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Kent Island

2021 Annual Meeting
January 24, 2021

We Gather
Together



Annual Meeting Agenda Sunday, January 24, 2021

Opening Prayer & Comments	Father Mark Delcuze, Rector
Last Meeting's Minutes	Colleen Minahan, Registrar
Elections	Father Mark Delcuze, Rector
2020 Accomplishments	Connie Clark, Senior Warden
Property Report	Goldey Vansant, Junior Warden
Financial Report	Pat Spinella, Treasurer
2021 Outlook	Molly Cannon, Senior Warden Nominee
New Business	All Parish Members
Adjourn	Father Mark Delcuze, Rector

Next Annual Meeting – Sunday, January 23, 2022



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Third Sunday after the Epiphany
24 January 2021

Dear Families and Friends of Christ Church Parish,

The past ten months have taught us about gifts we hardly ever noticed before. We ache for the gifts of hugs and holding the door for each other. We long for coffee hours and kneeling beside our friends at the communion rail. The Choir misses singing and our children miss the nursery. Yet, in the midst of a pandemic, Christ Church Parish has shared its gifts in the community. We have proclaimed by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.

The Staff of the Parish has re-invented itself during the pandemic. **Dr. Gary Van Essen** has produced and published scores of digital worship experiences. **Brenda Faulkner** has continued to manage parish operations and publications while keeping our facilities and our members safe. When our Christ Episcopal Church Day School had to close for the year, **Lisa Oesterling** transitioned into interim leadership of our Christian Formation and made “Wednesdays with Winnie” a weekly don’t miss video event! Sexton, **Bob Moore** learned an entirely new set of procedures for sanitizing our buildings making certain we were always ready for the next event. The work of **Jean Travis**, overseeing our parish bookkeeping has been steady throughout the year. We miss having **Debbie Smith** here to be with the children in worship and look forward to seeing her again when it is safe to gather. I am deeply blessed to share these challenging times with such committed people.

As we look toward August of 2021 and the 390th anniversary of the beginnings of our parish, we are deeply aware of the challenges we have faced. Separated by the virus, we have nevertheless remained faithful to our call to be “Grounded in Christ, Growing in Faith and Giving in Community.”

Faithfully,

The Rev. Mark S. Delcuze

Annual Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2020

The Annual Meeting was opened by Fr Mark at 10:19 a.m., January 26th, 2020

Opened with a prayer for Church Meeting

Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting were read. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Helen Vansant and seconded by Eric Hummel.

Rector's Report (Father Mark)

- Father Mark offered thanks and a farewell to Eric Hummel, Mary Beth Shaklee and Goldey Vansant, the Vestry class of 2019. Goldey Vansant will continue in his role as Jr. Warden.
- The slate of new Vestry Members for the class of 2022 were introduced and elected unopposed. They are Tom Christiansen, Toinette McDowell and Susie Reckord.
- The CCPKI staff was introduced, they include:
 - Brenda Faulkner, Office Administrator. She is an active minister of the Methodist Church and unable to attend.
 - Gary Van Essen, Choral Director and Minister of Music. Gary thanked CCPKI for the support he has received from CCPKI toward developing an active and growing ministry. There are currently 17 members. New members are invited to join, either full time, or during the Christmas and Easter seasons.
 - Lisa Pinkham, Leader of Christian Formation. Lisa spoke about the Teachers & Parents Retreat held January 25th. Three Formation teams were formed.
 - Jean Travis, Church Bookkeeper was thanked by Fr. Mark for her excellent work.
 - Lisa Oesterling, Director of Christ Episcopal Church I Day School (not present) was credited and thanked for the great growth in day school and the recent addition of before and after care. Registration is now open. CCPKI members receive 5% tuition discount. 2021 will be the 50th anniversary of CECDS
 - Bob Moore, our Sexton, received thanks for Maintenance.
 - Debbie Smith was thanked for her services as Nursery Attendant.

Power of Love Pledge Campaign (Charlie)

- Thank You for Your Robust Response
- Operations
 - Goal: \$160,000 to fund operations
- Mortgage
 - Goal: Pledge to pay monthly mortgage payment +\$1,000 each month of 2020
 - Actual: Pledge to pay monthly mortgage payment +\$1,000 each month for 23 of the next 24 months
- Special thanks to those ministries that provide special care for our resources:
 - Finance Committee
 - Vestry
 - Stewardship Team
 - Counters

2019 Accomplishments (Charlie)

- Our Mission: At Christ Church Parish Kent Island, you will find worship grounded in our congregation's four centuries of living God's mission. We value Jesus' teaching of all-inclusive, non-

judgmental love. We are nourishing bodies, minds, and spirits; providing a safe place for renewal and recovery; and cultivating faith through meaningful relationships.

- Nourishing Bodies
 - Backpacks Meals for Kids
 - 88 meals for children each week
 - Grasonville Food Pantry
 - Longstanding commitment
 - Farmers' Market Soup Group
 - Fellowship for parishioners & neighbors
 - Record contributions to CCPKI
 - Haven Ministries
 - Increased funding in 2019
 - Free Community Dinners
 - First full year of hosting
- Nourishing Minds
 - EfM
 - 3 years @ CCPKI
 - 4 parishioners completing 3-year program
 - CECDS
 - 50th year – Best-In-Class Pre-School Care
 - 1st year – Before & After Care – Certified by State of MD
 - Christian Formation
 - Hired Lisa Pinkham as Coordinator of Christian Formation
 - Thanks to Lisa, Lindy, and Parent Volunteers
 - Boy Scout Troop 1631
 - 3 Eagle Scouts
 - Honored to place wreath @ Tomb of Unknown Soldier
- Nourishing Spirits
 - Broad Creek Cemetery
 - Open to All, regardless of faith
 - Altar Guild
 - Rebuilt Sacristy while supporting worship
 - Other worship ministries – Week after week
 - Acolytes, Ems, Lectors, Ushers, Greeters
 - Music
 - Choir
 - Musicians
 - Praise Band
 - Special Concerts – Westminster Ringers
 - Thanks to Gary & Emily from the Choir

- Providing a Safe Place for Renewal & Recovery
 - Recovery Groups
 - 5 recovery groups
 - Each group meets every week @ CCPKI
 - Property Team
 - Keep property functioning & clean
 - Schedule its use
 - Thanks to:
 - Goldey & Brenda & Bob Moore
 - Those in recovery ministry
- Cultivating Faith Through Meaningful Relationships
 - By working in our ministries, we develop supportive connections with each other and our neighbors
- We Welcome All – Just Like Jesus
 - We value Jesus' teaching of all-inclusive, non-judgmental love
 - We are called to:
 - Serve our community
 - Add meaning to people's lives
 - In last **54** weeks:
 - **68** families visited
 - **23** became members
 - Word getting around
 - CCPKI welcomes you
 - Visitors visit – and then want to be a part of us
 - Why?
 - It matters to us
 - We track it
 - We work at it
 - You are part of it
 - Wear your nametag
 - Introduce yourselves to visitors
 - Remember something about them
 - Seeing how our ministries can add value to their lives

Jr. Warden Property Report (Goldey)

- Rectory
 - A complete cleaning of the vents and ducts and HVAC system services eliminated a mold issue at the Cloverfields Rectory.
 - Tree branches were trimmed as needed for safety and to keep branches off the roof.
 - CCPKI is very large facility of approximately 35,000 square feet.
 - The last of the original HVAC units failed this year. A special call for donations brought remarkable results. There were enough funds for installation of a new unit, plus a wall unit for the pantry for our Soup Group. The remaining funds will be held specifically for future HVAC issues.
 - A roof leak in the Day School hallway was repaired.
 - The Sacristy hot water tank failed and required replacement. Accord Restoration was hired to do the restoration. The Owner/Foreman was also given a tour of our kitchen and will be providing a repair estimate. He will also be working with CCPKI's insurance agent to assure we receive the best coverage possible.

- Bob Moore, our Sexton, discovered a leak in men's restroom. It was discovered that the pressure tanks in the men's and women's restrooms off the narthex had been recalled. The repair work was completed without charge to the church
 - The parking lot has been restriped and four handicapped spots have been created off the church circle.
 - In preparation for CCPKI Hosting the 2020 Diocesan Convention, the Wi-Fi system is being updated; Bathroom stalls are being tested for repair of corrosion throughout the facility. If the tests are successful, all stalls will be repainted rather than replaced
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Financial (Molly)

- Operations
 - Revenue
 - Missed mark on General Offerings, but other sources, mainly Soup Group, covered us
 - \$6,155 above expectations
 - Expenses
 - HVAC response exceeded our goal
 - Expenditures less than plan
 - Investments & Endowment
 - 2019 Budget plan called for us to withdraw ≈\$33,000
 - Because of:
 - Exceptional fund raising
 - Good expense control
 - We returned \$12,216 to investments at end of year.
- Mortgage
 - 5 years ago - \$1.1 million
 - Today - \$590,000
 - 2019 dropped principal balance by \$130,000
 - \$92,000 extra payments to principal during year
 - Portion of monthly payment allocated to principal
- 2020 Budget
 - Finance Committee crafted; Vestry approved
 - Fully funds our mission and goals by:
 - Providing reasonable **raises** for our staff
 - Increasing **music** budget to provide Gary and Choir opportunities to shine
 - Supporting **Christian Formation** for full year
 - Recognizing value of **Lindy's talent & expertise with food**, which largely defines our Parish, by agreeing on a contractual arrangement with her
 - Realistically planning expenditures to care for ALL our facilities
 - Supporting Diocese with a small, but heartfelt, increase in our apportionment
 - Following our Policies & Guidelines for managing Endowments & Investments

2020 Moving Forward: Opportunities and Vision (Connie)

- We are celebrating our leaders and especially those in transition: 2/23/2020 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Happy & Grateful Hour. Highlighting four dedicated leaders in transition who have done much: Charlie, Molly, Mike Herold, and Lindy Coltharp

- 2/8/2020 – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm – Vestry Retreat/ organize for 2020/ goals including how to obtain input from the whole congregation as we look at our ministries and new opportunities. What is God calling us to do?
- Proud to announce that – Molly & Charlie will continue to co-chair and lead us with our Stewardship Committee and direction.

Fr. Mark closed the meeting by restating our Mission and with The Lord's Prayer.

Caroline Aland made a motion to end the meeting. It was seconded by Darleen Bedard

The meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Nominations

Vestry (Three Positions Available)

Dennis Conrad



My wife, Carol, and I moved to Chester in August 2019. We relocated from Potomac, Maryland, where we had lived for eighteen years. Before that we had lived for 18 years in Providence, RI, and before that 10 years in Durham, NC.

I am a retired historian; before my retirement I worked eighteen years at the Navy History and Heritage Command as a documentary historian, completing projects on the American Revolution, the Spanish-American War, and most recently, World War I. The fruits of my labors are digital documentary editions that can be found on the command's website. My Rhode Island work was a thirteen-volume edition of the papers of Revolutionary War General Nathanael Greene, whose command at one point included the Maryland Continental Line.

Carol and I have two sons and three grandchildren, including one who was born in May. We moved to Kent Island to be near the water and at the same time to be within driving distance of our sons and their families.

While we have only recently re-located to Kent Island, we have fallen in love with the island and the people living here. Early on, Carol and I began looking at churches on the island. When we visited Christ Church, we were immediately attracted to it because of the dynamism of the congregation, the choir--Carol and I have both sung in church choirs for a number of years, and the impressive social outreach programs that Christ Church supports. We wanted to be part of this.

I grew up in a small town outside Pittsburgh and was raised Roman Catholic. While living in Providence I served on the parish council of a Catholic Church there, so I understand what being on the vestry means and I look forward to contributing to the vital community that is Christ Church.

Cara Fehrenbacher



My name is Cara Fehrenbacher and I have lived on Kent Island with my husband David for 26 years. We have 3 children Erik, Will and Elizabeth. As a family we are active in 4-H and Pony Club and Christ Church's Scouting Program (Troop 1631). Many years ago, we walked into Christ Church and knew immediately we were in the right place for our family.

I am a former Kindergarten teacher with a degree in Early Childhood Education from Mary Baldwin College. In 2013 I joined the staff of Camp Wright, and in 2014 I became the Program Director of the Day Camp program. When camp is not in session, I help develop off-season programs and manage other activities at Camp Wright.

Lois Vanderbok



My husband Bill and I have two grown children and 4 grandchildren. We have lived here on Kent Island (Stevensville) since August of 2019. We relocated here from Pasadena wanting to be closer to the water and closer to all of the beauty of the eastern shore. As soon as the boxes were unpacked, I headed to Christ Church Parish and immediately found my church home!

I was baptized and confirmed in the Roman Catholic Church and grew up an active member of the parishes in which I lived. I began to gravitate toward the Episcopal Church in the early 1980's. I was drawn to the more accepting and loving tenets, while still holding onto the rites and traditions that I held dear. In 1984, I was received into the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Dallas. During that period, I led the community food pantry which was housed in our parish.

My career has been focused on Human Resources, and the majority of that in the Wind Energy field. Over the years my job took me to many small towns all over the United States and Quebec, Europe and India. I have had the privilege of meeting and working with people from all walks of life and from many different backgrounds. My greatest joy came from finding talented people and helping them to develop skills so that they could achieve success in their careers and lives. More than anything else, I love talking with people and learning their stories, I was privileged to do volunteer counseling work in several different cities over the years.

I am currently in my second year of Education for Ministry, participate in the Sacred Ground Program, serve as a Greeter and occasionally fill in as an usher when required. If elected to the Vestry, I hope to serve this parish and community in whatever capacity is needed.

For Diocesan Convention Delegate (Three Positions Available)

Goldey Vansant, Josh Dorsey, Kaitlin Horvath

Celebration of Ministries

Acolytes

Acolytes have served in the church for thousands of years. The Acolytes symbolically bring and carry the light of Christ (torch bearers) or the Cross (Crucifer) during services. They assist in services by distributing collection plates to ushers and assisting the celebrant during Communion.

We are deeply grateful and proud of our Acolytes, who assisted with in-person worship services. As services moved on-line, Acolytes did not participate. Looking to the future, youth in 3rd through 12th grades are encouraged to join the Acolyte Team and commit their time and talents to serving the Lord. Acolytes are trained and guided by an adult mentor to help them feel confident in their duties.

Schedules are prepared quarterly, and assignments are made according to Acolytes' availability. Changes and substitutions are made by contacting Jone Taylor.

Contact Jone Taylor: acolytes@ccpki.org or 706-248-2400
Cathy Smith: acolytes@ccpki.org or 410-643-8904

Altar Guild

During the pandemic the Altar Guild still has responsibilities to prepare the altar for the on-line services. We have to be sure the liturgical color is correct for all of the hangings in the church and change the colors according to the church calendar. Each week all of the candles need to be refilled with oil. Also, the plants need to be watered each week.

Dot Deren and Maria Jones joined the Altar Guild this year. They will have someone work with them on a one-on-one bases to learn the basics. No one is ever expected to work for the Altar Guild alone. We work in teams of three or four volunteers.

This is a good time to join the Altar Guild. You would learn the basics before we returned to in-person services.

Contact Anne Tyler: altarguild@ccpki.org or 410-643-6282

Backpack Meals for Kids



The **Backpack Weekend Meals for Kids** program is an initiative through which churches throughout Queen Anne's County provide weekend food for children at risk of hunger. Childhood hunger is a heartbreaking problem in our community and during this COVID period the number of children served by the Backpacks program has grown significantly. Since schools closed in March, working in partnership with the Queen Anne's County School System, the Backpacks Program has distributed about 18,000 bags of food to families with children in need. About 9,000 of those bags have been filled and distributed by volunteers at Christ Church.

The Backpacks Program is funded by generous donations of food and cash from parishioners and community individuals and organizations. In addition, through the Queen Anne's County Community Partnerships for

Children and Families, the Backpacks Program was allocated county funds and Cares Grant funding to help meet the COVID-19 demand.

Christ Church also plays a key role in supporting the Backpacks program for Queen Anne's County. Every elementary and middle school has a Backpacks program and all are supported by churches. Our ministry coordinator serves as the primary contact person for all the churches in the program, and she sits on the QAC Local Management Board Backpacks Committee overseeing the disbursement of funds for the Backpacks programs.

In 2021, we will continue to rely on a steady stream of individual donations of cash and food along with county funding to help us meet the continuing need. We welcome participation from anyone who would like to help through food or cash donations or by joining our pack/deliver team of volunteers. If you have questions or would like to help, please:

Contact Kathy Sells: backpacks@ccpki.org or 410-490-6042

Boy Scout Troop 1631 - Sponsored by CCPKI



Although a challenging year given the COVID pandemic, 2020 was still a busy year for your scouts of Troop 1631. We tried our best to continue to be an active troop and take pride in keeping the “outing” in scouting while taking appropriate protective measures to ensure the safety of all participants.

As we go into 2021, it marks our 22nd year as troop. During this time our mission hasn't changed and remains to contribute to the development of young men in achieving their full physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

Here's what your Scouts did this past year –



In January we started off 2020 with Merit Badge College, hosted at Chesapeake College in Wye Mills. Also, in January, your Scouts participated in a cold, wet and rainy Klondike Derby, a skills-based competition held with participants from all over the Del-Mar-Va region. Our Scouts always perform well in these events and they love the head-to-head challenge of this annual event.

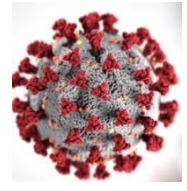


In February, your Scouts participated in the second weekend of Merit Badge College and were honored to serve all who attended the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner in Shand Hall. Outdoor events for February focused on shooting sports and firearms safety taught by a registered firearms instructor at Prince George's Trap and Skeet club.

However, the highlight of February is when your Scouts got to participate in Scout Sunday, as we are honored to help serve CCPKI in numerous roles during the Sunday service.



In March 2020, we entered the era of COVID. Due to this uninvited guest, the way our troop meetings occurred radically changed. As moratoriums and “stay at home orders” took effect your Scouts adapted and switched to a virtual platform on which to host meetings.

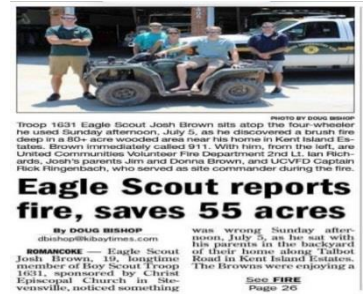


Make no mistake, the first several meetings were “interesting” but like Scouts do, they saw the obstacles and overcame! The troop continued to meet virtually until June, closing-out the scouting year.

In July, Eagle Scout Josh Brown alerted and assisted fire fighters in fighting a sizable wildfire on the south end of Kent Island. Josh was lauded in the local newspaper for his fast thinking and community minded action.



Not to be out done by another Troop 1631 Eagle Scout, in September Eagle Scout Brice O'Malley rescued an injured boater from drowning and was also lauded in the newspaper for his heroic actions.



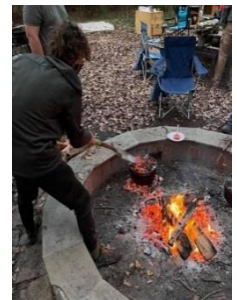
Additionally, the story received national publicity and was covered by several news outlets as well going viral (sorry COVID this was a good kind of viral), on social media with well over a half million views and people following and reposting the story as far away as Australia!



Also, in September with COVID numbers stabilized, the Troop reconstituted in-person meetings with wellness screenings, social

distancing, and personal protective equipment protocols. The meetings were held outside under the pavilion at Camp Wright and many Scouts viewed this as a welcome respite from the day-to-day non-social contact that was the routine in the spring and summer of 2020!

In October the Choptank District of the Delmarva Council hosted a Camporee at Pintail Point in Queenstown. The event was attended by numerous troops within the district and was exemplar in showing how with proper precautions safe scouting in the outdoors could be accomplished.



In November with the change in the weather and end of daylight savings time, the troop shifted its meeting location from the Camp Wright pavilion to Clary Hall. The troop again camped in November this time as a troop at the East Village at Camp Wright. The scouts participated in numerous outdoor skills to include camping skills, cooking and land navigation and orienteering. The Troop also completed a service project, raking approximately a mile's worth of trail.

2020 can (hopefully) only be described as a one-off year, however it was still a busy year for scout advancement, as Scouts earned numerous rank advancements and a fair amount of Merit Badges on their path to Eagle. Speaking of Eagle Scouts, 1631 welcomed seven more to this prestigious honor, bringing the total number to 42, since our troop's inception in 1999. We track at about twice the national average and attribute that to our rich program and our talented and diverse leadership pool which includes everyone from business leaders, entrepreneurs, attorneys, ranking government employees, both municipal and federal, leaders in the financial sector, outdoorsmen and many others. We are blessed with a broad range of leadership styles, which really provides great exposure and a lot of wisdom for our scouts as they prepare to go out into the world. We have several other Eagle projects either recently completed or underway, and we expect to welcome another four to six additional Eagle Scouts this year!

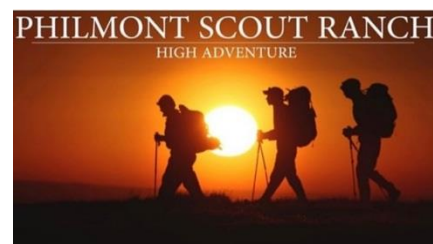


Congratulations



Looking forward to making up for lost time in 2020, the troop has several High Adventure camps planned. This summer (2021) we have a contingent of scouts heading to St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands to participate in a week-long SCUBA diving adventure run by the National High Adventure Sea Base.

Additionally, our scouts and leaders have been selected out of a national lottery for the summer of 2022 to attend Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM. This is considered to be the quintessential trek in scouting and a must for any Boy Scout resume. The team will backpack on a 7-day trek in the southern Rockies with elevations ranging from 7,000 feet to over 12,000 feet! Again, Troop 1631 prides ourselves on keeping the “outing” in scouting.



Be sure to follow Troop 1631 Kent Island on Facebook and for additional information please contact Keith Fulmer at boyscouts@ccpki.org or 443-994-7940.

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Broad Creek Cemetery

Broad Creek Cemetery is one of our most precious assets, situated on one of the earliest church sites and dating back to 1650. The cemetery has been lovingly restored and is open and available to all. The Cemetery serves the needs of the church and the people of the Eastern Shore by providing a final resting place for loved ones.

Volunteers are always welcome. We are looking for folks with experience in business, finance, construction, legal, gardening, writing and events coordination.

Contact DeeDee McCracken: broadcreek@ccpki.org or 410-739-7571
Richard Ervin: broadcreek@ccpki.org or 301-512-4715

Building Use

Building use is managed through the church office by our Parish Administrator, Brenda Faulkner. All events are posted on the church calendar, which is available on our website. For the safety of everyone, building use and rentals have been very limited since March 2020.

Typically, our facilities are used year-round by many organizations such as: Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-anon, Bible Study, Boy Scouts, CECDS, Cub Scouts, Education for Ministry (EfM), Girl Scouts, Living Water Lutheran Church, Narcotics Anonymous, Non-profit organizations and the Queen Anne's County Chorale. Additionally, churches regularly use our facilities for weddings and funerals.

Contact Brenda Faulkner: rentals@ccpki.org or 410-643-5921

Christ Episcopal Church Day School (CECDS)

Mission: To provide a safe, loving and nurturing environment where Christian values are modeled and integrated into our developmentally appropriate curriculum. Through God's guidance, we teach children to:

- Respect themselves and others
- Develop a positive sense of self
- Celebrate and embrace diversity
- Develop a love of learning so they flourish spiritually, emotionally, socially, physically, and academically.



The school year was interrupted by COVID-19 closures in March of 2020. We continued to post stories and lessons on our Facebook page as well as on our CECDS YouTube channel Cecds Cecds where over 50 videos are posted. We remained closed for the remainder of the year as well as school year 2020-21. Although closed we have had several highlights worth sharing with you.

Our graduation ceremony for 2019-20 was held in June in the parking lot and was a huge success. The American Flag flew proudly over our parking lot courtesy of KIVFD. Cheering, car honking and laughter rang out as our families and staff remained positive and enthusiastic throughout the ceremony.

In December we reached out to all of our registered families with a special hand-delivered Christmas delivery of our traditional Christmas angel and wise man craft ornament kits. The kits were well received by our families.

The CECDS website has been redesigned and updated for our new school year of 2021-22! We are excited to begin priority registration on January 11th for church members and CECDS alumni families. Registration will open to the public on January 25th. Please check out our new website at www.cecds.org to get the latest information and registration materials for school year 2021-22.

Find us on Facebook- Christ Episcopal Church Day School

Follow us on Instagram @cecdski

Visit our YouTube channel Cecds Cecds

Contact Lisa Oesterling: office@cecds.org or 410-643-8248

Christian Formation for Children

Accepting the challenges presented to us by COVID-19 restrictions, we have moved our Christian Formation classes totally online. We continue to use The Episcopal Church's "Lesson Plans that Work" as our guiding curriculum. In an effort to make online learning a bit more fun we introduced "Wednesdays with Winnie" featuring Winnie, a golden retriever, who provides a short preview to the upcoming Sunday lesson on "Lessons with Lisa." We are committed to following the Episcopal Church liturgical calendar and the stories told are a simpler version of the week's gospel lesson. The videos are posted weekly on the church website.

A highlight of the Advent season was the Family Advent activity baskets that were distributed and the Zoom Advent wreath lighting. We are looking forward to the day that Winnie and I can meet up with you all in person.

Lisa and Winnie

Contact Lisa Oesterling: formation@ccpki.org

Community Dinners

The Community Dinner ministry was launched in the fall of 2018. Its mission is to share God's love with others in our community while enjoying a good meal. Everyone is welcome and the dinners are free, although contributions are accepted.

In February 2020, we held one in-person community dinner and game night in Shand Hall. We had several types of lasagna prepared by Scott Shaklee, Lindy Coltharp & Caroline Aland, and it was accompanied by salad and terrific homemade desserts provided by parishioners. We had excellent attendance by both new and returning faces who generously donated funds sufficient to cover the cost of the dinner and then some!

Because of the pandemic, in-person dinners were not possible. So In October, we got creative and changed the format for the community dinner and offered a free curbside pickup dinner with prepackaged cookies instead of the amazing homemade desserts. Although we missed the opportunity to interact more with the recipients as we usually do, the recipients were most grateful for the meal and again generously donated funds sufficient to cover the cost of the dinner and then some!

Because the pandemic increased the need for food donations in the northern part of Queen Anne's County, we decided to offer a free curbside chili dinner in Sudlersville, using the same distribution area as Haven Ministries. Although we advertised and distributed flyers in advance, we did not have as many takers as we had hoped. But it was a great experience that prepared us to build on it. We will partner with Haven Ministries to cultivate relationships with Sudlersville area residents and then plan for future dinners so we can help to meet the food insecurity needs there.

In 2021, we plan to offer other curbside (and later in the year in-person) dinners at CCPKI and in Sudlersville, and we are also considering partnering with Christ Church in Denton to offer a free curbside dinner there. The 2020 Community Dinners were only possible with the help of our incredible volunteers. ***Thank you*** to all who made the dinners possible in 2020 and to those who will help us do so in 2021!

Contact Dottie Wilson: dinners@ccpki.org or 615-478-2366

Counters

There are five teams of money counters that collect, sort and count the contributions, all of which must be entered on a spreadsheet. The counters carefully record everyone's pledge contributions and cash from the offering plate and make sure the tally on the spreadsheet matches the actual amount of money in the collection. Of course, this year has been unusual...with the change to virtual services in March, some contributions were mailed to the church and some people chose to send their donations electronically which goes into Realm, the Parish's database management system. Since there was no cash and fewer checks to account for, I took care of entering the mailed in contributions on the spreadsheet myself rather than ask teams to continue with the schedule and try to stay safe in the counting room.

When services began again at church last summer, we went back to two teams. Rosemary McCambridge joined me and Dottie Wilson and Bob Thompson agreed to count the alternating week. For now, we will continue with that schedule.

With a vaccine now available, we are encouraged and praying for the day when we can safely return to services at Christ Church. I am hoping to be able to schedule all of our counters again which include Anne Anderson, Laurie Hanley, Maria Jones, Rosemary McCambridge, Gail Renborg, Leslie Schneider, Anna Sisson, Melissa Shiflet, Bob Thompson, Dottie Wilson and myself, Judy Peppel.

Contact Judy Peppel: counters@ccpki.org or 410-643-5112

Education for Ministry (EfM)

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a four-year course of study developed by the School of Theology of the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee. Meeting weekly in a class seminar led by a trained facilitator/mentor, assigned texts and essays provide the content for discussion of the Christian tradition. The discipline of individual and group theological reflection connects life experience with study which enlightens all participants in articulating their faith, identifying their personal ministries and making a difference. The sharing of worship, spiritual autobiographies and stories create a sacred trust and fellowship among participants.



CCPKI's EfM ministry experienced a milestone in 2020 – four participants received their certificates of completion of the four-year program in May. Congratulations to Adele Sadiq, Sally Lewis, Juanita Dombkowski and Connie Clark. September marked the beginning of the fourth year (a full program cycle) that the program is offered at CCPKI. This year due to COVID, the EfM group met on Zoom. We look forward to 2021 with the hope we can meet in person again when it is safe. Whether in-person or on Zoom, all are encouraged to consider participating in this “deep dive” into faith and theology! For further information:

Contact Adele Sadiq: dnasadiq@atlanticbb.net or 410-924-3313
Blurette Blinoff: bblinoff@pfcfulfills.com or 610-212-6366
Ann Sieracki: steveann3@aol.com or 443-249-5219
Connie Clark: constance.clark@trtlc.net or 410-302-2301

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

Eucharistic Ministers

Eucharistic Ministers assist with Communion at in-person worship services. As Lay Ministers in the Episcopal Church, we help the Celebrant to prepare and serve the Holy Eucharist during Holy Communion. Parishioners who wish to be Eucharistic Minister need to be certified; please see Father Mark for details.

Lectors

At in-person services, lectors read scripture as part of worship. On-line readings are recorded in advance and posted with the service. As a Lector in the Episcopal Church, we participate in the service by reading prepared readings from the Old and New Testament. Parishioners who wish to be Lectors need to be able to read and speak clearly.

There is always room at God's table for more help, please join our ministries.

Contact Ruthanne Herold: lectors@ccpki.org or 410-739-5532

Hospitality-Soup Group

MISSION: Prepare, serve and sell soups and salads at our weekly Thursday Market and foster fellowship and relationships in our community. Provide food contributions to local Grasonville food bank and Haven Ministries to meet needs of the food insecure in our community.

HISTORY/ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Everything was going well with our weekly Farmers Market sales until the COVID pandemic hit and our world shut down in March. While we were shut down, the Kent Island Farmers Market moved over to the Cult Classic Brewery parking lot. They have elected to remain there on their own. We got clearance to resume our business from the QAC Health Dept, but we decided that we had no interest in hauling our soup business out to join the other vendors at Cult Classic. We have customer data base with over 1,300 contacts, so we decided to resume our business from the church kitchen and offer our menu of soups and salads and tailored it for curbside pickup and added an option for delivery. We started back up again in late August and have been going full throttle ever since. Our business actually grew since we resumed! Our year-end total for the church came out to just over \$38,727.53. Although that was about \$12,000 short of our goal, it was far better than we could have hoped, given that we were shut down for 5 months! We are so proud that we were able to operate our volunteer business safely all year, without any COVID infections among our staff.

Another accomplishment in 2020 was the long-awaited kitchen floor replacement! The pandemic shut down was the perfect time to get that big job done. We were able to get things cleaned up, cleared out and organized before the contractors took over. We absolutely enjoyed having a fresh kitchen to come back to in August!

GOALS FOR 2021: Our goals are simply to continue working with, around, and despite, the COVID restrictions and keep our kitchen safe and COVID-free. We know how much our soups and salads mean to all our customers and want to be there and deliver for them as much as we can. We dare to hope that we will be approaching what we remember as 'normal' at least by the end of 2021 but we are pragmatists! We always welcome new volunteers to our team and hope to keep growing to share the fun and fellowship that we have in the kitchen and the Market. Interested in joining us?

Contact Lindy Coltharp: soup@ccpki.org or 410-643-1607

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is responsible for developing and recommending the annual budget to the Vestry. This is accomplished by reviewing monthly financial reports, assessing trends relative to the budget, reviewing pending financial obligations and recommending strategies to preserve and increase the Parish's financial assets.

The Committee oversees the investment of endowment/dedicated funds, management of cash flow to meet current obligations and, with the Treasurer, produce periodic reports to the Vestry, congregation and the Diocese.

In addition to advising the Vestry on financial matters, the Committee also helps develop communications for the congregation on the current and future operating and capital plans of the Parish and to support the long-term health and resources of the Parish and our ministries.

The Committee meets monthly on the Wednesday evening preceding the monthly Vestry meeting. Current members include Cary Gates (chair), Dick Sells, Charlie Schwan, Bob Thompson, and Jordan Swonger.

Parishioners with a financial background interested in the financial well-being of our church are encouraged to:

Contact Cary Gates: finance@ccpki.org or 443-481-0914

Grasonville Food Pantry

The purpose of our Food Pantry is to supply and deliver food two times per week to the Grasonville Community Center for people in need. This is conducted by two groups of volunteers who deliver on Tuesdays and Fridays. These volunteers collect frozen and unfrozen food unsold from the Soup Group and food contributions in the grocery cart located in Shand Hall lobby. When contributions are small, the volunteers will purchase foods to supplement it, followed by delivery to the Grasonville Community Center.

During this ongoing Pandemic, our Grasonville Food Pantry team has persevered in continuing to serve the people as noted above. These volunteers are all practicing the recommended safety measures. We continue to receive soup from Lindy's volunteers during the fluctuating openings and closings of the Soup Group this past year. We have also received some generous cash donations and food from our parishioners that are greatly appreciated during these tough times. Due to COVID, our parish has been included in the food donations provided through Linda Austin and Q. A.'s County. We are grateful for the volunteers who faithfully deliver food to the Grasonville community.

When the vaccine is distributed, we are in need of more volunteers to assist our delivery team. If you would like to volunteer in the Grasonville Food Pantry, just call or text me.

Contact Juanita Dombkowski: foodpantry@ccpki.org or 410-310-0139

Greeters

Many thanks to all the members of the Greeters Team. These friendly Christians welcome members and visitors to worship every Sunday morning. Their role is fun and vital to the success of Christ Church. Our reputation as a warm and welcoming church is due in large part to our greeters' efforts.

Each Sunday we were able to gather in person, teams of two welcomed and checked in each person in attendance. When appropriate, greeters supported the ushers in ensuring that everyone was safely seated and provided service bulletins.

Many thanks to the following team members who volunteered their time, energy, and smiles for Christ Church: Kathy Sells, Charlie Mead, Susan Reckord, Colleen Minahan, Caroline Aland, Tim Aland, Lois Vanderbock, Judy Grandin, Maria Jones, Toinette McDowell, Bob Thompson and Dottie Wilson.

If interested in joining our team, please

Contact Molly Cannon: greeters@ccpki.org or 410-991-6752

Haven Ministries

Christ Church Parish is a participating church member of Haven Ministries, originally Queen Anne County Coalition of Churches. A participating church contributes financially as well as with volunteer support. Haven Ministries runs the only homeless shelter in Queen Anne's County as well as a large food pantry, a benevolent fund, Our Daily Thread Thrift Store and the Hope Warehouse. Haven Ministries is committed to giving those in need the chance to live independently by providing the life training tools needed to navigate life's ups and downs. Haven Ministries relies on hundreds of volunteers and donors to provide these services. Christ Church parishioners continue to volunteer in all aspects of the ministry and donate generously.

As you can imagine, 2020 was a big year for Haven Ministries as it navigated the twists and turns of the pandemic with emergency housing and the increased needs with the economic impact especially in the poorer populations. Our call for services has increased dramatically as we have had to address issues with housing and food insecurity.

We have also seen a significant increase in grant funding through several sources including the CARES Act. This has allowed us to keep shelter services open throughout the year in alternative locations, increase our food distribution, open a resource center and add a food truck for service in the northern part of the county. We have also broken ground for two homes, Hope Homes, on Main Street in Stevensville for housing assistance programs as there is a lack of affordable housing in the county.

Haven Ministries will continue its mission to serve our neighbors in need and hopes that 2021 will bring continued church and community support.

Contact Caroline Aland: shelter@ccpki.org or 410-643-5847

Music Ministry

*What tho' my joys and comforts die?
The Lord my Saviour liveth;
What tho' the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that refuge clinging;
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?
(att. To Robert Lowry)*

Although it seems like an eternity ago, our Music Ministry began the year 2020 in full force. Our eighteen-member Parish Choir presented anthems for weekly services in January, February, and early March; our Praise Band played monthly. Like most ministries, the music program had to adapt to ensure everyone's safety beginning in mid-March.

Because it was (and currently still is) not safe for our choir to physically sing together, we have looked for other ways to share our music with the congregation and to promote the small group relationships of the choir. First, choir members (and guests) have stepped up to provide video recordings of solos, duets, and small ensembles for our virtual worship services. Second, our choir members have worked tirelessly to learn their individual parts and record them separately to create powerful virtual choir anthems. Finally, our Parish Choir has held monthly "check in" meetings via Zoom so that we can stay connected during this socially distant time. In addition to the work of the choir, I must acknowledge the efforts of my wife, Emily. Because we live in the same household, it is safe for her to sing while I play the organ. Emily has worked with me each week to record the hymns for our virtual services; she also led the hymns when we had in-person services over the summer.

In addition to weekly services, we have also continued to offer special music events. Two events to note were our virtual Christmas Caroling and our presentation of the Westminster Ringers concert. These events helped to bring music and fellowship to our congregation and community. The choir also put great effort into preparing a meaningful virtual Christmas eve service; amazingly, because of the video medium, we were able to have guests join our choir from two other states for these virtual songs!

The hymn text at the top of this page is from the song "How Can I Keep from Singing." The text reminds us that our hope and our song ultimately come from our loving, liberating, and life-giving God. This has been a challenging year for everyone, but our songs have persisted because of our faith in Jesus. Now, a vaccine is on the horizon. We don't know exactly when it will be safe to hold choir and praise band rehearsals again, but I am already planning for exciting and festive events to celebrate their return. When we do return, please consider joining us. We welcome new members in either group. You don't have to be a trained singer, just someone who enjoys singing and wants to give back their time and talent. I am always available to provide more information or for any feedback you have about our music program.

Contact Gary Van Essen: music@ccpki.org or 443-413-3172

Parish Office

Our Parish Office is always a busy place. Throughout the week our Parish Administrator, Brenda Faulkner, works both in person and at home providing administrative support to our Rector, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, and Ministry Leaders. Brenda also serves as liaison to CECDS and Living Water Lutheran

Church and oversees the work of the Sexton. This year has challenged us to find new ways to do all the work God has in store for us. Brenda is grateful to the many volunteers that help make all of this happen.

Contact Brenda Faulkner office@ccpki.org or 410-643-5921

Property

2020 – what a year! Things started out well as we prepared to host the Diocesan Convention. The upgrade to our Wi-Fi was completed. Some bathroom stall partitions were showing signs of corrosion, so those were removed and refinished. The high windows in the sanctuary were cleaned inside and out, and from the looks of the ledges (and items that were found on them), it may have been the first time they were ever cleaned. The convention went off without a hitch...

...and less than a week later, we had to shut down due to the pandemic. The following items were accomplished throughout the rest of the year:

RECTORY – roof gutters were cleaned out and pressure washed. The A/C unit in the large room was not functioning properly, so it was replaced. Also, Bartlett Tree Service came out and trimmed back a lot of overhanging branches that could have caused damage if they came down.

CHURCH – During the shutdown, we were able to get a contractor in to finally repair the kitchen floor (a slightly more than 2-month project). The Soup Group resumed limited operations. Some gutters around the church had to be repaired or replaced, and leaks were in two locations because of missing flashing, possibly due to animal activity. Quite a few trees around the church were found to be suffering from Gloomy Scale (yes, that IS a thing!) The bark was treated early in the year, and two foliage treatments followed later. Also, many thanks to the volunteers that cleaned up the plantings in the circle in front of the church – it looks great!

DAY SCHOOL – A leak was discovered in the large room in the back of the Day School. This has been repaired.

TECHNOLOGY – The network drive in the church has been replaced with newer technology. Backups of the data, which had not been done on a regular schedule, are now being done automatically every day to “the cloud”. Because of the pandemic, the church office has not been staffed as it was previously, so a solution to allow remote access for our Parish Administrator has been implemented. This appears to be working very well.

2020 – goodbye and good riddance! Here’s hoping for some return to normalcy in 2021.

Contact Goldey Vansant: jrwarden@ccpki.org or 410-827-6220

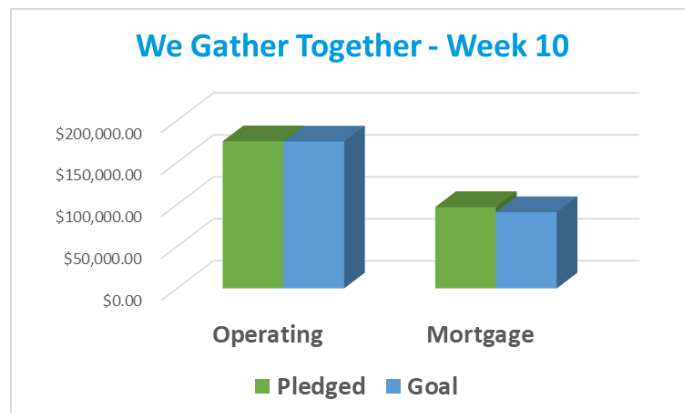
Recovery Ministries

Christ Church supports several recovery groups by providing a dedicated space for these groups to safely meet, observing all COVID protocols. We are blessed to have three AA Meetings currently using our facility.

Contact Parish Office: office@ccpki.org or 410-643-5921
Kevin McCracken: kmccracken@atlanticbb.net or 410-739-7571

Stewardship

As stewards of God's possessions, we are responsible for managing the resources of our families and our church in a way that we hope and believe pleases God. When asked to Gather our resources to support Christ Church and her ministries in 2020, friends and members responded in an amazing way. Thanks to you, we met or exceeded our goals!



In the

We Gather Together Campaign, we aimed to collectively pledge **\$175,000** to empower our ministries to please God. We wanted to use the funds and our facilities to form young Christians, serve our community, and welcome our neighbors. Together, we pledged **\$175,314 – 100% of our goal** – to do just that! Seventy-two families participated, representing a broad cross section of our congregation. In the past year, families giving \$52 or less per week provided fully half of the funds required to support our ministries.

Our leadership has done a fine job of controlling expenses in 2020, and we expect this focus to continue in 2021. Still, we are relying on unpledged gifts of \$50,000 in 2021 to cover all our anticipated expenses.

In 2020, we reduced the balance of our mortgage loan to **less than \$500,000** – a long way from its 2015 balance of \$1,100,000! Sixty-two families have pledged \$96,929 in 2021 toward the Mortgage Fund, so we will be able to continue our practice of paying our monthly mortgage payment plus \$1,000 toward the principal.

Every year from 2015 through 2019, we have paid an additional \$50,000 or more to reduce the principal of the loan. In 2020, we paid an additional \$30,000 toward principle. Additional contributions of \$50,000 or more in 2021 will allow us to continue our momentum toward eliminating the mortgage altogether.

Thanks to all who have provided the resources to accelerate the elimination of the mortgage! In 2021, we will undertake a final mortgage pledge campaign to **retire that debt entirely**, so that we can focus all our resources on our core ministries.

Parishioners **Lucy Elville** and **Steve Elville** provided vital assistance to the **We Gather Together** Campaign by directing and funding the development of an engaging video highlighting Christ Church's ministries. The video is available on YouTube.com; visit the *Christ Church Kent Island* channel. Members of the Stewardship Team who designed the campaign in 2020 were **Kathy Sells, Dottie Wilson, Jeff Pike, Molly Cannon** and **Charlie Mead**. Many thanks to them, to Lucy and Steve, and to all who manage their time and money to please God!

Contact Molly Cannon: mollycannon@yahoo.com or 410-991-6752
Charlie Mead: cmead500@gmail.com or 410-829-9081

Ushers

As a doorkeeper in the house of God, we prepare the church for in-person worship services, help the service to run smoothly, and assist all who attend.

Talents Needed

Parishioners who can greet people warmly, and be especially hospitable to visitors and guests, allowing the love of the Lord to shine through them.

Time Commitment

An additional forty minutes to the service – twenty minutes prior to prepare for the service, and time after the service to tidy up the sanctuary and narthex and lock the church doors.

There is always room at God's table for more help. Please join our ministry.

Contact Bob Rosekrans: ushers@ccpki.org or 443-249-3233

Vestry

The Vestry consists of the Rector, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary or Registrar, Treasurer and nine elected parishioners. The Parish membership elect Vestry members for three-year terms. They serve as leaders of the Parish and as agents and legal representatives of the Parish on all matters concerning its corporate property and its relation to its Clergy. The Vestry meets to conduct its business for approximately two hours each month.

[Special thanks](#) go to Jeff Pike, Dottie Wilson, and Colleen Minahan for completing their terms. We will elect three new members at the Parish Annual Meeting to fill their spots.

Current Vestry members are:

Father Mark Delcuze – Rector
Pat Spinella – Treasurer

Connie Clark – Senior Warden

Goldey Vansant – Junior Warden

Jeff Pike – Class of 2021
Dottie Wilson – Class of 2021
Colleen Minahan – Class of 2021

Caroline Aland – Class of 2022
Darleen Bedard – Class of 2022
Josh Dorsey – Class of 2022

Tom Christensen – Class of 2023
Toinette McDowell – Class of 2023
Susie Reckord – Class of 2023

Contact Vestry: vestry@ccpki.org or srwarden@ccpki.org

NEW in 2020

COVID/Health Task Force

With information from our Diocese, CDC, and the Governor of Maryland, CCPKI suspended in-person worship services in March 2020 due to the COVID pandemic. Before reopening in July, Father Mark created a task force of healthcare professionals and church leaders to derive a plan to insure best COVID cleaning protocols and procedures for re-opening in July and going forward.

The team studied evidence-based materials from many sources including the CDC and attended webinars on COVID and how to reduce the spread of the virus. They then worked tirelessly with Father Mark on the following tasks:

- Researching and obtaining the most effective cleaning products.
- Preparing and posting cleaning procedures for all portions of the building.
- Developing the Covenant for Regathering that parishioners needed to sign to show support and commitment to masks, distancing, and safety.
- Designing distanced seating measures for every meeting room at the church including the sanctuary.
- Making signs for inside and outside ensuring health questions and protocols for all who entered the church.
- Developing a detailed check-in processes for Sunday in-person worship including specific job descriptions for ushers and greeters.
- Developing plans to communicate the reopening procedures to parishioners to ensure everyone understood the plans.

CCPKI thanks the team of Brenda Faulkner, Susie Reckord, RN; Helen Vansant, RN, the CCPKI Executive Committee, and Dottie Wilson as well as Lynne Shand and Vestry members who helped arrange and mark seating in the sanctuary.

Sacred Ground

While the pandemic limited some of our usual activities in 2020, a group of CCPKI parishioners joined with some St. Paul's Centreville and Living Water members in something new – the Sacred Ground program. The 10-session program is part of the national Episcopal church's efforts to become the “beloved community” where all people may experience dignity and abundant life and see themselves and others as beloved children of God.



The program is a video-based discussion series on faith and race that began with “American Creed” which featured Condoleezza Rice and Pulitzer prize winner David Kennedy sharing stories that remind us of the ideals that hold us together and what it means to be an American. Other sessions focused on our history with Native Americans, Latinos, African Americans, and Asian Americans and featured videos that included Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Katie Couric, and Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Participants met every other week in small groups via Zoom. Readings from articles and blogs and two core books (*Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman and *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving) provided additional material for reflection and discussion. Participants bonded through the thoughtful and respectful sharing of opinions and the personal stories about participants’ backgrounds and families. Many participants commented on how much of the history we had not

learned in school and on the effectiveness of the program curriculum in presenting the impact of our history on communities across America. We also observed the positive impact that comes from listening to and understanding others and talking respectfully about uncomfortable subjects. Hopefully, we can use what we learned to become better Americans and take steps to become the “beloved community.”

Technology Outreach Ministry

When we could no longer worship in person in March of 2020, Father Mark picked up his smart phone and hit record. He recorded himself doing daily prayers, offering mid-week special messages, playing guitar for the children, and most importantly, recording every piece of the Sunday service so that we could all worship together, safely from our homes. With the help of Gary Van Essen, these recordings were edited and published to our church website and to the Facebook page. The key point here is that Father Mark did all this by himself throughout the first major state-wide quarantine. He also taught himself how to use ZOOM—a tool that allowed us to see each other. He held ZOOM bible studies, ZOOM church meetings, and weekly Sunday morning gatherings in order to pull us all together.

At the beginning of June 2020, it became apparent that “normal” Sunday worship wouldn’t return for a very long time. Although the church started the process of opening for a modified in-person worship, it was obvious that many of our members would not be able to return to in-person gatherings until COVID was no longer a threat. Our ministry formed to help to take some of this technology load off Father Mark.

With the use of our cell phones, we record all parts of the service and hand these raw recordings off to Gary Van Essen for publishing. What Father Mark was doing alone, now takes a small village to accomplish. Kaitlin Horvath has been the backbone of this ministry. She is responsible for coordinating and recording all parts of the service that involve Father Mark. This takes hours each week and she has been so dedicated that she hasn’t missed a week since the beginning of June. Without her, this ministry would not function. Additionally, Gary Van Essen has not only produced and recorded all musical elements for every service, but he has also been the editor and publisher for all on-line service recordings. Without Gary, the services simply would not be online.

A second group was assigned to coordinate the rest of the service components- the prayers of the people, the psalms, and the readings. Colleen Minihan has been the consistent contributor in this part of the ministry. She has done more than her share of coordinating times with readers, coaching readers through the recording process, uploading the recordings into usable files and making sure that all this gets done before the deadline each week. Other contributors to this part of the ministry are Jack McClean and Stephanie Wishart.

In addition to service recordings, this ministry also offers help to those who are having trouble getting connected online. Since June we have helped several members use ZOOM, get connected to FB and be able to participate in the online services. Seeing the smiles on the faces of those we have served is a great gift.

Our ministry needs additional volunteers! With two of our members having to step back from the group due to changes in their work, we desperately need volunteers who are able to use their cell phones to record pieces of the on-line service. This is not a very complicated job, but basic knowledge of how to record and upload videos is helpful. If you have a few extra hours a month, and want to serve the church, please contact Tara Lightner.

Contact Tara Lightner: support@ccpki.org or 443-226-3419

In Loving Memory of
JOHN ALFRED GILBERT
December 21, 1947 – January 16, 2021



Christ Church Parish Church is forever indebted
to the life, witness, and selfless giving of John Gilbert
who served as Warden, Vestryman,
Head of 8:00 am Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors & Ushers
Haven Ministries Liaison, Back Packs Ministry, & Altar Guild
And countless acts of care and compassion.

May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God,

Rest in Peace

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother John. We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with Wyna, her family and our whole parish in our grief. Surround us with your love, that we may not be overwhelmed by our loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Mission

At Christ Church Parish Kent Island, you will find worship grounded in our congregation's four centuries of living God's mission. We value Jesus' teaching of all-inclusive, non-judgmental love. We are nourishing bodies, minds, and spirits; providing a safe place for renewal and recovery; and cultivating faith through meaningful relationships.



Grounded in Christ
Growing in Faith
Giving in Community