

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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**The Mission of St. Paul's is to love God
and to love our neighbor,
sharing with gratitude and reverence the
Light of Christ.**

Parish Report for 2022

January 29, 2023

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RECTOR'S REPORT

When I think back on last year I am reminded of the time between Christ's resurrection and Pentecost. After his

crucifixion, the apostles were living in fear and they were hiding. After seeing Jesus alive, they emerged from behind their closed doors but limited what they did. It was not until Pentecost that they were moved by the Holy Spirit to go out spreading the good news of Jesus Christ, and making disciples from every tribe and every nation.

We spent the better part of two years living in fear of the Corona Virus. We isolated ourselves and limited our contact with others. All but a few church activities were canceled for fear of exposing ourselves and others to the Corona Virus. Then, in 2022, we began to feel safer and started emerging from our homes, returning to church and doing more.

We have yet to fully return to life as it was before COVID, but we have made significant progress. Our Christmas services were well attended and I, for one, was lifted by having so many people worshiping together in our magnificent church. Our attendance exceeded my expectations and people needed to share bulletins at each of our services.

The reports included here demonstrate a church that is still recovering from the pandemic. It also shows that our spirit remains alive and is being renewed. As evidence of this, I want to call your attention to the Care Team. I credit its beginning to the Lenten Book Study on *Chasing Francis*. We discussed the teachings of St. Francis on building relationships and living in service to others. After this study, the Care Team was formed to be more intentional in caring for our members. Its role quickly expanded into planning and promoting church events, becoming involved in our community, and being of service to others. The monthly meetings begin with a dinner and fellowship, then shift to planning how we will serve others. This is a new ministry that I believe is a sign that the spirit of St. Paul's has been resurrected. The spirit is, once again, filling this parish with the love of God, one another, and a desire to be of service to others.

I look forward to a new year at St. Paul's in which our members continue to become more involved in the life of our parish.

Blessings,

Jim+

SENIOR WARDEN

It has been a privilege to serve as your Senior Warden for the past two years.

With the guidance of Father Jim and the support of the parishioners, St. Paul's has completed major repairs including a new roof, painting the inside of the church and repairing the bell tower. The stained-glass window project was started this year by removing the cloudy plexiglass covering on the Main Street window and replacing it with a clear piece to protect but still allow the beauty of the window to show. Treating the other windows will be an ongoing project.

The heating/cooling systems have required a fair amount of maintenance and repair during the past two years. (See Junior Warden report).

The vestry has been actively looking to cut expenses wherever we can in order to bring you the balanced budget which we have approved. The new vestry is challenged to keep watching expenses carefully.

Since the end of pandemic restrictions, our congregation has started to “reboot” with more normal attendance and formation of a Care Team to address filling needs of our parishioners in need.

Considering the challenges of the past two years, St. Paul’s has made it through as well as could be expected. The good news is that things are looking up as we enter a new year.

I learned a lot during my time as Senior Warden and am looking forward to worshipping here for years to come. Thank you for your support and trust.

Fred Krug

JUNIOR WARDEN REPORT

Throughout church history, the arts have played a large role in the development of where we gather for worship, and how we worship. In our town, nowhere is this more apparent than at St. Paul’s. To be sure, it is not possible for mere mortals to accurately describe the glory of God, but woe to us if we do not continue to try!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Junior Warden. It has not always been easy, but it clearly has been thought provoking and inspiring. There is not one Sunday that goes by when I am not amazed at the beauty of our historic, beautiful parish! These days we all spend much of our time “online”; shopping, posting, communicating, or entertaining ourselves. As Junior Warden my main responsibility is to pay attention to the bricks and mortar (not the most romantic side of the ministry.) A considerable part of our annual budget is spent on the care and maintenance of our facility – and that gets expensive, quickly.

As we move forward, I ask you to think about our facilities’ future. In addition to our normal wear and tear, at some point we will be faced with the necessity of phasing out the use of R22, a refrigerant used in all our air handling systems. Looking forward is always a challenge, but God has never failed us!

Our church has seen many improvements this last year. Two of our larger projects stand out: the upgrade to the stained-glass window over the narthex, and the renovation of the belltower. Other large projects included a replacement of an air conditioner at the rectory, repair of a broken water main, multiple repairs to the boiler and chiller for the Sanctuary and undercroft and various water leaks throughout the facilities, to name a few. Several other issues included repairing of fence posts, painting the children’s structure, cleaning out rain gutters, clearing of dead roots and tree trunks, installing of lattice on the alcove, painting, maintaining tables, chairs, doors, locks, lights, pews, and kneeling rails.

I wish to thank the vestry and the entire parish for their encouragement and support. I had a lot of help from many of you for which I am grateful.

Sincerely I remain,
Jon Healey, Jr. Warden

TREASURER’S REPORT

The Church ended the year with a net loss of \$1,830.72 against a budget of \$931.93. Although a loss, it was much less than in previous years. If the Church had not had some unexpected repair expenses during the year that had not been budgeted, we would have ended the year better than budgeted. Also, if the pledges for 2022 received in January were received in 2022, we would have ended the year with a net gain. Please see attached financial statements.

The Church had a successful pledge campaign receiving \$12,790.00 more in pledges for 2023 than for 2022. This was important in order to offset increased utility costs. The finance committee has prepared a 2023 budget for Vestry consideration at the January Vestry meeting.

If you have a question on this report or at any time during the year, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwight Ford, Treasurer

Statement of Financial Position – as of 12/31/2022, compared to 2021

Accounts	Dec 31, 2021	Dec 31, 2022	\$ Change
Assets			
Cash			
First Community Bank-General Checking			
100100 Operating *	2,565.24	734.52	(1,830.72)
100101 General Designated	-	175.00	175.00
100102 Memorials *	3,161.24	2,961.24	(200.00)
100103 Columbarium	7,922.13	9,922.13	2,000.00
100104 ECW Funds	1,187.60	847.60	(340.00)
100105 Special Building **	14,959.64	5,158.43	(9,801.21)
100106 Funeral Funds	216.93	216.93	-
100107 Stinson Music	600.00	475.00	(125.00)
100108 Flowers Fund	-	474.12	474.12
100109 Supply clergy	202.83	(337.17)	(540.00)
100110 EFM	375.00	375.00	-
Total First Community Bank-General Checking	31,190.61	21,002.80	(10,187.81)
FCB Non Operating			
100200 Men's Group Checking	10,264.75	8,031.03	(2,233.72)
100300 Boy Scouts Checking	701.32	701.32	-
100450 Discretionary Checking	487.88	392.27	(95.61)

Total FCB Non Operating	11,453.95	9,124.62	(2,329.33)
Total Cash	42,644.56	30,127.42	(12,517.14)
Endowments			
100700 Craig Farm Endowment	124,341.57	116,495.64	(7,845.93)
100701 Craig Farm Adj to MV	13,474.99	(10,111.92)	(23,586.91)
100702 Craig Farm Cash/Cash Equivalentents	4,522.04	3,967.74	(554.30)
100800 St Paul's Endowment ***	186,659.30	169,075.59	(17,583.71)
100801 St Paul's Endow-Adj to MV	57,067.81	10,103.46	(46,964.35)
100802 St Paul's Endowment Cash	8,287.39	7,036.61	(1,250.78)
Total Endowments	394,353.10	296,567.12	(97,785.98)
Total Assets	436,997.66	326,694.54	(110,303.12)

*** Money was moved from the Memorial Fund to the Operating Fund in 2021 to eliminate the deficit.**

****Decrease in balance was a result of the completion of the work on the Bell Tower.**

***** Money from the Endowment used in 2022 to help with the cost of the Bell Tower Restoration.**

Statement of Activities (Income/Expenses for the period 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022)

Accounts	Budget	Actual	Over/Under
Revenues			
Pledge Offerings			
01-400100 Regular Pledge Offerings	218,412.00	219,908.75	(1,496.75)
01-400120 Non-Pledge Offerings	10,008.00	6,362.99	3,645.01
01-400130 Plate Offerings	2,004.00	3,863.22	(1,859.22)
Total Pledge Offerings	230,424.00	230,134.96	289.04
Other Income			
01-430300 Kennerly Trust Income	2,099.41	2,099.41	-
01-430310 End. Inc. Transferred In	19,717.52	19,717.64	(0.12)
Total Other Income	21,816.93	21,817.05	(0.12)
Interest Income			

01-410100 Checking Account Interest	-	11.16	(11.16)
Total Interest Income	-	11.16	(11.16)
Total Revenues	252,240.93	251,963.17	277.76
Expenses			
Outreach			
01-591110 Diocesan Pledge - Regular	19,200.00	19,200.00	-
Total Outreach	19,200.00	19,200.00	-
Congregational Programs			
Formation			
01-590160 Adult Christian Education	96.00	231.24	(135.24)
01-590170 Youth Christian Education	252.00	-	252.00
01-590180 Children & Youth Activities	156.00	-	156.00
Total Formation	504.00	231.24	272.76
Liturgy			
01-590200 Liturgical Supplies	996.00	1,412.26	(416.26)
Total Liturgy	996.00	1,412.26	(416.26)
Music			
01-590140 Music (Sheet music)	252.00	35.78	216.22
01-590150 Other Music Expenses	504.00	48.00	456.00
Total Music	756.00	83.78	672.22
Total Congregational Programs	2,256.00	1,727.28	528.72
Administration			
Property Expense			
Property Insurance			
01-560500 Casual/Liability Insurance	18,000.00	14,018.00	3,982.00
Total Property Insurance	18,000.00	14,018.00	3,982.00
Maintenance - Pest Control			
01-570150 Church Pest Control	900.00	1,161.58	(261.58)

01-570160 Rectory Pest Control	624.00	642.40	(18.40)
01-570170 Anglican Hall Pest Control	540.00	566.50	(26.50)

Total Maintenance - Pest Control	2,064.00	2,370.48	(306.48)
Repairs & Other Maintenance			
01-510600 Grounds Maintenance	5,496.00	6,108.52	(612.52)
01-510610 Janitorial	5,496.00	5,474.54	21.46
01-570100 Church Repairs/Maintenance	6,996.00	6,461.15	534.85
01-570110 Rectory Repairs/Maintenance	1,752.00	7,094.29	(5,342.29)
01-570120 Anglican Hall Repairs/Maint.	252.00	-	252.00
Total Repairs & Other Maintenance	19,992.00	25,138.50	(5,146.50)
Supplies			
01-560100 Kitchen/Restroom Supplies	996.00	815.08	180.92
Total Supplies	996.00	815.08	180.92
Utilities			
Church			
01-550100 Electricity- Church & Hall	11,904.00	13,608.09	(1,704.09)
01-550110 Water/Church & Hall	1,968.00	2,128.63	(160.63)
01-550120 Natural Gas Church & Hall	5,208.00	7,246.32	(2,038.32)
01-550130 Tele/Internet Church & Hall	2,820.00	2,818.34	1.66
Total Church	21,900.00	25,801.38	(3,901.38)
Rectory			
01-550140 Electricity - Rectory	3,000.00	3,873.71	(873.71)
01-550150 Water - Rectory	1,104.00	1,042.75	61.25
01-550160 Natural Gas Rectory	1,200.00	1,474.53	(274.53)
01-550170 Phone & Cable Rectory	2,508.00	1,860.42	647.58
Total Rectory	7,812.00	8,251.41	(439.41)

Total Utilities	29,712.00	34,052.79	(4,340.79)
Total Property Expense	70,764.00	76,394.85	(5,630.85)
General Office Expense			
01-580100 Audit & Accounting	3,500.00	1,718.75	1,781.25
01-580130 Office Supplies	2,592.00	2,339.36	252.64
01-580160 Postage	696.00	236.92	459.08
01-580170 Advertising	-	150.00	(150.00)
Total General Office Expense	6,788.00	4,445.03	2,342.97
Fees & Subscriptions			
01-580110 Software Fees	2,004.00	1,868.00	136.00
01-580120 Processing Fees	1,992.00	1,420.98	571.02
01-591130 Vanco Merchant Fees	900.00	1,052.90	(152.90)
Total Fees & Subscriptions	4,896.00	4,341.88	554.12
Total Administration	82,448.00	85,181.76	(2,733.76)
Personnel			
Clergy			
01-500100 Salary Clergy	66,000.00	66,000.00	-
01-500110 Housing Allowance	2,000.00	2,000.16	(0.16)
01-500120 Clergy Pension	16,437.00	13,749.45	2,687.55
01-500130 Life/Medical/Dental Insurance	25,200.00	25,020.89	179.11

01-500140 Continuing Education	2,000.00	100.00	1,900.00
01-500150 Equity/Annuity Fund	2,400.00	2,400.00	-
01-500160 Professional Expenses	1,992.00	2,318.59	(326.59)
Total Clergy	116,029.00	111,589.09	4,439.91
Church Administration			
01-510100 Secretary Salary	12,480.00	13,031.25	(551.25)

Total Church Administration	12,480.00	13,031.25	(551.25)
Music			
01-510300 Salary Music	14,496.00	13,125.00	1,371.00
01-510310 Substitute Organist	-	75.00	(75.00)
Total Music	14,496.00	13,200.00	1,296.00
Family Ministries			
01-510400 Salary- Family Ministry	1,596.00	650.00	946.00
Total Family Ministries	1,596.00	650.00	946.00
Other Personnel Expenses			
01-510500 Staff Gifts	-	100.00	(100.00)
01-510520 Work Comp Insurance	200.00	206.00	(6.00)
01-510530 Employer Payroll Tax Exp	2,604.00	8,849.71	(6,245.71)
Total Other Personnel Expenses	2,804.00	9,155.71	(6,351.71)
Total Personnel	147,405.00	147,626.05	(221.05)
Other			
01-591145 Miscellaneous Exp	-	58.80	(58.80)
Total Other	-	58.80	(58.80)
Total Expenses	251,309.00	253,793.89	(2,484.89)
Net Total	931.93	(1,830.72)	2,762.65

CHOIR REPORT

This year has been a wonderful year for music at St. Paul's. Covid restrictions lifted and we were finally able to slowly get back into some sort of normalcy. I am very blessed and honored to have been chosen as the new choir director for St. Paul's. Thank you all for entrusting me with these duties and allowing me to bring the ministry of music to this parish. Although small in number, our choir continues to work tirelessly on beautiful music to share with everyone. Christmas turned out to be an amazing night of music as we had several special guest singers and an instrumentalist involved with the service. I definitely thank everyone involved for making the Christmas season so special. We also had a few donations towards the Stinson Music Fund. I thank those donors who gave so generously to help us continue to improve the music at St. Paul's. We are getting ready to begin the music selections for the Lenten season and are actively looking for more members who would love to join the choir, all are welcome. "Make a joyful noise unto thee."

-Kristian Ameigh- Organist/Choir Director

SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR-END REPORT 2022

St. Paul's is suffering through a drought with only 1 to sometimes 4 children attending regularly. All of our usual activities, from a children – led Christmas Eve service to singing at nursing homes, has stopped due to lack of participation.

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The children we do have attending are delightful, and the teachers enjoy them. The kids would have a lot more fun if there were more of *them* than teachers.

We have discussed how to get more families TO St. Paul's, and the social events we have for adults are helpful. What else can we do?

- My dream is to have a Sunday evening Folk Service, with guitars and maybe even a meal. For all ages, college-age included.
- Parties/Dances for early teens on a regular basis?
- Parents Night Out for younger children also on a regular basis?

I feel that we do quite a bit for our community with such a small church – Well Done!

Putting more focus on reaching families will take even a little more effort and involvement of more folks, and maybe even ADVERTISING....

Do we not have more services per week than any other church?

Are we 1 of 3 – 4 churches offering free meals?

Are we not more scripture – based than most?

Do we not accept all at the Lord's Table every Sunday?

These are just a few things people do not know about us, but they are impressive!

Spring 2022:

- Children created Mardi-Gras Medallions (should be passed out *this* Mardi Gras with a tag “hand-made by St. Paul's Sunday School”)
- Older kids and some adults hid 400 – 500 filled eggs for an Easter Egg hunt
- Nikki, Father Jim, and Suzanne worked with the after-school SLAM, created by Rev. Leslie Roper. 3 kids with St. Paul's attended this great program.
- Food collected for food pantry.

Fall 2022

- Sunday School time moved back to 9:30 to include music, puppets, lesson, snack, and crafts. Adult Sunday school was also started at the same time, although only 1 parent attends regularly. Other parishioners are also enjoying this time.
- A few children participated in the Family Christmas Eve service by being acolytes, performing music, and reading.

We have a lovely Sunday school space, we have dedicated, creative, loving teachers, and the curriculum is the best I have ever used. We just need children.

Nikki Bittle, Julie Dozier, and Suzanne Magouyrk

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EfM)

In September Brenda Bittle, Cathy McDonald, and Virginia Wray began their fourth year of EfM and Jon Healey, Mike Mundy, and Mike Smith began their first year. With Sandy Barnett, Kay Forrest, Laura Hance, Ellen Massey, and Kay Sterling, we now have participants in each of the four years of study. In June our fourth-year participants will graduate. Then, in the fall of 2023, we will begin again, hopefully with some additional participants. In addition to studying the Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, and Theology, EfM

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builds community. EfM is not preparing participants for ordained ministry, it is equipping them to better respond to the call of all baptized Christians to be Christ's disciples. For the past two years, this group has participated in the Angel Tree ministry and purchased gifts for children in our area. If you have an interest in joining EfM (in the fall) or would like to know more about it, please speak to one of our participants.

Fr. Jim

ALTAR GUILD

Scheduling and procedures for altar work have resumed our pre-pandemic practices this year. Membership fluctuates as is expected with any group. We would definitely appreciate new volunteers to prepare the altar on a monthly basis. Teams of two work well.

Our largest expense is oil for our candles. We order cases of six bottles which lasts about two months for around \$200 per case.

As in a couple of previous years, we have cut back on our decorations for Easter and Christmas celebrations. The effect is still beautiful and meaningful.

The altar guild director is also responsible for making sure we have flowers on the altar each Sunday (except during Lent and Advent). Anyone wishing to furnish altar flowers should contact Jo Cargill-Krug to reserve a date at 870-613-6981.

Jo Cargill-Krug

THE EPISTLE

Our newsletter, The Epistle, will be five years old this summer. This is one ministry that asks for no funding except that Katie spends some time putting the articles together and finding artwork to liven up the pages. She deserves a lot of credit here.

I need and appreciate contributions of articles and photos. Our goal is to publish our electronic edition on or near the first of each month so the deadline for submissions is the last week of each month.

I'm very appreciative of members who have been willing to be featured in our member profiles. Your cooperation makes my job easy.

Please feel free to submit articles or ideas for articles to me at jo33car@gmail.com

Those not receiving the Epistle by email may request a copy to be mailed from the church office. Call Katie at

870-793-2203.

Jo Cargill-Krug

LAY MINISTERS

Worship services in the Episcopal Church involve all who are present. Before the priest presides over the Eucharist, our ushers greet parishioners and visitors as they enter, acolytes lead the processional followed by the choir and Eucharistic Ministers. Lectors read the scriptures and the prayers of the people. As a result of COVID many of these roles have been combined with Eucharistic Ministers doing double or even triple duty, but we are slowly returning to including more of our members in these leadership roles. The congregation

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also plays a vital role in our worship, sharing in responses and singing our hymns. It has been a pleasure this past year to be experiencing a return to more and more of our shared worship. Gone are the restrictions on singing and the need to limit the size of our choir and the number of people serving around the altar.

I want to thank our ushers: Nikki & Brenda Bittle, Pam Baxter, Fuller Bumpers, Lee Conditt, Tim Dunlap, Paul Hance, Fred Krug, Pat Mulick, Mike & Rhonda Mundy, Ardis Gillespie, Gary Perkey and Bill Olson who have returned to duty. We could always use more, if you would be willing to help. Our ushers are the first to greet visitors and make them feel welcome. This is a significant ministry which cannot be overstated.

Our **Lay Eucharistic Ministers** have also contributed greatly to our service. I am grateful to all who have served: Danell Hetrick, Gary Perkey, Mike Schmidt, Brenda Bittle, Nikki Bittle, Paul Hance, Laura Hance, Ardis Gillespie, Cameron Gillespie, Steve Massey, Kay Forrest, and Dave Allen.

I am also grateful that this past summer we were also able to reintroduce youth serving as **acolytes** with Karis Ford serving regularly, and Sam & Ray Sullins serving some as well. I look forward to their continued involvement.

COVID also created the need for a new ministry – that of providing Tech Support for our online Broadcast. I wish to thank Steve Massey, David Taverner, and Jon Healey for sharing this responsibility. The broadcast reaches people who would not otherwise be able to attend. We would love to have more “techs” and will happily teach you what to do, if you are willing.

In 2023 I would like to resume the use of Lectors at the 10:30 service. There will be a signup sheet at the Annual Meeting for those interested.

Blessings,

Jim+

ST. PAUL’S CHURCHMEN’S CLUB

The St. Paul’s Churchmen’s Club was able to host three of our four events this past year. We hosted Mardi Gras Celebration, Shrimp Dinner, and The Holy Smokers Turkey Cook. We have great hopes of hosting all four events this year which will include Oktoberfest. These events allow us to raise money to support our church and community services. With the support of our church members and community we were able to payout over \$9,500.00 dollars in donations from these events. We gave \$5,000.00 to the church for restoration of the front stain glass window, \$2,000.00 to the Batesville School district community services, \$550.00 to Camp Mitchell,

\$1,000.00 to Southside School clothes closet and \$1,000.00 to Batesville Junior High School backpack program.

The Churchmen's Club meets each month that we do not have an event in that month to make preparation for upcoming events and to organize our spending from any request. We invite any member or non-member of our church to join any of these meetings or events. If you are not receiving our group emails and would like to be included in this club, please send me an email at fsmmaddog@aol.com and we will get you added to the list.

We want to thank each and every one that has supported this group. We look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events: Mardi Gras February 21st, Shrimp Dinner June 8th, Octoberfest TBD and Holy Smokers Cook November 18th.

Thanks,
Scott McSpadden

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)

All women who attend the Episcopal Church are considered Episcopal Church Women and are invited to meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. In the past year, St. Paul's ECW has participated in diocesan ECW activities including Summer Quest and Fall Gathering. Several women wrote meditations for the newly published book *Surrounded by A Cloud of Witnesses II*. The book offers a meditation for the readings for each Sunday of the church calendar, and proceeds from book sales support women's ministries within the Diocese of Arkansas. (You may order the books from Amazon or from an active ECW member.) Our local ECW continues to support United Thank Offering, the prayer tree, and needs which arise in our congregation and community. We offer special thanks to Inga Grahn for her gingerbread house which supports the work of ECW.

This year the women will be hosting a Souper Bowl Sunday fundraiser in February, offering a wide variety of soups for sale by the quart. We continue to meet monthly and share sacred time together to support one another and St. Paul's.

Respectfully,
Terri Crawford

COMMUNITY MEALS

We have gone back to normal with the Community Meals since Covid has slowed down. We are currently serving between 15 and 40 each week and that is great news. I want to thank each team for their dedication and hard work. If anyone would like to start their own team or join a current team, please let me know. Not only do we get to feed the people in our community, but we also get to *share* in the sense of our community, which a lot of people show for that. Again, thank you!

God bless you all,
Brenda Bittle

CARE TEAM

The St. Paul's Care Team was formed last year. Our immediate goal was to take care of the needs of those on the prayer lists and those who were sick with Covid. In August, we had a long list of members with Covid and this gave us some practice! Since then, we have some members of the team who have filled the freezers with meals for those in need. We started the updating of the directory and found new friends in those lists and needs we had not expected. We have extended our purpose to include care for the community. On July 4, we took cold bottles of water to Riverside Park and gave them to the thirsty. We also decided to put St. Paul's in the Christmas parade. The Mundys and the Bittles helped to construct a float which even included the red doors! Kristian led our choir in carols and we were well received! Our most recent project is the collection of warm clothing for anyone in need. We began distributing this clothing at the Wednesday night meals and it has been very much appreciated. As a team, we simply want the parish and the community to feel as if there is someone looking after their wellbeing. That feels good for all involved. We have a great time at our meetings and new members are always welcome. Come help us spread the good news!

Submitted by,

Ellen Massey