

CHRIST ✠ CHURCH



The Annual Meeting
January 30, 2022

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God who calls the worlds into being, who calls us into Christ's church;
we thank you for the church that is our heart,
for the mission of the church that is our joy,
and for the ministry of the church that is our task.

We thank you for the generosity of Christ Church, Ridley Park,
for its steadfastness over time,
for its people who over time have named your name and lived your life.
for its faithful witness, wholehearted life, and its abundant caring ways.

We pray this day for all those in need of ministry:
for the last, the least, the lost, the lonely,
for the powerful who are bewildered,
for the poor who lack so much when there is enough.

We pray your mighty Spirit upon us,
that we may more fully live into our baptism, in thought, word, and deed;
and so to, with steadfast devotion offer our selves to your mission
with wholehearted generosity.

Make us courageous, make us ready, make us open, that we may become
a resounding Alleluia through your passion and into your victory.

We pray in the name of Jesus crucified and risen,
wholehearted Shepherd of the Church. **Amen.**



**CHRIST CHURCH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
JANUARY 30, 2022**

The annual parish meeting of Christ Church was held on Sunday, February 7, 2021 following the 10:00 a.m. Service. Rev. Jane opened the meeting with prayer and an opening hymn at 11:15 a.m. There were sufficient parishioners in attendance; a quorum was declared. The minutes of the January 26, 2020 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Introduction of Nominees for Vestry

Rector's Report

Acknowledgement of Outgoing Vestry members

Judy acknowledged and thanked the outgoing Vestry members for their service over the past three years.

The outgoing Vestry members were Elizabeth Rasnake, Nancy Mobley, Dave Smith, Bill Conner and Bill Graham (who resigned last year but was replaced by Maripat King for 2019 - 2021). The outgoing Vestry members were also presented with a gift and our sincere thank you for their commitment and a job very well done.

2020 Financial Report

Accounting Warden, Carol King, presented the Financial Report for year ending 2019:

Finances for 2021

2020 Highlights

Carol then presented the proposed 2021 Balanced Budget for parish consideration and approval noting the following **2020 highlights**:

Deppich Fund Presentation

Old/New Business

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Rev. Jane concluded our Annual Meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Daws
Vestry Clerk

Rector's Report

It is often my practice to begin meetings of all sorts with a simple check-in. On a scale of 1-5, with 1 being wretched and 5 being marvelous, how are you? The question is always relative to the very moment, it is asking how one is in that very moment. Do they come to this meeting in pain or grief or unfocused excitement? I ask it for no other reason than in my experience humans don't check in with one another enough. So if no one has asked you today, I ask you. How are you on a scale of 1-5?

As you are taking the time to read this annual report, you are likely wondering, how is CCRP? I would give it a 4. The life and ministry continue, adapted, imperfectly, but with a whole heart and the presence of Jesus. The finances are good. The staff and volunteer leadership is amazing, continuing to play above our 'station.' Yet at the same time, if the number exists to articulate the difference between where I hoped we would be looking out from the end of 2019 and where we are now, it is beyond my mathematical skills to identify. Some intentions are 'way ahead of schedule' and others have dissolved in the winds of time like plans for trips that I didn't take and only recall because of bookmarks in my computer. We are where we are. We are doing our best to love Jesus and love our neighbor and do our part. I see your love and presence and commitment, whether you have been picking up new duties weekly, or have been keeping your distance (for whatever reason). Your prayerful attention and steadfastness in service and desire for a better world matters, and we see it and feel it. I want to highlight _ parts of the 2021 year together at Christ Church, Ridley Park.

- **Welcoming Deacon Dennis:** The ministry of the diaconate is one of loving service, of connecting the church to the needs of the world and the needs of the world to the work of the church. We are blessed to have the consistent caring servant leadership of Deacon Dennis with us.
- **Outdoor Worship:** The outdoor Easter vigil was an absolute delight. So too were many of the 'backyard' Eucharists last summer. And the response to our little prayer tree has been consistent, with a wide variety of neighbors stopping to use it to pray. I feel strongly that we have only just begun to use our outdoor property to meet the real spiritual needs of the neighborhood. Maybe you can daydream with me about what's next.
- **Website and Streaming:** A good website is as critical to a congregation as accessible, friendly and tidy doorways to a nave. It is our threshold, the place where continuing friends and members connect, and it is the gateway where the curious begin to figure out if this might be the place to help them find union with God and each other in Christ. This year we completed the upgrade of the website, and it is user friendly and true to CCRP. It integrates all of our news and virtual services into one easy to connect with 'location.' We have learned many things in our almost two years of being a hybrid worshipping congregation: the 'live' participation is not the same as the total participation several days later. Our streaming services, including Eucharists, special liturgies, and the Prayer during the Day, are made use of by locals, members, strangers, and friends of the parish, sometimes days after the broadcast. Which means that families can choose to worship together on their schedules, allow those with Sunday jobs to worship with us when they are available, and also offers a gift to young families negotiating the complexities of life and babies. It is a wise investment, and we are forever grateful to the leadership of Mackenzie Alexander and to the streaming volunteers who assist with nave services.

- Music Ministry: Slowly but surely, with the extra protection of good masking and hearty circulation, we have been able to restore singing and service music to our practice of worship. And oh it feels so good. I am not sure I had any idea how much my very body missed the chance to sing with other voices. Thank you to our choir for their flexibility throughout the year. As you know our dear friend Janet is not returning to the music ministry, and we have been enriched by the contributions of our guest music directors: Mary Eileen Johnston and Dr. Steven Neau. I hope you will keep the search process, which began with the new year, in your heart and prayers. Lastly, we did have a small service to lay to rest the remains of Michael Trinder, and we want you to know that someday when the world is free and easy, we will have the grand memorial service he envisioned.

One of the areas of pause is centered in the idea of collaboration. In the search process that was an important part of the vision for what was next. Collaboration is harder for me to manage when the collaborators are sometimes out of my line of vision. This is a fact of the best practices of the pandemic, but also a side effect of our having fallen into new habits of distance. I hope as we move into the next year we can find fresh ways to improve the two-way relationships, no matter the state of the pandemic, and that you will help the leadership know that you are willing to lend a hand and step in and help as safely as you can - move from the back row and into the front seats if you will - and help us know that you are ready to serve.

I want to thank the Vestry for their patient companionship through all of this time. I want to thank Ed Dougherty for his year as Rector's Warden. I am deeply grateful to the long-serving Altar Guild members who are letting go and passing along this critical weekly ministry. We lost several beloved friends this year to Jesus' loving arms, and we will always miss them. We also welcomed new friends and babies and sold more pumpkins than we ever imagined we could. The year had its beauty and its silly surprises and its laments. The year had us playing above our average, letting go of old ways we no longer need, and growing in our knowledge of who we are intended to be as those committed to Christ. I hope this new year brings us grace and peace and energy and hope. I pray this new year reshapes us into the children of God that Christ is leading us to become, striving together for dignity and duty to the common good. I hope we try new ways of being together.

The Reverend Jane A. Gober, Rector,
Christ Church Ridley Park

**A Prayer for New Year's Eve, adapted
Original by Reverend Kimberly Knowle-Zeller**

This moment holds so much emotion
joy and sorrow, excitement and despair.
Yet we give thanks for the grand and small moments
the lessons learned and the growth experienced.
Some are eager for a new start
happiness abounding
others are filled with grief
worried that nothing will change.

Help us to look back on the past year
celebrating meals shared in whatever way,
conversations across the table, across the web, across time and space,
friends made and relationships strengthened, or loosened,
goals accomplished, or forgotten,
greetings given and shared,
nights marveling at the stars
and days rising with the sun.

Teach us to look ahead with hope
each day as a gift
each breath, a movement of the Spirit
each person, Christ in our midst.

This moment holds so much
grace and terror
joy and grief
welcome and loss
hope and despair
dreams realized and dreams lost
and at this moment and in the year to come
through it all
You hold us
ushering us into a new time
where your presence
courage and love
forgiveness and redemption
never wavers.

For a new year of ministry together,
whatever may come - may it be a creative, courageous witness to Jesus.
In the name of the steadfast God of love,
We trust that it is God who goes wherever we go.

Amen.

The Reverend Jane Gober, Rector, CCRP

Rector's Warden

Once again, Christ Church Ridley Park rose to the challenge of worshiping, gathering for fellowship, and engaging in community outreach while weathering the storm of the continuing pandemic.

We transitioned to a hybrid worship format, safely allowing congregants to return to in-person liturgies while offering a live streaming option of superb quality. Special thanks to Enric Rhoades and Michael White for volunteering to assist Mackenzie Alexander with our streaming technology. Of course, we cannot thank Mackenzie enough for setting up and running the technologies necessary to make this happen.

As in 2020, congregants and online visitors stepped up to financially assist our ministries through pledges, mailed offerings, and online gifts. Parishioners also generously gave their time to make our "Clear the Garage" sale a success, we had our most successful Pumpkin Patch ever!

After a COVID-related delay, we were finally able to have Reverend Jane's celebration of New Ministry on Zoom, with Bishop Gutiérrez. In keeping with her commitment to community outreach, donations of books, food pantry items, and shirts were collected to commemorate the day. Additionally, we successfully fundraised the purchase of six durable park benches commemorating loved ones which will be installed on the parish grounds.

I am extremely grateful to Reverend Jane, Mackenzie Alexander, Carole Nasella, Janet Kaido, and to guest organist and music director Dr. Steven Neu for their leadership, vision, and faithfulness. We are blessed to have such a dedicated, loving, and talented staff at CCRP.

I want to thank all of the committee members, volunteers, and the Vestry for your commitment to and love of our church. As Rector's Warden this year, I have grown to appreciate the selfless dedication you continuously demonstrate. I am confident we will not only survive these current challenges, we will thrive!

Peace,
Ed Dougherty

Incoming Rector's Warden	Sharon Cotter	2022-2024
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Accounting Warden	Carol King	2019-2022
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Outgoing Members

2019-2021	Jim Biggs Ed Dougherty Ron Okarski Patty Villa	2021-2023	Emily Cooper Shannon Hollar Ken Mobley Debbie Saul
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2020-2022	Sharon Cotter Amy Lovenguth Michelle Mason Jill O'Neill	2021-2024	Carol Parasink Mike Barnard
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Youth Ministry

In the beginning of 2021, when Youth Ministry was still meeting for formation via zoom, we wrapped up our nine session Success & Failure Discussion Series curriculum by the Virginia Theological Seminary before transitioning into the eight session Peace & Justice Discussion Series curriculum. We continued to meet online until April where we had our first in-person Youth Council meeting and Youth Group gathering for the first time since the on-set of the pandemic!

Servanthood remained a pillar of our lives together throughout the year. In February Christ Church Youth Ministry challenged St James Prospect Park and St. John the Evangelist Essington to a Canned Good Collection Competition. This challenge sparked a friendly competition in which we were challenged back from the neighboring Episcopal churches for a book drive face-off in May. Letters of Love, where youth sent handwritten notes to homebound parishioners, circulated in the mail one more time for Easter blessing messages. Lastly, Youth Ministry focused it's time over the summer to local service opportunities including time at Ridley Park United Methodist Church Food Bank and joining the Diocese's Summer Mission in the City at The Church of the Crucifixion in South Philly. We also tried our hands at being chefs, cooking and preparing the main dish for Life Center in August.

Over the summer Youth Ministry used to opportunity to be outside and spend more time reconnecting in-person. The Weekday Unwind was introduced, meeting every other Thursday for unstructured time and ending in Evening Prayer. Youth would decide upon when to do with our unstructured time and we spent many gatherings running around outside and sharing what had been going on in our lives. We also had our fair-share of fun with a sleep-at-home Lock In, Chopped Family Cook-off with mystery ingredients deliver to youth households, and a team-building trip to Go Ape at Lums Pond.

Youth Council was "reorganized" to become a once a month gathering open to all youth and their families as opposed to a closed group. The monthly time together is spent sharing a meal, planning the months ahead, and ending in a group activity/reflection/or guest speaker. Mackenzie became involved in Diocesan Youth Ministry youth leader meetings and was part of the pilot team to become trained to bring the Dismantling Racism for Teens curriculum to the diocese of Pennsylvania. The two-day education event on racial healing took place in February with participation from CCRP youth and the programming will continue to be offered. Lastly, four youth were prepared for confirmation with guidance from Reverend Jane. Final projects were shared this fall in the Deppich Room. We are awaiting scheduling for the service of reception.

Youth ministry is looking forward to building routine and leaning back into our traditions and rituals in 2022. We will be kicking-off our next discussion series and looking to revive Lunch & Learns. If you have a life-skill, trade, or craft you are willing to teach to youth group, please reach out!

- Mackenzie Alexander

Young Adult

After the spring semester, Young Adults were invited to participate in a book club where we read Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and redemption by Bryan Stevenson. We met twice to discuss the book themes of advocacy, empathy, oppression, systemic power, and mercy. Our last book

discussion took place over breakfast in Philly. Afterwards we explored some city museums including the Mutter Museum and Franklin Institute.

A need for fun time outdoors brought us to the Brandywine River over the summer to kayak together before college students returned to their studies. Our two Peer Mentors, Emily Cooper and Sam Kusner also joined many Youth Ministry events throughout the summer to help facilitate.

Mackenzie has kept in contact, checking in on our college students as they adjusted to a new academic year. They have received seasonal snail mail and a special encouraging message from Youth Ministry family during mid-terms. Over Thanksgiving break some college students were able to gather and share a meal together.

- Mackenzie Alexander

Communications

Our online ministry presence has transitioned throughout the year as we learned new and sustainable ways of staying connected. Morning Prayer remained pre-recorded and edited in the beginning of the year, before the parish transitioned into meeting live for Morning Prayer on Zoom. All the while we were making use of our new streaming camera during the in-person Eucharist (which started off as one service). When it was safe, we made our way back to two in-person services, in which the 10:15am Eucharist will remain live streamed indefinitely. Our Tech Pit got set-up with a new audio system and a desktop computer to go along with the streaming camera. A Tech Team was also trained on live-streaming services and we would love to welcome more members to our team.

In the summer we transitioned onto a new website with the assistance from Membership Vision. The new website allows for much more flexibility and integrates our livestream, social media pages, email blasts, and newsletter. Our website has become the central online information hub, while our social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter) share more of a supporting role privy to their own niche.

Youtube Livestream 2021 Specs

- Total livestream views: 772
- Total watch time of livestreams: 331.1 hours
- Average view of livestream duration: 25 minutes and 43 seconds
- Average percentage of livestream viewed: 45.7%
- Funerals, Easter, and Christmas received the most views

Parish-Wide Email

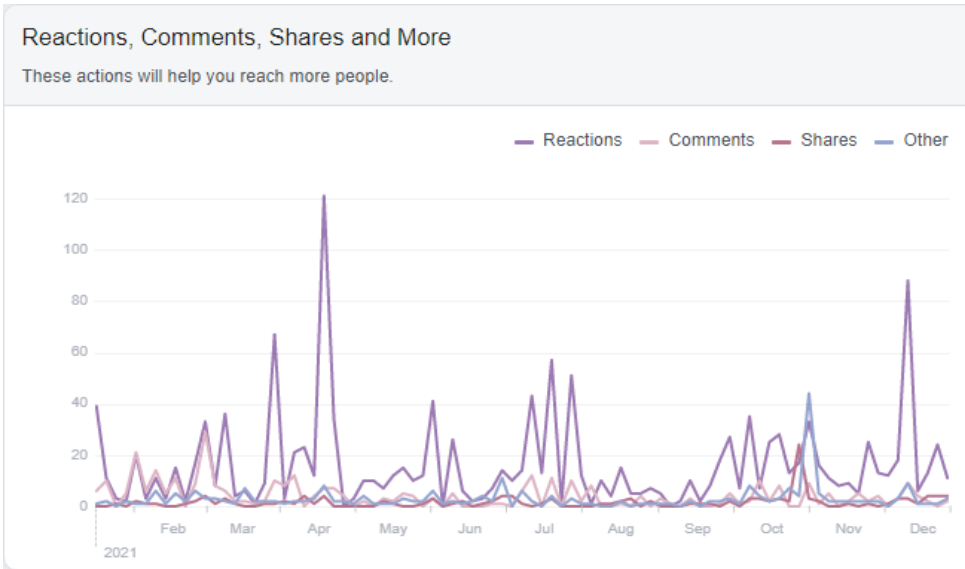
In July 2021 with the switch to our new website we also changed from Constant Contact to Mailchimp. The following information is based on information from Mailchimp as we no longer have access to our Constant Contact account.

- 280 total subscribers
- 25 new subscribers through the website
- Average number for persons who open weekly parish-wide emails: 83.3333
- Average number of persons who open the monthly digital newsletter: 105.6

Facebook

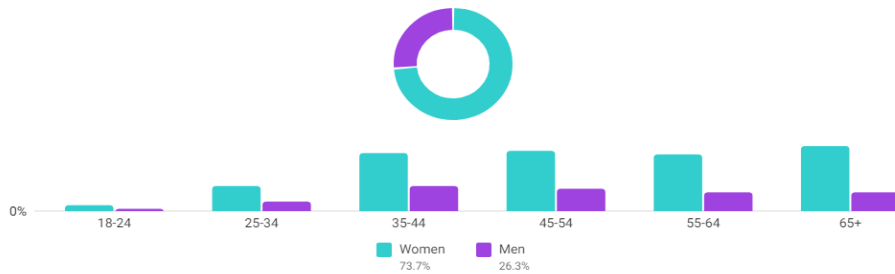
Facebook continues to be our most engaged and active social media platform. This year we received 59 new Facebook followers.

Yearly Engagement

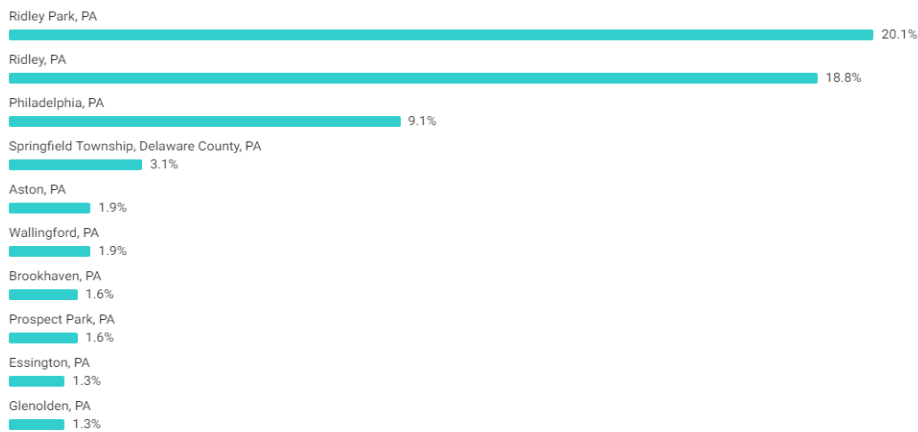


Audience

Age & Gender



Top Cities



In Peace,
Mackenzie Alexander

Outreach Committee

I was very fortunate to have been assigned as deacon to CCRP this past Spring. When Carol Pindar decided to step back as lead of the Outreach Committee, I saw this as an opportunity for me to exercise and grow into the diaconate order into which I was ordained. Carol has been a great help to me, providing records, back stories, and sharing experiences of many years at the helm. The transition was seamless.

Since then, we have continued on the same course, providing financial support to the Loaves and Fishes and Ridley Park UMC food pantries. This past Summer, Mackenzie brought a group of our youth to RP UMC to assist in carrying groceries to customers' cars.

For part of 2021 we also financially helped Meals on Wheels, and St Mary's Food Cupboard until both ceased operations. Gifts of Mary in Chester, run by Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charities declined help this past Summer, so we sent those funds, and other donated items to Family Promise / IHN of Delaware County shelter in Brookhaven.

My first project after I arrived at CCRP was to distribute the items Rev. Jane received when she was installed as rector. About a half of the goods were given to Chester Eastside Ministries located at St Paul's Chester. Another 200 juice boxes were sent to Family Promise in Brookhaven, 200 to Ridley Park UMC Food Pantry, and 200 to St Mary's Chester.

CCRP continues supporting Life Center Shelter in Millbourne. Carole McManus, with the assistance of other parishioners continues to provide meals and personal items to the 30 some residents of the shelter. Pandemic rules have limited the scope of that of previous years. Carole will continue in this ministry in 2022.

In 2021, we continued providing Ditty Bags to the Philadelphia Seamans Institute. We had promised them 25 bags but filled 31. Items included hats, gloves, scarves, and personal items. PSI has had a long history of partnership with the Diocese of PA. Assembly of ditty bags were made by a group of 12 or so volunteers after a 10:15 service in November. It has been challenging to schedule group activities, but this one went very smoothly.

I am also very happy to report CCRP's solid support of the diocesan Deacon's Jean Drive. We provided 101 pairs, which were distributed along with 2,200 others from across the diocese by Project Home.

During 2021 we provided dozens of prayer shawls to Fair Acres and Aventura at Prospect nursing homes, knitted by caring parishioners.

This past Christmas we participated in two outreach projects: Ridley Township School's clothing drive for needy students, and Fair Acres Geriatric Center in Lima. We brought 54 coats along with gloves and hats to the school district. Our generosity to Fair Acres was great enough to provide gifts for a whole floor of residents at the facility.

In 2022, we will continue to weigh options of which ministries we should support. We plan to give preference to local ministries. I plan to meet with staff from Citi Team and Chester Eastside Ministries, both in Chester.

On a personal level, I meet with about a dozen local residents who need financial help, a ministry started by Rev. Judy Buck-Glenn. Support not including gift cards comes from the Deacon's Discretionary Account.

In 2022, I will be implementing some policies and controls to ensure gift cards, and bill paying help go to those who really it.

Finally, again I am very happy to serve at CCRP. The support I receive from staff and Parishioners makes my ministry a joy.

I am including a list of expenses from the Outreach Account.

Delco Family Promise	\$778.44
Financial Help for Parishioner	\$200.00
FINCA International	\$100.00
Gift Cards for Outreach	\$1,689.76
Groceries - Parishioner	\$50.38
Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry	\$1,050.00
Meals On Wheels	\$250.00
Seamans Institute	\$520.15
St Mary's Food Cupboard	\$800.00
T-Shirts	\$531.30
United Methodist Church Pantry	\$750.00
Grand Total	\$6,720.03

Peace and a happy 2022!
Rev. Dennis J Bingham, Deacon

Pastoral Care Committee

Due to the continuance of Covid 19 upon us, there were no meetings in 2021 nor were there any LEM visits. Reverend Jane was available for pastoral needs in 2021. Deacon Dennis will be involved in the reassembling of pastoral care after the New Year.

Respectfully Submitted;
Amy Lovenguth

Music/Choir

The years 2020 and 2021 were a challenging time for Christ Church's music ministry. After a relatively normal beginning to 2020, we all faced the shutdown caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Christ Church adapted quickly by streaming services on line.

The choir played an important role: Initially individual soloists provided videos, recording hymns accompanied by Janet Kaido on the organ. The singing was often enhanced by happy exclamations from our "assistant choir director," baby Emma! Gradually, the music increased in scale, with two, three, or more singers. After many months, we were able to sing in church as soloists and later as a full choir, wearing masks to maintain safety.

Despite the trials of the pandemic we have fond memories of choir gatherings under the tree in the church garden, even in the rain, to sing together as an ensemble. And who can forget our virtual choir that sang for Easter 2020?

Sadly, late in 2021, Janet withdrew from her position as organist and choir director, to devote time to urgent family matters. We extend tremendous thanks to Janet for all that she has done to strengthen the music ministry and provide wonderful music to enhance our worship. We also thank Mary Eileen Johnston, who led the music for several weeks. We were then happy to welcome Dr. Steven Neau as our interim leader. Steve led us through the end of year (and will continue as we conduct an official search for the new Music Director).

Many thanks to our professional section leaders, Julie (soprano), Terrance (tenor), and Dan (bass), who have continued to help provide wonderful music for our live and streamed services. And a hearty welcome our new alto, Samantha. Many thanks to our volunteers who have sung so beautifully: Amy, Carole, Robert, and Enric.

We invite members of the congregation to consider joining the choir. We have a weekly rehearsal on Thursday evenings, as well as a warm-up session on Sundays before the 10:15 service.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Hand

Hospitality Committee

The Hospitality Committee waited patiently during 2021, hoping to resume our traditional church activities. Unfortunately, that could not happen until we were asked to host Advent Coffee time after the 10:15 am services. We offered coffee, tea and Christmas cookie selections on November 28, December 5, December 12 and December 19. We were able to safely gather in Musselman Hall and we were pleased to see friends together for a short time.

A special thank you to those who gladly volunteered to prepare and host each Sunday. Our committee has a wonderful group of dedicated people always ready to serve Christ Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Floss Rhine and Elizabeth Rasnake

Finance Committee

The finance committee met monthly on Zoom throughout 2021.

In January, we presented a \$530,689 balanced budget for Vestry approval that was then approved by the Parish at the annual meeting held on February 7, 2021. It included a plan to make monthly payments of \$3,000 on the Memorial Garden loan that had a balance of \$166,441 at the end of 2020.

We held a virtual meeting in March with our Merrill Lynch advisor to go over the investment plan and strategy for our funds. Finance felt we could add an additional \$1000 to our monthly loan payments.

Our Paycheck Protection Plan Loan (\$43,367) was forgiven, turning it into a grant. \$30,000 was then applied to the Memorial garden loan.

Deppich Scholarships totaling \$20,000 were awarded to 8 students.

We decided to defer the quarterly distributions from our investments in the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarters (\$12,424 each quarter) that would normally be operating income. We moved \$10,000 from investments to the Memorial Garden loan.

An annual audit was completed and reported to the Diocese in the fall.

We started the budgeting process in November. Money counters returned in December. At this time, money will be counted twice a month.

End of year figures and the 2022 proposed budget will be presented at the annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol King
Accounting Warden

Deppich Scholarship Committee

The scholarship committee met on May 11, 2021 to review the eight applications that were submitted. All eight students received their scholarship checks on Sunday, June 13.

The committee members are: Kathy and Robert Webber, Bill Graham, Barbara Torrens, Jim Cooper and Betsy Kirkpatrick.

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy Kirkpatrick, Chair

Property Committee

A huge thank you to Earl Dempsey, Bill Graham, Bill Nickerson and Paul King, our newest member, for their ideas and expertise. I appreciate their skills, enthusiasm and friendship.

Among the major tasks and improvements completed in 2021 were:

Church/basement electrical wiring improvement; addition of light over baptismal font
Necessary continuing caulking/pointing of church windows and stonework
Renovation of the second floor bathroom (paint, new flooring and partition removal)
Painting of Musselman Hall vestibule stairway and office entrance hallway
New block walkway on the side of rectory
Restoration of Memorial Garden fountain flagstone border and installation of new pump
Replacement of the office breezeway gutter and downspout
Re-paving of the garage area driveway
Major birch tree pruning in front of church and tree trimming over parish house roof
The very quick and profitable sale of our relatively new (and rarely used) lawn tractor and snow plow

Still to come in 2022

Restoration of the rectory front steps and entrance walk
Restoration of the walkway to the "Pumpkin Door" alcove
Continued monitoring all roof areas and building mechanical systems

Fortunately, we are able to make any necessary building, repairs and alterations, and again, our future intentions are to maintain and improve our church in all of its unique glory for the next 100+ years!

We meet for coffee monthly so if you are interested in joining us, please give me a call.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Biggs

Personnel Committee

The Personnel committee met on an as needed basis.

The primary work this year was to review and update the Job Descriptions for the church staff.

The committee members are:

Nancy Biggs, Johnson Bowie, Wayne Cline, Nikki Melso, Ollie Rhine, Kay Twesten, Patty Villa, Judy Yorke

Respectfully Submitted:
Amy Lovenguth; Chair

Altar Guild

Our Altar Guild has come to a momentous time: Longtime members finally get a change to retire from this beautiful ministry and relax!

The year 2021 saw the retirement of Sue Dowling, and at the end of the year, final duties completed by Eleanor Humes and Carol Pindar. Also, rounding out the team over 2021 was Kay Twesten and Carole Buchan. Our little chapel area has been, and will continue to be tended to by Nan Garthwaite. The dedication and sensitive attention to detail will be hard to replicate. Thank-you so much to these hard-working and faithful ladies!

For the past 6 months, 6 new Altar Guild members have had the honor to train with Carol and Eleanor. They taught us the details and intricacies of the ministry of the Altar Guild. As Sue Dowling put it ... "It's like setting the table for a special guest." As we move forward, I know we will do our best, and still have the support and advice of the retired members.

New Altar Guild members:

Nicole Bowden
Tom Chubb
Jeanne Fletcher

Nancy Mobley
Patty Villa
Judy Yorke

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Yorke

Acolytes

I would like to thank the dedicated acolytes of our parish for faithfully acting as servers and crucifers during the months of November and December. Participating in the services during the later part of 2021 were Enric Rhoades, Alex Hollar, Stephen Barnard, Jack Signor and Delanie Hollar. I wish to give special thanks to Jason Tustin for serving and being a cross bearer whenever he was asked.

When we gather again, we will be missing Katie Mason who is currently attending the University of Pittsburgh. We want to thank her for her years of service to the church not only as an acolyte but also as an important member of our youth group.

The addition of Deacon Dennis to our staff has allowed the acolytes time to become familiar with the duties of being an acolyte, especially in the role of server. Deacon Dennis has taken over the responsibilities of server during the times of decreased attendance due to the spread of Covid.

If you or your child is interested in being trained as an acolyte, please talk to me, Deacon Dennis or Rev. Jane. Youth may be trained as torchbearers by age seven or so and then around age eleven or twelve progress to become crucifers and/or servers. Anyone can play an important role in the celebration of our liturgy and Eucharist.

Respectfully submitted
Ken Mobley

Formation

Our first promise of baptism is 'to continue in the apostles teaching, fellowship and the prayers'. Our first promise is to commit to learning the maps of this faith and then getting out on the road with them and following the paths with our lives. Formation is learning, it is trying and flubbing, it is creative expression, it is classic practices of daily prayer and regular community worship, it is friendships and relationships of caregiving. The ongoing pandemic era has dented and evolved our practices of formation, and will continue to do so in the years ahead.

Over the last year for adult formation we once again offered the Episcopal Handbook class. For Lent we joined virtually with our neighbors at Incarnation Holy Sacrament to share in the series 'Entering the Passion of Jesus'. It was lovely to follow with Dr. Jill Levine and to share that time with our deanery friends.

Every month we prepare and share the daily prayer offering of Prayer During the Day. Each month it is shaped to reflect the worldly and liturgical season so as to give a shape of prayer that is reliable, a weekly repetition so as to better learn the texts, and then changing monthly to keep us from zoning out. Most Mondays-Thursdays this habit is shared with the world on our facebook page (and you don't have to be a part of facebook to watch it - the link is on our website every time). Not only do we pray this together with local and worldwide friends, there is a daily teaching and sometimes some singing. PDD is certainly a formation effort that offers you peace, community, learning, and the embrace of the Spirit.

Each liturgical season we have given out dozens of reflection guides to aid your daily practices. We also prepared Holy Week 'mostly at home' bags and shared those with the local mailing list.

Safeguarding our youngest persons and balancing the demands of parenting in this pandemic has severely limited our options for the formation of our school age children. We tried the Holy Unplugged program this fall, a meal, prayer, and Godly Play learning for all ages. It did not connect with young families, but the older people who took part were truly blessed by the experience. Thanks to the marvelous Sharon Cotter for her ongoing work with this sacred gift. We also want to note the death of our dear friend and longtime leader in children's formation, Bill Whaley. In the new year we will be renovating the classrooms to make them cleaner, safer, and more flexible for the needs going forward. I hope you will lend your heart to this project.

We have promised to continue, and we will continue to be formed by Christ, to learn more and more the heart and feeling of becoming his people in the world.

the Reverend Jane Gober
Rector, [Christ Church, Ridley Park](#)

CLOSING PRAYER

The Lord be with You

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. **Amen.**

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Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of

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God sur-round you ev-ery-where, ev-ery-where you may go.

ORFF INSTRUMENT PATTERNS

1 Alto Glockenspiel 2 Metallophone 3 Alto Xylophone 4 Bass Xylophone

The accompaniment may be keyboard, handbells, or Orff instruments.

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**Christ Church Ridley Park
Proposed Balanced Budget for 2022**

Acct	Description	2022 Proposed
Income		
Operating		
4010	Plate Offerings	\$ 3,000
4015	Pledge Payments	\$ 103,742
4020	Nonpledge Payments	\$ 12,000
4042	Other Collections	\$ 9,000
4030	Deppich Trust Fund	\$ 378,226
4035	Miscellaneous Income	\$ -
4045	Facilities Use	\$ 1,500
4050	Initial Offering	\$ 200
4065	Endowment Fund Interest	\$ 18,948
4070	Reserve Fund Distributions	\$ 10,514
4072	Grayson Fund Distributions	\$ 17,745
4080	Parish Fundraisers - Other	\$ 2,500
4083	Pumpkin Patch Operating	\$ 7,000
	Total Income	\$ 564,374
Expenses		
Mission		
5010	Diocesan Assessment & Pledge	\$ 36,600
	Total Mission	\$ 36,600
Staff		
5100	Rector	\$ 70,321
5115	Deacon	\$ 2,118
5110	Supply Clergy	\$ 1,000
5135	Youth Director	\$ 46,340
5120	Music Director	\$ 22,292
5125	Supply Organist	\$ 7,360
5130	Bookkeeper	\$ 34,307
5141	Accounting Fees	\$ 15,000
5150	Payroll Taxes	\$ 7,875
5155	Clergy Pension Premiums	\$ 19,578
5157	Lay Pension Premiums	\$ 4,171
5167	1/2 Self Emp Tax	\$ 5,946
5170	Workmen's Comp.	\$ 1,625
5171	Medical Benefits	\$ 26,719
5172	Rector Prof.Dev.Allow	\$ 500
5175	Conferences	\$ 1,500
5185	Clergy Discretionary	\$ 4,000
5186	Deacon Discretionary	\$ 4,000
	Total Staff	\$ 274,650

Expenses - (cont.)

Programs		
5200	Christian Education	\$ 1,700
5202	Adult Education	\$ 500
5203	Youth Ministry	\$ 3,000
5205	Altar/Worship Supplies	\$ 8,000
5210	Music/Choir Supplies	\$ 1,000
5215	Professional Singers	\$ 18,000
5220	Stewardship	\$ 500
5230	Vestry Expenses	\$ 500
5235	Deanery	\$ 150
5240	Rector's Hospitality	\$ 500
5242	Comm/Intergenerational Events	\$ 500
5245	Church Hospitality	\$ 1,000
6109	Deppich Scholarships	\$ 20,000
6105	Outreach Expenses	\$ 12,000
	Total Programs	\$ 67,350
Office		
5300	Office Supplies	\$ 4,000
5305	Copy Machine Maintenance	\$ 6,000
5310	Postage	\$ 3,000
5315	Bank Service Charges	\$ 600
5320	Software and Subscriptions	\$ 7,000
5322	Payroll Service	\$ 1,000
5395	Miscellaneous Office	\$ 200
5321	IT Consultant	\$ 2,500
	Total Office	\$ 24,300
Building		
5400	Electric Church	\$ 7,000
5405	Fuel Church	\$ 7,500
5410	Water Church	\$ 2,000
5415	Telephone Church	\$ 3,000
5417	Internet Services - Church	\$ 1,700
5420	Electric Rectory	\$ 2,400
5425	Fuel Rectory	\$ 1,800
5430	Water Rectory	\$ 1,000
5433	Internet Services - Rectory	\$ 1,200
5435	Telephone Rector	\$ 1,000
5440	Building Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 9,343
5442	Contract Services	\$ 30,440
5444	Custodial Supplies	\$ 2,000
5445	Property Taxes	\$ 10,445
5450	Property Insurance	\$ 9,000
6210	Capital Improvements	\$ 23,645
5499	Debt Service	\$ 48,000
	Total Building	\$ 161,473
	Total Income	\$ 564,374
	Total Expense	\$ 564,374
	Net Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ -

CHRIST CHURCH RIDLEY PARK
Statement of Activities - Budget vs Actual (Summarized)
For the year ended December 31, 2021

	<u>Total Year to Date</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over/(Under) Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Pledge Payments	\$ 106,334	\$ 103,306	\$ 3,028	\$ 103,306
Other Collections	22,540	20,200	2,340	20,200
Deppich Trust Fund	349,082	349,486	(404)	349,486
Grant Revenue	43,367	-	43,367	-
Fundraising Events	13,159	8,000	5,159	8,000
Investment Distributions	22,424	49,697	(27,273)	49,697
Total Income	<u>556,907</u>	<u>530,689</u>	<u>26,218</u>	<u>530,689</u>
Expense				
Mission	28,405	32,672	(4,267)	32,672
Staff	248,795	247,087	1,708	247,087
Program	60,925	72,950	(12,025)	72,950
Office	19,437	24,200	(4,763)	24,200
Building	184,477	153,780	30,697	153,780
Total Expense	<u>542,039</u>	<u>530,689</u>	<u>11,350</u>	<u>530,689</u>
Net Ordinary Income	14,869	-	14,869	-
Investment Income/ (Loss)	91,295	-	91,295	-
Other Income / (Expenses)	33,599	-	33,599	-
Net Income (Loss)	<u>\$ 139,762</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 139,763</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Reconciliation to Change in Net Assets				
Investment Distributions	(22,424)			
Budgeted Principal Payments	80,993			
Change in Net Assets	<u>\$ 198,331</u>			

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CHRIST CHURCH RIDLEY PARK
Statements of Financial Position
December 31, 2021 and 2020

Assets	2021	2020
Current Assets		
Operating Cash	\$ 72,926	\$ 91,174
Total Current Assets	<u>72,926</u>	<u>91,174</u>
Investments		
Endowment Fund	605,421	583,130
Reserve Fund	262,840	249,211
Grayson Fund	443,617	410,091
Total Investments	<u>1,311,878</u>	<u>1,242,432</u>
Property Plant & Equipment	3,030,108	3,030,108
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 4,414,912</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,363,714</u></u>
Liabilities & Net Assets		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	2,307	7,272
Accrued Pension	4	-
Total Current Liabilities	<u>2,311</u>	<u>7,272</u>
Long-Term Liabilities		
PPP Loan Payable	-	43,367
Merrill Lynch Loan Payable	67,636	166,441
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>67,636</u>	<u>209,808</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>69,947</u>	<u>217,080</u>
Net Assets		
Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	83,562	31,115
Net Assets without Donor Restrictions	4,261,403	4,115,519
Total Net Assets	<u>4,344,965</u>	<u>4,146,634</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	<u><u>\$ 4,414,912</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,363,714</u></u>

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CHRIST CHURCH RIDLEY PARK
Fund Balances
 (Net Assets with Donor Restrictions)
as of December 31, 2021

General Funds	
Altar Guild	\$ (967)
Capital Improvements	19,117
Church Upholstery Project	1,831
Flower Guild	(4,224)
Yellow Envelope Endowment	578
Water Heater Damage Repair Fund	(880)
Total General Funds	<u>15,455</u>
Stained Glass Restoration Fund	
Stained Glass Pledge	63,855
Stained Glass Contributions	5,142
Stained Glass Restoration	(57,829)
Stained Glass Memorial Plaques	(6,757)
Total Stained Glass Restoration Fund	<u>4,411</u>
Outreach Funds	
Christian Children's Fund (S)	520
Discretionary Fund	600
Outreach Collections	2,697
* Outreach Disbursement	9,780
Outreach Carry Forward	9,639
Total Outreach Funds	<u>23,236</u>
Memorial Funds	
Undesignated Memorials	100
George Cooper Memorial	70
Kath Cooper Memorial	3,403
George & Betty Cooper Memorial	320
McGahan memorial	733
Curran Memorial	240
Pottier Memorial	250
Stretch Memorial	1,455
Trinder - Music	20,000
Whaley Memorial	725
Mottola Memorial	175
Total Memorial Funds	<u>27,471</u>
Youth Funds	
Youth Mission Fund	12,989
Total Youth Funds	<u>12,989</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 83,562</u>

* - These are the amount of Outreach disbursements (over) or under the current year to date budget.