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# 2019 Ministry Highlights

2019 has been a busy year full of blessings! Here are some highlights. If you'd like to get involved with any of the below ministries, contact the church office: 540.373.4133 or [office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net](mailto:office@stgeorgesepiscopal.net)

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## **300th Anniversary Commission**

- Activities during the anniversary year determined
- Champions for all the events designated with teams formed/being formed

## **Adult Christian Education (ACE)**

- 21 Adults confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church
- Developed full year schedule of adult education forums, creating a diverse list of topics based on input from the parish.
- Added new forums and study groups, outside of the regular Sunday services

## **Buildings and Grounds**

- Redundant boiler system purchased and installed
- Master Planning process begun and approximately 75% completed.
- 100 LED lights (donated) have replaced outmoded fluorescent lights
- Facilities Managers repaired the coping on the walls on Princess Anne and George Streets
- Gravestone preservation and cleaning process in place for graveyard conservation and maintenance

## **Children's Formation**

- Re-established Children's Formation Commission
- Combined Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 2 (Grades 1 - 4) and moved to the Renwick building; Level 3 (Grades 5 - 6 grade) moved downstairs to the small atrium
- Vacation Bible School (VBS) held in July for children

## **Communications**

- Partnered with the 300th and History Commissions to develop calendar, bulletin, and brochure of 300th Anniversary Celebration events
- Re-branding and redesign continues; including new bulletin insert listing Sunday Servers and Contact information for Vestry and Staff
- Vestry more available for feedback through weekly vestry table in coffee hour

## **Evangelism**

- Support of a new campus ministry at Germanna Community College
- Hosted Scouting "10 Commandment Hike" for over 100 Scouts in February
- Offered the Labyrinth prayer walk in Market Square during Lent
- Numerous mentions in local news media of St. George's in action

## **Fellowship**

- Several parish events including church picnic and tubing during summer sabbaticals
- Held one of our largest Shrine Mont weekends ever in October
- Officially welcomed our new chapter of the Daughters of the King in August
- Red Door Fellowship for young adults formed in collaboration with Trinity Episcopal and Christ Lutheran
- Blessing of the civil marriage of Pastor Areeta and her husband Chris

## **Pastoral Care**

- Re-established Pastoral Care Commission which is working on processes and guidelines for pastoral care ministries
  - Members review pastoral care issues to better serve our community
  - Trained new Personal Prayer Ministers and added new One Body Response Team (OBRT) members
  - Increased role of lay ministers during rector's sabbatical which is continuing
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### **Grace in Action**

- Provided \$17,225 in financial support to: Micah Ministries, Rappahannock Council against Sexual Assault, Rappahannock Legal Services, Stafford Food Security, and the Moss Free Clinic
- Provided groceries for 9,500 shopping trips at The Table
- Provided fresh produce to senior citizens at Mill Terrace, Healthy Generations, and Madonna House as well as families at Hazel Hill
- Provided 2,400 Community Dinner meals
- Made 1,920 sandwiches through Micah Sandwich Team
- Provided clothing for 46 homeless or economically disadvantaged children through Children's Fund
- Staffed the Cold Weather Night Shelter and participated in clean-up and offering donations
- Participated in School Dressing Days, assisting approximately 1,100 children in need from the Fredericksburg area
- Organized discussion and book groups for racial reconciliation, and created a racial reconciliation library.

### **St. George's Preschool**

- We continue to grow! We are fully subscribed for the 2019 - 20 school year.
- From our staff of 6, 3 teachers have M.Ed degrees, 1 holds a B.S., and 2 hold career certificates in early childhood education

### **Stewardship**

- Added e-giving card for pews
- Recruited parishioners to speak about why they love St. George's
- Supported three St. Georgian seminarians preparing for priesthood. Other parishioners in early discernment for priesthood and diaconate

### **Youth Ministry**

- Our Youth Group continues to thrive
- Ten youth participated in the Rite 13 Liturgy and Preparation
- Six youth were confirmed into the church on March 24, 2019

### **World Mission**

- Youth in Global: Sent 7 young women and 13 adults to Youth in Global mission to United Nations March 10 - 14, 2019 to attend various sessions on global issues for women.
- Haiti: Continued support of our sister church and church school in Port-au-Prince financially, but due to unsafe conditions, we were not able to go and visit our usual medical clinics.
- Glory Ridge – Six youth and 3 adults traveled to NC mountains for a week of worship and fellowship with another church and service work in the local community

### **Worship and Music**

- 78 weekday prayer services. 45 weekday Eucharists; 195 Sunday Eucharists; 33 Sunday Compline services; 62 Home communion services; 11 baptisms; 2 marriage celebrations; 11 funerals;
  - Three new ranks of organ pipes installed in October
  - Growth in monthly concert attendance (due to free admission and generous donors)
  - New members of all music ensembles
  - Additional American Sign Language interpreter at 9 am service
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