

## The Ascendant

A Newsletter by and for Members and Friends of Church of the Ascension

March 2018

Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday, March 11 at 2:00 am



Remember to set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 10.

## Palm Sunday is a 1A Sunday!

There will be one service at 10:00 a.m. Afterward will be Randy's farewell celebration. Save the date: March 25.

#### **Christian Formation**

Christian Formation teachers will meet with parents and grand parents on Sunday, March 18th at 10:15 a.m. in the Library for parents who would like to discuss the Sunday School situation (the best time to hold Sunday School classes).

#### **Annual Meeting**

Our annual parish meeting will take place at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, March 4 in the Main Church. Our primary business will be to elect new Vestry members and to have a time for shared reflection on the ministry and mission of Ascension.

## A Time for Change

We're at a juncture in the common life of the Church of the Ascension that we didn't expect to reach for a few years-Randy is retiring. A combination of factors stemming from changes inside and outside the church as a whole, and Ascension in particular, led to this crossroads. I'm not about to play the "If only" game. We are where we are, and this is what has to happen now.

I've had my own conversations with vestry members and wardens about where we are as a parish and what I'd like to see happen. I've listened to those who have concerns about what's going to happen to us once Randy is gone.

Working out a long-term solution will take a little while and is the vestry's duty. That's why a vestry is elected, by the way, not just to take care of the day-to-day business of reviewing the budget and approving expenses, but also the big things, like finding a rector suited to our circumstances.

Some people have expressed the concern that their feelings, concerns, and needs won't be considered in the process. I assure you that you are being heard. The draw-back to making decisions for a group is that, ultimately, not everyone will get exactly what they want. We are still a very big parish and the vestry has to choose a particular path. I was in tough positions during my tenure as a vestry member and warden, and with my colleagues we sometimes had to make choices that we knew were going to cause distress to a lot of people.

The hardest part of our current status is that we are faced with loss, with grief. Grief doesn't just happen at a death, although that is often the event where it is acknowledged and given its proper name. As a matter of fact, it's easier at times of individual and group change to call our feelings anything but grief. But that's what we're feeling.

"No one told me that grief felt so like fear." C. S. Lewis A Grief Observed

We don't want change, we don't want Randy to go, we don't want to have to be different. But change is happening, Randy will leave, and we will be different.

My advice is very simple. Acknowledge the loss, feel the grief, take care of each other. Jesus said that He would be present wherever two or more are gathered in His name. I believe we're in good hands.

Peggy Ruppel

## LIFE LONG LEARNING

#### Yoga

Randy's yoga class is every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in Chapel. These are gentle, entry level classes anyone may enjoy. No props are needed. There are some mats, blocks and blankets for those who want them. If you have your own mat, bring it. Wear loose fitting, comfortable clothing.

Starting April 12, 2018, Tina Lightner-Morris will be teaching this class.

#### Spanish Class

Come and take part in Ascension's Spanish Class on Mondays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Ascension House. You don't need to know Spanish to come, because we get together to learn and practice. For more information contact Javier at ocampoj@ascensionmd.org

#### **Godly Play**

This week in Godly Play, we will study the Faces of Easter V. This lesson continues to help us prepare for the Mystery of Easter. We move toward the Mystery by hearing the stories of Christ's journey toward the cross and resurrection. This week we focus on the face of Christ as healer and parable-maker.

#### A Joyful Path

The members of A Joyful Path will explore the meaning of being of service to others. I John 3:18 "Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. Also the meaning of this Mexican proverb: "A good deed is the best prayer." Come and join us in Room 2 after the 9:00 a.m. service (10:15).

#### Tai Chi Class

Tai Chi classes are offered at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday afternoons in the Chapel; a good time of peace and balance in a lovely place at sunset. Please come and join us.Contact Claire Rosser at 301.275.0617 or Cjrosser@aol.com if you have any questions.

#### Interfaith Class on "Abraham's Children"

This class, to have been offered in March as a Lenten study for local Jews, Christians, and Muslims, has been cancelled. For details, see Randy.

#### New Book for Wednesday Morning Book Group

Beginning Wednesday, March 7, the Wednesday morning group will begin to discuss Brian McLaren's latest book entitled *The Great Spiritual Migration: How the World's Largest Religion Is Seeking a Better Way to Be Christian*. Watch the Sunday announcements and weekly e-mails for reading assignments. Here's a description from Amazon.com (http://amzn.to/2nGabwg): "Brian McLaren, a leading voice in contemporary religion, argues that—notwithstanding the dire headlines about the demise of faith and drop in church attendance—Christian faith is not dying. Rather, it is embarking on a once-in-an-era spiritual shift. For millions, the journey has already begun."

#### The Listening Heart Community



The Listening Heart Community is Ascension's "monastery of the heart", an intentional group for seekers in all stages of their spiritual journey to explore Benedictine and other contemplative

spirituality in community. This fall and winter, we will be praying with the writings and teachings of Thomas Merton, the American mystic and Trappist monk, in observance of the centennial of his birth.

#### **Lenten Bible Study: Contemplating Colossians**

Contemplation is entering into the realm of spiritual mystery. In the New Testament, the mysterious letter to the Colossians takes up that theme with its claim that we have the mystery of Christ. Over the first five Sundays in Lent, Sister Elena will lead a encounter with this mysterious short text and its theologies of the pre-existence of Christ, invisibility (Harry Potter's not the only one with a cloak!), spiritual power and resurrection. We'll also engage the apparent contradiction with these theologies and their manifestation within an unjust social order. The class meets from 10:15 to 10:45 am on five Sundays, February 18 through March 18, in the Undercroft with the Rev. Sr. Elena Thompson.

#### **Christian Formation for Children**

We have classes for preschoolers through 5th grade. Building on the One Ascension Model, we have combined the 9:00 and 11:00 sunday school classes for each age group into one class, in between the two services, 10:15-11:00. Our goal was to form a larger group from the two classes, but we have still had only about 3 students most days. Some parents have complained that they don't have time to spend the extra hour in church. Some children are having trouble sitting for the service which makes it stressful for the parents. A few children have had success helping with the service by doing welcome team or playing musical instruments. If more families would find a way for children to help, this could alleviate the problem of bored children, but clearly, there are not enough jobs for all the youngest members.

Despite the disappointingly low numbers, there have also been advantages to the change. Perhaps the most important is that families from different services have gotten to know each other. This is primarily accomplished through the adult sunday school class where parents learn what their children are learning in their classes and discuss the subjects on an adult level. While some people don't have time for both sunday school and church, others enjoy it, especially the teachers and the parents who attend the adult sunday school class. Lastly, there are more teachers available to lead the classes.

We realize that we have not yet found the best way to serve our families, so we are going to meet with parents and grandparents on March 18 at 10:15 to discuss better options. In the meantime, we all continue to wonder at God's creation.

Megan Didavi

### LIFE AT ASCENSION

#### **Worship Committee News**

Our single-handed stellar Worship Committee Chair Carleton Mac-Donald is moving to Orangevale, California. His last Sunday at Ascension is April 8. If you would like to serve as chair or committee member, please let me know.

Meredith Horan 301-926-1054 or horanm@hotmail.com

SPIRITED AWAY

#### Room 4: A Place of "Sanctuary"

At the most recent meeting of Ascension's teachers with the Rector, it was clear that the "nursery" has not been utilized as originally intended for toddlers and infants up to age 3. This has been the case for some time. Parents with infants and toddlers attend the 10:15 service (often with a child on the way!) or one of our other services. Starting January 7, 2018, Room 2 became the Joyful Path classroom (for kids in 3rd to 5th grade), and Room 4 became a comfortable place for parents with children who need a "break" from sitting in church. There will be comfortable furniture, a bathroom, and in time a monitor so that the service can be seen and heard there.

#### **Pledge Envelopes**

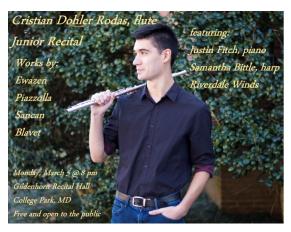
Please don't forget to pickup your pledge envelopes located on the table outside the Parish Office if you haven't done so. If your pledge envelope is not there and you did not pick it up please contact Lin by e-mail at office@ascensionmd.org.

# Movie Night: Spirited Away: March 3rd at 6:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to meet up in the Undercroft on Friday, February 2nd at 6:30 p.m. to watch *Spirited Away* (rated PG). During her family's move to the suburbs, a sullen 10-year-old girl wanders into a world ruled by gods, witches, and spirits, and where humans are changed into beasts.

Chihiro and her parents are moving to a small Japanese town in the countryside, much to Chihiro's dismay. On the way to their new home, Chihiro's father makes a wrong turn and drives down a lonely one-lane road which dead-ends in front of a tunnel. Her parents decide to stop the car and explore the area. They go through the tunnel and find an abandoned amusement park on the other side, with its own little town. When her parents see a restaurant with greatsmelling food but no staff, they decide to eat and pay later. However, Chihiro refuses to eat and decides to explore the theme park a bit more. She meets a boy named Haku who tells her that Chihiro and her parents are in danger, and they must leave immediately. She runs to the restaurant and finds that her parents have turned into pigs. In addition, the theme park turns out to be a town inhabited by demons, spirits, and evil gods. At the center of the town is a bathhouse where these creatures go to relax.

#### Message from Cris



Hi, everyone!

Sorry I've been so M.I.A since I left Ascension, they've really kept me busy over here at UMD! I've met some great friends and amazing musicians here, my professor is amazing, and I'm playing a bunch of great music in my ensembles! This first concert cycle of the semester is kind of insane since I'm splitting my time between the two upper rotation ensembles: wind orchestra and symphony orchestra because there aren't enough flutes to cover parts for both ensembles (we're doing Mahler 1 in symphony orchestra which calls for four flute parts, three of which double on piccolo!) I'm also part of a wind quintet which has been a great experience, and I'm getting more involved with our new music ensemble, TEMPO. I've grown so much in just the course of a semester and a half and I'm so glad that I'm finally in a place where I can grow more as a musician. In other news, I recently performed in a master class for Valerie Coleman, flutist and composer, at the Mid-Atlantic Flute Convention! She was amazing and has been such an inspiration to me as a flutist and person of color in classical music since high school. Her compositions are also super cool, you should check them out!

In other, other news, I'm finally giving my official junior recital at UMD! It's March 5th at 8pm in Gildenhorn Recital Hall in the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center (at the base of the grand staircase when you walk through the front doors). This is the hardest I've ever had to work to prepare for a recital and I'm so excited to share it with everyone! There'll be the standard works for flute and piano, BUT I've also programmed a piece for my quintet and a piece for flute and harp! I've attached my recital poster to this email and I would appreciate it so much if you all could help spread the word! Hope to see you there!

Best,

Cris

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## LIFE AT ASCENSION

#### Ascension's Adventurers to Tour the Cathedral's Bell Tower



All parishioners and friends are invited to participate in a tour of Washington Cathedral's bell tower on Sunday, March 18th.

Our tour will be led by Ascension's own Carleton MacDonald. Carleton has been a member of the Cathedral's bell-ringing team for more than 11 years. He is also a member of Ascension's choir, and he oversees the activities of Ascension's Worship Committee. Later this spring, Carleton will be moving to Seattle. Hence, this excursion will afford us with the opportunity to express our best wishes for Carleton in his future endeavors.

Participants can meet us at 10:15 a.m. in Ascension House's parking lot to carpool. Alternatively, participants can meet us at 11:05 a.m. near the front steps of the Cathedral.

We will attend the Cathedral's 11:15 a.m. service. Following this service, we will proceed outside to the Bishop's Garden to listen to the post-service bell ringing for about 30 minutes. At 1:00 p.m., we will ascend to the bell tower and watch a team of approximately ten musicians ring the ensemble of bells for about 20 minutes. Following this bell ringing, Carleton will lead our group up to the loft where the bells reside.

After the tour, participants are welcome to join us for lunch at Café Deluxe. This restaurant is located within a 10-minute walking distance from the Cathedral.

For more information about bell ringing, see <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SJd6OvLbN08">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SJd6OvLbN08</a> For more information about Café Deluxe, see <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SJd6OvLbN08">www.cafedeluxe.com/watch?v=SJd6OvLbN08</a>

Also, feel free to contact Richard Snay by phone (301-977-5259) or email (rssnay@aol.com) if you have any questions.

Because of space limitations, a maximum of ten participants will be allowed to ascend to the bell tower. The rest of us will probably visit the Cathedral's gift shop and/or coffee shop. Preference will be given to those who have not previously toured this tower and then on a first-come-first-serve basis. I will maintain a waiting list in case some people sign up and later learn that they are unable to participate.

Please contact me by Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, if you want to participate in this tour and/or eat lunch with us.

#### Driving directions from Ascension Church to the Cathedral

- Cathedral's address: 3101 Wisconsin Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C.
- Drive south on I-270, then merge onto the I-270 Spur toward northern Virginia
- After the I-270 Spur becomes I-495, merge onto MD-190-E/River Road via Exit 39 toward Washington
- Drive southeastward on River Road until it merges with Wisconsin Ave.
- Drive southward on Wisconsin Ave.
- Park in the Cathedral's underground parking garage (it is free on Sundays). Enter this garage via Wisconsin Ave. at the traffic light just south of Woodley Road. This garage will be on your left and just north of the Cathedral.

#### Walking directions to Café Deluxe

This restaurant is located at 3228 Wisconsin Avenue, which is within a 10-minute walking distance from the Cathedral. While walking northward from the Cathedral, this restaurant will be on your left and on the opposite side of Wisconsin Avenue from the Cathedral. Note that there are at least two locations between the Cathedral and the restaurant where crossing Wisconsin Avenue is facilitated by pedestrian crossing signals.

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#### Holy Week and Easter at Ascension



#### Palm Sunday, March 25

10:00 a.m. One Ascension Sunday—Main Church11:45 a.m. Randy's Farewell Party- Undercroft

6:00 p.m. Youth Group—Undercroft

#### Maundy Thursday, March 29

7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing and Strip-

ping of the Altar-Main Church

#### Good Friday, March 30

12:00 p.m. "Stations to Go" - Main Church and Various

Locations in Old Towne Gaithersburg

7:30 p.m. Prayer Book Liturgy—Main Church

#### Easter Eve, Saturday, March 31

7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil—Main Church

#### Easter Day, Sunday, April 1

7:45 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
12:30 p.m.
Holy Eucharist—Main Church
Festival Eucharist—Main Church
Holy Eucharist in Spanish—Chapel
Holy Eucharist for Families with Young

Children, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt-

Chapel

## CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITIES

#### Men's Shelter Lunch Program

The Men's Shelter Lunch program provides bagged lunches for homeless men, assembled in the Undercroft Commons once a month. Supplies are donated by Ascension members. Depending on the season, we provide forty to eighty lunches a month. The next program is on March 18 at 10:15 a.m. Contact Edith at esekasi@gmail.com if you would like to help, or sign up at http://bit.ly/1VAKEz8.

#### Ministerio Felicidad

Ascension members prepare lunches and send love and prayers to day laborers in the neighborhood of the church. Join Javier at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 24 in the church kitchen. If you have any questions, Contact him at ocampoj@ascensionmd.org

#### #MarchForOurLives

To date, there are 63 marches organizing around the country for March 24th, with thousands planning to come Washington, D.C. The Diocese of Washington is preparing to join the marchers and welcome them with the best of our hospitality. We're looking for churches where marchers can sleep, find respite during the day and food for the journey. More than a dozen churches are leading the way. We're also organizing EDOW youth and all who wish to walk in solidarity with them to take part on this historic march. With our ecumenical and interfaith partners we are planning a pre-march vigil on Friday evening March 23. We'll have more information soon.

We are not alone in this work. The country's conscience has been awakened and people from all sectors, many faiths, and every point on the political spectrum are responding. You can learn more about the Episcopal Church's national efforts on the Bishops United Against Gun Violence Facebook page.

If you are interested in being part of EDOW's ministry of solidarity and hospitality, please let us know. Plans are still fluid, but we will keep you informed each step of the way.

It's a privilege and great responsibility to be present and awake at pivotal moments like these. I give thanks for the young people who are leading the way.

Learn more on opportunities and information related to March for Our Lives.

Author: The Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde

#### 2018 Lenten Rice Bowl Recipient

A Lenten tradition since the tenure of Rector Bill Smalley (1970-1980), your offering, placed in the wooden bowl in the font as you come forward for Communion, goes toward an outreach ministry. Typically, we alternate between local and domestic or international causes. This year the Rice Bowl offering goes to Gaithersburg HELP, an agency that provides material support to struggling residents of all kinds. Ascension's food offering goes to the HELP food pantry on Muddy Branch Rd. Parish member Melanie Mitchell has been heavily involved with HELP board for many years. Former Rector Joe Clark served two terms as president of the HELP board.

#### **Prison Ministry**

Bubba Pflantzbaum has been writing to an inmate in Cumberland for about 10 years, providing friendship and access to information. His name is Jim, and he may be released in the next year or so. Jim is always looking for people to correspond with, so if you are interested in getting involved with this ministry, please email Bubba at bubbashalom@gmail.com

#### **VESTRY MINUTES**

#### **January 28, 2018**

PRESENT: The Rev. Randy Lord-Wilkinson, Senior Warden Betsy Hasegawa, Junior Warden Janet King, Rose Buck, Gordon Donnelly, Meredith Horan, Avin Lalmansingh, Gary McLaughlin, Zadinga Ogada, Luis Pedron, John Pruessner, Berenice Rodriguez. No members were absent. Special guests in attendance: Matthew Watson, Rev. Terri Murphy.

The meeting opened at 1:30 with Bible study; the business meeting began at 2:00.

Prior to consideration of the Consent Agenda, Betsy asked that two New Business items be addressed at the beginning of the meeting to accommodate guests in attendance. The Vestry concurred.

Eagle Scout Project: Ascension parishioner Matthew Watson presented his proposal for renovating, refurbishing, and painting Room 2 for his Eagle Scout project. Matthew reviewed the project overview with the Vestry, including time line, materials needed, and options for the project. Matthew also asked a series of questions about budget, use of the classroom, and other details to guide planning. The Treasurer noted that there is current \$127.33 in the Eagle Scout Restricted Reserve Fund that is available as seed money. After further discussion, John moved that the Vestry approve the project and give Matthew permission to proceed, Avin seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Presentation on Safety and Security: The Rev. Terri Murphy, Deacon and Director of Religious Education at Ascension Silver Spring, shared information with the Vestry on planning for safety issues in parishes and steps that the Vestry may want to consider. While mass casualty events generate the most attention, fires, natural disasters, and other emergencies are far more common and require consideration, as well. Rev. Murphy suggested that Ascension create a security team and invite key officials from the Montgomery County Police and Fire and Rescue to meet with the security team to help conduct a safety and security review to identify Ascension's top needs. Gary moved that Ascension form such a team, Gordon seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Avin moved that the consent agenda be adopted as presented. Meredith seconded the motion, and it passed.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Sunday School Teacher Report:** Gordon presented an overview of the report submitted by Megan Didavi. He noted the need to discuss the schedule for the 2018-

2019 program year, and whether the schedule should remain the same or not. Polling parents and/or speaking with them individually or as a group are being considered. Gordon will keep the Vestry posted on further developments.

Search for Music Minister: John reported that there have been two interviews with prospective candidates held thus far, with another scheduled. The position is still being advertised through the American Guild of Organists and applications will be accepted through the end of February. The search committee hopes to have interviews with more candidates in addition to the ones already scheduled.

Pledge Campaign Update: Avin noted that (as of the date of the Vestry meeting), the pledge campaign had resulted in 164 pledges, totaling \$368,728. He reported that the campaign is now considered closed. Looking ahead, the needs and roles for volunteers in tracking and reporting on pledges collected will be examined as part of future planning.

**Vestry Candidates:** The Vestry went over the status of phone calls and contacts with new prospective members, who had accepted the invitation to run for Vestry, and additional calls that still needed to be made. The group also discussed the status of candidates for delegates and an alternate for Diocesan convention.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Fundraising by the Spanish-Language Congregation: Javier reported on a number of ideas that our fellow congregants have discussed, as well as dates when these fundraising events may take place. Questions were asked about the goals for the activities, with an understanding that the ultimate purpose for the funds would be decided prior to the events being held. In the meantime, Javier will work with Lin Keene to reserve the dates on the church calendar and report back to the Vestry as plans take further shape.

One Ascension Sunday: The Vestry discussed options for the next One Ascension Sunday service and decided that the service would be help on Palm Sunday, March 25, and would serve as the send-off Randy. Plans will be made for the luncheon afterward using Ascension's usual networks for doing so.

**Upcoming Town Hall Meeting:** Vestry members shared thoughts for the town hall meeting to be held on February 11, including topics to cover, what Randy would address.

Washer-Dryer for Ascension House: Javier has obtained two estimates for the electrical and plumbing work needed to install the washer-dryer. He will obtain a third estimate,

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and then information will be shared with the Vestry and a vote on proceeding will be held by e-mail.

#### **OPEN MIC**

Janet presented information on the kinds of "escript" programs local grocery stores offer, and it was decided by mutual consent not to pursue. about the reorganization of the classrooms; Randy said it would be complete and ready on 1/7/18.

John reported on the need to repair the flashing on the rear entrance and other related needs. That led to a discussion of security for Ascension's entryways. Information is still being gathered and will be part of the safety and security review discussed earlier in the meeting.

Betsy went over dates for the parish annual meeting, which will be on March 4, with the Vestry retreat to be held March 9-10. Given that Palm Sunday falls on the fourth Sunday in March, the Vestry's March meeting will be on March 18.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 3:45 p.m., Betsy moved that the meeting be adjourned and the Vestry continue in Executive Session to discuss personnel issues and the hiring of a Priest in Charge or Interim Rector for Ascension when Randy retires. Gary seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Holland, Clerk Pro tem

#### **Worship Roster**

The next worship roster is underway, for the second three months of 2018. If you have any dates you are not available, please email let Sari know by e-mail at sari.stoddard@verizon.net.

Thank you to all who assist in our services

#### April Ascendant

Please e-mail Eleni Hailu by Friday, March 23, if you have anything for the December Ascendant at comm@ascensionmd.org. Thank you!

## **PARISH FINANCES**

#### **Budget Development and Implementation**



We have completed the review of 2017 financial information, and in particular, examining the December and year-end figures that we received from Prime!Books, our accounting firm. We are working with Lin Keene to prepare the materials needed for the parish annual meeting on March 4, 2018, along with what's needed for the annual Diocesan parochial report.

In addition, we continue to develop the 2018 budget based on projected expenses for the year, along with the income expected based on the results of the pledge campaign and other income sources. As part of developing the budget, we are working closely with our Wardens and Vestry to provide estimates for personnel costs, including estimates for clergy support once Randy retires on April 1.

Relatedly, we took part in a meeting with Stephen Gibson on February 6, 2018. Steve is a member of Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, in Bethesda, MD, and has been designated by the Diocese as a resource person to work with Ascension on our 2018 budget. We reviewed our budget development activities to date and talked with him, in particular, about the Diocese's clergy compensation guidelines.

#### January Financials

Total income for January was \$80,853. Ascension received \$4,747 in plate receipts and \$42,723 in pledge income. Both are higher than usual for most Januarys and reflect very robust giving during the early part of the month. In addition, the Miscellaneous Unrestricted Income line reflects additional Diocesan support for Ascension during our current time of transition.

For January, our total expenses were \$36,638. Most expense categories were at or below expected levels for the month. Expenses for Salary & Benefits on the Executive Summary report reflect the net difference in those expenses after the support we're receiving from the Diocese was applied. Our Facilities expenses were high at \$11,465, but not unusual for January.

We had positive net income for January of \$44,215 based on the income and expenses figures just described.

Finally, the Treasurer's Report shows that the balance in the Endowment Fund stands at \$311,764 as of January 31, 20189. Our Unrestricted Cash Reserves were at \$98,106 as of month's end. In addition, with the continued donations that we have received, we now have \$46,316 in the Facilities Reserve Fund.

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"We are ambassadors who represent Christ." - 2 Corinthians 5:20

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#### **Sunday Services**

7:45 a.m.—Holy Eucharist

"Meditative" service, no music - Main Church
9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Classic sacred music of the Church accompanied by Choir
and Organ—Main Church

10:15 a.m.—Eucharist for Young Children and Families

Storytelling of the Gospel with children's songs—Chapel
11:00 a.m.—Eucharist in Spanish

Songs and prayers in Spanish—Chapel
11:15 a.m.—Holy Eucharist

Modern Music and liturgy accompanied by
instrumental ensemble—Main Church
5:00 p.m.—Contemplative Eucharist—Chapel