



DECEMBER

BELLS OF ST. MARY'S

2015

Dear St. Mary's family,



It is beyond belief that this is our final Bell's for 2015, but as I reflect on how much we have been able to accomplish this year and how far we have come I can understand why it seems that time has flown by. It goes without saying that God has not forgotten about "the pretty little white church on the corner." As John 1:5 says "God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all." We have so much to be thankful for.

For a year with continued road construction going on we have managed to not let that effect our ability to worship Our Lord in our beautiful sanctuary and to honor Him with our labors of love. We have not allowed the small inconveniences to get in the way of our mission "To know Christ and to serve Him."

Accomplishes of note for 2015:

- Refurbishing of the Lanai
- Refurbishing of the Mather Memorial Garden
- Rebuilding of our web-site
- Repaying our 2014 debt of \$25,000 to our reserves
- Fulfilling our 2014 tithe to the Diocese of Central Florida
- Installing an updated sound system in the church and in Palmer Hall
- Commencing of the search process
- Engaging a new Organist/Choir Director
- Selling the church bus
- Contracted to have the church painted
- Engaging a Church Administrator

There are many, many people to thank for the accomplishments noted especially those that have made contributions to the Lanai project, the sound system, and the painting project.

- Heartfelt appreciation to Fr. Bob and Rebecca Anderson as they walk with us on our spiritual journey
- To the Bennett and Corliss families for overseeing the maintenance of the Memorial garden
- To Eileen Francis who serves as our web-master
- To those who served on the Organist search committee: Claudia Forrester, Paul Francis, Denise Scott, Frank Gummey, Jamie Guzzie, George Yates, and Liz Wade
- To Steve Underwood for his efforts in trying to sell the bus and to the many others who have come forth when called upon.

This is only the beginning of thank yous. The list goes on:

- To Jackie Block for her labor of love serving as our volunteer Church Administrator for the past 16 months
- To Tom Raimondo our Sexton
- To Lisa Moore who served as our supply organist for several months
- To Richard Wright our Organist/Choir Director
- To John and Sandy Sockovka who served as our nursery sitters for most of the year

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To Miguel Berrios who serves as our security guard every Sunday
To Pat Carlin and Nell Moore and Patricia Langtry, our office volunteers
To Fr. Joe and Catherine Maher, the side altar prayer team
To Paul & Eileen Francis for their work preparing for a new pictorial directory
To the Choir, the Acolytes, the LEMs, the LEVs, the Readers, the Oblationers, the Counters, the Ushers
To the Altar Guild and the Flower Guild
To the Outreach Committee, the Pastoral Care Committee, the Fellowship Committee, the Worship Committee, Stewardship Committee, the Cursillo Committee
To DOK, ECW, Lunch Bunch, Bible Study groups
To the Vestry: Fran Dunn, Shiela McKay-Vaughan, Jackie Block, Jamie Musselwhite, Claudia Forrester, Kathy Lorenz, Liz Wade, Tom Farrell, & Danielle Rogers
And to each of you reading this newsletter which is a testimony that you care about St. Mary's

This list can go on and on. The point being that it takes everyone working together to make all these wonderful things happen. We are just getting warmed up so as we move into 2016 please continue to keep St. Mary's at the top of your prayer list and your priority list of things to do.

As I write this we are just entering the season of Advent so I share with you these words from Edward Hays, *A Pilgrim's Almanac*, "Take time to be aware that in the very midst of our busy preparations for the celebration of Christ's birth in ancient Bethlehem, Christ is reborn in the Bethlehems of our homes and daily lives. Take time, slow down, be still, be awake to the Divine Mystery that looks so common and so ordinary yet is wondrously present.

And because by the time of our next Bell's we will have already celebrated the birth of our Savior I share this from "anonymous" :

"It's that time of year again when friends and family think about the Christmases of the past and plan for the coming holiday with their loved ones in mind. As we reflect on this blessed celebration, we must keep in mind that Christmas is not just any holiday but, as is Easter, one of the most important ones of the year for Christians. It is a time for remembering, a time to share the goodness of your heart with others, and for expressing what someone means to you. It is a chance to give a message that will express Christ's love and caring to the ones we care about the most. As you write your messages, take the time to offer up a Christmas prayer for each and every person on your list."

With these thoughts in mind:

May You feel God's presence in the candles, that softly spread their glow at Christmas and may you experience the wonder of His abiding love, as He guides you, through each day of the coming year. May God's Blessings be with you during Christmas and the New Year.

In Christian love,

Fran Dunn



SEARCH COMMITTEE UP-DATE

The Search Committee is currently compiling information gathered from the Parish Survey and other historic St. Mary's data to create our St. Mary's Profile. This task has required a great deal of thought and research on the part of the committee and now with Advent and Christmas seasons fast approaching we have had to alter our meeting schedule in order to accommodate the committee members personal schedules. With due diligence we hope to have the profile ready by late January early February. At that point we will be in position to request from the Diocese a list of eligible rector candidates. PLEASE continue to keep the committee and the search process in your prayers.



Mary's Episcopal Church

138th Annual Meeting

January 17, 2016

9:30 AM in Palmer Hall

Please plan to attend!



WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THE PAINT PROJECT????

It was our hope that the church would be painted and beautiful for Christmas, but due to some inclement weather and job scheduling the contractor was not able to begin our project, as reported earlier, and have it completed by Christmas so we are now scheduled to begin the first week of January. We are excited to report that we received many generous donations for \$8,000+ toward the \$18, 816 project and then in God's awesome manner we were blessed to receive a \$10,000 bequest from the estate of Debbie Adams. The vestry voted unanimously to put that money toward the painting project. God works in such mysterious ways that it is breathtaking, isn't it? Thank you, thank you, thank you!



Outreach
November, 2015



The month of November proved to be quite exciting for the Outreach Committee as we continued to provide to both members and our community.

On November 8, the Outreach Committee sponsored Veteran's Breakfasts in honor of Veterans Day after both services. Veterans were honored for their service with a spread of breakfast favorites such as egg casseroles, French toast casseroles, fresh fruit, croissants, muffins, breads, smoky sausages, sausage squares and the like. The baked goods were augmented by the items left over from the ECW Bazaar, which topped it off nicely! We saluted the flag and Fr. Bob said prayers and read the names of our Vets -- we all got a chance to sing along to God Bless America. It was a wonderful occasion for everyone and a \$250 donation was made to the Holly Hill Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans from our Missions and Outreach Budget.

Congregational Outreach efforts in celebration of Thanksgiving centered around the Publix Turkey Gift Card Collection. During the month, we collected \$20 Publix gift cards to give to those families through Halifax Urban Ministries that are in need of a turkey for their tables. We joined a variety of charities who rose to the occasion to help achieve their goal of 500 turkey dinners for their most needy families who registered. Our collection rose to \$1,550 to achieve this goal. Last year, HUM's donor moved out of the area and they were still in search of a donor at the beginning of the month. This year was an especially difficult challenge due to the incidents of bird flu which sent the costs of a turkey skyrocketing; so, our Publix Gift Cards enabled them to give 100 residents their turkeys by giving them a gift card. Other organizations rose to the challenge by providing the funds to buy the sides. Mark Geallis, Executive Director of HUM was deeply grateful on behalf of those residents. He wrote on the St. Mary's Facebook page as follows: "Praise to the Leadership and Congregation at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Daytona Beach for their growing partnership with our ministry. In addition to regular monthly financial support they send a team to serve at our hot meal kitchen and bring frequent food donations for our feed a family packages. They have been working to raise funds for us to provide complete take home Thanksgiving Turkey meals to struggling families and have exceeded their goal! This ministry partnership is a huge blessing and we wanted to say THANK YOU from HUM and the people we serve!"

The collection for the HUM food pantry for December is: rice and beans, spaghetti and sauce and peanut butter and jelly.

Monetary donations made this month are as follows: Disabled American Vets \$250, Family Renew \$250, HUM \$300 in Publix Gift Cards) and Toys for Tots \$200.



ABC

Annual Christmas ABC Party

Come for a fun time

Saturday, December 12, 2015

2:00 - 4:00 PM

\$7.00



A = Angel Craft

Make an angel to take home



B = Baked Goodies

enjoy a holiday goody & bring one to share if you like

C = Christmas Caroling

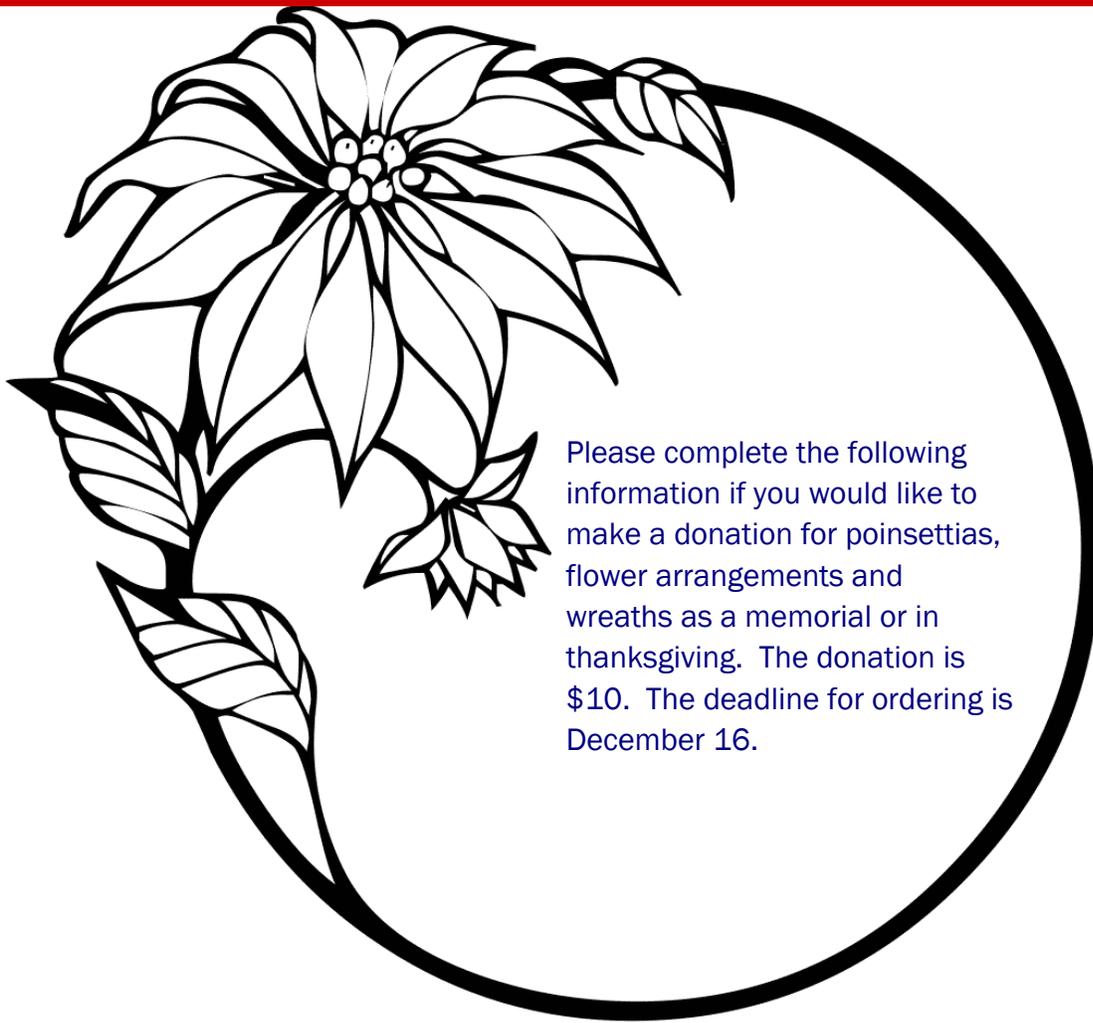
caroling around the piano



St. Mary's Christmas Presentation

Sunday

December 13, 2015.



Please complete the following information if you would like to make a donation for poinsettias, flower arrangements and wreaths as a memorial or in thanksgiving. The donation is \$10. The deadline for ordering is December 16.

In Loving Memory of: _____

AND/OR

In Thanksgiving For: _____

By: _____

You may place in an envelope with your donation and put in the offering plate on Sundays.

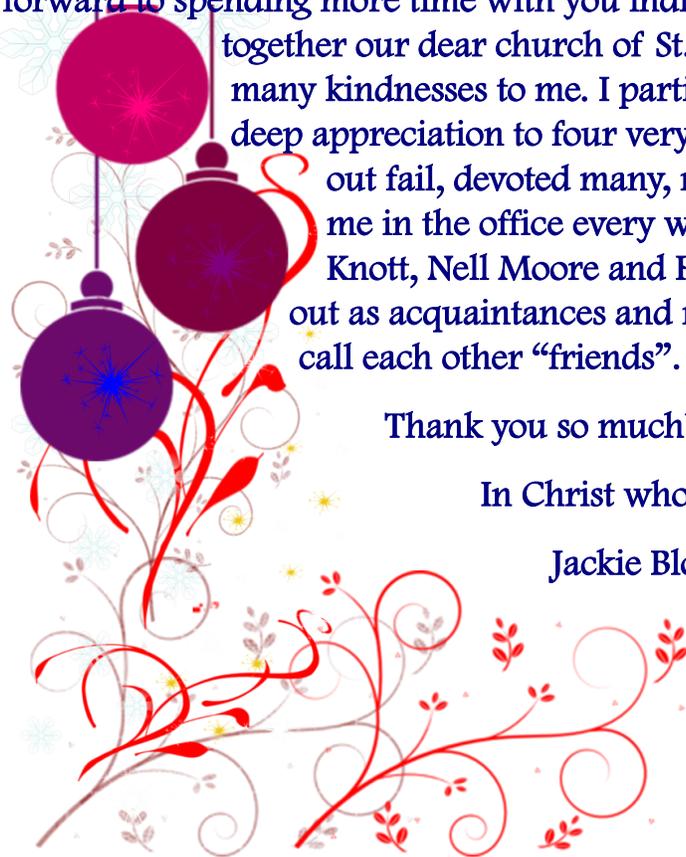
Dear St. Mary's Family,

To you I am ever grateful for the opportunity to serve you the past 16 months as your volunteer parish administrator. It was a labor of love to greet so many of you each morning with a smile, because you always reciprocated with so much more to offer me. I cannot begin to tell you how rewarding it has been to assist with your requests for prayer, for empathizing with you in your losses, for aiding you in contacting others, for attempting to brighten your days with wild and colorful Newsletters (The Bells of St. Mary's)and so much more. I was an educator for 25 years and loved teaching and coaching but in my retirement I discovered the creative art of being a church Secretary to 4 Episcopal Priests and it was here that I found my real comfort zone. The latent creative juices began to develop. And I have learned so much from each of you through this wonderful Christian Journey of ours. I will miss being your Secretary but, in all honesty, I look forward to the time to better serve you as Worship chair, Stewardship chair, Vestry and Search team member. Even more, I look forward to spending more time with you individually and in supporting together our dear church of St. Mary's. Thank you for your many kindnesses to me. I particularly wish to express my deep appreciation to four very dear ladies who, without fail, devoted many, many hours to assisting me in the office every week – Pat Carlin, Patricia Knott, Nell Moore and Patricia Langtry. We started out as acquaintances and now, I am grateful to say, we call each other "friends". What a special blessing.

Thank you so much!

In Christ who strengthens me,

Jackie Block





INTRODUCING JUDITH (JUDI) RASKE - PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

I hale from Moline, Illinois and in 1982 moved to Florida. Once in FI I went back to school and started my Computer Science Degree in Florida and finished it between four different universities as I moved around, courtesy of my employer.

Spending most of my career in an IT arena at several different companies, each one representing an important career move, I am now retired from a computer business practice I own and operated for the past 15 years.

I am the mother of four daughters; Tammy and Jennifer live in Illinois, Evie in South Carolina, and my eldest, I am sure, lives in heaven. I have five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. I love dogs and my best friends name is Jake. I also love to read and quilt.

It is an honor and pleasure to be at St Mary's Episcopal serving your needs. I look forward to a long happy relationship and hope to be meeting each and every one of you.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALENDAR FOR 2016

Ministry leaders are encouraged to begin filling out the "Event Planning Request Forms" for events you would like to see on the calendar for 2016. You may pick up forms in the office and return them for Fr. Bob's approval

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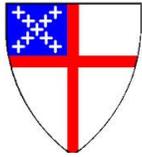
Well done, Kathy Munroe, Rachel Ramsey and Danielle Rogers for a wonderful night of good eats, fabulous music and musicians and meaningful sharing of our Christian journeys, There were approximately 40 in attendance from 8 of 11 churches from our Deanery—incredibly delightful.



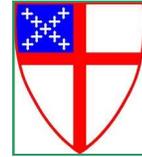
The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 8 at 10 am hosted by June Feeley and Denise Scott. Bring sandwiches for lunch.

LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will resume meeting on the last Monday of the month starting in January.



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- 1 Steve Greenwood
- 2 Anna Hergert
- 3 Ruth Busse
- 5 Jamie Guzzi
- 5 Connie Rossley
- 14 Liz Wade
- 27 Larry Clifton
- 27 Sally Cullen
- 27 Wilma Walker
- 30 Nancy J. White
- 31 Sally Cole

HAPPY
WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY

- 18 Bob and Sarah Kundering
- 26 George and Ann Yates

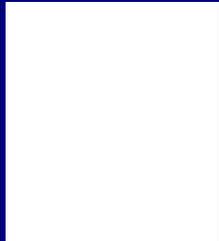


My personal thanks go out to the ladies who helped prepare for and who worked on the day of the ECW Bazaar. If I tried to name names, I know that someone would be missed. You know who you are and you did a good job. The net profit was \$1267.68, slightly more than last year. We gave it our best shot. Thank you again.....Nancy



DECEMBER 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II	2 Office Closed	3 10:00 ECW 10:00 Good Sam's Service 	4 6:00 Soup/Salad Dinner 7:00 Bible Study	5 10:00 Healing Service 11:00 Bible Study 12:00 Lunch 7:00 Choir Practice 	6 9:30 Altar Guild 3 10:30 Flower Guild 3	7
6 8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II	7 Office Closed Decorate Palmer Hall	8 10:00 DOK 7:30 Vestry 	9 10:30 Indigo Manor Service  6:00 Soup/Salad Dinner 7:00 Bible Study	10 10:00 Healing Service 11:00 Bible Study 12:00 Lunch 7:00 Choir Practice	11 9:30 Altar Guild 4 10:30 Flower Guild 4 Play Practice	12 12:00 Wedding 9:00 Play Practice 2:00 ABC Christmas Party
13 8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 Choir 10:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II His Majesty's Ministries Christmas Play	14 Office Closed	15 10:00 HUM FEEDING	16 6:00 Soup/Salad Dinner 7:00 Bible Study	17 10:00 Healing Service 11:00 Bible Study 12:00 Lunch 7:00 Choir Practice	18  9:30 Altar Guild 1 10:30 Flower Guild 1 6:00 Ultreya	19
20 8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II	21 Office Closed	22 Altar Guild Work Day	23 Flower Guild Work Day	24 7:30 CHORAL SING 8:00 CHRIST MASS	25 10:00 CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE 9:30 Altar Guild 2 10:30 Flower Guild 2	26
27 8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:15 Choir Rehearsal 10:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II	28 Office Closed	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE		
				 Choir Rehearsal	Healing	

Ministries for **DECEMBER** 2015

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8:30 am

LEM Reader 1	Kay Bielick	Scott Law	Scott Law	Bob Kunding
Reader 2	Mark Skolski	Paula Rizzo	Kathy Munroe	Gwen Johnson
Crucifer	Kay Bielick	Scott Law	Scott Law	Bob Kunding
Prayers of the People	Paula Rizzo	Kay Bielick	Mark Skolski	Kathy Munroe

Ushers: Jim and Sylvia Richey, Ed Shaw, Gail Wooten

10:30 am

LEM READER 1	Frank Gummey	Bob Kunding	Jackie Block	Pete Corliss
LEM	Fran Dunn	Sally Cullin	Carmen Howell	Frank Gummey
READER 2	Kathy Schuh	Margaret Tedrick	Bob Sellers	Pat Carlin
CRUCIFER	Frank Gummey	Bob Kunding	Frederick Aryeetey	Pete Corliss
TORCH	Fran Dunn	Sally Cullen	Peyton Glugover	Fran Dunn
TORCH	Jackie Block	Jackie Block	Sydnee Glugover	Jackie Block
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Catherine Maher	Rachel Ramsey	Jamie Guzzi	Shiela McKay-Vaughan
OBLATIONERS	Rachel Ramsey Joan Rebola	The Farrells	Phyllis Lowry Mary Corliss	The Whites
ALTAR GUILD	3 Susan Gummey, Pat Carlin, Brenda Jarvis	4 Patricia Langtry Rachel Ramsey	1 Pat Hook, Chesley Bennett, Nita May, Marcia Shearer	2 Paula Rizzo Patricia Langtry
FLOWER GUILD	3 Dawn Foster Susan Gummey	4 Marlene Kellington Clare Rakestraw	1 Clara Fowler Pat Hook Marcia Shearer Nita May	2 Clara Fowler Pat Hook, Marcia Shearer Nita May
COUNTERS	Rachel Ramsey Danielle Rogers	Winnie Condon Paul Francis Danielle Rogers	Jackie Block Danielle Rogers	Paul Francis Danielle Rogers

USHERS: Larry Clifton (CAPT), Chesley Bennett, David Withee, Winnie Condon

Christmas Eve: December 24, 2015

7:30 pm Carol Sing

8:00 pm Christ Mass

LEM/First Reader - Fran Dunn

LEM - Frank Gummey

Second Reader - Margaret Tedrick

Prayers of the People - Pat Carlin

Crucifer - Pete Corliss

Thurifer- Bob Kunding

Boatman - Catherine Corliss

Torch Bearers - Fran Dunn

Frank Gummey

Oblationers - Joan Rebola, Margaret Tedrick

Ushers - Larry Clifton, Chesley Bennett

Winnie Condon David Withee

Christmas Day: December 25, 2015

10:00 am Rite I Service

LEM/First Reader - Fran Dunn

Second Reader - Patricia Langtry

Crucifer - Scott Law

Ushers - Jim and Sylvia Richey



St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The Reverend Robert Anderson, Interim Rector

Richard Wright, Organist/Choir Director

Judy Raske, Parish Administrator

Tom Raimondo, Sexton

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Our Services

Sunday 8:30 am Rite I

Sunday 10:30 am Rite II



Office Hours: Closed Monday

Open 10 am till 2 pm Tuesday through Thursday

Open 10am till noon on Friday

The mission of St. Mary's is "To know Christ and to serve him"

NOTICE MINISTRIES AND LEADERS

Before scheduling meetings, functions or events for your groups, please check the master calendar in the church office to make sure your date does not conflict with any other events that may be scheduled. **Please fill out a Calendar Request Form** which is available in the office. Events will be approved by the Vestry

REMINDER

If you are in the hospital or scheduled to be in the hospital in the near future, please **inform the church office** so that we will know that you are there. Please leave a message if the church office is closed

VESTRY

Senior Warden:	Fran Dunn
Junior Warden:	Shiela McKay-Vaughan
Secretary:	Jacqueline Block
Treasurer:	Jamie Musselwhite
Adult Activities:	Claudia Forrester
Finance :	Jamie Musselwhite
Publicity:	Danielle Rogers
Building and Grounds:	Shiela McKay-Vaughan
Fellowship:	Fran Dunn
Worship:	Jacqueline Block
Evangelism:	Liz Wade
Adult Christian Education:	Kathy Lorenz
Pastoral Care:	Tom Farrell