

FINANCIAL UPDATE

JANUARY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30/19

We have been very blessed over the last nine months through our Congregation's increased generosity through General Offerings, participation of St. Mary's Special Events of Spaghetti Cabaret, Yard Sale, the Shawnigan Lake School Tour, all of which has had an improved impact on our bottom line. These, along with an increase in the utilization of the Hall and Church with Weddings and Funerals, we are in a positive financial position.

The Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual statement shows we have a net income of \$10799.62. However, from this, we must deduct \$2653.83 final payment of the 2017 bequest and \$1151.00 that belongs to the Birthday Box outreach beneficiaries.

Therefore the actual net income is **\$6994.13.**

This has allowed your Parish Council to move to increase the Administrator's hours to 24 hours/week, thus allowing our Rector to take LESS time in administrative duties, and MORE time to do her Ministerial work. The increase in Kat's hours will be covered through our current financial position for the balance of the year. This increase in salary will also be reflected in the 2020 budget.

While St Mary's is covering its basic expenses, we are a long way from setting up any contingency fund to meet any emergency financial expenses. It is only through maintaining your financial support and increased generosity that we can continue to keep the doors of St. Mary's open and feed on our spiritual nourishment.

I will be available after Service in the Hall to answer any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Birchall-Creighton
Treasurer
October 10, 2019

Christmas Gift Baskets

Dear Parishioners,

Once again, we are counting on your generosity to help us fill our **Christmas Gift Baskets.** One suggestion we have, is for people to pick a THEME, and bring in the items that go with PETS, HAPPY HOUR, MOVIE NIGHT, GAMES NIGHT, KITCHEN, PAMPER ME, etc.

Another easy idea is to simply bring in items such as the following: *teas and coffees, wine, small bottles of spirits or liqueurs, chocolates, snacks, kids' toys and games*, et al. We wonder if those of you who are going away for the winter, would consider donating before you leave.

We are also in need of *pretty wired ribbon and cellophane or tissue paper basket filler.*

Please mark **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10th** as the deadline for bringing things to the church. Linda Henton and Evelyne Gremo will happily pick them up from there. Your contributions are very much appreciated.

THANK-YOU.

