CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

4030 Manatee Avenue, West
Bradenton, FL 34205

ANNUAL REPORT for 2019

January 26, 2020
Mike Bowen
Born: 05/26/59 Seymour, IN

Education:
Austin HS – 1977 (Salutatorian, Letterman in 3 sports, Scholastic Athlete Winner)
Indiana University School of Business (Accounting) – 1982 (4 yr scholarship)
CPA – 1983
MBA – Indiana University School of Business (Marketing) – 1984

Work History:
Carried out groceries throughout high school 4 yrs
State Beach Lifeguard & Construction during summers
Cummins Engine Company, Columbus, IN - Financial Analyst Co-op & Auditor Co-op
Arthur Anderson Consulting Division, Indianapolis, IN – (promoted to Sr. Consultant)
Eli Lilly & Company, Indianapolis, IN
  • MBA Intern – New Product Planning
    Full Time:
    • New Product Planning Analyst (Indianapolis, IN)
    • Corporate Strategic Planning (Indianapolis, IN)
    • Pharmaceutical Sales (Washington D.C. – Rookie of the Year (for US))
    • Prozac Marketing (Indianapolis)
    • Marketing Manager, Asia-Pacific (to launch Prozac and Humalog in 17 countries in Asia)
      (Singapore)
    • General Manager Hong Kong Affiliate (Hong Kong)
    • Southeast US Diabetes Sales Manager (Birmingham, AL) (launched Humalog in US)
    • Manager, Corporate In-Licensing Strategy (Indianapolis)
    • District Sales Manager, Women’s Health (Tampa)
    • District Sales Manager, Neuroscience (Tampa)
    • District Sales Manager, Diabetes (Tampa)

Family:
Wife – Tina, happily married for 36 years
Children:
  1. Britney – FGCU graduate, Pharmaceutical Sales, Lilly Diabetes, Orlando, FL, married,
  expecting 1st child on my birthday!
  2. Chris – Finishing Masters in BioMedical Engineering at University of Kansas in May (full
     scholarship!)

Christ Church:
  • Chair Outreach Committee
  • Volunteer at The Lord’s Pantry to receive and stock USDA deliveries, and other areas of church
    life as needed such as church grounds cleanup, formatting new Sunday bulletin, and Easter
    banner.
Jennifer Miller

My name is Jennifer Miller. My husband and I moved to Bradenton soon after we were married in 1994. We attended Christmas services at Christ Episcopal Church that year and have been members ever since. After teaching in the public school system from 1989-1993, I joined the faculty at St. Joseph Catholic School in the fall of 1995. I feel called to teach young children, so being able to combine religious education with academics was an ideal fit for me. I sang in the church choir until my twin boys were born in 2000. I decided to teach Sunday School at Christ Church 6 years ago “to give back” what so many at Christ Church had given to my boys. (They were baptized and confirmed in this church.) My mission is to help the church grow by appealing to a new generation of Believers. I would also like to motivate current members to attend church more regularly. I look forward to working with Father Baker and the rest of the vestry as we head into a new decade of growth.
Vicki Tessmer

My husband David and I have been married 20 years, and our son George (15) is a Sophomore at Bradenton Christian School. It is very important to us to raise George in a Christian home with a solid education that encompasses Christian values and the teachings of our Savior Jesus Christ in all subjects. I have been employed with the Clerk of Court’s office for the past 15 years, and look forward to many more years there. I was baptized into the Episcopal Church as an infant, so I am definitely a Cradle Episcopalian. My parents, Tom and Dolly Young, raised us at Christ Episcopal Church since we moved to Florida in 1973. I have been a member ever since, with a 10 year hiatus when we lived on the Island. We came back to Christ Episcopal a month prior to our son George being born in 2003. Christ Episcopal Church has always felt like home to me. I participated in EYC (Episcopal Young Churchman) while in middle and High School, and attended Kanuga in North Carolina and Happening. During my family’s hiatus at Church of the Annunciation my husband David and I were married, and I served as the head of the Sunday School. Since our return to Christ Episcopal, I taught Sunday School and currently serve on the Alter Guild and as a Greeter at the 9:00 am service.
## Combined Funds Internal Statement

December 31, 2019

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| Liabilities and Equity     |           |                  |                   |         |                |       |
| A/P & Payroll Tax Payable  | $ 9,462   | $ -              | $ -               | $ -     | $ -            | $ 9,462 |
| Unearned Revenue           | 23,315    |                  |                   |         | 23,315         |       |
| Fund Balance & Net Income  | 10,475,508| 421,457          | 176,809           | 5,662   | 1,174,432      | 12,253,668 |
| **Total Liabilities and Equity** | $ 10,508,286 | $ 421,457       | $ 176,809        | $ 5,662 | $ 1,174,432    | $ 12,286,646 |

| Revenue                    |           |                  |                   |         |                |       |
| Outreach Ministry Income    | $ -       | $ 20,919         | $ -               | $ -     | $ -            | $ 20,919 |
| Contributions              | 1,055,895 | 40,651           | 62                | 17,000  | 1,113,808      |       |
| Investment Income & Gain/(Loss) | 2,515 | 442              | 186               |         | 29,461         | 32,004 |
| Unrealized Gain/(Loss)      | 20,714    |                  |                   |         | 92,282         | 112,996 |
| Sales & Miscellaneous Income| 12,643    | 7,630            | 6,000             | 7,500   | 33,773         |       |
| Thrift Shop Sales           | 38,041    |                  |                   |         | 38,041         |       |
| **Total Revenue**           | $ 1,091,767 | $ 108,283       | $ 6,186           | $ 62    | $ 146,243      | $ 1,352,541 |

| Expenses                    |           |                  |                   |         |                |       |
| Outreach Ministry           | $ 22,003  | $ 22,006         | $ -               | $ -     | $ -            | $ 44,069 |
| Diocesan Assessment         | 94,422    |                  |                   |         | 94,422         |       |
| Clergy & Staff Administration| 348,664   | -                |                   |         | 348,664        |       |
| General & Operations        | 325,945   |                  |                   |         | 334,187        |       |
| Programs & Music            | 18,218    | 3,579            |                   |         | 21,797         |       |
| Other Expense               | 5,952     |                  |                   | 200     |                | 7,152 |
| Thrift Shop                 | 12,151    |                  |                   |         | 12,151         |       |
| **Total Expenses**          | $ 810,251 | $ 44,748         | $ -               | $ -     | $ 7,442        | $ 862,441 |

| Transfers In/(Out)          | $ (42,490) | $ 12,031         | $ -               | $ -     | (33,627)       | (64,086) |

| Net Income/(Loss)           | $ 236,026  | $ 75,566         | $ 6,186           | $ 62    | $ 172,428      | $ 426,014 |
A cadre of dedicated volunteers received donations, priced them, and placed them for sale throughout the Shop. Clothing, kitchen appliances, decorative household items, jewelry, books, DVDs and CDs, games, linens and other useful home furnishings were sold. Large items, including furniture, were sold online at the Bradenton Marketplace as well as at the Shop.

Special sales were held several times in 2019 at both the Thrift Shop and Trimble Hall located behind the Shop. Donations of brand new items were received regularly throughout the year from local businesses.

The end of 2019 saw the construction of a new thrift shop across the street from the current location. The move to the new shop is expected to take place in February, 2020.

Thrift Shop work is ever-changing as volunteers never know what donations will appear. This makes the work fun and interesting. Most volunteers serve four hours a week and many keep their names on the substitute list to fill in when scheduled volunteers are absent and need a sub. New volunteers are always welcome. We invite you to come and join us in this important ministry!

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**The Music Department**

by Dr. Richard Benedum

The Music Department, including the Christ Church Chorale, continues to enrich worship services each week. In addition, the Music Department provides significant community outreach through special services attracting many non-members and special concerts, open to the general public as well as members of Christ Church. At full strength the Christ Church Chorale has grown to approximately 35 members, with an additional 3-5 members who often join the choir for special occasions. The choir loft is literally filled to overflowing. Several Chorale members are not members of the parish, but attend and sing regularly because they want to participate in a high-quality church music program.

Christ Church also presented more than 20 concerts open to the general public, including worship services with special music, Advent and Lenten noon organ recitals, and other concerts. More than 2,500 people attended these events, with the majority being non-parish members.

In February 2020 Christ Church’s magnificent Létourneau organ will be 13 years old. Special concerts have been planned to feature the instrument, widely regarded as the most outstanding organ in the region and one of the most outstanding organs in the Southeast. Christ Church also received the donation of a Baldwin grand piano for the sanctuary, an additional upgrade to the musical resources of the church.
The curriculum that we have been using for the last five years is called ‘Sermons 4 Kids.’ It does follow our liturgical church calendar. Often times our story tellers will use this curriculum to tell the story to our children in the 9:00 a.m. service.

This year we started a Water Bottle Initiative Fund Drive with a goal of $10,000. The deadline is May 2020. The money raised will be used for youth projects and events to attend.

Finally, we had an amazing Christmas pageant. I am so thankful for all the adults and children who participated this year. You are truly what made it one of our best so far!

I am excited to be a part of all that God has in store for Christ Church.

Evangelism and Greeters Group (EGGS) by Pat Hughes

EGGS is a welcoming group that supplements the Ushers at the doors toward the front of the church prior to each of three Sunday services. We offer bulletins at both entrances and assistance at the handicapped entrance by the pulpit. We also exchange the Peace with Fr. Robert or the Deacon at the beginning of the announcements and then greet newcomers with a welcome bag and a smile.

We have enjoyed this ministry for about ten years and perhaps longer! We want to encourage members to join us and serve about once a month. This is probably the easiest opportunity to serve at Christ Church and surely one of the most rewarding! Please prayerfully consider spending a few minutes with us and call the office if you think this might be an opportunity for you!

Office Angels by Debbie Holt

The office staff is very grateful to have the additional help of morning and afternoon volunteers. Our “Office Angels” sit at the front desk greeting church members and visitors, answering phone calls, and assisting in the many office tasks throughout the day as needed. We are blessed to have them.

Altar Guild by Gene Zeiner and Laurie Zeiner

During the period from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 the following activities entailing the Christ Church Altar Guild were accomplished:

- Provided weekly coverage for all Eucharist services on scheduled Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays with appropriate materials.
- Provided coverage for weddings, funerals, baptisms and other special events.
- Provided support for the Clergy of St. Stephens when necessary.
- Actively recruited new members for the Guild.
- Designed, ordered and received delivery of new vestments in a Rose color as requested by Fr. Baker.
- Received delivery of new communion bread priest hosts, along with appropriately sized bread box and holder.

It is with extreme gratitude we acknowledge the assistance of Heather Whelan for assuming the Director’s duties for most of 2019 while I recovered from some serious health concerns.
The Order of the Daughters of the King

By PK Isiminger

The Order of the Daughters of the King is a National order of women who desire a closer walk with the Lord. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our vision as Daughters of the King is to know Jesus Christ, to make Him known to others, and to become reflections of God’s love throughout the world. We pledge ourselves to Prayer, Service, and Evangelism, and are dedicated to the spread of Christ’s Kingdom and the strengthening of the spiritual life of our parish.

The St. Mary & St. Martha Chapter, here at Christ Church, has regularly scheduled meetings on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM, and we welcome guests. We keep an active ‘prayer list’ for member needs, as well as strive to intercede in prayer for those on the Church’s Prayer List. As a service project, we manage the care of the acolyte robes and host the coffee hour on Acolyte Sunday. Some of our activities during the year may include: holding a Girls’ Night Out, hosting the Easter Vigil Reception, and hosting some Sunday Coffee Hours.

We are all at different stages of our Christian journey – some have just begun and some have been on this path for a long time. But no matter where we are on our sacred journeys, our primary goal is the same – to know Jesus Christ and to make Him known to others.

The Motto of The Order

For His Sake…
I am but one, but I am one.
I cannot do everything, but I can do something.
What I can do, I ought to do.
What I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.
Lord, what will you have me do?

Verger and Lay Reader/Chalice Bearer

by Alan Prather

This ministry addresses placement/scheduling of Vergers and Lay Readers/Chalice Bearers (CB’s) for the 7:30 a.m. Rite I services and the 11:00 a.m. Rite II services. The Sunday services require a Verger and 2 CB’s at 7:30 a.m. and a Verger and 3 CB’s at 11:00 a.m. There are a total of 25 volunteers available (at least in the winter since we lose some going north in summer) to serve as Vergers and Lay Readers/Chalice Bearers. There are approximately 60 days in the year that some form of service requiring Vergers/CB’s occurs excluding funerals or weddings. Each Sunday at least 7 volunteers are used for Verger/CB to cover the 7:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. This approximates 400 service hours a year to Christ Church.
Then two days later, I entered the hospital to have my hip replaced. It was so successful, that my bad back also became strong and pain free. Six weeks of therapy and hard work, I was given my freedom back to get back to preaching, assisting in services and pastoral care.

Unfortunately, the femur in my right leg snapped and sent me to the floor in the chapel. After surgery and in house therapy, I was discharged home for more therapy and round the clock help from my daughter and several members from my Christ Church family. There are no words that could express my thanks and love to the help, and prayers you all gave. I am so privileged to be able to worship in such a loving community, and also work in bringing the word of God to those unable to leave their homes.

Deacon Report

2019 was an interesting and successful year that provided many opportunities with our church’s outreach programs.

We continued our interaction with the Manatee County Probation Department by providing opportunities for individuals to complete court mandated community service as part of their judicial cases. We benefited greatly from this program by having over 300 hours of community service work being completed around our campus. We will continue to provide this service to assist these individuals through the efforts of our Sexton.

Our work with Manatee County’s Meals on Wheels continues with the distribution of emergency food baskets to families in extreme need. These baskets are designed to help provide families with up to two weeks of food and allow them to work towards becoming self-sufficient. We submitted and delivered these baskets that provided assistance at a time when they desperately needed it.

We also continued with work as a Designated Site for Access Florida. Through this program we assisted 40 families to apply for needed benefits from the State of Florida to receive food stamps, MEDICAID, Medical Needs Assistance and placement in a long term treatment facility. Additionally, this program also allowed us to conduct counseling with the individuals on employment assistance and other programs designed to help individuals. Our participation in this program also expanded during 2019 due to plans for the State of Florida to close its Manatee County program office. We expanded our services from one day per week to an appointment basis to assist with the overflow from other sites. In total, we provided help to over 100 people and families last year. Additionally, a review of applications indicates that we had a 98 percent success rate for individuals being approved for services.

Our work with the Diocesan Office in support of the Disaster Response Program continues through efforts to update overall diocese response capabilities.

As we enter 2020, thank you for all of your support to our outreach programs. Please continue to do what you have been doing.

God Bless. Deacon Mike