

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH
JANUARY 22, 2023**



Mission Statement
*We are The Church that Serves
And Spreads God's Love to Everyone*



Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist

Glendale, Arizona

Annual Meeting – January 22, 2023

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**Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist
2022 Vestry**

The Rev. Timothy J. Yanni	Rector
Tracy Hare	Senior Warden
Buz Isban	Junior Warden
Barb Bratcher	2020 - 2022
Jill Kratzer	2020 - 2022
Kirstie Myers	2020 - 2022
Cody Bro	2021 - 2023
Ellie Calcagni	2021 - 2023
Nancy Young	2022 - 2023
Casey Klems	2022 - 2024
Jackie Luptowski	2022 -2024
Dovie Templin	2022 -2024
Suzy Mortenson	Treasurer
Renee' Taylor	Clerk of the Vestry



**Annual Meeting Agenda
January 22, 2023**

Call to Order – Fr. Tim

Opening Prayer – Fr. Tim

Appointment of Clerk for the Annual Meeting – Fr. Tim

Appointment of Tellers – Fr. Tim

Establishment of a Quorum – Clerk for the Annual Meeting

Approval of Minutes from the 2022 Annual Meeting

Rector's report – Fr. Tim

Appointment of Sr. Warden – Fr. Tim

Senior Warden's Report - Tracy Hare

Recognition of Vestry Member's going off the Vestry –Tracy Hare

- Barb Bratcher, Jill Kratzer and Kirstie Myers

Elections

- Jr. Warden
- Election of new Vestry: 3 three-year terms
 - Jimmy Diaz, Henry Orth, Frank Pastula
 - Call for nominations for Vestry from the floor
- Election of Delegates to Convention
 - Call for nominations

Treasurer's report - Suzy Mortenson

Other matters to come before the congregation

Election Results – Tracy Hare

Closing prayer – Fr. Tim

Adjournment – Fr. Tim



**The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist
Glendale, Arizona
Annual Parish Meeting in Person and Online
January 23, 2022**

The Annual Meeting of The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist was called to order at 10:25 a.m. on January 23, 2022 by Sr. Warden, Tracy Hare. Fr. Dave Rickert led us in prayer.

The following appointments were made by Tracy Hare:

Clerk for the Annual Meeting: Renee' Taylor
Tellers for the meeting: The Rev. Cn. Chuck Milhoan and Marykay Nelson

A quorum was verified by the Clerk, Renee' Taylor. Approximately 60 were present.

The minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting were presented. It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes as presented. The motion carried.

Tracy Hare recognized and thanked members whose term on the Vestry is ending:
Mary Jane Santamaria Frank Perkins

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS:

Fr. Dave announced he was appointing Tracy Hare to serve as Senior Warden for the upcoming year.

Buz Isban was presented as the candidate for Jr. Warden. The floor was opened for additional nominations. It was moved and seconded to close nominations. The motion carried. Buz Isban was elected by affirmation to be the Jr. Warden for the upcoming year.

The following persons were introduced to be considered for election to a three-year term on the Vestry:
Casey Klems Dovie Templin Jackie Luptowski

The floor was opened for nominations. It was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed. Motion carried. It was moved and seconded to vote by affirmation. The motion carried. Casey Klems, Dovie Templin and Jackie Luptowski were elected to a three-year term by affirmation.

The following person was introduced to be considered for election to a two-year term on the Vestry:
Nancy Young

The floor was opened for nominations. It was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed. Motion carried. Nancy Young was elected by affirmation to a two-year term on the Vestry.

DELEGATES TO CONVENTION:

The following candidate were presented to be delegates to Diocesan Convention, the congregation was instructed to vote for 3 candidates:

DELEGATES

Kathy Tett
Rose Hartley
Michelle Weaver
Mae Sinclair
Jennifer Roland

The floor was opened for more nominations. It was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed. Motion carried. The following persons were elected by secret ballot to be Delegates for Diocesan Convention:

Rose Hartley Michelle Weaver Mae Sinclair

The following will be Alternates for Diocesan Convention:

Kathy Tett Jennifer Roland

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Suzu Mortenson presented the Financial Statement of Mission for the year ending December 31, 2021. She also reviewed the 2022 Financial Statement of Mission which was approved by the Vestry at the January 12th, 2022 Vestry Meeting. Details of the 2021 Financial results and of the 2022 Financial Statement of Mission were included in the Annual Report.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business to come before the congregation.

Fr. Dave offered a closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Reneé Taylor
Clerk for the Annual meeting

Our patron saint, John the Baptist, is one of the most interesting characters in all the gospels. Think about it. He's a guy who wears camel hair and dines on locusts and honey. He hangs out in weird places and he speaks in code. I have always thought of John as a great example of a saint to follow. He teaches people about Jesus, and he does not try to hide who he is or be someone he is not. He is unapologetically himself, and he brings his whole self into the room and nothing else. He paves the way for people to follow Jesus. Even though he has his own followers, he does not let his ego get in the way. He has incredible self-awareness and knows that his calling is not to lead people to himself, but instead to get their attention and then turn their focus toward Jesus. In the Gospel according to John, he introduces people to Jesus by saying, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!" (John 1:29). I couldn't think of a better patron saint for a parish with our identity.

I am so thrilled to be among you as your Rector at a parish that truly follows in John the Baptist's footsteps. This is a parish that knows its identity and knows its mission. That identity is to be unapologetically ourselves and to lead people to Jesus. Just like John! And you do it so well. Thank you for doing such a good job of leading people to Jesus. During 2022, we learned a lot about each other and from each other. And we celebrated the holy name of Jesus every step along the way. In a year of newly shared ministry like this past year has been, it can be a challenge to decide where to begin. So I will start by following the example of every president I have heard give a state of the union speech and say simply that when it comes to the Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist, the state of the parish is strong.

Our time together began a week before Ash Wednesday. I am grateful to the Rev. Dave Rickert, who served as your Interim Rector prior to my arrival. Father Dave and I actually attended seminary together. However, I did not know he was serving here at St. John's until after I had been called by your vestry to serve here. During his year here, Father Dave made some changes that went over quite well, and he made other changes that were not so well received. I want you to be assured that that's what Interim Rectors are supposed to do. Rectors are supposed to be much more calculated in their decisions,

and I attempt to utilize my fabulous wardens, staff, and colleagues in making pastoral decisions. We are blessed at St. John's to have several retired members of the clergy in our midst, and we have the best deacon around. We have a talented, loving staff who cares for the well-being of the parish and of all of you, and we have a postulant who is growing quite nicely into her calling as an ordained person in this Church. Our wardens, vestry, and ministry leaders all care deeply about St. John's, and there really isn't another parish quite like ours in this diocese.

After our first week together, we entered a time of Lent together. During Lent, we focused on mission. Is there a better place to start a journey than to focus on mission? In our walk through Lent, we focused on improving our relationship with God and with one another. No matter where we were when we started our Lenten journey, I am pleased to say we arrived at Easter closer to God and to each other than we were seven weeks earlier.

At Easter, we began to share a sung liturgy together at the 10 a.m. service. As St. Augustine said, when you sing, you pray twice. Including a sung Eucharistic prayer enhances our prayer life. We are privileged to have three distinct expressions of music at St. John's. Our Joyful Noise Choir brings a contemporary and folk feel to our sanctuary, our Praise Band fills us with new age Christian music, and our Chancel Choir sings traditional Anglican music with the accompaniment of our very talented pianist. Each expression is unique and each expression truly allows us to pray twice. I would love to invite more voices to join our choirs and I hope to continue to focus on the beauty of our music.

Bishop Reddall came to visit us at St. John's twice last year. The first time she came was for our Celebration of New Ministry. What a fun experience that was! St. John's truly showed its identity as we affirmed God's call to us all. It was such a wonderful party, and people around the diocese still tell me how much fun they had in attending. Thank you for that wonderful gift of being your authentic selves.

Our feeding ministries were strong as it was evident the need for affordable food has increased. Our food pantry on site saw a dramatic uptick in the number of families who utilized our services.

POWWOW continues to feed dozens to hundreds of families every month. Our veterans' ministry team continues to serve delicious, hot meals to our friends at the veterans' home. Through our food ministries, we allow the community to truly taste and see that the Lord is good.

Speaking of our veterans' ministry, our golf tournament was one of the most fun tournaments I've ever played in! Thank you for putting together such a fun, life-filled event that allowed us to help a veteran in need to have a well-trained life-long companion. The Rev. Laura Adelia, the canon for veterans' ministry at the diocesan office, has asked me if she can use St. John's as a poster child for how to do veterans' ministry in the rest of the diocese. The answer was an enthusiastic yes. What an honor for St. John's and what a testament to your determination to minister to those who bravely served our nation!

During Bishop Jennifer's second visit of the year, she confirmed, reaffirmed, received, or baptized a total of ten new members. This is a sign that the Church is alive and well! Growth is important. Our theology of abundance reminds us that God is with us and he will provide for us when we are in need. Our stewardship drive focused on this reality and our stewardship team did a tremendous job of reminding us about the importance of being good stewards. Our drive was successful! At the same time, we acknowledge the reality that our expenses continue to increase. As Christians, we are called to continue to discern ways we can offer back to God in thanksgiving for what he has given to us.

Our garden ministry continues to keep the grounds looking good, our maintenance team keeps the campus in good shape, and our altar guild and ministry teams keep the sanctuary looking seasonally appropriate year long. In our adult study, we looked at the Book of Common Prayer and the Gospel of John. We will continue to explore the Prayer Book together this year and we will have new educational offerings that teach us about the importance of prayer practices. I was fortunate to attend our semi-annual highway cleaning in the fall and I was glad to be a part of the team that moved tons of rock in the

garden and cleaned up after a messy storm. Thank you to everyone who showed dedication to St. John's in some form or another. It's because of you that our parish is in such good shape. With continued help, we will continue to keep the grounds looking sharp and to make repairs as needed. Preventative maintenance is also of great importance.

Christmas Eve services were well attended. We were fortunate to be able to provide a meal for those worship ministers who sacrificed their entire Christmas Eve afternoon and evening to be at church. We also began using real bread at communion and we are hopeful to develop and nourish a bread baking ministry. Again, we literally get to taste and see that the Lord is good.

This year we will continue to pray together, to play together, and to work together for the glory of God. A second and larger golf tournament is already being planned. A second-annual outing to an Arizona Cardinals game is in the works. I anticipate another tremendous showing of support at Faith and Family night with the Arizona Diamondbacks. I'm happy to entertain other ideas for ensuring our fellowship and friendship continues to grow. Thank you for all you do to make St. John's a place that tells people about Jesus. Just like John the Baptist, we can be a little silly. We can be a little playful. We can be a little different. And we can continue to point people toward the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Thank you for being yourself. And thank you for continuing to point people toward Jesus. In his Holy Name, Amen.

Senior Warden Annual Report

2022

A year ago today our congregation hadn't met our priest Fr. Tim. By January of last year, our Search Committee had completed nearly a year's worth of work and recommended him as our priest. The Vestry followed up on that recommendation with an informal meeting, and then the next day with a formal interview. We liked what we saw and informed the Bishop.

On February 13, 2022, we had a farewell for our Interim Priest Fr. Dave. We had a supply priest for two Sundays. Then the new guy, Fr. Tim, arrived.

No matter how perfect a resume seems, or how friendly a person appears over an evening meal, or how intelligent one seems at an interview, you can't be 100% sure. You can have a gut feeling, and be 99% sure, but the proof is in the pudding with the congregation. Those of us on the Vestry, and the Search Committee members, heard many times from members of the congregation, how they like this priest. You have heard many times from Fr. Tim how much he likes us, and feels blessed. Tell him how blessed we feel to have him here. We have received more than we dreamed for.

Of course, many wonderful things happened in this last year. However, this was most important.

Tracy Hare

Senior Warden

P.S. The best time to plant the tree was twenty years ago. The next best time is now. - Author Mike Warner

P.S.S. Mike doesn't remember who originally said this, so I'm giving Mike the credit for it.

Vestry Candidates Bio for 2023

Frank Pastula Bio for 2023 Vestry

Frank Pastula was born last century in Passaic, New Jersey...April 18,1953. After graduating Clifton High School, he attended the New York Institute of Advertising in NYC. He married Cynthia Shumlas on June 23, 1984. They moved to Phoenix in 1987 and have been members of St. John's since then. He has two sons, Jon & James; two granddaughters, Aryiah & Nixin; and two grandsons, Maddix & Jameson.

He has previously served as an usher, been a member of the vestry, volunteered in the Thrift Store, and has been active with the Veterans Ministry.

Frank is retired and enjoys golf, magic and wearing Aloha Shirts.

Henry Orth Bio for 2023 Vestry

Tony and I just celebrated our one-year anniversary of living in AZ. Coming to Arizona for health reasons, we needed to find a new church family. We came from a very large Episcopal parish in Mission, Kansas. What we found was St. John's parish. From the very first moment it was welcoming, vibrant and truly a church that serves. At St. Michael and All Angel's, I was a chalice bearer, Eucharistic visitor to one of our senior living centers. For 3 years Tony and I, cooked 5 days a week for our parish day school, for ages 3-5 year olds. My early life came from a Roman Catholic background, specifically being a priest for 10 years.

What I see here at SJB is a church that continues to move forward in its many ministries, especially those within the parish and outside. While we are a small we are by far much larger than any other. I hope to continue to be a part of this Church that Serves.

Jimmy Diaz Bio for 2023 Vestry

Jimmy was born and raised in Arizona. He graduated from NAU with a BS in Computer Science in 1979. Married the love of his life (Peggy) in 1978 and together moved to Seattle in late 1979 where he worked at Boeing for five years. Returned to Arizona in 1984 to be near family and Jimmy and Peggy raised three sons, one which was adopted. Jimmy worked for Sperry/Honeywell for 40 years as a computer engineer before retiring in 2019.

He began attending St. John's around 1987 and has been involved with many ministries (youth group, children's ministries, A/V support, serving the homeless to name a few) but his main ministry is music, leading the Joyful Noise Choir and the Praise Band.

He was a vestry member from 2003 through 2005 and is a Cursillo member. St. John's has been his second home for nearly 40 years and he is very grateful for and blessed with his church family.

**The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist
Financial Statement of Mission
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022**

<u>Mission Support</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Mission Plan</u>	<u>Variance Fav (Unfav)</u>
Tithes & Offerings			
Plate and Special Offerings	47,336	52,100	(4,764)
Pledge Payments	311,016	307,701	3,315
Total Tithes & Offerings	<u>358,352</u>	<u>359,801</u>	<u>(1,449)</u>
Other Income			
Restricted funds used in operations (Altar flowers)	2,146	2,200	(54)
Building Use	1,370	1,500	(130)
Other Income	3,169	400	2,769
Total Other Income	<u>6,686</u>	<u>4,100</u>	<u>2,586</u>
Total Mission Support	<u>365,038</u>	<u>363,901</u>	<u>1,137</u>
<u>Mission Expenditures</u>			
Ministry Support			
Worship	3,240	3,750	510
Christian Education and Youth	1,590	1,550	(40)
Parish Life & Community Service	2,442	1,000	(1,442)
Total Ministries	<u>7,272</u>	<u>6,300</u>	<u>(972)</u>
Support of the Greater Church			
Mission Share	60,635	61,300	665
Other	2,883	2,200	(683)
Total Support of the Greater Church	<u>63,518</u>	<u>63,500</u>	<u>(18)</u>
Parish Staff			
Salaries	201,333	196,384	(4,948)
Taxes, Insurance, Pension	45,363	47,175	1,812
Total Parish Staff	<u>246,696</u>	<u>243,560</u>	<u>(3,136)</u>
Maintaining our Facility and Office Operations			
Administration	27,557	32,550	4,993
Building and Grounds	29,321	23,800	(5,521)
Utilities	14,643	17,152	2,509
Total Parish Operations	<u>71,521</u>	<u>73,502</u>	<u>1,981</u>
Total Mission Expenditures	<u>389,007</u>	<u>386,862</u>	<u>(2,145)</u>
Net Support and Expenditures	<u>(23,969)</u>	<u>(22,961)</u>	<u>(1,009)</u>

**The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist
Statement of Mission Plan for 2023**

	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Plan</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Plan</u>	<u>Inc (Decr) compared to 2022 Actual</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<u>Mission Support</u>						
Tithes & Offerings						
Plate and Special Offerings	64,193	52,100	47,336	52,900	5,564	Includes Easter & Christmas. Expecting an increase; 2022 was low compared to historical.
Pledge Payments, General Fund	287,933	307,701	311,016	329,701	18,685	102 pledges in hand; expecting 6 more
Total Tithes & Offerings	<u>352,126</u>	<u>359,801</u>	<u>358,352</u>	<u>382,601</u>	<u>24,249</u>	
Other Income						
Grant Income from Paycheck Protection Prog.	0	0	0	0	0	
Restricted Funds Used in Operations	1,000	2,200	2,146	1,700	(446)	
Building Use	1,825	1,500	1,370	1,400	30	
Other Income	5,287	400	3,169	500	(2,669)	In previous years, Other Income included Thrift store net proceeds. Thrift Store goes to Outreach, now.
Total Other Income	<u>8,112</u>	<u>4,100</u>	<u>6,686</u>	<u>3,600</u>	<u>(3,086)</u>	
Total Funds to Support our Mission	<u>360,238</u>	<u>363,901</u>	<u>365,038</u>	<u>386,201</u>	<u>21,163</u>	

**The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist
Statement of Mission Plan for 2023**

	2021 <u>Actual</u>	2022 <u>Plan</u>	2022 <u>Actual</u>	2023 <u>Plan</u>	Inc (Decr) compared to <u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<u>Mission Expenditures</u>						
Support of Ministries						
Worship	3,616	3,750	3,240	3,050	(190)	
Christian Education and Youth	1,491	1,550	1,590	2,500	910	
Parish Life & Hospitality	1,107	1,000	2,442	1,600	(842)	
Total Ministries	<u>6,214</u>	<u>6,300</u>	<u>7,272</u>	<u>7,150</u>	<u>(122)</u>	
Support of the Greater Church						
Mission Share	62,303	61,300	60,635	64,597	3,962	16.9% of all revenue used for operations
Other	1,280	2,200	2,883	1,500	(1,383)	2022 Diocesan Convention was in Tucson.
Total Support of the Greater Church	<u>63,583</u>	<u>63,500</u>	<u>63,518</u>	<u>66,097</u>	<u>2,578</u>	
Parish Staff						
Salaries	161,763	196,384	201,333	206,797	5,464	No salary for Youth Minister, administrator position was vacant for over 5 months in 2021, new finance support position in 2022
Taxes, Insurance, Pension	36,160	47,175	45,363	47,998	2,635	
Total Parish Staff	<u>197,923</u>	<u>243,560</u>	<u>246,696</u>	<u>254,795</u>	<u>8,099</u>	
Maintaining our facility and office operations						
Administration	22,538	32,550	27,557	32,275	4,718	Increases in conference and travel and audit
Building and Grounds	28,187	23,800	29,321	25,625	(3,696)	Projecting lower building maintenance
Utilities	16,434	17,152	14,643	16,892	2,249	2023 has an increase in electric rates. Continuing to work on reducing outside water use.
Total Parish Operations	<u>67,158</u>	<u>73,502</u>	<u>71,521</u>	<u>74,792</u>	<u>3,271</u>	
Total Expenditures to Support our Mission	<u>334,878</u>	<u>386,862</u>	<u>389,007</u>	<u>402,833</u>	<u>13,826</u>	
Net of Revenue and Expenditures	<u>25,360</u>	<u>(22,961)</u>	<u>(23,969)</u>	<u>(16,632)</u>	<u>7,337</u>	

2022 Altar Guild Annual Report

Sacristan

A person who works in the sacristy, the room for storing and working with the various items needed for the liturgies and worship of the church. Such items may include the vessels, vestments, books, bread and wine, and candles. Individual members of a parish's altar guild might be called sacristans.

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/S/>

Although a sacristan's job duties vary by church, in general, this role serves as a coordinator for worship services, ensuring that linens are pressed and clean, that altar vessels are kept safe, that consumables like altar wine and altar bread are in adequate supply, and that the church as a whole is kept secure and in good repair. The sacristan works with the pastor or senior minister to attend to the environment of worship. In addition, a sacristan may oversee or even direct the service of various lay ministers including ushers, greeters and money counters.

[*Job Description for a Sacristan \(careertrend.com\)*](#)

My History as Sacristan at St. John's Parish

The position of sacristan at the Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist was established under Fr. Harry Way's leadership. The leader of altar guild stepped down and when Fr. Harry asked me, he changed the name. I could have been the new directress. My duties included training and scheduling both altar guild members and servers at the Table. I am master of ceremonies for special service. I participated in the worship environment which meant that I set up for major holidays.

Under Fr. Dave Rickert's guidance, I put together the readings for our services which are sent to our readers so they can prepare their proclamations at each service. The year was completed and the services through Fr. Dave's tenure were completed. Fr. Tim has me continue this task.

I gradually moved into the sacristan position again. I was acknowledged to the congregation in this position at the December 19th, 2021 service of Ministry of the Laity: Thanksgiving and Commissioning.

Since November, 2022 I have participated in the Tuesday Staff meetings.

Highlights of the Year

Fr. Tim's Installation (May 25, 2022) – with aid with parishioners – set up clergy vesting room in Chilton Hall; select presenters (parishioners and Fr. Tim's colleagues).

Bishop's Visit (December 4, 2022) – a cooperative effort of various ministries; setting up altar for a baptism, confirmations, receptions into the Episcopal Church; made make-shift crosier stand.

Sanctuary Environment – Add decorative elements in the sanctuary to reflect the season and/or special liturgical celebrations (i.e., All Souls, All Saints Days, Thanksgiving, elements to reflect and to honor the Saint of the Day).

Palm Sunday and Holy Week Services – set up altar of repose; frontal/burse changes; set ups for foot washing; stripping the altar; veneration of the cross; communion service; pageantry of Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil; Sunrise Service and usual Sunday services.

Christmas Services – switch out linens; polish metals; dust and clean credence tables; thurifer at the 9:00 pm service.

Wednesday Service – set out donation plate at Baptismal font; for the healing service once a month set out oils and hand cloth on a small plate.

Lectionary Binder – one for each service (Sundays and Wednesdays) were created and are used for the various services.

Liturgical Rubrics – Instructing the lectors in various ways to lead the congregation in the psalms as Fr. Tim presented during the “Instructed Eucharist”.

Altar Guild

The purpose of the Altar Guild is to assist the clergy. The Altar Guild members work directly under the orders and authority of the priest in accordance with his instructions. The Altar Guild members are organized for the purpose of preparing the altar for celebrations of the Eucharist. This work includes setting the credence table with the sacred vessels (lavabo bowl, towel, cruets of water and wine, and additional hosts); prepare the chalice with purificator, patten, burse and corporal; place the lectionary and book of the gospel in their proper place; ensure the altar is dressed in the proper color of the day (frontal hanging, burse, etc.). The Altar Guild members also clean up after services.

“The altar is the center of the Christian Church. Around it the people of God gather to celebrate the mysteries of Christ’s body and blood. That sacrament, the Eucharist, along with our baptism, is what binds us to Christ. Whatever we do in the world to live out the Christian life - whether it be prayer, study, work for social justice, ministry to the sick, care of the dying, tending the needs of the poor, and the hungry — all Christian activities arise from the presence of Christ within us and that presence begins at a baptismal font, and gets renewed, and nourished at an altar.”

The above material was printed in EPISTLE, a publication of the National Altar Guild Association (NAGA.) There is also a web site listed: www.episcopalchurch.org/altarguild

Highlights of the Year

Ministry Fair (June 5, 2022) – review protocols, establish new ones specifically for the Altar Guild.

New Members – Over the year we had eight new member, of the eight four signed up at the 2022 Ministry Fair; unfortunately only two remain in the guild; six left for various reasons.

Altar Guild Check Lists – Created check lists for our respective services (Sundays at 8:00 am; 10:00 am; 9:00 am; and 6:30 pm Wednesdays).

Liturgy Changes before, during COVID-19 – no reception of wine moved to reception of the wine to intinction) this requires a minimal amount of wine); reception of communion at the communion rails again; oblations brought up to the altar at the preparation of the Table; ciborium used at 10:00 am Sunday Service; using real bread instead of wafers.

Communion under Both Species (bread and wine) – working with the clergy to determine the number of bread loaves used for our services; placing a bowl and a spoon at both credence tables (in the event bread is dropped in the chalice). Baking our bread has developed into a new ministry.

Definitions and Duties – instruct members to know the names and definitions of items and areas of the church (chancel, frontal, pall, patten, burse, corporal, aumbry, credence table, pyx (pyx), pacina; when to use the Paschal candle; care of linens.

Borderlands' Produce On Wheels Without Waste (P.O.W.W.O.W.)

2022 Annual Report

From November through May on the first Saturday of the month SJB hosts a Farmers Market in conjunction with **Borderlands' Produce On Wheels Without Waste (P.O.W.W.O.W.)**. Event supporters can make a cash contribution of \$15 to take home up to 70lbs of rescued produce.

Our mission is to not only support our neighborhood friends but also our SJB's Food Pantry and Veterans Ministries. The 5% cash back (75cents per supporters' box) is divided equally between SJB's Food Pantry and Feeding the VETS.

Come help as well as have FUN! VOLUNTEERS ARE A MUST! We can't do it without YOUR SUPPORT!

Tracy Hare, Buz Isban, Pattie Prosory Ministry Leaders

Annual Report
Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist
Director of Christian Formation
Jennifer Roland

This past year has seen more participation in our Christian formation ministries as we adapt to the world since the pandemic. Our Godly Play program is slowly growing as families return to worship. Our Vacation Bible School doubled in participation from the previous year. Youth Group was moved to Sunday evening which led to more involvement from our Middle and High School students. We have started having our children and youth offer their ministries in worship when we have a fifth Sunday. This provides them with the opportunity to try out ministries they are interested in trying in a non-threatening way.

We partnered with Phoenix Lutheran Youth (PhLY) to provide our High School students with more opportunities to connect with other Christian High School students in the area. PhLY consists of other ELCA churches in the Phoenix area. The Episcopal Church is in communion with the ELCA church and PhLY welcomes participation by Episcopal churches, although we are the first to join. Last weekend, three of our High School Youth participated in a Retreat in Prescott with six Youth from other churches. It was wonderful seeing the connections they made with this community as they grew in their own faith.

Our Harry Potter book study has been thriving as we finish the second book in the series, *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*. This ministry welcomes fans of the series age 11 and up but it currently consists of adults. We learn ancient spiritual practices while applying them to a fun, contemporary story as we explore the Christian themes in these stories one chapter at a time. Along the way, we have had deep conversations exploring what we as Christians mean when we talk about sin, how we handle the death of loved ones, and this week we will be exploring the nature of evil. These deep conversations are balanced with shared meals, fellowship, and friendly competition as we earn points for our Houses along the way.

Thank you so much to all the wonderful volunteers who contribute their time and energy to our Christian formation ministries with our younger members. It makes such an impact in their lives to know members of their faith community value them.

Crafters Ministry 2022

We were very busy at the Crafters Ministry this year. We have several different smaller groups that make up St Johns Crafters. We have some people who prefer to crochet and knit prayer shawls and Baptism blankets at home and bring in. We have a Quilters group that makes quilts and Fidget mats for any organization needing them. We have a group that meets once a month to not only learn to sew but they make the Pillowcase dresses. We also have a small group who quilt at home for whatever needs the Church may have. All of these feed into the Crafters Ministry and we have members who are not St John's members.

So here is the breakdown:

Prayer Shawls and Baptismal Blankets: Approx. 40 came into the Ministry to be used whenever needed.

40 Fidget mats (see below) were sent to the Memory Unit at Banner Hospital in Sun City West. 45 Quilts were given to various organizations including Firefighters, Police, and United Methodist' Homeless and Veterans (UMOM). The Police and Fire use the small quilts to keep in their cars in case a child has suffered some kind of trauma. The other quilts go to homeless veterans and children.

We have 100+ pillowcase dresses ready to be sent out to wherever the need is. Under Phillip's direction a couple of us have been working with him to adorn the Altar.

If you have noticed table runners to make the Parish Hall more cozy, well we did those too.

*Fidget mats are mats approximately the size of a placemat that has interesting touch and feel items to calm down an Alzheimer's or dementia patient. If there are needs in the congregation for some of these mats, please contact Janet Lennon and we will make sure that you have what you need.

Your Crafters Ministry is up and running for 2023 and would love to see this Ministry grow. Come grow with us.

Janet Lennon
St John's Crafters

Faith Through the Arts (FTTA)

Faith Through the Arts (FTTA) has once again been exhibiting local artists work in the parish hall, hopefully enhancing the welcoming look to newcomers...and old comers. Some of our fun exhibits have included heirloom quilts, parishioner pet pictures, parishioner crosses and prayer wall, and our latest — art work from our kids and grandkids. We have also hosted Jazz at Twilight and a fabulous concert by our own Joel Joa. This year we will once again be hosting a reception for exhibiting artists, offering light munchies and wine.

We welcome anyone who loves art — you do NOT need to be an artist! See anyone who is involved with FTTA if you have questions, but we would love to have you join our ministry!
Pattie Prosory—Ministry Leader

Food Pantry Ministry

It's so much more than simply a Food Pantry! This growing ministry has seen a steadily-increasing number of clients as their needs becomes greater. In addition to food, families can receive donations of clothing items, personal hygiene products, pet food, or even just a cold bottle of water on a hot Arizona day

We have accomplished this by the growing number of people, which include the homeless and families in need that we have helped. The total number of people last year was 1,226 adults and 630 children. During the holiday season, we provided Thanksgiving Baskets to 32 families and for Christmas, 12 families.

The Food Pantry also provides the Blessing Bags that you give out to people who need them. Since July of this year, we have given out over 250 Blessing Bags.

We do not have regular meetings but we do meet as a group when the need arises. Our pantry is run by parish volunteers. We are staffed Tuesday thru Thursdays from 10 AM to 1 PM. There are two people always present. greeting clients, talking with them and providing items they need. Such as food, personal hygiene items, pet food, underwear and socks.

Issues we have been facing are turning clients away because we run out of food and supplies. We have clients that need more services than what we can't provide such as showers and filling their monetary needs. We direct them to appropriate agencies that can provide more than we can offer.

We would like to increase our volunteer staff to three people per day. Reasons being there are days where we are inundated with clients. We also help the office staff as needed. We are always in need of food donations and monetary help from our parish.

The Food Pantry is one of our ministries here at St. John the Baptist that truly lives up to what is written on the sign, "The church that Serves".

Garden Ministry Report 2022

The Memorial Garden was established in Memory of Elizabeth Teekasingh, who died in 2010 at the age of 17. The purpose of the garden ministry is to maintain and enhance a beautiful, peaceful place where people can go to pray, meditate, or just enjoy the beautiful earth that God has given us.

In the past year we have added rock to define the garden area, eliminate the mud that comes with rain or watering, and promote water conservation. Using a combination of materials, at no cost to the church, borders were put in to enable more efficient watering. The watering system has been remedied and updated to make better use of our precious water. Solar lights were donated by new church members to enhance night time viewing. We continue to experiment to find the best combinations of plants that will survive in our desert.

We have enjoyed looking at various ways of encouraging some of God's other creatures to visit our garden. There are currently three birdbaths, two hummingbird feeders, and two hummingbird swings. We have also planted several varieties of milkweed to make the garden more inviting to butterflies.

Some of the problems we have encountered this past year were the water having to be shut off twice, requiring us to haul in water to keep as many plants alive as possible. We also lost at least four trees. There was some vandalism and trash being left behind.

We have very much appreciated the help of our volunteer water system expert as well as the church family who has stepped up to help with fallen tree removal and the spreading of 11 tons of rock.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacy Milhoan, Sandy Basche
Ministry Leaders

The Episcopal Habitat Coalition at St. John's

The Episcopal Habitat Coalition is a group of Episcopal churches in the valley that work with Habitat for Humanity to help families reach their dreams of living in safe, affordable housing. Last year the Episcopal Habitat Coalition built its 80th house (local and world-wide), then helped renovate another house for another family. Your help during the construction process and your donations through the tax credit program helped make this possible.

We are planning on starting another house in mid-February, and would love to have more people join us!

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Basche

Highway Cleanup

Mike W. and Dan B. head up a great (but small) group of parishioners who twice a year clean "our mile" on the Carefree Highway 3 miles west of I17. Most of us have breakfast together first, then meet at church to organize and carpool to our locations, about 12 miles away. The work is mostly enjoyable and beneficial. We would love to spend this time enjoying 3-4 new helpers. We clean twice a year, usually early March and early November.

Dan Basche

The St. John's Highway Cleanup Ministry is one that has been active for 20 years. We are part of a community of Arizona Adopt-a-Highway volunteers who help to keep State highways litter free. St. John's is responsible for a one-mile stretch of land on the Carefree Highway. In 2022, church members assembled on two Saturday mornings to go out and gather up the rubbish that had accumulated along the highway. St. John's has a consistent group of church members who participate. It is a time of fun fellowship, we stay safe, and we do important work.

Michael Werner

Bible/Christian study class

Sunday 9:00 am. to 9:50, Chilton Hall, room 5

In our 4 months together it has proven to be a small, intimate group. Some teaching, questions, and discussion is the norm. People of all levels are included and much growth appears to have been gained. We are now starting prayer as our focus for the coming weeks. Please join us and participate!

Chris Becker Dining Room (soup kitchen)

We have been serving our Lord and our brothers and sisters at this soup kitchen for about 28 years. Chris Becker is located in Sunnyslope (near 10th Ave. and Hatcher Road). As a parish we have served hundreds of meals and poured thousands of cups of delicious chocolate milk. as well as have collected and provided them with incredible amounts of toiletries, candy, summer and winter clothes, socks, shoes, blankets, and sleeping bags. We serve with smiles and warm hearts six times a year--every other month on the first Sunday, starting with February. No meetings! Join our wonderful group!

Angel Tree

Every November and December, for the last 20 years, we've been Christmas Angels for many north Phoenix needy children, who would get little to nothing for Christmas without your love. We provide a shirt, pair of pants, shoes, and a toy for each child. We also do a Fry's (closest store) gift card for the mother to be able to provide a special Christmas meal and memory. This year St. John the Baptist was joined by our three Scout troops to provide love, hope, joy, and gifts for 6 complete families. Hopefully we'll be able to serve even more next year.

Nursery Annual Report

Our mission is to serve God while taking care of our youngest church members and teaching them about Jesus' love in a safe, loving environment.

Our nursery is set up for babies, toddlers and children up to 4 years old. There have been many changes since August 2021 when I started as Nursery Supervisor. At that time, we were in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. We had 4 children registered for our care and they played and heard bible stories while everyone was wearing masks. We now have 7 children registered that range in age from 9 months to 4 years old.

For the babies, we are equipped with two cribs and a cradle, which was donated by one of our parishioners. Many cuddly stuffed animals, rattles and toys to stimulate their senses. Also 3 rocking chairs to cuddle and rock our children as they need.

Our older children have fun playing in our different areas: We have a full play kitchen area with pots, pans, utensils, dishes and food. The children love to fix breakfast or dinner for the dolls and caregivers. There is a full train table with a Thomas the Train set. We have a Bob the Builder tool section and blocks, puzzles, cars and trucks, a slide, musical instruments and a basketball hoop. They also have fun in the art section with the play dough too. Our bible stories usually are the same as the Godly Play stories for the older children, then we have art to coincide with the story of the day. We have snack time afterwards. If it is a nice day we go to the outdoor playground where there are slides, playhouses and riding toys.

Our old carpeting has been replaced with new linoleum tile and the existing tile is in the process of being striped, waxed and simonized.

I have a group of wonderful, caring, devoted volunteers that help me. In the past year we have gone from 6 volunteers to 4. So, we are looking for those who have a passion for working with our youngest members, to please see me or Father Tim. You would only work one Sunday a month. It is a year-round program, so we are here through the summer as well.

Mary Jane Santamaria
Nursery Supervisor

Paws for Vets Golf Tournament to Benefit Soldiers Best Friend

On September 24th we hosted a golf tournament to raise money for a service dog—to benefit a deserving Veteran. We had approximately 47 golfers and over 33 volunteers and raised almost \$10,000. (The cost of a service dog is about \$8,400.) We presented a check, with some television coverage, to A Soldiers Best Friend for a dog to benefit a Vet who suffers from traumatic brain injury or PTSD. (A Soldiers Best Friend has not had one suicide since this program was begun in 2010.) We are now preparing for our April 29th golf tournament, to be held at Coyote Lakes Golf Course. Our goal is to raise funding for THREE service dog! We need golfers!!! We need volunteers!!! We need YOU!!! Please consider becoming a part of this event!!!!

Questions

Contact John Klems 480-201-0338.

Submitted by John Klems

St. John's Closet Thrift Store Ministry 2022 Annual Report

St Johns Closet Thrift Store lives the mission of our church; "We are the church that serves and spread Gods love to everyone".

By opening our thrift store, we support environmental efforts through reselling goods. In reselling we recycle gently used quality products (clothing and home decor) to Conscious minded people -some with limited income and and others who just love a good bargain.

All items sold in the thrift store are donated by our church members or our customers who frequent the store. The income generated from the sales in the store help to fund other ministries in the church. Our thrift store ministry work in conjunction with the other ministries. For example, the beautiful garden maintained by the Garden Ministry is the first thing customers see as they enter the thrift store. Its welcoming and compliments the thrift store. The POW-WOW held first Saturday of the month and the yearly craft fair both attract customers to the thrift store. Our goal is to attract repeat customers by maintaining an attractive, friendly, welcoming atmosphere with quality, and beautifully displayed products. This reflects our church and inspire people to want to come back and possibly check out our church service.

We have a small staff of dedicated volunteers who keep the store operating. We try to meet at least two times during the year to keep everyone up to date on any changes and make sure we are staying true to our mission.

With more volunteers and increased in advertising at our level and the Diocese level we will continue to attract more customers through our thrift store doors and hopefully through the front doors of our church.

Your St John's Closet Ministry Team thanks you for your continued support!

Team Leaders:

Les Brown

Mae Sinclair

Stewardship Ministry 2022: Year in Review

Greetings from the Stewardship Team!

During the past year, your Stewardship Team has been fulfilling its role and supporting the mission of St. John's of being "*the church that serves and spreads God's love to everyone*". Here are some of our accomplishments during 2022:

Weekly Newsletter Contribution

The Stewardship Team has provided a message, scripture, or quote for the church's weekly newsletter. This is just a way to remind us about what "being a good steward" is all about. Each contribution runs for the entire month, and it is submitted by our team members.

Monthly Ministry Moments

For several years now, we have highlighted the work of one of the church's ministries one a month at both services. These "Ministry Moments" let members and visitors learn about the purpose of a particular ministry while also learning about the person delivering the message. They talk about their personal gift and how they use it in their chosen ministry.

When Fr. Tim arrived early 2022, several of his sermons supported our efforts as he educated us more about the role of several ministries here at St. John's. Because of the great information he provided, we limited our ministry moments and highlighted only the "Highway Ministry" last year. (You all remember the great video with Mike Werner and Tracy Hare as we watch them as the actually performed their duties on the highway. (Special "thank you" to Allen Burns who volunteers to do the video editing for us.), To continue with the Ministry Moments, next year we will highlight one ministry per quarter, so stay tuned!

Annual Ministry Fair

In 2022, we took on a new role by being the coordinator of the Annual Ministry Fair. This event gives members and regular visitors an opportunity to hear information about each ministry and converse with actual members of that group. It is also a great time for these groups to recruit new members.

With the ideas and energy of Kirstie Meyer and Mike Werner, this event was a big success. We increased involvement of ministries and by having one service, audience was also improved. With an extended coffee hour and "raffles" added to the festivities, the Ministry Fair was fun for those in attendance. I think some ministries even got some new volunteers. What more could we ask for!

Annual Stewardship Campaign

The Stewardship Team is probably best known for coordinating the pledging process which takes place on Ingathering Sunday. This process requires a great deal of planning behind the scenes to run an effective campaign. As we do each year, we start with a “theme” which is used on our pledge cards and in all related communications. So, letters were written, “Thank you” notes created, and pledge cards designed and printed. We also solicit parishioners to share their personal journey about what their financial commitment means to support our church.

Many thanks to Suzy Mortensen, our treasurer, whose expertise in this process has been invaluable. Each year she has kept us focused from beginning to end. We have truly enjoyed the entire process and the contributions of all team members have made to create a seamless process each year.

Thanks to an awesome Stewardship Team for a memorable 2022!

Your Stewardship Team Members:

Mae Sinclair, Chair

Robert Clingenpeel

Tracy Hare

Jackie Luptowski

Suzy Mortenson

Kirstie Myers

Mike Werner

Nancy Young

Third Place Ministry

" To serve all of God's children, providing a welcoming place to share food and fellowship for the mind, body, and spirit."

2022 report:

Third Place Ministry (TPM) has had a year full of diverse activities especially since the lockdown recently. We have hosted coffee hour weekly as well as memorial services, and Bishop Reddall when she was here for Fr. Tim's ordination to St. John's, and for baptisms, confirmations, and reconfirmations.

The ministry is comprised of several people who are willing to come early for coffee set-up, stay late for clean-up, and the ones who tidy up and keep food and drinks refreshed during coffee hour. This year we have tried assigning two people for set-up and clean-up to make the job easier and just more fun to do with another person.

We are always looking for new members, and like with other ministries, you have the ability to pick when you can serve as well as ask for a substitute when your plans change. Please contact Marykay Nelson for more information.