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A parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Easton

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3:1

Beloved Members and Staff of Christ Church Parish,

I arrived on Kent Island ten years ago with a mission to draw together a community of faith that had frayed. I was greeted by faithful leaders who wanted the same thing. I am deeply grateful for all we have shared over the decade.

Of course, I couldn't anticipate the tornado, the water break in the Sacristy, the numerous HVAC failures, or COVID; but hey, what is life without a few surprises? Every time we have encountered an obstacle, I have been bolstered by more friends than I could count. Did I mention that I am grateful?

This parish has experienced physical, programmatic, personal, and financial growth. We have developed new signage and outdoor lighting. We have renewed Shand Hall. Our Music program is unique in Queen Anne's County, offering traditional and contemporary praise bolstered by instrumentalists and performing groups. We have offered opportunities for prayer and study. We have been transparent with our financial positions and policies. We have offered our facility to the Diocese for major events, and to Recovery Groups who call us home.

After 38 years of ordained life, it is time for me to step back. My family has grown while Mimi and I have been here. We owe them many birthdays and anniversaries and shared weekends. Mimi and I crave the chance to sit in the pews together. We hope soon to combine our skills to help other congregations envision their futures.

As of November 5, 2023, I will become your Former Rector. I will not do services or come by the office. I will not be available for consultations or conversations. I will not be at your parties or life events. Christ Church Parish needs time and space to recalibrate and reimagine God's dream for this amazing parish.

It is time for you to envision what God had next in store for Christ Church Parish. This lively, progressive, liturgical parish will attract a new and very different rector, one born after Sputnik, one who knows the digital age. Your new rector will be rooted in Christ with fresh energy for the future.

I will always pray for you, as I have for the seven previous parishes I have served. All Saints Sunday, this season will be ended, and a new one will begin.

Peace,
Mark +



SENIOR WARDEN REPORT

This month we say farewell to our friend, our priest and our Rector. For the past ten years, Fr. Mark has loved this church, healed the wounds, improved the finances and attracted many new families who wanted to hear his messages of love, learning and wisdom. We will miss him terribly, but we will go on as a church family, just as we have since 1631. While Fr. Mark enjoys his retirement with family, friends and a well-earned rest, we will continue to worship, learn, share meals, encourage and educate our youth, assist our seniors, support our outreach and love one another.

On November 12th, we will welcome our new Interim Rector, The Rev. Frank B. Crumbaugh, III. A Letter of Understanding has been signed and approved by the Bishop. Fr. Frank will be with us for one year. Hopefully enough time to find a new rector. Most recently, Fr. Frank served for over 20 years as rector of The Episcopal Church of the Holy Innocents in Beach Haven, NJ.

Since his retirement, he has served as a supply priest for us several times. We are so blessed that Fr. Frank felt called to serve Christ Church Parish in a long-term interim position. At a time when many churches are struggling to find a priest, we will smoothly transition to an Interim Rector who knows and loves us.

In December, the Vestry will consider and approve a Search Committee composed of eight members, who will be a mix of new and long-term parishioners that are involved and active within the parish. The first job of this committee will be to discover and frame who we are as Christ Church and what we need in a rector.

Fr. Frank in his role as Interim Rector will guide and advise the committee through the search process. If you have a desire to serve on this committee, please email srwarden@ccpki.org.

In closing, please pray for Fr. Mark and Mimi. Pray that they relish every moment of the time they can now spend together and with their family, and pray in gratitude for all of the gifts they have shared with us.

Lois Vanderbok, Sr. Warden

Vestry Notes

The Church, School and Cemetery audit reports are being finished. Many thanks to Laurelle McCready for her organizing, the Audit Group and their chairman, Molly Canon for their thorough and timely work. Recommendations for improvements were presented.

New requirements for the Safe Church Safe Communities have been distributed by the Diocese. These will go into effect soon for all who work with children and youth as well as Wardens, Vestry members and the Finance Committee.

We are seeking volunteers to work as an advisory group to assist Jane in planning and service projects. If interested please contact srwarden@ccpki.org

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

Our Youth Group has been having an absolute blast! We will continue meeting every Sunday at 7pm in the conference room. All Middle and High Schoolers are welcome!

Sunday School is a real hit! Our 2nd and 3rd grade parishioners are learning all about the church and having a very fun time doing it! It is not too late to sign up your child if they might be interested. Please email familyministry@ccpki.org for more information.

We have another family dinner on the calendar for December 3rd! Be ready for some delicious food and fun fellowship at 5:30pm in Shand Hall on Sunday, December 3rd.

We are always looking for more volunteers for our Wiggle Worship Room and Family Dinner nights! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jane at familyministry@ccpki.org and let her know!

Thank you all!

CELEBRATING GOD'S GIFTS

On Sunday, October 15th, we launched **Celebrating God's Gifts**, our Campaign to fund our operations and to pay our mortgage obligations in 2024. Parishioners who attended services picked up their packets of information about the Campaign. Packets were mailed to all others.

Hearty thanks to the many families who have already submitted their 2024 Gift Plans! As a result of their quick action and enthusiastic support, Gift Plans for **2024 Operations** already total **48%** of our goal!

Thanks also to many new Gift Plans submitted toward our 2024 mortgage payments, Gift Plans toward our **2024 Mortgage** now total \$67,450, **70%** of the amount needed to make our payment toward principal and interest in 2024.

Planning your gifts to our church family this year is particularly important. Not only will it help the church that we enjoy and love to plan and thrive, but it will also show prospective rector candidates that this is the parish they want most to join and lead. Please prayerfully consider your family's Gift Plan and submit it by November 10th. You may return it to the church or fill out the Giving Plan online.

Thank you again for returning your Gift Plans! If you have not yet done so, please join your Christ Church Family in **Celebrating God's Gifts** by completing your Plan and returning it by November 10, 2023. Online Giving Plans are available through our website.





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QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

September 30, 2023

Third Quarter Highlights

Revenues Stellar

Financial results during the first half of the year are very encouraging. Giving is strong; donations to the Operating Fund are 14% over budget and plate contributions are a whopping 150% more than expected. Expenses are close to what was anticipated. We are hopeful that the deficit in the operations budget that was projected will be much less than anticipated. **Thank you!**

Excellent Progress Reducing Mortgage Debt

Sixty-eight families joined our Rector and his family in the **40 & 10 Anniversary Challenge**. Contributions totaling \$33,147 have been received. This is **166%** of our goal!

Thank you to every family, including our Rector's, for your enthusiastic support!

Meanwhile, many parishioners continue to make regular donations to the Mortgage Fund, making it possible for us to meet our monthly mortgage obligation. These contributions, along with extra money raised through **40 & 10 Anniversary Challenge**, have allowed us to reduce our principal by almost \$95,000 so far this year. If parishioners fulfill their pledges for this year, we can look forward to shrinking our mortgage debt to \$130,000 by the end of 2023. **Thank you!**

Enthusiastic Parish Family Tending to Church Priorities

A large and capable corps of volunteers have made excellent progress improving our physical facilities. We have beautified the church grounds, replaced the roof on our rectory garage, improved the air conditioning system, replaced aging computers, cleaned and repaired the gutters, and refurbished

the entrance to Shand Hall. The music program is excellent and continues to grow and improve. Altar Guild volunteers are increasing in numbers. Our services are attracting new friends and members, even during the normally leaner summer months.

Thanks to the many folks making our church such a beautiful and vital place!

Christ Church Continues to Make a Difference in our Community

Parishioners and community volunteers are enthusiastically and actively giving their time and talents to support the broader Kent Island community. Soup Group volunteers have cultivated a large and loyal following, and the September food drive helped feed many in need. We have increased our support of Haven Ministries. Every week, the Backpack for Kids program helps hundreds of children in our county who would not otherwise have enough to eat. Enrollment at our Day School is nearly at capacity in this, its 51st year of successfully supporting pre-school age children in our area.

Thank you to everyone-church members and community volunteers-who support our outreach efforts!



2023 FUND PERFORMANCE (as of 9-30-2023)

OPERATING FUND	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance
Revenues			
General Offerings	\$184,403	\$201,062	\$16,659
Building Use	\$30,562	\$35,920	\$5,358
Fund Raisers	\$50,625	\$51,918	\$1,293
Miscellaneous Income	\$4,838	\$4,681	(\$157)
Total Revenue	\$262,603	\$293,581	\$30,978
Expenses			
Personnel	\$183,667	\$161,453	\$22,214
Facilities	\$65,381	\$68,332	(\$2,951)
Parish Life	\$46,082	\$47,746	(\$1,664)
Administration	\$30,135	\$32,147	(\$2,012)
Total Expense	\$334,078	\$320,235	\$13,843
Revenue Minus Expenses (Deficit)	(\$71,475)	(\$26,654)	\$44,821
MORTGAGE FUND			
Offerings	\$68,125	\$79,962	\$11,837
Outstanding Mortgage Loan		\$146,661	
GRACE FUND			
Offerings		\$225	
Grace Fund Balance		\$123,763	

Financial Statement Notes

General Offerings include contributions, plate collections, special offerings and memorial gifts. Some memorial gifts are restricted and may not be used for budgeted expenses.

Building Use includes rental of our building facilities and kitchen to Living Water Lutheran Church, Christ Church Episcopal Day School and to individuals and organizations for weddings and special events.

Fund Raisers include such events as Plant Sales and Soup Sales.

Withdrawals from Investments and Endowments ideally will be no more than the interest/appreciation, thus preserving the principal for future years. Investment and endowment funds include the Juliana Blunt Fund, the Paca Fund, the Endowment Fund, the Investment Fund, and the Grace Youth Ministry & Education Fund.

Personnel expenses include the salaries, benefits, educational and travel expenses for our Rector, Minister of Music, Sexton, Family Ministry Coordinator, and Parish Administrator.

Facilities includes all expenses associated with maintaining the "home of our ministries" (including our rectory, the home of our rector), such as utilities, repairs, grass cutting, snow plowing and property/liability insurance.

Parish Life includes expenses to support outreach ministries, including programs for the homeless and hungry in our community, as well as our contribution to the Diocese for the work of the Episcopal Church. Our worship programs, including the altar guild and music ministry are also funded here.

CECDS NEWSLETTER ARTICLE

NOVEMBER 2023


We have been celebrating all things Fall! The children have enjoyed finding colorful leaves around the school, growing Fall flowers, carving pumpkins, playing with pretend spiders that are hanging from our trees and plein air painting. The Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department brought a Fire truck and demonstrated what to do in case of fire. We celebrated the end of October with a Harvest Fest that was made extra special with the help of the PTO and parent volunteers.

All staff will be attending the Maesa Early Childhood Workshop at St Patrick's Episcopal Day School on November 3rd. We will be celebrating our Veterans on November 10th with special guest Tech Sargent May who will lead us in singing the National Anthem. Friendsgiving will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 15th and Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Friday November 17th. School is closed for Thanksgiving the week of November 20th.

Priority registration begins December 4th for school year 2024-25. Church members, CECDS alumni and returning students are considered priority. For more information about our program visit www.cecds.org



Sun	Mon	Tue	We
			1 10:00 Exec C 5:00 Evening 7:30 AA Meet
5 Daylight Savings Ends 8:00 Worship Service 10:00 Worship Service 7:00 Youth Group	6 5:00 Evening Prayer 7:00 Cemetery Committee Meeting	7 5:00 Evening Prayer 5:30 EfM	8 10:00 Exec C 5:00 Evening 7:30 AA Meet
12 Bay Bridge Run 8:00 Worship Service 10:00 Worship Service 7:00 Youth Group	13 5:00 Evening Prayer	14 5:00 Evening Prayer 5:30 EfM	15 10:00 Exec C 5:00 Evening 7:00 Finance 7:30 AA Meet
19 8:00 Worship Service 10:00 Worship Service 7:00 Youth Group	20 5:00 Evening Prayer 6:30 Vestry Meeting	21 5:00 Evening Prayer 5:30 EfM	22 10:00 Exec C 5:00 Evening 7:30 AA Meet
26 8:00 Worship Service 10:00 Worship Service 7:00 Youth Group	28 5:00 Evening Prayer	29 5:00 Evening Prayer 5:30 EfM	30 10:00 Exec C 5:00 Evening 7:30 AA Meet

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Com Meeting Prayer ing</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:30 Backpacks Prep 2:30-5:30 Soup Sales 5:00 Evening Prayer</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:30 AA Meeting 7:30 Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>4</p> <p>2:00 AA Meeting Set your clocks back 1 hour</p>
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<p>Com Meeting Prayer ing</p>	<p>23</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>7:30 AA Meeting 7:30 Al-Anon Meeting</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:00 Altar Guild Cleanup Day 2:00 AA Meeting</p>
<p>Com Meeting Prayer ing</p>			

Emergency Emergencies, contact Father Frank Crumbaugh, Interim Rector ~ 609-709-3939

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

4th Qtr Ser				
		LEM	Lectors	Ushers
11/5/2023	8 AM		Maria Jones	
All Saints Sunday		Jim Lipsner	Thom Hirsch	Lois Vanderbok
				Maria Jones
All Saints A				Susan Hogan
Green	10 AM	Charlie Mead	Jennifer Leach	David Lee
		Lois Vanderbok	Keith Fulmer	
11/12/2023	8 AM		Betsy Sipes	Lois Vanderbok
24th Sunday after Pentecost		Patty Snyder	Lois Vanderbok	Maria Jones
Proper 27A				
Green	10 AM	Leslie Schneider	Dottie Wilson	Leslie Schneider
Veterans Day Observed		Keith Fulmer	Bob Thompson	Warren Prender
11/19/2023	8 AM		Liza Hamill	
25th Sunday after Pentecost		Jim Lipsner	Thom Hirsch	Eric Hummel
				Linette Hummel
Proper 28A				
White	10 AM	Bob Rosekrans	Lisa Herlihy	Susan Hogan
		Juanita Dombkowski	Patrick Herlihy	David Lee
11/26/2023	8 AM		Maria Jones	
Last Sunday after Pentecost		Liza Hamill	Jeffrey Pike	Cathy Smith
				Lois Vanderbok
Christ the King				
Blue	10 AM	Patti Snyder	Lois Vanderbok	Marguerite Staroneck
		Keith Fulmer	Carole Katrinic	Dan Staroneck

erving Chart 2023

Acolytes	Altar Guild	Counters	Greeters	Video Tech
	Dot Deren, Cara Fehrenbacher, Fred & Linda Klingensmith, Nancy Link			
Katie Schaefer				
Emily Schaefer (crucifer)		Judy Peppel	Connie Clark	Bill Vanderbok
Samuel Radley-Taylor		Anna Sisson	Becky Myers	
	Lynne Shand, Betsy Sipes, Patti Snyder			
Izzy Slavin (crucifer)				
Landon Rosekrans		Leslie Schneider	Toinette McDowell	Liza Hamill
Avery Miller		Liza Hamill	Lois Vanderbok	
	Donna Guilford, Maria Jones, Becky Myers			
Katie Schaefer (crucifer)				Steve Dombkowski
Emily Schaefer		Anna Sisson	Caroline Aland	
Reagan Hohman		Judy Peppel	Susie Reckord	
	Dee Dee & Kevin McCracken, Eileen Shreve, Carole Tulip			
Vivian Dorsey				
Samuel Radley-Taylor (crucifer)		Dottie Wilson	Charlie Mead	Dottie Wilson
Reagan Hohman		Bob Thompson	Bob Thompson	

Happy Retirement Fr. Mark!

