

## Happy New Year! News from the Senior Warden

Peace and blessings to you as we start our new year! I first wanted to thank you for an amazing 2020. We accomplished a lot, learned a lot, and joined the 21st century with our technology. Getting things lined up and moving forward was not the easiest of tasks. I am very thankful for the guidance that Fr. Tom Nicoll and Deacon Al Hipp have given us during this time. I want to thank the vestry most especially. We have had sporadic vestry meetings but were able to take care of everything we needed to accomplish.

I am proud that you gave to the matching fund and we exceeded the match bringing in a total of \$5472.00 The church family donated \$3472 and the match was \$2000.00. Thank you to those who gave to this fund!!

I want to make you aware that with your approval the vestry will be frozen and everyone will remain in place except Roger Isaac taking Outreach from Sharon Landon. Sharon has served in this position extremely well and I thank her for all that she has done! She has decided that time needs to be spent with her children and grandchildren. I understand this completely and wish her well. I am not sure how to go about this as we can't have an in-person annual parish meeting. I will be working towards a virtual meeting which will possibly be challenging for some of our members. More information to come.

The vestry will be meeting to approve the budget. The total pledged income to date is \$112,269.00. This is less than last year but understandable with the current climate we find ourselves in with the impact of the Pandemic. I thank you for your support! We do have some income loss in the budget other than pledges. Weight Watchers is not leasing space from us at this time and this reduces our income by \$650.00 monthly or \$7800.00 annually.

We also did not in 2020 (except for a great Oyster Roast) and will not in 2021 at all realize income from our normal fundraisers. This does have a major impact on our budget. Your vestry will be doing everything we can to make our numbers work. We will most likely not have a balanced budget but will be ok as we have savings realized from not having a full-time priest in 2020. We do have to plan on a salary and benefits for a new priest in the annual budget even if we don't currently have one in place. We have to operate as if we do so when we do hire someone we are prepared.

Finally, I want to share some very exciting and unexpected news. Father Alan Leonard has graciously given St Margaret's a check for \$25,000 in memory of his mother and father. He is giving this to be specifically used for church maintenance. He is very aware that this has always been a concern as our building and equipment are aging. He informed me that he spent 13 great years with us and wanted to make sure we could maintain our facility. He has truly blessed us with his caring and love of St Margaret's!

Happy New Year!!

Yours in Christ,

Scott Collins

Senior Warden

**Happy and Blessed New Year!**

**Last year was different than any other year for everyone due to Covid 19 virus.**

**We were not allowed to attend church for many months and after returning we had many restrictions to follow. We were blessed with Fr. Nicoll's wonderful sermons to watch from our homes.**

**So thankful for our leadership for carefully planning out the details for our returning to church. We made bags for each family and delivered them to say thanks to our church family.**

**We decorated the church for Christmas. Thanks to everyone that helped, especially Glynda and Bob for supplying the greenery and decorating to make our church beautiful. Thanks to all that purchased poinsettias.**

**I'm very grateful for Fr. Nicoll, Deacon Al, Jeanne, Scott, and everyone on the vestry for their great ministry.**

**Many prayers for all the sick and everyone that have loved ones that have passed from the virus and other sicknesses.**

**God Bless and Love to All in the New and Better Year 2021!!**

**Karen**

**Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced...**

**1 Chronicles 16:11-12**

**Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.**

**1 Peter 5:7**

**Dear St. Margaret's,**

**I have stepped down from my position as chair of the Outreach Committee. I am honored and thankful to have had the opportunity to serve the church and community. Roger Isaac has agreed to take over the position. I know that Outreach is in good hands and I will continue to serve St. Margaret's mission.**

**Yours in Christ,**

**Sharon Landon**