

CHRIST CHURCH
VERO BEACH



They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and the prayers.

— Acts 2:42

2022 Annual Report



ANCIENT FAITH *Present Purpose*

***Our Vision** is to be a church that lives
an ancient faith with a present purpose.*

***Our Mission** is to **worship** the Lord, **grow** disciples, and
reach our neighbors and nations with the gospel of Jesus Christ.*

***Our Core Values** define who we are:*



COMMITTED TO THREE STREAMS WORSHIP—We are united to the global Church of the past and present by the three streams of Scriptural, Sacramental, Spirit-filled worship.



GROWING IN FAITH—We are committed to living our lives formed by the Scriptures and shaped by the Prayer Book.



LIVING IN COMMUNITY—We are living together the call to love God and love each other.



MAKING DISCIPLES—We use our gifts to serve our neighbors and to reach the nations with grace and the gospel of Jesus Christ.



DEVOTED TO PRAYER—We acknowledge our dependence upon God in all things, as well as our faith that His power is at work in all circumstances.



FUTURE FOCUSED—We are eager to engage the next generation and pass on the faith that we have received.



LIVING GENEROUSLY—We are stewards of God's gifts for the good of others and the glory of His name.

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AGENDA



Annual Parish Meeting

January 13, 2023

*“One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.”*

— Psalm 145:4

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| I. | Opening Remarks | Fr. Keith Allen |
| | Call to Order and Approval of 2022 Meeting Minutes ⁺ | |
| II. | Vestry Nominations and Election ⁺ | Fr. Keith Allen |
| III. | Senior Warden’s Report | George Watson |
| IV. | Treasurer’s Report ⁺ | Eleanor Dixon |
| V. | Outreach Grants Committee Report | Marcia Blackburn |
| VI. | Rector’s Address | Fr. Keith Allen |
| VII. | Closing Remarks | Fr. Keith Allen |

+ Action Needed

2022 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES



The Annual Parish meeting of Christ Church Vero Beach opened in the Nave on Friday, January 28, 2022, with 58 parishioners in attendance.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Fr. Keith Allen, Rector
Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. AGENDA REVIEW: Fr. Keith Allen
Annual Reports were available for all upon signing-in. Fr. Allen asked if there were any requests for additions to the printed Agenda. With no additions or changes to the Agenda, the meeting continued.

III. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 24, 2021, MEETING MINUTES:
Fr. Keith asked those present to review the minutes from last year's Annual Meeting.
ANN 21.01.01 MSP A motion to accept the minutes was made by Rawleigh Tremain and seconded by Janet Watson. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. VESTRY NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:
Fr. Keith thanked outgoing Vestry members Rick King and Liz Malik, who was appointed to fill the vacancy created when Carol Haight moved. The nominees for election are Janet Bell, Liz Malik and Chuck Shippee, all for three-year terms.
ANN 20.01.02 MSP A motion to accept the Nominees for Vestry made by Judi O'Steen, seconded by Mary Margaret Hatch. The motion passed unanimously.

V. SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT George Watson, Sr. Warden
George began by saying that he does what God calls him to do because what God tells him is the right thing to do. He noted that this past Vestry has been one of the best to work with. They are people of prayer and are ready to step up when called upon. George stated that the Vestry Members come to the meetings prepared for the work to be done. He also noted that 2021 was an uneventful year, for which he was thankful. George thanked the parish for their love and support of him as Senior Warden.

VI. YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORT AND 2022 OPERATING BUDGET Eleanor Dixon, Treasurer
Eleanor said we need to see the message of our finances as hearing from God as He has called us to trust and obey; they are a message of favor and blessings. She reminded everyone that the financial reports are broken down between Church operations and CCA operations, however, all monies are in the same account as we are one entity, one mission. The total combined income from Church and CCA was just over \$1.2 million, with an available surplus of just over \$27,600. She noted that this surplus is after funds were designated for CCA scholarships and capital improvements or repairs for the Church.

In the proposed 2022 budget, Eleanor noted that we are budgeting less than 2021 based on the giving pledges received. However, she noted that total pledges this year are 79 households to date, an increase of 6 over last year. Also, 19 of those pledges were new, people who did not pledge last year. Of the pledges received, 27 have increased their pledge this year over last. The bottom line in the proposed budget, income less expenses, leaves us with a modest surplus at the end of 2022 of \$521.82. Eleanor also noted that the budget was presented to the Vestry in December for approval for presentment to the full membership at tonight's meeting.

2022 Meeting Minutes, continued

ANN 20.01.03 MSP A Motion was made by Bill Blomberg that we accept the Treasurer's Report and 2022 operating budget as presented, second by Mickey Conway; the motion passed.

VII. CCA PRESCHOOL MINISTRY REPORT

Bruce Gammell, Head of School

Bruce began by expressing his gratitude to the Church for their support of CCA. We have seen great growth this past year as the Lord keeps sending us more young children. Bruce is also grateful for the many from Christ Church that became involved with the Inaugural CCA Gala: Bill and Andrea Adamany, Emmett and Margaret Anne Evans, Jim and Sharon Baumgardt, Suzanne Chesser, Tim and Bernadette Longden, Lyra Mickley, Donna Maingot, Larry and Jan Laufer, Liz Malik, John and Judi O'Steen, Connie Boyter and Eleanor Dixon.

Also, a special thanks was extended to Andrea Adamany and Helen Marner who assist Mrs. Mondragon with the kindergarten students each week by reading them stories and helping the children in break-out groups. Bruce also expressed his thanks to three specific people: Carol Liebler, Sheryl Vittitoe and Bob Casper. These have been very supportive of CCA but are not with us physically now, but continue to offer support.

Fr. Keith noted that there are currently 82 children in the preschool and he asked Bruce how many openings he anticipated would remain at the end of February. Bruce stated he believed there may be 4 or 5 openings.

As for Kindergarten, Bruce stated that there are 12 verbal commitments, with a cap on the class size of 15 students. Fr. Keith noted that we currently have 9 students in the kindergarten class who will be moving to first grade and Bruce stated that he has had one other interested; the class is capped at 10 students. Fr. Keith noted the class sizes are capped due to current space limitations.

VIII. RECTOR'S ADDRESS

Fr. Keith Allen

Fr. Keith began his address by directing everyone to page 13 of the Annual Report and the Rise Up and Build Capital Campaign for CCA. He noted that we began the capital campaign at the beginning of Advent asking everyone to pray and give what they felt called to, keeping in mind that if we are going to move forward, we need to have the school open at the beginning of the 2023 school year.

We need to immediately hire a Civil Engineer and have the design of the building done by the first of February. Fr. Keith then announced that as of this date, we have \$4.5 million committed to build the school. Fr. Keith has also heard from Jeff Pickering that he has 3-4 families interested in our project and ready to contribute. As of now, we have enough to build K-5 with no debt. With another \$2 million, we can move forward with a building for K-8.

Fr. Keith spoke about 2022, reminding everyone that Covid hit us in March of 2020 and that many people have not yet come back to in-person worship. His prayer and desire is for us to fill the Nave again and set apart people to do ministry here in this sacred space for worship and gathering and to the ends of the earth.

Fr. Keith stated that as he prayed about this message and the year ahead, he kept coming back to one word, "ONE." The Lord kept telling him to remind the people of Christ Church that we are people of one faith, as Jesus Christ is The Way, The Truth and the Life. Fr. Keith believes that the Lord wants us to do some things here, in the City, as people of One Faith. Fr. Keith reminded us that we, as Anglicans, are people of the Scripture and people of Prayer. The Prayer Book shapes our life. We want to be people of one Faith in Jesus. We are also one family, we belong to each other as we are united in the blood of Jesus. Fr. Hunter will be reaching out to folks as we try to reignite Community Groups. If you already belong to one, invite others to join. If you are not currently a member of an existing group, ask about joining in. Maybe you are interested in starting a group in your area. Give Fr. Hunter a call, we want people to get involved, whether in a community group or in a ministry at the Church. We have plenty of opportunities for all interests and abilities such as Altar Guild, Usher or Greeter teams, the Choir, and helping in the kitchen. There is plenty to be done.

2022 Meeting Minutes, continued

Fr. Keith also reminded everyone that we have One Mission asking if Jesus has made a difference in your life. Fr. Keith challenged everyone to ask God to put someone in their life that they can bring to Jesus. Reach out to the sick, the lost, show compassion for your fellow man. We need to renew our commitment to one another.

Fr. Keith ended the meeting by announcing that Stephanie Toperzer has tendered her retirement notice, effective the end of May. Amy Fishman has been hired as the Parish Secretary and will be cross training on Stephanie's job in hopes that she will be able to transition to Office Manager upon Stephanie's retirement.

IX. CLOSING PRAYER

Fr. Robert Stull, Jr.

End of 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes

VESTRY NOMINEES



Bill Adamany (3-year term)



Bill Adamany was born and raised in Janesville, Wis., where he served in the church as an acolyte and became an Eagle Scout. Formerly an Episcopalian, Bill served on the vestry, as treasurer, on the finance committee, and as an usher. He is married to Andrea and they began attending Christ Church in 2020. They have four sons, ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

His interest in business led to 50 years in banking, with his last position being President and Chairman of the Board of a community bank in Prairie du Chien, Wis. After retiring in 1997, Bill continued to serve on several bank and holding company boards, including the Department of Commerce, appointed by Governor Tommy Thompson.

Bill was fortunate to enjoy a second career of building and operating movie theaters along with his oldest son, and he was inducted into the Midwest National Association of Theater Owners Hall of Fame in 2016. Presently, he is an investor in six hotels, including the Staybridge Suites in Vero Beach, and a board member of Camp Haven.

Margaret Anne Evans (3-year term)



Margaret Anne Evans was born in Florida and has resided in various cities within the state after attending the University of Alabama, where she was a member of the Tri-Delta sorority. She was raised in the Methodist Church in Marianna, Florida, and attended Trinity Church before joining Christ Church as a founding member.

She has served on the Board of Hibiscus Children's Center, Impact 100 of Indian River County, Saint Edward's School Board of Directors, been involved with The Source for 10 years, serving on The Source board now for almost 4 years. She was instrumental in raising funds to bring to life the first and second mobile emergency shelter in the country and helping to start Dignity Village. She also chaired the March of

Dimes Signature Chef's Auction.

She has been married to Emmett Evans for 25 years. They divide their time between Vero Beach and the mountains of Cashiers, North Carolina. She has two grown daughters, Kimberly and Sarah Anne.

Tim Longden (3-year term)



Tim Longden was raised in the Catholic faith in Marshfield, Mass., participating as an altar boy and learning the mass in Latin. He was an Eagle Scout and also earned an Ad Altare Dei medal, a sacramental program for Catholic youth to develop a fully Christian way of life in the faith community.

He married Bernadette in 2009, and they moved to Vero Beach in 2011. After spending a few years traveling back and forth to Wisconsin, they now live here full time and were both received into Christ Church in April 2021.

Tim holds degrees in Business Administration and Accounting from New Hampshire College (SNHU) and a minor in Criminal Law from Milwaukee Area Technical College. He is a career executive for management and administration in the healthcare industry, particularly hospital groups, physicians, and other medical groups. Tim volunteers in the community as a Board Member of Camp Haven and in law enforcement endeavors with the IRC Sheriff's Office and serves as President of Treasure Coast Crime Stoppers, Inc.

Formerly, Tim served as an interim Treasurer for St. Augustine Episcopal Church in Vero Beach and the Financial Administrator for Our Savior Lutheran Church in Grafton, Wis., during an expansion project involving connecting a new church to the school among other accounting and audit positions of experience in the state of Wisconsin.

CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY & STAFF



2022 VESTRY



We wish to thank the retiring members of the 2022 Vestry, **Earle Boyter, Mickey Conway, and Garry Edwards**, for the gift of their time and leadership skills shared with us.

(back row, from left) Mickey Conway; Earle Boyter; Chuck Shippee; George Watson, Senior Warden

(front row, from left) Bill Blomberg; Liz Malik; Janet Bell; Garry Edwards, Junior Warden; and Fr. Keith Allen, Rector.

OUR CLERGY

The Rev. Canon B. Keith Allen *(pictured left)*
Rector of Christ Church Vero Beach
ACNA Canon to Myanmar | GAD Canon for Global Mission

The Rev. Kim Allen*
Deacon of Spiritual Formation

The Rev. Debra Gordon
Deacon of Parish Life

The Rev. Hunter Van Wagenen
Priest for Discipleship & Mission



CHURCH STAFF

Brady Johnson, Organist & Choirmaster

Amy Fishman, Office Manager

Shari von Liebler, Parish Secretary*

Bruce Gammell, CCA Head of School

Eleanor Dixon, Financial Administrator*

Stephie Van Wagenen, Lead Catechist*

CHRIST CHURCH ACADEMY STAFF

Preschool*

Laura Augustine, Melissa Blum, Theresa di Sisto,
Christine Evans, Desiree Johnson, Tami Jones, Ann Mathis,
Audra Reeder, Katheryn Smith, and Courtney Thompson

Lower School

Melissa Blum, Macayla Mondragon, Debra Watkins* (Music), Katheryn Smith (Art)

* Part-Time

FROM THE TREASURER



January 13, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What a blessing it has been to serve as your Parish Treasurer these past two years. Working together with the Vestry and Rector, our primary responsibility and desire is to honor God, and also to honor this congregation through the prayerful and faithful stewardship of the resources entrusted to us.

Throughout 2022 the leadership and staff of Christ Church has continued to refine our fiscal practices and financial systems in order to provide the greatest level of transparency and efficiency. This involves coordinating and adapting personnel functions as well as evaluating and implementing appropriate technological applications and improvements.

One such measure adopted this year was a new, multi-functional data management system called Planning Center, which, among other advantages, has greatly streamlined our record keeping of your tithes and offerings. Besides enabling multiple options for secure online giving, Planning Center provides direct access for all parishioners to their giving history, regardless of how contributions are remitted. I encourage you to explore how these capabilities might be of interest and assistance to you in 2023, and both Deacon Deb Gordon and I are always available to answer your questions and help guide you.

I commend to you the following financial statements, which show that Christ Church saw a growth in annual revenue in 2022 which outpaced the corresponding increase in expenses. Tithes and offerings exceeded the budget by more than \$17,000 and, enhanced by a sizeable memorial bequest, provided a surplus of \$45,550 – far beyond the modest \$422 foreseen this time last year! And not only did Christ Church Academy revenues cover the school’s operating expenses, but the November Lions Gala generated over \$30,000 earmarked for scholarships and financial aid. While the school is not a separate financial or corporate entity, it is an ambitious and growing ministry which warrants careful tracking of its fiscal impact, not only as a means of protecting and preserving the parish’s assets and resources, but also to ensure the school’s viability and to prepare for its anticipated growth.

Pledges and contributions for the Christ Church Academy Building Fund increased by over \$1.3 million in 2022, bringing the total to just under \$5.1 million with more than half of that amount already in the bank.

Please join me in thanksgiving to God our Father, Creator and Provider. He has blessed Christ Church with financial health and abundant resources. May we use them to His glory alone!

Faithfully submitted,

Eleanor Dixon
Parish Treasurer



TREASURER'S REPORT



2022 Income Statement — General Operations

January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 (Actual and Unaudited)

INCOME

Christ Church

General Contributions	\$ 935,326.80	
Other Income	<u>\$ 102,325.77</u>	
Total CCVB Income		\$ 1,037,652.57

Christ Church Academy

Tuition & Fees	\$ 328,042.32	
Other Income	<u>\$ 3,271.45</u>	
Total CCA Income		<u>\$ 331,313.77</u>

TOTAL INCOME \$ 1,368,966.34

EXPENSE

Christ Church

Worship	\$ 26,152.44	
Grow	\$ 14,176.24	
Reach	<u>\$ 147,946.87</u>	
Total Ministry	\$ 188,275.55	
Ministry Support	\$ 250,337.69	
Salaries & Benefits	<u>\$ 557,123.82</u>	
Total CCVB Expense		\$ 995,737.06

Christ Church Academy

General Expenses	\$ 37,864.19	
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 289,393.54	
Total CCA Expense		<u>\$ 327,257.73</u>

TOTAL EXPENSE \$ 1,322,994.79

SURPLUS \$ 45,971.55

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TREASURER'S REPORT (CONT'D)



2022 Income Statement — General Operations

OTHER INCOME

Missions Income	\$ 34,284.00
CCA Building Fund Revenue	\$ 1,424,857.05
CCA Capital Campaign Pledged Revenue	\$ 2,414,847.55
Chapel Building Fund	\$ 200,290.13
Rector Discretionary Income	\$ 10,617.18
Interest/Investment Income	\$ (6,131.66)
In-Kind Donations	\$ <u>50,094.88</u>

TOTAL OTHER INCOME \$ 4,128,859.13

OTHER EXPENSE

Missions Expense	\$ 34,284.00
Capital Replacement Expense	\$ 1,792.50
Rector Discretionary Expense	\$ 4,636.50
CCA Capital Building Expense	\$ 230,272.09
CCVB Captial Building Expense	\$ 7,283.70
Misc. Expenses	\$ <u>\$406.00</u>

TOTAL OTHER EXPENSE \$ 278,674.79

NET OTHER INCOME \$ 3,850,184.34

TREASURER'S REPORT (CONT'D)



2022 Balance Sheet

December 31, 2022 (Actual and Unaudited)

ASSETS

Unrestricted Operating Funds		\$ 625,508.08
Restricted & Vestry-designated Funds		
Rector's Discretionary Fund	\$ 9,284.54	
Building & Maintenance Fund	\$ 234,645.92	
CCA Capital Fund	\$ 2,451,704.06	
CCA Tuition Funding	\$ 62,650.00	
Outreach Grants Payable 2023	\$ 95,507.00	
Total Restricted or Designated Funds		\$ 2,853,791.52
Prepaid Expenses		\$ 27,459.21
Total Current Assets		\$ 3,506,758.81
CCA Building Fund Pledges Outstanding		\$ 2,414,847.55
Fixed Assets (Land/Building/Furniture/Equipment)		\$ 6,708,535.99
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$12,630,142.35</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 12,341.43	
2023 Prepaid Annual Giving	\$ 15,000.00	
Outreach Grants Payable	\$ 95,507.00	
CCA Scholarships/Tuition Payable	\$ 62,250.00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 185,098.43

EQUITY

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	\$ 135,258.88	
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 8,413,629.15	
Net Income	\$ 3,896,155.89	
TOTAL EQUITY		\$12,445,043.92
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		<u>\$12,630,142.35</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT (CONT'D)



2023 General Operating Budget (*Proposed*)

January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

INCOME

Christ Church

General Contributions	\$ 970,000.00	
Other Income	<u>\$ 8,000.00</u>	
Total CCVB Income		\$ 978,000.00

Christ Church Academy

Tuition & Fees	\$ 438,100.00	
Other Income	\$ 7,900.00	
Gala Income	<u>\$ 40,000.00</u>	
Total CCA Income		<u>\$ 486,000.00</u>

TOTAL INCOME \$ 1,464,000.00

EXPENSE

Christ Church

Worship	\$ 21,100.00	
Grow	\$ 18,500.00	
Reach	<u>\$ 148,825.00</u>	
Total Ministry	\$ 188,425.00	
Ministry Support	\$ 246,220.00	
Salaries & Benefits	<u>\$ 595,151.00</u>	
Total CCVB Expense		\$ 1,029,796.00

Christ Church Academy

General Expenses	\$ 60,450.00	
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 373,754.00	
Total CCA Expense		<u>\$ 434,204.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENSE \$ 1,464,000.00

SURPLUS \$ 0.00



Bruce Gammell
Head of School

In 2022, Christ Church Academy experienced another year of tremendous growth. August 8, 2022 was a historic day, as we celebrated the first day of school for our new first grade class and we eclipsed the century mark for student enrollment, with 101 students on campus. Our beloved school was also awarded full accreditation from Christian Schools of Florida. Christian Schools of Florida (CSF) is an accrediting member of the Florida Association of Academic Non-Public Schools and the National Council for Private School Accreditation. In addition, our school drew high praise and written commendations from the CSF Executive Director and the Director of Accreditation for our work during the accreditation process. We have established a solid reputation as a provider of high-quality early education.

At CCA, God's written word is the starting point for the study of every subject. We have and will continue to attract dedicated Christian educators who integrate Christian truth into all disciplines of study. We call this transformational education. Transformational education embraces the Gospel as a way of life, a way of thinking, and a way of making choices, so that it cannot be segregated out from any other part of life and/or be compartmentalized. Therefore, our goal is to enable the child to integrate and apply God's truth to all areas of study and life.

Christ Church Academy is also committed to strong academic rigor. Rather than facilitate mere content transfer, we develop academic and social skills through exploration, problem solving, and creativity. Our curriculum is guided by the National Education Standards and the Florida State Educational Standards, as we are committed to providing a strong, comprehensive academic structure for reading, writing, mathematics, and science that incorporates creativity, critical thinking, technology, and community into the core of our lessons and activities. We can surpass established academic standards while always putting Christ first and encouraging students to recognize the presence of Christ in themselves and others.



CCA students sing on Christmas Eve.



Fr. Hunter leads CCA Chapel.

We value the role of families in the education of the whole child and seek to foster ways to include and extend support to the parents and guardians as an extension of our CCA family. In 2022, we established a parent-parish association to help foster our church and school partnership. We will continue to host family-oriented special events such as the annual Welcome Back to School Night, our annual CCA Gala, the Christmas Eve Celebration, Donuts with Dad, the Mother's Day Breakfast, and Teacher Appreciation Week. CCA Chapel is a weekly service that takes place every Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. Our chapel is open to all parishioners and the CCA community—students, parents, grandparents, faculty, and staff—to gather for a special time of worship and fellowship, led by our clergy.

Christ Church Academy continues to grow, and we will open our new Second Grade class in August 2023, and are making plans to break ground on our new school building starting in the 2023-2024 school year.



Students in the classroom.

CCA LOWER SCHOOL BUILDING UPDATE



One year ago, we concluded a brief capital campaign to raise funds to build an expansion of Christ Church Academy to accommodate needed classroom space in a lower school building. The overwhelming response of pledges confirmed to the Vestry that God is indeed leading us to make more disciples of students and families through our Christ Church Academy parochial school and providing the means for the task.

The existing children's ministry space will continue to serve as the base for the CCA Pre-school and the new 16,800 ft² building will be home to lower elementary students and will include a space for STEM science labs, commons area, and a black box theater to support fine arts education.



During 2022, the Vestry considered financial scenarios and logistical proposals, and the plans were submitted for civil engineering and permitting processes with the City of Vero Beach. Bids from local contractors have been received and are under review and revision. The current timeline for groundbreaking is early Spring 2023 with a scheduled completion date of June 1, 2024.

In addition to the funds raised for the lower school, we have received gifts and pledges of \$2.5 million for the Christ Church Chapel. Our chapel will sit between our current building and the lower school and serve to provide a space of worship for our students during the week and for our church family on weekends and other sacred occasions in addition to our current Nave. The chapel project is still in the architectural design phase and we will begin its construction as plans and permitting allow.

Thank you to each one who prays for and/or financially supports this project.

Soli Deo Gloria!



DISCIPLESHIP & MISSION REPORT



The Rev. Hunter Van Wagenen
Priest for Discipleship and Mission

Dear Christ Church Family,

I thank God for all of you daily as I consider the goodness of God in bringing our little family here to Vero Beach. The Lord is at work here, and it's a blessing to Stephanie and me to see how so many of you are going out of your way to make our children and us into valued members of the community.

The children's ministry team continues to inspire me with their willingness to meet the children of Christ Church at their level and participate in what God is doing in their lives. The fruit of the teaching in our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium is easy to see as my wife Stephanie and Deb Watkins present on the core parables of Jesus, his life, the geography of Israel, and the elements of our liturgical and sacramental worship; the children (ages three and up) are showing more understanding of what it means to worship God and pray, who Jesus is as a real Person, and where they fit into the Kingdom of God. It is exciting to see how much more deeply they are able to focus now that the atrium is open during the adult Sunday School hour as well as during the first half of the service. Importantly, the children under three years old are not neglected. They, too, are learning songs and lessons from the Bible along with getting the snacks, play, and naps they need.

We have been blessed to see the start of four new community groups this year, and I'm encouraged by the reports of in-depth discussions of Sunday sermons, good fellowship, and member-to-member care in the midst of crisis. I cannot stress highly enough how big of an impact it has had on my own faith to be committed to meeting regularly with others from our church to share a meal and pray for one another. I know for some of you who have held back from starting or joining a group, it has been too much of a time commitment; but I want to challenge all of you to make the time for it this year. Sunday worship is good for your faith, Sunday school will help you go deeper into God's word, but the best way to apply the truths we hear on Sundays is to live it out in community. If you've been invited to join a group, say yes! If you're interested in hosting or finding one, talk to me! I pray these groups grow and multiply in the years to come.

Looking ahead to 2023, I'm excited to share that I'll be wearing a new hat - that of Chaplain to the academy. In this role, I'll take more direct responsibility for the spiritual life of CCA and its faculty and students and their families. This will include taking the lead in developing our weekly Wednesday chapel services (to which you're all invited!) as well as beginning to share some of the riches of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd with the CCA elementary school classes. Now that Stephanie is working part-time for the church, she'll be more free to help in this work during the week, as well as organize and develop our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd materials and reach out to families in the area who may be interested in the program.

Bruce has often said to me, "People follow their kids." As we have worshipped with the CCA students each week in Wednesday chapel, and as they study Theology as one of their core subjects, Stephanie and I have been encouraged by a number of students' families expressing interest in the fellowship and teaching of our church. We are working with some of them to address that hunger this year by offering teaching on our catechism, *To Be a Christian*, and I trust and pray that as knowledge deepens in the context of fellowship, some will find their church home with us.

To God alone be the glory - he has done great things, and he will continue!



MUSIC MINISTRY REPORT



Brady Johnson
Organist & Choirmaster

Worship is the submission of all of our nature to God.

William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury (1942-1944)

Your Christ Church Music Ministry has had a busy year, as we strive to assist you to turn your eyes upon Jesus. While there were many notable events during the year past, none has made an impact on both the present and future of our worship than the gift of a new organ to Christ Church. A fellow organ colleague and friend, Mr. Baden Griffin, contacted me at the end of 2021, whether I might be interested in such a gift and, after a short screening process, Baden decided to entrust us with the two-manual (keyboard) Ahlborn-Galanti electronic instrument that he purchased nearly two decades ago. What makes this organ so special is the enhancement of a unique software, known as Hauptwerk (German for the organ division known as “Great” in English), which digitally captures an extant organ and reproduces not only individual pipe sounds, but the ambiance of the building in which it resides. Engaging it has had some fits and starts since installed, but this software creates a transcendent experience in our modest setting. We will have a formal dedication, with a recital/talk next month.



The Choir presented a Cantata in April.

Another wonderful gift to us is our soprano section leader, Julia Glunt, who joined our faithful and dedicated choristers, in September. Julia moved to Vero Beach last summer, after receiving a B.A. in Vocal Performance from Eastern New Mexico University. Julia is not only a wonderful soprano, but reads music quickly and has a natural versatility. Julia joins a veteran “gem,” our own Eleanor Dixon, who has also begun as a section leader, leaving the Choir in a stronger position to lead you in worship. For the first time, the Choir had a summer break that allowed them to come to church like you on a Sunday morning. Your worship Band lost a talented percussionist, Dominic Grande, who finally was able to begin graduate studies at Southern California, and we now perform every other week, with the skillful playing of guitar, bass, and timbrel (and many other dings and dongs!).

2022 was filled with many special musical events. In February, guest singers joined the Choir in singing a service of Choral Evensong (Evening Prayer). On Palm Sunday, the Choir presented a short cantata, setting the mood for our parish Seder meal. Easter was filled with music, the Band leading a moving Easter Vigil service and guest Brass joining the Choir on Easter morning. May brought a Prayer & Praise service wonderfully planned by Deacon Kim and led by the Band. In June, our dear friend Dr. Michael Carter from First Baptist again led us in a rousing hymn-sing. The “dog-days” didn’t keep us from offering God a service of Compline (end of day) and in October, we were transported to France as we prayed in the manner of the Taizé community. The year was



The Christ Church Band led an evening of Prayer and Praise.

MUSIC MINISTRY REPORT (CONT'D)



topped off with our annual Advent Carol service, with a wonderful turn-out for a Sunday afternoon. Very special thanks needs to be paid to Mary Knapp and her team, who supported us with yummy receptions and dinners all year long.



Brady Johnson addresses the church at the Christmas Eve Prelude.

The Audio-Visual ministry is now under the umbrella of the Music Ministry. This year, saw the hiring of a part-time facilitator, Noah Woodrow, who brings both knowledge and experience to this role, as well as Noah Howard, who learned the ProPresenter software to be able to put together the slide packages that so assist you in your Sunday morning experience. Thanks not only to them, but to Earle Boyter, who significantly improved our online streaming capabilities, as well as our other volunteers: Anthony Hiller, John Allen, and Tom Stull.

Finally, a personal word of thanks to Fr. Keith, our Vestry, and to all of you for your support of me over so many years here as your music director. This, of course, is my last report to you as I plan on retiring from full-time ministry at the end of this summer. There is not enough space in this report to thank all who deserve a mention, making my job easier and such a joy over the 15 years of service to you. Please pray that the Lord will bring even a better musician to Christ Church, an individual that will seize on the opportunities, especially with the growth of Christ Church Academy. I leave you with this quote from an article¹ about worship from the Anglican Compass website, which I commend you to read:

With all this understood, while we do not shape our worship according to the expectations of seekers, everyone seems to agree that what seekers really want to see is authenticity. If Christians worship the way Christians worship and not the way a non-Christian would worship, then is that not an attractional model that, in the end, presents our communities in authentic and open ways? In a kind of reverse psychology, deciding to plant our worship in the history of Christian worship and the language of Christian worshippers, we find that many seekers are able to observe us as we really are without having to peel away layers of marketing.

Worship begins with offering, or as Archbishop Temple put it “...the submission of all of our nature to God.” In the end, authentic worship depends on our hearts, not on a particular style of music. My prayer for you is that, under Fr. Keith and a dynamic new musician, the musical offerings united with the timeless liturgy of our Prayer Book, will only deepen and transform all who call themselves members of Christ Church Vero Beach.

¹ <https://anglicancompass.com/anglican-worship-the-object-of-our-worship/>



OUTREACH MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT



Marcia Blackburn

Outreach Committee Chairman

The Outreach Missions Committee is commissioned to prayerfully review grant applications from local, state and national, and international ministries or organizations and approve designated funds as the Lord directs.

Each year the committee's budget is based on 10% of all income received at Christ Church Vero Beach through plate and pledge offerings made in the previous calendar year. In 2022, the committee supported **19 ministries with a distribution of \$95,000** in grants to the following organizations and missionaries:

LOCAL **6 organizations received \$23,100**
Care Net Pregnancy Center; Fellowship of Christian Athletes; Friendship Primitive Church; Little Birthday Angels; The Source; and Women's Refuge.

STATE & NATIONAL **3 organizations received \$12,000**
American Anglican Council; God's Kitchen, Palatka, Fla.; and Trinity School of Ministry, Ambridge, Penn.

INTERNATIONAL **7 organizations received \$55,900**
ACNA GAFCON Bishops; Anglican Frontier Missions (2 missionaries); ACNA-Myanmar Project; Foundation Momprince Project, Haiti (Etzer Thomas); Global Mobilization Missions, Uganda (Alison Barfoot); New Wineskins; and TEAM (Loren & Linda Fox).

EMERGENCY GRANT **1 grant of \$4,000**
Anglican Relief & Development Fund for assistance in Ukraine

We truly thank you for the generosity that has enabled us to reach beyond our walls to bless ministries here in Vero, and beyond our borders, and throughout the world. We have been able to support both organizations and individuals as they met the spiritual and physical needs of those they serve. We pray that as we make these grant distributions in the future, we will always be faithful to our Lord's call and to you who allow us to be stewards of your faithful giving.

2022 Outreach Committee

Bun Blossom

Walt Nelson

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Mark Rademacher

Mickey Conway

Rawleigh Tremain

Helen Marner

Stephie Van Wagenen



PARISH LIFE REPORT



The Rev. Debra Gordon
Deacon of Parish Life

As I reflect on ministry at Christ Church during 2022, we covered a lot of ground in that time. At this time last year we were ending an 8-week capital campaign, the results of which indicated broad support and provision for expanding our reach into the community with our parochial school, Christ Church Academy.

Efforts were made to create opportunities for fellowship and connection throughout the year, particularly following the social stagnation issues caused by the pandemic. On behalf of the staff, I extend blessings and gratitude to the diverse team of people who contributed time and resources to help with numerous receptions, newcomer lunches, baby showers, pancake suppers, the Seder Dinner, and Celebration Sunday BBQ (among others).



The Seder Dinner.

In addition to these special events, we have an amazing smaller team of members who lovingly and diligently provide coffee and snacks every Sunday morning, making fellowship time before and after the service more pleasant. *Please do thank them and consider joining a monthly schedule to lend your help.*



Pancake Supper volunteer, Roger Sherman.

Parish Life is more than events and fellowship, however. This ministry also involves coordination of connecting newcomers into our existing flow of parish worship, discipleship, and opportunities to serve according to their gifts and talents. Christ Church had two opportunities to welcome new members last year, in April and October. *Please seek out our new members and help them to integrate into our faith family* by inviting them to share coffee or a meal, attend a ministry event together, join your community group, or to volunteer on a parish project with you. There are just a few ways to live together our call to love God and one another.

One important tool Christ Church is implementing to help with connections is the Planning Center suite of interconnected software apps (or, applications) that facilitate communications between you and the staff, the clergy, and ministry group leaders as well as that streamline the processes of online giving, access to the church directory, signing up for events (coming soon!) and the parish calendar. It is a massive restructuring of information and content creation—an assignment delegated to me—so as the implementation continues this year, I ask for both your participation and patience as we learn something new together. The communications and content will be synchronized with an updated website format, too.

One of the biggest blessings last year was a personal milestone, my ordination into the diaconate by Bishop Neil Lebhar (retired) on Easter morning. Thank you to each of you who supported my call and ordination process with your prayers and encouragement. Your kindness is a treasure.



Ordination to the Diaconate

So in regard to parish life ministry, remember this: it's not just for Sunday mornings! We abide in the Vine of Jesus' life by living an ancient faith with a present purpose. *Be part of the joyous harmony and rhythm of life at Christ Church!* Let me know how I can help.



SPIRITUAL FORMATION REPORT



The Rev. Kim Allen

Deacon of Spiritual Formation

This year has been an exciting one for spiritual formation! We began the year hosting Marcia Lebhar, our dear former bishop's wife and overall wise woman, for a woman's event in January titled, "Face to Face." With almost 80 women in attendance, Marcia taught us about how to draw close to our God, as Moses did, sharing as one who speaks to a friend, face to face, and the obstacles that keep us from doing so. We worshiped together through song and grew in fellowship with one another in small groups to process all we had learned. We ended our time with a Deacon's Mass and a beautifully catered lunch by our own Connie Boyter.

In Women's Bible study, we finished our study in Daniel, then tackled Hebrews and finished at the end of spring. After taking the summer off, we dove into The Story of Jesus, according to the Gospel of St. Mark. We will be finishing that study on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, then begin a Lenten study from the book Seven Last Words, by James Martin, SJ., which will take us to Easter Sunday, celebrating the resurrection of our Lord. Planning has begun for a second women's event in March, 2023, with Deacon Lisa Schwandt teaching us about the freedom of forgiveness.



Marcia Lebhar was the keynote speaker at *Face to Face*,

Prayer ministry continues at Christ Church with our Intercessors meeting every Thursday at 9:45 a.m. following Morning Prayer. We pray through all the needs of Christ Church, our diocese, the ministries we support and for needs around the world. All are welcome to join us.

We also had a prayer walk in conjunction with the Love Your Neighbor emphasis in every church space, inside and out, to prepare ourselves and those who would come to our church as they seek fellowship and healing. There were about 20 members in attendance who took time out of their busy Saturday on November 12th to come and pray. We felt the Holy Spirit's power and confidence that what He began, He will complete.

I have also begun training in spiritual direction as of March of 2022 and seen much fruit as several of our members and some non-members have taken advantage of this beautiful ancient practice of journeying together as we grow in relationship with Jesus. I am happy to talk with anyone who is interested about learning more.



BALLOT



Generally, the elections of Vestry members and Synod Delegates are taken by an oral vote.
If we need to vote by paper ballot, this form shall be used.

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VESTRY NOMINEES

Please mark an X on the line to the right of your selection.

William Adamany _____

Margaret Anne Evans _____

Tim Longden _____

To submit this ballot, you must be a Voting Member (see definition below), and you must include your printed name and signature for the ballot to be valid.
At least one candidate must be marked or the ballot will be marked invalid.

According to the By-Laws of Christ Church Vero Beach,
a Voting Member is a classification of church membership that includes those who:

1. have been baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity;
2. affirm the Statement of Beliefs in Article 1, Section 4 of the CCVB By-laws;
3. are 18 years of age or older;
4. have applied and been accepted for membership in Christ Church Vero Beach;
5. have had their names recorded in the Parish Register;
6. are faithful in service, prayer, and giving financially to Christ Church Vero Beach; and
7. are faithful in attendance at corporate worship, unless such attendance has been prevented for good cause as determined by the Rector.

Signature (required) _____

Printed Name (required) _____

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