



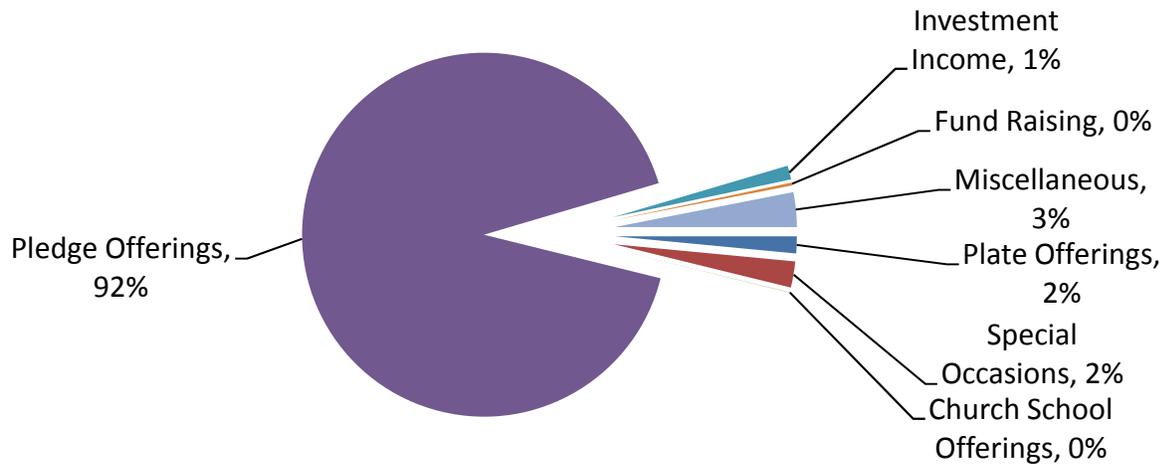
St. Anne's Episcopal Church

Trexlertown, Pennsylvania

2016 Narrative Budget

Welcome to the 2016 edition of the narrative budget of St. Anne's Episcopal Church! The narrative budget offers another way of looking at the parish's financial stewardship. It is called "narrative" because it tells a story of St. Anne's life and work. In these pages we try to show a descriptive picture of our mission and ministries.

St. Anne's Episcopal Church Income Sources (approximate)



From the Rector

Dear Sisters and
Brothers in Christ,

May the peace of God
be with you.

This narrative budget helps to illustrate many of the different ministries and activities that we engage in at St. Anne's. It also presents the practical reality of doing so at the present time. It is challenging to balance the desire to follow God in faith with the necessity of participating in and funding these ministries.



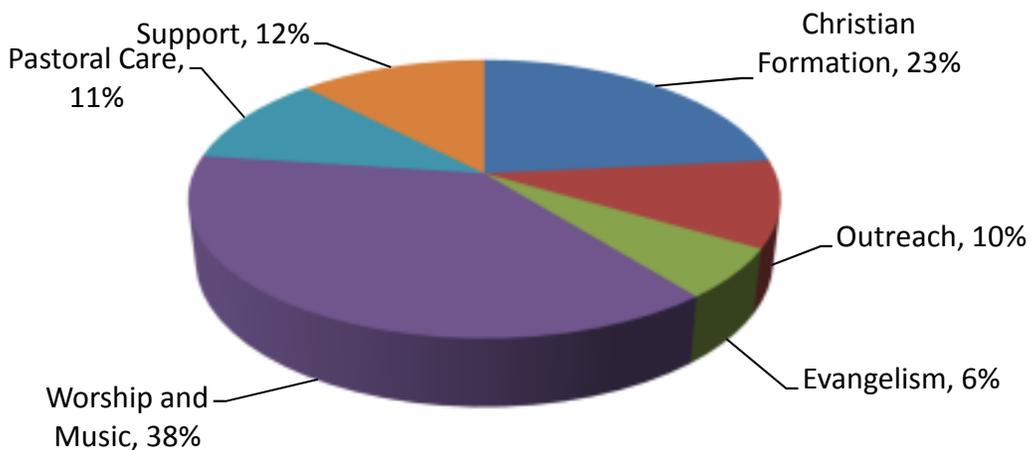
It can be hard to find the time and energy to do all we would like with and for the Church. When we feel stretched and wish we could do more, it is important to start by taking a moment to breathe and pray. God does not want us to neglect our families, jobs, or other commitments. We might be able to rearrange things and find more time. However, the answer is not always to find more time. It is to use the time we have well. The best way to do this is to realize that all we do; we do for God

and our sisters and brothers. This will make our work and interactions part of our ministry and help us to live well. This is also a good foundation and perspective to use when we do take stock of our lives and decide what changes we may need to make as to how we use our time and resources.

Considering the trends in the world and in the church, we need to place our faith and trust in God all the more. So many things are out of our hands and seem too challenging or overwhelming. We cannot do everything and God does not want us to! Our deepening faith and growing trust in God helps us to realize that the God who created the universe and lovingly made us will not only guide us through the challenges of life but bring us to wonderful places! God is with us always. It is in this faith and trust that we are asked to review what we do and commit ourselves to what we can with open minds and hearts especially to new avenues and possibilities. I am excited to join you all. St. Anne's has a wonderful past and the promise of a blessed future. Now is the time for us to move forward in faith - together.

God Bless you,
Fr. Don Schaible

St. Anne's Episcopal Church Expenses (approximate)



Notes for the expenses:

1. "Support" is our Assessment obligation to the Bethlehem Diocese where it supports the bishop's office, diocesan programming and administration, as well as providing support for the national church.
2. Building and Grounds expenses are allocated among the five other ministries shown in the chart (not Support).

Evangelism

To honor everything that God gives us, we are required to pass along God's love which we receive unconditionally. Christians do this by telling the good news and bearing witness, often in one-on-one conversations with co-workers, friends or strangers and by helping those in need.

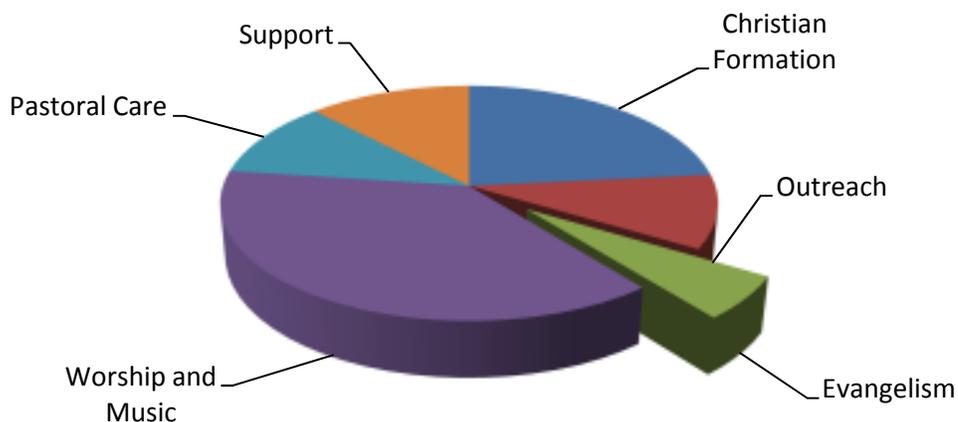


Welcome
Our *New*
Members

The role of the evangelism team is to act as ambassador for God's community in the form of St. Anne's Episcopal Church. We believe that God has given us a gift to be comfortable in welcoming visitors and prospective new members. It is our responsibility to use this gift to honor God.

We believe all of God's children have a responsibility to welcome and assist with assimilating new members into the St. Anne's community. It is our way of using what God has given us to honor him and spread the Good news. Our goal is to be Jesus Christ's witnesses to all people.

Then the 11 disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:16-20



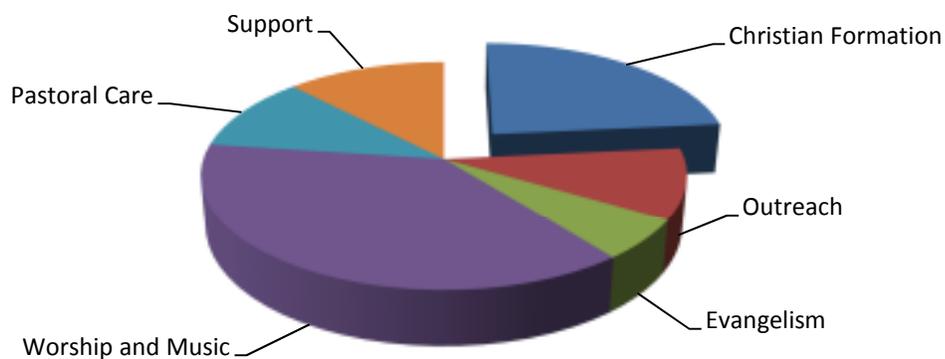
Christian Formation

The Christian Formation programs for our youth are designed to be the



foundation for both their relationship with God and the future of St. Anne's. These programs are much more than the stereotypical Sunday school. Our teachers excel at providing a true spiritual message every week to our youth. They help build a child's understanding of God and the many ways that He can be present in our lives. As

the children grow and gain a better understanding of our church community, they can then relate these lessons to the mission of St. Anne's. Christian Formation helps them to understand why we collect food for the hungry or school supplies for children who don't have any. It is here, at this point, where the future of St. Anne's can be seen. It is important for our youth to learn about God and the Bible, but they must be able to apply those things to their daily life. And that is exactly what Christian Formation allows them to do.



Outreach

The mission statement of St. Anne's Outreach team is "To live God's love and tell God's story as we journey using our gifts of time, talent and treasure to reach out to those who we can help in their time of need. We do this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and for his Glory." Our projects are suggested by our team members and parishioners.



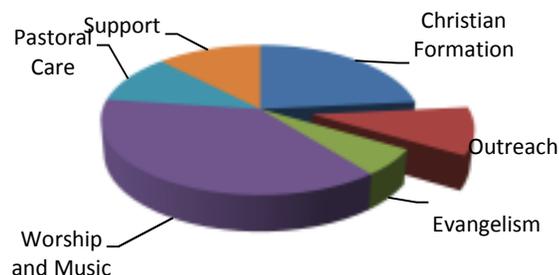
A recent example of reaching out to our local community includes Knapsacks for the Homeless. In this project we partner with another church-affiliated program, Everlasting Life Ministries (ELM).



An example of our outreach at the national level is Cell Phones for Soldiers. Not only are we assisting in recycling old cell phones (has the added bonus of being stewards of our environment) but we are also providing cell phone minutes for soldiers to use in connecting with family and friends. This year we made our collection box available outside the church doors, advertising it as a collection site which helps to involve the local community and increases awareness of our church.

Each year, a part of St. Anne's budget is administered by the outreach team to use for intentional giving outside the church. The team decided to designate a portion of this money to organizations working in other countries, with a favorite being Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD). Before giving to any organization, team members do our best to obtain reliable information about how much of the organization's budget goes to administrative costs, and how much to the individuals they are assisting.

Outreach is a practical application of the tenets of stewardship: time, talent and treasure. The Outreach team typically initiates a project and gathers contributions from the whole congregation.



Pastoral Care

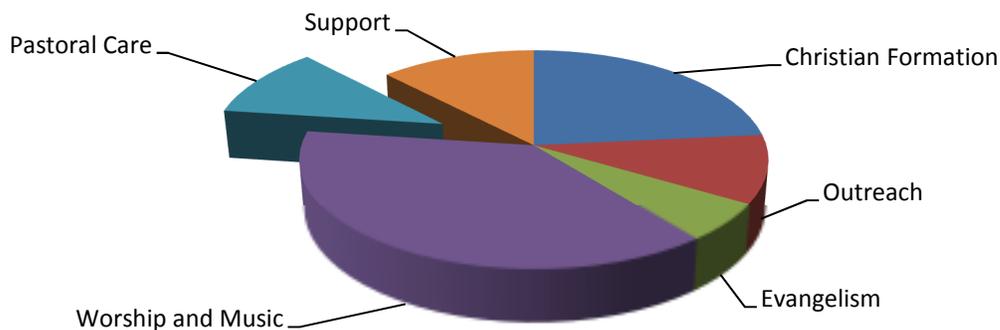
The Pastoral Care team provides opportunities for parishioners of all ages to give back to the Lord by serving others. The team ministers to church members who are experiencing illnesses, family emergencies, and other serious life events. In addition, the team assists members to maintain healthy lifestyles with Parish Nurse Program.



There are many ways in which to become involved in pastoral care activities and some even can be done from the comfort of your own home.

Temporary assistance provided by Pastoral Care includes meals, transportation to appointments, home/hospital/nursing home visits, communion to the ill and/or homebound, and prayer support. The team also administers the Sunshine Card program. We write and send greeting cards to keep in touch with those who are ill or homebound or who have lost a loved one. Phone call support is also provided by team members to those who are in difficult circumstances.

During the year ending June 2016, the team provided support in the following ways: Lay Eucharistic visits: 11, meals: 26, transportation: 12, Sunshine cards: about 40/month, blood pressure checks and health counseling: 20 to 25 per month.



Worship

The pilgrimage of spiritual growth consists of many layers that need to be peeled back as we grow in our relationship with God, ourselves, and others. The rate of growth and the path taken is as varied as we are as individuals and we shouldn't



compare our journey to anyone's but our own. God made us all different so that our gifts could be used in conjunction with the gifts others in community. The worship experience and this journey go hand in hand.

Community is one of the things valued very highly in

our faith. We experience this sense of community by our interactions with sisters and brothers before, during and after services. If we look deeper into the liturgy itself, we experience community through this corporate worship experience.

Within the service we are reminded that when two or three are gathered together, God is our midst. During the prayers of intercession we pray not only for individuals and our community, but for the world and a larger community. It becomes even more powerful as we realize that we are reading/ hearing the same word of God as Episcopalians around the globe expanding that sense of community.

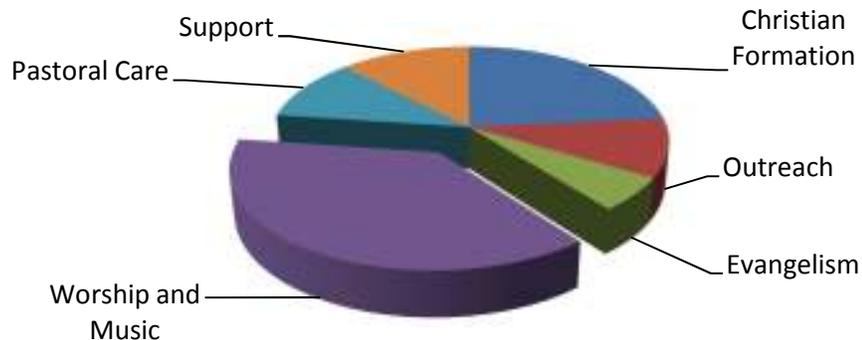


As Episcopalians, our liturgy offers many ways we can lend our talents including greeting fellow parishioners as they arrive for service, proclaiming a lesson or leading the prayers of the people, usher and gift bearing, being an acolyte, and ministering the cup during communion. More opportunities to take

part in worship include baking communion bread and setting up the altar for our communion experience. Additionally, at St. Anne's we have been blessed with

clergy who have encouraged people to share a lay witness during the sermon time.

As we continue on our pilgrimage to enhance our relationship with God and to understand the role he has chosen for us in this community of faith, we can be sure that each time we experience worship, we grow closer to Him.



Music

Music has been a part of the church story for thousands of years. The music ministry presents God's Word and story through song and instruments as it did in Old Testament times. Music is made at St. Anne's by an Adult Choir, Festival Choir, Men's Choir, Women's Choir and, when possible, Children's Bells. A new choir, the Family Choir, debuted in 2014. The choir rehearses every Thursday for 90 minutes and sings every Sunday from September until Trinity Sunday, as well as Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and early Easter morning. Individuals offer their talents throughout the year.



Music is not a passive ministry. The Adult Choir's primary function is to lead congregational singing and it strives to help the congregation through its

hymns and responses. The Hymn of Praise is particularly important as it brings to light how God's people have always praised Him and we are actively continuing to do so. Hymns and responses are our way of acknowledging the goodness of God and all His wonderful attributes.

Music on any level affects our inner being and moods. It can change our sadness to happiness, our anger to peace, or allow us to contemplate and reflect. We have music in our lives constantly and our choir's music ministry has offered that joy, peace, or contemplative moment. The words of hymns and anthems all tell a story. There is a message in every line telling the story of a life experience or God's greatness and love. Hymns affect many people in different ways and most of us have favorites that mean something special.

Funding for the music ministry comes through contributions and the budget. Pledges and offerings cover anthem purchases, copyright licenses for photocopying, rehearsing and singing with CDs and performing music outside the sanctuary, organ maintenance/repair service contracts, equipment such as microphones and robes, guest musicians, substitutes, and piano tuning.



Fellowship



The mission of the fellowship team is to provide opportunities for St. Anne's members and guests to get to know one another in an informal manner. To accomplish this, we conduct fun activities that usually include food. Most of the events are intergenerational so that every member of our parish family can attend and enjoy.

Fellowship has sponsored the following favorites: Pancake Supper, Easter Egg Hunt, Progressive Dinner, Iron Pigs Baseball, Golf Outing, St. Anne's Annual Picnic, Ice Cream Sundae Sunday, and a Buffet Breakfast. Other events that have been on the schedule were bowling, Family Game night and Pot Luck Supper and a visit from St. Nicholas.

Though these events cost money, many "Angels" donate much of what is needed. Free will offerings also help to defray the costs. The fellowship team continues to develop new event ideas while repeating some popular tried and true ones.



Hospitality

The hospitality team sees that the coffee is made and there is something good to eat on the snack table. They are satisfied to see happy faces of children reaching for something sweet on the table as well as the schmoozing around their edible offerings. They set the stage when we celebrate events including special birthdays, farewells, and visits by the bishop. Hospitality and Fellowship costs are made up by donations and are not part of the church budget.

Stewardship

The mission of our stewardship team is to raise awareness of the connection between spirituality and the joyful giving of time, talent, and treasure. We communicate via the Sunday service bulletin, the stewardship bulletin board in the parish hall, and St. Anne's website. We promote St. Matthews Society, a sustained gift-planning ministry for our parish and diocese. Our big annual project is Consecration Sunday when individual commitments for the coming year are gathered. On Consecration Sunday 2016, our guest speaker Robin Yedlock told about her growth as a giver after understanding that everything she has belongs to God. This year we also revived Ministry Sunday. John and Cailin created and presented a video tribute to our parish's stewardship and outreach. Our lay ministry teams and St. Anne's Nursery School exhibited in the parish hall. This narrative budget is the work of the stewardship group and we are grateful for Austin's production help.

