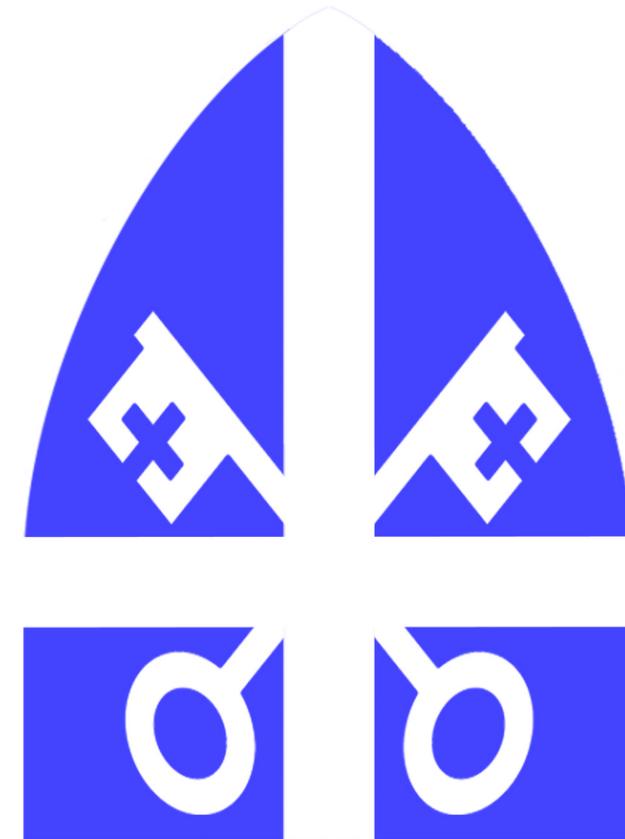


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Brenham, Texas  
Annual Parish Meeting  
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### **THE AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING January 26, 2020**

- I. Opening Prayer and Call to Order—Rector
- II. Approval of Minutes—Senior Warden
  - January 27, 2019—Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2019
  - October 29, 2019—Minutes of the Annual Electing Meeting 2019
- III. Vestry
  - Recognition of Retiring Members of the Vestry—Senior Warden
  - Election of New Vestry Members—Rector
  - Introduction of New Members of the Vestry and Signing of Canonical Declaration—Senior Warden
  - Commissioning of the New Members of the Vestry—Rector
- IV. Introduction of Delegates to Diocesan Council—Senior Warden
- V. Parish Slide Show—Carol Muegge
- VI. The Rector’s Address
- VII. Acceptance of Annual Reports—Senior Warden
- VIII. Financial Reports—Chair of the Finance Committee and Treasurer
  - Reports for 2019
  - Budget for 2020
- IX. Other Business to Come Before the Committee—Senior Warden
- X. Announcements—Rector
  - Staff Updates
  - Lenten Program
  - Necrology
  - Called Meeting of the Vestry Following Adjournment
- XI. Adjournment and Blessings—Rector

meets the fourth Tuesday of odd numbered months at the Brenham Presbyterian Church. Anyone interested in this food ministry is welcome to attend.

More outreach activities are included in other reports for the annual parish meeting.

The outreach committee will continue to focus on food insecurity issues in Brenham and Washington County in 2020. We would like to investigate the possibility of locating and applying for grants to provide funding for future projects. If you have an interest in helping with this endeavor, please let us know.

Volunteers are always needed for the emergency food pantry, the BHA pantry and the mobile food drop. Contact someone on the outreach committee to learn how you might volunteer on a one time basis or routinely.

A very special and heartfelt thanks to all of you who have given so tirelessly over this past year. Your efforts are most appreciated. We must work diligently to sustain and increase our efforts in our community. The need continues to increase.

The Outreach Committee meets monthly on the second Sunday after the 10:30 service at St. Pete’s house. Please join us if you are interested in learning more about this ministry.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Outreach Committee,  
Brenda K Squyres

### Prayer Ministry Report

Current members of the team are Cindy Cook, Cherry and Ray Daugbjerg, Nancy Leaton, Jerry Lester, Roger Ross, Linda Warburton and Judy Webster. Prayer Ministry is available every Sunday during the 10:30 service near the Baptismal font and on the 2nd Sunday during the 8:00 service in the chapel.

Members of our congregation continue to faithfully embrace and participate in this ministry. Each Sunday people come to the team during communion to ask for healing prayer, thankfulness, peace, and other concerns.

Two members of our team are members of the Order of St. Luke which is a worldwide organization dedicated to the Christian healing ministry. The OSL offers conferences on healing prayer for members to gain more knowledge and experience.

Fr. Stephen has helped us reorganize our monthly meetings and deepen the discussions. Each Wednesday, one member brings a subject to discuss or learn about. It might be a Scripture, a poem, a story, a song, or a book. The programs have been inspiring and helpful to the members. Anyone may attend.

Prayer Ministry Team meets at 5:30 on the first Wednesday of the month in the library. If you want to learn more about this ministry, please talk with any of the team.

Submitted by Judy Webster

Active choristers at the conclusion of 2019 included Jeff Appel, Bryce Barnes, Lynda Dixon, Christopher Hilton, Molly Hilton, Mikel Redman, Amy Schramm, Jeff Terrel, Kaye Warner, and Kate Whaley. Music Interns at this time included Jalani Clark, Caleb Hamilton, Teague Olguin, and Allan Theodore. The choir warmly greeted my wife Sharon Craig and her daughter Emma Davis as guest choristers, and Elise Whittington visited to sing through Christmastide.

At the end of 2019, my activities as Interim Director included resourcing the Music Director's office with appropriate furniture and revising the chorister music distribution and storage procedures. I also purchased the Oxford Book of Flexible Anthems. Going into 2020, I intend to continue to enhance the music library with new music and implement best practices for the storage and cataloging of the library. I am also exploring avenues for other musical performances for guests and parishioners.

It is my great joy to be with St. Peter's at this time, and particularly to join with the choir in the essential task of leading the church's worship in beauty and integrity.

Respectfully submitted,

Gavin D. Craig

Interim Music Director and Organist

### Outreach Report

In 2019, St. Peter's outreach activities continued to focus primarily on helping children and food security projects. We again participated in the FOR THE CITY campaign to provide back-to-school backpacks filled with supplies for needy children. And, we participated with FAITH MISSION in the annual Pumpkin Carving activities. Brenham High School students received donuts and prayers as they returned to school. Approximately 25 Thanksgiving Baskets were provided to those in need. Hundreds of gifts were purchased, wrapped and donated for our annual Christmas Angel Tree project. The weekend backpack program was continued at Brenham Middle School.

In a recent monthly newsletter article, I noted that we had collected 3,107.50 pounds of food for our emergency pantry. As of year-end, that total was 5,112.50.

This summer, from July 29th-August 9th, we partnered with other churches and organizations to provide meals at the Brenham Housing Authority. We served over 431 meals with countless sides and desserts. We had books and goodie bags to give away every day. It is important to note that we served many more elderly people than we have in the past. This summer (2020) perhaps we can have some planned activities for the children/adults before lunch. First Methodist Church prepared approximately 250 snack bags that were delivered to the Nancy Carol Roberts Library for children who frequent the library and playground during the summer.

The mobile food drop on the First Friday of each month is now almost 18 months old. We are currently serving over 150 boxes of food. We have moved into the top five distribution points for the Brazos Valley Food Bank, which provides the food for this ministry.

Margaret and Peter Broadbent continue to coordinate our feeding ministry at the **BREHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY (BHA)**. As of year-end, we are serving an average of thirty folks weekly. Deliveries are made to approximately twenty home bound residents. We purchased approximately 24,722 pounds of food from the Brazos Valley Food Bank and HEB. We received another 6,600 pounds free of charge from BVFB. We served 2,515 people at a cost of \$2.16 annually. Additional food was provided by the Zwiensers and Broadbents. Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets were also provided. Christmas gifts were provided to the children by a partner church. In addition to delivering food we are spending time with the residents. Repairs have been made to their homes, prayers have been shared and personal contact is being maintained. Funding for this ministry comes from proceeds from the Dine In to Reach Out Dinner, the Art Show and generous parishioners.

**THE WASHINGTON COUNTY FOOD SECURITY COALITION (WCFSC)** has obtained official 501(c)(3) status. Deacon Carol Peterson and Brenda K Squyres are serving as Chairperson and Secretary, respectively. WCFSC

### Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting January 27, 2019

At 12:30 p.m., The Rev. Stephen Whaley led the opening prayer and called the meeting to order. It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the 2018 Parish Meeting be accepted as presented. The motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the 2018 Electing Meeting be accepted as presented. The motion carried.

Retiring Vestry members Jeff Appel, Lloyd Behm, Wendy Bergin, Jody Clough, and Roger Ross were recognized.

New Vestry members Peter Broadbent, Chris Carroll, Brenda Knoll, Charles Schubert, and Brenda Squyres were introduced, and they signed their Canonical Declarations. Broadbent, Knoll, Schubert, and Squyres will serve a four year term. Carroll will serve the remaining one year of the position left open by Behm.

Whaley commissioned all 2019 Vestry members with a Prayer of Commissioning.

The delegates to Diocesan Council – Linda and Randy Patterson, Pam and Charles Schubert, and Kate Whaley (alternate) – were introduced.

Carol Muegge presented a slide show of 2018 events.

Whaley presented the Rector's Report, stating that he is excited to be the rector at St. Peter's and looks forward to continuing his ministry here.

It was moved and seconded that the written Annual Ministry Reports be accepted as presented. The motion carried.

Finance Committee chairperson Martin Coles presented the 2018 Financial Report and the 2019 Budget passed by the Vestry.

The necrology report included Henry Hughes, Nina Hopkins, David Knoll, Richard Powell, Katie Cron, and Tanya McClendon.

Whaley called for a special meeting of the Vestry following adjournment.

Whaley adjourned the meeting with a blessing at 1:15 p.m.

Submitted by Amy Schramm

### MINUTES OF THE ELECTING MEETING October 27, 2019

The meeting opened by Fr. Stephen Whaley with prayer.

There were five three-year and one two-year Vestry terms to be filled. The candidates prior to the meeting were Chris Carroll, Chris Hilton, and Jeff Zeiss, leaving three positions without nominees.

Fr. Stephen explained that Diocesan guidelines state that Vestries should have 3-18 members, but St. Peter's Bylaws do not specify a certain number. At the annual meeting a vote can be held to change the Bylaws to state a specific number if the congregation so wishes. There being no nominations from the floor, Carroll, Hilton, and Zeiss were elected by acclamation to fill the three-year terms. Fr. Stephen closed the meeting with a prayer.

Submitted by Amy Schramm

### Annual Address by the Rector

The Lord be praised. I'm going to keep it short this year. There are only a few things that need to be touched on as we've weathered the various storms and calms of this year.

I am proud to be your rector, priest, and pastor. And as I tell everyone who will listen, we have the utmost beautiful expression of the Christian faith here in Brenham, not only in our liturgy but in our carrying out of duties to serve the Lord in the faces of the people around us.

The other written reports in the Annual Report Volume, reflect the good work of sharing our blessings with the people of Brenham and the Brazos Valley so please read those.

As for my report I will address to two major challenges that came up this year. Specifically, we have worked on long-term effects of water infiltration in the church that led to mold. We also have organized a strategy to call and appoint a new Director of Music.

Regarding our mold remediation work we have finally completed the roof replacement needed to finalize bids for remediation. At the writing of this letter we are waiting for the second bid to be evaluated by the Church Insurance Co. Vermont and to ascertain the overall cost and portions that St. Peter's is responsible for.

The nature and timing of the roof-work allowed us to continue worshipping in our nave through special services like Christmas and a wedding. Once remediation work starts there is a high probability that we will be out of the nave for a period of time, but it is currently unclear how long that will be. That information has not been relayed to us by the remediation company. I thank Charles Schubert and the folks that have helped him communicating with Remediation and Roofing contractors as well as Church Insurance of Vermont. This is an ongoing work that most parishioners haven't seen, but the end of the tunnel is approaching.

In September we said farewell to Linda Patterson who served St. Peter's for over 26 years in ministry to children and music. We honored her hard work on September 29<sup>th</sup> while at the same time created a plan for the future of music at St. Peter's. Thank you to Beth Appel and Amy Schramm who picked up the baton early in the gap in October to bridge us to our interim music director.

We have formed a Music Search Team to help articulate the musical values of St. Peter's in a job description for prospective candidates. This team will also help me identify and interview candidates for the roles of Interim and Permanent Director of Music. The first phase of this process was accomplished by the grace of God with the arrival of Gavin Craig in October. Gavin has been received very well by our choir and staff. He is a pleasure and blessing to minister alongside. Gavin and St. Peter's are committed to each other during this interim period, and he is eligible to apply for the permanent position.

I express my thank you and appreciation to the Search Team chaired by Dr. Wendy Bergin, Lloyd Behm, Beth Appel, Roger Ross, Amy Schramm, and Chris Hilton.

Our growing edges that need focus.

I am over the top proud of your response in the October stewardship drive. Your faithful commitments and increase in offering is what will permit the vestry to balance the budget and maintain good operating accounts for the campus, staff, and program ministry.

Do your best to keep those commitments first, before hobbies, before vacations, your commitment to St. Peter's should be first. It's not that God needs money. It's that God calls us to be faithful as he is faithful.

For my part you have the commitment of my household. Kate's and my full tithe comes from our combined salaries and my housing allowance, and we freely offer it for the operations of St. Peter's with no strings attached. Our \$10,800 tithe is our obligation and faithful response to God's care for us and is our commitment to you, because it is by your faithfulness that we are even able to be here. And we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Regarding this year's stewardship, we are going to build a team that will in a timely fashion faithfully dis-

### Ministry Coordination

- Thanksgiving Dinner Basket Outreach Project. Twenty baskets were delivered. All recipients were large families that were qualified through use of the St. Peter's emergency walk in food pantry
- Monthly Mobile Drive Through Food Pantry (1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month). On average 135 households drive through monthly to receive BVFB donated non-perishable items, fruit, vegetables and baked goods. Everyone person is qualified by filling out an application that is required by the BVFB. Thanks to Linda Warburton for inputting information into a client database so that I can prepare monthly reports. Also thanks to our devoted volunteers who help rain, shine, hot or cold.
- Serve on the Outreach Committee and Washington County Food Security Initiative Committee
- Promoted donations from church members to help finance the "For the City" community-wide backpack and school supply drive.
- Fifteen snack backpacks are put together and delivered to Brenham middle school weekly. Let me know if you would like to help with this easy, quick way to help feed qualified children over the weekends.

### Communication (external & internal).

- Wrote press releases, ads, radio announcements, PSAs, posters, and Facebook notices to promote all of the above events and ministries for area newspapers, the Chamber of Commerce, Cub Football program, and radio stations.
- "Postings from St. Peter's" weekly email news - The readership runs about 50%, with those who do read it appreciating its value. Be sure to give me your current email address.
- Designed website pages and kept it up to date. **Go to [www.stpetersbrenham.org](http://www.stpetersbrenham.org)**
- Posted events to calendars of the Washington County Chamber and Radio (KWHI & KAMU) and others.
- Wrote the announcements to be read by Fr. Stephen in church services
- Created the Annual Meeting slideshow.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carol Muegge

### Music and Choir Report

Late 2019 began a period of transition in the music ministries of St. Peter's, as Dr. Linda Patterson left her 26-year position as Music Director and Organist to become Director of Music at St. Andrew's in Bryan. Dr. Patterson's last Sunday was September 29; the Anthem at the Offertory was "Draw us in the Spirit's tether" by Harold Friedell. The next several weeks' services were accompanied by Beth Appel and Amy Schramm.

On October 20, I played for my first Sunday as Interim Music Director and Organist. In this capacity, expected to last 6-8 months, I have been continuing the church's noble musical heritage through directing the choir, accompanying worship on the organ and piano, overseeing the Choir Intern program, and planning special musical events for the congregation's enjoyment. The interim nature of my position involves preparing the music program for the leadership of its next director by addressing programmatic and material needs and offering new perspectives on the direction of the program while providing continuity of leadership. The search committee continues its work of discerning the future of the music program; the committee is comprised of Wendy Bergin (Chair), Beth Appel, Chris Hilton, Amy Schramm, Roger Ross, and Lloyd Behm.

Through 2019, the Adult Choir continued its excellent leadership of the church's worship. They meet at 9:00am on Sundays for a rehearsal of the day's music and upcoming music. Each week the choir enjoys a different recipe of delicious scones, prepared by Mikel Redman. The choir performed *The Seven Last Words of Christ* by Théodore Dubois, conducted by Dr. Joel Plaag, in a concert on Good Friday. The music for Easter Sunday included *Christus Vincit* by Joseph Noyon. Music on Christmas Eve at the 9:00pm service included "Torches" by John Joubert and "The Shepherds' Farewell to the Holy Family" by Hector Berlioz.

- Our program was an activity to learn more about each other through DOK Fun Fact BINGO.
- We packed 25 shoeboxes with toiletries and other personal items for Seafarers at the Port of Houston.
- Linda Warburton presented our program on Advent Meditations to Ponder Your Heart.
- We installed 3 new members - Carol Hughes, Gale Miller, and Annette Stadelmann - and gained a member by transfer - Sandra Nauert.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Thompson

### Junior Daughters of the King Report

The mission of our order is the extension of Christ's Kingdom through prayer, service and evangelism. All our lessons and projects try to help the girls understand these concepts and use them in the world where they live. This ministry is open to any baptized Christian girl, which allows our girls to reach out to their friends to come along with us, so they can develop their spirituality as well.

We have nine girls, Kate Barnes, Claire Bailey, Savannah Barnes, Georgia Carroll, Codi Clark, Katie Matthews, Aurora Osagie, Grace Adams, and Autumn Osagie who have made their promises to God and are Jr. Daughters of the King. Any girl can visit any time; this year we have had two girls who have visited the program.

We are so blessed to have the marvelous generosity, fun and people skills of Cathy Dawson as a co-directress, honed by 30+ years of teaching children and working with families. She is in charge of all the crafts this year, and done a really good job.

We started our new school year in August with a swimming and costume party (come as a character from the Harry Potter book series) at the Leaton ranch. Our lessons this year have come from the book *Lies Girls Believe and the Truth that sets Them Free*, published by Revive Our Hearts Ministry. We are learning God loves you all the time, not just when you are good, God chose you, and beauty that matters most to God is what is on the inside. We also explored how families can be different and that is good, and that sin separates us from each other and God. We went, 8 girls and 2 adults, to a weekend retreat to Camp Allen with Juniors from all over our Diocese two weeks ago. In the Harry Potter theme, the girls became a part of Godwords School for Spirituality and Mysticism, made wands of blessing, healing oils, and learned how to defend against the Dark Arts. We will continue learning the truth about relationships with friends and boys and how Jesus wants to be the Boss of our thoughts. Our service projects have been to stuff boxes for Seafarers, make goodie bags for the Brenham Police Dept., a bake sale for BTXLA, and in March we will go to Beacon, a homeless ministry of the Cathedral in Houston and do laundry.

Thanks to the support of the Sr. Daughters of the King and the Vestry these girls are learning how to pray and serve and bring others to come along with us.

FHS, Nancy Leaton

### Ministry and Communication Ministry Report

In the position of Ministry and Communication Coordinator, I work collaboratively with the rector, staff, vestry, ministry teams and volunteers in four main areas: newcomer integration, special events planning, communication (external & internal) and coordination and reporting of ministries.

**Newcomer Tracking and Integration.** There were about 20 "newcomers" to St. Peter's in 2019. There were many more visitors. My system to greet and track visitors - "Invite, Welcome, Connect" has been ongoing. I also prepare the name tags for newcomers. Remember to wear yours!

### **Special Events & Projects Coordination**

Among other smaller events:

- The Dine In to Reach Out (this year's "Kentucky Derby Party") fundraiser raised about \$10,500 that was donated to three beneficiaries: Burton Bridge Ministry, supplies for our Brenham Texas Leadership Academy (BTXLA) art and music program, and St. Peter's Community Food Security Initiatives. Special thanks goes to everyone who helped with the dinner.
- Creative Arts Camp. There were about 40 campers aged kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Thanks to Beth Appel, Camp Director, our Youth Assistants and adult volunteers and especially our teachers.
- St. Peter's Art Show & Sale. More than 300 people came through the show. I am receiving several requests from new artists every year to be invited to participate. Money raised will be put to use to plan 2020's show. Thanks to our Art Show chair Jan Carroll and all others who spent their time.

cuss a theme, timeline, and implementation for October's drive. I want four people on that team. (You want to be on that team.)

Church Security- There has been an increase in public violence against houses of worship which has created anxiety among many people. It is my responsibility to teach and assure you that this world is a temporary place for each of us, and our hope for eternal life and security rests in God alone. I confess to you that I have no fear in violence to myself, but, at the same time, we have a duty to keep safe, to the best of our power, the sanctity of our fellowship, worship, and lives of those entrusted to our care. As such there is renewed fervor to create a written policy and plan of action for surveying and monitoring safety in our buildings during worship. I intend to form a steering committee to evaluate diocesan policies and local practices that will provide a written policy and procedure for St. Peter's. While no open space is perfectly safe from violence, there are things we can and will do to increase safety in our gatherings.

Finally, we have been presented with an opportunity to host a large organization for moms with young children on a bimonthly basis. Moms, Inc. of Brenham has asked if St. Peter's could take up support for their organization on two Thursdays per month from 9-11 a.m. Moms enjoy fellowship and learning programs while their children are cared for in the classrooms and nursery areas of our church. We intend to provide chapel services for the children and other discipling program as we are able. Of course, this will not take place until we get a clean bill of health from our remediation company.

Transitions and thank you.

In January Kerry Hughes step away from ministry to help care for her family. She faithfully passed care of our youth and children to Pam Knebel. Thank you both. Pam is doing a good job of planning activities. We hope that some of our fellowship outings will encourage youth to gather more frequently.

Thank you to Cathy Stuckert for your transitional leadership in passing the torch to Cornelia Estey as Lector/LEM scheduler. It's been a very smooth transition and I'm thankful to both of you for that.

Ongoing appreciation and affections for Mary Mabry and all the altar guild. Your reward is great in heaven, but for now you'll have to suffice with a thank you from me.

To Margaret and Peter Broadbent and all of you on the bereavement hospitality (that whole group is phenomenal). Thank you to the faithful service of the Sunday hospitality teams, also to Doug Peck and Sunday Breakfast team. Thank you to the outreach committee for your labor. You're incredible.

To the Daughters of the King, if it weren't for your prayers I would be drowning. Thank you.

Faithfully,  
Fr. Stephen+

### Senior Warden's Report

We started 2019 with much of our checking account reserve used. Our first goal was to replace that as soon as we could though we agreed that it may take several years to accomplish. Not long into 2019 we began to have plant and equipment issues followed by discovery of mold in the children's classroom area. It didn't take long for us to realize we were faced with major A/C and Heating problems throughout our entire plant and mold in the church and undercroft.

All of this simply escalated our financial concerns. Most of the year found the Finance Committee actively searching for creative ways to manage the church's growing financial challenges. The end of the year found us basically meeting budget in all areas except building and grounds.

Church security was a topic on most Vestry agendas. Little was done to change the work that had been completed in 2018. However, in the last months of 2019 two church shooting in Texas which resulted in deaths and injuries caused the congregation to ask that we once again review what can be done to ensure our church goers are safe. This will be a major project for the Vestry of 2020.

The congregation had always insisted we leave the chapel unlocked. However, it was noted that, though unlocked, it was not available at night as the entry area and the chapel itself were too dark to allow most people free and safe access. We realized that the entire church was too dark to be visible and offer friendly access at night. Discussion with several parishioners resulted in commitments to fund the additional \$100 electric bill and, using LED lights, we now leave on the sconces at each entry to the church and the chapel, the lights in the chapel, and a light in the bell tower lighting those stain glass windows.

Finally, we designated 4 handicapped spaces at the entrance to the church. For now we are using temporary signs to designate the spaces. Along with this, the vestry person of the day will now open the church around 0700 on their Sunday of service and put the handicap parking signs out.

Much more happened during the year but above is a synopsis of the major events. It was a tough year financially primarily due to previous vestries having to postpone preventive maintenance due to financial shortfall. This vestry made a commitment to not allow that to happen on its watch and hope that future vestries will take the same stand.

It was a great honor to serve as Senior Warden for 2019 and I hope I have a chance to serve as a vestryman and possibly as Senior Warden again in the future.

Mikel Redman, Sr Warden 2019

### Junior Warden's Report

Our parish experienced a very eventful year with much happening in and around our property. In addition to the normal everyday repairs and maintenance items, we have experienced some major opportunities to improve our physical plant. Your Vestry has exhibited great responsibility in prioritizing and approving some necessary, major projects in the past year. Our Rector, Father Stephen Whaley, has provided continual prayerful leadership throughout this busy year. Each of these projects insures that our parish members, employees, visitors and outreach recipients have a healthy and comfortable environment in which to worship, work and visit.

These are the major projects we dealt with this year:

- Replacement of the HVAC system at St, Pete's House
- Additional lighting at St. Pete's house
- Replacement of one outside condensing unit for the main Sanctuary HVAC system
- New roofs installed on all our buildings
- Air quality assessments and testing for the Education Wing and the Main Church building
- Repairs to the east entrance to the Parish Hall parking lot

The estimates for necessary work resulting from the air quality reports are still not completed. And, we are

still in the bid process for refurbishing or replacing the HVAC system that serves the AA Meeting Room.

If you have questions concerning any of these projects, I will be glad to provide further detail. I wish to take this opportunity to thank all our parishioners for their support during the past year, and special thanks to Mike Redman, Jeff Appel, Claude Mabry and Steven Schultz for being there whenever I needed them.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles Schubert, Junior Warden

### Children & Youth Ministry Report

#### Youth Ministry 2019

This year our EYC or Youth in Action was made aware of an elderly gentleman in our community who needed some minor home repairs and yard care. We began visiting him on a by-monthly basis to mow, weed eat, and do some painting of his home.

We kicked off the new school year and our EYC program with a swim party at the Brenham Country Club in June.

All youth were encouraged to attend our monthly family breakfasts hosted by men's ministry and gather for faith conversation in the church library. On these Sunday's youth also gathered at St. Pete's House for social time.

Youth gathered at St. Pete's house in November to bake cookies and have faith conversations. The cookies were packaged to be placed in the Thanksgiving Dinner baskets given to families in need in our community.

Youth gathered at St. Pete's house in December for a Christmas party and enjoyed games and pizza. All youth were encouraged to bring items for hygiene gift bags to be given to families in need in our community. Those items included; toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, and deodorant.

All youth of the congregation 7<sup>th</sup> grade through 12 grade are encouraged to participate in EYC activities grade.

#### Children's Ministry 2019

Children's Sunday school is being held in the church library at this time while we undergo renovations to our Sunday school wing. We are implementing Godly Play curriculum for children in Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

This year we purchased new nativity costumes for our children's Christmas program. We were excited to have 9 children participate in the program on Christmas Eve.

Faithfully, Pam Knebel

### Daughters of the King - Cecilia Chapter Report

The Order of the Daughters of the King® is a national and international organization whose members take vows of prayer, service, and evangelism and wear a specially designed cross. Our current chapter officers, who serve two-year terms, are President Kathy Thompson, Vice President Amy Schramm, Secretary Kim Gibson, and Treasurer Linda Warburton.

Some highlights of our programs and events:

- We hosted 180 women at the DOK Province VII Spring Assembly. We were able to present checks to Hope Rising and the Food Initiative and our JDOK Chapter from our proceeds.
- Nancy Leaton hosted our Quiet Day. We made Palm Crosses at our meeting.
- Program on the Sevenfold Gifts of the Holy Spirit, presented by Linda Warburton and Kathy Thompson
- Program film Chosen presented by Nancy Leaton
- Program was about Prisoner Ministry presented by Martin Coles and Brenda Schultz. We hosted a luncheon for prospective members. Four ladies began the discernment lessons with Kathryn Booth.
- Father Stephen presented our program about his pilgrimage to Camino de Santiago in Spain. Several members attended the DOK Province VII Fall Assembly at Camp Allen. Also, several members attended the ECW Retreat at Festival Hill.