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RECTOR'S REPORT

Dear people of Christ Church,

The path ahead of us is nothing like the road that got us here. I encountered that phrase recently when reading about the ever-shifting realities of being the Church in the 21st Century. I haven't been able to get it out of my head.

Christ Church has experienced some tremendous change since the last Annual Meeting. We bid unexpected and untimely good-byes to three vital staff members: **Clifford Badgley** (Music), **Meg Jones** (Christian Formation), and **Ellie Roberts** (Church Life). God has sent us **Jimi Paderick** and **Jacqueline Nappi** to continue the good ministry that Ellie and Cliff, respectively, led among us. We are thankful for the ministry that **Page Litfin** and **Sydney Kitchen** are leading in Christian Formation during this interim period until we can fill that position with a full-time person again. As God has continued to provide what we need when we need it, I trust that God is preparing the right person for us and preparing for us for them.

These transitions have enabled other leaders to rise to the occasion and help us continue to grow the Kingdom of God here at the corner of Pollock and Middle Streets. I am exceedingly grateful especially to **Jean Reichenbach** and **Janet Peregoy** who facilitated our two choirs along with **Joyce Baker**, **Mary Ann Jones**, **Karen O'Connell**, **Timothy Maddox-Fisher**, and **Nadi Richter** who played piano and organ over the previous 11 months.

I continue to believe that Christ Church is a strong, dynamic, and healthy parish. We are not without our challenges and our areas of growth. But in the face of those challenges, God continues to show us ways forward to be a people who love the way God loves. I believe God continues to equip us with the resources we need to continue being the hands, feet, and

voice of Jesus in a world that so desperately needs to experience it.

I am exceedingly grateful that God led **Suzanne Hood** to be Associate Rector. Her attention to detail, organizational skills, and forward-thinking have enhanced our concepts of Pastoral Care in ways I could only dream of. I am especially grateful for her leadership in raising up new Stephen Ministers who share in the work of caring for those who need one-on-one attention. She has also worked with **John Gaskill** on re-vamping our Eucharistic Visitor ministry, ensuring that those who cannot attend church for reason of illness or injury receive the Communion. I encourage you to read Suzanne's report for more details.

Here are some things that I said last year that are still true this year:

Cindy Tripp keeps us on solid footing and helps both staff and volunteer leaders know where we are in terms of financial resources and giving throughout the year. She asks great questions, is careful in her work, and is an excellent steward of our finances.

Betsy Downard continues to be an amazing asset to our team. Betsy can pick up a task and run with it, often ensuring completion before we realize she's even started!

Sarah Risty-Davis continues to manage several areas around volunteer engagement, most notably our Front Desk Receptionists and Sunday worship participants. This year, she was a vital part in making sure every

volunteer slot during Pumpkin Patch was filled.

Heidi Powell continues to offer nursery care for our youngest members, and we are exceedingly grateful for their ministry among us. We currently have another position available in the nursery.

The Rev. Deacon Lisa Kirby joined us shortly after I was named Rector in 2015, and I am more and more thankful for her each year. Recently, she has also been serving the wider church on the Court of Review, which looks at questions of clergy misconduct. That's not an easy job, but we are thankful for her faithfulness in it.

Terry Pitner, Coastal Cleaning and Janitorial Services, cleans and straightens our buildings. Terry is here six days a week (sometimes seven!) to make sure people come into a clean, bright building. We contract with Terry to be here about 20 hours a week. If you ever encounter her while you're here, please be sure to say thank you!

I am always grateful to the outgoing

Vestry members for their three years of amazing service and this year is no different. **Beth Livingston** has been an excellent Senior Warden. **John King**, **Howard Furnas**, and **Sims Wayt** have provided excellent insight and leadership. I know they will have some well-deserved time off, and I also know they will not fade into the sunset at Christ Church, either.

Like many other churches, too, we are seeing regular giving stay steady, but a waning willingness or ability to make an



RECTOR'S REPORT (cont.)



annual pledge. While we are grateful for every dollar that supports the mission and ministry of Christ Church, figuring up our expenses and income is less challenging when households are able to make a pledge. Even as staff and volunteers work diligently to be good stewards of the financial resources given to Christ Church, expenses tend to outpace giving. We often catch up at the end of the calendar year, but it remains a challenge.

It is always you, the people of Christ Church, who make this place a beacon of hope and resiliency in a world that needs more than ever to see us all be the hands, feet, and voice of Christ in the World. I thank you for all you do for this sacred place! God continues to inspire and amaze us, and I'm thankful we are on this journey together.

-- The Rev. H. Paul Canady

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul Canady".

Rector



ASSOCIATE RECTOR'S REPORT

I continue to be inspired by this community. You, the people of Christ Church, are engaged in serving God and serving others in ways that bring me joy and make me grateful that I am able to walk this journey with you.

During the first half of this year, I spent a good amount of time focused on Stephen Ministry. Christ Church has long placed importance on this ministry of lay caregivers who are trained to provide pastoral care for members of our community who are in need. Stephen Ministers work with individuals, caring for them, listening to them, and praying with them. This ministry does not replace pastoral care offered by clergy, but it is an excellent supplement to it. From January until the end of May the existing Stephen Ministers and four new members went through more than 50 hours of training. Changes in the curriculum were a benefit to all those trained, even those who have been serving as part of this ministry for a long time. It was a joy to watch this group of compassionate people become a close-knit community, supporting each other as they support the wider community of Christ Church.



It always takes some time to begin to really understand how a complex system works and that is as true of Christ Church as it is for any other system. This year I have really begun to feel like I am seeing the bigger picture of how all the parts move together. A part of my work here at Christ Church is to liaise with several commissions. These include Pastoral Care, Parish Life, Evangelism, and Outreach. During the first half of this year, I focused primarily on Pastoral Care as mentioned above with Stephen Ministry, but also with expansion of the Christ Church Friends group and learning more about all the other parts of that commission. I also worked with Parish Life to help facilitate the transition from one commission leader to another. Working alongside the dynamic commission leaders and committee chairs brings me joy, and I am grateful for the opportunity to bring my creativity and energy to these areas.

This year has brought a few challenges, as staffing changes required flexibility from all of us. However, these changes have allowed me to grow into areas that I may not have had reason to be as involved with. In particular, I am grateful for the opportunity to work alongside Paul to teach confirmation classes to both youth and adults.

Teaching continues to be something I enjoy a great deal, whether in the area of pastoral care, in book studies, or other Sunday school classes. The Visio Divina class I taught during Lent was a particular pleasure as a small group of us used contemporary art to open our understanding of scripture. Additionally, getting to be a part of VBS was so much fun. The days were full of laughter and smiles, from both the children and the adults.

More than anything else this year marks one year of ordained ministry for me, and all of it has been in the company of all of you here at Christ Church. Whether preaching, teaching, or providing pastoral care, my life as a priest here at Christ Church is more than I ever could have imagined. When I stand at the altar celebrating the Eucharistic prayer I often hold in my heart a deep prayer of gratitude that this is something I am allowed to do. Thank you for calling me to be among you. Thank you for allowing me to walk with you.

-- The Rev. Suzanne Hood
Associate Rector



DIRECTOR OF CHURCH LIFE'S REPORT

As my chapter at Christ Church comes to a close, I want to express my gratitude to all for the warm welcome you gave me here. This has been the greatest time of my life so far, and I appreciate and love you all.

Administrative Office: As always, the administrative office has been busy, busy in 2023. We transitioned to Realm database late in 2022 and continue to transition the membership and accounting modules in 2023. Everyone should have received an invitation to create a profile in Realm and to join the church family on the Realm platform. You will be able to see your giving account and to communicate with other Christ Church groups. We transitioned to a comprehensive Grant process that includes one grant period and one grant application that is used for all grants awarded at Christ Church. This includes Christ Church Trust Grants, Outreach Grants (Pumpkin Patch and Giving Tuesday) as well as grants from ECW. This will lead to reporting a bigger impact on outreach giving from Christ Church, as well as high level of integrity in the process. The community in general should feel good about Christ Church's granting process. One hundred percent of donated funds to Christ Church Grants are given back to the community, and that is something to be proud of!

Membership: Christ Church continues to grow as our community population expands. We welcomed 47 new members last year and said goodbye to 24 for a net increase of 23 members. Total membership at Christ Church is 1,052 individuals and 592 registered households.

Finance: Cindy Tripp, Finance Coordinator has fully transitioned in her role at Christ Church. Cindy has proven to be a very thoughtful and extremely competent person in her role in finance. She has been a huge part of the successful transition to Realm accounting as we transitioned

from the old Church Windows. Her insight and expertise have made the transition successful. I am so grateful for Cindy and all her expertise in finance and accounting. See the Treasurer's Report on pg 19 for more details regarding our financial position.

Communications: Betsy Downard, Communications Coordinator, is dedicated to making sure we have all of our publications (Bulletins, *Messenger*, *The Crown*) ready for viewing each week. She maintains the website, the prayer list and all the flower requests as well as the social media management and so much more. She does all this with a big, bright smile. She is creative and very dedicated, and I have been so lucky to work with her not once but twice in my lifetime.

Volunteering at Christ Church: Sarah Risty-Davis has come into her own in her position in the past year. It seems like people were ready to re-engage after the Covid 19 volunteer desert. It has been such a pleasure to see her institute new volunteer processes and a volunteer guidebook in the past year. Sarah is kind and considerate, and it is has been my pleasure to work with her at Christ Church. If you have not read about all the ways, you can volunteer and give of your talents at Christ Church, I invite you to look at all the good things you could be doing at your church and in your community. Sarah continues to explore new ways to attract volunteers that keep church activities active. We could not do all that we do without our wonderful volunteers. If you are not already volunteering for something, I hope that you will consider where you can fit in your time and talents, whatever that may be.

Facilities: A special thanks to Rick Miller for all that he has done to keep our facilities in good order. I have often threatened to give him a permanent office here at the church because he is here just about every day fixing something, working in the

burial grounds, or completing yet another maintenance project. Rick is such an intentional servant and completes all these projects with kindness in his heart. He is the ultimate volunteer.

Thanks also to Randy Bogle as he took on the new role of Junior Warden this year. He is reviving the Building and Grounds Committee, so if you have any inclination to help in that capacity, please contact Randy today.

Terry Pitner, Coastal Cleaning and Janitorial Services, continues to do an outstanding job of keeping our campus clean and in well order. She has done a fantastic job! As I depart Christ Church, I hope you will welcome Jimi Paderick as your new Director of Church life. She comes with many years of experience at Diocesan House, and I just know she will fit right in.

To "my" administrative staff, you have been my support and guides along the 5 and ½ years I have been here, and I am grateful for all of you past and present. Your input, advice and hard work have helped us to accomplish so much in my tenure here.

To the Vestry, thank you for your faith in me and giving me the opportunity to serve. To Suzanne Hood, you inspire me every day and to Paul Canady, you are my rock, and your continued support and guidance mean the world to me. My only hope is that I have left this place in a better place than it was when I arrived here.

Finally, to all the Parish members and friends, I leave with this final blessing: *"May the good Lord bless and keep you, whether near or far away, The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace."* It has been my pleasure to serve this church, and I wish you all peace and love.

-- Ellie Roberts

MUSIC MINISTRY REPORT

This year has been a year of transition for the music ministry at Christ Church.

Our Director of Music for the past five years resigned December 31, 2022. Starting in January, music continued under the guidance of many people: Mary Ann Jones (organ); Tim Maddox (organ and piano); Nadi Richter (piano); Joyce Baker (8:30 choir and services from January to May); Janet Peregoy (8:30 coordinator); and Jean Reichenbach (Parish Choir director). Karen O'Connell jumped in when a couple of emergency situations presented themselves. Through the work and dedication of these individuals, music continued to be a wonderful part of our worship. And choir members must be thanked as well, for supporting these individuals and each other in this time of transition.

Uke kids continued until May with Jean Reichenbach. Four of the students, Henry Jutras, Ada Ruth Canady, Parker Jutras and Wednesday Huff planned and played a piece learned in Uke class at their schools' talent shows. Quite an achievement!

A search for a new Director of Music was started in January with the following people on the committee: Harry Ballard, Bill Brubaker, Kathryn Jasper, Susan Husson, Dan Palamitakis, Jettie Pelletier, Mimi Watrous, Mark West, with Jean Reichenbach as Chair. In May, an unsuccessful offer was made, as the person took a job elsewhere.



In June, the committee reconvened and re-started the search which culminated in a successful hiring of the next Director of Music, Jacqueline Nappi, MM.

The Hand Bell Choir continues to develop and meet new musical challenges. The group fluctuates between 10-11 players, and rings in church about every month and a half. Members have enjoyed the expertise of two visiting Hand Bell groups.

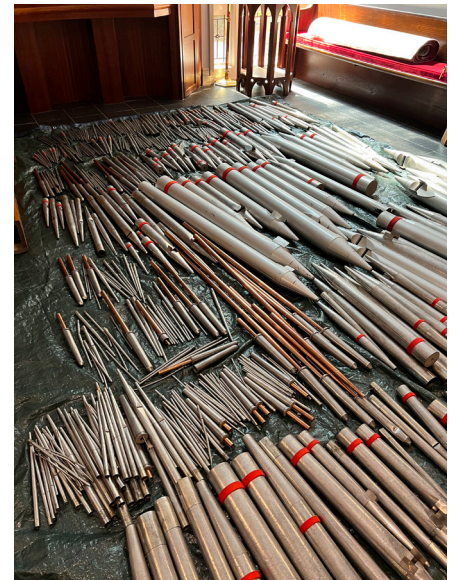
Our new organ, being built by the Taylor and Boody Company of Staunton, Virginia, is scheduled to start installation

in the church sometime in January.

We look forward to an exciting finish to this year and a new beginning in 2024 with a new Director of Music on board and a new organ!



-- *Soli Deo Gloria* Jean Reichenbach



GROWING IN GRACE REPORT

This is my eighth year as the director of the Growing In Grace (GIG) after school program. We currently serve 10 children in 1st-5th grade from Brinson Memorial School. All 10 are returning students. The last seven years of GIG have been very successful, and this success was measured by the academic growth of our students (we have had several students make the Principal's List and Honor Roll); growth of our students' self-esteem and confidence; and the number of volunteers wanting to be a part of our program.

This year we have 36 approved volunteers, including 29 weekly mentors, five subs and two van drivers.

Our mentors also volunteer to ride the van with the driver each day. All volunteers are required to complete a background check and the Safeguarding Courses.

Each child has four mentors, many of whom are church members. Mentors work with their child for 45 minutes on Monday thru Thursday after school to help with homework, study for tests, skill-building and reading. The spiritual aspect of GIG

is also unique and provides the children with love and knowledge of God's hope for them. We also have a volunteer van driver and riders. Our program provides transportation for the students from school to the church and back home again.



During our seventh year our GIG children participated in Chapel time on Thursdays with Paul, Suzanne and Meg. We met them in the indoor chapel, for Bible stories and to learn more about Christ Church.

This year we are also having Thursday Chapel in the Nave with Suzanne or Paul. Our eighth year so far has been amazing! Our group of children have returned

together as a family and love all of their mentors. The mentors love all of our children, too. We always refer to our program as ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY. We continue to get more interest as our mentors talk about how much they love being a part of our program.

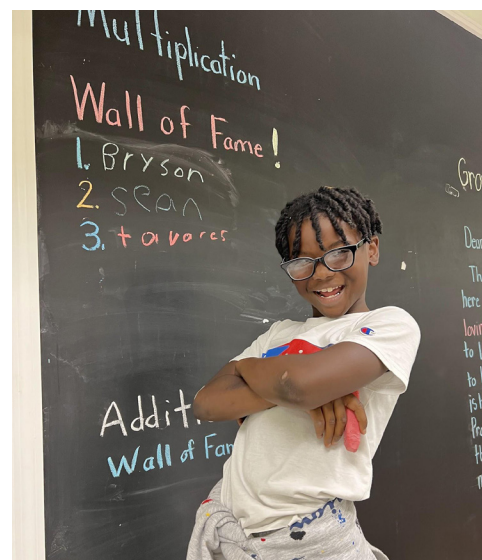
The children also participated

in the unloading of the pumpkins to give back to Christ Church. We are making plans for some field trips and fun days.

We are going on days in the school calendar that are teacher work days. We are hoping to go to Simply Natural Creamery and to Trinity Center and beach. Some days we may just walk around our beautiful city.

Growing in Grace continues to be greatly appreciated by the Growing In Grace children, the families of the children, our many volunteers and by Brinson Elementary School. A big thank you to the Vestry of Christ Church for enthusiastically supporting this program and to the parish for embracing it as a ministry they love and support with time, talent and treasure.

If you would like to become a volunteer for this program or for more information contact Debbie Fodrie - debbiefodrie@christchurchnewbern.com



SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

2023, wow, I can't believe I am writing this, "don't blink". As I look back on this year, I can't help but be filled with gratitude and heartfelt thanks. A year in the life of this parish as I served in the position of Senior Warden looks a lot like my life in ordinary time, sometimes messy, very often stressful, full of questions and doubt, at the same time full of meaning and purpose, joy and triumph, awe and wonder.

We began the year still awash in the throes of transition. A new office software system (REALM), picking up the pieces of turnover in office staff, and up to our eyeballs in the alligators that kept surfacing as a result of all the steps involved to deploy a new system. Cindy and Ellie were relentless, and this vestry is indebted to their diligence, perseverance, and tenacity in chasing down all the fixes so REALM can serve our parish in its full capacity.

Still reeling in grief over the loss of our beloved Director of Music, Cliff Badgley, who felt justifiably compelled to resign and move to support his family. We also said goodbye to "Bessie". Our Director of Music search committee led by the ever-competent Jean Reichenbach went into action. So many folks stepped up to fill gaps. As the year progressed we have seen so much effort by so many to prepare for our new organ. The wait was hard but so worth it as we have our new Director of Music, Jacqueline Nappi, who is talented beyond measure and a gift to our parish and community. So excited to see the fruits of this labor.

Our losses continued when our Director of Christian Formation, Meg Jones, in an unexpected answer to a call to ministry, took a new job and resigned at the start of our program year. Again, this parish family stepped up to fill the gaps in so many creative and loving ways.

As if it couldn't get any worse, Ellie Roberts, Director of Parish Life, found herself challenged by family needs, resulting in her resignation and subsequent move. The Holy Spirit prevailed, and, in a fashion we could not have orchestrated with any more ease Jimi Paderick, stepped in and has not missed a beat.

Challenged by our commitment to serve this year's vestry tackled a deficit budget, reworked commission structures, dealt with staffing shortages and continued to grow in service and leadership. We committed to read, study and work thru the Episcopal Foundation's Vestry Resource Guide as a part of every vestry meeting to increase our knowledge and understanding. We do not operate in a vacuum and our success is not possible without the dedicated support of this parish family in stewardship, volunteer work, and devoted participation in parish life.

As we begin a new liturgical year, anticipate a new calendar year and bring in a new vestry, I thank all with whom I have served, and I look forward to the new year with faith, hope, and expectation. Change is constant, loss is inevitable, hope is eternal. May we all listen to God's call and follow where we are led. Here I am Lord.

-- *Elizabeth Livingston*
Senior Warden



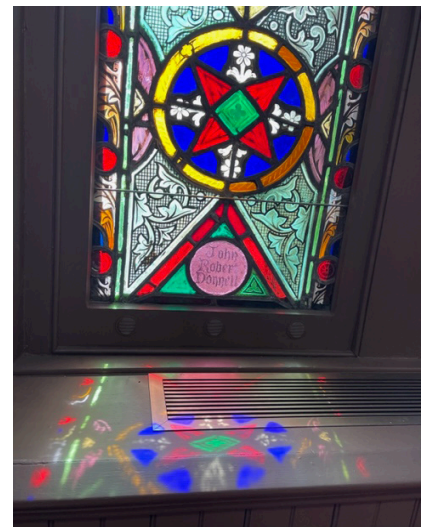
CHRIST CHURCH TRUST REPORT

The Christ Episcopal Church Trust (hereinafter "the Trust") is a tax-exempt organization which supports projects and charities selected by its board of trustees. Each year, various charitable organizations submit grant applications, and the Board of Trustees determines the allocation of the funds available for distribution.

The Trust completed the 2022 grant cycle after the 2022 annual report was issued. For 2022, the Trust received grant applications from 18 organizations, and it awarded grants totaling \$47,265.

The board recently met to vote on the allocation of the grant funds available for distribution for 2023. The Trust received grant applications from 16 organizations, and it awarded grants totaling \$36,015.

The funds will be distributed prior to year-end. -- *Lee Knott*



JUNIOR WARDEN'S/BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS REPORT

As a member of Christ Church for more than four years and serving as your Junior Warden this year, I want to recognize two people who I have had the pleasure to work with and learn from during this time.

First is Ellie Roberts, our Director of Church Life. Ellie has been the backbone of my learning the ropes as the Junior Warden and her working knowledge of Church operations, finances, and history is boundless. She has been a God send to me in general and to our Church in particular. I know

we will all miss Ellie, and we hate to see her go, but I want to publicly thank her for her dedication and support as my 'tutor' this year. May God continue to bless Ellie and her family.

The second person I want to salute is Rick Miller. Rick is the Chair of the Building and Grounds Committee, but he is so much more than that to our Church. Rick gives his heart and soul in support of this committee and has done so long before I knew him. He is, without question, our version of the Energizer Bunny! No task too difficult, no request for support that can't be accomplished. Rick Miller is the true definition of volunteer! His involvement with Pumpkin Patch is classic, from pumpkin delivery to Pumpkin Patch tear down, he has led the way. Thanks, Rick, for your unwavering support of Christ Church and setting an example for all of us to follow. God bless!

Overall, I can report the maintenance and upkeep of Christ Church is in good order but does require dedicated attention and preventative maintenance planning/oversight.

A few accomplishments worth mentioning:

- New lights installed in Harrison Center and Parish House
- Installation of two security cameras on first floor of the Church



- New HVAC installed in Education Center
- Harrison Center repairs due to damage from Hurricane Florence completed which included water proofing and painting front of Kress building.
- Replaced broken large front window in Harrison Center due to malicious mischief.
- Church yard cleanup completed on 13 May and 16 September
- Playground Area Rules and Regulations sign posted in Churchyard near playground area.
- Two Automated External Defibrillators purchased to be mounted on the first and second floors.

Greening of the Church:

In December 2022, 30 parishioners took part in the Greening of the Church. The 2-day event involved decorating the

outside of the church with garland and bows on the fence and wreaths on all the doors. The inside of the church was decorated with garland and bows on the stair railing and the choir loft, wreaths hung on all the walls, candles and greenery in the windows and a Christmas tree hung with the Daughter of the King ornaments. This year's Greening of the Church is scheduled for December 16.

Thanks to all who volunteer their time and talent to support our ongoing efforts to ensure the beauty of our historic



Church is responsibly maintained. I will be working to grow our Building and Grounds Commission in the coming year so if you are interested in getting involved, please give me a shout. God's speed!

-- Randy Bogle
Junior Warden

SACRED SOUND AND SPACE CAMPAIGN REPORT

The Sacred Sound and Space Campaign, the campaign to renew our worship space and replace our pipe organ, is nearing its final stage. In the Nave we have:

- Restored our 150 year old heart pine floor
- Refurbished and refinished the pews
- Stiffened and repaired the ceiling as well restoring its finish and adding insulation in the attic
- Reinforced the balcony support and prepared it for the new organ
- Improved lighting in the Nave and replaced the lighting controls

The restored floor and the work done on the ceiling have greatly improved acoustics in the Nave.

It had been many decades since any major work was done in the Nave and the time to do it had come.

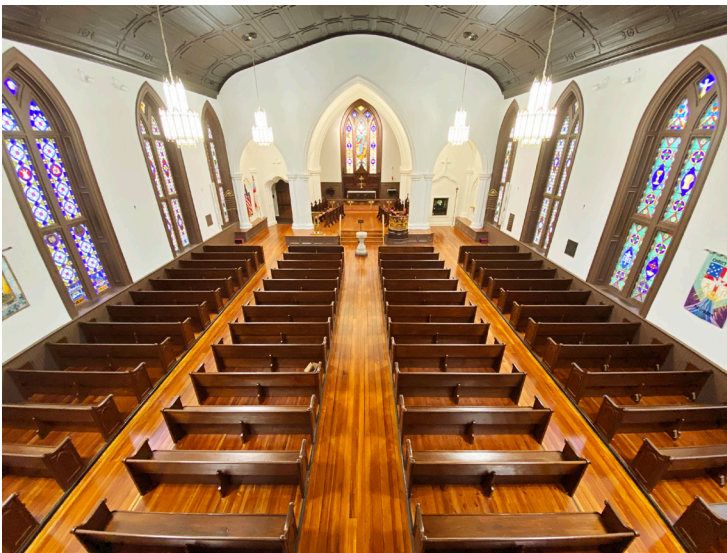
Now we await the arrival of the new organ. It is being built by Taylor and Boody in Staunton, VA and installation, which will take as much as two months, is scheduled to begin in February.

After the first of the year we will provide pictures of the organ as it is being built as well as a financial update.

The generosity of Christ Church parishioners has enabled all the work that has been done and will undoubtedly get us to the finish line.

-- Bob Emory

Chair, Sacred Sound and Space Campaign



COMMITTEE & COMMISSION REPORTS

CHRISTIAN FORMATION COMMISSION

Christian Formation is broken down into three categories: children, youth, and adult.

Christian Formation for Children and Youth

We offered three Sunday School classes September-May during 2023 for our children and youth.

Godly Play (<https://www.godlyplay-foundation.org/>), a Montessori based class, is for our preschoolers and averaged five students per week.



Whirl (<https://www.wearesparkhouse.org/store/category/286739/Whirl>) is a lectionary based curriculum that includes an engaging age appropriate video related to the lesson with corresponding activities/crafts in a weekly booklet. Both our K-2 class and 3-5 (Self named- The Purple Pineapples) class follow the Whirl curriculum for their age group. In the spring both classes averaged seven students per week. We have seen an increase in participation this fall. One week we had 12 students in the K-2 class!

In addition to the Whirl curriculum, the K-2 class learned about Baptism and Eucharist, our two sacraments. The 3-5 class learned about the Book of Common Prayer and the Bible. Each of our 3rd graders were presented with their own Bible at the completion of the Bible unit.

The **Youth Sunday School Class** discusses key biblical stories and questions youth may have about their faith. The class covers grades 6-12 and averages 4 students per week. The conversations are always holy and lively.

We have fantastic teachers in Godly Play, Whirl, and our youth class. They select the weeks they teach through Sign up Genius and are so very dedicated to their students. We are beyond grateful for their commitment to the formation of our

youngest church members. Page Litfin is overseeing the children and youth Sunday School classes by preparing materials and securing teachers until a new Christian Formation Director is hired.

Wednesdays at Christ Church continued in the spring under the leadership of Jean Reichenbach. She had five participants each week who worked hard to learn new skills on their ukuleles. They contribut-

ed to the 8:30 worship service on three Sundays in the spring. Four of the five

students went on to perform songs they learned on Wednesdays at Christ Church at their school talent shows! This program is currently on hold until a new music director is hired.

Vacation Bible School was in June and was a huge success! We had more participants and volunteers than ever before with an average of 100 children and over 30 adults per day! This is a high-energy week that requires a great deal of planning and coordination. We could not have done it without the help of so many of you. Thank you. Thank you.

POD (Pathways of Discipleship) is a monthly offering for our 3rd-5th graders. They explore their faith through games, crafts and conversation. The attendance for POD has increased to 5 per month. Parents are taking over the role of leading POD until a new Christian Formation Director is hired.

EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) met weekly in the winter, spring, and fall and monthly during the summer. Each meeting includes a lesson, dinner and game. We have seen a large increase in participation this fall. We are averaging 13



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Commission Structure -- October 2023

Buildings & Grounds Commission

- Burials
- Burial Yard Trust
- Churchyard Cleanup
- Creation Care
- Garden Club
- Greening of the Church
- Maintenance
 - * Exterior
 - * Interior
- Van

Christian Formation Commission

- Children's Ministry (Pre-K - 5th Grade)
 - * Sunday School
 - * POD
- Youth (6th-12th Grade)
 - * Sunday School
 - * EYC
 - * Confirmation Classes
- Adult Education-Sunday/Weekday Offerings
 - * Sunday School
 - * Mid-week Offerings
- Library

Outreach Commission

- **In-house Ministries**
 - * Compassionate Listening
 - * Episcopal Church Women (ECW)
 - ◇ Cookie Walk
 - * Grants Committee
 - * Little Free Library
 - * Little Free Pantry
 - * Pumpkin Patch
- **Community Connections**
 - * Crop Walk
 - * Merci Clinic
 - * Interfaith Refugee Ministry
 - * Religious Community Services (RCS)
 - * Habitat for Humanity
 - * Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry

Evangelism Commission

- **In-house Ministries**
 - * Angel Tree
 - * Art Guild
 - * Camp Hope
 - * Docents
 - * Growing in Grace (GIG)
 - * Volunteer Receptionists
- **Community Connections**
 - * Cursillo
 - * Faith Connection
 - * Prison Ministries

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Commission Structure -- October 2023

Pastoral Care

- Christ Church Friends
- Daughters of the King (DOK)
- Eucharistic Visitors
- Flower Ministry
- Neighbors in Christ
- Newcomers Committee
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Recovery Ministry
- Stephen Ministry

Worship Commission

- Acolytes
- Altar Guild
- Choirs
 - * 8:30
 - * Parish Choir
 - * Handbell
 - * Children's Choir
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Greeters
- Lectors
- Prayer Ministry
- Sound/Video
- Ushers
- Verger
- Wedding Coordinators
- Worship Services

Parish Life

- **Food Ministries**
 - * Christ Church Cooks
 - * Coffee Hour
 - * Events
 - ◇ Large
 - ◇ Small
 - * Funeral Receptions
 - * Lemonade on the Lawn
- **Fellowship Ministries**
 - * 1715s
 - * Foyers
 - * LGBTQ Fellowship
 - * Stepping Out Seniors

Stewardship Commission

- Annual Stewardship Campaign
- Christ Church Trust
- Endowment Committee
- Finance Committee

CHRISTIAN FORMATION COMMISSION (cont.)

youth per week. Sydney Kitchen is coordinating the EYC activities with the assistance of parent volunteers until a new Christian Formation Director is hired.

The youth group has two major fundraisers each year; the Chili Cook-off and the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. The Chili Cook-off was more profitable than ever making \$1,358, and the pancake supper raised \$934. This money helps subsidize the cost of our EYC outings.

Youth Diocesan Involvement

Spring 2023: Tayleigh Carpenter and Alison Ezzell served on the ECYC (East Carolina Youth Council) during the 2022-2023 school year. This group helps lead and plan youth events in the diocese. In February of 2023, several youth participated at the Diocesan Convention: Tayleigh Carpenter served as a Delegate, Allison Ezzell as a Youth Representative, and Baker Hudson and Lauren Simmons served as Pages. Alison Ezzell served as Rector at Happening 79. Meg Jones served as an adult leader during Happening, too. At New Beginnings 56, two youth served on team, Alex Norwood served as musician and Debi Miller participated as an adult leader. Christ Church participated in the virtual Diocesan Confirmation classes in the spring. Six youth were confirmed at Trinity Center in March.

Summer 2023: Baker Hudson and Lauren Simmons were part of the Diocese of East Carolina's delegation at EYE 23 (Episcopal Youth Event) in Maryland. Meg Jones served on the EYE Event Team.

Fall 2023: Christ Church currently has three youth, Ollie Canady, Baker Hudson and Lauren Simmons on the East Carolina Youth Council (ECYC) for the 2023-2024 school year. Five youth along with Paul Canady, Susanne Hood and Sydney Kitchen

participated in yOUTHREACH- Youth serving the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry at Christ Church on October 21st. Seven middle schoolers attended the November Conference for Middle Schoolers at Trinity Center, while seven high school students served on the planning team.

Christian Formation for Adults

Christian Formation offerings for Adults take on many forms across multiple days of the week. On Sundays we offer a Lectionary Class which takes an in-depth look at the weekly readings. There is a robust regular group of attendees who are always glad to welcome more! They meet in the Pelletier Room.

We also offer a series of short-term classes (3-5 weeks at a time). Andrew Garlick led a class in Lent diving into Biblical history. After Easter, we offered a class that helped parishioners share their faith stories as means of inspiration and getting

to know our fellow worshipers. Meg Jones also co-led an on-line series for the Diocese of East Carolina. The topic was saints of the Episcopal Church.

This fall, Enda Marie Thomas coordinated a class called "America's Unholy Ghost" on combating racism. The Revs. Paul Canady & Suzanne Hood led a class preparing adults for Confirmation and Reception this Fall also. We also offered a short series on voter education.

Contemplative Prayer (Mondays), Women's Book Study (Tuesdays), and the Rector's Bible Study (Wednesdays) are offered each week from September through May. We also offered a class on Thursday evenings during Lent in 2023. Sacred Ground (<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/>) began in September. This is the second time we have offered this series.

-- Betsy Jutras, Christian Formation Commission Chair



EVANGELISM COMMISSION

Evangelism Committee

The Evangelism Committee meets monthly and is committed to finding methods and events to help share the love of Jesus with others, while enriching our lives through the work and commitment to our fellow parishioners, the community of New Bern and our Diocese.

--*Jettie Pelletier, Evangelism Commission Chair*

Angel Tree

Angel Tree is a Christian prison ministry, in which Christ Church has participated since 1984. Each year we serve approximately 55 children who reside in craven and Pamlico counties and have at least one parent who is currently incarcerated. The prisoners sign up for this program through the chaplain at their prison. Christ Church uses the funds raised to send gift cards to the children's custodial parents, so they can purchase Christmas gifts. If there are extra funds, we also send grocery gift cards to the families and provide gift cards to our GIG children.

Camp Hope

Christ Church sponsors Camp Hope, a free overnight summer camp for children with an incarcerated or released parent or step-parent. Camp Hope was founded by Jane Merritt in 2006. From 2006 until 2019, Camp Hope was held at Camp Bob at Kanuga. We have held Camp Hope for the past two years at YMCA Camp Harrison. This summer, we served 52 campers during our August 6-10 camp. We had eight adult volunteers, including Gregory

Hall, a former Camp Hope camper. Two former campers served as LITs (Leaders in Training) during our session. Of the 52 campers, 17 were from New Bern. The remaining campers were from Kinston, Apex, Winston-Salem, and Charlotte. Three of our local campers were Christ Church Angel Tree Christmas children.

Two Camp Hope campers, LaDonta Edwards and Jonathan Jones, participated in YMCA Camp Harrison's month-long LIT session. Three former campers attended YMCA Camp Harrison's two-week teen camp. Five church volunteers provided transportation to and from YMCA Camp Harrison for our LIT and teen campers. We had eight volunteers make phone calls and send texts and emails in an effort to recruit new families for our August camp session.

YMCA Camp Harrison will not be offering our Camp Hope session in 2024. Camp Hope is now partnering with Camp Trinity. This new partnership will change the way that Camp Hope operates. Camp Hope campers will attend different sessions throughout the summer. Volunteers will not attend camp. Instead, volunteers will assist families with transportation and packing list needs. We are excited about our new partnership with Camp Trinity. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact a Camp Hope leadership team member.

-- **Leadership Team:** *Terry Brubaker (252-514-9950), Jim Bebl (650-740-3992) and Nell Hudson (252-772-5832).*

Docents

Docent Ministry is a very important ministry to Christ Church, which is one of the most visible and sought-after places to visit in Historic New Bern. There are currently 18 members of the weekly Docent Team who serve five days every week except for Holy Days. There are eight members of the Saturday Docent Team.



Some members serve one day, others serve two days each month on a continuing yearly basis. They are trained with an orientation lesson with notes on the many features of our Church.

Their training also includes a day or two to "shadow" an existing Docent member for a reality of docent touring. There are many points of interest beginning with the Historic Colonial Church, continuing with the second Church that partially burned in 1871, and the present Church, consecrated in 1875, and is now listed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

Anyone interested in becoming a Docent, please contact Helen J. Shine, with the following information: designate which day of

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the week is available for you to serve; service time is 12:30 – 4:00. The schedule, made in a 3-month sequence, is emailed to each docent with telephone numbers of each docent.

Docents can exchange service times with another docent if there is a conflict for them or call me to email all docents to request a substitute.

-- *Helen Shine, Docent Coordinator, 252-637-6612, hsbine08@suddenlink.net*

Volunteer Receptionists

Our volunteers help out staffing the Reception Desk Monday – Friday. Working at the desk is a wonderful way to meet people and stay involved in church life activities. Duties include answering the phone, greeting visitors and answering any visitor questions. You can sign up to volunteer via Sign Up Genius. The links are available on our website, the reception area kiosk and in our weekly emails.

Cursillo

The Christ Church Episcopal Cursillo Ministry builds relationships, evangelism, and reconciliation. Cursillistas (faithful laity who have attended a Cursillo Weekend) become leaders and implement this ministry by boldly connecting hearts in our parish and community through other ministries. The Cursillo Weekends took place in November 2022 and April 2023. There were Pilgrims (parish members attending a three-day weekend) and volunteer Team Cursillistas attending. Christ Church Cursillo Ministry received a generous anonymous donation. We are truly grateful. This assists a Pilgrim or Cursillista Team member with a scholarship to attend Weekends at Trinity Center, Salter Path. I would like to thank Patricia Holmes, Aleisha Curtis, David and Deborah Cook, Connie Whitney, Fr. Mal Roberts, Joyce Baker, Janet Peregoy, Sue Cox, Jane and Keith Merritt, Rick and Marie Phillips, Jorin Hood, Lydia Ash, and Jettie Pelletier for rising to action in their service one way or another to make a weekend successful. Also, thank you to Helen Shine for the years you put in organizing Cursillista volunteers. The Cursillo Ministry has now gone to SignUpGenius. Cursillistas also took part in a prayerful Ultreya with another nearby church in Morehead City and prayerful weekly Reunion Groups on church grounds or community areas. (Reunion Groups are an open door for the parish.)

There have been obstacles, including having the parish receive and grasp the message, "What is Cursillo?". To answer this in a large parish is challenging. The Cursillo Ministry will exercise this task moving forward in 2024.

-- *Mary Lynn Guidage*



OUTREACH COMMISSION

Episcopal Church Women All Saints Chapter

Our ECW year runs from September until May. During the 2022-2023 year we had eight meetings. Our speakers were Sheriff Chip Hughes, Police Chief Patrick Gallagher, a spokesperson from the New Bern Civic Theatre, a representative from Interfaith Refugee Ministry and the coordinator of My Sister's House/Tried by Fire.

We celebrated Christmas at La Cassetta and held our annual "Picnic in the Park" as our last meeting in May. We had our second annual great Trolley Tour in October. Our theme was the 'Magnificent Men of New Bern'.



We raised funds by sponsoring the annual Cookie Walk and our first annual Geranium Spring Sale. Dues paid by members go to outreach of our various missions. Our Cookbook sales remain steady and along with our annual dues paid by members and proceeds from the Trolley Tour we were able to give generously to both the Ann Bustard and Edward Sharp Scholarship funds, Laundry Love, My Big Dream and the Outreach Grant Fund for a total of over \$6,800.00.

ECW also sponsors United Thank Offering and the Church Periodical Club each year. Through the wonderful and awesome support of our parishioners we were able to give UTO over \$2,500 and CPC almost \$900.

OUTREACH COMMISSION (cont.)

We provide a Thanksgiving dinner for our GIG students and teachers, send Thanksgiving Day cards to our at-home parishioners along with get-well wishes to our members in need.

We are a very active group and invite any and all women of Christ Church to join us! Meetings held with speakers are open to any parishioner so please attend. We'd love to see you and share our information.

- Rodney Hayes, President

Pumpkin Patch

This year's pumpkins arrived on a warm Thursday afternoon, September 28. Thank you to all the parishioners and community members, including community volunteers from Habitat for Humanity and the New Bern High School Interact Club, who came out to unload approximately 2,000 pumpkins.

This year was a record-breaking year, with the final tally being nearly \$8,500 raised, which is about a 37 percent increase from 2022. All funds raised will be returned to the community via our Christ Church Trust/Outreach Grants.



Community Connections

The Outreach Commission provides a link between Christ Church and the wider community. Through fundraising efforts, we are able to gather resources that in turn are distributed to organizations in the community both locally, and further afield. These financial contributions are examples of our faith in action as they directly support the things we are called to do and those we are called to serve.

Some of the organizations we are most directly connected to include the Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry, Habitat for Humanity, Interfaith Refugee Ministry, Merci Clinic, and Religious Community Services. All of these organizations benefit from financial support from Christ Church and also welcome volunteers.

Of particular note this year is the help Christ Church gave to the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry. EFWM responds to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of farmworkers and immigrant families in Eastern rural NC. This ministry coordinates direct services, leadership programs, community education programs, and advocacy in support of the community. Over the course of this past year, Christ Church distributed more than \$4,600.00 worth of food and hygiene items to EFWM as well as more than \$1,600.00 worth of school supplies to children in need.

-- Jim Behl, Outreach Commission Chair / The Rev. Suzanne Hood

PARISH LIFE COMMISSION

Parish Life's ministries now fall under two umbrellas -- Food Ministries and Fellowship Ministries.

Falling under the umbrella of "Food Ministries," the Parish Life Commission coordinates and produces several regular and special events throughout the year, including Coffee Hours, Lemonade on the Lawn, Christ Church Cooks and Funeral Receptions. Many thanks to the volunteers who step up on a regular basis to make these events possible.

Foyers, which falls under "Fellowship Ministries," is a monthly social gathering of Christ Church parishioners and guests. We meet for fellowship and fun on the third Saturday of the month September through June from 5pm to 7pm in the homes of parishioners. Attendees supply an appetizer to share, the beverage of their choice and their own glassware. Anywhere from about 15 to 30 people attend. All are invited, and all are welcome. The contact person is Liz Praul: eparlett4@gmail.com or 207-441-1317.

-- Tony Embrey, Parish Life Commission Chair



PASTORAL CARE COMMISSION

There are currently eight active ministries that compose the Pastoral Care Commission. We continued to develop and respond to the needs of parishioners and clergy throughout the year.

Eucharistic Visitors: The Ministry currently has 14 Lay Eucharistic Visitors. Scheduling who would like to be visited and when, as well as trying to schedule which Lay Eucharistic Visitor will visit whom and when, remains a work in progress. The Ministry is continually asking for recommendations of individuals who might make a good Visitor and also anyone who would like to have communion brought to them. The Rev. Deacon John Gaskill is the leader of the Ministry.

Daughters of the King: The Epiphany Chapter of the Daughters of the King at Christ Church is part of a national order, established in 1885, for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church or churches in communion with it. Members Jane Jones and Rees Carter attended the DOK Fall Assembly in Fayetteville, NC, this year. The chapter installed three new members in September -- Phyllis Fox, Barbara Rice, and Julia Sherman -- and is planning to add new members this coming year, beginning in the spring. The group meets monthly and has added a 30-minute prayer time before each meeting in the chapel along with quiet music. There were two Eucharist services provided at the meetings during the year. A confidential prayer list is maintained by the group. Each member receives a quarterly magazine keeping them up to date on other chapters around the world and providing inspirational talks by national and local officers. The leaders of the group are President Jane Jones, Secretary Kathy Dodge, Treasurer Linda Taylor and Chaplain Margaret Pollock.

Stephen Ministry: Stephen Ministry is a program that equips lay persons in our congregation to provide Christian care on a one-on-one basis to those experiencing all kinds of life needs and circumstances such as illness, divorce, loss of a loved one or any crisis, primarily by providing a listening ear and Christ's love. This is a confidential ministry in which a care receiver can be sure that his or her identity and what is discussed will remain private. These lay ministers go through 50+ hours of training to learn the skills to help those in crisis. The training program is designed by the International Program of Stephen Ministry St. Louis and is led by Stephen Leaders and local professionals. This year 14 people met for 2 ½ hours each week, from January through May, either to renew or learn for the first time Stephen Ministry caring skills. Four new Stephen Ministers were commissioned in June. All referrals for Stephen Ministry care go through our clergy to maintain clergy awareness and support. Stephen Ministers have volunteered 273 hours this year with parishioners who have chosen to have a Stephen Minister

visit once a week. Stephen Ministry supports members of our congregation who have lost a spouse, a child, or a parent by sending them a series of 4 booklets, *Journeying through Grief*. The ministry sent out 128 booklets this year. The Rev. Suzanne Hood is the Clergy Stephen Leader. Mary Davidson, Mary Parrish, and Laura Smith are the lay leaders of Stephen Ministry. If you would like to consider having a Stephen Minister or know someone who you think would benefit from having a Stephen Minister visit, please contact The Rev. Suzanne Hood at 633-2109. Mary Davidson, Mary Parrish, Laura Smith, The Rev. Suzanne Hood, Christ Church Stephen Leaders.



Prayer Shawl Ministry: The Prayer Shawl Ministry has knitted and crocheted several dozen shawls this year. Shawls have been given to many who are struggling with illness and with grief or any other difficult problem. The shawls are provided to parishioners and also friends, family and neighbors. The ministry also made nap blankets for the little ones they love. These are provided for children from birth through about six years old, and given to parish children, grandchildren, and other children who are dear to parishioners. The Clergy has blessed the shawls and nap blankets at the altar. Contact Sheila Cipriano, 252-617-0303.

Recovery Ministry: The Recovery Ministry continues to work with those seeking recovery and their families. The Ministry has outfitted every First Aid Kit on the first floor of

PASTORAL CARE COMMISSION (cont.)

the Church with the overdose-reversal drug, Narcan. The appropriate people have been trained in its use and there are instructions in each Kit. This is in recognition of the fact that Christ Church is located downtown, where we might be able to save a life. The Rev. Deacon Lisa Kirby is the contact.

Flower Guild: The Flower Guild's six members delivered Altar Flowers to parishioners to celebrate baptism, weddings and new babies, as well as "Thinking of You" thoughts for those that are housebound or ill. Sims Wayt is the contact.

Neighbors in Christ: With carefully drawn neighborhood lines, Christ Church has nineteen neighborhoods, each with a leader. The goal of the program is for the group leader and our Clergy to coordinate pastoral care needs for parishioners, when necessary, within the neighborhood. These pastoral care needs include death of a family member; hospitalization or serious illness; pregnancy, miscarriage, or birth in a family; divorce or separation; change of employment, etc. Barbara Rice is the coordinator.

Christ Church Friends: Parishioners who enjoy visiting others can share God's love by bringing joy to those they visit. We have some Church members who are unable to attend Church on a regular basis and enjoy a visit from a fellow parishioner. These visits are a vital part of a pastoral care ministry; building friendships, keeping parishioners feeling loved, cared about and being part of our Christ Church family. If you would like to become a "Christ Church Friend" or know of someone who would enjoy a visit, please contact Margi Thompson, 252-675-7323. Visits are typically one to two times per month.

-- **Barbara Rice, Pastoral Commission Chair**

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

Stewardship Committee

The 2023 Stewardship Campaign, "Grounded in Faith, Growing to Serve" formally ended December 31, 2022, with pledges amounting to \$873,820. The campaign was extended into 2023 with letters and calls to those who hadn't yet pledged or felt called to give more. This effort resulted in an additional \$77,945. The campaign officially ended June 30, 2023, with a total amount given/pledged of \$951,486.

The slogan for the 2024 campaign is, "Live the Faith: Pray Gratefully, Serve Joyfully, Give Generously. Our goals are to raise \$1,200,000 to support the 2024 annual budget requirements and to successfully close the campaign by the end of the calendar year.

The campaign officially kicked off on Sunday, October 1st. Harvest Sunday is the ceremonial end of the campaign with pledges being offered at the Sunday services on November 5th.

To support the theme, your stewardship chairmen are using regular *Messenger* and *The Crown* articles to highlight all the committees, commissions, and outreach functions of the church that the operating budget supports. Sunday speakers will address why they give financially and why they serve as volunteers. We ask all our parishioners to join us in this campaign and "Live the Faith". -- **Randy and Joanie Bogle, Stewardship Campaign Chairs / Nancy Mansfield, Stewardship Commission Chair**

Endowment Committee

The Endowment Committee was started in 2006, and consists of the Rector, Senior Warden, and five parishioners selected by the Vestry, whose purpose is to distribute funds for ministries and activities which are not funded by the Parish budget.

A full report will be available on request. -- **Harry Ballard**

Finance Committee

The Parish Finance Committee met throughout the course of the year and held a final meeting on November 16th. At our meetings over the winter and spring, we focused on the projected shortfall in the annual budget and assisted in drafting communications with the Parish to help them understand the financial situation. In the summer our



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attention shifted to responding to a call from the Vestry requesting that we propose a draft charter for the Committee as none had previously existed. After several extensive discussions and informed by the Financial Resource Guide of the Episcopal Church Foundation, a draft was completed and transmitted. The Vestry approved this at their August Retreat.

Now that responsibilities for the Committee have been codified, they will begin to effectuate them, focusing on the two most important reflected in the charter. The first deals with helping create effective financial reporting formats and protocols for the Vestry to use in their management responsibilities and in communications with the Parish. The second involves reviewing Parish financial procedures with an eye to both proper documentation and to good internal controls. In this effort, the Episcopal Church Manual of Business Methods in Church Affairs serves as a comprehensive reference. It is anticipated that preliminary recommendations on both these matters will be forthcoming by year end.

Churchyard Burial Trust

The Churchyard Burial Trust is managed by a Board of Trustees which includes the Rector, the Junior Warden, and three members of the parish nominated by the Rector and elected by the Vestry. The Trust consists of funds collected from the sale of burial plots and the funds are used for plot preparation, marker stone engraving, and maintenance of the site. Expenditures are recommended by the Trustees and must be approved by the Vestry.

All members in good standing of Christ Episcopal Church along with their spouse and their dependent children are eligible for burial. As of this date, there are 433 burial plots designated at the Churchyard Burial site. There have been 365 plots sold with 68 burial plots remaining for sale. To purchase a burial plot, the parishioner or a family member should contact the Rector or Director of Church Life.

The proceeds from the sale of the plots and memorial gifts directed to the burial fund are used for the upkeep and maintenance of the burial area and grounds. Currently, the Churchyard Burial Endowment Fund balance is \$241,273.33. The Churchyard Burial Special Fund has a balance of \$43,747.61.

Since the establishment of the Burial Site in 1987, the burial area and surrounding grounds have continued to be well maintained. As part of the Churchyard Fall Cleanup in September, the marker stones were pressure washed and re-sanded in addition to an overall cleanup of the entire Site. Thanks to all those who volunteered their time and talent to support this annual beautification effort.

– *Randy Bogle, Junior Warden 2023*

WORSHIP COMMISSION

Eucharistic Ministers

Christ Church has 37 licensed Eucharistic Ministers, confirmed by the office of the Bishop.

Most serve regularly for Sunday worship, as well as for funeral and other liturgy needs. This past year, some EMs have had more limited availability and others have had to resign, all due to health issues. In July, four new persons were trained and joined the list of EMs.

In June, the Fifty Edition of the Customary for Christ Church was significantly updated by The Rev. Paul Canady and The Rev. Suzanne Hood from the 2019 version. The Customary is a detailed guideline for tasks delivered by EMs.

The EMs have agreed to meet quarterly to enhance communication. Any special needs for holiday services will be reviewed at these meetings, as well as opportunities for mutual support. -- *Linda McAlister, Eucharistic Ministers Coordinator (252) 634-7984*

Altar Guild

During 2023, the Altar Guild commissioned 37 members, and five new members were trained. We supported all Services, as well as baptisms, weddings, and funerals. The Altar Guild / Flower Guild Spring Luncheon was held for the second time since Covid. An Advent Wreath stand for the Chapel has been donated in honor of Jackie Barney by her family.

Prayer Ministry

This fall we started a one-on-one prayer opportunity during 8:30 am and 11 am worship. We have one or two people available in the Chapel during and after community to pray for any special need or intention one might have. The prayer ministers maintain the strictest of confidentiality.

Ushers

Ushers help the service run smoothly by distributing the bulletins, assisting people who may be new to Christ Church and assisting the clergy as needed. Training for new ushers was held earlier this year.

Greeters

We have a great team of greeters who are ready and willing to smile and welcome Christ Church parishioners each Sunday. We do need more volunteers to join our team. Please consider signing up to greet. It's a great way to meet newcomers and get to know our church members.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Christ Episcopal Church - New Bern NC
Treasurer's Report as of September 2023 (OPERATING FUNDS)

Account Name	Annual Budget	Budget YTD	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Over/Under YTD +/-	% Annual Budget
OPERATING INCOME						
Total Contributions-Pledged	786,686.00	589,348.18	644,254.38	644,254.38	54,906.20	82
Total Contributions-Not Pledged	91,000.00	68,250.06	195,062.09	195,062.09	126,812.03	214
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	877,686.00	657,598.24	839,316.47	839,316.47	181,718.23	96
EXPENSES						
Total Altar Guild	4,575.00	3,431.25	3,254.25	3,254.25	177.00	71
Total Music	38,248.75	28,686.60	20,940.11	20,940.11	7,746.49	55
TOTAL WORSHIP MINISTRY	42,823.75	32,117.85	24,194.36	24,194.36	7,923.49	57
Total Christian Formation	12,600.00	9,450.00	9,034.91	9,034.91	415.09	72
Total EYC	4,250.00	3,187.53	2,378.54	2,378.54	808.99	56
TOTAL EDUCATION MINISTRY	16,850.00	12,637.53	11,413.45	11,413.45	1,224.08	68
Total Diocesan Pledge	79,000.00	59,215.00	58,725.00	58,725.00	490.00	74
Total Local Outreach	28,600.00	21,449.97	18,554.24	18,554.24	2,895.73	65
TOTAL EVANGELISM MINISTRY	107,600.00	80,664.97	77,279.24	77,279.24	3,385.73	72
Total Parish Life	5,795.00	4,346.19	2,740.72	2,740.72	1,605.47	47
Total Pastoral Care	4,915.70	3,686.85	2,924.33	2,924.33	762.52	59
Total Communications	2,600.00	1,950.03	2,306.97	2,306.97	(356.94)	89
TOTAL PARISH SUPPORT MINISTRY	13,310.70	9,983.07	7,972.02	7,972.02	2,011.05	60
Total Vestry	4,000.00	2,999.97	2,691.74	2,691.74	308.23	67
Total Stewardship	1,850.00	1,387.53	798.48	798.48	589.05	43
Total B & G	201,941.48	148,610.97	143,209.58	143,209.58	5,401.39	71
Total Parish Office	66,075.00	49,556.07	45,545.75	45,545.75	4,010.32	69
Total Utilities	55,000.00	41,249.97	39,276.09	39,276.09	1,973.88	71
TOTAL BUILDING & GROUNDS	323,016.48	239,417.01	228,031.42	228,031.42	11,385.59	70
Total Rector	209,689.24	157,266.90	163,148.72	163,148.72	(5,881.82)	78
Total Assoc. Rector	107,226.56	80,419.05	78,635.82	78,635.82	1,783.23	73
TOTAL CLERGY EXPENSE	316,915.80	237,685.95	241,784.54	241,784.54	(4,098.59)	76
Total Director of Christian Formation	62,303.85	49,315.32	49,159.33	49,159.33	155.99	79
Total Director of Church Life	93,680.02	70,260.03	70,999.43	70,999.43	(739.40)	76
Total Admin Asst Volunteer Engagement	18,483.13	13,862.37	15,074.60	15,074.60	(1,212.23)	82
Total Director of Music	41,993.33	26,885.47	1,017.66	1,017.66	25,867.81	2
Total Other Staff Salaries	83,334.00	59,912.91	56,217.85	56,217.85	3,695.06	67
TOTAL STAFF WAGES & BENEFITS	299,794.33	220,236.10	192,468.87	192,468.87	27,767.23	61
Total Total Fica & Workers Comp	25,000.00	18,749.97	10,960.40	10,960.40	7,789.57	44
Total Tax Expense	-	-	(975.71)	(975.71)	975.71	0
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,151,161.06	855,879.95	796,618.81	796,618.81	59,261.14	69
Difference	\$ (273,475.06)	\$ (198,281.71)	\$ 42,697.66	\$ 42,697.66	240,979.37	(16)

CONSOLIDATED FUND ACTIVITY REPORT

Christ Episcopal Church - New Bern NC Consolidated Fund Activity Report for September 2023

Account Name	Beg Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	End Balance
Sacred Sound & Space Campaign	859,743.20	771,650.97	1,412,111.28	219,282.89
SF- Alice Witten GIG Supply Fund	-	4,695.00	589.96	4,105.04
SF- Altar Flowers	(1,614.29)	4,595.00	4,334.91	(1,354.20)
SF- Angel Tree	4,052.94	150.00	2,369.61	1,833.33
SF- Art Guild/Prayer Garden	2,403.02	-	-	2,403.02
SF- Assc Rec Search/Sabbatical	(1,531.60)	2,031.60	-	500.00
SF- Assoc Rect Disc Fd	6,295.38	4,500.00	8,230.50	2,564.88
SF- Bryan Endowment Funds	4,455.11	4,090.79	-	8,545.90
SF- Building Preservation Endowment	459.65	30,609.08	30,200.00	868.73
SF- Camp Hope	29,686.36	11,509.02	1,155.78	40,039.60
SF- Carillon Endowment Funds	3,742.33	2,900.75	-	6,643.08
SF- Churchyard Burial Fund	31,578.33	9,200.00	1,533.24	39,245.09
SF- Cursillo Scholarships	250.00	1,000.00	-	1,250.00
SF- Daughters of the King	450.56	384.19	420.00	414.75
SF- Deacon's Disc Fund	1,277.50	-	-	1,277.50
SF- Disaster Relief Balance	1,963.45	150.00	-	2,113.45
SF- Farmworkers Ministry Fund	10.00	650.00	-	660.00
SF- Financial Audit Balance	10,000.00	-	-	10,000.00
SF- Forbes Fund	50.11	2,397.00	1,886.00	561.11
SF- Freshministry	125,000.00	-	-	125,000.00
SF- Funeral Reception Fund	977.38	1,096.60	-	2,073.98
SF- Future Sanctuary Upgrade	4,162.86	14,000.00	18,000.00	162.86
SF- General Reserved Endowment Funds	2,114.41	6,199.01	646.28	7,667.14
SF- Growing in Grace	2,659.12	2,031.30	4,542.17	148.25
SF- Harrison Center Building Use	8,763.35	37,302.50	42,795.26	3,270.59
SF- Jane K Millns Fund	11,758.66	2,460.00	400.00	13,818.66
SF- Jr. Daughters of the King	229.19	-	229.19	-
SF- Lawton Parker Fund (Kneelers)	2,679.08	-	-	2,679.08
SF- Linda Coborn Lore Fund (Unrestrictc	16,947.14	-	13,994.00	2,953.14
SF- Memorials Fund	9,448.64	4,670.00	9,120.00	4,998.64
SF- Prayer Books and Booklets	2,284.07	443.00	1,532.52	1,194.55
SF- Prayer Shawl Ministry	436.44	-	-	436.44
SF- Prison Ministry	444.60	-	-	444.60
SF- Pumpkin Patch Fd Bal	9,901.04	5,252.00	12,245.00	2,908.04
SF- RCS - Donations	972.35	2,055.00	1,947.35	1,080.00
SF- RCS 2nd & 4th Sunday Breakfast	7,656.47	1,200.00	565.80	8,290.67
SF- Rector Sabbatical	10,828.00	-	-	10,828.00
SF- Rector's Disc Fund	2,278.81	3,749.64	2,618.89	3,409.56
SF- Refugee Ministry	-	100.00	-	100.00
SF- Rental Parking	5,591.29	2,279.46	3,017.90	4,852.85
SF- Rev Sharp Music & Lit Fd	1,791.49	4,255.52	2,900.00	3,147.01
SF- Scholarships/Gifts (Short Term)	7,649.97	7,510.00	12,575.00	2,584.97
SF- Scott Endowment Fund	8,340.69	8,590.67	373.69	16,557.67
SF- SOS Property Balance	200,030.46	-	-	200,030.46
SF- State and County Sales Tax	411.19	-	(571.85)	983.04
SF- Stephen Ministry	(244.56)	703.38	438.82	20.00
SF- Thom Wilson Memor Scholar	236.76	-	165.40	71.36

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