

Sr. Warden's Report:

*Onward, then ye people, join our happy throng;
Blend with ours your voices in the triumph song
~Sabine Baring-Gould*



It's been a challenging year! We have been challenged to meet our commitments, to continue the deficit reduction plan, to stop looking back at the way things used to be and focus on where we are going. We are challenged to continue to Care, Share, Worship, Celebrate and Love.

The good news is that we are doing those things! We are continuing with the four-year plan to eliminate the deficit, reaching the half-way point in two years. We have established a new Legacy Endowment Fund to carry us forward.

The monthly potlucks and the cottage meetings gave us a chance to check in – How are you doing? How are we doing? The Messenger has been full of news about the ways in which we are living into our motto: outreach to our neighbors at Rosein Towers, bag lunches, prayerful services, beautiful music, joyful celebrations. Not publicized are the many instances of private caring and sharing as we comfort each other in difficult times.

This has been a year when we paused, took stock, and gathered resolve and resources to move forward. Our rector has challenged us to “think outside the box.” It will take all of us doing that to move forward, triumphantly!

Ellen Redfield,
Senior Warden

Jr. Wardens Report:

As members of the St. John's Community, we daily are provided numerous opportunities to *Care, Share, Worship, Celebrate, and Love*. Through mission similar to this, St. John's possesses a heritage rich with accomplishment. This heritage has and will continue to thrive through our varied ministries: music, outreach, spiritual formation, etc. Fundamental to these accomplishments are individual contributions of time, talent, and treasure. Success has and will continue to occur as a result of our involvement.

Recent opportunities for additional involvement have included: Sunday evening services, choral evensong programs, extraordinary Christmas programs, Festive Sunday/potlucks, Brown Bag discussion groups, cottage meetings, a rummage sale, and our annual Giving Tree/outreach basket project. With seemingly unlimited chances to share time and talent and with sustained and increased participation, we will continue to live into our vision and our mission.



During the last several months, we have been admonished “to think outside the box.” Present and future approaches and solutions to the complexities of St. John's require creative thinking and action. Are you willing to share your time and talent to this end? With God's help we will succeed.

Faithfully,
Keith H. Birdsall