

# Welcome-Worship-Witness

## *A Stewardship Message*

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." *Helen Keller*

### Stewardship Opportunities



**Melanie Killian**  
**Treasurer**

Every January, Saint Anne's Vestry works very hard to produce a balanced budget. This year, we are giving every member a chance to help the vestry build that budget through pre-annual meeting workshops. Join the Vestry on Sunday, January 13 after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. worship services, as we go line by line through the proposed 2019 budget, all with the goal of living responsibly and faithfully into the ministry that we have been called.

### **A New Year means New Opportunities!**

In the Great Litany (BCP pg. 151) we pray:

*"That it may please thee to inspire us in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good..."*

In doing so, we acknowledge that we are united as a community and have among us a variety of gifts and talents that serve to build up our efforts.

If asked, what would you say is that one thing that you have to offer over and above anything else? We are a community of the faithful made strong through our common efforts. If you would like to explore how your unique talent can support Saint Anne's effort to serve others, let me know.

Fr. Jim



### **Caught in the Act!!**

Ms. Elaine Gray was recently Caught in The Act of Being a Good Steward, sharing her time, talent and treasure on behalf of Saint Anne. Have you received a birthday card or anniversary card from Saint Anne? You received that through the love and efforts of Elaine. Thank You Elaine for your ongoing ministry!!



### Is Saint Anne a Vibrant Parish?

Stand on the platform of an incoming subway train and you can feel the train get closer. Stop alongside a car with a blaring stereo and your car shakes with the sound. Listen to the summer cicada; the air pulsates with their deafening noise. Feel the pulsing of a roller coaster under your feet as it whips around the track. Vibrations indicate movement. Vibrations that beat and pulsate imply a pulse, and a pulse means life.

What makes a vibrant parish, one with vitality and a healthy life people recognize? A vibrant parish is alive with a pulse that is felt and seen from within by its members and externally by those who know it by its works, ministries and reputation.

The following are 10 signs of a vibrant parish:

*By author Denise Simeone*

Tune in each month as the discussion continues. *February's Stewardship Message* will include a discussion of the first sign of a vibrant parish.

## Meet the Steward

### Melissa and Chris Seale



Melissa and Chris have two children, Malone (4) and Keegan (2). They also have two dogs, one cat, and three chickens. The Seales live in Waxahachie where Chris is the horticulturalist for the city. He oversees the city beautification. All the huge potted plants underneath HWY 287 and around downtown Waxahachie were completed and maintained by Chris. Malone and Keegan enjoy planting and helping around the yard with their father. Melissa is the Director of Radiology at Methodist Mansfield. Once the new hospital in Midlothian is built, she will transfer. Melissa has been a radiologic technologist for almost 16 years and loves caring for patients.



## Worship as Stewardship

Within each of our worship services there are several individuals, in front and behind the scenes, who help to make our liturgical efforts successful. These numerous ministries within the Worship Committee are responsible for coordinating the various individuals as they minister. Many attest that they have been drawn into the center of church life through their participation in liturgy. Perhaps you would like to be involved in a more "hands on" way? [frharris@gmail.com](mailto:frharris@gmail.com)



