

February 4, 2024  
**Annual Meeting Summary & Highlights**  
St. Michael's Episcopal Church

To restream the Annual Meeting, view the 2023 Annual Reports, or watch the 2023 Year in Review Video, visit [www.stmikeschurch.com/annualmeeting](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/annualmeeting). Below is a summary of the items discussed and shared during the Annual Meeting held on February 4, 2024.

The 2024 Annual Meeting was called to order by the Senior Warden, Russ Howell, and followed by the singing of the Doxology. Several oral reports were shared during the Annual Meeting which included the Senior Warden Report by Russ Howell, Junior Warden Report by Danny Raider, and the Endowment Report by Steve Caruthers. The Treasurer Report was shared by The Rev. Matt Holcombe which included 2023 Income of \$916,710.75 and 2023 Expenses of \$905,079.83. The 2024 Budget approved by the Vestry is \$931,100. Noteworthy was the creation of an Investment Strategy Policy in 2023 along with the creation of an Outreach Endowment which was initially funded with \$190,000 from the sale of the ECW Thrift House. A designated gift was made to the Outreach Endowment, and the current balance, as of January 31, 2024, is \$260,022.91. The 2024 Stewardship Campaign has received pledged commitments of \$865,936 from 239 homes, surpassing the goal of \$850,000. Significant improvements and upgrades continue throughout the campus which include two new showers, new carpeting, new lighting, and new hydration stations. The acquisition of The Saint John's Bible Heritage Edition 141 was one of the most important and significant developments at St. Michael's in 2023.

The Rev. Matt Holcombe highlighted several new initiatives and upcoming events, including Lenten activities, new service and fellowship opportunities, work being done to acquire Stations of the Cross for the Nave, and exploring a permanent outdoor labyrinth. Family Camp & The Parish Retreat will return to Cathedral Ridge on August 9-11, an Adult Pilgrimage to Italy was announced for October, and Bishop Kym Lucas will visit St. Michael's on November 17, 2024.

The Rev. Matt Holcombe gave thanks to God for the ministry of Owen Copps and shared the news that Owen is in the discernment process to seek ordination in The Episcopal Church. As a result, Owen will be leaving St. Michael's in the Fall of 2024. It was also announced that The Rev. Matt Holcombe will be on sabbatical from May 8 – August 8 for a period of rest, renewal, innovation, and exploration. While on sabbatical, The Rev. Vicki Hesse and The Rev. Frank Allen (retired priest from St. David's Radnor, PA) will be overseeing the liturgical, pastoral, and ministerial aspects of St. Michael's.

The Rev. Vicki Hesse offered a closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned by Senior Warden, Russ Howell.

A quorum was met, and the elected Vestry Members are as follows:

- Russ Howell, Senior Warden
- Danny Raider & Steve Shively, Junior Warden
- Veronica Belanger, Mark Borchert, & Cindy Carr: Vestry Class of 2027