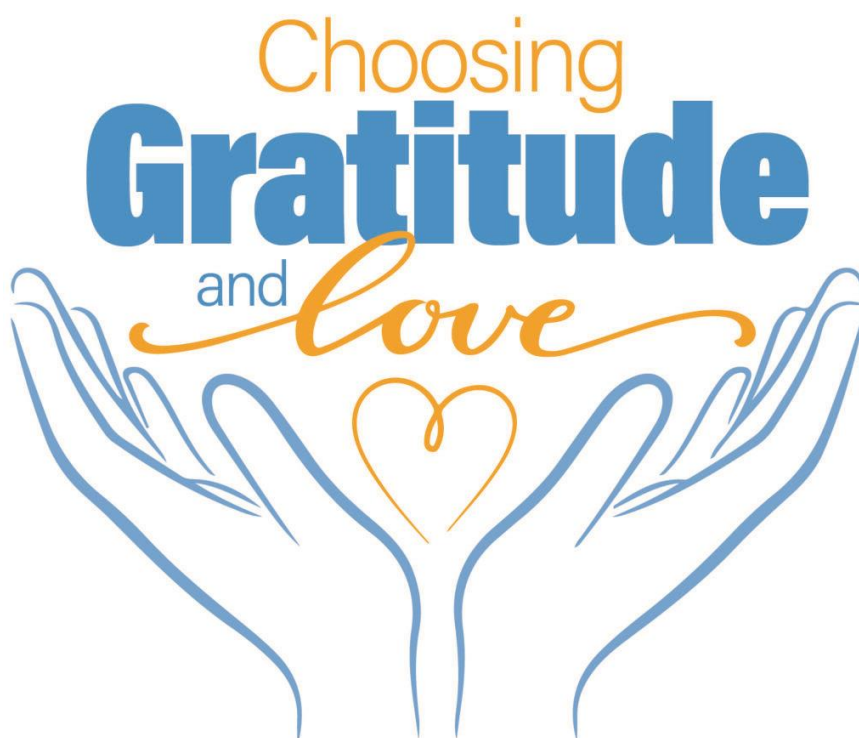




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Kent Island

2023 Annual Meeting January 22, 2023





Annual Meeting Agenda Sunday, January 22, 2023

Opening Prayer	Father Mark Delcuze, Rector
Last Meeting's Minutes	Antoinette McDowell, Registrar
Elections	Father Mark Delcuze, Rector
2022 Accomplishments	Molly Cannon, Senior Warden
Property Report	Goldey Vansant, Junior Warden
Financial Report	Pat Spinella, Treasurer
2023 Outlook	Molly Cannon, Senior Warden
New Business	All Parish Members
Adjourn	Father Mark Delcuze, Rector

Next Annual Meeting – Sunday, January 28, 2024



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Third Sunday after the Epiphany
22 January 2023

Dear Families and Friends of Christ Church Parish,

*Jesus said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven
is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'*
Matthew 13:52

We come from many different places as we gather for this Parish Annual Meeting. Some of you may be experiencing this event for the first time. Others have been gathering with sisters and brothers in Christ for decades. Today marks my tenth year leading the congregation in discernment. I can say with certainty that no two years have been the same.

We have welcomed many new faces to the parish as we have emerged from pandemic. New construction all round us and the influx of families seeking opportunities for their children to learn in a safe and healthy environment have brought new energy to our worship and our outreach.

None of this would be possible without the steady hand of **Brenda Faulkner**, our Parish Administrator. Brenda is the heart of our weekday life: coordinating building use, keeping contractors and delivery folk in line and producing the endless stream of bulletins, newsletters and eBlasts. **Dr. Gary Van Essen** continues to build on our strong musical foundations guiding our choir, praise band and other musicians to focus on the glory of God. The Parish Day School continues to thrive under **Lisa Oesterling's** leadership welcoming new teachers, students, and parents to work together in community. Of course, a parish known for its food needs a leader in the Kitchen. **Lindy Coltharp** consistently imagines new soups and salads weekly and oversees the many meals we prepare for our community. This fall, we added **Jane Ford** to the staff as Coordinator of Family Ministry. She immediately donned many hats shepherding the Wiggle Worship Room, After-Church story time, and a new Youth Group. Our bookkeeper, **Jean Travis** puts in many hours per week balancing incomes and expenses and keeping our records in good order. Senior among the staff is **Bob Moore** who continues to keep our buildings beautiful and in good working order.

The initial push of restarting our parish after COVID has opened many new places where people can use their gifts. This Annual Report is a good overview of the many fruitful ministries which need insight, old and new.

Matthew's Gospel recalls how Jesus asked his disciples to bring from their storehouses what was new and what was old. I urge you to find ministries and events at Christ Church Parish that challenge and comfort you.

Peace,

Mark +

Annual Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2022

FAITH, LOVE, and HOPE

The Annual Meeting was opened by Father Mark at 11:14 am, with a prayer.

Of Attendees: 45

Rector's Report - Father Mark

- The minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting were distributed to all present. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Dennis Connor. Seconded by Dick Sells. All were in favor to accept the minutes.
- Recognized the three vestry members that are retiring Vestry Class of 2022: Caroline Aland, Josh Dorsey, Darleen Bedard. Thanked them for their amazing job and for their faithfulness throughout their time on the Vestry.
- Introduced the three nominees for the Vestry. Welcome to Charlie Mead, Becky Myers & Ben Riley. Charlie was absent due to illness. Father Mark asked all to pray for Charlie. Becky has been working hard in our gardens and at the Broad Creek Cemetery. She moved here from North Carolina and found us online. Ben has been worshipping regularly with Father Mark daily during evening prayers. Need a motion to accept these nominees for Vestry for the upcoming class. Motion to accept was made by Colleen Minahan. Seconded by Connie Clark. All were in favor.
- Convention Delegates have been Goldey Vansant, Kaitlin Horvath, and Josh Dorsey. We need a motion to accept these delegates for the upcoming year. Motion to accept these as delegates was made by Dick Sells. Seconded by Susie Reckord. All were in favor.
- First weekend in March, we will be having the Diocesan Convention virtually. All invited to be a part of the various ministries that the Diocese does.

Senior Warden- Molly Cannon

- Welcome to all! Thanks to each & every one of you – here and online at home. Christ Church is in really great shape.
- Very fortunate to have the capable leadership we have in this church. Our leadership's ability to adapt, pivot, create & hope sustained our church through some crazy days. Let's be grateful for their vision & their care & their love for this church. In gratitude we find hope that can sustain us. We are grateful for their leadership.
 - Christ Church Ministries -We have 25 active ministries – wonderful folks that are working hard every day. Amazing groups of people that are bound by shared faith and love. We are deeply grateful. When you have a minute, please check out the details of the Ministries listed in the Annual Meeting Booklet. Each one of them deserves your attention.

- A few that deserves mention right now.
 - **Stewardship** – we had a terrific stewardship season in 2021, thanks to you.
 - A group of folks that are deeply in love with our church and have worked hard to come out with our FAITH, LOVE, HOPE motto & theme. And you lived into it.
 - You’ve exceeded our goals. We set a goal of \$165,000 for the operating fund. And thanks to you, we have pledges of \$173,530 in contributions. 105% of the goal that we set.
 - Mortgage side of our house – we acquired all 12 payments needed to make our mortgage payments for 2022. We need a little bit of work for 2023 & 2024. We have current pledges to meet 6 months of payments for each of those years.
 - In the midst of this pandemic, 2 new ministries have been created
 - **Digital Outreach Team** – To ensure that our online friends are seeing the same thing as we are seeing in person. Thank you to Dottie Wilson & Gary Van Essen. Realize that digital presence is critical. They help keep us in touch with all.
 - **Garden Ministry** – An organized gardening team. These folks get together and make sure our facility is welcoming and appealing as possible.
 - **Soup Group** – Amazing group! They rock! This amazing ministry brings people together from all over our community. Many that show up on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and sometimes Fridays to produce meals are friends from the community. They may have started as customers and now they are here as a soup groupie for us. It’s amazing food & you make amazing friends. We support food pantries around us & contributed over \$68,000 to Christ Church Ministries.
 - **Altar Guild, Counters, Eucharistic Minister and Lectors** – a lot of hard work was required from these ministries to get through 2021. These are the folks that really worked harder than average during the pandemic and deserve our recognition. Helped us stay connected as services were recorded. They helped us record multiple services in one session, tough schedules to meet, coming in to safely count our offerings, etc. Judy Peppel has counted many Sunday offerings. We should be grateful for her and all the folks who made our worship possible.
 - **Music Ministry** – We cannot come together and be grateful for all we’ve done in 2021 without thanking the Music Ministry. Nobody worked harder during this pandemic that Gary & Emily Van Essen. All the recordings that the various folks came together to do were uploaded to some “magic” sited that Gary pulled it down and stitched it together into meaningful worship services that included the music that he and his fabulous wife

recorded at home... for us. He pulled together the choir and guest musicians. Thank you so much!

- **Christ Episcopal Church Day School (our partner)** – Lisa Oesterling is the director. Lisa, on the behalf of the school, expressed their gratitude to this community who has supported us all these years and especially in 2020 & 2021, time of extreme change. She thanked us for just being there & supporting them. They have come back stronger than before. In the Fall of 2021, have a full-capacity school. And it looks really good for next year as well. Both of the pre-K classes are full for the fall. Currently looking for nursery children. This is their 51st year of operation. They continue to be a very, very, happy place to be!
- **June Conversation Groups** – Hope everyone had a chance to participate in a small group conversation that were held in the month of June.
 - Conducted during the window of the pandemic when it was safe to be outside. We felt more comfortable in getting together and talking about our church.
 - We talked about what we have learned through the pandemic, what we liked, what we wanted to change, what we wanted to keep moving forward, and identified the priorities we wanted to focus on.
 - Priorities to focus on:
 - We discovered that our community is everything to us. We gather hope from serving our neighbors. We want to keep doing that as well as we can.
 - Building a strong Christian Formation for children is essential.
 - Ensure that we are all safe.
 - Maintaining our Digital Presence is essential.
 - Taking care of our facilities is crucial to taking care of our community needs.

Junior Warden – Goldey Vansant

- 3rd year as Junior Warden – every day learn something new about the building
- Property Report located in the Annual Meeting Booklet
- Most interesting item that happened this year. Bud Shand noticed a smell and some noise in the A/C. Thought it was loose metal or something. Was a beehive with a honeycomb in the air conditioner. A vendor came in to remedy this situation.
- Regular maintenance done on the A/C systems done twice a year. (Includes units in the Day School)
- Outside of the Church – Fortunate to have volunteers that have stepped up to take care of all the gardens and landscaping.

- Informed by the County that our ponds need to have all wooded things (shrubbery, trees) removed from them. We have taken bids on this item. Hopefully, by spring it will be taken care of.
- The Rectory – Again, fortunate to have volunteers to assist with repairs of the house. Working with insurance to get the roof & front storm door replaced due to wind damage.
- The work done in our church facility will not slow down and most likely will increase. Shand Hall is the oldest part of this facility and where the most repairs are taken place. We do need to replace the carpet and lighting pretty soon. The roof is at the end of its age.

Senior Warden – Molly Cannon Year of 2021

- We continued to serve our community in 2021.
 - Soup Sales & Community dinners all went curbside
 - Backpack ministries organized a hub here for the food distribution since schools were closed & during summer.
 - Continued our support for Grasonville & Haven Ministries.
 - Picked up a new ministry for us to support, The Judy Center in Sudlersville
 - A group that supports family of children that attend the Sudlersville area schools
 - The group of parents meets on Thursday evenings
 - We send the 20 people that are involved in the meetings a large soup & a large salad to take home to their families. Allows them to get a day where they don't need to worry about feeding their kids.
- Christian Formation in 2021
 - Couldn't bring kids together in small rooms due to COVID
 - Families were reluctant to come out
 - But we did know that the families knew that the children were welcome in church.
 - Activities for kids to do during mass or to take home.
 - Family rooms are available if needed.
- Digital Presence
 - We are now live streaming.
 - Bought the equipment needed to make this happen.
 - Everyone can join us whether close by or long distance for services, book studies & meetings.
- Financial
 - Nothing but good news to report.

- 2021 - your donations exceeded our budgetary expectations for our operation budget. Thank you, very much!
- We had some cash from the pandemic loan programs – we were able to move \$32,000 from our investment account to future projects.
- Your generosity allowed us to decrease our mortgage balance by 27% in one year! Our mortgage balance is \$361,000.

The Future – Year of 2022

- Children, Youth & Family Ministry
 - Hire a person to provide Younger Child Care
 - Need some volunteers to be a second person in the room
 - Need to keep our children safe and healthy
 - An immediate priority. If you have anyone in mind, please direct them to Kathy Sells
- Pastoral Care
 - Undertake a program called Stephen Ministry
 - Father Mark is already working with a group for Stephen Leaders
 - Will train others to provide one on one support for people that need a little extra care
- Building/Facilities
 - We received an amazing donation of \$25,000
 - Donors want this to fix up Shand Hall
 - Replace the carpet & lighting
 - Bring back Shand Hall to welcoming presence
- Broad Creek Cemetery
 - Planning for the future of the cemetery
 - Looking for a Professional to guide them when planting trees and other landscaping
- Mortgage
 - We asked if there were families that could pay their pledges early
 - The sooner we could get the pledges in a bigger impact it would be on the mortgage – a 15% impact on the value of your donations
 - Already put \$17,500 to the principal of the mortgage in the month of January
 - We can't do it without you. Thank you so much!

- Soup Group
 - A new product – pizza dough
 - Still developing this product
 - Customers will love it & it will make money
 - Lindy has been having Pizza Camps to experiment on recipes. Fun to get involved
 - If you have any suggestions, please let us know.
- We are moving into the Future as “Hope in Motion”. We are looking forward to a hopeful 2022. All thanks to you!
- We started this Stewardship Campaign - Faith, Love and Hope with this verse:

*We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers,
Constantly remembering before our God and Father Your work of faith and Labor of love and
Steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ 1 Thessalonians 1:3*

Rector: Father Mark

- Would like to acknowledge Molly Cannon and her leadership in this place. Thank you, Molly
- Would like to acknowledge the Vestry Class 2023 – Tom Christensen, Toinette McDowell & Susie Reckord. Now the senior class
- Would like to acknowledge the Vestry Class 2024 – Dennis Conrad, Cara Fehrenbacher & Lois Vanderbok
- We have transformed this place into a parish that has a digital outreach but also an outreach of food and care. Very proud to be the Rector of Christ Church Parish.
- Father Mark’s 9th Annual Meeting. It amazes me to see how individuals say let’s do this then make things happen.
- We need to work to care for our children and families. We need to find ways to respond in healthful and helpful ways.
- If you know of people that can help us in the Nursery care section. If you know of ways that can help with Confirmation class, and with First Communion. Those are times we can each do our part.
- We have learned a lot and there has been a great gift of being in this place during this time (pandemic).
- Father Mark thanks all of you for what you do.
- Father Mark said a prayer over the congregation and the pizza that was delivered.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Cara Fehrenbacher. Motion seconded by Colleen Minahan. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:49 am.

Nominations

Vestry (Five Positions Available)

Liza Hamill



I was raised Episcopalian and joined Christ Church Kent Island in 1989. I began reading scripture in 1990 and joined the Eucharistic Ministry soon afterwards. My 2 sons became acolytes and were active in youth groups. They both were confirmed here.

I was the coordinator and scheduler for acolytes and advisor for both junior and senior youth groups for around 15 years. I am still actively reading scripture and serve as EM at the 8 AM service. I am a part of both teams for live- stream videoing the 10 AM service and counting money.

My professional career began as a member of the research environmental chemistry team at Smithsonian Environmental Research Center. After 21 years, I transitioned into a full-time safety and occupational health specialist. Finally, after another 21 years, plus 2 years of contracting, I am fully retired, although, I am still a volunteer and assisting in the transition process with the new hire in my position.

I moved to Kent Island in 1984 and am currently upgrading my house and yard. Huge projects!

Stan Link



I was born and raised in the Halethorpe/Arbutus area of Baltimore County, MD. I was baptized in the Episcopal church and when I was around 6 years old my family started attending The Church of the Holy Apostles in Arbutus, MD. I pretty much grew up in that church. I was an acolyte, member of the youth group and later the acolyte director, a position I held for 25 years. I married my wife Nancy in 1971 at Holy Apostles and we both continued to worship and be involved there. I sang in the choir, served numerous times on the Vestry and was both Jr. and Sr. Warden for two different Rectors. Nancy helped with various fund raising events and served on the altar guild and had a term on the Vestry.

I graduated from The Johns Hopkins University in 1970 with a degree in Electrical Engineering and in 1976 I received my Master's Degree in Management Science. I worked as an engineer with Baltimore Gas and Electric for approximately 16 years before going into the real estate development field where I oversaw the design and construction of numerous buildings, office parks, etc. I retired in 2006 from Corporate Office Properties Trust as SR. VP of Construction and Government Services.

Upon retirement, Nancy and I moved to Murrells Inlet, SC and attended The Church of the Resurrection (COR) Surfside Beach, SC. Again we both became active, Nancy served on the Altar Guild and I served on the Vestry, was Sr. Warden and later chaired the Finance Committee and sang in the choir. While at COR another parishioner and I started the New Beginnings program, a food distribution program for those in need. We started out small but within several years we were providing food once a month to over 300 plus families and became the right arm for the Low Country Food Bank.

In 2021, we moved back to Maryland to be closer to our family and currently reside here on Kent Island in the Four Seasons Community. We started attending Christ Church Parish around October 2021. I currently sing in the choir and my wife is on the altar guild.

Nancy and I have been married for 51 years and have two married sons and four grandchildren.

Karin Olsen



I was born in San Francisco – raised on Long Island, New York and Annapolis, Maryland. My spiritual pilgrimage has included membership in Baptist, Bible, Evangelical Free, and Presbyterian churches. Growing up along the banks of the Severn River, I remember wondering, “Who made this beautiful world?” I am grateful for direct and indirect mentorship from speakers at Camp-of-the-Woods in Speculator, New York, at Wheaton Graduate School and at Hampden DuBose Academy.

I was introduced to the attention span of children while helping my mother with Good News Club meetings in our home and that lesson has proved invaluable, especially in my public school teaching career. A job offer and a marriage proposal led me to the Midwest where I lived for 30 years in the western suburbs of Chicago. Teaching 8th grade English, Honors English and American History with a collegial team of talented, caring teachers in Naperville was one of the most fulfilling and fun positions of my life. Before returning to teaching I worked as an editor for Scripture Press curriculum and other firms. My professional background is editorial and educational in nature.

I have an abiding interest in how we learn, how we develop moral values and my personal philosophy is expressed well by Albert Einstein, “... the pursuit of truth and beauty is a sphere of activity in which we are permitted to remain children all our lives.”

My first exposure to the Book of Common Prayer occurred in my teens when I attended an Episcopal camp in Connecticut. When my mother moved to Kent Island, we attended St. Luke’s Chapel in Queenstown during our frequent family visits where Rev. Charles Osberger provided inspiration, example and leadership.

I was drawn more recently to Christ Church by its reverent worship, stirring music and memorable homilies when I moved to Kent Island in 2014. The pace and beauty of this place nourish me every day. My grown children and grandchildren live in Rockville, Maryland and Escondido, California.

Warren Prender



I was raised in Prince Georges County of Maryland and attended St Andrews Episcopal Church in College Park, Md. Later as an Adult and Parent I moved to Montgomery County and attended Ascension Episcopal Church in Gaithersburg, Md. I married Mary Lucille Weschler on 5 May 1978 and together we raised two wonderful sons and are blessed to have six grandchildren.

I served a total of 24 years in the Military, five in the Marines and nineteen in the Army, retiring from the Army in 2003. Highlights of my time in the service was being a member of the Commandants Own USMC Drum and Bugle Corps, and serving in the duty position of First Sergeant for HHC 1st Bn 115th Inf. I also owned and was chief instructor for Freestate Martial Arts and then after retiring from the Army spent 15 years as a Realtor and Real Estate Instructor. I now will be working as a tax professional with H&R Block.

Christ Church has welcomed us in ways I did not expect and has become the center of our lives. I look forward to serving and doing anything I can to continue to help the church grow and make all welcomed at Christ Church.

Patti Snyder



I have had a unique path to the Episcopal Church, having been raised Lutheran and going to mostly Roman Catholic mass in the years when I was stationed overseas. Moving back to the States, I knew I preferred a liturgy on Sunday mornings, that I wanted to grow my faith, and that I needed to find a place that welcomed everyone. I showed up late to my first Episcopal service in Odenton, not knowing their summer hours had just shifted by 30 minutes. Mortified, I turned to go rather than creak open a door. A lovely greeter still standing outside all but dragged me in – where I found the familiar cadence of the liturgy, as well as heaping amounts of joyous acceptance.

After I moved to Kent Island, I made my way to Christ Church with two little ones in tow. I've run the gamut on various ministries: Sunday school, Soup Groupies, Backpacks, to name a few. I served on the Vestry from 2012-2015 and am currently a Eucharistic Minister and on the Altar Guild. I'm hoping to fully take on the mantle of the Acolyte ministry in 2023.

I am originally from Pittsburgh, PA, and graduated from Penn State University. I've lived in California, Florida, England, Spain and Greece, serving over 20 years in the US Navy and retiring as a Commander. I currently work for Leidos as a Senior Technical Lead, managing a cyber intelligence contract. I married Gene Block in 2018 and have two kids, Sophia and Emerson, along with two bonus kids, Stacia and Tony. You can generally find us surrounded by some number of dogs, cats, chickens, and snakes while we plan our next travel adventure.

For Diocesan Convention Delegate (Three Positions Available)

Goldey Vansant, Becky Myers, Charlie Mead
Lois Vanderbok, Alternate

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 assist 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.

Contact acolytes@ccpki.org

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild has four active teams (men and women), and each team prepares the altar every four weeks. We prepare for two Sunday services, special holy days, weddings, funerals and baptisms. We welcome new members and place them with an active team to learn the different tasks. Three new members have joined the Altar Guild this year. They are: Becky Myers, Nancy Link, and Ruthanne Herold.

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

Boy Scout Troop 1631 - Sponsored by CCPKI

Greeting from Troop 1631. 2022 started out with a big change for the Troop. Rich Thomas stepped down as Troop Master after two- and one-half years of leadership. His sons both Eagled Upped! Matthew Janssen stepped up to take the reins of the Troop, after four years of being a Assistant Scout Master.

As we go into 2023, it marks our 24th 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 the past year-

January started out with the first of two sessions of Merit Badge Collage at University of Maryland Eastern Shore in Princess Anne, MD. Then the following weekend we attended the always cold Klondike Derby, a skills based competition against other Del-Mar-Va region Troops.

Trevor Janssen was elected Senior Patrol Leader, for the next six months

February finished the second session of the Merit Badge Collage. Around 20 Merit Badges were earned. The Troop started ramping up preparation of the High Adventure trip to Philmont Scout Reservation, New Mexico. Our first workup started on the Appalachian trail. Eight miles of rocky trails and elevation change. Quite a change from the flatness of Kent Island.

March continued the training of the High Adventure trip, with another seven-mile hike of the Appalachian Trail. The Scouts continued honing their skills of backpack camping.

April's campout was a very local one. Troop 496 hosted a Camporee at the American Legion grounds. Troops from Kent Island and the western shore attended, pitting head-to-head skills challenges.

In May we had to take a break of camping. Individual Scouts were pulled in all directions. Attending end of the school year activities, that could not be missed. The Philmont crew continued training on the trails of Kent Island.

June's Court of Honor recognized the advancements and achievements of the individual Scouts. In the last days of the month, Tyler Janssen was award his Eagle Scout rank. This marked the many years of dedication and advancements to Scouting. Theo Levering was elected Senior Patrol Leadership position.

July finally came upon the Philmont crew. They spent two days in Colorado to acclimate ourselves to the altitude of the Rockies. Visiting US Air Force Academy and white water rafting the Arkansas River in Colorado. Finally arriving at the Philmont Scout Reservation, Cimarron New Mexico. We spent the first day picking up trail supplies and equipment. The next five days we endured afternoon rains and enjoying breath taking views of the west.

On a side note, we had three Scouts attend summer camp with other local Troops. We appreciated the other Troops for taking them under their wing. We took a break for the rest of the summer. Coming back into session, when the schools started back.

September's camping started out a Kiptopeke State Park in Cape Charles VA. The Troop enjoyed a day kayaking and enjoying the beaches. Several Scouts working on their Kayaking Merit Badge. That was a early evening for the Scouts.

October was a washout for camping. A campout was scheduled, but Scouts dropped out one by one with school activities.

November's campout was a Paw Paw Tunnel near Old Town, MD, along the C and O Canal. This was a biking trip, we had a few break downs. But we persevered. We thank Jason Jacobs and Glen McCoy for the bicycle maintenance schooling.

It is a great sorrow to see that Glen McCoy has hung up his Scouting shirt for good. There has been many boys that turned into men that he has passed onto his wisdom. Glen has been there from the beginning of Troop 1631. We wish him well on his retirement. We will miss you.

December ended the year with Troop taking a day trip to Arlington National Cemetery. A wreath made by the Wells Family, was laid at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers. We pause to remember those who have died for this country and know only by name by God our Lord.

And final note, we again thank the Parishioners of Christ Church Parish for sponsoring the Troop of 1631.

Matthew Janssen, Scout Master Troop 1631
boyscouts@ccpki.org

Broad Creek Cemetery

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

The Broad Creek Cemetery Committee, with the assistance of community organizations such as the Kent Island Garden Club, Boy Scout Troop 1631 and other volunteers, carefully and regularly maintain and improve the Cemetery grounds. Such activities as spreading mulch, applying lime, disposing of leaves, removing fallen branches and weeding keep Committee members busy.

2022 began with a bang – literally. In early June, lightning struck one of the large, beautiful oaks in the cemetery. The explosion was loud enough to be heard in Bay City and tree bark was blown over 100 feet. Fortunately, insurance covered much of the cost to remove it. The year ended with a bang of a different nature. The Cemetery entered into an agreement to purchase a 32 niche granite columbarium; the columbarium has been a

Committee goal since the cemetery was reopened some 20 years ago. Installation of the columbarium should occur this Summer.

In between was pretty eventful too. Vernon Husted of Husted Landscape Architecture presented the Committee with plans that assisted in the location of the columbarium within the cemetery as well as suggestions on how to improve drainage within and around the cemetery. Plans are underway to improve drainage around the Ash Garden and in the immediately adjacent area outside the fence this year. Tree removal and replacement will also be a point of emphasis in 2023.

The Committee members are Betsy Sipes, Carole Tulip, Charlie Mead, Charlie Schwan, John Reckord, Becky Myers, Tom Cristensen, Richard Irvin, DeeDee McCracken and Kevin McCracken. If you are interested in joining the committee or obtaining information about the

Cemetery, please contact Charlie Schwan at broadcreek@ccpki.org or (443-262-1074)

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. We are happy to report that we were able to reopen the building for more events this year.

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, weddings and funerals.

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

Christ Episcopal Church Day School (CECDS)

In January of 2022 CECDS re-opened the Super Wednesday program and each session was at capacity. We continued to support the Backpack program once a month teaching the importance of giving back to the community. The most outstanding new event in Spring of 2022 was our Teddy Bear Picnic at Camp Wright. The children, their bears and families enjoyed tractor rides, a bear hunt and fun bear crafts.

The school year ended with an indoor traditional graduation ceremony.

School year 2022-23 began in September with family Meet and Greet. We brought back Family Chapel and restarted our PTO. The PTO has already begun a fundraising campaign for scholarships, enrichment materials and events. We continue to add our support to the Backpack program and had our Fall annual field trip to "The Little Farm and Nursery". In December we added 12 Days of Christmas to our CECDS YouTube channel. A calendar with QR codes for each day was given to each family so they could get easy access to the Christmas stories read by Staff and Father Mark.



Registration is now open to the public for school year 2023-24 and we are filling up very quickly.

Find us on Facebook- Christ Episcopal Church Day School @CECDSKI

Follow us on Instagram @cecdski

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

Counters

There are four teams of money counters that collect, sort and record the contributions on a spreadsheet. The counters are careful to credit everyone for their contributions and sort as designated by the contributor to the operating fund, mortgage fund or any of the "special" funds. The spreadsheet tallies everything and we verify that the actual amount of contributions matches the tally, then one of the counters takes the deposit to the bank. All checks are copied and kept with the printed spreadsheet in the counting room. The counters are: Liza Hamill, Dawn McKnight, Leslie Schneider, Anna Sisson, Bob Thompson, Dottie Wilson and myself, Judy Peppel. My thanks to all of the counters for their dedication to this important ministry.

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

Digital Outreach Ministries: Livestreaming & Zoom

To best meet the needs of our congregation and community in the 21st century, in September 2021 we began livestreaming our 10 a.m. service. Since then, a team of volunteers including Steve Dombkowski, Liza Hamill, Bill Vanderbok, Ben Riley, and Dottie Wilson have livestreamed each service. Anyone can watch the live or taped services by going to our You Tube channel <https://www.youtube.com/christchurchkentisland> or our church website where you can also find a link to the service leaflet. In 2022, we added slides at the beginning and the end of the services that promote various activities at the church. Streaming our services has allowed parishioners who are ill or out of town to join us in worship and has resulted in numerous visitors who joined us in person after watching us online.

Another digital highlight in 2022 was the ability to have EfM, Bible Study, and other meetings that include those present in person as well as those joining by Zoom. These meetings can be held in the conference room using a TV mounted on the wall or elsewhere using a TV on a rolling cart. To ensure that everyone can be seen and heard, we use a special webcam called an Owl that is designed to capture video and sound from a group of people. This flexibility has allowed individuals to participate who would otherwise not have been able to do so.

If you are interested in assisting Christ Church improve its use of technology or are willing to assist with streaming, please contact Dottie Wilson dorothydwilson@yahoo.com.

Education for Ministry (EfM)



EfM Christmas Dinner in December with Father Mark and Bishop Bud

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 trained facilitators/mentors, assigned texts, and essays provide the content for discussion of the Christian tradition. The discipline of lay 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.

This year we have twelve students including three from two other churches from our diocese who attend via zoom. We were excited to meet everyone in person at our Christmas Dinner in December with Father Mark and Bishop Bud joining our celebration

Since our EfM Program started at CCPKI in 2018, eight students have graduated from the program. This year we will graduate three more CCPKI members and two EfM students from a church in the diocese.

Every one of us is called to ministry. The Education for Ministry (EfM) program provides people with the education to carry out that ministry. As lay people we face the challenging task of interpreting the richness of the church's faith in a complex and confusing world. We need a theological education that supports our faith and teaches us to express our faith in day-to-day events. The EfM program is wonderful preparation for the ministry to which we all are called.

For more information: Please contact:

Bluette Blinoff: bblinoff@pfcfulfills.com or 610-212-6366
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Lois Vanderbok: lois.vanderok@att.net 443-249-5495



Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

Eucharistic Ministers

Eucharistic Ministers (Ems) are responsible for reading the psalms and the prayers of the people. They also assist the celebrant prepare and serve the Holy Eucharist during Holy Communion. COVID has forced us to make necessary changes. For now, we no longer assist with the chalice, but we continue our readings and assist Father Mark. We welcome all who would like to serve in the name of Jesus Christ. Parishioners who wish to become Eucharistic Ministers should contact Father Mark for more details. A short training will be provided.

Lectors

Lectors read scripture as part of worship. Reading Holy Scripture is one of the long-time traditions of the Episcopal Church. As a Lector in the Episcopal Church, we participate in the service by reading prepared readings from the Old and New Testament. We encourage all parishioners to be part of our worship celebrations by serving as a lector at the early or late service. There is always room at God's table for more help, please join our ministries. Father Mark and Administrator Brenda Faulkner provide guidance and scheduling. Of course, we are always happy to help, just call. lectors@ccpki.org

Family Ministry

During COVID, we were not allowed to bring the children together in small groups. Happy to say, "We are back" and working hard at rebuilding our Christian Formation - renamed Family Ministry. During 2022, Jane Ford was hired as Christ Church's Family Ministry Coordinator. With Jane onboard, the Family Ministry Program at Christ Church has begun offering more youth-centered activities and church gatherings to grow the presence of children and families within our parish.

Wiggle Room: With Jane's help, we've continued offering childcare during the 10:00 am service in the Wiggle Room.

Storytime: To give children an introduction to our faith, Jane initiated Storytime (Bible Stories for Children) that is held in the Wiggle Room after the 10:00 am service. This Storytime is for children that spend their time in the Wiggle Room, as well as children that attend the 10:00 am service.

Youth Group: Jane has also started a youth group for our middle and high school aged youth. As they gather in the church, the goal is to build meaningful relationships with each other. The youth group was started during Advent. They spent time learning Advent words and what they mean and how those words can relate in today's world.

Family Dinner Nights: This year we began our monthly family dinner nights. All parishioners are invited to these nights. It sure has been a pleasure watching our parish come together for a meal once a month! A special thanks to all the volunteers who helped with planning, cooking, and leading the activities & crafts. We look forward to seeing you as we continue the Family Dinner Nights throughout this year.

Christ Church, with the direction of Jane, will continue holding all these events, and we look forward to Family Ministry growing to meet the needs of our congregation.

If you are looking for an opportunity to volunteer, look no further! We have them! Feel free to email Jane at familyministry@ccpki.org or catch up with her before or after the 10:00 am service.

Finance Committee

The CCPKI Finance Committee develops and recommends the annual operating budget to the Vestry. The committee oversees the investment of endowment/dedicated funds, the management of cash flow to meet current obligations and, in collaboration with the Treasurer, produces periodic reports for the Vestry, congregation, and the Diocese.

The Committee meets monthly on the Wednesday evening preceding the Vestry meeting. Current members, Cary Gates (chair), Dick Sells, Charlie Schwan, Bob Thompson, and Dave Ellwood review monthly financial reports, assess trends relative to the operating budget, and recommend strategies to help preserve and increase the Parish's financial assets.

The Committee also provides financial advice to the CECDS and the Cemetery Committee and helps develop communication 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 its ministries.

If you have a financial background and are interested in the financial well-being of our church, contact Cary Gates: finance@ccpki.org or 443-481-0914

Food and Fellowship Groups

In June 2022, our dinner groups resumed after a two-year suspension because of the pandemic. To better reflect the options (it does not have to be dinner!), we changed the name to "Food and Fellowship Groups." They are a fun and friendly way to gather and share food and conversation in a small group. The groups generally meet once a month for about six months and are randomly organized and kept small to foster conversation and community among the members.

In 2022, four groups of 8 to 10 people were formed in and gathered to share food. Each group decided its own schedule and type of gathering. Several groups invited guests who had not officially joined a group and everyone enjoyed getting to know each other better. Some groups did sit-down dinners while others met for brunch or had a happy hour with appetizers.

With the start of the New Year, we are organizing new **Food and Fellowship Groups**. If you would like to participate in a group, please sign up online or on the signup sheet in the Church Narthex, contact Dottie Wilson at 615-478-2366 or Susie Reckord at 410-493-3452, or email dinners@ccpki.org.

Garden Club Ministry

2022 was our first full year working as an organized ministry maintaining the wonderful grounds and gardens that surround Christ Church. The many hands worked hard to weed and transform not only gardens but also self with the accomplishments of jobs well done. Our biggest project was having the junipers ripped out of the circle and then raking, weeding, and seeding and having grass growing by Easter. We also have maintained, weeded, and planted the Entrance, Shand Hall and Labyrinth gardens. Also, the gardens around the school, kitchen and back entrance were maintained. There is a certain peace that is achieved ripping out weeds! And the work can be done independently or with others as the volunteers set their own schedules.

As some of the volunteers have adopted gardens, we still do have plenty of projects and weeds and would love to have more volunteers. If you would like to join, you can reach out through the Church at office@ccpki.org or

Contact Tim Aland: gardenclub@ccpki.org

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.

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 Vanderbok, Connie Clark, 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

Hospitality-Soup Group

Mission: Prepare, package, and sell soups and salads at our weekly Thursday Soup Market and foster fellowship and relationships in our church and the wider community. Provide food contributions to local food banks and Haven Ministries to meet needs of the food insecure in our community.

History/Accomplishments: We were able to come through 2022 with minimal Covid obstacles and maintain a healthy staff and schedules. While we had some volunteers leave us, we were happy to add several new volunteers throughout the year to help us meet the demands of our growing customer base. We made efforts to meet more often with our volunteers and review our menu offerings, processes for planning, customer ordering and payment and have made improvements in many areas. Our volunteers are the real blessing in this venture and the ministry, camaraderie, and friendships that have developed are at the heart of all we do. What we have been able to build, organize, and accomplish with this homegrown business is the source of great pride, both here at CCPKI and the wider community.

We certainly saw our costs increase as inflation affected everything and we considered raising our product prices but decided against it out of respect for our customers. Higher expenses did impact the amount of net earnings back to the church this year, which came out to \$63,887, a bit short of our budgeted goal of \$66,300 but still a strong effort.

In addition to the Soup Group, 2022 offered us the opportunity to re-engage with our in-person Community Dinners and then narrowing our focus to engage with our families with children and introduced monthly Family Dinners. We forged a commitment with our new Youth & Family minister, Jane Ford, to cultivate those relationships in the year ahead with simple and innovative ways to engage with families and their children. We acknowledge that the world is forever changed since Covid and we have to adapt and meet people where they are to build relationships.

Goals For 2023: Our goals are to keep growing and exploring menu options and opportunities to keep us connected with our customers, parish, and the community. We always welcome new volunteers to our team and hope to keep growing as we share the fun and fellowship in the kitchen and the Soup Market. Interested in joining us?

Contact Lindy Coltharp: soup@ccpki.org or 410-212-6269

Music Ministry

The Music Ministry at Christ Church experienced significant growth in 2022.

First, our Parish Choir grew to 18 members. We are just two members away from our goal of 20 members by the end of 2023. In 2022, the choir led the music at our worship most Sundays from September through May and presented a variety of special anthems. We collaborated with guest musicians including Dave Hasek (organ) and an Easter brass quartet. We still are looking for new members; you don't have to read music to join!

Second, we initiated the Choral Intern program, which aims to enrich our music program and encourage and train young musicians. Our inaugural intern, Katelyn Ruyter, sang with the choir each week from January-May, presented solos, and directed the choir. Her experience at Christ Church was a positive one: even though her internship has ended, Katelyn still comes back to Christ Church to visit and sing. In September, we welcomed Elise Parks as the Choral Intern for the 22-23 season. Elise has already demonstrated her immense vocal talent with the choir and as a soloist.

Third, our concert series presented four free concerts as gifts to the community: Nathan Lively & Peggy Brengle (piano and organ), Tyler Canonico (organ), The Maryland State Boychoir, and the Westminster Ringers. All the concerts were well attended; the Boychoir resulted in the highest Sunday attendance this fall, and more than 150 people attended the Westminster Ringers program. We also welcomed the Renaissance Singers, who presented their Christmas concert at Christ Church.

Finally, our Praise Band has continued to grow. We welcomed a new drummer this fall, bringing the group to six members. We still are looking for new members, especially a guitar player. The Praise Band plays approximately once per month at the 10 a.m. service.

My deepest thanks to Father Mark, the Vestry, Dave Hasek, Micahla Hendrix, and all our volunteer musicians for all that they do to make our music program strong. Please contact me to discuss how you can participate in 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

Parish Outreach: Feeding Our Community

In 2022 we provided food to people in our local communities, helping those in need and encouraging fellowship within and beyond the parish.

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 January of 2022, we offered curbside pickup or delivery of our meatloaf dinner and in June we offered outside dining as an additional option. The tables, chairs and decorations placed in the “grove” outside Shand Hall created a delightful atmosphere and a welcome opportunity to visit with old and new friends. As usual, the kitchen team and curbside volunteers did a terrific job, and everyone raved about the food. The recipients were most grateful for the meals and generously donated funds sufficient to cover the cost of the dinners!

We hope to resume the Community Dinners in 2023 and welcome all volunteers! Contact Dottie Wilson at dinners@ccpki.org or 615-478-2366.

Support for Sudlersville Children and Families

In 2022, we continued our efforts to provide food to people in the Sudlersville area, a part of the county with high food insecurity. During the summer, we delivered large numbers of soups and salads from the Soup Group to a monthly program for migrants and their children. From January through June, we provided 30 large soups and 30 large salads and pizza dough to the parents attending adult education classes at The Judy Center Early Learning Hub at Sudlersville Elementary School. These weekly contributions were made possible by the Soup Group preparing the food and volunteers driving to Sudlersville each week to deliver the food.

In September, we determined that we might most effectively assist the parents attending classes at the Judy Center by providing them with grocery gift cards so they could purchase what their families needed most. Funding for the gift cards was obtained through the QAC Backpack Weekend Meals for Kids Program. The Community Dinners and delivery of food to Sudlersville were possible only with the help of our incredible volunteers.

Thank you to all who helped us feed our community in 2022 and to those who will help us do so in 2023!

Backpack Weekend 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 when schools are not in session. In 2022, Christ Church Parish volunteers packed and delivered about **6,400 bags of weekend meals** to three schools: Kent Island Elementary, Bayside Elementary, Sudlersville Middle School plus the summer Migrant program in Sudlersville. CCPKI volunteers also helped with migrant program family events and collected donations of gently used children's clothing.

Christ Church also plays a key role in supporting the Backpacks program for Queen Anne's County. Our ministry coordinator, Kathy Sells, serves as the primary contact person for all of the churches in the program and co-chairs the QAC Local Management Board Hunger Backpack Committee, overseeing the disbursement of county funds to the Backpack program. The Backpacks program has an account with the Maryland Food Bank and Christ Church serves as a hub for receipt and delivery of MDFB food to churches for distribution to the schools.

The Christ Church Backpack Program is supported by donations of food and cash from parishioners and community individuals and organizations. We receive additional funding through the Queen Anne's County Department of Children and Families. We love our volunteers and welcome participation from anyone who would like to join our pack/deliver team, meeting each week on Thursday morning at 8:30. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Kathy Sells: backpacks@ccpki.org or 410-490-6042.

Grasonville Food Pantry

The goal of the Grasonville Food Pantry ministry has been to supply and deliver food two times a week to the elderly and handicapped in the Grasonville area who are in need. On Tuesdays and Fridays, volunteers have collected unsold soups and salads prepared by the Soup Group and food contributions placed in the grocery cart located in Shand Hall lobby. If the donations were small, the volunteers have purchased food items to supplement them and then delivered the food to the Grasonville Community Center. A volunteer at the Grasonville Center, received the food and supervised dispensing it to the individuals. Over the years, the number of individuals served by this ministry declined and in 2022 only about eight people were served. The small number of people served and the ability for them to be served by the Haven Ministries food pantry and other sources resulted in a decision to discontinue our Grasonville ministry in 2023 and instead to focus on supporting Haven Ministries' food pantry which serves many more people.

We appreciate the dedication of our volunteers who have worked years in delivering the food to these needy individuals. If you would like more information, contact Juanita Dombkowski: foodpantry@ccpki.org or (410)310-0139.

Haven Ministries

Christ Church Parish is a participating church member of Haven Ministries, Inc., which runs the only homeless shelter in Queen Anne's County as well a housing assistance program located in two newly constructed homes, two food pantries (one in Queenstown and one in Sudlersville), and a benevolent fund to assist payment of rent, utilities, medical bills, and other necessities. 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.

To help fund its ministries, Haven Ministries relies on many volunteers and contributions from member churches and generous donors. It also operates two stores that provide items to those in need for free and whose sales help support its programs. Our Daily Thread Thrift Store sells clothing, toys, and smaller household items and the Hope Warehouse sells furniture and larger household items. Christ Church contributes to Haven Ministries financially and our parishioners volunteer in its programs and donate generously.

Volunteers are needed for the Food Pantry, Thrift Store, and Hope Warehouse. Schedules are flexible. If you are willing to help or would like more information, contact Dottie Wilson at dorothydwilson@yahoo.com or Josh Dorsey at calculushomework@hotmail.com for more information.

Haven Ministries Shelter Meals and Fellowship

From October through April when Haven Ministries provides shelter for those in need, Christ Church and the other participating churches are asked to provide dinner for the shelter guests on a rotating schedule. Volunteers provide a warm and healthy dinner and perhaps dessert for the shelter guests. When delivering dinner, volunteers are met by a Haven Ministries volunteer who divides the casserole or entrée, salad, and dessert into individual servings for each guest. Making a warm and comforting meal for our neighbors who are having a difficult time is a wonderfully fulfilling endeavor.

Christ Church and the other participating churches also provide volunteers for a fellowship shift (6 – 12 p.m.) to eat with, visit, and sometimes play games with the guests. A Haven Ministries employee works with the volunteers, explains the shelter rules, and provides instructions. This direct and affirming support is an easy and important way to care for our neighbors.

Leslie Schneider coordinates volunteers when it is Christ Church's turn to feed the shelter guests and provide fellowship volunteers. If you are interested in providing dinner for your neighbors or being a fellowship volunteer at the shelter, please contact Leslie at lschneider3@msn.com or 410-310-4085.

Property

2022 started out with a bang when our fire monitoring system failed. The system was part of the original build of the church and was so old that replacement parts were no longer available. Consequently, we had to acquire and install an entirely new system. After a few “new system” burps, everything is functioning properly.

Elsewhere in the church facility, the steps leading up to the altar had become loose, so these were repaired. The freezer in the kitchen failed and had to be replaced. Two of the PTAC units in the CECDS Big Room failed. These were likely some of the oldest units in the building. Upon investigation, the outlets serving these units showed evidence of burning, so the outlets and the PTAC units were replaced. A serious mold problem affecting books and vestments was discovered in Father Mark's office, which required an extensive remediation effort. Finally, thanks to a very generous donation, we were able to repaint Shand Hall and replace the very badly worn carpet!

Outside, the gate in the back by the kitchen door had been knocked down (and occasionally ripped off the hinges) so often, that it was replaced by a more substantial gate with higher visibility. The roofs of the sheds in that area were replaced to provide more secure storage. We were also informed by the County that our stormwater ponds (front and back) had to be cleared of woody growth to comply with drainage regulations, which we accomplished.

In the rectory, a new dryer had to be purchased. Also, due to age, the roof had begun leaking, necessitating its replacement.

Looking at the future, it is very evident that our facility is showing its age. We just finished patching a leak over the Shand Hall altar, which is the latest of many such “spot” repairs. Major roof work is coming down the pike, as is the need to consider evaluating lighting throughout the building to improve its quality and decrease our electrical expenses over the long haul.

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

Recovery Ministries

Alcoholic Anonymous currently has 3 meetings and Al-Anon has 1 meeting at Christ Church per week. Both groups appreciate the support given to them to provide help for those suffering from the disease of Alcoholism. Over the years Christ Church has provided a safe place to meet and help 1,000's of people. Thank you.

Contact: 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 support Christ Church and her ministries in the coming year, both members and friends chose to respond with **Gratitude and Love!**



Thank You!

We are exceedingly grateful to the **74 families** who have shared their plans to contribute to their church in 2023. Many of them have already begun with generous contributions.

Many thanks also to **Dottie Wilson, Kathy Sells, Susie Reckord, and Tom Christensen** for their help in designing and rolling-out the Campaign, as well as to the members of the Finance Committee and Vestry for their support and assistance.

Ministries Are Thriving!

Because of your contributions and plans, our church is growing and thriving in exciting ways! We are **Living Our Faith** – worshipping at Sunday services, and evening prayer, joining with our choir and musicians, and praying for those on our parish prayer list. We are **Creating Strong Ministries** – cultivating friendships at food and fellowship events, participating in fun-filled events with children and families, and learning about our faith in study groups and sacramental preparations. We are **Caring For Each Other and Our Resources** – supporting home-bound friends and parishioners needing a connection, responsibly managing our financial resources and facilities, and supporting our Day School, Broad Creek Cemetery, and Camp Wright. And we are **Sharing With Our Neighbors** – nourishing them with our many food-based ministries and offering our facilities to the community.

Campaign Results

So far, **73** households have planned to donate **\$186,569** to our 2023 operations – **110%** of our goal. **Thank You!** We are hoping and praying to receive additional plans and/or unplanned gifts of **\$38,431** necessary to meet our 2023 contributions budget for operations.

48 households have planned to contribute **\$77,224** toward our mortgage obligation, **85%** of our goal. For the first year since 2016, plans to give toward the mortgage are **\$13,608 short** of the amount we need to make our monthly mortgage payments.

If your family has not yet submitted your plan, it is not too late! Giving Plan packets are available in the church narthex or on the church website.

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 is the legal representative of the parish in all matters pertaining to its corporate property. The basic responsibilities of the vestry are to help define and articulate the mission of the congregation; to support the church's mission by word and deed, to select the rector, to ensure effective organization and planning, and to manage resources and finances.

The Vestry is composed of nine elected parishioners and five officers. The Rector is the presiding officer of the Vestry; the Senior Warden is a support person for the Rector and the senior lay officer of the parish; the Junior Warden is responsible for church property and buildings; the Treasurer maintains church finances; and the Registrar maintains Vestry meeting minutes. Vestry meetings are held monthly.

Special thanks go to Tom Christensen, Toinette McDowell, and Susie Reckord who have completed their three-year terms in 2022.

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

Class of 2024 – Dennis Conrad, Cara Fehrenbacher, Lois Vanderbok

Class of 2025 – Charlie Mead, Becky Myers, Ben Riley

Lois Vanderbok will vacate her Vestry position to take on responsibilities as Senior Warden in 2023. Dennis Conrad will vacate his Vestry position to take on responsibilities as Treasurer in 2023. With these changes, two vestry positions need to be filled for one-year terms, and three vestry positions need to be filled for three-year terms. Toinette McDowell will continue to serve as the Registrar.

Candidates for the Vestry Class of 2024 – Liza Hamill, Patti Snyder

Candidates for the Vestry Class of 2026 - Stan Link, Karin Olsen, Warren Prender

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

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