

**What an incredible year!**

We started 2018 anticipating a celebration of the 60th anniversary of the founding of St. Thomas Episcopal Church. We chose the theme Building Upward, Inward, and Outward to mark that celebration because it described what we do together as a congregation so well.

Later in 2018, our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry invited the Episcopal Church to reclaim seven habits of the spiritual life that help us follow the way of Jesus. He called it the Way of Love, inspired by his sermon at a little wedding in England in May. Since then, we have built everything we do at St. Thomas around these seven practices: Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest. Both of these themes called us to center ourselves in God's love. Both of these themes inspired us to grow as followers of Jesus. Both of these themes reminded us to go into the world, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

As a result, St. Thomas has grown. Yes, we grew numerically in 2018, but more importantly we grew in discipleship and witness and service.

Thanks to all who lead, organize, pray, give, and share in what God is doing among us. Let us commit to making 2019 a year of similar growth in faithfulness as we follow Jesus on the Way of Love together.

Gratefully,  
Grace

# 2018 FINANCES AT A GLANCE

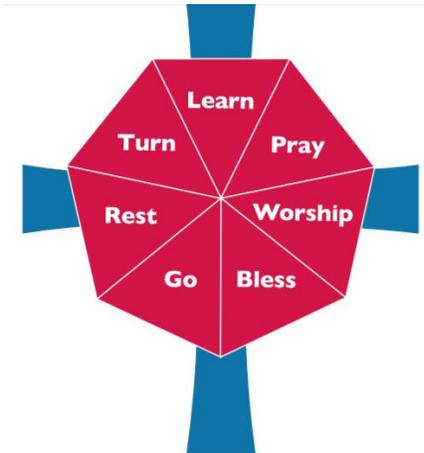
OPERATING ACCOUNT	2018 Budget	2018 Actual	2019 Budget
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Pledges & Contributions	452,803.00	465,785.29	516,598.00
Other Income	151,966.00	156,210.90	152,516.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>604,769.00</b>	<b>621,996.19</b>	<b>669,114.00</b>
<b>OPERATING ACCOUNT</b>			
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Admin/Payroll/Benefits	344,047.00	340,893.13	374,003.00
Christian Education	11,000.00	12,825.52	12,000.00
Diocesan Pledge & Exps	57,679.00	57,679.00	60,750.00
Evangelism	1,400.00	2,488.27	1,900.00
Outreach	40,230.00	40,102.13	39,411.00
Parish Life	7,500.00	6,965.61	7,000.00
Properties	106,500.00	123,533.23	114,500.00
Capital Reserve	15,000.00	15,000.00	13,000.00
Stewardship	1,300.00	1,350.78	1,300.00
Music	19,430.00	27,211.26	22,000.00
Worship	11,250.00	12,141.43	23,250.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>615,336.00</b>	<b>640,190.36</b>	<b>669,114.00</b>

DESIGNATED ACCOUNT	2018 Actual
Beginning Balance	175,080.43
Revenue	420,584.57
Expenses	(446,085.14)
<b>12/31/18 Cash Balance</b>	<b>149,579.86</b>

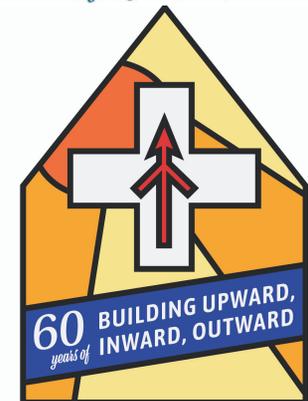
ENDOWMENT ACCOUNTS	12/31/18 Balance
Unrestricted (Wilkins)	1,751,380.61
Restricted (Baird)	480,656.82

Outreach Collections	
African Mission	10,660.00
Appleton	77.00
CVEM	5,877.10
Episcopal Relief & De	600.83
Rector's Discretionary	5,876.37
Wynnton	3,044.62
Neighbrhd Ntwrk	
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,325.92</b>

# ST. THOMAS 2018 SUMMARY REPORT



**THE WAY OF LOVE**  
*Practices for Jesus-Centered Life*



**ST. THOMAS**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Building Upward on the Way of Love



A new piano in the Nave, dedicated on September 16, enhanced our worship

The Prayer Group grew to 8 members, with 81 on the email prayer list.



Many memorable worship moments: Holy Week, Bluegrass Mass, Choral Evensong, All Saints' at Linwood, Lessons and Carols, Christmas Eve

50 choir members and friends prayed and sang together on an inspiring pilgrimage to England



47 children and youth led the Christmas Pageant



Worship attendance and pledging grew by over 11%



2 weekly opportunities for Bible Study continued on Wednesday nights, engaging a dedicated and consistent group of adults.

29 Acolytes, 16 Altar Guild Members, 60 LEMs and Lay Readers, 37 St Thomas Choir members, 34 Ushers, 9 Vergers, and our Flower Guild led us in 172 meaningful services of worship.



We welcomed 49 new members, celebrated 10 baptisms, 3 confirmations/receptions, and 1 marriage, and commended 9 beloved parishioners to God's eternal keeping.



10 GRAND adults shared hobbies and faith with children throughout the summer

An Average of 17 youth gathered weekly on Wednesdays for learning and fellowship



99 home communion visits were made by 11 Lay Eucharistic Visitors

# Building Inward on the Way of Love

A successful 60th anniversary offering raised \$145,188 for facility improvements, outreach, and music



Property Committee completed a remodel of the chapel, repairs to the parking lot, and updates to the nave. Thanks to the 60th anniversary offering, more work is planned for 2019



We had fun together at 60th anniversary celebrations, the Episcoparty, Foyers and Parents gatherings, Thanksgiving Dinner, and more

An intentional discernment process strengthened the process of recruiting leaders for our ministries



Have you downloaded the Church Life app? This puts the church directory and other resources on your phone

# Building Outward on the Way of Love



8 volunteers welcomed 8 families to St. Thomas through Valley Interfaith Promise

14 Brewer Buddies helped children with reading skills at Brewer Elementary



Our Creation Care team built a relationship with Georgia Interfaith Power and Light

6 Path to Shine mentors helped children with homework and life skills



More than 36 soccer players took part in teams and a soccer camp at Boxwood Recreation Center

We learned about the East Carver Heights neighborhood and African American History in Columbus



We donated \$3,044.62 to Wynnton Neighborhood Network along with offerings of canned goods. Youth also packed bags for holiday distributions

St. Thomas Showed Up for Shabbat with our Jewish neighbors.



21 St. Thomas parishioners assisted CVEM with TAP, facilitating a week-long, interfaith art program for 84 children and youth