

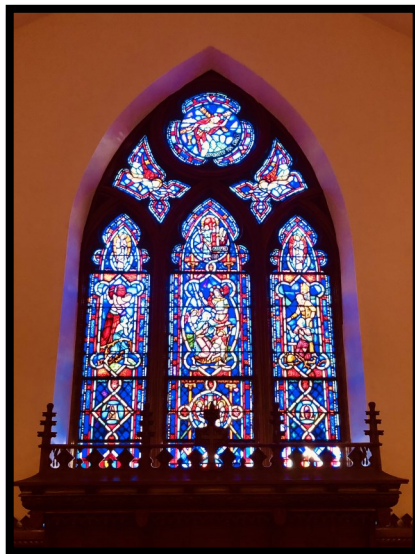
164th Annual Meeting



Christ Episcopal Church
Red Wing, Minnesota
January 30, 2022

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The restored chapel stained glass window.

163rd ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AGENDA

January 30, 2022

1.	Call to Order	Catherine Johnson
2.	Opening Prayer	Rev. Letha
3.	Election of Clerk of the Meeting	Catherine Johnson
4.	Adopt Proposed Agenda	Catherine Johnson
5.	Adopt Minutes from 2021 Annual Meeting	Catherine Johnson
6.	Financial Address	Buck Foot/Sandy Richter
7.	Accept the Annual Report	Catherine Johnson
8.	Review of Canons & Parish By-Laws Regarding Vestry Elections	Catherine Johnson
9.	Election of Wardens and Vestry	Catherine Johnson
10.	Other Business – Greetings to former clergy; Q & A	Catherine Johnson
11.	Senior Warden Remarks	Catherine Johnson
12.	Closing Prayer	Rev. Letha



**Rev. Letha Wilson-Barnard
and Bishop Craig Loya**

Minutes from the 163rd Annual Meeting of Christ Episcopal Church January 31, 2021

This meeting was held on the teleconferencing platform Zoom.

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:49 a.m. by John Blue.

Opening Prayer

An opening prayer was given by the Rev. Letha Wilson-Barnard.

Opening Business

Election of Clerk of the Meeting

Catherine Johnson made a motion to accept Debora Gilson as clerk of the meeting. Buck Foot seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Adoption of the Agenda

Catherine shared the agenda on screen so everyone could read it.

Catherine made a motion to accept the proposed meeting agenda. Sandy Richter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Review of the Minutes from 2020

Chris Foss made a motion to accept the 2020 Annual Meeting minutes. Marcy Dowse seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Financial Address

Buck Foot went over the church financial figures.

Overall, it was a good year financially. The amount collected exceeded the budget, which is very impressive considering we could not physically attend the church most of the year. Plate collection was obviously down.

Most of the expense of the church goes to salaries, costs related to salaries, building maintenance and the diocesan pledge. Expenses were high on property expenditures as we took this time of closure to do some needed improvements such as the chapel window restoration, kitchen upgrades, landscaping in front of the church and some new carpeting. The property budget for the coming year is lower as we don't foresee needing many repairs.

As our operating expenses will be down, our 2022 Diocesan pledge will be lowered as the pledge amount is based on this figure. We received more pledges for 2021 than we did for 2020.

Acceptance of Financial Report and Annual Budget

Bill Foot made a motion to accept the annual budget and financial report. Sean Dowse seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Acceptance of Annual Report

Randy Johnson made a motion to accept the annual report. Butch Hemenway seconded the Motion. The motion carried.

Proposed Changes to the By-Laws

Catherine explained the By-Law changes. One change is to allow meetings to be held remotely. People have to be able to be identified in order to have a remote meeting be valid. Members then asked questions to clarify this change.

The second change addresses the way Vestry members can be removed. The old language allowed the Vestry to remove someone from the Vestry with or without cause. The new language is taken from the ECMN canons.

Catherine made a motion to adopt the amended by-laws, Sandy Richter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Review of Canons & Parish By-Laws Regarding Vestry Elections

Catherine went over who is eligible to vote for the Elections.

Election of Wardens and Vestry

Buck Foot made a motion that the slate of people to be elected to the Vestry (see below) is accepted. Bill seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Christ Church 2021 Vestry Elections

Senior Warden
Catherine Johnson

Junior Warden
Angela Shefvland

Term Ending January 2024
Hugh Wronski

Term Ending January 2024
Zoe Malinchoc-DeVoe

The Clerk of the Vestry and the Treasurer are appointed by the Vestry.

Other Business Q&A

Bill Foot made a motion to send greetings to former rectors, Bill Hoyt seconded the motion The motion carried.

Marm Nihart asked about Sunday school. The answer was that not much can be done until we can get together in person. As parents are overwhelmed right now with home schooling, jobs, etc., it may be too much to ask them to do religious education at home right now.

Priest Remarks

The Rev. Letha stated that his has been a challenging year and that she has seen an extension of love and care. So many have offered their gifts and time to share with the community. People are still showing up and leading the way.

Even with the limitations, our church community has continued to serve the greater Red Wing community.

People have expressed some anxiety about the future of Christ Church. This aging and decline is happening to all denominations. People are expecting the churches to be different in the coming decades. The church does not belong to us but to God, and God will breathe life into the church. Let us do some discerning this coming year, what is God's desire for Christ Church. She would like each member to commit to praying to God to try to find God's dream for Christ Church.

She then shared Jeremiah 17:7-8

*"Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
Whose trust is the Lord."*

Closing Prayer

Acknowledgement of John Blue as a faithful leader during these two years.

Thanks for John Blue...prayer

Catherine made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chris Foss seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:47 am.

Second Meeting, In-Person, to Fulfill the By-Laws

On February 7, 2021 a group of members created the required in-person quorum stated in the By-Laws, to ratify the changes voted on unofficially during the virtual Annual Meeting.

John Blue, Senior Warden, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m..

_____ motioned to ratify all actions taken at the meeting on Jan 31, 2021. _____ seconded the motion. The motion carried.

After the vote, the meeting was adjourned and it being a very cold morning, (the low for the day was -24 F and the high -2 F) everyone went back home.



Members brave a cold February morning to ratify the actions taken during the virtual Annual Meeting.

Priest-in-Charge Report

“What we need is here.” *Wendell Berry*

Jesus to the Apostle Paul: “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” 2 Corinthians 12:9.

These past two-plus years have been difficult on many levels. The pandemic has upended our lives and taken a toll on all of us in various ways. This was reflected in our common life together - being forced out of our building for 14 months unable to gather together, except virtually.

In addition, Christ Church had little time to process the abrupt departure of Tristan English, the previous rector, before we were visited by the pandemic. This still needs attention. From my vantage point, the anger, sense of betrayal, and hurt still exist under the surface and impact the vitality, participation, and health of this loving and committed congregation, plus trigger memories of past clergy abuse and misconduct. I believe the Spirit is inviting Christ Church to name and tend to this pain now, and seek God’s healing and wholeness, to be freed to move toward a healthier future.

When Bishop Craig visited us in October, he encouraged us to address our history and supports our efforts. The Vestry voted to commit to this work. To that end, we have gathered a group of wise and discerning folks to be a part of a taskforce, devoted to this this healing work: (Charlie Brown, Pam Dressen, Chris Foss, Debora Gilson, Pat Kelly, Vicky Lambert, Pat Martin, Laura Prink, and Suzanne Simonson). And with the bishop’s urging and financial support, we have hired a consultant, Robin Hammeal-Urban, from the Diocese of Connecticut, who has 20 years of experience, helping congregations recover and heal after clergy misconduct. She is offering guidance, support and training to our task force.

Bishop Loya, is scheduled to be with us on the evening of March 10, 2022 to disclose the facts around the two clergy misconduct situations where the diocesan office and bishops were involved in terminating the priests’ ministry here: John Conbere, 1988, and Tristan English, 2019. He will answer questions, and listen to our concerns and offer pastoral care.

I read the words of Wendell Berry, one of my favorite authors and poets, “What we need is here.”

As we begin a new year, I pray that we can grasp the truth of this simple statement. What we need is here. God’s love, grace and abundant mercy is available to us for our healing and renewal, and it is sufficient for us. Let’s absorb that! The Spirit of the living God abides in us and with us to heal, guide, and equip us with gifts to share with one another and our world. Wendell Berry suggests that “we pray, not for new earth or heaven, but to be quiet in heart, and in eye, clear. What we need is here.” To me this sounds like an invitation to healing and discernment. And as the church, Christ’s body, we have one another for community and fellowship and support, we are not alone. What we need is here. In our own weakness and uncertainty, Christ’s grace is sufficient.

As I reflect on this past year, I recall needing to hold our plans loosely, adapting to new COVID variants that swept through our communities.

Worship

2021, we started the second year under the cloud of the pandemic, with vaccines just rolling out for the most vulnerable among us. A small worship team pre-recorded services inside the church and we gathered on Zoom on Sunday morning to watch them together. On Pentecost Sunday, May 23, we opened our door and began meeting for in-person worship.

Our beloved deacon, Barbara von Haaren retired after two decades of service at Christ Church; she and Peter continue to worship with us. We are blessed with a wonderful new music director, John Albright, who was hired in June after helping us with our prerecorded services last year. Choir regrouped in the fall and is leading our singing on Sundays. In July, we offered a joyful Jazz service in Central Park, on a gorgeous Sunday morning, with more than 100 people in attendance. We offered two beautiful Christmas Eve services. We said farewell to Pat VanHouten, our intern. And we welcomed Vicki Lambert back, as our new diaconal intern, preaching regularly, assisting with worship, and leading the Community Engagement committee. Midweek Wednesday worship service at 10 a.m., started meeting in-person in the fall for lively discussions of the gospel, followed by a midweek Bible Study, led by Chris Foss.

Christian Formation:

In the winter, four small groups met over Zoom to share fellowship, reflect on the gospel, and pray. Thanks to Kris Blaney, John and Maureen Blue, Mary Heckman, Pat and Mike Martin, for leading these groups. Centering Prayer continues to meet on Zoom, Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. Christian Conversation meets the second Sunday of the month, to discuss the book, Walking the Way of Love, and try new spiritual practices. We look forward to adding more options in the future.

Four students, including a student from Messiah, Prairie Island, faithfully completed 18 months of confirmation class and community service; three were confirmed by Bishop Loya at Christ Church on October 31st.

After nearly a two year hiatus, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd started on January 2, 2022, facilitated by Heather Flueger-Whalen. Vestry voted to offer Heather a stipend for her ministry to our children, ages 3-12.

We are happy to announce that we have hired Vicki Lambert as the Youth and Young Adult Coordinator. She will begin on February 1st, first spending time meeting with youth and young adults to listen to their needs and vision for this ministry.

Community Engagement: Christ Church hosted Hope & Harbor, the rotating homeless shelter, November 1-12th, providing evening meals, and welcome to neighbors needing shelter. The coat shed, stocked and tidied faithfully by Ken Christianson and Mike Stelton, is a vital ministry, with contributions coming from many people and congregations.

Debora Gilson, our administrator, is a rock star and without her I could not do my ministry. Her work undergirds all our ministry at Christ Church. Thank you, Debora.

We are still living with the risk of COVID-19, but we are using mitigation strategies, encouraging vaccines, masking, using social distancing, etc. We look forward to resuming coffee hour on Sunday mornings when it is safe. The fellowship over coffee is something many miss.

Thank you all for your faithfulness and endurance and commitment to God, Christ Church and one another. What we need is here and Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

Letha Wilson-Barnard

SENIOR WARDEN

Have you ever had one of those “aha” moments? I recently had one. I read something that really made me think – stars can’t shine without darkness. That seems like a no brainer, but it made me stop and think. These last two years of the COVID pandemic and the lawsuit have definitely been our darkness. But in this darkness, there have been many shining stars. Without these stars my time as senior warden would have been much harder.

Letha, as our priest-in-charge, and Angela Shefveland, as junior warden, kept me grounded and on task (most of the time). They have a real love for Christ Church and all of the people. It has been a real joy to work with them. Debora Gilson is such a blessing to have in the office. She does so many things that we don’t ever see, but she keeps everything running smoothly. There are so many others who quietly do the work of the church. They care for the building and each other and really walk in the way of Jesus.

The beginning of 2021 was very hard. We were still doing church services and meetings remotely. We even had to do the annual meeting on Zoom. Unfortunately, the church by-laws required an in-person meeting, so the following Sunday more than 35 intrepid souls braved the sub-zero weather to meet on the front lawn and ratify the action taken during the Zoom meeting.

January also saw the start of the lawsuit seeking monetary damages from Tristan English, as well as Christ Church and the Episcopal Church in Minnesota because of his misconduct. In June, we tried to resolve the lawsuit through mediation but were not successful. We then had to wait to see if anything further was going to happen because of the lawsuit. It hung over our heads for the entire year.

In Minnesota, a civil lawsuit is started by serving the defendants with the summons and complaint. The plaintiff then has one year to file the lawsuit with the court. If the lawsuit is not filed within that year, it is deemed dismissed with prejudice against all parties. “Dismissed with prejudice” means that the lawsuit is done and can’t be re-started. Christ Church was served with the summons and complaint on January 14, 2021, so the one-year deadline was January 14, 2022. We think that means the lawsuit is done.

There were some good things that happened during 2021. We opened the church and started holding services in person. We came together for baptisms, weddings and funerals. We had a fun jazz service in Central Park that had well over 100 people in attendance. We finished the year with two beautiful Christmas Eve services. It was so wonderful to be together in the church to celebrate the birth of Christ.

My year as senior warden is coming to an end. I have promised Randy that I will not volunteer for anything for at least a year. I plan to try very hard to keep that promise. But even though my time in leadership is ending, there is a new beginning with the others stepping in and stepping up.

So, without darkness, there is no light. Every one of you is the light that shines in the darkness.

Catherine Johnson
Senior Warden

JUNIOR WARDEN REPORT

As a Church family, we have offered assistance through the many coats, hats, gloves, and blankets, which were donated and collected by our members. The Coat Shed has become a familiar place to those in need of warmth.

Joining the Church of the Messiah, Prairie Island, the 2021 Confirmands spent time visiting and serving the migrant workers of Seneca Foods in Montgomery, Minnesota. They witnessed the small group gathered for a service in their own language and shared God's table with them.

When Hope and Harbor was looking for partners in the community to offer food and shelter during the changing seasons, the Vestry voted unanimously, not once but twice, to open the doors of CEC. Many church members offered their time by cooking for and visiting with the homeless that appreciated the luxury of a hot meal and clean sheets for the night.

It was an honor to have Bishop Craig Loya spend a day answering questions and listening to our concerns. As a Vestry working through a crazy year of pandemic and change, we welcomed his insight and understanding, which was offered as we shared a meal.

The Vestry had the distinct honor of voting to accept several monetary gifts from members, past and present. The generosity, which has been shown over the past twelve months, is a blessing that not many churches get to experience.

I have learned something from each experience over this past year as Junior Warden. I am committed to continuing to learn and working towards building the welcoming faith community that I have found at Christ Episcopal Church. I look forward to continuing as Junior Warden and thank you all for the love and support.

Angela Shefveland
Junior Warden

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic our committee hosted very few events this year.

The Hospitality Committee organizes the social functions and celebrations of Christ Church along with community events providing food and entertainment for our members and guests who visit our church. We organize coffee hours, hot breakfasts, potlucks, receptions, etc. If it involves food and celebrating the Hospitality Committee is usually involved. We help coordinate and provide meals for members who need extra help following surgery, illness, death in family, etc. We let the office know if supplies need to be ordered and make sure the kitchen is kept clean.

Committee Members (2021): Beckie Plaas, Becky Foot, Marm Nihart, Suzzanne Simonson, Peggy Danielson, Judy Mann, Pat Welke, Marcy Dowse, Angela Shefveland, Mike and Pat Martin, Norma Neufeldt, Tari Carpenter, Chris Foss, Tara Burnham (new member)

Events Hosted During 2021:

June 29: Reception after Father Phil McNairy's funeral

October 31: Coffee hour after confirmation service with Bishop Craig Loya at our church

December: Our committee sent out Christmas cards and a bookmark to each parishioner

Submitted by Becky Foot

ALTAR GUILD

Just like every committee at Christ Episcopal Church, the Altar Guild held only a few meetings but navigated many changes in the past year! We said good luck to a couple of members that relocated and/or retired. This required all of us to learn new tasks and responsibilities and learning is always a good thing! We are happy to face the never-ending changes that the pandemic has brought as long as we continue to stay open and worshipping together.

Members in 2022: Sharon Bryan, Maureen Blue, Marm Nihart, Mary Heckman, Beckie Plaas, Jeannie Featherstone, Pat Welke, Angela Shefveld, Tari Carpenter and Kris Blaney.

Angela Shefveld serves as secretary .
Marm Nihart keeps our linens clean
Maureen Blue manages the Altar Flowers
Marm Nihart and Mary Heckman serve as the 2 team leads.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TEAM

In May of 2021 we resumed meeting again. The leadership was then transferred from Barbara von Haaren to Vicki Lambert. Thanks again to Barbara for starting and keeping us going. Our mission, as stated by Barbara, is to take the church into the community. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation and the work of our team, we were able to do the following:

- *Keep the Coat Shed stocked and orderly
- *Drop off Red Wing Area Food Shelf donations monthly
- *Put together Blessing Bags for Hope Coalition
- *Gather underwear donations for Hope & Harbor and Hope Coalition
- *Participate with area churches in the annual
October Crop Hunger Walk fundraiser
- *Provide meals for the CARE Clinic on the 5th Tuesday of the month
- *Remain a contact for helping individuals released from the
Minnesota Correctional Facility—Red Wing with clothing needs

In the coming year we hope to finalize plans for a custom designed Coat Shed to replace our current one. We are looking into a local grant to help us accomplish this. We will be organizing a drive for feminine hygiene products. We will continue with our ongoing projects and hope to respond to the needs of the community as it fits our mission.

Respectfully,
Pat Martin

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

ECW Treasurer's Report 2021

Beginning Balance	326.98
Ending Balance	119.24

Theological Account Invested in the St. Paul Foundation

Beginning Balance	2522.17
Ending Balance	2648.28
Total Deposits	1521.75
Total Checks	1729.49

(includes \$150.00 used for cash during the quilt sale and the bazaar)

Marge Hoyt donated many quilts to be sold during the spring quilt sale and the November Bake Sale and Bazaar. So far, the United Way of Goodhue, Wabasha and Pierce Counties has been given \$1579.49. Additional funds will be sent to them from our "Adopt a Quilt" fundraiser. Remaining quilts were donated to area shelters thanks to Marge's generosity.

In May 2021, a Square account was added to the ECW monetary account to facilitate accepting credit cards for larger purchases. Money goes directly into the ECW account and any fees are paid by the purchaser.

Submitted by:
Teresa Van Allen
ECW Treasurer

LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Lay Eucharistic Visitor ministry is a calling for people who are able "to go from a Sunday Eucharist or other principal celebrations of the Eucharist to share the sacrament with members of the congregation who were unable to be present at the celebration because of illness or infirmity."

[-https://www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/lay-eucharistic-minister-lem/](https://www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/lay-eucharistic-minister-lem/)

2021 Lay Eucharistic Visitor Ministry Members: Christine Foss, Maureen Blue, Suzanne Simonson, Charlie Brown and Terry Van Allen.

Limited visits provided this year due to Covid 19 and variants that were still prevalent. Four members were visited using the prepackaged wafers and wine. Covid precautions were followed.

We are hopeful that this year will allow for both training of additional persons to be able to reach out and the ability for those already serving to provide this much needed connection to those who are unable to attend worship.

Respectfully,
Terry Van Allen and Vicki Lambert

JUNIOR GUILD

The Junior Guild held four meetings this year. We held the annual bake sale in November. The Bake sale profit will used to purchase window treatments in the upper croft Sunday school area.

The Junior Guild has funds available for the church gardens, the Christmas gift project, EWC speaker for the ECW retreat, the spring and fall dinners (when they can be held) and other church projects.

We are planning of having the 2022 Bake Sale and Bazaar in-person and have scheduled the dates with the church office.

Junior Guild Officers in 2021

Marilyn Potswald—President

Sandy Richter—Treasurer

Marge Hoyt—Secretary

Junior Guild Financial Report for 2021

Beginning Balance 1-1-21		\$5,383.84
Income:		
Bake Sale / Pecans	\$3,370.80	
	\$3,370.80	\$8,754.64
Expense:		
Altar Guild - Flowers	\$ 40.00	
Bake Sale / Pecans	\$ 1,280.16	
Christ Church Book of Golden Memories	\$ 20.00	
ECW notecard sales	\$ 47.50	
ECW Quilt sale - United Way Covid Relief	\$ 502.00	
Postage for Bake Sale	\$ 10.44	
landscaping / flower gardens	\$ 62.76	
poinsettias for shut ins	\$ 16.50	
CEC - St. Paul Foundation	\$ 2,000.00	
	\$ 3,979.36	
	Ending balance as of 12-31-21	\$4,775.28
St. Paul Foundation investment	\$10,277.38	
interest from 2020	\$ 413.87	
	\$10,691.25	

Submitted by Sandy Richter,
Treasurer

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

The year started with remote services on Zoom, but thankfully by the end of May we returned to in-person services inside the church. We started slowly with no singing and everyone masked and distanced. By the end of July we added in singing. It was wonderful to be able to join together in music and worship.

Deacon Barbara retired at the end of May. Barbara was ordained as a deacon in 1986. She served in Lake City and Old Frontenac before coming to Christ Church in 2009. Her wonderful spiritual presence will be missed at the altar.

Pat Van Houten, our pastoral care intern, ended her time with us in mid-May. Vicki Lambert started her diaconal internship with us in June. Vicki will be ordained as a deacon this coming year. We are truly blessed to have these wonderful women with us.

John Albright, who had been playing the organ for the Zoom services was hired as the Director of Music. He is a wonderful musician from Lake City who will direct the choir and provide music for the services.

The committee has decided to change its name from Worship Committee to Worship and Music Committee. The committee is charged with managing the worship experience at Christ Church by assisting in the planning of services, including appropriate music. The committee feels that the new name better identifies the work of the committee.

Christ Church has received a wonderful gift from Eric Nerf in memory of Cliff and Marge Pirius and their children, Jim and Carol. The Pirius family were long-time members of Christ Church. The gift of \$100,000 was accepted by the vestry and used to establish the Pirius Family Organ Fund. The purpose of the fund is to repair and maintain the organ. An ad hoc committee has been formed to look at the condition of the organ and make recommendations to the vestry. The members are John Albright, Bill Foot, Charlie Brown and Hugh Wronski.

The special services this year were a jazz service in Central Park in July, the Blessing of the Animals in October and Blue Christmas and Christmas Eve services in December. In addition, Bishop Loya was with us in October to preside at the rite of Confirmation. This was a combined service with the Church of the Messiah.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine G. Johnson



Handmade blankets from St. Paul Lutheran's sewing group were donated twice this season to the Coat Shed.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

It's been a very interesting Covid year! We are grateful to find the church pews in use, and we are hoping to soon have chatter, prayers, communion, and week after week of regular activity. Thanks to all – thinking of each and everyone.

There has been activity has taking place in the church, all of which we want to remember:

- The beautiful round window in the Chapel has been refurbished, and sparkles in the sunlight.
- The landscaping refresher on the West Avenue side of Christ Church was finished, and we look forward to a lovely spring.
- We look forward to another improvement phase in the coming months, as we will see changes yet to come in the undercroft in 2022!

Respectfully submitted with many thanks.

Joan Foot

SANDT FUND

The Sandt Fund was established by a gift in the will of Catherine Sandt. The money was given to Christ Church with the directions that the money is to be invested, with only the income to be used to assist needy members of the parish. The Sandt Committee met whenever requests were received. The committee reviewed requests through e-mail. The committee members are June Gustafson, Marm Nihart, the Rev. Letha Wilson-Barnard and Catherine Johnson. In 2021 the committee disbursed \$1,500.00. Current balances of the accounts are reflected on the balance sheet in the finance report.

The past year has been hard and uncertain. Many people who were able to support themselves and manage their lives are struggling. Please remember the Sandt Fund. This fund is available to help members of the parish. The committee makes grants for a variety of needs. If you or a family member needs assistance, or know someone who does, please contact the church office or one of the committee members.

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Respectfully submitted,
Catherine G. Johnson

FINANCE COMMITTEE

From a purely financial perspective, 2021 was a very positive year for a variety of reasons despite, and in part because of, the challenges of COVID. As you can see from the attached reports, our pledge and contribution revenue exceeded our budget by nearly 10%. Pledges and contributions represent by far the largest portion of our revenue and maintaining strong revenue from those sources are crucial to the financial health of the church. In addition, we are fortunate to receive significant revenue from the Wilkinson Fund year after year. Finally, our operations are supported by the vestry approved 5% draw on our investments. In 2021 that amount was \$40,000 and if you were to add that amount into our operating results, we would show a surplus of approximately \$24,000. Expenses were down somewhat from the previous year due to lower repair and maintenance expenses and limited activity at the church because of COVID.

Our non-operating revenue was exceptionally high this year for two reasons. First, we benefitted from strong investment returns in both our unrestricted and restricted accounts. Investment returns through November were just under \$207,000. In addition to that, we received a gift in memory of the Pirius family of just over \$100,000 to repair or replace the organ. Including other smaller non-operating items, the total non-operating income was \$351,110. Non-operating expense items offset this total by \$51,058.

The budget for 2022 assumes pledges and contributions of \$180,000, perhaps a conservative estimate in light of this year's experience. It also assumes some increase in the Wilkinson Fund distribution. Finally, since our invested assets have grown, the 5% draw is assumed to be \$50,000. Expenses, however, are assumed to increase significantly. Total salary expense is projected to be up by 25% year over year. Salaries for existing staff increased by 5.9% and we have budgeted \$15,000 for a youth director who has yet to be hired, \$5,000 for the Sunday School director, and the music director is budgeted for a full year.. The budget projects an **operating** deficit of \$68,819 with a **net deficit**, after accounting for the 5% draw, of \$18,619.

Once again, the Treasurer and her assistant are thankful for the assistance of Debora who takes care of a number of the day to day transactions, for Butch Hemenway who is always ready to advise on proper accounting procedure and for Sean Dowse who has always been available to cover payroll and payables if needed.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandy Richter, Treasurer
Buck Foot, Assistant Treasurer



Pre-filled communion cups became a part of our services

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH—BALANCE SHEET

				12/31/2020	12/31/21
Assets					
Cash Assets					
102.0 - Checking -- Associated				\$99,411.44	\$90,474.93
102.8 - Checking-Sandt Fund (Restricted)				\$12,974.94	\$16,969.57
102.9 - Rector's Discretionary Fund				\$2,022.18	\$1,892.18
Total Cash Assets				\$114,408.56	\$109,336.68
Investments					
120.7 - Invesment-St Paul General Fund 1124				\$749,339.00	\$874,111.00
120.8 - Investment-St Paul Sandt Fund 1123				\$165,344.00	\$186,222.00
121.0 - Sam & Barbara Blue Fund				\$267,344.00	\$300,717.00
130.2 - Pirius Organ Fund				\$0.00	\$100,937.61
132.1 - Investment -RM Nelson Trust - Gen.				\$71,133.15	\$81,181.46
Total Investments				\$1,253,160.15	\$1,543,169.07
Total Assets				\$1,367,568.71	\$1,652,505.75
Liabilities					
211.0 - Federal PR Tax Withheld				\$294.44	\$0.00
211.1 - FICA - Withheld				\$157.67	\$0.00
211.2 - FICA - Employer Liability				\$157.67	\$0.00
213.0 - State PR Tax Withheld				\$471.00	\$0.00
219.0 - Prepaid Pledges				\$11,800.00	\$14,500.00
221.2 - Payable to Food Shelf				\$100.00	\$30.00
222.0 - Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)				\$2,020.50	\$1,770.50
222.8 - Episcopal Relief & Development				\$0.00	\$775.00
222.3 - Damage Deposit				\$600.00	
Total Liabilities				\$15,601.28	\$17,075.50
Fund Principal					
Unrestricted					
310.0 - Fund Balance-Unrestricted				\$767,728.43	\$767,728.43
Total Unrestricted				\$767,728.43	\$767,728.43
Temporarily Restricted					
320.2 - Temp Rest --Book of Golden Memories				\$15,627.83	\$15,627.83
320.4 - Temp Rest --- Youth Group				\$2,206.02	\$2,206.02
320.5 - Temp Rest --- 150th Anniversary				\$2,208.57	\$2,208.57
321.0 - Rector's Discretionary Fund				\$1,747.18	\$1,747.18
321.2 - Temp. Rest. Christmas Project				\$303.00	\$303.00
321.5 - Altar Guild				(\$691.23)	(\$691.23)
321.6 - Capital Improvement Fund				(\$5,531.37)	(\$5,531.37)
321.7 - Junior Guild				\$8,277.38	\$8,277.38
321.9 - ECW				\$2,522.17	\$2,522.17
322.2 - Landscaping Fund				\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Total Temporarily Restricted				\$46,669.55	\$46,669.55
Permanently Restricted					
330.1 - Parish Nurse Fund				\$2,436.28	\$2,436.28
330.2 - Foot Memorial Chapel Fund				\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
330.3 - Shotta Simonson Flower Fund				\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
330.4 - Lucille Eke Flower Fund				\$300.00	\$300.00
330.5 - Bessie A & SB Foot Mem Flower Fund				\$3,850.00	\$3,850.00
330.6 - Mabel Densmore Organ Fund				\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00
330.8 - R.M. Nelson Trust				\$71,133.14	\$71,133.14
330.9 - Prinz Flower Fund				\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
331.2 - Sandt Fund				\$169,344.06	\$169,344.06
331.3 - Sam & Barbara Blue Fund				\$276,705.97	\$276,705.97
Total Permanently Restricted				\$537,569.45	\$537,569.45
Excess Cash Received				\$0.00	\$283,612.82
Total Fund Principal and Excess Cash Received				\$537,569.45	\$821,182.27
Total Liabilities, Fund Principal, & Restricted Funds				\$1,367,568.71	\$1,652,655.75
<p>Note: Since we cannot get the books closed before the publication date of the annual report, the 2021 fund balances do not reflect 2021 activity. The 2020 balances are final.</p>					

2021 OPERATING RESULTS AND 2022 BUDGET

	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2022 Budget	
Revenues:				
Pledges & Contributions	\$175,000.00	\$191,044.75	\$180,000.00	
Other (Plate, Sunday School etc.)	\$1,770.00	\$2,884.18	\$3,525.00	
Wilkinson Trust	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$42,000.00	
Altar Guild Revenue (Note 2)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	
Total Operating Revenue	\$216,770.00	\$233,928.93	\$229,025.00	
Non-Operating Revenue (Note 1)	\$40,000.00	\$351,110.43	\$50,000.00	
Total Revenues	\$256,770.00	\$585,039.36	\$279,025.00	
Expenses:				
Salaries	\$118,514.00	\$118,812.63	\$148,294.00	
Personnel Related Expenses	\$33,238.00	\$32,725.05	\$34,410.00	
Property	\$52,600.00	\$46,155.15	\$55,740.00	
Office Expense	\$3,600.00	\$4,523.51	\$4,200.00	
Bulletins & Printing	\$3,420.00	\$3,257.70	\$3,348.00	
Church Programs	\$7,000.00	\$3,934.41	\$13,500.00	
Altar Guild Expense (Note 2)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	
	\$31,368.00	\$33,889.00	\$25,282.00	
Other Operating Expense	\$9,000.00	\$7,071.53	\$9,070.00	
Total Operating Expenses	\$258,740.00	\$250,368.98	\$297,844.00	
Operating Surplus(Deficit)	(\$41,970.00)	(\$16,440.05)	(\$68,819.00)	
Total Surplus/(Deficit)	\$40,000.00	\$351,110.43	(\$18,819.00)	

Note 1: Budgeted non-operating revenue includes only the 5% of unrestricted assets we plan to use annually. Actual non-operating revenue includes, in addition, actual investment results for both unrestricted and restricted accounts, Book of Golden Memories income, Altar Guild revenue, and bequests.

Note 2: Previously Altar Guild revenue and expense accounts were under non-operating. Going forward Altar Guild activity will be reflected in the operating portion of the budget.

RALPH AND MARIE NELSON TRUST FUNDS

The original Ralph and Marie Nelson Trust Fund was formally established September 19, 1981, to provide a vehicle for the donors to make a **perpetual gift to the guilds of Christ Church**. Each year, 50% of the earnings of this fund are distributed to the guilds and the remaining 50% is added back to the fund to promote growth and perpetuity.

The second Ralph and Marie Nelson Trust Fund was established December 8, 1981 to provide the donors a vehicle with which to make a **perpetual gift for Christian education** in the Sunday School primary department. Each year, 50% of the earnings from this fund are donated to the Sunday School, and the remaining 50% is returned to the fund.

The third Ralph and Marie Nelson Trust Fund was established December 14, 1982 again to provide the donors a vehicle to make a **perpetual gift to Christ Church**. 50% of the annual earnings from this fund are distributed to Christ Church **for the educational expenses of those members of the parish studying either for the Deaconate or the Priesthood of the Episcopal Church**. As with the other two funds the remaining 50% is returned to the fund.

All assets of these funds are currently invested with the Diocesan Pooled Investment Fund

For the year ended December 31, 2021 the following activity occurred:

	Balance December 31 2020 (Per Diocese)	\$77935.70
Earnings:		
	Interest	\$ 328.42
	Dividends	1,204.33
	Capital Appreciation	96,780.86
	Total Income	\$8,313.61
Expenses:		
	Distribution to Christ Church	<u>1,678.80</u>
	Total Expenses	<u>\$1,678.80</u>
	Balance December 31 2021 (Per Diocese)	<u>\$84,570.51</u>

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Nelson Family,

Clair L. Hemenway

Clergy and Staff

Priest-in-Charge	The Rev. Letha Wilson-Barnard
Diaconal Intern	Vicki Lambert
Treasurer	Sandy Richter/Silas Buck Foot III
Parish Administrator	Debora Gilson
Sunday School Director	Heather Flueger-Whalen
Director of Music	John Albright
Maintenance Contractor	Calvin Weiss

Vestry 2021

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Nominating Report

Vestry Candidates 2022

Senior Warden – Elect 1
Charlie Brown

Junior Warden – Elect 1
Angela Shefveland

Term Ending January 2025 – Elect 2
1. Elaine Hoisington
2. Kris Blaney

Delegates to Convention:

_____ **Alternate**

Record of 2021 Church Services

Baptisms

Flora Ann Dressen 5/9/2021
Lauren Capri Heckman 6/12/2021

Marriages

Confirmations

Duane Taylor 10/31/2021
Konnor Kelly 10/31/2021
Abraham Reinitz 10/31/2021

Funerals and Committals

James Featherstone 3/29/2021
Barbara Mullaney 12/27/2021
Jerry Rogers 5/10/2021 (at Oakwood Cemetery)
Robert (Bud) Gustafson 5/12/2021
The Rev. Philip McNairy 6/29/2021
Marion Teele 7/6/2021 (at Oakwood Cemetery)
Karen Hemenway 8/7/2021 (at Oakwood Cemetery)
Ralph Nelson 9/25/2021 (at Oakwood Cemetery)
Margo Anderson 10/22/2021 (at Oakwood Cemetery)
Catherine Ann Sellers 12/30/2021 (Service at Prairie Island)

Sunday Services Held on Zoom 10 am (January 3–May 16): 18

Sunday Services Held In-person 8 am and 10 am (May 23-December 26): 57

Wednesday Services on Zoom (January 6- June 30) :26

Wednesday Services Held in Person (July 14– December 29) : 25

Other Weekday Service Held on Zoom (Centering Prayer, Compline, etc): 98

Pastoral Visits with Holy Eucharist:20

Average Sunday 10 am Attendance: 34

Average Sunday 8 am Attendance: 10

Average Wednesday Service Attendance: 8