

The 2022 Annual Parish Report



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Gordonsville, Virginia

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A WORD ABOUT THE 2022 ANNUAL MEETING

The canons of the church only require the election of new vestry members during the “annual meeting”. Therefore, the only official business to be conducted will be the election of new vestry members. Once the election is conducted, the official meeting will be concluded.

Questions about the specific content of any of the reports that follow should be addressed directly to the individual who submitted said report.

As always, the Priest-in-Charge is willing to meet and discuss any aspect of our common life in Christ with anyone attending Christ Episcopal Church, Gordonsville.

1. Priest-in-Charge

Farewells are always difficult. We wish to be profound in case it is the last memory people have of us, yet we find ourselves at a loss for words. We want to express our thanks, our gratitude, and our affection, but fear sounding mushy or trite. So please accept these words in all their inadequacy as a token of my love and affection for each of you.

For a number of reasons, I did not stay as long as I had intended, but I have no regrets about coming. We are all changed by the journey, by the experiences we have and the people we meet. You will forever remain a part of my journey, a part of who I have become and I you. I would encourage you to open your hearts to the next priest that sojourns with you. Their passions, knowledge, and experiences will be different than mine and they may open up new doors for your spiritual growth that you have yet to discover. For that reason, while you will remain in my thoughts and prayers, I will not return for weddings, funerals, baptisms etc. nor will I discuss vestry matters or your clergy's preferences once I leave. Kids, pets, vacations, etc. I am still delighted to hear about and hope God blesses you in the years to come. I am on Facebook and Instagram and if you happen to be in south Texas, I would love to have the chance to catch-up and visit.

I have stopped posting my sermons on the website and will be closing it down before the end of January. It is expensive to maintain and I don't expect to be writing sermons on a regular basis going forward. If you want a copy of one before I leave, let me know and I can send it to you.

I know these are difficult and frightening times, but you have a lot of wonderful gifts of God's Spirit which will sustain you. I would encourage you hold close the vows you made at your baptism: to "continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking bread, and in the prayers", to "persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord", to "proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ", to "seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself", to "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being." (BCP 304-305)

Finally in the words of Paul to his congregation in Corinth -

"I rejoice, because I have complete confidence in you...And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work...Finally brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you... The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you." (2 Cor 7:16, 9:8, 13:11, 13)

Blessings,

Bev+

2. Senior Warden

This has been a breakout year for all in regard to the pandemic. We have returned to having services in the Church as opposed to using Zoom and the Social Hall. Communion returned before the wine but now we do our normal Communion Service. Most of the added stress from isolation has eased and we are getting back to our somewhat normal lives. Bev continued with her Bible studies and outreach to our homebound parishioners whenever possible.

The position of Junior Warden has been taken on with gusto by Kevin Cordray. He has taken to heart this job and accomplished many things that have needed repair for some time. He is getting too well versed in dealing with the insurance company especially in regard to claims for repairs to the wall. Also, we thank Floy Master.

The outreach programs, with the dedicated efforts of JoAnne, have blossomed. She has taken on many tasks and has succeeded in making them all successful. In the future there needs to be more volunteers to assist her. She has come up with some great ideas. The Blessing Box, which started with a few twists at the start, has now become a blessing to the less fortunate of the community and there have been items added by people outside of the Church. IT WORKS! She has also been the lead on many other projects. Her report on Outreach is included in the Annual Report.

It is WONDERFUL having the choir back. Their dedication to providing us with their time and talent is truly a gift from God that is greatly enjoyed by all. It is great to have our Choir Director back and in good health.

The Altar Guild is a group that goes unnoticed as their work is completed by the time we arrive for church BUT without their commitment to serve things would not go smoothly each week.

Reverend Patterson announced her retirement date as the last Sunday in January. This comes with mixed feelings from the congregation. There will be a Celebration of her ministry after Church Service on the 29th of January. She will be missed.

We, the Vestry, have been in contact with Rev. Hogg, he is located in Richmond, in regard to being a long term, 3 months, supply Priest. We are working with Shirley Smith-Graham from the Diocese on putting together a contract.

On December 11th we were honored with a visit by Bishop Goff. During her visit there was 1 Person baptized, Emmett Knapp, 2 confirmations, Belvia Riner and Rita Knapp, also one person was received into the Church, Chris Knapp. These are blessings from God and a show of growth in our Church.

There has been much angst within the congregation over the past year. In response to this we have invited Dr. Chris Cameron, Clinical Psychologist, to attend the January 16th Vestry Meeting.

Bill Carr

Senior Warden

3. Junior Warden

The Buildings and Grounds of our church are in fair condition. The rectory has an ongoing list of some minor repairs that can be addressed, as time is available. Within the first half of the year, there was the discovery of a leaking toilet fixture. The repair of this leak, the repair of two continuous flush valve leaks and one clogged basin were completed. The toilet fixture leak created damage to the ceiling of the room below and sheetrock repair has been added to the list.

In the mid-summer, a very large oak tree deposited one of its limbs into the yard behind the rectory, the owner's son (Steve Grabeel), was kind enough to remove the debris. Further inspection of the tree revealed significant decay and the potential of further limbs to fall onto the cars and the overhead power lines of Baker Street. The electrical utility agreed of the danger and subsequently felled the tree. Some of the wood has been salvaged, but we are still responsible for the removal of the main trunk.

As with the rectory, the church and the parish hall have a list of minor repairs that can also be addressed, as time is available. The highlight of the year was the generous donation to the church for the installation of a new stained-glass window by Penn Bowers, in memory of Gail Kathleen Bowers. A second addition to the church was the installation of the Blessing Box by Jo-Anne, it was built and donated by Jo-Anne's brother, James Schleser. From the Blessing Box, those who are in need may take items of food and personal care products, with anonymity. The major challenge we've had this past year was the damage to the church wall on the corner of High St and Baker St, twice. In both cases a hit-and-run truck did the damage. Our insurance covered the rebuild, and through Floyd Hill's contacts and efforts, the wall was repaired. Along with the wall repair, our large sign was also repaired, and amended with the new service times, thanks to Shep and Floyd.

I will close with two continued concerns, first is with our honeybees nesting within the roof structure above the sanctuary on the left side, we are monitoring the activity and the vestry is formulating a resolution. Second is the standard lawn care of the rectory and church yards, the current cost quotes from Fernando are prohibitive, continued discussion are not forth coming. This leaves the leaves to us, please feel free to spend time in either yard or assist us in maintaining the costs of upkeep, down.

Kevin Cordray

Junior Warden

4. Music Department

As we approach the end of our year, I would like to thank the members of the choir for their dedication and tireless support of the music program. It would not exist without them.

In addition to the Sunday services, your music department has provided support for extra services including Christmas, Holy Week and funerals.

A heartfelt thank you to the choir members whose dedication over the years mirrors their love and commitment to our Lord and Christ Church.

It goes without saying that it would be most difficult to have a more dedicated and talented organist than Tom May, who besides playing at the services and rehearsing the choir, spends many additional hours each week practicing. That work pays off as one of the guests at Molly Barrow's service congratulated Tom on the music at the service. She was especially pleased that Tom used a piece of music that her husband had composed!

I would encourage members of the parish to consider joining the choir as we worship God through music. We always are in need of new members.

On a personal note, thank you from the bottom of my heart for your prayers, calls and expression of support during my illness. It's nice to know your "family" cares.

Respectfully submitted,
Benjamin C. Armistead
Choirmaster

5. Altar Guild

Christ Episcopal Church, Scott Parrish, Gordonsville, Virginia

Mission Statement: This group prepares for the meeting of the people of God. Each member is devoted to Christ and His Church to give of herself/himself to the service of the altar.

Our devoted members continue to perform in this ministry with much grace.

Our deepest appreciation to Greta Shaw who has retired from Altar Guild duties. She has served faithfully for decades with grace and we will miss her mentorship and knowledge.

We wish to give thanks to our monthly Altar Guild members who have continued to keep the altar ready for church services, funerals, weddings and other special occasions. The hands of Altar Guild members are charged with the privilege of tending to the beauty, peace and tranquility of worship. This is a special ministry preparing for God's word.

Thanks, and appreciation to several groups:

Linens: Gail Parrish for cleaning the weekly church linens.

Supplies: Ann Schwind for ordering and obtaining the communion wine and wafers.

Brass and Silver: Gail Parrish and Pauline Vismer for cleaning all of the brass and silver several times a year.

Altar Flowers: Monthly flowers ordered from Colonial Florist and green arrangements from Altar Guild members.

Christmas and Easter Decorations: Tom May, Ben Armstead, Anita Cordray, Greta Shaw, Gail Parrish and volunteers for providing their talent and time for decorating the church for Christmas and Easter celebrations.

Special blessing and thanks to Rev. Beverly Patterson for her support and guidance.

Thanks to all of the members for their time and service to this ministry. This ministry is a wonderful example of good stewardship and devotion to our Church.

Thank you,

Gail Parrish and Ann Schwind

Co-chairpersons

6. Outreach

The Christ Church Parish Family (as always) extended God's loving hand and heart into our community throughout the 2022 year. Your generous response to every outreach invitation has brought beautiful blessings to many in our community. Loving our neighbors in this way undoubtedly brings a smile to the heart of Jesus.

Easter Egg Hunt: Thanks to Lorrie and Susette, Christ Church resumed our annual Easter Egg Hunt ...welcoming neighbors into our churchyard home and sharing the joy of Easter. Over 500 pieces of candy were loaded into hundreds of Easter eggs! At least 20 children and their families participated in the fun and fellowship.

Free Book Fair: In early July, Christ Church held a Free Book Fair to offer books for summer reading to our neighbors at the Gordon Barbour Summer Child Care program. Our church family bought enough children's books to provide each child with three new books. The children were thrilled. They browsed for books, then sat and read them for a while until all had chosen their books. Then they sat in our courtyard and had lemonade and homemade cookies. The children were given sturdy paper bags with our church picture on them to carry their new books, a church bookmark, an inspirational bracelet, and a Be Kind button with Luke 6:31 on it. It was a wonderful experience for all involved!

Back to School Clothing Drive: In August, we held our back-to-school (new) clothing drive to benefit children in grades (K-5) at Gordon Barbour Elementary School. Everyone in our church family was so generous. We were able to provide the school clinic with two huge bins of new clothing, a large container of personal-care items, and a pharmacy gift card. The school nurse was so very appreciative of our loving donation.

Gordonsville Chicken Festival: This was cancelled by the town due to severe weather. Thanks to Carolyn and Michael for preparing to host this event.

Veteran's Day Parade: Christ Episcopal Church was well-represented as we participated with our community in this special Gordonsville event to honor our veterans. Thanks to Sandra and L, we displayed a truck decorated with God Bless America and patriotic bunting. Our wardens, Bill and Kevin, carried our church banner, and parish members walked along waving American flags and "Thank You" signs for our veteran's. We were cheered on by church family members and many other people along the parade route as well. It was a great time!

Habitat for Humanity Food Drive for Thanksgiving: Christ Church once again demonstrated God's LOVE in your generous outpouring of monetary donations. Together with Orange Presbyterian Church, we were able to provide an \$80 Food Lion Gift Card to fifteen Orange County Habitat for Humanity Partner Families to help them with their Thanksgiving Dinners! The families were very thankful for this demonstration of God's LOVE, many using the word "blessing: in their thanks.

Angel Tree: Thanks to our generous Christ Church family, four families were greatly blessed this Christmas. We bought three clothing outfits, shoes, winter jackets, winter boots, books, and toys for three Gordon Barbour Elementary children and one kindergartener from Trevilians Elementary School. These children and their families were truly shown God's love through the thoughtful and loving gifts from our parish family.

Blessings Box: This ongoing ministry is being received by our neighbors in the community. For a long while, the Blessings Box sat full with no one partaking of the outreached hand. Throughout the last two months now, food staples, such as ready-to-eat chunky canned soups, canned stew, canned chicken have been received by our neighbors visiting the Blessings Box. They have also accepted hand cream, toothpaste, Chapstick, band-aids, and other personal care items. Whenever children's items are left, such as a book or art materials, they are also accepted. We even have neighbors putting treats into the box. Please continue to pray for this ministry. Beginning in January, on the second Sunday of each month, the collection boxes of donated items (in the Narthex and Parish Hall) will be presented as part of the Offertory.

Outreach Committee: We hope to resume meeting monthly during coffee hour. Please join us.



Jo-Anne McCausland

7. Finance Committee and Treasurer

As with many investment accounts Christ Church took a hit in 2022 losing \$113,000. Our pledges finished the year with \$3,000 still owed, but other income was over budget for the year. We give thanks for that but note that the expenses for running the church continue to exceed income. Our budget for 2023 is not balanced, with income set at \$80,600 and expenses at \$113,750.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Vismer

Treasurer

Nelson Tucker

Finance Committee Chair

2023 Budget
Christ Episcopal Church, Gordonsville, VA

Account Name	2021 Budget	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
Plate Offering	\$2,250.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
Pledge Offering	\$70,020.00	\$74,800.00	\$72,600.00
Regular Giving	\$9,000.00	\$6,700.00	\$6,700.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Rapidan, VA	\$40,060.00	\$46,749.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$121,830.00	\$130,049.00	\$80,600.00
Priest-in-Charge Salary & Housing	\$59,800.00	\$59,800.00	\$48,000.00
Rectory Utilities	\$3,200.00	\$5,000.00	
Rectory Lawncare	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	
Priest-in-Charge SECA Reimbursement	\$4,820.00	\$5,049.00	
Priest-in-Charge Pension	\$12,208.00	\$12,789.00	
Priest-in-Charge Health & Dental Insurance	\$10,300.00	\$10,860.00	
Priest-in-Charge Travel	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	
Priest-in-Charge Continuing Education	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	
Secretary Salary	\$5,454.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,300.00
Organist Salary	\$9,057.00	\$9,057.00	\$9,500.00
Sexton Salary	\$5,242.00	\$5,242.00	\$5,500.00
Supply Clergy	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Payroll Tax	\$11,485.00	\$1,553.00	\$1,600.00
Workers Compensation	\$0.00	\$362.00	\$400.00
Total Personnel	\$125,066.00	\$118,912.00	\$72,300.00
Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Total Miscellaneous	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Electricity	\$5,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Natural Gas	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Water and Sewer	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Telephone & Internet	\$1,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,600.00
Total Utilities	\$11,100.00	\$11,100.00	\$11,200.00
Building Repair/Maintenance	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$7,500.00
Lawn/Garden Care	\$250.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Facilities Insurance	\$8,000.00	\$8,400.00	\$8,400.00
Custodial Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Total Facilities	\$13,250.00	\$14,600.00	\$17,350.00
Office Expenses	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Total Administration	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Diocesan Pledge	\$7,000.00	\$7,243.00	\$6,550.00
Diocesan Council	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Total Diocesan Obligations	\$7,400.00	\$7,643.00	\$6,950.00
Altar Supplies	\$500.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Music Department	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
Total Worship	\$1,500.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,300.00
Christian Education	\$250.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Total Christian Education	\$250.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Hospitality / Parish Life	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Newcomers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Outreach	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$500.00
Total Parish Life	\$500.00	\$750.00	\$1,050.00
Total Expense	\$162,566.00	\$158,405.00	\$113,750.00

Christ Episcopal Church, Scott Parish - Gordonsville VA
Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2022

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
Assets		
1.100.120	Blue Ridge Bank	35,452.90
1.300.110	Diocesan Missionary Society Note	1,000.00
1.305.100	Davenport Investment Acct	661,339.07
	Total Assets	\$697,791.97
Liabilities		
2.100.400	Federal Withholding	308.78
2.100.401	State Withholding	27.00
2.100.500	Angel Tree	295.00
	Total Liabilities	\$630.78
Fund Balance		
3.100.100	General Operating Fund	31,068.51
	Total Operating Funds	\$31,068.51
3.500.100	Christ Church Discretionary Fund	858.32
3.500.120	Altar Guild Fund	3,256.71
3.500.150	Youth Group General Fund	247.77
3.500.160	Gail K Bowers Mem Youth Act Fd	390.81
	Total Designated Funds	\$4,753.61
3.540.100	Christ Church Legacy Fund	615,451.89
3.550.130	Organ Fund	45,887.18
	Total Specified Funds	\$661,339.07
	Total Fund Balance	\$697,161.19
	Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$697,791.97

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Treasurer's Report as of December 2022 for General Fund

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Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	Monthly Budget	YTD Balance	Budget YTD	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
Income							
4.100.100	Plate Offering	428.00	112.00	1,555.63*	1,300.00	1,300.00	(255.63)
4.100.200	Pledge Offering	5,756.00	6,237.00	71,828.00	74,800.00	74,800.00	2,972.00
4.100.210	Regular Giving	1,850.00	562.00	11,900.00*	6,700.00	6,700.00	(5,200.00)
4.100.220	Prior Year Pledges	0.00		100.00			
4.100.400	Miscellaneous Income	0.00	38.00	10,301.80*	500.00	500.00	(9,801.80)
4.200.100	Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Rapidan, VA	3,895.75	3,893.00	46,707.50	46,749.00	46,749.00	41.50
	Total Income	\$11,929.75	\$10,842.00	\$142,392.93*	\$130,049.00	\$130,049.00	(\$12,243.93)
Expense							
5.100.100	Priest-in-Charge Salary	3,583.32	3,587.00	42,999.84	43,000.00	43,000.00	0.16
5.100.101	Priest-in-Charge SECA Reimbursement	420.76	418.00	5,049.12*	5,049.00	5,049.00	(0.12)
5.100.102	Priest-in-Charge Pension	1,065.74	1,063.00	12,788.58	12,789.00	12,789.00	0.42
5.100.103	Priest-in-Charge Health & Dental Insurance	1,810.00	905.00	9,955.00	10,860.00	10,860.00	905.00
5.100.104	Priest-in-Charge Travel	0.00	38.00	118.93	500.00	500.00	381.07
5.100.107	Rectory Utilities & Lawncare	443.10	513.00	5,202.36	6,200.00	6,200.00	997.64
5.100.108	Priest-in-Charge Continuing Education	0.00	38.00	110.00	500.00	500.00	390.00
5.100.120	Secretary Salary	500.00	500.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
5.100.130	Organist Salary	754.75	752.00	9,057.00	9,057.00	9,057.00	0.00
5.100.140	Sexton Salary	436.83	435.00	5,241.96	5,242.00	5,242.00	0.04
5.100.160	Supply Clergy	0.00	87.00	218.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	782.00
5.100.170	Employer Payroll Taxes	129.39	134.00	1,552.68	1,553.00	1,553.00	0.32
	Total Personnel	\$9,143.89	\$8,470.00	\$98,293.47	\$101,750.00	\$101,750.00	\$3,456.53
5.100.700	Miscellaneous	40.00	38.00	143.50	500.00	500.00	356.50
	Total Miscellaneous	\$40.00	\$38.00	\$143.50	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$356.50
5.110.100	Electricity	154.97	337.00	2,979.51	4,000.00	4,000.00	1,020.49
5.110.110	Natural Gas	644.82	337.00	4,556.65*	4,000.00	4,000.00	(556.65)
5.110.120	Water and Sewer	54.04	50.00	597.44	600.00	600.00	2.56
5.110.130	Telephone and Internet	204.78	212.00	2,461.55	2,500.00	2,500.00	38.45
	Total Utilities	\$1,058.61	\$936.00	\$10,595.15	\$11,100.00	\$11,100.00	\$504.85
5.110.200	Building Repair/Maintenance	0.00	413.00	16,523.48*	5,000.00	5,000.00	(11,523.48)
5.110.280	Lawn and Garden Care	0.00	100.00	2,047.27*	1,200.00	1,200.00	(847.27)
5.110.300	Facilities Insurance	2,567.00	700.00	9,333.50*	8,400.00	8,400.00	(933.50)
	Total Facilities	\$2,567.00	\$1,213.00	\$27,904.25*	\$14,600.00	\$14,600.00	(\$13,304.25)
5.120.100	General Office Expenses	340.92	250.00	4,631.40*	3,000.00	3,000.00	(1,631.40)
5.130.100	Diocesan Pledge	\$340.92	\$250.00	\$4,631.40*	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	(\$1,631.40)
	Total Administration	603.55	599.00	7,242.60	7,243.00	7,243.00	0.40

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Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	Monthly Budget	YTD Balance	Budget YTD	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
5.130.200	Diocesan Council	0.00	37.00	0.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
	Total Diocesan Obligations	\$603.55	\$636.00	\$7,242.60	\$7,643.00	\$7,643.00	\$400.40
5.140.110	Altar Supplies	0.00	25.00	544.56*	300.00	300.00	(244.56)
5.140.120	Music Department	0.00	125.00	990.61	1,500.00	1,500.00	509.39
	Total Worship	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$1,535.17	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$264.83
5.150.100	Christian Education	0.00	12.00	162.15*	100.00	100.00	(62.15)
5.160.100	Hospitality / Parish Life	\$0.00	\$12.00	\$162.15*	\$100.00	\$100.00	(\$62.15)
	Total Christian Education	0.00	38.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
5.170.000	Outreach budgeted	\$0.00	\$38.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
5.170.100	GF to CEC Discretionary	0.00	19.00	282.99*	250.00	250.00	(32.99)
	Total Outreach	\$0.00	\$19.00	\$782.99*	\$250.00	\$250.00	(\$32.99)
	Total Expense	\$13,753.97	\$11,762.00	\$151,290.68	\$141,243.00	\$141,243.00	(\$9,547.68)
	Difference	(\$1,824.22)	(\$920.00)	(\$8,897.75)	(\$11,194.00)	(\$11,194.00)	

* = Income/Expense exceeds amount budgeted to date