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RECTOR'S REPORT

Dear friends,

The past year has given us the opportunity to grow, to try, and to explore all the ways God continues to call us to share the Good News of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. We have pivoted and adjusted more times in 18 months than I care to try again. But through it all, we continue to shine as a beacon of light and hope and joy here at the corner of Middle and Pollock Streets in New Bern, North Carolina.

We redeemed the time that we could not and should not worship indoors by moving ahead with the restoration of our Nave. It was a project we intended to do in the summer of 2021; but as funds became available in the Sacred Sound & Space campaign, the Vestry made the wise decision to move ahead. We were able to support local craftsmen and businesses while completing a once-in-a-generation cleaning of the ceiling, refurbishing of the pews, and restoration of the original flooring. All that awaits is our new organ sometime in early to mid-2023. We continued to care for the sick, the marginalized, and the those in need in our community. We raised funds through Giving Tuesday, we collected funds and food for Religious Community Services, and your faithfulness in giving enabled us to help fund other local social service agencies also.

We have also dreamed about what our

parish will be like post-COVID. We engaged in a study about how and why we serve at Christ Church. We were able to imagine a new schedule for worship and Christian Formation on Sunday mornings and on Sunday afternoon. We have continued to livestream our Sunday services viewed locally, domestically, and internationally.

We have continued to be the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus in a broken world. And you helped make that happen. In big ways, small ways, medium ways — it's all the people of Christ Church who make us who we are. And I, as always, am so incredibly thankful.

I also want to say thank you for enabling Christ Church to have such an outstanding staff. I refer to them as Team Awesome, and for good reason. It is an honor to watch their dedication, talent, and enthusiasm, and how they strive in word and deed to make Christ Church the best that it can be.

I said last year that **Dare Oliver** had upped our communications game in the short amount of time she had been here, and her good work continues to grow. We've enjoyed more and better local media coverage since she started. Our publications continue to convey clear and concise information, and a new and easier to use website will soon be launched.

I am thankful everyday for the imagina-

tive and faithful work of **Meg Jones** and **Cliff Badgley**. Their work overlaps in some areas, but in many ways serves very different

segments of this parish. Yet each week they both have new ideas, resources, and perspectives. They are amazing partners in planning worship at Christ Church, ministering to their constituents, and exemplifying servant leadership. Meg also supports leadership to youth events in the Diocese of East Carolina and on the Racial Healing Commission. I am grateful for her presence and representation in those arenas.

Cliff and Meg are supported by **Jean Reichenbach** and **Jane Peele**. Jean directs the handbell ensemble, and both Jean and Jane assist with various parts of our Wednesday program for children. I am honored to have them be a part of this team also.

Debbie Fodrie has worked tirelessly, especially over the past year, to help the young people who are part of Growing in Grace to stay caught up and even get ahead in their school work. This period of time has been rough on all of us, and school children have borne the brunt. But Debbie's work has helped a great group of children get a leg up on life. And if that's not the work of Jesus, I don't know what is.

Ellie Roberts and **Patti Williams** continue their amazing work in managing the business administration of Christ Church. Their intentional stewardship of our collective resources is beyond measure, and I am exceedingly grateful, especially with how in concert they work together. Ellie also has oversight of **Terry Pitner** who works as our custodian in helping clean and straighten our buildings. Terry is here six days a week (sometimes seven!) to make



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paring the right place for you, and preparing you for the right place.” I trust that God is doing the same for us now.

In the meantime, I’ve been exceedingly grateful to the following priests — **Margaret Pollock, Barbara Bornemann, and Bill**

Thomas — for their assistance both liturgically and pastorally during this time, and to the many of you who have reached out to offer your support in prayers, coffee, and cookies.

I am always grateful to the outgoing Vestry members for their three years of faithful service, and this year is no different. This year’s retiring class of Vestry has guided us through both a Capital Campaign and a pandemic. Few can say that, and I’m sure even fewer would like to say it. But I am exceedingly grateful for the leadership of **Jim Behl, Amanda Norwood, Debora Cook, and Susan Husson**. I am also grateful for **Keith Thompson’s** service as Senior Warden and look forward to him continuing in that role next year, too.

Beyond these faithful leaders, I am always reminded that you, the **people of Christ Church**, are the ministers of this place, helping make it all run, being the face of Christ Church as well as the hands, feet, and voice of Christ in the world. I thank you for all you do for this sacred place!

I am excited about the future of Christ Church and all the ways God continues to inspire this collective body of Christ to be his hands, feet, and voice in a word that so desperately needs to hear it. And I am thankful that we are on this journey together.

The Rev. H. Paul Canady
Rector

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!

Heidi Powell and **Gray Proctor** continue to offer nursery care for our youngest members, and we are exceedingly grateful for their ministry among us. Meg Jones serves as the primary supervisor for the nursery staff.

Of course, **The Rev. Deacon Lisa Kirby** continues to advocate for those in recovery for addiction in New Bern and beyond. She is a consistent presence in the life of Christ Church, a wise counselor to me, and a great source of holy laughter.

We bid farewell to **The Rev. Cortney Dale** at the end of August as she became Priest-in-Charge of St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church in Lebanon, OH. We give thanks for her time with us, knowing she’ll make us proud in her new calling.

We are actively searching for the next Associate Rector of Christ Church. While a call could come in the early months of 2022, we may also need to wait until the new class of seminary graduates is available in late May or early June. I always recall the wise words of another priest when I was about to finish seminary: “God is pre-

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN FORMATION'S REPORT

I've had a lot of fun keeping up with numbers this year. Numbers help us tell stories. I'm not very good with numbers, especially the way **Patti Williams**, our financial assistant, is. Keeping up with them has helped me learn what we're doing and where we're going and growing. I think you'll agree that we've been growing in the right direction this year. (Thanks, God!) Here are some quick numbers: Christ Church has 70 children, birth through fifth grade, and 38 youth, middle and high schoolers on our books. We see about 50 percent of these youth regularly. (Sunday morning attendance is averaging 40 children and youth.) This population is nine percent of our church population, which is considered normal. It is heavily skewed by children's ministry.

We trained 10 new acolytes this Fall, one graduated, and we lost four. That brings us to 23 acolytes divided into eight teams. I love seeing them serve on Sunday mornings. This Fall we've offered seven Sunday morning formation classes for all ages and five weekday offerings. This matches the seven youth that graduated in May.

Six babies have been born in Christ Church since our last Annual Meeting in November 2020. That means four new baptisms since the last Annual Meeting. "One hope in God's call to us. One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism. One Lord and Father of all" that makes all this possible (Baptismal Liturgy, *Book of Common Prayer*, page 299).

I've started sending baptismal anniversary cards to our young people. If I've missed you or you'd like to be included, just let me know your baptismal anniversary.

ry. It's a great way to remember that we've been marked as Christ's own forever.

We were creative with the 2020 Christmas Eve *Eve* pageant. Fingers crossed, we'll go back to normal this year. Wednesdays at Christ Church continued. We had 39 regulars, and 23 were six and under. Did you know we never had to shut down due to COVID? Here's a huge thanks to **Cliff Badgley, Jean Reichenbach, Debbie Fodrie, Jane Peele, Amanda Norwood, Jim Behl, Howard Furnas, Jettie Pelletier**, and a whole host of others for keeping that program going and safe. Wednesdays at Christ Church continues in the 2021 school year.



It's a little smaller this year with an average attendance of 17. Jane Peele leads the preschool group with lots of movement and stories to help them live their faith. I'm so grateful for her calm nature.

We had an Easter Egg Hunt in the churchyard on the cold Easter morning. Thanks to **Jim Gilmore** and **Ashley Carpenter** for helping the youth hide eggs. Some were so well hidden that they weren't found until May!

The Christ Church Apostles and Prophets, our T-ball teams, were unde-

feated for another season. They didn't get a chance to play each other, which is how they were both undefeated. There were 12 kids on each team.

We had an amazing and COVID-free Vacation Bible School in June. We got to see a lot of those kids again during the *Blessing of the Backpacks* in August. There were 50 children in the church building that day — 52 if you count the girls who were born two days later. Thanks to everyone who has helped care for the families by bringing food and holding babies. Our nursery has been in good hands with **Gray Proctor** and **Heidi Powell**. They see about four kids a week. They tell me every week how good it is to see excitement and growth in our kids.



DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN FORMATION'S REPORT (cont.)

The Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) continued online and in person for the Spring of 2021. We still had the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper as a to-go option. Thanks to **Kip Peregoy** and



involvement in the diocese. I help with a lot of diocesan youth retreats. I also serve on the diocesan Racial Healing Commission. We are currently planning ways to include more education about the

history of Eastern NC for our parishes. That money will go toward our ski trip in February 2022. One youth tried a dance-prayer class during Lent with Jane Peele. It was fun to show the finished product to the younger kids on Wednesday afternoon.

We've partnered with other churches to build community and love our neighbors. I was incredibly thrilled that our youth and children got to go back to summer camps this year. Camp Trinity, the Episcopal camp in the Diocese of East Carolina, was COVID-free all summer. That did not happen in every diocese or for our friends at other churches in New Bern.

Our adults have been working hard in their own ministries to grow in their faith. We've increased our number of offerings for people with different backgrounds. Young Adults continue to be our growing edge. I'm excited to see and try some new ideas in the future.

I learn more about my faith with my

involvement in the diocese. I help with a lot of diocesan youth retreats. I also serve on the diocesan Racial Healing Commission. We are currently planning ways to include more education about the

history of Eastern NC for our parishes. I stay pretty busy. All of this would be impossible without you. I'm so grateful to work with a great team and staff. I'm also glad to get jokes from **Keith Thompson** when he's in the office. I am truly excited to record more numbers and see where God takes us in 2022.

It's not just about the numbers. The real story is you and your walk with God. This is my third annual meeting. In that time, I've seen your hearts be changed by challenging sermons and classes. Your hands, wallets, and pantries have opened wide to help people in New Bern with anything we've asked. We've never had to tell someone "No, we don't have supplies for that." That includes live-streaming funerals and other events. You have been changed by the work God has called you to do. Thank you for letting me walk alongside you while you put your love in action.

— **Meg Jones**



DIRECTOR OF CHURCH LIFE'S REPORT

As always, we have so much to be thankful for at Christ Church. We have made some accomplishments in the Church Administrative office.



Membership: We continue to greet new members to Christ Church. We welcomed 35 new members and 21 new households to Christ Church this year. The Newcomer Committee has done a fine job of welcoming people to our church community. We have had 7 transfers out of our community, and we have 534 registered households.

Finance: **Patti Williams**, financial assistant, fills her role with support and thoughtfulness. Her dedication is evident in her open-door policy, and she is always available to our church members and their needs. She has been diligent in sending out quarterly giving statements and assisting in completing our yearly diocesan audit. This year we received forgiveness for our first round \$100,900 SBA Payroll Protection Program Loan. We received a second round Payroll Protection Plan Loan in the amount of \$83,500 that has also been forgiven. These loans have helped us meet our budgetary and programmatic needs for the past two years, and we are very grateful. See the *Treasurers Report* on page 22 for more details.

Communications: **Dare Oliver** is a treasure to Christ Church. She continues to elevate our publications and bulletins and has enhanced our communications greatly in the past year and a half. We reinstated *The Crown* to our monthly

DIRECTOR OF CHURCH LIFE'S REPORT (cont.)

communications in addition to the weekly Messenger and Thursday Updates. Dare's dedication, grace and expertise has far exceeded our expectations. We are so blessed to have her on our team. Dare has been working on a new website for Christ Church, and you will be delighted and amazed when it goes live. I can't wait!!!

Volunteer Reception: This is an especially important ministry in keeping our church reception area operating smoothly on a daily basis. I want to thank ALL of the volunteer receptionists for their valuable gift of time and talent, and for always greeting visitors and members with a smile and a kind word. Your gift of time is invaluable to Christ Church, and we are grateful for each of you. We are actively recruiting a few more volunteers in this area, so if you have a few hours to give, please contact me. No experience is necessary — we will train you.

Facilities: I want to especially thank the building and grounds committee, **Rick Miller** and **Carl Huddle** in providing support for our physical structures. The committee has spent countless hours fixing things, installing things, cleaning up, and making sure our buildings and grounds look great! Rick and the B&G Committee have been especially busy this year assisting with the final stages of our renovations in the Nave. We re-installed our brass plaques and installed a few new ones. We also installed some beautiful hooks for use as needed but especially at Christmas time to display



our beautiful Christmas wreaths. We purchased some lawn equipment, and Rick has kept the committee busy cleaning up around the campus on a regular basis. Several closets and storage areas have been tidied up. We had a very successful church cleanup day last Spring that saved the church a significant amount of money in labor alone.

Sadly, we needed to remove a very large pine tree this summer, but we replaced it with two Japanese Maples that should give us years of beauty in the churchyard. This committee saves the church a lot of money in maintenance costs, and we could not do all of this without everyone's generous gifts of time and talent.

Administration: Even though Covid-19 continued to hamper events on the church campus, we were able to reopen meetings for smaller groups this Summer. Some groups switched their meetings over to the Harrison Center to provide additional distance and safety for those attending. Larger group meetings began again this Fall and are well attended. We lost a couple of groups that are continuing to meet online. This has had some effect on revenue but is necessary for the safety of all.

The best event of all this year was the restoration of the crown! We are forever



grateful to **John Thomas** and **Susan Mof-fat-Thomas** for making this happen. The crown is as beautiful as ever, a shining beacon in our community.

We continue to be busy in the administrative office. We replaced the remainder of our outdated computers this Spring and installed a new sound system in the Nave. This Fall we installed a new camera to enhance the livestream for Sunday services. We upgraded the WiFi so that we now have WiFi throughout the campus. This is especially helpful for events like Pumpkin Patch, as well as our livestream connectivity.

I want to thank our administrative team, Patti Williams and Dare Oliver for being flexible and able to pivot on a minute's notice — and for their many extra hours of work to support our vision of loving the way God loves. Thank you. Thank you to **Terry Pitner**, maintenance, for keeping our campus clean and sparkly. Thank you all so much for continuing to support me and my work as I serve the church in my role as Director of Church Life. As always, I am so grateful!

— *Sincerely, Ellie Roberts*



DIRECTOR OF MUSIC'S REPORT

Church musicians have been talking about rebuilding for some time now, since we realized how long we might be locked down. And now we are in the process of rebuilding.

We resumed hymn singing this Spring. What a feeling it was to be leading hymns from the organ again and hearing parishioners sing through their masks. I smiled for days.

The choir began rehearsals in September with restrictions. We rehearse in the Nave (more space than the choir room), we space ourselves apart, we take a break in the middle of the rehearsal, and we keep our rehearsals shorter than usual. We have been working our voices gently since we went for a year and a half with no choral singing. We have been singing regularly in worship, and we are preparing for Lessons & Carols.

The handbells have been revived through the energy of Handbell Director **Jean Reichenbach**. They have played once in worship, and they will play at Lessons & Carols.



Wednesdays at Christ Church, led by **Meg Jones**, is again a fun, festive, energetic time for kids K-5. Ukuleles and singing continue to be a part of that program. We have about a dozen kids with ukuleles, and we have some pre-schoolers who have a great time learning songs and sign language.

There have been changes to the Sunday morning services: 8:30 is a “blended” service with organ and piano and sometimes guitar and fiddle. Hymns are chosen from all three hymnals. And 11:00 is our Choral Service with organ and choir. Hymns are primarily chosen from *The Hymnal 1982*. Our new 5:00 pm Contemplative Service offers a unique worship experience for those who like to come at the calm of the evening for prayer and meditation. Peace.

— *Clifford Badgley*

Christ of the pilgrim path,
you recognize our many gifts
even when we do not see them ourselves.
May your enabling Spirit free our creativity
in worship and in everyday living.

from Peter Millar, *An Iona Prayer Book*,
Norwich, The Canterbury Press, 1998

GROWING IN GRACE REPORT

This is my sixth year as the director of the Growing in Grace (GIG) after-school program. We currently serve nine children from Brinson Memorial School in 1st-5th grades. Due to the pandemic, things have been a little different. Our tables are spaced farther apart and are sanitized daily. Masks are required to be worn by the children and volunteers at all times, and washing hands is emphasized regularly.

I work closely with the assistant principal and guidance counselor at the school to find the students we feel are best suited for our program. All of our students

are from low-income families. The first five years of GIG were very successful, and this success was measured by the academic growth of our students. We have had several students make the honor roll for the first time. Our students have also grown in confidence, and the number of volunteers wanting to be a part of our program is growing, too. There are currently 38 approved volunteers. Our volunteers also include one high school student and one middle school student.

We started this year with nine children. Two of our students are returning stu-

dents, and we have seven new students. Each child has four mentors, many of whom are church members, who work with their child for 45 minutes on Mondays through

Thursdays after school. The mentors help students with online work and paper



GROWING IN GRACE REPORT (cont.)

assignments, 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. Additionally, we have volunteer van drivers and riders. Our program provides transportation for the students from school to the church and back home again. I hope to be able to return to the school this year to talk with the guidance counselor and teachers about bringing the children lunch. This is currently still not allowed.

This year on Thursdays, our GIG children are participating in Chapel time with Paul or Meg. We meet them in the indoor chapel, outdoor chapel or in the Nave for bible stories and to learn more about Christ Church.

Our year so far has been amazing! Our group of children has come together as a family, and they love all of their mentors. The mentors love all of our children, too. We always refer to our program as ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY, and this year is really proving that! Although I had hoped to get 10 children this year, we have so far not had enough weekly mentors to



accommodate one more child. We continue to get more interest as our mentors talk about how much they love being a part of our program. I am hoping to get four more mentors so that we can have one more child added to our family.

We are making plans for four fieldtrips beginning in January. We are going on days in the school calendar that are teacher work days. We are hoping to go to The Museum

of Life and Science in Durham, the Simply Natural Dairy in Ayden, Kirkman Farm in Cove City, Trinity Center, and the beach.

Growing in Grace continues to be greatly appreciated by the GIG children, the families of the children, our many volunteers, and by Brinson Elementary School staff and faculty. 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 at [debbiefodrie@christchurch](mailto:debbiefodrie@christchurchnewbern.com)

[newbern.com](mailto:debbiefodrie@christchurchnewbern.com).

— Debbie Fodrie



CANDIDATE FOR HOLY ORDERS' REPORT



To the members of Christ Church, I want to start my report by thanking you all for your constant prayers and support while I am in seminary. I honestly would not have been

able to do any of this without you all. I am currently in my final year of seminary at The School of Theology at Sewanee.

It's hard to believe that at the time of this report, I just registered for my final semester of classes. I have taken so many courses in such a wide range of different topics. This past semester has really been about practical application with my liturgy class and continuation of my internship with Episcopal Church of the Nativity in Huntsville, Alabama.

I have also had fun electives on Saints and Paul's Letter to the Romans. This past

summer, I was given the wonderful opportunity to come back to The Diocese of East Carolina and work as a Chaplain in Cape Hatteras. Alongside one of my classmates, we led five services a week on the beach and traveled to "nearby" Episcopal parishes to preach (the closest Episcopal parish to where we were living was an hour and a half away). One of the next big things I have coming up is my General Ordination exams on January 3rd-5th. On those days, seminarians and I will be taking two exams a day to determine our proficiency on a specific subject in which we have been educated. If you would please keep me, and all seminarians, in your prayers on those days it would be greatly appreciated.

I do not know what life will look like after graduation yet, but it is exciting and nerve-racking all at the same time to see this journey will soon come to a close. Time flies! Right now, the countdown to my graduation from The School of Theology on May 6th is on!

— Ashley Simpson



CHRIST CHURCH TRUST REPORT

The Christ Episcopal Church Trust was established in 1975 by parishioners of Christ Church for the purpose of provid-



ing financial support to local charitable, religious, and educational organizations. Today

the Christ Church Trust is the primary source of outreach at Christ Church, awarding grants to many local non-profits, including Religious Community Services (RCS), Merci Clinic, Habitat for Humanity, the

Trinity Center and



many more. If you work or volunteer for a local non-profit, there is a good chance the Christ Church Trust has awarded a grant to your organization.

The Trust is designed to operate in perpetuity. All gifts to the Trust are conservatively invested, and the Trust's principal is never touched. All grants awarded are from the growth and income generated by the Trust's investments. This has allowed the Trust's principal investment to grow to an amazing \$1.9 million! This in turn has allowed the Trust to award grants in excess of \$700,000 over the last 10 years. This is a remarkable achievement and something of which we should all be proud.

If local outreach is important to you, please consider giving a financial gift to the Christ Episcopal Church Trust. By giving to the Trust, you know your gift will live in perpetuity supporting local charities.

— Kirby Smith,
Christ Church Trust Committee Leader

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

The year 2021 was a very busy and exciting one at Christ Episcopal Church. Because of the pandemic, we continued to offer innovative ways to serve the parish. Although we were required to hold services outside, our resourceful Sacred Sound and Space (SSS) team used this opportunity to complete several interior renovations and improvements.

These projects included carpet removal, hardwood flooring renovation, refinishing of the pews and replacement of cushions, structural improvement of the choir loft and organ balcony, cleaning and painting of the ceiling and walls, enhanced illumination of the chandeliers, vibration reduction and insulation of the attic, and enhanced sound system and lighting controls.

Shortly after these tasks were complete, our clergy quickly transitioned from holding services outside to COVID-safe inside services. Now we anxiously await the construction and replacement of the organ. I am very grateful for the leadership and guidance of **Bob Emory** and the entire SSS team, as well as **John Peterson**, the general contractor. Many thanks to all who have pledged to help support this project.

As the senior warden, I have had the pleasure to work with the clergy and staff.



We have a tremendous group of talented and dedicated people who work tirelessly on the administration and logistics needed to make the church function smoothly and efficiently. I am so very appreciative of my fellow vestry members and extend a special thanks to **Debra Cook, Susan Husson, Amanda Norwood and Jim Behl** for their last three years of service. I am also humbled by the hard work of so many commission and committee members during

2021. The list of people involved in these groups is extensive and due to their special talents and willingness to help, our church proudly supports several local individuals and organizations beyond our own "church walls." I urge everyone to prayerfully consider joining one of our many committees.

— *Keith Thompson*



JUNIOR WARDEN'S/BUILDINGS & GROUNDS REPORT

We are pleased to report our facilities are in good order and have been well maintained throughout this past year. Of all maintenance activities, two specific projects are worth noting because of the year-over-year benefit realized:

The installation of LED bulbs not only resulted in a drastic increase in visual lighting, but also resulted in energy savings from lighting the Nave area of roughly 75%.

The installation of insulation in the Nave attic resulted in energy savings for the Nave area of 15% on heating and cooling costs.

As currently budgeted, these projects have resulted in church utilities (to-date) being 7.8% under budget. These are savings the church will continue to realize.

Additional projects completed throughout 2021 include the following:

- The parking lot was re-striped.
- The churchyard received an “all-hands-on-deck trimming, mulching and weeding makeover.”
- Brass plaques were installed in the Nave.
- The outdoor chapel floor was treated with algae/mold killer.



- A backpack blower and power washer were purchased to maintain our facility's buildings and grounds cleanliness.
- The pavers at the outdoor chapel were leveled, power washed, and re-sanded.



- Two Japanese maple trees were planted in place of the removed dead tree.

I would like to personally thank those of you who have donated time, effort, and talent in the care of, maintenance of, and improvements to our beautiful, historic house of worship throughout the year.

— Carl Huddle

COMMITTEE & COMMISSION REPORTS

EVANGELISM

With Covid lingering this past year, we really haven't done much. Some of us did join some national zoom classes regarding Evangelism that were quite uplifting.

We started meeting again this past

August and are looking into a couple of events for the upcoming year, so stay tuned.

We could really use a few more parishioners on this committee to come and be a part of helping us find ways to share the

love of God — not only with one another here at Christ Church but also in our community. We meet the third Tuesday of each month at 5:00 pm in the church library. “Come and see...”

— Jettie Pelletier, Evangelism Chair

OUTREACH



Camp Hope: Camp Hope is a free weeklong summer camp for children from across the state who have an incarcerated parent. Since its founding by **Jane Merritt** in 2006, Camp Hope has been held at Kanuga's Camp Bob. Because of Covid, Camp Bob has been closed for the past two summers. In an effort to remain in contact with and support our campers, we held three Camp Hope Saturdays during this past summer. Eighteen volunteers served 23 campers for several hours playing games, doing service projects, eating dinner and spending time in devotion. **Tom Pike** and Chick-fil-A donated dinner to our campers in August. Because of our church's generous support, we were able to give our campers and volunteers a new Camp Hope t-shirt. Our 2021 Camp Hope reunion will be held on Oct. 30th with plans for our campers to help in the church's pumpkin patch. We stay in touch with our campers through a variety of different ways including text messages, birthday cards, Facebook and Instagram. Christ Church supports this ministry through generous sponsorships, adult camp vol-

unteers and the coordination of camper registration and travel. Because of the generous donations made to Camp Hope in 2021, Christ Church was able to donate \$1,000 to both Camp Bob and Camp Trinity. Camp Bob is currently discerning the future of their programming and therefore a 2022 Camp Hope date has not been set. While they are discerning, we are continuing our work of sustaining this ministry. From adults who can volunteer at camp to parishioners who have time to write notes or send text messages, this outreach ministry can always use additional help and financial support. **Leadership Team:** **Terry Brubaker** (252-514-9550), **Jim Behl** (650-740-3992) and **Nell Hudson** (252-772-5832)

– *Terry Brubaker / Nell Hudson*

Interfaith Refugee Ministry: As always, Interfaith Refugee Ministry (IRM) remains so very grateful for the faithful and loving support of Christ Church for more than 25 years. You have donated school supplies, household goods and furniture to help us make New Bern a place



that welcomes the stranger. This past year, we welcomed 30 individuals to our area from the Democratic Republic of Congo (26) and Burma (4). Each fled from their homeland after experiencing violence and persecution. Several spent more than 15 years in refugee camps waiting for their chance at a new life in peace and safety. They are grateful that they will see their children grow up without fear and with the chance to attend school and to make good lives for themselves here. As a new year begins, we hope to resettle approximately 195 individuals over the next 12 months from Colombia, Burma and the Congo. We have recently added a satellite

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office in Greenville at St. Timothy's, and we are very grateful to have a "landing" spot there where we can stop in to do some work or meet with clients and groups.

– *Susan Husson, Executive Director*

Episcopal Farmworkers: Because of the effects of COVID, there has been little to no activity over the past two years. The previous ministry leaders, **Anne and Jerry Ocorr** have stepped down after several successful years of ministry to the farmworkers. We felt we had found someone to fill the void in leading this ministry, but now they cannot fulfill this role. Therefore, another search to find someone to lead this ministry is underway. It is expected that in the coming year, many of the activities associated with this ministry will return to a more normal mode.

– *Jim Behl, Chairman*

Cookie Walk: The Cookie Walk in 2020 was canceled due to Covid restrictions that made holding that type of event impossible. Through the industrious coordinating efforts of **Jane Ashford, Tony Embrey** and Christ Church bakers, a limited number of delicious baked goods was offered at a pre-sale to Church members only. This effort was very successful and managed to provide some additional funds to distribute to needy causes that we support. Because of this success, Jane and Tony plan to offer a selection of pre-sale items again in 2021.

Cookie Walk is coming back in 2021, and planning and recruiting has begun. It is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 11, in the Harrison Center. Due to some ongoing Covid restrictions, we were still navigating the correct way to host this event. After meeting with Paul to discuss logistics for Cookie Walk, it was jointly decided that we need to create more open space in the Harrison Center. To improve traffic flow, spacing and customer safety, only cookies and baked specialties will be featured this year. We will not be hosting a café, raffle baskets, craft table or any other non-cookie/baked goods related tables or booths. All baked goods will be safely handled and arranged by our volunteers. The baked goods will still be amazing but offered



prepackaged in single and various multiple combinations along with various sized party platters for our shoppers. We will also have a specialty table that will hold a sampler of the preordered items plus other specialty items that the customers have learned to expect. We hope to win the community's support with this new format so that we can continue our mission of "Helping Our Community, One Cookie at a Time."

– *Pam Miller, Cookie Walk Chair / ECW Vice President*

Pumpkin Patch: The pumpkins finally arrived on Wednesday, Oct. 6 – five days late and one and a half hours early (8:15 am) with no notice. Fortunately, Paul spotted the truck from his office window and swung into action. Fifty people, mostly way over 50 years old, showed up on last-minute notice — wagons and wheelbarrows in tow — and unloaded about 2,000 regular pumpkins and boxes of gourds and small pumpkins. One fellow walking his dog asked if we need help, then spent the morning helping. A big shout out to all!

As of Wednesday, Oct. 27, we have sold between 1,500 and 1,600 regular pumpkins; all small pumpkins and gourds are gone. However, proceeds to date remain down from what they were in 2019. Very few pumpkins have rotted. We need to thank **Jeanine Huntington** who carted off rotting pumpkins throughout the month and who will pick up all leftover pumpkins to feed to her pigs and chickens.

OUTREACH (cont.)

We have sold over 100 mums, offered to us at cost by White's Farm, earning \$1,000 or so. Baked goods sales have added to our take — all of which goes to the church. We cannot thank enough all those who stepped up to sell day after day after day! Your assistance will provide needed funds to local non-profits. Total proceeds and non-profit recipients will be announced later.

When we were unsure if we would even get pumpkins, White's also picked and sold to us (for an advantageous price) 250 small pumpkins for scheduled storytime attendees. **Janet Peregoy** purchased items for and filled all the goodie bags. Many thanks to Janet, the readers, and craft people who contributed to the success of this program for preschoolers.

Respectfully submitted – Jane Ashford and Rick Miller

Angel Tree: Christmas 2020 Angel Tree was totally different from the past 35 years. Because of COVID, we were unable to shop, wrap and distribute presents as we have done in years past. We knew that we needed to re-imagine this ministry. We decided to give giftcards (\$75-\$100/child) and extra money for food (\$100-\$330/family). We talked to each family and by listening to their stories determined the amount they needed. We served 23 families with a total of 55 children. For most of these families, 2020 had been very challenging. Several were living with family or friends and were under even more strain financially and socially due to loss of jobs and homeschooling their children.

Christ Church members outdid themselves last year. Donations of over \$6,500 were raised. We plan to do the same procedure this year. In addition, we will have a celebration of Jesus' birth with a birthday party for the families in the Ministry Center. We will distribute the giftcards along with Christian literature and small toys. Please pick up an "Angel" in the reception area to help sponsor a child this Christmas.

Angel Tree is a ministry of Prison Ministry. Inmates, through the chaplain at their prison, apply for their children/stepchildren to receive Christmas presents given in their name. The Prison Ministry for the Carolinas sends us Craven County children's names and their custodial parents' contact information. Talking to these parents and hearing their stories is an amazing experience. The women who care for these children are extraordinary. They are so grateful for what we are doing. Usually these women are strong, committed



ted Christians, and they truly lean on the Lord for support. It is a humbling experience to see their faith in action. Each year my own faith is enhanced by their joyful attitude. They live lives that most of us would find miserable; however they thank God for all His blessings. I thank all of you who participate in this incredible ministry. These children and families are truly the "least of these".

– Ellen Chance

Prison Ministries: We have not been able to go into the prisons this year due to COVID. I do not see the situation changing much until the prison populations are fully vaccinated, and the staff levels are back to normal. They are running at about 65 to 70% normal staffing.

– Jane Merritt

Habitat for Humanity of Craven County builds modest income single-family homes in Craven and Jones counties and has been actively addressing the affordable housing crisis since 1989. Families and individuals in need of a hand up partner with Habitat for Humanity to build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat for Humanity of Craven County has helped 73 individuals and families achieve their dream of homeownership and an additional 45 individuals and families with critical home repairs. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay a 0% interest mortgage or loan.

In FY21 (July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021), with the help of just under 500 volunteers who contributed 15,000 hours, we were able to build two new construction homes and complete 12 critical repairs. Our ReStore brought in \$355,000 in revenue to fund our mission. In FY22 (July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022), our goal is to build eight new construction homes and complete 20 critical repairs. Our FY22 operating budget is 2.4 million and our goal for ReStore revenue is 25% of that number, or, \$600,000.

In addition to your ongoing support and support from other faith partners, our goal for 2022 is to build a new home. Our projected cost is \$85,000. We anticipate breaking ground at a prayer breakfast in February of 2022. In addition to supporting the build through prayer, financial gifts, and volunteers, our faith partners will build relationships with the homeowners and the community. As partners, we will be able to expand our reach further into Craven and Jones counties — bringing strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter.

For more info, visit cravencountyhabitat.org or call Catherine Campbell at (252) 633-9599, ext. 104.

– Catherine Campbell, Volunteer Coordinator

Religious Community Services: RCS is committed to addressing the basic needs of our community by providing food,

clothing, and shelter to those who need it most.”

While COVID had an impact on the way services were provided, meals continued to be served, the homeless shelter provided housing, the Veterans wing was opened, groceries were dispensed through the Food Pantry, and the Clothing Closet reopened in May. In addition, Operation Outpost began providing services by taking food and clothing directly to areas of Craven, Jones and Pamlico counties.

Christ Church is a strong supporter of RCS through funds and the ingathering of food throughout the year. The guests who receive services through RCS are also assisted in their growth and development, allowing for long-term success.

Zeb Hough, executive director, works “to find ways to effectively empower the most vulnerable, serve them in a way that acknowledges their inherent dignity, and provide opportunities to step into a better tomorrow in the name of Jesus Christ.”

– *Sheridan Holstein*

Compassionate Listening: COVID has prevented our Compassionate Listening volunteers from helping as we have in the past; however, current plans are to create new ways to engage with guests and to help in other volunteer capacities.

– *Sheridan Holstein*

One Day With God has not been able to hold camps in our area, but they started up in Texas last month. Forgiven Ministry is still ministering to the families of the incarcerated providing meals and hospitality at their facility in Taylorsville. We are anxious to start having a *One Day With God* camp at Pamlico as soon as we are allowed in the prison. We are in monthly contact with Forgiven Ministry to encourage them during these hard times. We receive a monthly prayer list from Forgiven Ministry and we offer weekly prayers up for those on the list.

– *Jane Merritt*



Parish Life Commission activities invite people to be a part of our communal family. Activities aim to foster fellowship and hospitality among current parishioners, welcome those who are new to our community or are considering resuming participation, and support people facing challenging times — occasions mostly needing friends and food.

Our 11 committees help host recurring parish-wide and small group socials and some special events, providing food, beverages, companionship, serving and kitchen help. Volunteers also help carry out, when asked, special celebratory, educational, or worship-connected occasions by providing requested assistance.

Parish Life functions and committees' events came to an abrupt halt in early March of 2020. Most have remained inactive through a good part of 2021 due to the Corona-19 virus and the Delta variant. Consequently, the commission's funds have \$3,417.71 unspent as of Sept 2021. In yet another anticipation of better times to come in 2022, the 9 committees that require funds budget requests remain the same as in 2020/2021.

Committees that have or are in the process of restarting include Christ Church Cooks, Funeral Receptions and MOMs

in the spring; Celebrate Summer Potluck and Lemonade on the Lawn in summer and just recently Stepping out Singles and Foyers. Young Families/Young Adults are planning a Christmas gathering.

We still have no go-ahead as to when we can restart Coffee Hour with homemade nibbles. And people remain cautious about joining other gatherings, especially indoors — small groups being the most successful.

Parish Life Committees include Christ Church Cooks (*see report on next page*), Coffee Hour, Foyers Supper clubs (now cocktails), Funeral Receptions, MOMs, Lemonade on the Lawn, Receptionists, Stepping Out Singles, Young Families/Young Adults and Kitchen Supplies.

Receptionists is the newest committee added to the Parish Life Commission. We encourage anyone who has a free weekday morning to volunteer. Your time will be well spent freeing up staff to complete timely responses to church business and attend to pastoral care needs.

Want to become involved? Contact Jane Ashford: jane.ashford@neusewoods.com

Blessings to all and hopes for a new year of fun and fancy gatherings with church friends.

– *Respectfully, Jane Ashford*

PARISH LIFE COMMISSION

(cont.)

Christ Church Cooks: As with all things, CCC was different this year. We met fewer times and scaled back on the numbers of cooks preparing the meals. However, we never let our freezer become empty, and we continued to meet the nutritional needs of parishioners and our neighbors.

We have approximately 16 members of this cooking ministry, and new people are always welcomed and needed. We typically meet the third Monday of each month (fewer times if the freezer is sufficiently stocked) and prepare two entrees, soup or vegetables or dessert. Parishioners are encouraged to pick up dinners for others who they know would appreciate a home-cooked meal. Reasons for taking food are for illness, birth of a baby, or some other disrupting life event.

An added benefit of this outreach is that it gives an opportunity for connecting with each other and to minister to one another. As Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.” That is the mission and motto of Christ Church Cooks. We would love to have you join us in this ministry.

– Ellen Chance



SACRED SOUND AND SPACE

The Sacred Sound and Space Capital Campaign — the campaign to renew our worship space, improve acoustics in the Nave and replace our failing organ with a new one built specifically for our Nave — has completed all planned work with the exception of the new organ, which will arrive in 2023. Our original heart pine floor has been restored, lighting has been dramatically improved, the ceiling has been cleaned and restored and reinforced, our pews have been refurbished and refinished, walls have been painted and for the first time, the attic has been insulated. Now we await the arrival of our new organ. While we wait for the new

organ we can appreciate the acoustical and lighting improvements as we worship in our renewed Nave.

None of this would have been possible without the generosity of Christ Church’s parishioners. Pledges quickly exceeded our base goal of \$1,285,000. We are now within \$30,000 of our \$1,485,000 stretch goal. These pledges were made in spite of the health and financial uncertainty brought on by the Covid pandemic. Thank you to all who have pledged. If you have not pledged, or if you are in a position to help us raise the last \$30,000 we need to reach our stretch goal, contact [Bob Emory](#).

– Bob Emory, SSS Co-chair

Thank you to our Vestry for all of their support and hard work!



Jim Behl



Deborah Cook



Howard Furnas



Carl Huddle
Junior Warden



Susan Husson



John King



Elizabeth Livingston



Rick Miller



Amanda Norwood, Clerk



David Spence



Keith Thompson
Senior Warden



Sims Wayt

WORSHIP COMMISSION REPORT

Another atypical year for worship due to COVID. Here is a synopsis of activity:

Eucharistic Ministers:

For much of the year they were inactive because communion consisted of bread only. In late fall, permission came to resume administering under a new procedure to assure safety. There were two training sessions for those who wanted to resume or join this ministry with the understanding that only those who attend a training will be able to serve in worship.

Ushers: There will be new Usher tags soon. Reminders and requests for ushers at all services need to continue with perhaps some instruction on using Sign-Up Genius. Instead of ushers passing the plate, there are stands with offering plates so that those coming up for communion can drop their offering there.

Greeters: There were 60 people who greeted and many greeted multiple Sundays. Of the 60, 25 greeted once, 14 greeted five or more and 7 greeted ten or more Sundays. When there were no sign ups, the Greeting Coordinators called people to fill the openings.

Worship: Children and Family services resumed in June. The first one, in conjunction with Vacation Bible School, included over 50 people. This semester intergenerational events after the family service will bridge the gap between the service and Sunday School.

Acolytes: We trained 10 new acolytes this Fall, one graduated and we lost four for a new total of 23 acolytes divided into in eight teams. They serve at both morning services. If you know a child eight years old and up that would like to join, we'd love to have them. Just contact Meg Jones.



Sound/Livestream: We continued livestreaming services while outside and when we came back into the nave. We quickly realized that we needed a new camera and to get the sound system adjusted to the new space. It's been a big project. There's a lot to learn with every change. A new camera allows us to Zoom better to provide a richer experience for those watching at home. We've updated some microphones to help in person and online, especially so people can hear the music at home. Huge thanks to **Zach Thuringer** who helped us while we were outside and through August. And to **Noah Landen** who continues to help us livestream each week. If you'd like to be part of this group that pushes buttons upstairs, we'd love extra help. Contact Meg Jones for more information.

Youth Lectors: You haven't heard from many youth lectors this year, but

we plan to have at least one youth reader a month. They are not limited to the Children & Family service, and those eight years old through 12th grade are welcome. We send the readings in advance to help practice at home. If you know a young person who's interested, contact Meg Jones. Or sign up on the monthly Sign-Up Genius.

Altar Guild: During 2021, Altar Guild retired six members, four members moved, and four new members were trained. We continued to support indoor and outdoor services using Covid protocols. Due to the pandemic, the Altar Guild/Flower Guild Spring Luncheon was not held.

– Susan Husson, Chair

PASTORAL CARE COMMISSION

There are 10 active ministries that compose the Pastoral Care Commission. The Commission only met once this year, in October, as the ongoing pandemic prohibited us from gathering sooner. We continued to develop and respond to the needs of parishioners and clergy throughout the year.

Eucharistic Visitors: Bill and Gretchen Lanke-nau retired this year from their leadership role in the Eucharistic Visitors Ministry, after many years of leadership service to the Church. **The Rev. Deacon John Gaskill** wholeheart-

edly volunteered to accept the role of leader of the Ministry and has already made many contributions. John prepared and distributed to each Lay Eucharistic Visitor a Lay Eucharistic Visitor's Manual, which includes a liturgy for the distribution of Holy Communion. He met with all returning Lay Eucharistic Visitors, with one more yet to be trained. The Ministry now has eleven Lay Eucharistic Visitors: **David Cook** (to be trained), **Holly Craig-head**, **Mary Lynn Guidage**, **Sheridan Holstein**, **Bill Lanke-nau**, **Gretchen Lanke-nau**, **Jane Merritt**, **Margaret Phaup**, **Betsy Pri-mavera**, **Deb Steady**, and **John Steady**. 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. This area will receive additional development so the visatee's needs may be met more readily, and the scheduling of all the Lay Eucharistic Visitors may be done more efficiently and equitably. The Rev. Deacon John Gaskill is the leader of the Ministry.

Daughters of the King: The Epiphany Chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King was impacted by the COVID-19 vi-rus. The group met virtually during part of the year, but starting this past summer, resumed meetings in person, masked and dis-tanced. The meetings follow the agenda of Devotions, committee reports, a planned program, and prayer. Each member receives a quarterly magazine keeping them up to date on other chapters around the world that send us inspirational talks by National and local officers. The Ministry is planning a church wide drive at



Christ Church to collect socks, gloves, and mittens to help offset the effects of winter weather for some of our citizens as part of our service commitment to Daughters of the King. These items will be given to RCS and the Salvation Army for distribution to those in need. Activities have been curtailed, but the group has kept in touch with each other and are praying for more normal times in the future. **Ann Bustard** is the current president.

Stephen Ministers: 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 led by professionals to learn the skills to help those in crisis. All referrals go through our clergy, to maintain clergy awareness and support. Stephen Ministry sends a series of four booklets, **JOURNEYING THROUGH GRIEF**, to parishioners who have lost a spouse, child, or parent. We have sent 151 booklets this year. **Mary Davidson** and **Mary Parrish** are the lay leaders of Stephen Ministers.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: In the past year, the active membership of the Prayer Shawl Ministry has become smaller. A few of

PASTORAL CARE COMMISSION (cont.)

the members no longer knit and many have not felt comfortable coming to the meetings or obtaining yarn to knit. The ministry is gradually coming back to life, and there are two new active knitters. Several members have made shawls during the worst of the COVID closures and many members have generously purchased the yarn for our shawls.

The group has also begun to knit nap blankets for the youngest members of the parish. These small blankets are for children six years or younger; in other words, children who take naps. The ministry encourages parish grandparents to take nap blankets for their little ones. All the shawls and blankets are blessed at the altar. Contact: **Sheila Cipriano**, 252-617-0303.

Order of St. Luke: Order of St. Luke is a healing prayer ministry that was offered on Wednesdays at the Eucharist in the Chapel. The service was offered until June and then discontinued during the summer. It has not been reinstated at this time.

Recovery Ministry: AA groups meet regularly at Christ Church. The Recovery Ministry of the Episcopal Church provides related literature to Christ Church and the church library to educate parishioners about the disease.

Recovery Sunday was held in September with literature available. A list of people willing to assist others in recovery has been compiled. **The Rev. Deacon Lisa Kirby** is the Ministry Leader.

Flower Guild: The Flower Guild has six members who have been delivering altar flowers to members of the congregation for the last six months. **Sims Wayt** is the Ministry Leader.

LGBT: As 2021 draws to a close, and restrictions are waning, the LGBT Ministry hopes to become more active in 2022. The ministry has been providing assistance and counseling to those in need by phone or email and has been successful in assisting many. Pride Day events will be planned as the need arises and the restrictions lessen. The ministry works with the clergy of Christ Church and the local Integrity group to provide dignity and understanding for all people. The ministry sends a

gracious *thank you* to all who serve in any capacity to improve the quality of life for all. **Edward Opphile** is the Ministry Leader.

Neighbors in Christ: With carefully drawn neighborhood lines, Christ Church has 19 neighborhoods, each with a leader. The goal of the program is for the group leader and 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.

During the pandemic, our leaders continued to coordinate needs with clergy. **Barbara Rice** is the Coordinator.

Christ Church Friends: Normally this group visits with those in our parish who are shut-in for one reason or another. These volunteers visit their homes or facilities once or twice a month.

Unfortunately, because of restrictions imposed by the government due to COVID-19, visitors have not been able to see their assigned individual in person since March 2020. The volunteers have checked on by telephone or by sending notes/cards. Visitors will be able to resume in person visits very soon, masked and distanced. If you know of anyone who needs a visitor, please contact **Ann Bustard**, 252-636-2885.

— **Barbara Rice**, Pastoral Care Commission Chair



CHRISTIAN FORMATION REPORT

We did not offer children's formation during the Spring semester in 2021. We had Vacation Bible School. The theme was "Knights of the North Castle," and we put on the armor of God from Ephesians 6:2. We had 52 kids (31 members, 21 friends), 28 volunteers, two priests, and one baby. We were the only church in town to be open to non-members and preschoolers. Did I mention VBS was also COVID-free? Thanks for all your donations and prayers to make that happen.

Children's Sunday School kicked off for the 2021-22 school year in September. We offer Godly Play for our preschoolers. The average attendance is five. Whirl is our newest curriculum for a K-2nd grade class and a 3rd-5th grade class. These classes have an average attendance of six. (The average attendance in the Fall of 2019 was eight and four in the 3rd-5th grade class. So we've added a class and divided the students equally.)

We brought back Pathways of Disciple-



ship (POD) for our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. They meet outside once a month for games and faith exploration. The average attendance is four.

The youth Sunday School class also kicked off in September with a new curriculum, re:form. It looks at people in the Bible and explores questions the youth might have. The youth got to pick which topics they'd like covered in class this year. They average number of attendees is four, the same as the average in the Fall of 2019.

The Episcopal Youth Community, EYC, continued online and in person for the Spring of 2021. They met in person in the Fall. They meet each week, usually outside, with dinner and games. The average attendance is seven. The average in 2019 and 2020 was six. We've partnered with First Baptist for a Food Drive for Religious Community Services, RCS. We collected a little over 1,500 pounds of food. We've also had scavenger hunts and played games. We combined with First Presbyterian to go to Busch Gardens (10 youth from Christ Church) and movie nights.

Christ Church has two youth, **Alison Ezzell** and **Tayleigh Carpenter**, on the East Carolina Youth Council (ECYC). They help lead and plan youth events in the Diocese (which are back to mostly in person!)

yOUTHREACH, a service day, was held at Christ Church. We had five youth. We took Alison and Tayleigh to Happening in the Fall. Alison will be the Chaplain for Happening 77 in March. Christ Church took three high schoolers on the operations team and five middle schoolers to Fall Conference for middle schoolers.

We attempted a Young Adult Bible Study over Zoom during Lent. It had little traction. We will try again in a different way next year.

Adult Sunday School resumed in person during the Easter Season. Students looked at sermons by **Presiding Bishop Michael Curry** in his book, *The Power of Love*. The average attendance was about eight. We combined with the Diocese and with St. Paul's, Wilmington, for a Pentecost offering online. Christ Church had the most participants, even during the Summer.

The Lectionary Class continued online during the summer. A huge thanks to **Rick Schulhaus** for devoting tons of time to teaching online. We offered three Sunday morning classes for adults this Fall: the Lectionary Class, Bible 101, and Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man. We've kept our regular weekday offerings: Contemplative Prayer, Women's Book Study, Rector's Bible Study, and Education for Ministry (EfM). The average attendance in each of these, Sunday mornings and weekdays, is about 10. There's always room for more.

Thanks to all the teachers and to you for attending! We hope to continue this many offerings to meet people where they are and to learn more about their faith.

— **Meg Jones**



STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

Stewardship Committee:

Our annual campaign theme was Love in Action. Jesus said,



“Love one another as I have loved you.” *Love in action* is how we try to fulfill that command. Stewardship boils down to how we share God’s love through our actions. We use our talents, give our time, and share our financial gifts to help God’s people and share God’s love — that is stewardship. We encouraged members to identify and share where they see or have experienced love in action at Christ Church. During the financial pledge portion of the campaign, members were encouraged to increase their financial pledge by at least 5% in response to the many blessings they receive from God’s gracious love.

— *John and Deb Steady, Co-chairs*

The Christ Episcopal Church Endowment is managed by the Rector and a Board of Directors (six members) appointed by the Christ Church Vestry, who serve rotating four-year terms. The Board meets four times per year or as needed.

The Endowment has restricted and unrestricted funds that are conservatively invested with careful attention to an Investment Policy Statement, which was crafted according to industry standards. Examples of restricted funds are the Building Preservation Fund, Churchyard Burial Fund, and the Carillon Fund, among others. The value of all funds as of October 20th is \$987,736. The rate of return through September 30th is 22.67%

Gifts to the endowment fund are gifts in perpetuity, with only income, adjusted for inflation, spent annually.

— *Katherine Haroldson, Committee Member*

Personnel Committee: The personnel committee has not met in two years. I advised Ellie Roberts on an administrative hire and have briefly discussed with Paul his need for an Assistant Rector. Things have been quiet.

— *John Shipberd, Chair*

The churchyard burial area and grounds are comprised of the area of the 1750 Church Building and areas 20 feet from the

exterior foundation. The policies, rules and procedures of the burial area are managed by our Board of Trustees consisting of the Rector, the Junior Warden, and three members of the Parish nominated by the Rector and elected by the Vestry.

All members in good standing at Christ Episcopal Church, along with their spouses and dependent children, are eligible for burial. As of this date, 333 burial plots have been sold of the 433 burial plots designated at the churchyard burial site. This leaves 100 burial plots available for sale.

Keep in mind, the proceeds from plot and memorial gift sales are directed to the burial fund and used for the upkeep and maintenance of the burial area and grounds. This past year, the burial area and grounds were well-maintained. The outdoor chapel was pressure-washed, and the brick pavers were leveled and re-sanded.

Please take a stroll throughout the church grounds and appreciate how well-maintained our outdoor chapel and surrounding yard have been kept.

If you are interested in purchasing a burial plot, please contact Paul or Ellie. Thank you!

— *Carl Huddle, Jr. Warden*



Finance Committee:

The Finance Committee began with an overview meeting in January to confirm its role as an advisory resource to the Rector, Vestry, Treasurer and Financial Staff and to discuss topics that might warrant review over the course of the year. In subsequent meetings we covered the following items:

- Budget Status and the best way to present finances given the COVID-19 Payroll Protection Plan.
- Planned giving
- Endowment restrictions and utilization
- Short-term investment of cash balances
- Strategies for maximizing payment on annual pledges
- Potential benefits of better parish software

The committee believes there are no open audit issues. Also, the committee reviewed the *Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Endowment Utilization* and concurred with their recommendations.

— *Chris McCrudden, Chair*

TREASURER'S REPORT

Christ Episcopal Church - New Bern NC
Treasurer's Report as of September 2021 (OPERATING FUNDS)

Monday, November 8, 2021

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Account #	Account Name	Annual Budget	Budget YTD	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Over/Under YTD+(-)	% of Annual Budget
OPERATING INCOME							
	Total Contributions-Pledged	\$770,900.00	\$578,178.00	\$49,362.12	\$619,026.39	\$16,617.39	77
	Total Contributions-Not Pledge	\$99,000.00	\$70,900.00	\$6,104.36	\$94,066.61	\$23,166.61	95
	TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$869,900.00	\$649,078.00	\$55,466.48	\$713,093.00	\$39,784.00	79
EXPENSES							
	Total Altar Guild	\$3,055.00	\$2,295.00	\$110.25	\$1,454.74	(\$840.26)	48
	Total Music	\$10,904.00	\$8,181.00	\$525.95	\$4,997.01	(\$3,183.99)	46
	TOTAL WORSHIP MINISTRY	\$13,959.00	\$10,476.00	\$636.20	\$6,451.75	(\$4,024.25)	46
	Total Christian Formation	\$10,200.00	\$8,428.00	\$211.73	\$7,993.86	(\$434.14)	78
	Total EYC	\$5,000.00	\$3,753.00	\$76.06	\$1,173.45	(\$2,579.55)	23
	TOTAL EDUCATION MINISTRY	\$15,200.00	\$12,181.00	\$287.79	\$9,167.31	(\$3,013.69)	60
	Total Diocesan Pledge	\$78,000.00	\$58,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$58,500.00	\$0.00	75
	Total Local Outreach	\$32,300.00	\$25,475.00	\$2,545.96	\$2,545.96	(\$22,929.04)	8
	TOTAL EVANGELISM MINISTRY	\$110,300.00	\$83,975.00	\$9,045.96	\$61,045.96	(\$22,929.04)	55
	Total Parish Life	\$5,795.00	\$4,384.00	\$162.88	\$966.29	(\$3,417.71)	17
	Total Pastoral Care	\$1,850.00	\$1,404.00	\$0.00	\$439.08	(\$964.92)	24
	Total Communications	\$2,100.00	\$1,575.00	\$280.60	\$1,078.60	(\$496.40)	51
	TOTAL PARISH SUPPORT MIN	\$9,745.00	\$7,363.00	\$443.48	\$2,483.97	(\$4,879.03)	25
	Total Vestry	\$2,000.00	\$1,494.00	\$771.18	\$1,063.18	(\$430.82)	53
	Total Stewardship	\$4,850.00	\$3,375.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$3,375.00)	0
Total B & G							
	Total B & G	\$153,277.00	\$114,957.00	\$22,446.14	\$120,006.79	\$5,049.79	78
	Total Parish Office	\$52,559.00	\$40,194.00	\$3,772.91	\$35,590.69	(\$4,603.31)	68
	Total Utilities	\$107,559.00	\$81,441.00	\$10,233.03	\$71,124.96	(\$10,316.04)	66
	Total Rector	\$189,952.00	\$142,807.00	\$14,131.91	\$120,978.98	(\$21,828.02)	64
	Total Asst Rector	\$106,472.00	\$80,203.00	\$11,799.42	\$76,727.54	(\$3,475.46)	72
	TOTAL CLERGY EXPENSE	\$296,424.00	\$223,010.00	\$25,931.33	\$197,706.52	(\$25,303.48)	67
	Total Director Child and Youth	\$59,012.00	\$44,802.00	\$4,617.32	\$35,501.62	(\$9,300.38)	60
	Total Director of Church Life	\$82,905.00	\$62,172.00	\$6,623.60	\$50,276.11	(\$11,895.89)	61
	Total Receptionist	\$10,000.00	\$7,497.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$7,497.00)	0
	Total Staff Benefits	\$151,917.00	\$114,471.00	\$11,240.92	\$85,777.73	(\$28,693.27)	56
	Total Director of Music	\$100,645.00	\$76,576.00	\$7,399.11	\$61,035.96	(\$15,540.04)	61
	Total Staff Salaries	\$71,855.00	\$53,892.00	\$5,172.94	\$41,754.87	(\$12,137.13)	58
	TOTAL STAFF WAGES & BENEFITS	\$620,841.00	\$467,949.00	\$49,744.30	\$386,275.08	(\$81,673.92)	62
	Total Fica & Workers Comp	\$23,684.00	\$17,757.00	\$1,264.67	\$13,690.46	(\$4,066.54)	58
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,061,415.00	\$800,968.00	\$94,872.75	\$671,309.46	(\$129,658.54)	63
	Difference	(\$191,515.00)	(\$151,890.00)	(\$39,406.27)	\$41,783.54		

*The 2021 Financials include \$83,500.00 of Federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funds. Year to date reported expenses for Salary, Medical, Life, Pension and Utilities were offset by using this Program.

Salaries offset by \$ 57,547.99 Medical & Life offset by \$ 12,304.52 Pension offset by \$ 4,949.12 Utilities offset by \$ 8,698.37

Forgiveness application submitted October 1, 2021. Received "Notice of Forgiveness in Full of Paycheck Protection Program Loan and Other Obligation" from First Citizens Bank, SBA Review dated October 27, 2021, and filed.

CONSOLIDATED FUND ACTIVITY REPORT

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Account Name	Beg Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	End Balance
SACRED SOUND & SPACE CAPITAL	639,460.31	(94,747.61)	0.00	544,712.70
CAMPAIGN Balance Receipts decreased by \$104,000.00 returned to Endowment				
SF - ALTAR FLOWERS FUND	1,610.75	143.32	330.00	1,424.07
SF - ART GUILD/PRAYER GARDEN	2,558.06	0.00	0.00	2,558.06
SF - ASSC REC SEARCH FUND	6,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
SF - ASSOC RECT DISC FD	934.52	0.00	0.00	934.52
SF - CAMP HOPE	46,262.38	0.00	0.00	46,262.38
SF - CHURCHYARD BURIAL FUND	38,275.03	3,150.00	30,200.00	11,225.03
SF - CURSILLO SCHOLARSHIPS	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
SF - DAUGHTER'S OF THE KING	641.50	0.00	103.99	537.51
SF - DEACON'S DISC FUND	602.50	200.00	0.00	802.50
SF - DISASTER RELIEF BALANCE	3,014.65	2,446.80	0.00	5,461.45
SF - FARMWORKERS MINISTRY FUND	450.00	0.00	0.00	450.00
SF - FINANCIAL AUDIT BALANCE	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
SF - FRESHMINISTRY	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00
SF - FUNERAL RECEPTION FUND	27.38	0.00	0.00	27.38
SF - FUTURE SANCTUARY UPGRADE	4,162.86	0.00	0.00	4,162.86
SF - GROWING IN GRACE	3,913.65	2,060.00	223.94	5,749.71
SF - HARRISON CENTER BUILDING USE	2,354.42	735.00	1,000.00	2,089.42
SF - JR. DAUGHTERS OF THE KING	179.19	0.00	0.00	179.19
SF - LAWTON PARKER FUND(KNEELERS)	2,679.08	0.00	0.00	2,679.08
SF - LINDA COBORN LORE FUND (UNRESTRICTED)	43,358.13	0.00	0.00	43,358.13
SF - MEMORIALS FUND	28,999.58	1,428.34	3,779.95	26,647.97
SF - MUSIC DEPARTMENT	4,103.62	0.00	0.00	4,103.62
SF - NC STATE AND COUNTY SALES TAX	(1,929.62)	1,547.89	270.14	(651.87)
SF - ORDER OF ST LUKE BALANCE	221.09	0.00	0.00	221.09
SF - PRAYER BOOKS AND BOOKLETS	562.59	393.43	344.16	611.86
SF - PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY	377.24	0.00	0.00	377.24
SF - PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
SF - PRISON MINISTRY	434.60	0.00	0.00	434.60
SF - PROJECT ANGEL TREE/CAMP HOPE	3,236.44	0.00	0.00	3,236.44
SF - PUMPKIN PATCH FD BAL	0.00	9.52	0.00	9.52
SF - RCS - DONATIONS	1,628.13	122.01	0.00	1,750.14
SF - RCS 2ND & 4TH SUNDAY BREAKFAST	4,958.15	200.00	60.80	5,097.35
SF - RECTOR SABBATICAL	8,828.00	0.00	0.00	8,828.00
SF - RECTOR'S DISC FUND	3,582.19	0.00	330.00	3,252.19
SF - RENTAL PARKING	3,484.62	0.00	0.00	3,484.62
SF - REV SHARP MUSIC & LIT FD	1,913.79	0.00	200.00	1,713.79
SF - SCHOLARSHIPS/GIFTS(SHORT TERM)	12,699.97	500.00	7,250.00	5,949.97
SF - SOS PROPERTY Balance	34,768.58	0.00	600.00	34,168.58
SF - STEPHEN MINISTRY	804.82	0.00	0.00	804.82
SF - THOM WILSON MEMOR SCHOLARSHIP BALANCE	1,150.00	0.00	850.00	300.00
SF - WOMENS CONNECTION	(33.54)	0.00	0.00	(33.54)
SF - YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND	3,429.54	0.00	0.00	3,429.54
Total	\$941,604.20	(\$77,811.30)	\$47,042.98	\$816,749.92

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