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## Leadership

The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Reddall, Bishop of Arizona

The Rev. Sandra L. Chilese, Interim Rector (pg )

## The Vestry

Senior Warden: Beth Mayhew (pg)

Junior Warden: Bonnie Franco (pg)

Clerk: Jane Cooley

Treasurer: Kelly Thomas

### Members-at- Large

Jim Burnette (2024), Sallie Crill (2024)

Marie Dunkelbarger (2024), Gordy Lindvall,

Bill Lynn (2023)

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## 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes

### MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 30, 2022 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF

### ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### HELD BY PHONE-IN TELECONFERENCE/ZOOM APP AND FACEBOOK

Diane Plein, Clerk of the Vestry

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting opened with Deacon Perry Pauley stating that the count for attendance on Zoom and on Facebook was 58 which constituted a quorum. He convened the meeting at 11:45 a.m. with prayer.

**PRESENTATION OF THE 2020 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES:** Beth asked everyone to take a few minutes to review the minutes of the 2020 meeting as presented in the annual report. There being no comments or question, Bonnie Franco made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, John Card seconded. All approved.

**BISHOP'S VICAR FOR ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH REMARKS:** Deacon Perry Pauley stated how much we love and miss Fr. Peter who passed away in August. With his loss and the pandemic, this year was very challenging but noted St. Christopher's was strong and resilient. We are still doing God's work even though we are not meeting on the church campus. In 2021 we are going to continue to stay connected with each other. Plans are for a community food bank drive, and the development of a new Creation of Care team. It has been an honor and privilege to be a deacon in this amazing parish. He also noted that 2021 will be St. Christopher's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary and plans are being made to celebrate in July.

**SENIOR WARDEN REPORT:** Beth Mayhew thanked Dn. Perry for all his work for stepping in to help us continue and move forward while he is finishing his seminarian studies. She also thanked all the people on the Vestry: Bill Lynn, Jane Cooley, Mona Guarino, Frank Schlichting, Bill Masters, Jane Meyers, Tim Murray, Killy Balabanis, Ana Martinez, Diane Plein, and John Card. She also thanked Doreen Rohrer, the Parish Administrator, and the people who helped with the phone tree and the check in of the campus. She announced that the Search Committee is ready to go forward in the search process.

**JUNIOR WARDEN REPORT:** Bill Lynn finished the project of replacing the LED bulbs all over the campus and working on setting the thermostats correctly. He learned a lot from the general upkeep of the buildings and grounds. He was thankful for the opportunity to have been the Junior Warden.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Mona Guarino, as co-chair with Beth Mayhew on Stewardship, thanked everyone who continued their pledges and offerings and support during the year even though we did not gather due to the pandemic. As Finance Chair, she asked for any questions regarding the budget at this time. Clive Chancey thanked Mona and Jane Cooley, Treasurer, for all their hard work this year; and Bonnie Franco noted that

we have come a long way to get to this point today. There were no questions at this time but Mona reminded everyone to contact them at any time with any questions or concerns.

**NOMINATIONS FOR VESTRY, JUNIOR WARDEN AND DELEGATES TO**

**CONVENTION:** The nominations for Vestry to replace Jane Meyers and Killy Balabanis were Bill Lynn and Margie Martinez. The nomination for Junior Warden was Tim Murray. The nominations for convention delegates were Mona Guarino, Judy Schneider, Wilma Hammond, Margie Martinez, and Jane Meyers. All were elected this year by paper and electronic ballot.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mona Guarino and seconded by Patty Emanuelson to adjourn. All approved.

Fr. Bill Young closed the meeting with prayer at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Diane Plein*

Diane Plein, Clerk of the Vestry

Acct #	Acct Name	2022 Actual	2022 Budget	2022 Budget VS 2022 Actual	2023 Budget
	<b>INCOME</b>				
	<b>Contributions</b>				
4011	Identified Givers	\$169,128	\$168,859	\$269	\$133,500
4012	Plate Offerings	\$4,676	\$2,033	\$2,643	\$5,000
4013	Non-Pledge Giving	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000
4020	Other Offerings	\$314	\$10,013	-\$9,699	\$5,000
	<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$174,118</b>	<b>\$180,905</b>	<b>-\$6,787</b>	<b>\$145,500</b>
	<b>Other Income</b>				
4033	Bookstore	\$4,531	\$3,000	\$1,531	\$4,500
4040	Facility Usage	\$4,300	\$3,600	\$700	\$3,600
4300	Misc- Not Mission Share	\$0		\$0	\$6,700
	<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$8,831</b>	<b>\$6,600</b>	<b>\$2,231</b>	<b>\$14,800</b>
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$182,949</b>	<b>\$187,505</b>	<b>-\$4,556</b>	<b>\$160,300</b>
	<b>EXPENSES</b>				
5000	Mission Share	\$29,455	\$31,306	-\$1,851	\$27,091
	<b>Total Mission Share Expenses</b>	<b>\$29,455</b>	<b>\$31,306</b>	<b>-\$1,851</b>	<b>\$27,091</b>
	<b>Personnel</b>				
5107	Clergy Housing/Stipend	\$50,000	\$65,000	\$15,000	\$67,500
5109	Clergy Health Insurance	\$0	\$14,148	\$14,148	\$14,000
5111	Clergy Pension	\$8,753	\$11,700	-\$2,947	\$12,150
5112	Clergy Continuing Education	\$300	\$300	\$0	\$300
5113	Clergy Benefits	\$0	\$1,485	-\$1,485	\$1,485
5151	Choir Director \$ Organist	\$14,673	\$16,800	-\$2,127	\$17,000
5152	Sexton	\$13,312	\$12,636	\$676	\$14,000
5153	Church Administrator	\$11,204	\$12,480	-\$1,276	\$12,480
5154	Other Lay	\$614	\$2,765	-\$2,151	\$0
5155	Payroll Taxes	\$2,804	\$4,176	-\$1,372	\$5,000

5160	Direct Deposit Fees	\$179	\$210	-\$31	\$170
5165	Supply Clergy	\$1,995	\$2,800	-\$805	\$1,200
5170	W. Comp.	\$468	\$0	\$468	\$550
5220	Christian Education	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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	<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>\$104,302</b>	<b>\$144,500</b>	<b>\$40,198</b>	<b>\$145,835</b>
	<b>Program Expenses</b>				
5205	Music	\$570	\$800	-\$230	\$600
5210	Worship	\$856	\$1,000	-\$144	\$600
5215	Hospitality	\$282	\$750	-\$468	\$600
5225	Children's Education	\$77	\$600	-\$523	\$400
	<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,785</b>	<b>\$3,150</b>	<b>-\$1,365</b>	<b>\$2,200</b>
	<b>Building &amp; Grounds Expenses</b>				
5605	Repairs & Maintenance	\$4,741	\$4,010	\$731	\$4,635
5610	Landscaping Service	\$485	\$1,000	-\$515	\$725
5615	Contract Services	\$3,554	\$1,752	\$1,802	\$2,765
	<b>Total Bldg&amp;Grounds Expenses</b>	<b>\$8,780</b>	<b>\$6,762</b>	<b>\$2,018</b>	<b>\$8,125</b>
	<b>Utilities Expenses</b>				
5621	Electricity	\$5,743	\$3,670	\$2,073	\$4,000
5622	Water	\$1,775	\$1,482	\$293	\$1,530
5623	Telecom (Telephone & Internet)	\$6,586	\$6,576	\$10	\$6,600
5624	Gas	\$478	\$442	\$36	\$450
5625	Trash Service	\$324	\$324	\$0	\$340
	<b>Total Utility Expenses</b>	<b>\$14,906</b>	<b>\$12,494</b>	<b>\$2,412</b>	<b>\$12,920</b>
	<b>Insurance Expenses</b>				
5630	Insurance-Building Liability	\$11,791	\$11,791	\$0	\$12,000
	<b>Total Insurance Expenses</b>	<b>\$11,791</b>	<b>\$11,791</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>
	<b>Administrative Expenses</b>				
5705	Office Supplies	\$689	\$670	\$19	\$700 7

5710	Software Subscriptions	\$1,953	\$1,168	\$785	\$2,000
5715	Office Equipment	\$3,525	\$3,515	\$10	\$3,515
5720	Stewardship	\$200	\$200	\$0	\$200
5725	Advertising	\$560	\$649	-\$89	\$1,200
5730	Merchant Fees	\$201	\$300	-\$99	\$300
5735	Accounting Services	\$7,625	\$8,350	-\$725	\$6,300
5736	Website Management	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5740	Diocesan Convention	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$360
5745	Vestry Expense	\$83	\$0	\$83	\$0
5750	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$313	\$901	-\$588	\$300
	<b>Total Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>\$15,149</b>	<b>\$15,753</b>	<b>-\$604</b>	<b>\$14,875</b>
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$186,168</b>	<b>\$225,756</b>	<b>\$39,588</b>	<b>\$223,046</b>
	<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>-\$3,219</b>	<b>-\$38,251</b>	<b>\$35,032</b>	<b>-\$62,746</b>

## Budget Narrative 2022

### Treasurer's Report/2023 Approved Budget:

- Summit Roofing replaced the roof on the main church building at a cost of \$27,030.00. The money was taken from the CARES Fund, which was dissolved, The Capitol Acct, and the Building Fund.
- The Chapel Doors were replaced, due to vandalism, at a cost of \$6179.68 which was submitted to the insurance company and reimbursed.
- Changed from Wells Fargo Bank to Chase Bank.

- Our income was \$4,555.00 below our budget, and our expenses were \$39,589.00 below our budget, mostly due to our Clergy costs being approximately \$32,095.00 below budget, so, we had an Operating deficit of \$3,217.00.
- The solar was not working properly for about 6 weeks, which caused an increase in our electric costs for 2022. We were \$2,000.00 over budget. The issue has been corrected and is being monitored by several members more closely going forward.

Highlights for 2023:

- We anticipate our income to be down about \$22,649 from 2022 actual.
- We anticipate our expenses to be up by about \$36,878.00 from 2022 actual.
- We anticipate a deficit of about \$62,746.00 in 2023.
- We are always trying to think of new ways to raise funds and are open to suggestions for fundraising.
- As always, thank you for your support.

Faithfully Submitted,

Kelly Thomas, Treasure

## **In Memory of those who have died in 2022 ...**

These are the names of people who died in 2022 and are recorded in St. Christopher's Parish record. Please remember them in your prayers as well as their families who continue to grieve their loss. If you know anyone whose name should be recorded in St. Christopher's Register, please contact the office.

Avery Nicole Marie Jackson  
Wynn Shugarts-Lawry (2021)  
Gordon Bernard "Gordy"  
Margaret Mae McAnally  
Dorothy Jane Meyers

**Let us pray...Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us with your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. BCP p. 831**

## **Interim Rectors Report...**

Dear friends,

To say I didn't expect to be here at this point might be the understatement of the century. But what a blessing it has been — for the most part. Insert wry smile here.

We started the year regrouping, reformulating and rebranding in order to get ready to once again publish your church profile in order to attract qualified candidates to lead St.

Christopher's into the future. Sadly, that search didn't produce a match. I know many were disappointed and disheartened by this seeming failure. But, like I said at the time, the good news is the process worked — no matter how laborious. I have seen the disasters of calling the wrong person just to get the process over and done with. Patience is the key. And, prayer from everyone is necessary. I pray every day that your new pastor will rise to the top of the candidate pool with this next search. Currently, your profile is active and open to accept applicants. It really is exciting to see what the future holds. Your pastor is still out there.

In the meantime, St. Christopher's is coming alive again as a community in Christ. In my view, the activity that set the tone for the year was the Men's Club hosting the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. The mood of the room was amazing. I think it was because it was really the first social time we had all been back together. Thank you to the Men's Club for leading us back into normalcy where good fellowship and food bring friends together in the name of Christ.

Next of course, was Ash Wednesday which kicked off Lent. And, during this penitent season, we hosted a bible & book study which included a soup supper after each meeting. We also invited Carol Wills into our community to lead education for children and adults. She prepared six for baptism as well as six for reception and confirmation into our Christian community. We celebrated this milestone during the Easter Vigil which was a wonderful worship service. And through this process four of our members were received and confirmed at diocesan service during the Easter season. We will be hosting the same education program this year. If you know of anyone desiring baptism, confirmation or reception, please encourage them to contact me as soon as possible.

St. Christopher's was blessed when Carol chose to stay in our community to lead our youngest members in a Sunday School program called Sycamore Tree. They meet during the sermon time of the 9:30 service for 20 to 25 minutes where they discuss the day's readings in terms that are more appropriate to their age. Carol has hosted as many as seven children during this activity. And from this group, we got our Christmas Eve play where all ages participated and Frank Schlitching played THREE KINGS! Just so you know, Carol won't accept a salary for the work she does here, but we have included a small amount in this year's budget for Children's programs to be sure she has the tools she needs for as long as she is here.

Summer brought hot months but also movie afternoons in Harte Hall where sometimes as many as 15 people came to watch the popular internet show, "The Chosen" on Tuesdays where snacks and often ice cream sundaes were seen. I have no idea if I will be here this summer, but I hope the activity is worthy of our time again. Let us know if there's a movie you might suggest for the "dog days of summer" 2023. Preliminary planning will begin soon.

I don't remember when it started, but "Jam Session" became a reality at St. Christopher's. A group of musicians gather in Harte Hall every Wednesday following the Healing & Holy Eucharist Service to play music together. We've got guitars, a banjo and the occasional piano accompaniment. Music is sometimes worshipful, but more often than not the melodious tunes are reminiscent of days gone by — representing the 50s, 60s and occasionally 70s. The group welcomes any and all musicians,

vocalists and those who want to be vocal. No matter what your instrument — if you play a mean set of spoons, stop by because I know the percussion will be welcomed.

Sadly, I had to help St. Christopher's say goodbye to several members who through death went onto their eternal destinations. That is one of the hardest things I've had to do because I have grown to love you all. It's so difficult to say those last goodbyes even knowing that the journey of our loved ones is really just beginning with Jesus Christ.

We saw the return of the Christmas crafts & bake sale — officially named St. Christopher's Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale. The decision was made to host this event in September but even with the late start, it was determined to be a great success — and it rained. We hosted four outside vendors who enjoyed their time here so much they all said they want to return next year. A special thanks to Marie Vogel and Barbara Jackson for coordinating this event and committing to next year as well. Stay tuned for announcements when crafting will begin for the 2023 event.

This year, we celebrated "the Hanging of the Greens," a first time service for this community. We were late celebrating due to a variety of scheduling conflicts, and although it didn't go as planned which resulted in a lot of laughter, I think it might survive as a tradition. There were people standing on ladders and pews that caused me to wonder that if anyone fell how in the world I was going to explain to the EMS personnel when they arrived. Happily, no injuries were sustained and everyone did seem to have a wonderful time. This wouldn't have been possible without the help of Bonnie and Al Franco riding herd on everything that needed to be gathered and put in place.

I couldn't submit an annual report without mentioning my friends from the Spanish language service. They have spent the last year being so patient with me as I have learned to read their language. As I read within my limited scope, I'm learning to understand a little more. Not much, mind you but I think we have developed a close relationship with each other. That allows me to be more confident than my skills actually reveal which opens the doors for taking chances as we learn how to communicate with each other. This has been my greatest challenge and my greatest joy. Every hug empowers me to try harder. I couldn't have done what I've done or forged the relationships I now cherish without the help of Beth Mayhew and Bill Lynn. Beth coordinates all the service activities: scheduling worship servers, creating the weekly service bulletin and keeping in touch with everyone during the week. And, Bill is in my office every Wednesday to help me read through the service so that, hopefully, my pronunciation improves.

St. Christopher's has been blessed with several new families joining our community this AND getting involved. This is truly a sign of good times to come. True growth happens slowly; it comes through word of mouth: members telling friends and family about their experiences and what that means to them; through outreach into the communities as well as inviting the public onto the campus through Bargains and the Bookstore. We couldn't ask for better ambassadors than the volunteer staff serving the public led by Carol & Bill Masters as well as Charlotte Powley.

In closing, I have no idea how long I will be with my friends at St. Christopher's. I've decided to quit trying predict. I will just say that for however long we are together, I plan to make the most of it — in the name of Christ. I hope you will join me on this part of St. Christopher's journey into the future.

**May the peace of the Lord be with you always.**

**Pastor Sandy +  
The Rev. Sandra L. Chilese.**

## **Senior Warden's Report...**

**2022 Senior Warden – Vestry Report**

**Beth Mayhew**

At the Annual Meeting in January we elected new Vestry members: Jim Barnette, Sallie Crill, Marie Dunkelbarger, Gordon Lindvall, and Marie Vogel. Continuing members were Bill Lynn and Margie Martinez. Bonnie Franco was voted our Junior Warden. Kelly Thomas became Treasurer, and Jane Cooley served as Clerk.

During the first six months, Vestry members presented the chapters of the Vestry Resource Guide which provided valuable information on Vestry's responsibilities and functions. In May, some Vestry and Search members collaborated to update our parish profile. Search re-opened to receive names May 10 –July 8. Search reviewed candidates' packets and interviewed 3 candidates by Zoom. They forwarded to Vestry their approved candidate who interviewed at St Christopher's Aug 30 – Sep 1. Bishop Reddall extended Vestry's offer to the candidate who ultimately did not agree to all items.

Bishop Reddall's regular visit happened on October 2. She celebrated at both English and Spanish services. Following that she met with the Vestry. She suggested our next step for Search was to have parishioners complete the online Congregational Vitality Assessment (CVA). Parishioners, including Vestry, completed 41 assessments. Canon Braden, Canon to the Ordinary, partially reviewed results with Vestry. On November 12, Canon Braden led our Day of Discovery with 42 people attending. On November 14, Canon Braden addressed the Vestry via Zoom. She clarified some questions she'd received from parishioners. (For a copy of the CVA results or for details on information discussed during the Day of Discovery, please ask any Vestry member.)

This year Vestry also served as our Stewardship Committee for the first time. Our campaign began on November 27, and in-gathering of pledges for 2023 was on December 11. We continue to gather pledges. Please contact any Vestry member if you would like to pledge or if you have questions.

As your Senior Warden, I'd like to thank all Vestry members for their hard work, especially Bonnie Franco, Junior Warden. It's a privilege to serve as your Senior Warden, with God's help.

## **El reporte de 2022 de la junta parroquial por la Guardián Mayor**

En la reunión anual de enero, elegimos nuevos miembros de la junta parroquial: Jim Barnette, Sallie Crill, Marie Dunkelbarger, Gordon Lindvall y Marie Vogel. Los miembros que continuaron fueron Bill Lynn y Margie Martinez. Bonnie Franco fue votada como nuestra Guardián Menor. Kelly Thomas se convirtió en Tesorera y Jane Cooley se desempeñó como Secretaria.

Durante los primeros seis meses, los miembros de la junta parroquial presentaron los capítulos de la Guía de Recursos de la Junta Parroquial que proporcionó información valiosa sobre las responsabilidades y funciones de la Junta Parroquial. En mayo, algunos miembros de la Junta Parroquial y de la Búsqueda colaboraron para actualizar el perfil de nuestra parroquia. La búsqueda empezó de nuevo a recibir nombres del 10 de mayo al 8 de julio. El comité revisó los paquetes de los candidatos y entrevistó a 3 candidatos por Zoom. Enviaron a la junta parroquial a su candidato aprobado que se entrevistó en San Cristóbal del 30 de agosto al 1o de septiembre. La obispo Reddall extendió la oferta de la junta parroquial al candidato quien finalmente no estuvo de acuerdo con todos los requisitos.

La visita regular del obispo Reddall ocurrió el 2 de octubre. Ella celebró en las misas en inglés y español. A continuación se reunió con la junta parroquial. Sugirió que nuestro siguiente paso para la búsqueda era que los feligreses completaran la Evaluación de Vitalidad Congregacional (CVA) en línea. Los feligreses, incluida la junta parroquial, completaron 41 evaluaciones. Canóniga Braden, Canóniga a lo Ordinario, revisó parcialmente los resultados con la junta parroquial. El 12 de noviembre, ella dirigió nuestro Día del

Descubrimiento con la asistencia de 42 personas. El 14 de noviembre, Canóniga Braden se dirigió a la Junta Parroquial a través de Zoom. Aclaró algunas preguntas que había recibido de los feligreses. (Para obtener una copia de los resultados de CVA o para obtener detalles sobre la información discutida durante el Día del Descubrimiento, pregúntele a cualquier miembro de la Junta Parroquial).

Este año, la Junta Parroquial también se desempeñó como nuestro Comité para la Mayordomía por primera vez. Nuestra campaña comenzó el 27 de noviembre y la recolección de promesas para 2023 fue el 11 de diciembre. Seguimos recolectando promesas. Comuníquese con cualquier miembro de la junta parroquial si desea comprometerse o si tiene preguntas.

Como su Guardián Mayor, me gustaría agradecer a todos los miembros de la junta parroquial por su arduo trabajo, especialmente a Bonnie Franco, Guardián Menor. Es un privilegio servir como su Guardián Mayor con la ayuda de Dios.

### **Stewardship Campaign for 2023**

### **Vestry**

This year our Vestry became our Stewardship Committee. Pastor Sandy wrote the first draft of the Stewardship letter. Following various revisions it was publicized via Constant Contact, our bulletins for in person and online Sunday services, and by a small number of mailed letters the Sunday following Thanksgiving. Our in-gathering took place at both services on December 11. We thank all of you for your continuing support! Stewardship is really year-round as we work to build God's kingdom.

Summary as of 1/18/23:

135 households (up 20)

58 pledging households (same); 132,179 total pledged (down 23,871)

Pledges:

12 Up

06 Down

28 Same

02 Return (no 2022 pledge)

04 Give as can

06 New

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58 total

06 drop (left or died)

7 pledges up for 1 year

1 pledge up for 2 years

1 pledge up for 4 years

2 pledges up for 11 years

**Search Committee Report**

**Beth Mayhew**

Our Search Committee worked diligently. In collaboration with some Vestry members, we updated our parish profile before our documents were posted on the national database. We also had an ad in the Episcopal News Service. Interested clergy sent their packets to Canon Braden, our Canon to the Ordinary, who did an initial

background check before forwarding the eligible packets to us. July 8 was the closing date for candidates to submit their information. We then prayerfully and carefully reviewed their packets, created interview questions, as well as reference check questions. We initially had three qualified candidates. We interviewed each by Zoom. One candidate stopped at this point, and we moved forward with the two others. Shortly after passing their packets to Vestry, one candidate decided not to continue. Vestry did an in-person interview with our final candidate at Christopher's. Ultimately, this candidate didn't accept Vestry's offer.

When Bishop Reddall visited she suggested that the parish complete a Congregational Vitality Assessment. Once this was completed Canon Braden led our Day of Discovery. With this additional information, we reviewed our parish profile and noted that the parish's criteria were essentially unchanged. Some of our committee members were unable to continue. As we re-open our search and accept candidates in 2023, our committee members will be Clive Chancey, Patty Emanuelson, Bonnie Franco, Wilma Hammond, Beth Mayhew (Chair), Diane Plein, Maria Salgado and Dick Young. Please continue to pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us to finding a faithful pastor who will care for us and guide us into St Christopher's next chapter.

### **Reporte para 2022 del Comité de Búsqueda**

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## **ANNUAL REPORT 2022 Junior Warden**

I was elected as the Junior Warden in August of 2021 with the mutual understanding I would serve temporarily for an interim of time based on my ability and effectiveness. It has been a privilege for me to address this ministry as a portion of my worship and witness to God. Over the past several months I have had great help from many people, and I am eternally grateful for that.

During that time, through the learning curve and while catching up with the lag time created by COVID-19, we have accomplished many improvements, repairs and worked hand in hand with others within our parish to provide a safe, happy future for St. Christopher's.

The following are some examples of significant activities achieved: Insurance claims for two vandalizing incidents were completed successfully, established and updated the Columbarium ministry, completed the last few installations of LED's, facilitated a women's bible study and had a Lenten program with Compline afterward, addressed equipment quality for online services and made necessary adjustments, arranged for roof replacement for the church building, member of Search committee, worked with vestry and search committee to update profile and OTM, assisted with changing banking vendors, general maintenance (kick plates, painting, A/C repairs, etc.), completed repair of electrical issue within chapel due to incompatibility of dimmer with LED bulbs, arranged for all required inspections for safety and fire prevention, evaluated contract renewals, obtain sexton supplies, supported all activities within St. Christopher's, manually cleaned all upholstered chairs, over saw materials for handing of the greens, and worked on project to improve space and safety around the altar... much of the above was accomplished with help from many others.

Bonnie Franco-Jr. Warden

## **Building & Maintenance Ministry Reports...**

### **Landscaping by Bill Masters**

Throughout the year I insured the church property presented an aesthetic appearance. The 2022 Landscaping Budget has been reduced by scheduling annual palm tree trimming versus biannual trimming and by contracting a more cost-effective weed control company.

Anyone who is interested in working or learning landscaping is welcome to join me!

Bill Masters-Chair

### **Creation Care Ministry Reports...**

Bill Lynn continues to champion the recycling efforts at St. Christopher's picking up aluminum cans each week and cashing them in, coordinating the paper collection through the dumpster in the parking lot and by changing out virtually all of the light bulbs in the church to LED. He performs the tasks of this special ministry quietly and without fanfare, but the truth is he has helped St. Christopher's reduce their trash and carbon footprint dramatically. If you would like to find out how you could, talk to Bill or contact Lee in the office.

### **Education & Formation Ministry Reports...**

**Men's Bible Study** continues to meet on Monday mornings at 10am in the parish hall. In fact, they had very little down time over the last year. Thank you to all the men who keep this special ministry going. They also make 25 sack lunches each month which are given to the local Salvation Army office to distribute to the needy. Thank you to Lily & Tim Murray for participating in this ministry too. If you would like to check out Men's Bible Study to see if it might be for you, contact Bill Masters or Frank Schlichting. They aren't the official leaders, but faithful members and can provide the information you seek.

**Women's Bible Study** re-convened early in the fall and have now decided to continue through Easter on Thursday mornings at 9:30am. They are planning a variety of Bible study styles and would love to have more ladies join them in the parish hall.

### **Fund-raising Ministry Reports...**

#### **BARGAINS GALORE**

##### **Bargains Galore by Bill & Carol Masters:**

Bargains Galore had a busy year in 2022. We were open 50 Saturdays from 8 am to 12 p.m. All this was possible with the help of our volunteers and from the donations of gently used items given by any people from our church family. We are also blessed with donations from the community. Our sales for the year totaled \$12,426!

We are always looking for volunteers every Tuesday from 8 am. till 10 a.m. That is when we price new items and change things around. On Saturdays we need 2 people at the cash register and to bag and pack purchases. One strong guy is needed to work on the men's side to keep watch and carry in donations. If you want to come and play, call us at 623-979-7059 at home or 623-243-0168 on our cell phone

### **The Bookshelf by Charlotte Powley**

In 2006, the bookstore started with one bookcase in what is now the library. As books and bookcases were donated to our store, we expanded and moved into Harte Hall. Last year we were sorry to lose our leader, Jane Meyers. Diane Neverman has agreed to step in and take her place. Stay healthy, Diane.

In our fiction section, the books are arranged alphabetically by author. All of the people working in the bookstore are book lovers so if you cannot find your favorite author, an alternate who writes in the same style can generally be suggested by one of our bookies. This has led people to find new sources and we try to suggest authors who have written a lot of books. It's like finding a new friend.

Our nonfiction section is sorted into different categories to make it easier for you to find the book you need. As expected in a church bookstore we have a large selection of spiritual and religious books, mental health and bibles of different vintages. The old ones are the best because they have been prayed over. We have several shelves of biographies, political books, sports, humor, verse and Spanish books. Some of our best sellers are the cookbooks and the books on nutrition and health. We have DVD movie tapes, music tapes and CDs. Jigsaw puzzles are our really big sellers.

Our children's area is outgrowing its location so that is always being expanded. What would we rather see in our children's hands than a book?

We have a theme table which is changed at irregular intervals.

The bookstore has never had any expenses. Everything has been donated including the bookcases. Prices are kept very low to stimulate circulation and we have been able to generate to the general fund, several thousand dollars over the years of our life.

We are very grateful to our loyal helpers – John & Linda, Amy, Sue and all the Saturday volunteers who help us sell the books.

On our wish list we would like more Westerns, more paperbacks and more book lovers. The bookstore is open to the community every Saturday morning 8am to 12 noon, so we see a lot of our neighbors and friends who attend different churches.

## **St. Christophers Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale**

The Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale was a wonderful success and resulted in nearly \$1200 in sales...in spite of the unexpected rain. I would like to take a moment and thank all of those who participated and supported the Bazaar by making beautiful crafts, baking wonderful goodies to eat, and helping with the set-up, selling, and cleanup, and of course those who purchased items. We are planning to start early for next year beginning with "Christopher's Crafters." Watch the weekly announcements for more information.

Marie Vogel & Barbara Jackson

**A variety of Outreach Projects:** the community of St. Christopher's is always busy doing things for others; one special project, headed by Hugh Duncan and others, caring for three young ladies in Kenya. The program provides these girls with a safe place to live, a quality education and an opportunity to train in a career that will be able to help their own community. Check out the bulletin board in the Parish Hall for more information on how you can help or contact Hugh.

### **Food Banks**

Food insecurity is always a challenge in every big city and ours is no different. Food is collected and delivered to local food banks monthly after being blessed during regular worship services. There's a basket in the Narthex where donations can be placed. Maybe the next time you go shopping, grab a couple of cans of veggies or fruit or canned meat—maybe pasta and sauce – to share with the less fortunate.

### **Code Red Project**

Also, each summer individual water bottles are collected and donated to the Code Red Project which is administered through local first responders. They are able to pass out the water to people on streets when a challenge arises. Watch for notices on when you can donate later this spring.

**Quilts for those in need.** in the year 2022 the Christopher Crafter's women of the parish made 20 lap quilts and baby blankets. They were then taken to Eve's Place, a Women's Shelter just before Christmas.  
Anna Van Scoter

## **Parish Life Ministry Reports...**

### **St. Christopher's Columbarium**

## **Annual report 2022**

During the past year as we began to return to our temporary normal, a new Columbarium Committee has been formed, as described in the Columbarium policy.

Barbara Welsh, Charlotte Powley and Gordie Lindvall are committee members, overseen by the Junior Warden Bonnie Franco.

In this past year, many days and hours have been spent reconciling records, maps, policies and verifying data. All current data is now stored on the church office computer and maintained by collaboration between committee members and the Administrative Assistant.

The vestry approved an updated policy and revised forms to be used as niches are purchased.

The current numbers are as follows. Our Columbarium contains 180 niches, 125 are currently occupied, 11 are paid in full and reserved for future use, and 44 remain available. Each niche costs \$500 and includes interment, maintenance, and all future needs at no additional costs.

If you have any questions concerning this Ministry please contact one of the committee members or the Junior Warden

## **Hospitality.**

Coffee Hour is held between our two services each Sunday morning. We welcome parishioners to stay after the first service and come early to participate before the second service. It's a relaxed and friendly way to get to know our many wonderful parishioners plus the food homemade or purchased is always phenomenal. We appreciate and would like to thank those who have provided goodies and helped with cleanup. We need and would appreciate more volunteers to serve and/or provide food for coffee hour. Please prayerfully consider providing food and/or helping. Detailed instructions to assist any volunteers are attached to front of refrigerator on bright orange paper. It really isn't that difficult! We are available to provide Memorial or Celebration luncheons/functions in the Parish Hall. Check with office, Pastor Sandy or any of us for information. Complete kitchen cleaning needs to be completed before this spring many hands will make it go quickly. More information will be coming soon. Leona Lindvall, Sue Schilichting, and Anna Van Scoter-Chai

## **Worship Ministry Report**

### **Minister of Music Annual Report**

The past year of 2022 seems to have flown by us at St. Christopher's. I was on medical leave January thru April due to being hospitalized from Covid so I want to thank all those who musically substituted in my absence and recovery. The adult choir was back on track singing choral anthems beginning in May when I returned.

The choir is in need of a couple bass singers to balance out the vocal sections so if you can read music and have a desire to sing and join our choir, please see me (Don Palm) after the 9:30am service.

Thanks to every choir member for their participation and support during the past year as your musical contributions are much appreciated by all.

Don Palm  
Minister of Music

## **2022 Search Committee Report**

**Beth Mayhew**

Our Search Committee worked diligently. In collaboration with some Vestry members, we updated our parish profile before our documents were posted on the national database. We also had an ad in the Episcopal News Service. Interested clergy sent their packets to Canon Braden, our Canon to the Ordinary, who did an initial background check before forwarding the eligible packets to us. July 8 was the closing date for candidates to submit their information. We then prayerfully and carefully reviewed their packets, created interview questions, as well as reference check questions. We initially had three qualified candidates. We interviewed each by Zoom. One candidate stopped at this point, and we moved forward with the two others. Shortly after passing their packets to Vestry, one candidate decided not to continue. Vestry did an in-person interview with our final candidate at Christopher's. Ultimately, this candidate didn't accept Vestry's offer.

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## Altar Guild

### Altar Guild Annual Report for 2022

Beth Mayhew & Betty Roddy, Co. Directors

We prepare the church altar for our Sunday services and the chapel altar for Wednesday healing services. For those unable to attend church we provide portable communion boxes used by Lay Eucharist Visitors. Also we're grateful for our generous donors of the Sanctuary and votive candles. We had multiple baptisms and confirmations/receptions in the Episcopal church all at one time. A few parishioners have asked about baptisms, quinceañeras and weddings. We look forward to having these celebrations whenever possible.

Many thanks to each of you for all you do: Anna Van Scoter, Betty Roddy, Connie Stresing, Janet Cairo, and Patty Emanuelson. We miss Jane Meyers who faithfully served many years before her recent passing.

We also welcome Marva Martinez who is a recent addition. Many thanks to Mary Nemkerekyan, owner of Flower Shop Etc, for providing beautiful arrangements of fresh flowers for our altar on Sundays.

If you would like to learn more about our ministry or join us, please feel free to speak with any of us. We'd love to have you!

#### **Reporte anual de 2022 del gremio del altar**

Preparamos el altar de la iglesia para nuestros servicios dominicales y el altar de la capilla para los servicios de curación de los miércoles. Para aquellos que no pueden asistir a la iglesia, ofrecemos cajas de comunión portátiles utilizadas por los visitantes laicos de la Eucaristía. También estamos agradecidos por los generosos donantes de la velas del santuario y las votivas. Tuvimos múltiples bautismos y confirmaciones/ recepciones en al mismo tiempo. Algunos feligreses han preguntado sobre bautizos, quinceañeras y bodas. Esperamos tener estas celebraciones siempre que sea posible.

Muchas gracias a cada una de ustedes por todo lo que hacen: Anna Van Scoter, Beth Mayhew, Betty Roddy, Connie Stresing, Janet Cairo y Patty Emanuelson. Extrañamos a Jane Meyers, quien sirvió fielmente muchos años antes de su reciente fallecimiento.

También damos la bienvenida a Marva Martínez, quien es una incorporación reciente. Muchas gracias a Mary Nemkerekyan, propietaria de Flower Shop Etc, por brindar hermosos arreglos de flores frescas para nuestro altar los domingos.

Si desea obtener más información sobre nuestro ministerio o unirse a nosotros, hable con una de nosotras. ¡Nos encantaría tenerle!

## Verger Report

### Altar Servers Annual Report, 2022

Our Altar Servers are present for weekly services and the additional services, including Wednesday Prayer Service, Funerals and Weddings. It is my honor and privilege to serve and lead this Ministry.

My heartfelt thanks to our faithful and ever-present Altar Servers, Ms. Betty Roddy and Mr. Al Franco. In June, after many years of service on our Altar, Mr. Clive Chancey made a difficult decision to end his service on the Altar. At the same time we welcomed, Ms. Lisa Wolford to our group. Lisa had served prior but due to the Pandemic and her work schedule she was unable to assist us. Many thanks for all you do to enrich the worship experience of our congregation.

We welcome any and all parishioners who are willing to serve on the Altar for Services. If you would like to participate in Reading Prayers of the People, you are welcome. We provide training and welcome all. Please contact Pastor Sandy or me for further information.

“Many hands make work light’

*John 1: 39: Jesus said “Come and See”. Is Jesus calling you to ‘come and see’ to follow and serve Him?*

Blessings,  
Patty Emanuelson  
Verger

## **Pastoral Care**

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This year, St. Christopher's has consistently had approximately 12 receiving regular care from not only Pastor Sandy but from Betty Roddy along with Carol & Bill Masters. We bring communion to them,

visit with them and generally assist as we are able. This opportunity is such a blessing to us all. And I couldn't do it without the help of Betty, Carol & Bill.

In addition to our own family members, occasionally a hospice organization calls the church for assistance; I have responded to three such requests this year.

We currently have one active lay eucharistic visitor. We are hopeful to bring two more on board and get them going so that the eucharist can be brought to more of our homebound friends in the coming year.

If you are interested in some part of pastoral care, either visiting or serving as a lay eucharistic visitor, please contact Pastor Sandy.

## Vestry Candidate Biographies

### **Bill Masters**

Bill has been a decades long member of St. Christopher's serving in a variety of capacities including junior warden, vestry member (several times) and search committee member. Currently, he and his wife Carol are the ministry leaders for Bargains Galore, St. Christopher's Thrift Shop where many serve as volunteer clerks during the month. In addition, Bill takes care of the landscaping in conjunction with the Junior Warden.

### **Kelly Thomas -**

Kelly has been a member of St. Christopher's for approximately a year and a half. When the need arose, she volunteered to serve as clerk of the vestry in 2022, But, when it was discovered that she is bookkeeper by day and St. Chris's was in need of a treasurer, she willingly changed jobs and accepted the challenge of learning church finance. She spent her adult life worshiping as an Episcopalian in New York State and was confirmed last spring.

### **Mike Soock**

Mike is a relatively new member of St. Christophe's joining our congregation last fall. He is a retired Phoenix Fire Fighter where he served for 32 years. Mike was raised in the Roman Catholic Church but has found a home with us. He and his wife, Judi, are registered to attend Confirmation/Reception classes with Carol Wills during Lent. He is finding his way around a variety of activities and currently getting involved at Bargains on Tuesday with sorting and pricing.

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