



2017
ANNUAL REPORT

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RECTOR'S REPORT

Submitted by the Rev'd Jay MacLeod

Having suggested to church leaders and committee chairs that annual reports can be distilled to two paragraphs, I'm struggling! The list of people to thank fills two pages. And so instead of a comprehensive report, I share the year's first and final moments.

On New Year's morning our congregations borrowed from the Methodist Covenant Service crafted by John Wesley in 1755. As your priest and pastor, I bid you to remember God's goodness and grace and to commit yourselves in return to God. "Christ has many services to be done: some are easy, others are difficult; some bring honor, others bring reproach; some are suitable to our natural inclinations and material interests, others are contrary to both; in some we may please Christ and please ourselves; in others we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves." Those who arrived at church expecting light fare on New Year's Day soon realized that they were being served a stout brew! You responded with this corporate prayer to God: "I am no longer my own but yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for you or laid aside for you; let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing; I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal." This is both a surrender to, and a trust in, God. It's a daring, even dangerous, prayer. And I'm pleased to report that what transpired at St. Andrew's Church in 2017 testifies to your devotion and discipleship — the covenant prayer was not just spoken with our lips but made manifest in our lives.

On 31 December 2017 forty-one people experienced God's grace at the summit of Sunapee in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Not one of you was there. That's an important point because it testifies to our transformation into a mission-shaped church that lives not for itself but for others. That's good news for El Hogar students in Honduras, for Dr. Moise Faisson and her patients in Haiti, for inner city kids in Boston, and for Thrift Store customers, Friendly Kitchen frequenters, and folks in Newport. Good News for them, and for us.

CURATE'S REPORT

Submitted by the Rev'd Kelly Sundberg Seaman

As this report is published, you've already sent your former curate on her way, and a new year has begun for the Church of St. Andrew. Thinking back on 2017, I'm particularly grateful for St. Andrews' continuing engagement with the work and worship centered at Epiphany Newport. Thank you to those who volunteer with 4H and UpBeat, and who join in the Saturday evening service. Particular thanks to the folks who pitched in with the renovation of Epiphany's worship space. I pray that the connection between Epiphany and St. Andrews continues to deepen.

Other highlights? We launched an Education for Ministry (EfM) group, and completed a year's worth of readings, discussions, and ponderings. I presided at the Mountaintop Mass exactly once, taking the chairlift up Mt Sunapee, and back down again afterwards. (I know there are folks among you who are disappointed that you didn't get me back on skis while I was your curate.) We had a vestry retreat that produced a Mission Action Plan complete with measurable actions and goals. The parish prayer list is now in Marni Eaton's able care. I was grateful for the change in worship schedules that did away with hurrying off to Newport most Sundays for a 10 am service there. It was a joy to be more present to the 10 am congregation in New London these last few months.

Mostly, though, as I review my 2017 calendar, what emerges is a picture of a healthy parish being a parish: worshipping, day in and day out; funerals and baptisms; coffee hours and craft

groups, the parish hall full of toddlers playing or seniors singing... or one of the most collegial and effective vestries I've been a part of meeting to guide this remarkable church.

That's the story of 2017 I hold up to you, a glimpse of God's kingdom: gathering to pray and praise God, to eat and to play and to learn to follow Jesus as we do; to enjoy each other's company, to care for each other, for our neighbors, and for creation—and to be honest when we fall short, and ask forgiveness of God and each other.

And thank you for the beginning you gave me in my life as priest and pastor. My time with you was a gift and a blessing. You all remain in my prayers, and I am so eager to see where the Spirit leads you next. *Kelly+*

WARDENS' REPORT

Submitted by Becky Rylander and Bruce Avery

We've had another busy year at St. Andrew's continuing our outreach projects, participating in stimulating worship, caring for our buildings, and enjoying each other. We were sorry to say good-bye to some of our friends, but happy to welcome others and fold them into our community.

Here is a recap of some things that were new in 2017:

- In an effort to focus on our mission, your vestry created a "Mission Action Plan" to set some specific goals in the areas of nurturing the faithful, forming new disciples, serving our neighbors, and stewarding our resources. Some of the goals will require a monetary commitment, but others rely on volunteer efforts.
- During 2017, we were happy to support Epiphany Newport as they revamped their worship space and style of worship to make it more vibrant and welcoming. The work on building their congregation will continue into 2018.
- In the fall, we hosted our first service for first responders to thank them and recognize their work—often in dangerous circumstances—on our behalf. Those who accepted our invitation—some of whom showed up in a fire truck!—were appreciative. Our only regret was that not more of us were present to enjoy the service and greet the first responders.
- We now have a high school youth group, under the guidance of Lisa and Bill Kelly, that is meeting regularly.

Our Curate of Sunapee, Kelly Sundberg Seaman, was a vibrant and vital part of our worship and work. We congratulate her on her new calling in Plymouth and Ashland, but she will certainly be missed. We are grateful that the guidance she provided has equipped us to carry on in her absence.

It has been our pleasure to serve. As Becky steps down, we welcome Marni Eaton as our new warden and look forward to another exciting year at St. Andrew's as we all continue *learning to follow Jesus in the way of love!*

TREASURER'S REPORT
Submitted by Peter Ruth, Treasurer

I am pleased to report that 2017 has been a strong year for St. Andrews. Our income increased 12% following good years in 2016 & 2015. Our operating expenses were under budget, and only 6% over last year.

We were able to establish a financial reserve of 50K which is earning a healthy return in the Diocesan Investment fund at Bank of America.

We begin 2018 in a strong financial position thanks to the support of our members, and the sound advice of our vestry & finance committee.

As of December 31, 2017

Operating Funds (Bar Harbor checking)	\$ 111,193
Money Market Fund (Capital One)	\$ 42,431

As of December 31, 2017

Bank of America Diocesan Investment Fund:	
Jane Graham Memorial Music Fund	\$ 98,053
St. Andrews Endowment Fund	\$528,624
St. Andrews Reserve Fund	\$ 56,006

2017 Annual Treasurer's Report			
	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income	2017	2017	2016
Pledges	395,360	388,918	379,259
Donations & Contributions	76,061	61,500	67,018
Investment Income	29,867	29,600	29,300
Fair & Bazaar	9,952	11,000	11,625
Grants	16,799	25,600	8,950
Epiphany	23,177	15,549	0
Misc.	<u>2,996</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,610</u>
Total	554,212	534,167	498,762
Expenditures			
Salaries	244,102	237,856	234,113
Benefits	100,852	103,211	87,547
Diocesan Fair Share	70,866	70,000	67,089
Building & Grounds	55,319	70,800	68,775
Outreach & Programs	38,819	39,750	31,408
Accountant	4,683	4,250	4,082
Publicity	5,266	5,000	5,201
Misc.	<u>2,295</u>	<u>3,300</u>	<u>4,307</u>
Total	522,202	534,167	502,522
Capital Improvement (air conditioning) is not recorded in the operating expense	15,954		

MUSIC at ST. ANDREW'S

Submitted by David L. Almond, Director of Music

The Music Program at St. Andrew's continues to support worship and mission in this church gathered in Christ's Name. The Parish Choir serves at Eucharist each Sunday at 10am, September through early June. The choir sings to the glory God and brings God's Word to his people through song.

Each Thursday evening, 7-8:30, the Parish Choir meets to rehearse and prepare music for worship. The members of the choir warm up on Sunday mornings at 9:15 for Eucharist at 10. The choir maintains a good balance of voices in the various sections. The singers are developing a cohesive sound that is both full and expressive. Choir members are to be commended for working diligently at their craft. It is both a duty and a delight to work with them.

Currently, these are the members of the Parish Choir.

Sopranos: Milah Allison, Linda Barnes, Bobbie Hambley, Becky Rylander,
and Sue Venable,

Altos: Joan Ebbeson, Jeanne Edwards, Nina Rogers, and Mary Shepard

Tenors: Kathi Almond, Jeffrey Couturier, Donald Cox, Debbie Hunt,
and Carolyn Reynolds

Basses: David Marshall, Michael Todd, and Chuck Thompson

Jennifer Giles, soprano, leads *a capella* singing at the 8am Eucharist. She and Sally Asher lead the *Music and Memory* program on Wednesday mornings.

The Parish Choir also participates in the annual cycle of Ecumenical Services hosted by four of churches in New London. On Ash Wednesday we worship at Our Lady of Fatima. The Passion according to St. John was read at St. Andrew's on Good Friday with special music for the choirs and Nicole Densmore, flute, composed by David Almond. In September, the Parish Choir sang in the Service of Remembrance at Kearsarge Community Presbyterian Church and participated in the annual Service of Lessons and Carols at First Baptist Church in December.

At Christmas, Holy Week, Easter and Pentecost the Choir provides special music. In October, we celebrated the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. The choir, Nicole, and the congregation joined in a festival setting of Psalm 46 by contemporary American composer, K. Lee Scott. This extended anthem incorporated Martin Luther's hymn, "A mighty Fortress". On Christmas Eve, the Choir and recorder players Helen Wickham and Joan Ebbeson performed the *Christmas Cantata* by Vincent Luebeck.

Nicole and David continue to collaborate on the music for Eucharist at 10am. They have premiered several new pieces for flute and piano or organ this year. They regularly support the hymn singing with flute descants. We are blessed to have Nicole with us.

New singers and players, young and old, are invited to lend their talent to our worship. If you would like to participate in music-making at St. Andrew's, please call David Almond at 526.2110 or email him at almondkc@gmail.com for more information.

ST ANDREW'S YOUTH MUSIC

Submitted by Nicole Densmore, Director of Youth Music

“There is no better time than now for children to learn global songs.” –John Bell.

One of the most enjoyable and effective ways of enabling children to grow into a global consciousness is to teach the songs from other countries. Each week the children learn a variety of music to share at the 10am All-age Eucharist on the first Sunday of each month. These children meet briefly before Sunday school, as well as for a full session on the last Sunday of each month and present a song to the congregation.

In 2017, our new youth choir program, *UpBeat*, saw tremendous growth in new members and new experiences. The number of participants in each term of *UpBeat* was as follows: Spring – 10 Summer – 22 Fall – 12

We drew many new families from New London and the surrounding towns to our church through their children's participation in music.

In August, St. Andrew's sponsored a special summer music program for young singers in the Lake Sunapee area. During this vibrant week-long day camp, Alison Adam, of the Iona Community, taught us 30 new multi-cultural songs. Alison shared her vision of equipping children *and* adults with musical skills to help enable them to thrive in life and to cope with the pressures of this world through song. Our little band of musicians, Susan Cancio-Bello from Epiphany, Newport, Jennifer Giles, Nicole, and David worked beside Alison Adam in a wonderful week of singing, learning, and devotion.

The children have had many personal successes in the *UpBeat* program. For some of them, this is their first opportunity to step up and perform in front of a group. They are learning how to share the light of love and tolerance through singing, bringing this message out into the world. This is right in line with the purpose of *UpBeat*: to help children flourish – musically, socially, emotionally and spiritually.

CRAFT GROUP REPORT

Submitted by Rosie Best and Barbara Smith

The craft group consists of Judy Ackroyd, Mary Bayerl, Clare Bennett, Rosie Best, Peg Daly, Leni Gillespie, Gail Goddard, June Liberman, Alice Perry, Gwen Place, Nina Rogers, Becky Rylander, Joanne Schuyler, Wendy Sloan, Barbara Smith, and Jackie Thompson. We meet on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 (starting again February 6, 2018) in the church Parish Hall and work on crafts projects to sell at the Summer and St. Nicholas fairs. Our efforts have been appreciated and rewarded by those attending these events each year. We welcome anyone who would like to join us for work, refreshments and fellowship.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Submitted by Jeanne and Morris Edwards, Co-chairs

The generosity of our parishioners, old and new, shone through once again in our 2018 stewardship campaign. Of the 157 pledges made by December 31 more than half were for higher amounts than the previous year. New members made their support felt with 17 pledges. Thus far, the campaign has raised \$383,738, or an average of \$2,468 per pledge.

Even so, we are still shy of our \$405,000 goal, mainly because there were 14 fewer pledgers this year than last. The shortfall is due mostly to members who are deceased or have moved away.

We have many to thank for their help with the stewardship campaign, starting with outgoing co-chairs Rink and Nonie Reynders, who provided valuable advice born of experience. Bruce Avery tracked the progress of the campaign and offered wise guidance, Shelly Boucher was a willing and able driving force in the office and Gail Goddard, Richard Haines and Charlie Tirrell were gracious in sharing their thoughts on stewardship in Ministry Moments at the 8 and 10 am services. Throughout the campaign Jay and Kelly were steadfast in their support. Thank you all.

First and foremost, though, the campaign reflected your recognition and appreciation of God's bounteous gifts to us and your gratitude for His benevolence. As a tangible expression of faith your giving will help to sustain our parish for the coming year, expand our outreach and support the missions and ministries that make St. Andrew's so special. All those whose lives will be touched by these missions and ministries join us in thanking you for your generous giving.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Harvey Best, Chairman

St. Andrew's Building and Grounds Committee had a number of accomplishments in 2017: We now have an air conditioned worship space. We continue to convert old lighting fixtures to economical, long-lasting LED equivalents. The parking area asphalt has been resealed and repainted. Have you noticed the motion-sensing lights and automatic paper dispenser in restroom? More to come in 2018...

Special thanks to volunteers: Chris Heyl, Mark Kellett and Nick Eaton

GARDEN & LANDSCAPING

Submitted by Mary Eysenbach

This was a year of consolidation of last year's efforts. Most of the new plantings have done well despite some deer browsing in the front garden and the Memorial Garden. Ample rain in the spring gave us a healthy new lawn in the west side areas recently cleared of brush and grapevines. The hedge of the Memorial Garden got a professional pruning and the bare ground got more myrtle and thyme. The Thrift Shop garden is now mostly myrtle for low maintenance and greenery all year.

At Old St. Andrew's some invasive shrubs were removed, and the overgrown walkway cleaned. Harvey Best reset the frost-moved stones at the entrance. The side and back, cleared of dense brush last year, was weed-whacked by Harvey to keep open.

As usual, thanks are due to many: the reliable waterers, Jeanne and Morris Edwards, Gail Goddard, Ginny Rogers, the Thrift Shop crew, and especially Loa Winters for watering at OSA all summer. Also the heavy duty haulers and helpers: Mark Kellet and Harvey Best. For anyone forgotten my apologies.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Submitted by Ellen Yenawine

Our 2017-2018 Sunday-school year began on September 10 when we learned about the “Unforgiving Servant.” We are still using our Whirl curriculum, with materials that are lectionary-based, relevant for all ages, and help us learn to follow Jesus in our daily lives and address the questions and challenges of living out our faith. It is helpful to engage with the same topics in Sunday School as the adults address in church services.

Sunday School classes meet on the second, third, and, in April only, the fourth Sunday of the month through June. When Sunday School is in session, children typically leave the worship service at the end of the Gloria or first hymn and proceed downstairs where they sing with Nicole then join in the Collect before going to their respective Sunday-school classes. The younger group is composed of children in kindergarten through third grade, while the older group includes children from fourth grade up and any children not yet confirmed. We have excellent, experienced teachers on board for both groups. Both teachers and shepherds have completed or are in the process of completing the required Safe Church training. The children in 7th and 8th grades who are not yet confirmed are encouraged to join the older class or help out with the younger children as “shepherds-in-training.” Children in preschool and younger go to the Nursery where care is available at both the 8am and 10am services.

On the fourth (or fifth) Sundays of the month, Nicole Densmore, our Director of Youth Music, rehearses with the children in preparation for the music/singing that is part of the all-age worship on the first Sunday of each month. She is an extraordinarily gifted teacher, musician, and singer and works her magic with the children whenever they practice or perform. Nicole also directs the Upbeat Youth choir; members rehearse weekly and lead us in song at our Advent and Christmas services.

The children enjoyed the Whirl Advent and Christmas curriculum and participated enthusiastically in our Epiphany pageant on January 7th. We will continue with the rest of the Epiphany materials through February 11th then move into studies related to Lent and Easter.

Our Sunday-school staff now includes:

Curriculum Manager: Marni Eaton

Coordinator: Ellen Yenawine

Music Ministry: Nicole Densmore

Teachers:

- Karen Zurheide, Theresa Quinn, and Ellen Yenawine (older group)
- Martha Barron-Greenwood, Robin Berube, Janet Heyl, Theresa Quinn (younger group)
- Linda Potter and Jennifer Giles are substitute teachers
- Emmy Potter is our “teacher in training”

Subs:

- Marni Eaton (younger)
- Linda Potter (older)

FAITH ADVENTURES

Submitted by Ellen Yenawine

For our 2016-2017 gatherings, our Faith Adventures youth group joined with the youth group at the First Baptist Church (FBC). We alternated between St. Andrew's and FBC for our meeting venues (12:15-2:15 on the 3rd Sunday of the month), bringing together a total of about 16-20 kids at each meeting.

This past year, our youth groups were focused on raising awareness and funds to benefit refugees who are in crisis. This was a process for these junior high students: they participated in experiential exercises and watched films to help them better understand what refugees are suffering all over the world; on March 11th and 12th, youth group members and others participated in a walk through town and a sleep-over sponsored by church members and others to raise community awareness and funds (a total of close to \$7,000!); they held a bake sale where they earned over \$400; they then met to determine which organizations they wanted to support with the money they earned and what percentage would go to each one; next, they spoke to the congregations during our Sunday services to thank their supporters and to educate them on the services provided by the organizations they had chosen (Fresh Start Farms, Doctors Without Borders, Save the Children, and the International Rescue Committee); finally, they volunteered at Fresh Start Farms, a local organization that provides opportunities to refugees in New Hampshire. We are very proud of the dedication and effort displayed by our young people; they give us all hope in a very troubled world.

Our 2017-2018 Faith Adventures group, which includes junior-high students from the First Baptist Church led by Steve and Nancy Allenby, is focused on service in the community. We typically meet at St. Andrew's once a month from 12:15-2:15 pm, although there are other meeting times to include community service projects, a movie afternoon, a parent dinner, and a picnic at the end of the year. There are about 14 junior high students who attend regularly.

This fall, our junior-high students from St. Andrew's kicked off the year with a camping/outdoor trip for two nights at Billings cabin located at the foot of Mount Madison in the Presidential Range with incredible hiking just outside the door. Our focus was on reverence for God's creation and lots of hiking — all the way to the top of Mt. Madison and back!

In October, we met as a whole group, shared a short bible study, carved pumpkins (we even had drills!), enjoyed donuts and cider, and took the kids' masterpieces to the residents at Bittersweet to add to their Halloween decorations.

During our November meeting, our youth groups pitched in to assemble Thanksgiving baskets for those in need and write notes to go with them. We considered our blessings and ways we can show our thanks by using our gifts to serve others.

For the rest of the year, our youth group will engage in a variety of activities that will provide opportunities to have a lot of fun and serve our local communities. We look forward to sharing great times together, growing and applying our faith as we follow Jesus, and making a difference in the lives of others.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Submitted by Lisa Kelly

2017 marked the launch of a new HS youth group for those in grades 9-12. We meet every Wednesday evening from 6-8 pm during the school year. Weekly meetings include discussions and activities that are centered on the exploration of how to make faith R.E.A.L (relevant, enthusiastic, authentic, and lived). Some highlights from our first few months include the creation of a pretty amazing and very fun new space for the HS youth – lovingly known as the “Cave”; a visit to LaSalette Shrine with its amazing nativity and Christmas light displays; helping our church family with the St. Nicholas Fair and the assembly of Thanksgiving baskets; and serving our local community by partnering with the NH Gleans program and Spring Ledge Farm to provide fresh produce to local food pantries. An annual retreat and service trip, as well as opportunities to participate in leadership trainings and youth conferences, are some of the components that are likely to be added in 2018. There will be no shortage of opportunities for continued fun and fellowship as well. Though small in number, this group is inspiringly strong in faith!

ALTAR GUILD

Submitted by Judy Ackroyd & Rosie Best, Co. chairs

The ministry of the Altar Guild is preparing the sanctuary of all our worship services. Following the services members clean the sanctuary and deliver the altar flowers. Membership is open to anyone willing to serve in a quiet and meaningful way. Currently we have 4 teams of 4-6 members and each team serves for 2 weeks every 2 months. New members are always welcome.

Current members are:

Shirley Avery	Diane Caldwell	Tina Colehower
Marni Eaton	Jeanne Edwards	Leni Gillespie
Joann Hicks	Yvonne Kun	Chris Major
Pam Morland	Claire Pace	Marilyn Paradis
Alice Perry	Lin and Emmy Potter	Karen F. Shepherd
Noni Reynders	Becky Rylander	Joanne Schuyler
Barbara Smith	Rosie Best	Judy Ackroyd

8 AM ACOLYTES

Submitted by Alice Perry

Acolytes Anne Hall, JoAnn Hicks, Marni Eaton, Greg Vogt and Alice Perry served faithfully at the 8 AM service during 2017. Additional servers are always welcome and will receive training and guidance in their new duties. Please consider joining this important and meaningful ministry.

Normally at 8 AM one acolyte serves along with the LEMs (serving as the second LEM *if licensed*) and the celebrant. The acolyte's role includes assisting the priest by bringing elements from the ushers and credence table to the altar in preparation for the Eucharist, and removing used vessels after. If you would be interested in joining those currently serving in this role, please speak to Jay or Alice Perry, who is responsible for scheduling this group of servers.

EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE MINISTERS
Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, and Acolytes (10 am)

Respectfully submitted, Anne Hall, Verger

The group of Lay Readers and Eucharistic Ministers has increased over the year to more than fifty. They are called on to read and serve not only in Sunday services but also on Holy Days and at memorial services. Some of the Lay Readers craft the intercessions for Sunday services. We welcome new lectors Leslie Smith, Peggy Daly, Tina Helm, Julie & Peter Machen, Gardner Yenawine, and Claire Pace. In addition to reading Elizabeth Lowell and Tom Rubin will be crafting the intercessions.

Ushers take care of the services by insuring doors remain closed prior to the service, seating late comers at a proper interval, presenting the elements and collection, and assisting in the traffic flow as parishioners receive communion. Over forty serve in this ministry of which Peggy & Joe Daly and Jackie Thompson are the newest members.

The acolytes serving at the 10 am service have more responsibilities than carrying the cross and torches. One assists the clergy in the preparation of the Eucharistic table. Another washes the Presider's hands and the third handles the collection plates. Those who have served over the year are Ayla & Kylin Frenkiewich, Shane Boucher, Erin & Jenna Wheeler, Ben Greenwood, Emmy & Katie Potter, Toby MacLeod, Peter & Julia Koumrian and Mike Salo. We welcome Claire Pace and Gardner Yenawine as some of our regulars must take a leave.

Our thanks go out to all who have stepped up to serve St. Andrew's in these ministries. Please contact me should you desire to serve [annehall@tds.net, 526-8530]. The training is painless and helping to lead worship can draw you closer to God.

NETWORK NEWSLETTER

Submitted by Alice Perry

St. Andrew's newsletter, *The Network*, is published bi-monthly and regularly includes Messages from the Rector, Wardens and the Director of Music, Parish Register data and birthdays. Committee updates from all of the groups represented in this annual report, highlights and photos of recent activities plus announcement of future events, an occasional "lay contemplation" piece, items of community interest and suggestions for community service and outreach are all featured as well.

Each issue is posted on our website at www.standrewsni.org in advance of the first day of the odd-numbered months (January, March, May, July, September and November) with email notification sent via Constant Contact as well. (Please be sure the office has your current email address.) A limited number of printed hard copies is available on the narthex shelf.

The newsletter welcomes your submissions. In order to ensure timeliness, the deadline is the 20th of every even-numbered month (February, April, June, August, October and December) – but don't wait! As soon as you have something of interest to share with our parish community, please do so. There is a "newsletter" mailbox in the church office or (preferably) you can send text and/or photos electronically to the editor at perry46@tds.net. Please continue to send ideas or items that keep the church community informed of our mission, our programs, our people, our service: all that constitutes the life of the church. – Alice Perry, Editor

THRIFT SHOP

Submitted by Jackie Thompson, Manager

This was a very interesting year for the St. Andrew's Thrift Shop. The profit from the shop is donated to St. Andrew's Church. This year the amount was \$13,000. Local outreach organizations received a total of \$1,800. We came close to the projected amount but fell a bit short. We were forced to close more often than usual for bad weather. We continued our brown bag sale all summer which may have lowered our profits a bit, but it did succeed in moving out most of our lightweight clothing to make room for fall and winter clothes.

We donated dozens of bags of summer clothes to Edward Kanu's ministry in Sierra Leone with an estimated value of \$2,000. We assist Wish List NH with clothes in emergency situations for local families, maybe \$100. We donated several coats to Sotherby's annual coat collection with a possible value of \$200, and we distribute extra items to Goodwill which is difficult to itemize.

Our faithful volunteers keep the shop open six days a week, with the help of several reliable substitutes. We find that our inventory has improved and increased during 2017, giving us the ability to offer quality clothing and household goods at very reasonable prices.

We chose to make cash donations to area outreach organizations such as KLS Food Pantry, LSRVNA, and the school nurses' Health Emergency Fund in four area schools.

Our newest project is to interest Colby Sawyer students in shopping at St. Andrew's Thrift Shop. We posted notices in school buildings and encouraged students to pass the word to their friends. This is working, as more and more students are shopping here. We offer them a 10% discount, and we have enjoyed meeting these delightful shoppers and giving them a little break.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH	\$ 13,000
KLS Community Food Pantry	100
LSRVNA	500
Health Emergency Fund for school nurses	<u>1200</u>
OUTREACH DONATIONS	\$ <u>1,800</u>
TOTAL FOR 2017:	\$ 14,800

MUSIC & MEMORY
Submitted by Sally Asher

Music & Memory at St Andrew's, a singing group established for people with Alzheimer's and their care-givers, is now in its fourth year. Currently led by Sally Asher and Jennifer Giles, we meet year-round on Wednesday mornings from 10-11:15. We sing a variety of songs from school days, Americana, folk, ballads, and songs from musicals and movies. There are, on average, 12-16 of us singing each week. New participants are always welcome. Just turn up when you can. There is no cost and no weekly commitment needed:

"My husband and I find Music & Memory to be most rewarding for many reasons. Of course, the singing as a group is wonderful and fun, and so are the conversations with other participants. We have made many new friends and have found a community of people who genuinely care about each other."

This year Music & Memory participants helped launch a similar singing group for residents at Summercrest in Newport which meets on Friday mornings. Music & Memory co-leader Jennifer Giles also sings regularly with residents at Woodcrest on Tuesday afternoons. In addition to our weekly sessions, Music & Memory has gone on the road caroling and has sung with residents at the State Veterans Home in Tilton. We are planning another outing to the Veterans Home this year.

If you would like further information about Music & Memory, contact Sally at sallyasher@mac.com.

THURSDAY TOTS
Submitted by Sally Asher

Thursday Tots at St. Andrew's was founded in October 2013. We meet each Thursday morning during school sessions in the Parish Hall from 10:00-11:30. Thursday Tots provides a meeting place for parents, grandparents and care-givers to come with babies, toddlers and preschoolers. Our parish hall is transformed into a wonderful playroom as grown-ups have a chance to meet and chat while children have fun. Each session finishes with a circle time and lively singing.

"Tots is a wonderful resource for our community. The atmosphere is inviting and provides a break from the isolation that can come from caring for small children, especially in the winter! I brought my own children and now bring children I care for. We have benefited beyond words from our time at Tots." - Local mom

Cost is \$1.00 per child. Drinks (coffee and tea) provided. If you would like more information about Thursday Tots, contact Sally at sallyasher@mac.com.

OUTREACH

Submitted by Becky Rylander

Project	What it is	What is needed	St. Andrew's Contact
<i>In our parish:</i>			
Meals to the Rescue	Provides meals for parishioners who are ill or otherwise in need of help.	Help with cooking and delivering meals.	Linda Potter
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Provides prayer shawls to parishioners or community members for whom we are praying.	Knitting or crocheting. See www.prayershawlministry.com for sample patterns and come work with the Craft Group.	Craft Group & others
<i>In our community:</i>			
Thrift Shop	Sells used clothing and uses the proceeds to benefit St. Andrew's outreach and many local philanthropic organizations.	Clean, gently used clothing appropriate to the season. Volunteer time working in the shop.	Jackie Thompson
Epiphany: -- 4H Explorers (with Epiphany and 4H) -- Upbeat Choir	--Science-based activities for 4 th , 5 th & 6 th graders in Newport after school on Mon. - -Singing fun on Fridays.	Volunteers to work with kids on Monday afternoons from 2:30 to 5:15 or on Friday afternoons.	Aaron Jenkyn
KREM (Kearsarge Regional Ecumenical Ministries)	A consortium of local churches providing emergency assistance.	Prayerful support of our two representatives and donations at ecumenical services and events.	Connie Appel Jennifer Giles
Kearsarge-Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry	Provides food to needy in the area via a food pantry located at the First Baptist Church.	Food, funds, & time. Non-perishable food, especially peanut butter, tuna fish, and other protein items. A collection box is located in the hall. Also \$\$ and volunteer time.	Gail Goddard
Addiction Awareness Council	Works to create awareness and understanding of substance abuse crisis in our area.	Volunteers to work with others from KCPC & St. Andrew's.	Ellen Schauff & Richard Haines
Veterans' Support	Support of veterans with health problems.	Donations of toiletries for VA hospice in Tilton. Volunteers to help veterans trying to access disability benefits.	Sally Asher Harvey Best
Thanksgiving Food Baskets	Collection of seasonal food during November for distribution—a joint effort with other churches.	Food and \$\$ when requested in November. Also help organizing.	Mark & Christine Kellett
The Giving Tree	Community Christmas Project for needy families.	Christmas gifts matched to identified wishes following instructions provided in Nov by LSRVNA.	Judy Wheeler
Music and Memory	Singing sessions for those suffering from dementia and their caregivers.	Volunteers to sing and make people feel welcome on Wednesdays from 10:00 – 11:30 in the Parish Hall.	Sally Asher
Thursday Tots	A play session for babies and toddlers with their parents, grandparents, or caregivers.	Volunteers to help set up and coordinate sessions from 10:00 – 11:30 on Thursdays.	Sally Asher

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In our community, continued:

Youth Outreach	Children and teachers decide which group to help.	\$\$ and hands-on participation such as helping prepare for Friendly Kitchen and supporting refugee and homeless organizations through sponsored events.	Ellen Yenawine, Sunday School and Faith Adventures
Pocket Crosses	Pocket-size crosses available in the hall in exchange for a free will gift to benefit LSR Food Bank, KREM, and the Friendly Kitchen.	Buy a cross or two and/or lend woodworking help.	Harvey Best

In our state and beyond:

The Friendly Kitchen	Provides dinner bimonthly for 100-120 homeless and needy in Concord.	\$\$ and help preparing and serving food on the fourth Friday of every other month.	Judy Ackroyd
ChiPs –Toys for Children of Incarcerated	A collection of toys for incarcerated parents to give their children for Christmas.	Unwrapped toys collected in October and delivered to Diocesan Convention in early November.	Volunteers
Phillips Brooks Partnership	Outdoor experiences for inner city children.	Volunteers and equipment for hiking, camping, swimming, tubing, sailing and cooking out	The Rev'd Jay MacLeod Nola Jordan
Souper Bowl Sunday	A collection taken up by the youth of St. Andrew's on Super Bowl Sunday to benefit the hungry.	\$\$ for the collection, usually split between KLS Community Food Pantry and the Friendly Kitchen.	Shelly Boucher Becky Rylander Theresa Quinn
The Seamen's Church Institute	The Institute provides spiritual, social services, and professional support to seafarers and river mariners.	Knitted hats and scarves; clean and gently used men's sweaters and jackets; toiletries; playing cards and paperback books. For patterns and info see website or Becky, Judy, or Shelly: www.seamenschurch.org/christmas-at-sea	Becky Rylander Judy Ackroyd Shelly Boucher
Annual Crop Walk	Regional, intergenerational walk around Pleasant Lake to raise funds for hunger relief. First Sunday in October.	Walk and/or donate \$\$.	TBD

In the world:

Clinique Saint Esprit, Haiti	Funding of a pediatrician's salary for a project to save infant lives.	\$\$ budgeted for international outreach and additional donations	Becky Rylander
El Hogar	A residential school in Honduras that equips very poor kids to succeed.	\$\$, support for a service trip, and becoming familiar with their programs.	Becky Rylander