



The Church of the
HOLY FAITH
Established 1863

ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 2017

The Church's one foundation

1 The Church's one founda - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

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THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAITH

ANNUAL MEETING

JANUARY 28, 2018

AGENDA

The Reverend Canon Robin D. Dodge – Rector

Opening hymn: 525 - *The Church's one foundation*

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Call to Order by the Rector
- III. Approval of Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting
- IV. Vestry Presentation of Nominees
- V. Rules of Election and Balloting and the First Ballot – Father Dodge
- VI. Amendment to the By-Laws
- VII. Financial Reports – Bob Buddendorf, Treasurer
 - a) Treasurer's Report for 2017
 - b) Presentation of 2018 Budget
- VIII. Parish Reports – Father Dodge
- IX. The Rector's Charge to the Parish
- X. Closing Prayer and Blessing

Adjournment

Closing hymn: 680 - *O God, our help in ages past*

**THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAITH ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 29, 2017**

MINUTES

UNOFFICIAL

(The minutes are unofficial until they are approved at the 2018 Annual Meeting)

I. OPENING HYMN AND PRAYER

After the opening hymn, Father Dodge led the members present in prayer.

II. CALL TO ORDER BY THE RECTOR

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 2016 ANNUAL MEETING

The 2016 Minutes were approved by the members present.

IV. VESTRY PRESENTATION OF NOMINEES

Father Dodge presented awards to the retiring Vestry members: Sue Kropschot and Doug Whitehurst. Ray Wallace, Senior Warden, will also retire and was given a gift card for his service on the Vestry. Camille Barnett will be leaving the Vestry in order to give her all to the Grief Ministry.

Ray Wallace presented the slate of nominees: Mitzi Barker, Penni Chambers, and Mike Ward. Ray asked for any further nominations. Hearing none, Ray requested the Vestry nominees be accepted by acclamation. Members present affirmed.

Due to Camille Barnett's leaving the Vestry after serving one year of a three-year term a replacement is required. Father Dodge presented Lynne Rauch as a candidate to serve a two-year term on the Vestry. The members present affirmed.

Father Dodge also announced the 2017 Deanery Delegate candidates: Charles Chambers and Chris Frenk. The motion to accept the candidates passed unanimously. Mike and Alexandra Ward will be stepping down. Charles and Chris will be joining the existing delegates Marty Buchsbaum, Alice McSweeney, and Jim Morris.

V. RULES OF ELECTION AND BALLOTING AND THE FIRST BALLOT - FATHER DODGE

Since there were no other nominations and both the Vestry and Deanery Delegation candidates were accepted unanimously Father Dodge stated that it was not necessary to go over the rules of election and balloting.

VI. SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT - RAY WALLACE

Ray Wallace spoke to the parish members about the parish statistical report which is included in the Annual Report.

Ray stated what an honor it has been to serve as Senior Warden for the past three years and what a privilege it has been to work with the members of both the Vestry and Finance Committee.

VII. FINANCIAL REPORTS - BOB BUDDENDORF, TREASURER

Treasurer's Report for 2016

Bob Buddendorf was happy to report that Holy Faith almost certainly (according to Mark Childers) has reached over \$1,000,000 in pledges for 2017. Bob also reported a surplus of \$9,000 in the 2016 operating budget, and a strong financial position at December 31, 2016 with cash in the bank over \$353,000 and no debt.

Presentation of 2017 Budget

Bob reported that we again are presenting a balanced budget for Holy Faith for the year 2017. The 2017 budget was approved by the Vestry at the January 19, 2017 meeting.

Jim Morris moved and Jack Lott seconded the motion to accept the 2017 budget. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII.PARISH REPORTS - FATHER DODGE

Father Dodge spoke of all of the opportunities that we at Holy Faith have to study God's Word and to serve through the various ministries. All of the ministry reports were commended.

IX.OTHER NEWS

Doug Whitehurst acknowledged the blessing of having Father Dodge at Holy Faith and everyone agreed with applause and a THANK YOU.

Marty Buchsbaum was thanked for his work on the website and the music/sound system.

X.THE RECTORS'S CHARGE TO THE PARISH

Father Dodge spoke of our faith community and all that has happened at The Church of the Holy Faith in the past year; the unthinkable death of Father Semon, the search for a new rector, and the diocesan convention.

Father Dodge recognized Caroline Semon for her grace and faith under such stress.

He also recognized the assisting clergy and parish staff:

Father Jim Gordon; Father Richard Murphy;Mark Childers; Donna Lukacs; Ann MacVicar; Marcos Castillo; Rocío Castillo

Father Dodge thanked Andi Shapiro and Carol Murphy for supporting their husbands.

Recognition was given to the Search Committee for their dedication and to the outgoing Vestry for their leadership in the past year. Father Dodge thanked all of their spouses too!

He recognized the co-chairs of the Stewardship Committee, Lynne Rauch and Mary Dudley, for their leadership and thanked all of the stewardship speakers.

Father Dodge reflected on the fast pace of the last several months.

Father Dodge closed with his charge to find your place in ministry to Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit in this parish church, and go out from here and spread the Good News of our Lord to everyone you meet. Get involved!

XI.CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

Father Dodge gave the closing prayer and blessing.

XII.ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 and followed by a well-attended Potluck Dinner.

PARISH STATISTICAL REPORTS

ATTENDANCE	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Sunday Average	255	265	277	289	291	286	278	321	313
Easter	599	609	639	618	691	582	620	563	654
Christmas	665	793	875	844	752	809	796	873	801

SERVICES

HOLY EUCHARIST	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Sunday	186	154	152	159	210	209	227	297	306
Weekday	204	180	175	166	168	172	175	176	171
Private	257	210	94	111	99	141	101	133	57
Baptisms	5	3	9	7	5	7	7	1	2
Weddings	6	4	7	2	3	3	6	2	5
Funerals	12	14	11	11	12	11	18	11	9
Daily Office	213	243	247	238	254	247	251	397	457
Other Services	40	42	35	86	77	61	67	61	63

Many thanks to Alice McSweeney for updating our Register of Church Services!

MEMBERSHIP

TOTAL BAPTIZED MEMBERS – 12/31/16	906
Added by Baptism	2
Added by Confirmation or Reception	1
Added by Transfer from another Episcopal Church/Canon	8
Added as Restored to Active	11
Added on Request	<u>14</u>
Total Baptized Members Added	36
Subtracted by Transfer to another Episcopal Church	(5)
Subtracted as Inactive or by Request	(35)
Subtracted by Death	<u>(14)</u>
Total Baptized Members Subtracted	(54)
TOTAL BAPTIZED MEMBERS – 12/31/17	888

**RULES FOR THE ELECTION
OF PERSONS TO THE VESTRY
AND AS DEANERY/DIOCESAN DELEGATES**

RESOLVED – The rules for the election of persons to the Vestry and as Convention Delegate will be as follows:

1. All votes cast shall be on ballots furnished by the Church.
2. Each ballot must show votes for the exact number of persons specified for that ballot, or that ballot will be considered invalid and shall not be counted.
3. Prayer shall precede each ballot.
4. The procedure for counting the ballots is:
 - a) The retiring Vestry members will count the ballot. One of the counters will serve as teller and will call out the vote on each ballot. The remaining two counters will each record the votes.
 - b) The teller reads the ballot; the counters simultaneously record the count. Each candidate's name is marked on each counter's list as the names are read out.
 - c) The counters' totals are tallied producing the top 3 vote getters.
5. The Teller shall report to the Rector, in writing, after each ballot has been counted and verified, providing the following information.
 - a) The total number of valid ballots cast.
 - b) The number needed for election, being a majority of the number of valid ballots cast.
 - c) The total number of votes received by each nominee.
6. The Rector shall declare as elected any nominee who has received a majority of the number of valid ballots cast.
7. The Rector shall not announce the vote total of any nominee at any time, nor shall the Teller, unless this ruling is overturned by a two-thirds majority of eligible members present.
8. On each succeeding ballot, the candidate with the lowest total of votes shall be dropped from the ballot until all new places have been filled. This entire procedure will apply to both Vestry and Delegate positions.



Associate Rector Report

The Reverend Jim Gordon

Lay Pastoral Visitors

The Lay Pastoral Visiting Team reaches out to parishioners who are temporarily or permanently homebound. Many of the Visitors are authorized to take Communion to the homebound as well to supplement the visits of the Parish Clergy. Visits to the homebound include services conducted each Sunday at El Castillo Retirement Community. This past year, faithful Communion bearers who continued this work were Alice McSweeney, Grant Macdonald, Ed Colson, Charles and Penni Chambers, and Allyson Adams. Parishioners who may feel called to this important and rewarding ministry should contact Associate Rector Jim Gordon.

Men of Holy Faith

This young group designed to foster fellowship, which just got off the ground late in 2016, continued with monthly meetings in 2017 and in 2018 is adding four Sunday breakfasts for the parish. If you would like information about the group, contact Fr. Jim Gordon at 216-8347.

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee, chaired by Cathy Gronquist, met regularly throughout the year to make sure that areas and events of importance to the parish were covered fully, either via the website (www.holyfaithsf.org), on Facebook, for publication in the "Faithway" or via other means, such as in the bulletin. Our photographers try to be there to capture the rich life of the Parish, but we are very open to photographs from our church community, as well.

As a group we are committed to sending the message of Holy Faith out beyond our walls. Photographs and stories are regularly seen in the Diocese of the Rio Grande's e-bulletin, "In the Loop." We experimented with "Moo" cards, essentially HF business cards with the times of our services available to hand out to visitors, friends, acquaintances.

The website is regularly updated and we do hope that the parish will use this resource more regularly.

Members of the committee are: Cathy Gronquist, Marty Buchsbaum, Steve Kerchoff, Jim Vaughan, Janet Sanders, Jim Overton, Lora Morton, Alexandra Ward, Fr. Jim and Fr. Robin.

Faith Family

In 2017 Fr. Jim Gordon led the reorganization of the parish's Faith Friends initiative. It has been renamed the Faith Family Ministry (FFM). The purpose of FFM is to provide assistance for parishioners with time-limited needs due to an injury or post-operative situation who have inadequate local help from family, friends, or neighbors. A wide range of services is offered including prayer, making phone calls, cooking meals, driving to appointments, etc.

A recruitment meeting was held in the spring of 2017 and a large number of parishioners answered the call for volunteers. An announcement was made to the parish to inform those who might choose to avail themselves of the help provided by FFM volunteers. Steven Hecht

volunteered to be the facilitator with Fr. Jim's oversight.

In 2017 help of some kind was provided to approximately five parishioners, one of which is requiring assistance on an on-going basis.

The following members and non-members remain active on the Faith Family Ministry volunteer roster: Adela Duran, Alison Platt, Annette and Will Hobbs, Carlotta Lockmiller, Christine Bynum, Callie and Dave Henkel, David Brooks, Deborah and Jon Lawrence, Donna Amos, Evie Longenette, Frank and Leslea McCabe, Gail Schober, Julie and Henry Rothschild, Karen and Bill Gahr, Lilia Schneider, Lynda and Lou Gavioli, Martha Wallace, Melanie Williams, Randall Hayden, Scott Hankins, Steven Schmelling, Suzanne Timble and Van Swift.

If you are interested either in joining FFM as a volunteer or would like to sign up for possible care, contact Steven Hecht at stevehecht21@gmail.com or 660-8871.



Deacon's Report **The Rev. Deacon Patricia Masterman**

Joining the Holy Faith Clergy Staff on May 1, 2017, I spent the first few months learning the protocol of Sunday worship services as one of the Sacred Ministers. It has been a wonderfully joyful experience serving as your Deacon, and I look forward to this New Year as my involvement in parish life continues to grow.

Deacon of the Mass

Serving as Deacon of the Mass at Holy Faith has included forty-six services, usually alternating between the 8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. Mass, preaching once. That includes three Taize services (two where I preached). I was also Deacon of the Mass for a wedding at St. Thomas of Canterbury, Albuquerque, NM (6-10-17), Installation of a Rector at St. Albans in El Paso, TX (9-10-17), and St. Paul's Peace, Las Vegas, NM for the Deanery Meeting (11-18-17). I served as Deacon of the Word for the Ordination of Deacons at the Cathedral of St. John, Albuquerque, NM (June 17, 2017).

Pastoral Visits

I have assisted the Rector and Associate Rector with Pastoral Visits at St. Vincent's Hospital in Santa Fe, and the Beehive Assisted Living facility in Bernalillo upon request. Also, I have attended two services led by Eucharistic Ministers at El Castillo Retirement Community.

Borderland Ministry

The Deacons of the Diocese of the Rio Grande at the request of Bishop Vono, initiated collection of food, clothing and other necessities throughout the Diocese. The response was overwhelmingly successful as the Deacons collected, separated and distributed items to the

various churches along New Mexico's and Texas' borders at the Diocesan Convention in El Paso. We were each assigned a specific parish to determine their needs, then made follow-up calls/emails to ascertain their feedback. The receiving churches were extremely grateful for the large amount of donations, both monetarily and in goods. In order to improve on future endeavors, the Deacons met in mid-December for discussion of the feedback, and to discern how we might create an effective cottage industry for those living along our borders to become more self-sufficient. Each Deacon will contact their assigned parish to determine if this is a viable idea and, if so, how we might bring it to fruition. It is hoped to make this ministry an on-going project in the coming years.

Feeding the Homeless

After arriving in Santa Fe, I became involved with Santa Fe Need and Deed by helping prepare and serve lunch each Monday for several weeks. I also assisted in the feeding program at Pete's Place one evening during Holy Faith's week in early November. I hope to serve more often in the coming year.

Commission on Ministry of the Baptized

Bishop Vono has appointed me for the second year to serve on COMB as the only Deacon. I am also charged with mentoring those in the process to become Deacons. It is indeed an honor to serve the Diocese in this capacity.

Other Activities

Other activities include attending meetings of the Interfaith Leadership Alliance (ILA); inviting two guest speakers to the Sunday Forum (Martha Hamblen, Santa Fe Need and Deed, and Cindy Rinaldi with Hospice); sharing Native American stories at Children's Adventures in October; learning about refugee issues (HIAS) at Temple Beth Shalom and a reception sponsored by the Santa Fe Community Foundation where several organizations came together to discuss the refugee situation in New Mexico. I've also met with individuals to discuss pastoral matters, as well as prospective outreach projects.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Fr. Robin, Fr. Jim and the office staff for their warm welcome to share in the ministry at Holy Faith. Most of all, I wish to thank each of you attending this very special and Holy place for your loving support and acceptance of your new Deacon. Together we will continue to serve our worship community, and the community at large with joyful hearts and God's love.

SENIOR WARDEN REPORT

Please allow me to begin by thanking each one of you at Holy Faith for making my tenure on the Vestry, and especially this year as Senior Warden, so pleasant and meaningful for me. I have grown in my love for each of you and for Holy Faith as a result of this experience, and I am indebted to you for that growth.

I am indebted also to Father Robin for his trust in me, to Van Horn for his energetic and hard work as Junior Warden, to Bob Buddendorf for his wise counsel as our Treasurer, and to all the Vestry members of the last three years for keeping Holy Faith's best interests as the focus of their deliberations. I thank the members of the Finance Committee for their prudent stewardship of the funds they manage for the benefit of the parish.

In the last year we have all been privileged to observe the growth of our community, not only in numbers but in spiritual development, as evidenced in increased participation in our many weekly classes and services as well as our increased stewardship for the ministries of Holy Faith. I am positive we will continue to flourish.

God bless and thanks to all of you.

Jack Lott

JUNIOR WARDEN REPORT

Another year has passed with continued improvements and upgrades for our great Church:

The 'new' Palen Hall kitchen was our biggest project ...

- new cabinet facings
- new counter tops.....mostly stainless steel
- new floor coverings
- new LED under the counter lighting
- two new garbage disposals
- two new freezers
- new commercial blender
- new commercial dishwasher
- repainted with new blinds added to the entrance doors

Our Guild Room got a replacement floor, paint and the cabinets refurbished;

Storm windows were added to the existing windows on the first floor on the west side of Conkey House;

A major part of Conkey's air-conditioning unit – a new chiller tower – was replaced;

The new pew kneeler pads though out the main church were a welcomed addition;

The rebuilt stained glass window in the nave insures we keep these treasures in good condition;

We replaced a major component of the audio visual equipment in Palen Hall;

The new microphone system for our clergy improves the audio in our services.

We accomplished a complete review of the insurance coverage for our church. Included in this process we had a professional appraisal of the complete physical plant and high value items,

such as stained glass windows, altar reredos and St. Francis statue. Our review resulted in small changes to our policies and the confidence that we are adequately covered.

In sum, we spent \$106,073.84 from our allowable endowment 'draw' to make all this happen. This ability to fund our future should remind all of us how blessed we are to have had the forethought and generosity of those that make our endowment possible.

Once again this year, I was just a facilitator – Bob Parker, Mitzi Barker and Marcos Castillo, our Facilities Manager, in particular – were instrumental in making these projects successful.

We have a magnificent Church 'plant' and with your continued support it will only get better. As this is my last year as Jr Warden, please provide the same great support to our new Jr Warden as this congregation has to me ... I am confident the facilities of the our Church will only improve in the future.

Van Horn, Jr. Warden

TREASURER REPORT

I am pleased to report that we again are presenting a balanced budget for Holy Faith for the year 2018. It was approved by the Vestry in its January 25, 2018 Meeting.

I am using the same format as I have in the past. The Statement of Activities is divided into two categories: Income and Expense from Operations and Cash Receipts and Disbursements from Capital Transactions. In addition, the 2018 Budget is compared with the 2017 Actual Results and 2017 Budget.

There was Income from Operations in 2017 of \$22,728 compared with a Budget of \$9,080. The Income from Operations in the 2018 Budget is \$19,150.

The most significant assumption made in preparing the 2018 Budget is the Regular Contributions (Pledge Income) which is assumed to be approximately 110% of the current level (as of January 16, 2018) of 2018 Pledges received to date. The budgeted amount for 2018 reflects a slight increase over 2017 actual revenue, and we fully expect that to be achieved.

The Parish is in a strong financial position at December 31 with Cash in the Bank of \$383,900 and no debt. The value of the Endowment Fund at year-end was \$4,789,000, including \$1.2 million from the Scheffler Trust which is restricted as to its use. The investment return was a positive 16.7%, net of fees, for 2017.

The Vestry at Holy faith continues to take a conservative approach in order to maintain a very sound financial position for the Parish. I want to thank the members of the Finance and Investment Committees for supporting the Vestry in fulfilling that mission.

Faithfully submitted,
Bob Buddendorf, Treasurer

Statement of Activities
2018 Budget vs 2017 Actual and Budget

FROM OPERATIONS:	Budget	Actual	Budget	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2017</u>	
			<u>INCOME</u>	
1	REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS, MAINLY PLEDGES	1,075,000	1,072,346	1,085,000
2	PLATE OFFERINGS	45,500	43,397	45,000
3	CLERGY DISCRETIONARY INCOME	10,000	2,829	8,000
4	COLUMBARIUM INCOME	16,000	16,010	15,000
5	MEMORIALS	3,000	3,000	3,000
6	SPECIAL SERVICES	25,000	25,623	20,000
7	LIBRARY INCOME FROM SCHEFFLER TRUST	14,670	16,715	14,500
8	MISSION & OUTREACH INCOME - SCHEFFLER TRUST	14,262	10,523	14,500
9	ALTAR GUILD AND FLOWER INCOME	10,500	10,185	12,500
10	BUILDING USE, INCLUDING DESERT CHORALE RENT	19,900	17,435	18,000
11	OTHER MINISTRIES	8,350	2,976	19,000
12	OTHER INCOME, NET OF EXPENSE	1,400	945	1,000
13	TOTAL INCOME	<u>1,243,582</u>	<u>1,227,892</u>	<u>1,255,500</u>
				<u>EXPENSE</u>
14	SALARIES-CLERGY, INCLUDING HOUSING	248,000	228,870	233,720
15	SALARIES-MUSIC	183,000	181,332	186,500
16	SALARIES-BUILDING, OFFICE, NURSERY	140,000	136,854	137,000
17	HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE	80,000	79,572	75,000
18	PENSION EXPENSE-CLERGY AND LAY	75,000	71,345	62,000
19	PAYROLL TAXES AND CLERGY SECA	43,750	37,647	41,200
20	CLERGY DISCRETIONARY, CAR ALLOWANCE, EDUCATION	21,000	17,481	18,000
21	ALTAR GUILD AND FLOWER EXPENSE	18,000	16,771	20,000
22	DIOCESAN ASSESSMENTS AND EXPENSE	181,000	178,392	179,800
23	MAINTENANCE AND OTHER PROPERTY EXPENSE	36,100	28,857	38,000
24	UTILITIES	39,500	39,516	42,000
25	OFFICE EXPENSE	25,500	23,264	32,000
26	INSURANCE, INCLUDING WORKERS COMP	24,300	23,968	26,000
27	LEGAL, ACCOUNTING AND AUDIT	25,000	22,032	25,000
28	HOSPITALITY, ADVERTISING AND STEWARDSHIP	24,000	20,984	30,000
29	LIBRARY EXPENSE	14,670	13,924	14,500
30	MISSION & OUTREACH EXPENSE	14,262	17,835	22,500
31	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	7,500	4,256	10,200
32	OTHER MINISTRIES	12,350	11,233	17,000
33	ALL OTHER, INCLUDING CONTINGENCY	11,500	9,716	11,000
34	MOVING AND SEARCH EXPENSES	0	41,315	25,000
35	TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>1,224,432</u>	<u>1,205,164</u>	<u>1,246,420</u>
36	INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSE	<u>19,150</u>	<u>22,728</u>	<u>9,080</u>

FROM CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS:

AMOUNTS RECEIVED

37	TRANSFERS FROM ENDOWMENT FUND FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	129,500	123,578	124,000
38	TOTAL RECEIPTS	129,500	123,578	124,000

AMOUNTS SPENT

39	CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	100,000	106,074	124,000
40	MISSION & OUTREACH - ST. BEDE'S RENOVATION	20,000	10,000	
41	MISSION & OUTREACH	9,500	7,504	
42	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	129,500	123,578	124,000

43	AMOUNTS RECEIVED IN EXCESS OF AMOUNTS SPENT	0	0	0
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44	NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	19,150	22,728	9,080
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ST. FRANCIS LEGACY SOCIETY

The St. Francis Legacy Society Committee is pleased to report that 42 members of the Parish have furnished Statement of Intent forms or other indications of including The Church of the Holy Faith in their estate plans. New members are always welcome; simply fill out a form which can be obtained at the church office. Questions may be referred to Sandra Brinck, Chair of the committee, or Bob Buddendorf, Treasurer. There is an annual gathering of the Society and members are recognized by the presentation of a lapel pin of our St. Francis statue.



DEANERY DELEGATES

The Church of the Holy Faith is part of the Northeast Deanery of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande consisting of the northeastern portion of the State of New Mexico. The deanery meets four times each year for the purpose of sharing information from parishes within the deanery, receiving information from the diocese and preparing for Diocesan Convention, and reviewing grant applications and prioritizing recommendations to the diocesan Poverty & Outreach Board for monetary outlays that come back into the deanery from parochial Fair Share contributions to the diocese. This past year the deanery met at Holy Family, Santa Fe; St. Jerome's, Chama; Holy Faith, Santa Fe; and St. Paul's Peace, Las Vegas. Holy Faith's delegates

this past year, in addition to the clergy and wardens, were Alice McSweeney and Jim Morris (terms expire 2018), Marty Buchsbaum, who also serves as Deanery Treasurer (term expires 2019), and Charles Chambers and Chris Frenk (terms expire 2020). Deanery delegates also have voice and vote at Diocesan Convention, and in 2018 will also elect the next diocesan bishop at the Special Electing Convention in May.



PARISH MINISTRY REPORTS

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

At Holy Faith we are blessed with many opportunities for the study of God's Word, and the writings of authors who excite and enrich our faith as disciples of Christ. Newcomers are always welcome!

SPIRITUAL CLASSICS STUDY GROUP – Every Tuesday at 10 a.m., Father Dodge leads a study of a classic book on Christian spirituality chosen by the group. This past year, the group has been reading and discussing *The Rule of Benedict: A Spirituality for the Twenty-First Century* by Sr. Joan Chittister. We are now through approximately Chapter 60 of the 73 chapters of the Rule. Consequently, it is time to consider our next selection. Suggestions are welcome!

Father Dodge also leads the **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** every Wednesday at 3 p.m., as well as the **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** every Thursday at 10 a.m. During the past year, we studied the book of the prophet Isaiah, the book of the Acts of the Apostles, and St. Paul's epistle to the Romans. We have just begun the book of Genesis. In addition, a new **EVENING BIBLE STUDY** began last October on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. so that people who worked during the day could attend a session. This group, having finished Romans as well, has just begun Genesis too.

The weekly **ADULT FORUMS** are held each Sunday morning at 9:50 a.m. This past year saw a number of different series, such as "The Riches of the Prayer Book," preparation for Confirmation, and Anglican Divines. In the autumn there were some one-off presentations on mission and outreach opportunities, but it was decided to revert to a more concentrated focus on adult Christian formation, kicked off by the very popular Advent series on spiritual poetry led by parishioner Cissy Lewis. In addition to the Adult Forums continuing in this vein, watch the newsletter and email communications for other learning opportunities, including the Wednesday evening soup suppers in Lent.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Children's Chapel

Volunteers and parents have been faithful Chaplains on Sundays throughout the year. Occasionally only one child will be present to hear the lesson, and sometimes eight or ten children gather in front of the Chapel altar to hear and reflect on the Gospel. Chaplains welcome all who come. The *Weekly Sunday Paper* and other resources are used to help children understand the gospel. The liturgy follows that of the "big church": sign of the cross, the creed, prayers of the people. At the Peace children walk into church following the Children's Cross, carried by one of the children each Sunday.

Children's Adventures

As I reflect on the Tuesday afternoon adventures we had over the year, I know that children and parents have participated in and enjoyed many activities.

We transformed Palen Hall into an efficient bakery for the Valentine Cookie event. Thanks to the children, and many volunteers, we prepared the dough, cut the cookies, decorated them and have them cooked and ready to take home in an hour and a half. This is one of our most successful adventures.

Lenten adventures reviewed for children the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. In preparation for Holy Week, Father Robin discussed the stations of the cross and explained and demonstrated foot washing for each of the participants.

Our Spring Family Day in the Country is always a favorite. This time it was a real intergenerational event and the Davis family is so welcoming. In spite of the long distance, everyone enjoys the beautiful outdoors and especially fishing in the stocked pond. Camp Davis is an annual delight.

"Sun Moon and Stars" was the theme for our Summer Adventure, in preparation for the solar Eclipse. We studied early astronomers, used a telescope and visited the Santa Fe Community College Planetarium. Every attendee received a pair of "solar viewing glasses". And they really work!

Deacon Pat helped us "Listen to the Earth" in October. She told the children a Native American Legend using a drum for emphasis. Children used "fruits of the earth" to create interesting collages and we snacked on fresh fruits and vegetables from the farmer's market.

Having retired at the end of October, I knew I wasn't quite finished! When Janet McCroskey volunteered to "direct" the pageant, I was ready to help. Veterans Camille Allen and Paxton Bernard set the tone for newcomers Anna Reinemer and Simon Cook and all shepherds and angels, new and experienced. It was truly one of the best and so gratifying for me to see our traditional tableau repeated. Having Waco Horne return as narrator made the event extra special.

With special thanks to my mentor, Dean Peggy Patterson and the all the wonderful clergy and staff who support the children's programs. It's a joy to watch our youngest children grow and

learn: nursery, chapel, adventures, acolytes, choir. It does take a village ... Holy Faith is blessed to have wonderful people who share their time and talent to provide this spiritual foundation for our children.

Nursery

Maria Sandoval and Veronica Vigil provide a safe and comfortable environment for our youngest church members. They are here for all Sunday services, Tuesday nights for Taizé and special services such as evensong. Infants and toddlers enjoy the child appropriate environment and the care of these two dedicated child care providers. Visitors and Parishioners alike are always amazed to “find” this bright, sunny room at the end of the hall in Conkey House.

When a child reaches the age of about three and a half, he or she transitions to Children’s Chapel on Sunday mornings.

Ann MacVicar, M.S.

Christian Education Assistant, Retired

WOMEN’S SPIRITUALITY

Women's Spirituality, which was started by Dean Peggy Patterson in 2011, is a ministry devoted to providing opportunities for women to experience an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus Christ through study and discussion.

The group studies books on spirituality as well as the lives of saints, including Clare of Assisi, Catherine of Siena, Teresa of Avila, Julian of Norwich, Teresa of Calcutta and Francis of Assisi. Since it was founded, more than 190 women from Holy Faith, the Diocese of the Rio Grande, and the community have participated in the classes and retreats organized by the group. During 2017, Women’s Spirituality offered the following events and studies:

- Women’s Quiet Day February 18, 2017 was led by theologian, prolific author and storyteller, Dr. Megan McKenna. Eighty-nine women from the Parish, Diocese and community attended the all-day event in Palen Hall on “Drinking from Our Own Wells.”
- In July/August 2017, a four-week class facilitated by Bonnie Hardwick on a book by Father Albert Haase, O.F.M. and his sister, Bridget Haase, O.S.U., *Enkindled, Holy Spirit, Holy Gifts* was attended by fourteen women.
- In November 2017, a three-week study of St. Clare of Assisi was led by Mother Madelynn Johnston and was attended by sixteen women.
- February 10, 2018 will be the Sixth Annual Women’s Quiet Day led by Dr. Jean Molesky-Poz, PhD on “Journey into Lent with St. Clare of Assisi” based on Clare’s four letters to the young noblewoman, St. Agnes of Prague.

Submitted by: Ruth D’Arcy



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR AND DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & LITURGY REPORT

We honor our Anglican heritage and praise God with solemn liturgy, traditional Prayer Book worship, and music to exalt the spirit.

As **Parish Administrator**, I work behind the scenes to coordinate the day to day activities of our parish, often times attending meetings of the various ministries and committees to ensure a smooth transition of responsibilities from one committee to another where the needs of one committee's time and talents are required for the activity of another. I work closely with the Rector and Wardens, who act on behalf of the Vestry, to help them fulfill their Canonical responsibility of "keeping in good order, a house of worship and all the necessary furnishings and appointments of the same; providing all things requisite to the carrying on of the work of the Parish." As the Administrator of our parish, handling things both logistically and liturgically, I serve on the Ecumenical Task Force, a committee of the Clergy and lay leadership of the three downtown churches. My main duties in this regard, require scheduling a meeting with our Ecumenical brothers and sisters twice a year in order to plan our three yearly activities, the annual "Pastor's Panel", the Ecumenical Palm Sunday Procession and Liturgy of the Palms on the Plaza, and our Ecumenical Las Posadas. Coordination of these events includes logistics, planning and permitting with the City of Santa Fe, communicating and scheduling with Southwest Safety to ensure the proper signage and barricades, and communicating and coordinating with the Santa Fe Police department to provide for the safety of all participants.

One of my greatest joys, serving in this position, is working with our Facilities Manager, Marcos Castillo in helping him identify and carry out the ongoing and necessary maintenance of the physical plant, also working with him to ensure proper manual support for the numerous activities of the church, such as opening and closing for all services, set up and clean-up for Sunday forums, Evensong receptions, Weddings and Funerals, Women's Quiet Day retreats, Twice Blessed activities, The St. Nicholas Bazaar, the annual "Greening of the church" and the proper removal of the same in a timely Liturgical manner, only to name a few; the list goes on and on. Donna Lukacs, our Parish Secretary is my greatest lay colleague. She and I work hand in hand, carrying out the daily operations of the church, scheduling and supporting the various meetings and events on our church property.

My most sacred privilege, is working with a parishioner in pre-planning their final service in the church, which often includes assisting them in choosing a proper final resting place in our Columbarium, or working with a family in helping them plan a funeral for their loved one.

In preparing for our services, I coordinate and work with:

The Acolytes

Acolytes — torch bearers, crucifers, subdeacons and chalice bearers — are called to aid the parish in its worship of God — and in all their actions are called to do so without calling attention to themselves. It is a joy and privilege to work with our Acolyte Master, Janet McCroskey. Janet works tirelessly, to schedule and assure proper staffing for our various liturgies. She has a special gift when it comes to working with and training our Acolytes, especially training, encouraging and raising up our youth. She assists me in maintaining and updating all Acolyte Customaries and executing the same. She responds in a timely manner to the ongoing changes as they occur, in order to meet the needs of any given liturgy. The acolytes were bolstered in 2017 by the addition of Libby Lokey and Lenora Miller. Acolytes range in age from young to very seasoned; if you feel called to become an acolyte, contact Janet.

The Altar Guild

In response to all of God's mighty acts, we are called to offer ourselves to God's service. The basic motivation for serving in the altar guild — or in any other work of the church — is gratitude. Members of the altar guild are grateful servants: servants of God, servants of God's people, servants of the liturgy, and servants of the worship space. The Altar Guild consists of four teams, led by Shelby Green, Eleanor Ortiz, Dora Horn, and Mary Dale Gordon. Each team commits to one week per month and shares responsibilities in preparing the worship space with the furnishings, appointments, vessels, elements, linens, and paraments used in the liturgy. Whether it is preparing the altar, polishing vessels, removing wax from linens, or pressing vestments, the work is never a burden but is always a privilege. To serve on the Altar Guild is to take the opportunity to serve God in a very intimate and prayerful way.

The Lector Ministry

Our lectors are called to proclaim the "Word of the Lord." This ministry, approximately 36 in number, is scheduled on a quarterly basis and serves at all principle services including Evensongs and other special services of the year as provided for in our Liturgical season.

The Usher Ministry

Holy Faith's ushers play a vital role in the smooth orchestration of our worship services each Sunday, and for many other services throughout the year. Ushering is a Ministry of Hospitality that represents the "welcoming Jesus" to guests, visitors and long-time parishioners alike. Ushers are among the first members of The Church of the Holy Faith that you meet when you come to a Sunday service and set the tone for warmth and reverence. Ushers prepare the church for services, discreetly greet parishioners, distribute the service bulletins, take the census, bring the offering of elements to the altar and facilitate collection of the offering. They also seat worshippers during services and assist the disabled who are wheelchair bound or in need of any assistance. They help clear the pews and reset the books used in worship after each service. Ushers serve for one month on a quarterly rotation at the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. New ushers are received and trained throughout the year. An organizational meeting is called once a year for the discussion and update of Usher guidelines and procedures and ongoing training as needed. This last spring we had a special meeting that

included “first responder training” in the case of emergency. At this meeting we were given first hand instruction in providing CPR and the use of emergency equipment, such as a defibrillator. Our special thanks to parishioners, Roger Walsh, Jane Vander Velde, Marty Buchsbaum, and also for Harvey and Janet McCroskey, who have set up and provided supplies for our new First Aid station.

If you feel you are called to serve on any of these ministries, please feel free to contact me.

As **Director of Music and Liturgy**, I have the privilege of working with our Priests, Lay Ministers, and Choir, in the scheduling, planning, and preparing of all liturgies provided for in The Book of Common Prayer.

One organization that allows me the opportunity to continue to hone my skills as a Liturgist and Church Musician is the Association of Anglican Musicians. Founded in 1966, AAM is the only organization in the Episcopal Church where Clergy and Lay Musicians are in the same room having the same conversation, regarding our rich Anglican heritage. As its mission, recognizing that the music of the church finds its primary expression within the framework of the liturgy, this Association takes as its purpose the elevation, stimulation, and support of music and the allied arts in all their aspects in the Episcopal Church and the larger Anglican tradition, and especially in their relationship to liturgy. The Association seeks to encourage, through the fellowship of the Association, the sharing of ideas and skills among members, and to endeavor to disseminate the results of this sharing throughout our dioceses, to keep healthy and vibrant our strong musical tradition. We AAMish meet once a year in order to carry out this mission. Every ten years, on the “7”, we convene in the England, the home of our beloved Church. This year our Conference was based in the City of Winchester, the site of the largest Cathedral church in Northern Europe. For one week, we were immersed in daily sung Morning Prayer, Holy Eucharist, and the tradition of Evensong. Inspired each day by dynamic preaching, this year’s conference preacher was the Reverend Dr. Jamie Hawkey, Dean of Clare College Cambridge, and former Canon Precentor of Westminster Abbey. As well as Winchester Cathedral, we worshiped in such historical sites as Chichester Cathedral, Salisbury Cathedral, St. Thomas Becket, Salisbury, Romsey Abbey, and St. Cross Hospital, to name a few. To worship in the midst of our English and Anglican ancestors was a rare and inspired privilege.

In October, by invitation of Bishop Michael Vono, I once again had the privilege serving as Director of Music & Liturgy for the Diocesan Convention. Upon realizing that I really did have a parachute after jumping of the preverbal cliff, planning a Liturgy and organizing a choir of volunteers, sight unseen, God was truly glorified at a Holy Eucharist held at All Saint’s El Paso, opening the 2017 Convention of the Diocese of the Rio Grande.

Carrying on Bishop Michael’s theme for this year of “Sing unto the lord a new song,” I was asked by the Bishop to be the Keynote Speaker at the Diocesan Clergy Conference in November along with music colleague Dent Davidson, Music Chaplain to the Episcopal Church House of Bishops. Over a period of two and a half days, we along with the Clergy, immersed ourselves in the discussion of how God’s calls us as individual communities in our

diverse Diocese to help the people of God “catch a glimpse beyond the veil” through Liturgy and Music.

As a Church Musician we are called to be “the mystics of the Liturgy.” The Choir is an integral part of the Sacramental life of the Church. It is in our Anglo-Catholic heritage that the church musician assists in bringing the people of God to the place where heaven and earth meet. The Church of the Holy Faith is blessed to have in its choir a solid base of professional choral musicians. These musicians serve as section leaders, and use their choral talents to assist in fulfilling each and every choir member’s call to the music ministry. Our volunteers equally bring a strong sense of dedication to the choir. Their love and commitment to this ministry inspires us all. In 2017, the Holy Faith Choir carried, a rigorous schedule of 60 rehearsal hours, preparing for 117 services, resulting in approximately 317 performance hours.

Our magnificent pipe organ, built by M.P. Möller in 1961, still remains to be one of the great treasures of The Church of the Holy Faith, not to mention being one of the finest installations in New Mexico. Once again, we have contracted with Mountain States Pipe Organ Services, LLC, who provide four regularly scheduled service calls annually to make minor repairs, tune the reeds, and to do such general tuning as may be required by the organist. Great care is given to the maintenance of the organ, including weekly walkthrough inspections of the pipe chamber.

Children’s Choir

The Holy Faith Children’s Choir is going strong with 6 youngsters, all under the age of 8. We are learning proper warmups and breathing so that we can have healthy singing voices, and we are also learning the basics of music theory (clefs, note names and simple rhythms). We use our Orff instruments and resonator bells to help keep steady beats and accompany ourselves while singing. The goal is to not only learn about music, but how we can glorify God through song!

Respectfully submitted by Mark Edw. Childers,
Parish Administrator and Director of Music & Liturgy

GREETERS –

2017 was a busy year for the Greeters. Many thanks to everyone who participated. This is a great "starter" ministry for those new to the parish. You can be paired with a greeting veteran for either the 8:30 or 11 a.m. services, and off you go! There are no special skills required other than a smile and a warm handshake. If you are interested in participating, please contact Cathy Gronquist via email at cathy@gronquist.org or by telephone on 231-4557.

FLOWER MINISTRY –

The members of the Flower Ministry would like to express their appreciation to the membership of Holy Faith for their continued support during the past year. Thank you for

your generous contributions to this ministry. Your contributions have allowed us to provide floral arrangements for Christmas, Easter, Ordinations, as well as for receptions, weddings, funerals, and any other service held at Holy Faith.

During the year other members of the church family volunteer to help in this ministry especially at Easter and Christmas. The committee of Sue-Ellen de Beer, Dora Horn, and Shelby Green are very thankful for these extra hands.

Special requests you may have to honor a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion in your life or your family's life, or simply in praise of God, should be directed to Mark Childers at 982-4447, ext. 102. We will do our best to honor your request.

Submitted by: Shelby Green



OUTREACH MINISTRIES

FEED THE HUNGRY –

Committee members serve a hot meal to 75-90 hungry people the 4th Sunday of every month at noon at the Interfaith Community Shelter. Committee members plan the menu, shop for the food and spend Sunday morning cooking a balanced meal heartily appreciated by our guests. Feed the Hungry is an official agency of the Food Depot which provides the bulk of the food. Many thanks to our faithful cooks and servers: Sandra Brinck and Bob Parker, Donna Bailey, David Brooks, Mike Delello, Shelby Green, Guy and Cathy Gronquist, Pat Hamilton, Van Horn, Lynn and Daniel Masterson, Bud McCollum, Rod Odion, Clancy Rehorn, Charlotte and Tom Rundell, Kay Swindell, Rudy Watsdorf and Judy Wilson. Christmas Eve lunch was made even more special with the help of Elizabeth Gronquist, Adam Sukman and Donna Bailey's grandchildren.

Submitted by:

Committee Co-Chairs: Dora Horn and Carolyn McCollum

HOLY FAITH GUILD –

The Holy Faith Guild is an organization of church women whose mission is to provide outreach to the community. Guild members meet weekly to make crafts to sell at our annual St Nicholas Bazaar. Funds raised by the bazaar and an endowment that was bequeathed to the Guild by Carol Scheffler are our major funding sources. We use this money to help finance non-profit organizations and other community projects, as voted on by the membership.

This year we celebrated our 135th bazaar on Saturday, December 2, 2017. The Twice Blessed preview was held on Friday night. At the preview, attendees were able, for an entrance fee, to purchase items—only from Twice Blessed, prior to the Saturday bazaar. Saturday we sold crafts made by Guild members as well as food, wreaths and Twice Blessed items donated by parishioners and other supporters. In total, we estimate that we took in \$20,000 this year—a slight increase over 2016.

We wish to thank the many individuals who helped make this year's bazaar a huge success. Heartfelt thanks to Betty Lou Dent and her assistant Diana Leyba for their tireless work with Twice Blessed – it is a tremendous job and they handle it with grace. Betty Lou has announced her retirement from Twice Blessed and we hope someone from the congregation will step forward to take on this task. Thanks also to our own Fr. Robin and Fr. Jim for their support and blessings, Mark and Donna for getting us into bulletins and e-blasts, and Marcos and Rocio for their help and heavy lifting. Thanks also to the many volunteers, including many, many parishioners, who worked so hard to set up, sell at and dismantle the sale, and to everyone who supported the bazaar by shopping!

Last year we gave out cash donations of approximately \$27,000. Monies from last year's bazaar and endowment were used to support local agencies including: the Food Depot, Interfaith Community Shelter, La Familia, Adelante, Feeding Santa Fe, Inc.; Boys & Girls Club; Girls, Inc.; the Santa Fe Mountain Center, Creativity for Peace, Habitat for Humanity, the Youth Shelters and Kitchen Angels; the Holy Faith mission of Cooking for St Elizabeth's and St Paul's/Peace in Las Vegas as they took over a new childcare program.

Twenty-eight parishioners active are members of the Guild. We welcome and encourage new members who are interested in making items for the bazaar and in sharing good fellowship, and fun. Special expertise is not required, but always welcome. Come join us any Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and bring a sack lunch—potato chips are provided!

Ruth Rael
Guild President

MISSION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE –

In 2017, thanks to the generosity of parishioners and the Scheffler Trust, the Holy Faith Mission and Outreach Committee had the privilege of distributing money to charities in Santa Fe and around the world.

The following is a list of grantees for the 2017 granting cycle.

Care Net Pregnancy of Santa Fe, Inc.	Camp Mt. Hebron
Feeding Santa Fe	Listening Horse Therapeutic Riding Program
Santa Fe Community Services, Inc.	Oaxaca Street Children Grass Roots Program
St. Elizabeth's Homeless Shelter	Santa Fe Public Schools Adelante Program
The Interfaith Community Shelter	Friends of St. Benedict
Creativity for Peace	

In the summer of 2017 the Mission and Outreach Committee provided for the Rector's Forum a presentation on the Listening Horse Therapeutic Riding Program. In November and December the committee, again led by Mitzi Barker, sold St. Francis Christmas cards at \$10 each. Also, we continued the sale of another card which can be used for other remembrances than the holidays. This card fund which the Mission and Outreach Committee developed will be added to the Scheffler Trust monies. We do not yet know the amount of money available for 2018 distribution by the Mission and Outreach Committee.

Current Committee Memberships is:

Pat Farr, Co-Chair	Mitzi Barker
Jane Chavez, Co-Chair	Mike Delello
Charles Rountree, Treasurer	Phyllis Lehmborg
Donna Amos, Secretary	Evie Longenette
Fr. Robin Dodge, ex officio	

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY SHELTER –

In 2017, Holy Faith volunteers hosted guests at Pete's Place the week of February 12 and the week of October 29. We will be serving again beginning February 4, 2018. Those interested in providing food and help should contact coordinators Dora Horn at 471-1171 or Cathy Gronquist at 231-4557.

There is a need for regular volunteers both during the day and as part of Core Teams who serve at night during the season. If you'd like to explore other options for service please contact Joe Jordan-Berenis, the director of the Shelter, at interfaithsheltersf@gmail.com.

Without the help of dedicated volunteers the Shelter would not be able to serve Santa Fe's most vulnerable. Here is an opportunity to live out the Matthew Imperative: "In as much as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me."

ST. ELIZABETH'S SHELTER –

The Church of the Holy Faith has five volunteers that cook dinner at the Church once a month for thirty-five homeless people. The group prepares the meal at 10 a.m. on the last Thursday of each month, with the exception of November and December. The Shelter picks up the food that same afternoon. Because of the generosity of so many people during the holidays, St. Elizabeth's staff suggested we cook two meals during June, July and August in lieu of November and December. St. Elizabeth's has fewer volunteers to cook during the summer months. One of our volunteers goes to the Food Depot on Wednesdays and buys whatever is available for us to cook. The remainder of the items is purchased at Sam's Club. The dinners consist of a meat, two vegetables, salad and dessert. The volunteers enjoy participating in this important outreach program and we welcome anyone who would like to join our group.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Love Day, Coordinator

UNITED THANK OFFERING –

For many years Holy Faith has supported the ministry of the UTO. Since 1883 money given in thankful response to blessings received has been gathered to fund a wide variety of ministries, primarily to women and children. Our church held two ingatherings, spring and fall, and collected \$4770.23 which was presented to the diocese at the annual convention in October. The total national contribution was \$1,214,447.51. UTO approved 34 grants in 2017, funding an astonishing array of interesting and creative ministries. I urge you to google UTO 2017 Grants for a complete descriptive list of what your contributions are accomplishing. Thank you for your generous support this past year as we look forward to our next ingathering this spring.

Submitted by Chris Frenk, Holy Faith UTO Coordinator



PRAYER MINISTRIES

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY –

Begun in 2005, our ministry has knitted and gifted over 930 shawls to date. The shawls are free and we encourage the congregation to give a shawl to anyone in need of extra prayers.

These shawls are blessed at the altar, again by the Rosary group, and are then made available in the cupboard of the Kinsolving room.

We meet monthly in the Kinsolving room, and enjoy the time together to knit and crochet.

Respectfully submitted by Allyson Adams

SOCIETY OF MARY (Rosary) –

Our Lady of the Holy Faith and Consolation Ward of the Society of Mary meets each Monday (except holidays) at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. Our group began meeting in 1996, thus 2017 marked our 21st Anniversary of praying the Rosary at The Church of the Holy Faith. At the end of 2017, we had to say Godspeed to our convener, Mary Dale Ellis, as she moved to El Paso, and we give thanks to God for her and her leadership these past many years.

Our practice guide is a book, *A Doorway To Silence: A Contemplative Use of the Rosary* by the late Reverend Robert Llewelyn, a noted Anglican priest. We begin our sessions with prayer requests from those present for those in need; for ourselves; for conditions in the world. These requests are prayed for daily by all members throughout the entire week, and may be continued for as long as requested.

We pray the Rosary by the Church Calendar Year, beginning in Advent with the Joyful Mysteries, followed by the Sorrowful Mysteries during Lent, and ending the Liturgical year with the Glorious Mysteries. We do not meet on national holidays, but all other Mondays we meet in the chapel for the contemplative praying of the Rosary.

All are welcome to be part of the Society of Mary.

Respectfully submitted,
Fr. Robin Dodge

BODY AND SOUL: CONTEMPLATIVE MOVEMENT AND PRAYER –

Body and Soul is a contemplative movement class offered to the parish by professional physical therapist and parishioner Janina Greene. Body and Soul combines healthy stretching and movement with contemplative silence and scripture readings. It meets in Palen Hall on Mondays at 10:30-11:30 a.m. Free. Registration is required.

THE ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING –

The Frederick B. Howden Chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the King is a community under a religious rule, requiring members to take solemn vows to follow. These include the Rules of Life, Prayer, and Service. We have an active prayer ministry, involving three leaders who send prayer requests and an updated Prayer List to members. Our members pray for each other, the church, and for those needing prayer in the community at large.



Currently we have 33 members, with 23 who are active in taking part in our monthly meetings (Sept. – May), which include a social time @ 2:45, a time of religious study @ 3:00, and a time of worship in the chapel @ 4:30. Our chaplain is Father Jim Gordon.

This year our chosen book of study was *Reflections on the Psalms* by C. S. Lewis. Our president has been leading the discussions and augmenting the book with relevant lessons from The Bible and other historical sources.

At our meeting on Feb. 6th, our guest speaker will be Thérèse Saint-André, Father Dodge's wife. Guests are invited to join us for her presentation and for the reception which will follow.

Our December meeting was a successful social event to which we invited friends, relatives, and members of the church to join us in a cookie/baked goods exchange, with punch and the singing and playing of Christmas carols. At the meeting we collected \$551.00 for The Interfaith Community Center, in honor of Canon Robin Dodge.

Our on-going charitable giving has been our Layette Ministry. Baby items are purchased and delivered to hospitals for young mothers in need.

This year the president has concentrated on increasing our treasury funds so that we have enough money to print The Directory next year, to continue to send correspondence or gifts for Comfort and Outreach, and to send one or more members to the Triennial Convention in Austin, Texas on June 20-24, 2018. Ruth Rael, Treasurer, has been very helpful in working with the president on the funds.

On Oct. 3rd, we honored the 103rd birthday of our oldest member, Mary Louise Graw, with a bouquet of flowers and cards from each of us. Mary Louise continues to be an inspiration to the group.

Submitted by President Fauneil (Faun) Smith



SERVICE MINISTRIES

STEWARDSHIP –

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant unto thy people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of thee delight in thy whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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The theme for Stewardship 2018, “In Giving We Receive”, was inspired by the words and ministry of our patron, Saint Francis of Assisi. We are pleased to report that the 2018 stewardship campaign, as of January 26, 2018, raised \$970,219 to fund the operations of our beautiful church and its many ministries. We humbly and gratefully thank God for all that He has given us. We thank God for all the generous givers, especially the 248 Holy Faith members who pledged for 2018.

We want to express our gratitude to our wonderful volunteers who helped bring the 2018 campaign to life.

- We are very grateful for the glorious talent of the Hospitality Committee and Flower Guild, our efficient pledge brochure and bookmark stuffers, and our friendly Sunday volunteers who handed out pledge cards to as many parishioners as they could.
- We thank our speakers who shared inspired and heartfelt stewardship moments, Ed Colson, Mike Ward, Camille Cates Barnett, Fr. Jim Gordon, Sharon Cooper, Stephen Canny, Sandra Brinck, Paul D’Arcy, and Mary Dare Ellis. Our authors Jim Vandernaald, Cissy Lewis, and Chris Frenk contributed beautiful writings on the ministry of stewardship for our Sunday bulletins.

- We thank especially Lynne Rauch whose insight, inspiration, and commitment to the well-being of our church helped get this year's Stewardship Campaign off the ground. It was Lynne who helped articulate the theme for this year, shared her creative talents in the design of our Stewardship brochure, and helped define the "road map", thus ensuring a successful campaign.

*Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible;
and suddenly you are doing the impossible.*

Saint Francis of Assisi

Respectfully submitted,
The Clergy and Staff,
The Church of the Holy Faith of Saint Francis of Assisi

HOSPITALITY CLUB –

Hospitality has responded to requests for receptions and/or meetings during the 2017 church year. Receptions following Evensong, funerals, weddings, etc. have ranged from 25 to 150 attendees or more. Our group easily numbers 20-23 members throughout the year and we have volunteers ready to staff any event. The Annual Meeting, Easter Vigil and Harvest Dinner are the most labor intensive, with others following closely behind. No event could go smoothly without the assistance of Marcos Castillo, our sexton, and his wife Rocío.

We welcome anyone who would care to join us.
Betty Lou Dent, Coordinator

WELCOME MINISTRY –

Visitors to Holy Faith include vacationers, new Santa Fe residents, seasonal residents, those who come to Holy Faith from other parishes or those who are more used to sleeping-in on Sundays. We learn of our visitors by seeing new faces, and those who make themselves known to the clergy on Sundays or weekdays, particularly during the Tuesday evening Taizé Mass and Evensongs. We invite all to eventually make Holy Faith their home parish community. The commitment to membership often begins with completion of one of our pew cards, which prompts welcoming phone calls, emails and personal contacts from the ministry and the rector.

Each week, usually on Wednesday, we maintain the buff-colored pew cards and pencils, and although not strictly a welcoming function, while we are at it we also take an interest in the prayer books, hymnals and Bibles. Early in the year, we considered how to replace over twenty Bibles that had disappeared over the years. Faced with the fact that this 1952 translation was no longer in print, we coordinated the acquisition of the handsome New Revised Standard Version Bibles we see today. In addition, during 2017, about six of our pew

books have departed (including one of the new Bibles), and we have happily replaced them and wish them well in their new homes.

In 2017 we welcomed 25 new members to The Church of the Holy Faith. In February, we hosted a reception in Palen Hall, with about an equal number of newcomers and old-timers and it was a good opportunity to meet each other. In November, we held another reception for about 25 newcomers who joined us later, this time at the home of Father Robin and Thérèse. This proved to be a more relaxed and informal venue and we hope to repeat it at about six-month intervals.

Many thanks to the team, Rhonda Black, Molly Lott, Jim Vandernaald and to those who do most of the work, Fr. Robin and the clergy, Thérèse, Mark, and very special thanks to Donna Lukacs.

Submitted by: Jim Vandernaald

GRIEF MINISTRY –

This was the sixth year of the Grief Ministry's activity in the parish. The Ministry continues to grow steadily in the enthusiasm of its volunteers and in the size of its outreach. This year represented an important transition, as Janet Schreiber – a founder of the Ministry – ended her active participation, and because facilitators stepped up to assume more responsibility for running the retreats. Dr. Camille Barnett remains actively involved as the leader of the Grief Ministry. Our activities have included:

- Recruitment of volunteers to be grief facilitators, food preparers, retreat administrators, as well as those who pray for facilitators and participants.
- The official commissioning of the Grief Ministry and its Grief Ministers.
- Two weekend retreats were successfully completed for those in need, including both parishioners and non-parishioners.
- Two *retablo* workshops were added this year and proved to be very popular.
- A six session workshop focused on expression through writing was facilitated by Sr. Paula Gallagher.
- The Men's Grief Ministry was established with a six-session program planned for 2018.
- Retreat reunions for participants and facilitators are held 4-6 weeks post-retreat.
- Individual follow-ups with participants by facilitators are an important part of the retreat experience.
- A day-long training session and monthly update meetings for facilitators are held.
- A resource center for grief-related literature has now been established on the second floor of the main (Conkey) office building.

The Grief Ministry consistently attracts people who are not members of our parish and often not members of any church. Participants in Grief Ministry activities now come to Taizé and other services at Holy Faith and find great support. We also have had non-members give generous donations to the church to help serve others in the Grief Ministry.

The feedback we get from participants shows how much they appreciate the grief ministry. People feel cared for – nourished in body and soul. Participants feel heard and supported by others also going through loss. The Grief Ministry is creating a turning point for people going through their grief process. Our ministry is there to help transform suffering into a positive soul-nurturing experience.

Submitted by: Dr. Camille C. Barnett

COOKIE MINISTRY –

The cookie ministry provides refreshments after each service on Sundays. A host/hostess sets up the food and provides cream for the coffee. It is a very easy ministry and very rewarding in service to the entire parish. To volunteer as a host/hostess please contact Mary Dale Gordon at 982-9667.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Dale Gordon, Chairman

HOLY FAITH FREE SPIRITS –

The Holy Faith Free Spirits, formerly the Singles, had another great year in 2017. We voted on several name change suggestions and decided on the Free Spirits as a fitting name for us. Once a month we gathered together for various activities. In the spring we saw a couple of plays and throughout the year we shared great meals at various Santa Fe downtown restaurants. We served at the Interfaith Shelter and worked at Feeding Santa Fe. We had a great summer pot luck supper and another memorable Christmas party. In October we returned to the quarterly schedule of serving a continental breakfast to the congregation which we will continue in the years to come. There are usually a dozen or so participants at our activities and we have found great friendships in our group.

Submitted by: Rebecca Tobey

HOLY FAITH DOCENTS –

The Holy Faith Docents have, in the past six years, integrated successfully into the program of ministry groups in our parish. As one of the three downtown churches in Santa Fe, we also attempt to interpret the history of this city, promote the ongoing community ministries of churches and other faith groups, and welcome numerous visitors through our doors.

Docents offer tours of Holy Faith on scheduled Sundays, we offer open house visits for community-wide days, such as St. Francis Blessing of the Animals, various Diocesan meetings and gatherings, and we are always available for new member programs, visiting youth groups, choirs, and other groups of community, museum, or church docents. We enjoyed exchange visits with Cathedral Basilica Docents during 2017, sharing stories, materials, and our histories.

Since 2016, we gratefully accept our place in Santa Fe's list of historic places worthy of preservation. We will again be welcoming several Historic Santa Fe Foundation Board Members and guests on a private group tour. As we plan and complete restoration of some stained glass windows in our Nave, docents are given opportunity to learn more about the complicated process and share the information through verbal and written communications.

Members continue to research and write and present information as it is discovered.

Some docents take on special assignments, such as the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Holy Faith Library, and in doing so, have expanded our tour offerings. The Memorial Garden receives notice from many visitors, so Mark Childers spent time with us in 2017 sharing the history of the Columbarium, and recent re-naming of the garden in memory of Fr. Kenneth Semon. On tours, docents are often asked to interpret for visitors the history and meaning of the Episcopal Faith, its rituals and connection to the world Anglican Communion. In order to fulfill this responsibility, our docents are all active in attendance, worship, and play significant roles in various ministries of our parish. We can answer a growing number of questions throughout the year as we present a welcoming and knowledgeable presence on tours or in general conversation.

We all appreciate our role, and continue to explore with humbleness, the generous contributions of those who have gone before us. Our clergy offer major support and presence as we offer programs. Donna Lukas is our ongoing calendar assistant who schedules and changes as needed. I think I can say for our group that we love being docents in this parish. Thank you.

Submitted by: Kay Swindell

Ann Caldwell, Chris Frenk, Janina Greene, Jody Register, Van Swift, Martha Wallace
Kay Swindell

PARISH LIBRARY –

Library Committee members are Mitzi Barker, Johanna Cinader, Sharon Cooper, Margaret Lopez, Alice McSweeney, Lora Morton, Thérèse Saint André, Alexandra Ward and Fr. Robin Dodge (ex officio).

In 2017 the Library Committee expanded the Library Open House informal talks held in the library followed by refreshments in the Kinsolving Room. In April, Sallie Bingham spoke about writing biography, in June, Bob Stinson talked about designing the Bosque Chapel, in August, Jody Register talked about the St. John's Bible, and in November, the topic was nativities by Susan Topp Weber. Several Open House events have been planned for 2018.

The Scheffler lecture this year was presented by Sister Mary Donald Corcoran from Transfiguration Monastery in New York. She also did a parish retreat on Saturday morning.

The Library Committee did a thorough review of all the books on the shelves and removed additional copies and those books not relevant to the library's mission. The collection from the

Friends of St. Benedict, previously housed in Washington DC, have been added to the Holy Faith Library.

Books related to the grief ministry at Holy Faith are being catalogued by our librarian, Virginia Lopez, and are currently shelved in the Campbell Room and available for checking out. The Library also has a Southwest collection in the Kinsolving Room. These may also be checked out.

Audio books and dvds are gradually being added to the collection. These are being shelved near the checkout desk.

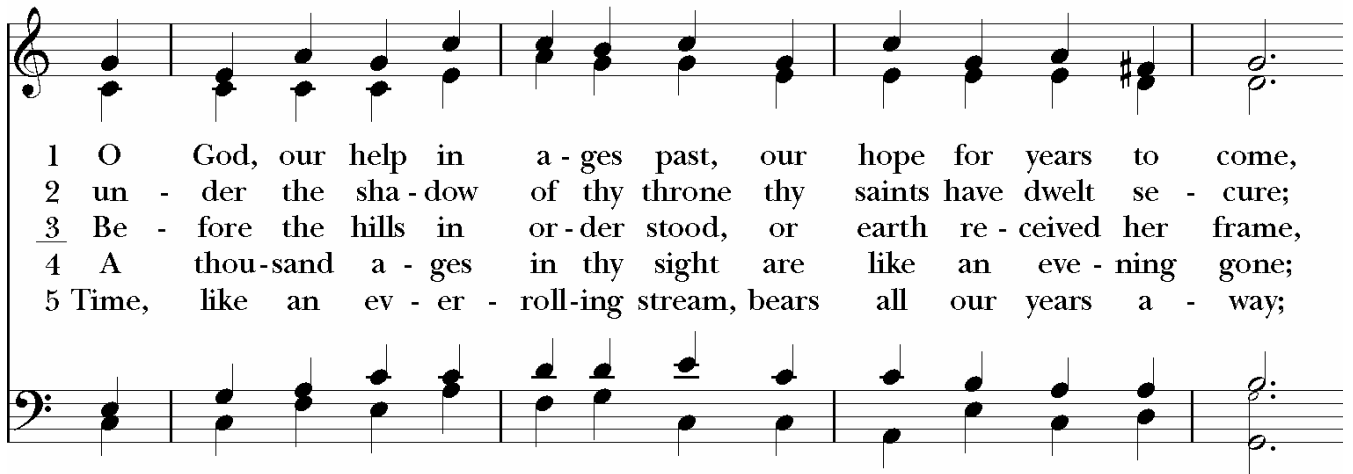
The former book cart books, now shelved in the corridor of Palen Hall, are available for purchase at a nominal price.

The Library Committee voted to send \$600 to Ryan Jordan at Nashotah House, and \$150 to St Paul's, Las Vegas for children's book purchases.

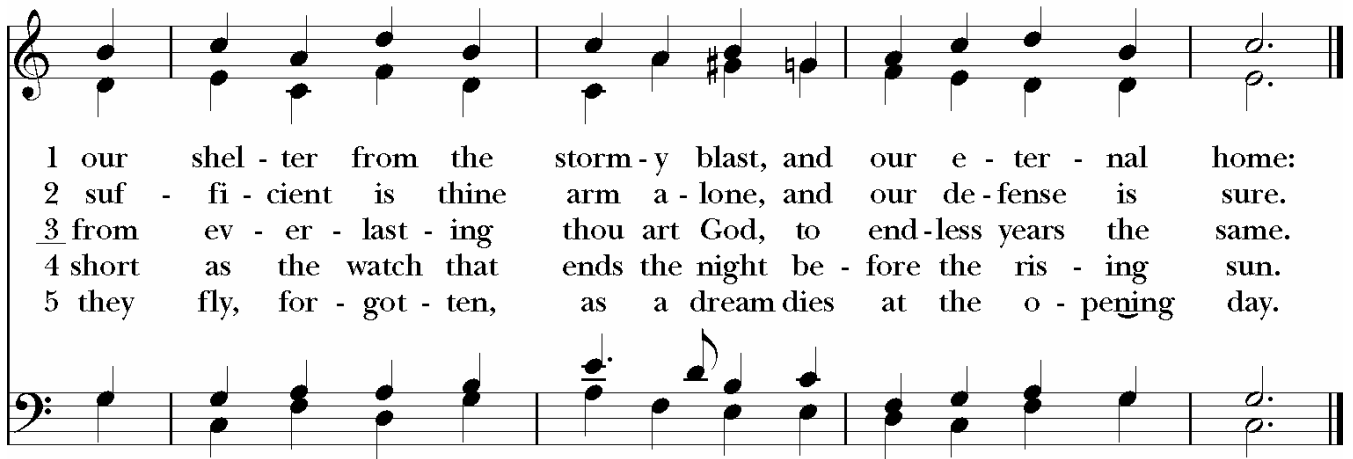
Respectively submitted, Phyllis Lehmborg



O God, our help in ages past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;



1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAITH

Q. What is the mission of the Church?

A. The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

The Catechism p. 855

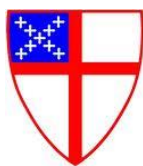
The Church of the Holy Faith welcomes all people into an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus Christ our Lord.

We believe in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Sacraments, and the Authority of Scripture.

We honor our Anglican heritage and praise God with solemn liturgy, traditional Prayer Book worship, and music to exalt the spirit.

We strive to live as a community with compassion for one another and the world around us.

We worship together in peace
to praise and thank God,
to transcend division,
and to celebrate the mystery of faith.



The Episcopal Church is part of the worldwide Anglican Communion, an international association of national Anglican churches.

We are part of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ our Lord.



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