City Community College.

St. Michael’s Mission Endowment Fund began in 1992, and the first grants were made in 1996. Over the years, many gifts, donations and several bequests, as well as investment earnings, have allowed the principal amount to grow to nearly \$600,000. 137 Grants totaling \$211,800 have been awarded 1996-2020. Contributions to the fund totaled \$3,920 for 2020. All contributions to the fund remain invested; only a portion of the earnings can be used each year. **We invite you to make a gift to the Endowment Fund** at any time during the year. Simply designate the purpose of your gift on your check, envelope or with electronic giving.

For more information about the fund or to inquire about a grant application, please contact a member of the committee or consult the Fund brochure that can be requested from the Parish Office or a member of the Endowment Committee. Committee members are Dan Bagwell, Kenya Cruz, John Pedisich and Bob Spiers (chair).

We are Mindful of our Finances

Report of the Treasurer

It’s been a pleasure to serve as the Treasurer of St. Michael and All Angels the last four years. Here’s a summary of the 2020 financial year.

As we know, 2020 was far from normal in many respects, and that was somewhat true for last year’s finances. Of the \$585,000 in pledges received at the end of 2019, we received \$568,446, or 97.2%. However, we received \$3,661 more in open offerings than what was budgeted.

As the budget came together for 2020, we had hoped to receive a grant from the Diocese for \$33,000. Due to the changing circumstances of last year, that grant did not come to fruition. However, we did receive financial assistance in the form of a Paycheck Protection Program Loan of \$89,200. That loan will be forgiven (without having to repay it) in the coming weeks.

Overall, operational spending was pretty much right on budget. It didn’t line up exactly like we thought it would – more spending on things such as computers and technology upgrades, and less spending on utilities, paper, and things related to meeting in person.

As I depart this position and this community (my wife and I recently moved to Eastern Washington), I’d like to express my sincere thanks for your financial commitment that sustains St. Michael & All Angels Church.

With gratitude,

Jeff Swart

From the Senior Warden

Similar to almost every aspect of life, the way the St. Michael's Vestry conducted its business changed in 2020. We learned how to meet and vote via Zoom. Although the volume of our activity and the number of projects undertaken was less than in previous years, we met monthly to take care of St. Michael's business activities.

Loans were a big deal this year. Vestry authorized our application for a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan that provided adequate funding to maintain our staffing level unchanged. Vestry also authorized a short-term loan to support construction of the solar-panel project. We expect the PPP loan to be forgiven and the short-term solar loan to be repaid with grant funds approved for the project.

I speak for all on Vestry when I say I am very proud of the St. Michael's staff – office, clergy, youth/families and music department. Staff ably rose to the challenge of finding new ways to be St. Michael's.

Church did not stop!!

There were challenging times to be sure, but those times were met with a spirited “can-do” response.

Finally, and personally, I want to thank you for allowing me to serve you on Vestry. I have enjoyed the experience and would encourage you, if asked to serve, to give it some serious consideration. I want to thank outgoing Vestry members Edith Arriaga, Scout Malden and Barb Miller for their service. I have enjoyed my time with you and will miss our monthly get-togethers. Lastly, please join me in welcoming the newest members of Vestry, to be elected at this year's Annual Meeting on January 31.

Blessings,

Dave Reilly, Senior Warden (outgoing)



del Guardián Mayor

Al igual que en casi todos los aspectos de la vida, la forma en que el Consejo Parroquial de San Miguel llevó a cabo sus actividades, cambió en el año 2020. Aprendimos a cómo reunirnos y votar en Zoom. Aunque el volumen de nuestra actividad y el número de proyectos realizados fueron menores que en años anteriores, nos reunimos mensualmente para atender las actividades pertinentes de St. Michael.

Los préstamos fueron un gran problema este año. El Consejo Parroquial autorizó nuestra solicitud para un préstamo del Programa de Protección de Cheques de Pago (PPP) que proporcionó los fondos adecuados para mantener nuestro nivel de personal sin cambios. El Consejo Parroquial también autorizó un préstamo a corto plazo para apoyar la construcción del proyecto de paneles solares. Esperamos que se perdone el préstamo de PPP y que se reembolse el préstamo solar a corto plazo con fondos de subvención aprobados para el proyecto.

Hablo por todos en El Consejo Parroquial cuando digo que estoy muy orgulloso del personal de St. Michael: oficina, clero, jóvenes / familias y el departamento de

música. El personal aceptó hábilmente el desafío de encontrar nuevas formas de ser St. Michael.

¡La iglesia no se detuvo!

Sin duda, hubo momentos difíciles, pero en esos momentos se encontró una respuesta enérgica de “puedo hacerlo”.

Finalmente, y personalmente, quiero agradecer por permitirme servir en El Consejo Parroquial. He disfrutado de la experiencia y les animo, a que, si se les pide que sirva, lo consideren seriamente. Quiero agradecer a los miembros que terminan su puesto en la junta parroquial: Edith Arriaga, Scout Malden y Barb Miller, por su servicio.

He disfrutado de mi tiempo con ustedes y me extrañaré nuestras reuniones mensuales. Por último, únase a mí para dar la bienvenida a los nuevos miembros del Consejo Parroquial, que serán elegidos en la Reunión Anual de este año el 31 de enero.

Bendiciones,

Dave Reilly, Guardián Mayor (saliente)

2020 & 2021 Budgets

Income	Total Year 2020	2020 Budget	Actual Difference to Budget	Percent Difference to 2020 Budget	2021 Budget
Open Offerings	43,661	40,000	3,661	109%	45,000
Pledge Income	578,947	585,000	(6,053)	99%	592,000
Diocese Grant	-	33,000	(33,000)	0%	-
PPP Grant (loan conversion)	89,200	-	89,200		-
Surplus from Prior Year	-	-	-		38,270
Transfer to Operations from Funds	11,000	-	11,100		
Total Income	722,908	658,000	64,908	110%	675,270
Expenses					
Staff Salaries	354,923	340,790	14,133	104%	353,648
Medical/Dental/Life Insurance	48,624	39,350	9,274	124%	57,608
Rector's Auto Allowance	-	200	(200)	0%	200
Staff and Clergy Expenses	52,986	52,927	59	100%	54,280
Workers' Compensation	106	139	(33)	76%	147
Clergy Allowances & Staff Expenses	1,496	1,500	(4)	100%	1,500
Total Personnel Expenses	458,135	434,906	23,229	105%	467,383
Property & Liability Insurance	8,222	7,500	722	110%	9,000
Cleaning Service	11,670	11,500	170	101%	11,500
Property Maintenance	17,164	10,950	6,214	157%	4,721
Utilities	28,824	33,925	(5,101)	85%	29,025
Total Property Expenses	65,880	63,875	2,005	103%	54,246
Parish Administration	29,676	30,700	(1,024)	97%	20,100
Diocese of Oregon Program 2010	105,420	105,417	3	100%	115,841
Outreach in Community & World	9,157	8,500	657	108%	8,500
Millennium Development Goals	1,250	-	1,250		-
Programs					
Children's Ministry	2,950	2,250	704	131%	2,250
Youth Ministry	632	-	632		
Adult Ed	131	250	(119)	52%	250
Music Program	3,318	2,000	1,318	166%	1,000
Stewardship	532	200	332	266%	400
Latino Ministries	4,611	3,700	911	125%	3,700
Worship	1,458	-	1,458	-	-
Hospitality	1,197	5,700	(4,503)	21%	1,000
Pastoral Care	51		51		100
Vestry/Delegate/Staff Expense	236	500	(264)	47%	500
sub-total Ministry Programs	15,120	14,600	520	104%	9,200
Total Admin/Program Expenses	160,623	159,217	1,406	101%	153,641
Total Expense	684,638	657,998	26,640	104%	675,270
Excess/(Deficit)	38,270	2	38,268	5.8%	-

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BAPTISMS/BAUTISMOS

May 31 Neve Viola Barnett
 September 26 Samuel Garrit John Lighthart-Faletra

BURIALS/FUNERALES (DATE OF DEATH/FECHA DEL MUERTO)

David Donnell (January 27)
 Ann Filz (February 18)
 Katie Vogt (May 11)
 Ruthanne Bullock (July 27)
 Michael Berkson (October 17)
 Jerry Vannice (October 29)
 Arlys Fischer (December 28)

Staff

Vestry 2020

Associate Clergy

Christopher B. Craun
 James Joiner
 Roberto Arciniega
 Hannah Brewer
 JT Quanbeck
 Brian Fairbanks
 Manuel Luna
 Gloria Orellana
 Audrey Sackett
 Leslie Sackett
 Jackie Van Anda

Rector
 Associate Rector
 Associate Rector
 Music Director/Organist
 Technology
 Choir Director
 Facilities Assistant
 Office Administrator
 Associate for Music with Children
 Associate for Children and Families
 Bookkeeper

Senior Warden
 Junior Warden
 2020
 2021
 2022
 Parish Clerk
 Treasurer

Dave Reilly
 Cliff Fairley
 Edith Arriaga-Flores
 Scout Mauldin
 Barb Miller
 Joe Afryl
 Jim Robbins
 Oliver Smith
 Stephanie English
 Lynda Moses
 Martha Pérez
 Steve Walton
 Marili Reilly
 Jeff Swart
 Mark Allen
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