

The View from St. Chad's

September 2016

Wardens' Words

September brings so many changes to New Mexico—the fragrance of roasted chili in the air, a softer and cooler feeling to the mornings, and for the Vestry September is the beginning of *Parish Budget Season*. It's not as fun as football season but for a number nerd like me, it's one of the best times of year!

I hosted an Adult Christian Formation discussion about the parish budget on Aug. 14th. I want to share some of the highlights of my presentation and some of the questions and concerns we discussed.



The main reason I presented an overview of the St. Chad's budget was to share information about how the Vestry administers your pledges. An important duty of a vestry member is the fiduciary responsibility for the financial operations of the parish. This is a responsibility that each Vestry member takes very seriously. We know how hard each of us works to earn the money that is pledged to the ministries of St. Chad's. We use great care when developing the budget each year.

Our by-laws require us to have a balanced budget. We're one of a handful of congregations in the Diocese with such a requirement. I think that sets St. Chad's apart as another great example of how to do things well. Ninety percent (90%) of the revenues for our budget come from your pledges. This makes it very important for each member who gives on a regular basis to complete a pledge card. The Vestry uses the pledge card information to build the operating budget.

Here are some of the questions and comments that came up at the August 14 discussion:

** We plan to budget for a new rector in 2017. Will the budget include funding for an assisting priest? Will the assisting priest be full-time or part-time?*

- The Vestry believes that our budget needs to provide funds for a full-time assisting priest but we won't know the new rector's plans until that

person is onboard.

** The budget needs to be developed as a plan for not just 2017 but for next 3, 5, and maybe 10 years. Where do we want to be as a congregation in the next 3, 5, or 10 years?*

** St. Chad's contributes 13% of revenues, less the amount of our Outreach ministries, to the Diocese as our Fair Share. Is this reasonable and can we be sure that the Diocese is prudent in its budget process also?*

- I can't speak to the Diocesan operations specifically, but in my former role as a Diocesan Assistant Treasurer, I participated in the budget process. I feel confident that the Diocesan staff and officers, like St. Chad's Vestry, are thoughtful stewards of our contributions.

** Are there any concerns about current budget?*

- Some ministries at St. Chad's rely on donations and contributions to help offset the total costs of the ministry. For example, the budget includes funds to help pay for the cost of our wonderful weekly breakfast. We also rely on folks to contribute a goodwill offering to help pay for the food and supplies. If the goodwill offerings fall short, we might have to find other budget resources to support this valuable ministry. Eileen Simpson has more information about the Breakfast fellowship in the newsletter (*page 3*).

The Vestry will compile a draft budget during October to review at our November meeting. We'll continue to fine-tune the budget after most of the pledge cards are received following Consecration Sunday on October 23. The final draft of the budget will be reviewed by the Vestry at its January meeting. The budget will be presented to the congregation for review and approval at the Annual Parish Meeting in late January 2017.

The most important thing to remember about the budget is that it is the congregation's budget. The Vestry needs your input and feedback so that we can prepare a budget that reflects where God is calling our faith community. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns—thank you! *Cindy Frost*

Mother Jan's Corner

As we enter a new phase in our rector search, I ask for your prayers for this hard working team as they begin to receive letters of interest and formal applications. I pray also that the heart of the person whom God has chosen as our new rector be moved to apply...sooner rather than later. I look forward to meeting that person! I pray God's blessings for the search committee.

When September comes we anticipate the fall and new beginnings. School has started, routines begun, and I ask that you consider adding a set time to praise God and worship together. Perhaps it is simply saying the Lord's Prayer in the car on the way to work or school or taking a little longer to pray over a meal. You might consider asking the question, "Where did you encounter God today?" and then wait for the surprises!

I am pleased to be the Diocesan Chaplain for the Daughters of the King and attended the annual assembly in Silver City last month. Here is the motto of the group—a good reminder for us all.

The Motto of the Daughters of the King

FOR HIS SAKE...

I am but 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?



Thanks to all of you for your amazing ministries and all of the work you do in God's name through St. Chad's. We are indeed transforming lives both within and outside our walls.

For His Sake!

Mother Jan Hosea+

Contemporary Holy Eucharist

September 10th and 24th
5 pm



Join us on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month for a contemporary Holy Eucharist service.



Sunday Adult Christian Formation

Join Joe Allotta & Rosalie Rice in the choir room 9:15-9:45 am to study *Women of the Gospel*.

La Vida Lena Bible Study

Mondays, 1 pm

Join us in the conference room by the front desk for a study of Romans. All are welcome!

Tuesday Bible Study

10-11 am

Join Paul and Carol Brocard in the choir room for a study of Ezekiel. Invite friends and neighbors!



Mugs with the Madre

Tuesday, Sept. 27th, 7:30 am

Join Mother Jan for a *Faith Time* at The Egg & I on Montgomery/Louisiana. All are welcome!

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Sunday Fellowship



Breakfast after the Sunday services has been a staple at St. Chad's for nearly 13 years. Begun by John Conn, it has become one of the top three things that parishioners like about St. Chad's. John Conn is still preparing breakfast every other week, but that will soon be reduced for a well-deserved rest as Maureen "Mo" MacReady leads the breakfast preparation once a month. The other Sunday breakfasts are prepared by the various committees and organizations at St. Chad's. We are blessed to have so many people to prepare the meals on Sunday morning.

If you wish to be part of Mo's regular team, please contact Mo (mlisi@onegreatchef.com) or Eileen Simpson. Mo needs people to help her prepare food, set up, serve, and clean up.

Originally the cost of preparing breakfast was to be covered by the donations parishioners gave as they went through the buffet line. But, like many reoccurring events, the original intent got lost along the way. Part of this is due to the normal attrition of St. Chad's parishioners. Many members who were here thirteen years ago are no longer on our roster and many new folks have joined us.

All labor and many foods are donated. In order to help sustain the effort of buying food to prepare the meal, we are asking folks to consider leaving a donation as you go through the breakfast line. Suggested donations are \$2.50 for an individual and \$5 for a family. Where else can you go out to breakfast and get a meal for this price?! Please know that we welcome everyone regardless of their ability to contribute. This is a great time for meeting friends and welcoming guests at St. Chad's. Thank you for your help in keeping the breakfast ministry alive!

Eileen Simpson

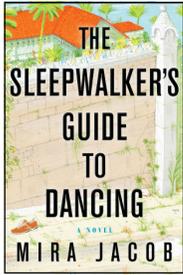
Outreach News

Saranam: Last Sunday was a special time for Saranam. It was the Open House for supporters and volunteers to view the ten apartments readied for their new families. The families will be moving in during the next two weeks. The mission of Saranam is to empower homeless families to end their homelessness and poverty through housing, education, and a supportive community. With education and personal Development, vocational development, job placement and support and independent living, the families progress to self-sufficiency and independence. This is accomplished in an apartment complex owned by Saranam. The complex provides a community of common interests and support. One of the apartments is now the "schoolhouse" used for parent and children education, tutoring, and counseling. Over the last ten years, 73% of the families have successfully completed the program. Of these families, 100% remain stable after one year. **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** There are many ways to participate and one of the most exciting is helping in the school. The director is looking for volunteers who can spare any amount of time to help. For information, contact Betty Kopke or Salley Schwartz.

Bean Can Donations: Donations have Rebounded—the Bean Angels reenergized them. The goal of \$1,000 in summer donations has been far exceeded. THANK YOU! Now, between the two Bean Angels, another \$1,000 will be going into the Bean Can. Let's keep the momentum going so we can exceed last year's donation and help feed even more families.

Habitat for Humanity Unity Build—St. Chad's is signed up to help with the build on **November 5th**. We will be working on the house and serving lunch for the workers. Mark your calendars and come out to help a family with their new home. The sign-up sheet is on the outreach bulletin board.

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Book Club

Meets at 2 pm on Monday, Sept. 12th, at the home of Mary Kircher (856-2716) to discuss *The Sleepwalker's Guide to Dancing* by Mira Jacob.

September Birthdays

- 1 Ali Payne
- 5 Jim Wilder
- 7 Jim Frost
- 11 Angel Chambers
- 13 Earl Tarble
- 14 Bennett Weems
- 15 Norm Stahulak
- 17 Gerry Holmes
- 20 Frank Eggert
Paul Long
Isabel Orem
Lauren McHale
- 21 Ben Allbright
J. D. Boyadjian
Tina Orem
Rich Simpson
- 25 Jeff Degener
- 26 Beverly Eckel
- 27 Margaret Edwards
- 28 Orion Hill
- 29 Carolyn Sinwell

September Anniversaries

- 6 Lee & Elizabeth Allbright
- 16 Bill & Briana Ross
- 20 Jim & Sue Wilder
- 27 Chet & Ruth Mills
- 28 Homer & Veronica Dale

If your Birthday or Anniversary is not on this list or the date is incorrect, please contact the church office.

Music Director Change



We send a heartfelt THANKS! to Renato (Rene) Estacio for his service as our Music Director. He stepped down at the end of August. Rene's energy and love for choral music have been a blessing to the choir and his deep spirituality has made a profound difference in our worship services.

Ellen Liu, our Organist, is stepping up as the new Music Director. We look forward to the joyful music she and the choir will share each week and her continued enthusiastic organ music.

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Individual Outreach Efforts: We are collecting information on the outreach efforts of individuals and groups, including projects by the children and youth, who are extending St. Chad's service to others. Please advise us of your activities by filling out a form provided on the ushers' table in the narthex and placing the completed form in the provided box. The information will be summarized and at the end of the year shared with the Parish in a report on what we are doing to fulfill our outreach mission. If you prefer, you do not need to sign the form. There is also room on the form for suggesting new community service outlets that our parish might embrace.

Questionnaire: In the near future, we will be sending out a questionnaire seeking information on your preferences for St. Chad's outreach efforts. Please take a moment and share your thoughts.

Thanks for helping provide the platform for continuing and growing our opportunities to be God's hands. If you have any questions or comments please contact any of your outreach committee members.

Larry Bost

Tool talk **Building & Grounds**

Church Safety and Security: Please check in and out with Sara or Mother Jan when working or doing activities at the church during the day. Please inform them when you arrive, what you'll be doing, and when you expect to leave. This is not only for their safety and security, but for your safety, too. What if something happens... a slip, a fall, or Lord forbid something worse...and no one knew you were at the church? When you leave, please let them know you are leaving and please remember to pick up after yourself, turn off the lights, and close and lock doors. Let's be mindful of staff safety and security, the church's security, as well as everyone else's safety at St. Chad's.

Columbaria Project: I am happy to report good progress is being made. We have selected three manufacturers and have requested detailed bids and renderings of the wall-mounted columbaria. We are also working with landscaping companies to develop the Memory Courtyard where the columbaria will be located. We envision a 20'x30' low-walled courtyard with benches, trees for shade, and some planters for flowers to make this an inviting and peaceful location. We have also developed a Columbaria Policy and Procedures document to govern the columbaria. All this information will be forthcoming within the next few months.

Budget Prep: As one year comes to an end, we must prepare for the next. There are a couple of things I hope to establish for the budget not only for next year, but for the future too. I will be looking at options to expand the work of the custodial service we currently use to clean the church or look for another service provider. There are a few things in the church that need periodic cleaning but are not covered in the current custodial contract. I will assess what the costs may be if we add more items or perhaps a second visit by the custodian to address some additional areas. Of course, this could be offset

by a small handful of volunteers who could graciously donate their time and talent once a month, or every other month, to help keep the Church looking its best!

Another budget item I hope to establish is a long-term maintenance fund. As some point, water heaters don't heat, swamp coolers rust out, and the furnace stops heating. These are important things no one really notices until they stop doing what they are supposed to do. What I propose is a targeted fund to specifically budget for replacing high cost items such as the furnace. If we dedicate and save funds for this over a couple of years, less impact is made on the budget because we planned it and don't have to tap into contingency funds.

I'll work closely with the Senior Warden, the Vestry, the treasurer, and, of course, you to put this plan in place.

Fall Clean Up: It's that time of the year! Come join your fellow parishioners spruce up the church. As we get closer to October we will announce the exact date and time. Refreshments will be provided.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

*Gunnar Mutz, Junior Warden
Building and Grounds Committee*

Computer Club

Saturday, Sept. 10th, 9-11 am

Join us the second Saturday of each month. This month's meeting will cover updates of Windows 10: what options to turn off, a quick how to, and some fun free Apps via Windows Store presented by Bill; then a presentation by Paul Apodaca on security for Windows. Donuts and coffee will be available. **Warning:** do not attend these presentations alone...bring a friend!



Children's Ministry

Every new school year brings changes, adjustments and surprises. That's true also for our new children's Christian Formation school year. We have a large group of kids who have just entered fifth and sixth grades. The fifth graders have a decision to make: are they ready to step up and accept a more mature style of learning about God and God's Word? With this movement towards maturity, our Youth Sunday School now has a lot more participants and needs more help. Dona Ace has faithfully led this class alone since January, and we need volunteers there to assist her. Might this be something you are called to do? If so, please talk with Dona, Leslea Lehoucq, or sign up on one of the copies of the Youth Sunday School volunteer sheet on the Christian formation bulletin board or in the youth room. The time of spiritual transition these young people are going through is so very important along with the other big changes they face at this stage in their lives.

These youth from 5th grade up also have another opportunity: they are now old enough to participate in the Diocese Youth Group events that are hosted by different churches in the diocese. Our city-wide vacation Bible school in July successfully brought together a lot of kids from age 3 up through high school. Let's keep the energy going of getting to know

other kids in the diocese. The first event will be Sunday, September 11th, 5-7 pm at the Cathedral for a *Pokemon Go*-themed event called *Youth Group on the Go*. Join us—we can work out a carpool if that is helpful.



Looking forward into the fall, we have many exciting things for all our young people. On Sunday, October 2nd, we will remember St. Francis in our lesson and also make treats for the animal visitors that will come to St. Chad's that afternoon for Blessing of the Animals. We will likely also have an outing to PetSmart to deliver some treats.

Sunday, October 9th, is our next youth-led Sunday. I especially want our musicians to be thinking about what they might play or sing for that morning so we have plenty of time to prepare. Please let me know if your child would like to share some special music with the congregation.

Blessings to all who walk with these young people in their journey with Christ!

Leslea Lehoucq



TREASURER'S CORNER

As of July 31, 2016

	2016 Actual YTD	Annual Budget	% Annual Budget	2015 Actual YTD	Change
Income					
Offerings	214,371	341,648		231,626	(17,255)
Other	1,372	2,750		1,425	(53)
Total Income	215,743	344,398	62.64%	233,051	(17,308)
Expenses					
Operations	49,435	143,572		46,205	3,230
Ministries	119,310	200,826		160,540	(41,230)
Total Expenses	168,745	344,398	49.00%	206,745	(38,000)

St. Chad's Episcopal Church

September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 11:00 am Holy Eucharist @ La Vida Liena 12:00 pm Healing Holy Eucharist 4:00 pm Bible Study	2	3
4 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Adult Christian Formation 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Come to the Cross 10:00 am Youth Sunday School	5 Office Closed 5:00 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	6 Mother Jean Vacation Vestry Reports Due 10:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Stewardship 7:00 pm Rector Search Committee	7 Mother Jean Vacation 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	8 Mother Jean Vacation 11:00 am Holy Eucharist @ Montebello 12:00 pm Holy Eucharist 6:30 pm Cibola Search and Rescue	9 Mother Jean Vacation	10 Mother Jean Vacation 9:00 am Computer Club 5:00 pm Contemporary Holy Eucharist
11 Mother Jean Vacation 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Adult Christian Formation 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Come to the Cross 10:00 am Youth Sunday School 5:00 pm All-City Youth Event	12 Mother Jean Vacation 1:00 pm La Vida Liena Bible Study 2:00 pm Book Club 5:00 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	13 Mother Jean Vacation 10:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Vestry Meeting 7:00 pm Rector Search Committee	14 Mother Jean Vacation 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	15 Mother Jean Vacation Newsletter Deadline 12:00 pm Holy Eucharist 12:00 pm Foundation Board Meeting	16 Mother Jean Vacation	17 Mother Jean Vacation 7:30 am Brotherhood of St. Andrew 9:00 am Hockey Ref Training
18 Mother Jean Vacation 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Adult Christian Formation 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Come to the Cross 10:00 am Youth Sunday School	19 Mother Jean Vacation 1:00 pm La Vida Liena Bible Study 5:00 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	20 Mother Jean Vacation 10:00 am Bible Study 7:00 pm Rector Search Committee	21 Mother Jean Vacation 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	22 Mother Jean Vacation 12:00 pm Holy Eucharist	23 Mother Jean Vacation	24 Mother Jean Vacation 10:00 am Daughters of the King 5:00 pm Contemporary Holy Eucharist
25 Mother Jean Vacation 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Adult Christian Formation 10:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Come to the Cross 10:00 am Youth Sunday School	26 Mother Jean Vacation 1:00 pm La Vida Liena Bible Study 5:00 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	27 Mother Jean Vacation Clergy Conference 7:30 am Mugs with the Madre 10:00 am Bible Study 1:30 pm Knutty Knitters 5:30 pm Building & Grounds 7:00 pm Rector Search Committee	28 Clergy Conference 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	29 Clergy Conference 12:00 pm Holy Eucharist	30	

Room Codes	
Choir Room	CR
Come to Cross	CTC
Commons	C
Kitchen	K
Meeting Room	M
Miscellaneous	
Off Site	Gray
Sanctuary	S
Youth Room	Y

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Imagine the Future with God's Abundance!
Stewardship Celebration Sunday

*Our Celebration will be Sunday, October 23.
Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for a
celebration of God's Abundance with an in gathering
of pledges for 2017 and a special luncheon served
after the 10:00 service.*