

The MacFarland Junior School fourth graders visited our churchyard to observe the affects of erosion on the gravestones and to learn some of the churchyard history. Our beautiful churchyard was a successful step during the Bordentown Historical Society Garden Tour in June. Our informative self-guided tour brochures were shared with many interested visitors. Jack Norcross constructed and donated two beautiful benches for our churchyard. A new 42 inch wide John Deere riding mower was purchased from the Central Jersey Equipment. The NJ Historical Preservation Grant work led by Christ Frey, conservator, and Vince Iacampo, stone mason, have continued rehabilitating several of our grave markers with wonderful results.

The Rectory had two more windows replaced by Pagodins Custom Construction. McCabe Electric added updated and improved lighting in the Rectory kitchen and bathrooms.

This year marks the 144th anniversary of our beautiful brownstone Church building. We anticipate our 2023 projects to include the plastering and painting work by A. Pennacchi & Sons of our Church interior. Investigate the nave flooring issue near the pulpit. We will plan with Patrick Murphy to set the next phase of our pipe organ maintenance. The purchase and installation of a new chair lift for the main Parish House staircase is planned. Our Rectory window replacement will continue with a goal to provide central air conditioning once the window project has been completed.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ellen Carty, Junior Warden

In the Spring we will also be asking for assistance in maintaining the ground areas on these sites. We have the equipment and cleaning spray to clean additional stones and maintain those completed. Please contact Mary Ellen or I if you would like to be involved.

If you have not had an opportunity to walk through the churchyard recently, please take a moment to do so and marvel at the positive changes. Thank you to all the volunteers who have assisted us in this endeavor. A rededication of the churchyard will hopefully take place in June. This will also include a presentation by Keystone of the work process and completion.

Susan Preston

Through the Rector's Discretionary Fund, Fr. Matt has been able to discreetly help a number of local families and individuals who have been in hardship and needing help with things like car repairs, utilities, clothing, food, medication, housing, etc. We are very grateful for those who donate to the Rector's Discretionary Fund to help support these efforts.

We are deeply grateful for the blessing of the generosity of our parishioners, the tireless commitment of Fr. Matt and Doan Tucker, and our friends in the community who share our commitment – whether they would describe it quite this way or not – to seek and serve Christ in all others.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Williamson
Warden

Music Ministry Annual Report 2022

Happy New Year to you all!

As 2023 begins, I look back to 2022 and discovered many “firsts” that involved leaving COVID-19 in the rear-view mirror. These firsts included the first evensong service in almost 2 years, a first full sung and interrupted Holy Week and Easter in over a year, a consistent choir rehearsal and Sunday morning schedule and finally a sung evening concert event with the choir. We tend to take all these things for granted and think that it will automatically happen because it’s been “done that way for so many years past.” It’s not until you go without these things that you realize how important they are to not only the life of the music ministry but parish life itself.

Beginning the new choir year this past September realized the retirement of some of our choristers that have dedicated most of their adult lives to the choir. It is with their participation and unwavering commitment that has allowed the music ministry to grow, flourish and maintain the vision of musical excellence that Christ Church is known to present. While not participating in the choir directly, they will continue to support the program with their enthusiastic energy from the congregation. We will no doubt hear their voices during Sunday Mass!

With the above retirements we have had the need to further augment the choir with additional staff singers to fill out the voice parts. Of particular note is our bass staff singer Scott Hobson. Scott spent many Sundays of his youth as a young chorister in our children’s choir and church school. His interest in music has brought him back to Christ Church and a return to where his singing began. This demonstrates the success of a parish ministry that promotes consistency and strong music fundamentals.

The addition of staff singers comes with an addition of cost. I ask that you pray on how you can support the music ministry. From a monetary perspective the cost is approximately \$100 per singer per Mass or service. Many have approached me on how best to accomplish this fundraising task. One suggestion might be to support the cost of one staff singer for the choir season while another might be to donate a fixed amount toward the ministry for that given year. I also encourage those with singing voices to join us in the choir stalls! Please reach out to me at any time if you would like to sing!

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen C. Bearse
Organist and Choirmaster

18 January 2023
Feast of S. Peter’s Chair at Rome

Annual Church School Report for 2022

The Feast of William Laud, 2023

While the Church School is still on hiatus, members of the Church School and their parents have continued to be faithful members of our community and active in our ministries.

Members of the Church School participated in worship, outreach, and in most other aspects of church life. They continued their ministries including HomeFront meal prep, Thanksgiving and Christmas outreach, sorting and delivering items for all of our beneficiaries, and spent lots of time at the food pantry and in other efforts around our community.

A new Youth Group has been started with a great kickoff party in November, with lots of activities planned for this year; I'm grateful for Amber Brovak's leadership! A new Girls Friendly Society has been chartered, with activities planned for each month of the winter and spring.

Our Church School members are a huge part of who we are as a parish and serve as wonderful ambassadors for Christ to the world.

Right Onward,

--MT+

Non Budget Income		Item	2022 Actual	2023 Expected	
4173	Cemetery/Graves	\$600.00	\$600.00		
4190	Fundraising *		\$2,311.00	\$5,000.00	*appears in budget sheet
	4190.4 Cranberry Festival	\$466.00			
	4190.8 Street Fair	\$1,167.00			
	4190.9 Flower Sales - spring and fall	\$678.00			
	Outreach & Evangelism		\$12,242.00		
4325	Outreach & Evangelism	\$1,150.00			
	4325.1 Rector's Discretionary Fund	\$8,635.00		\$9,000.00	
	4326.2 Blessing of the Fire Trucks	\$656.00		\$750.00	
	4414 Food Pantry/Good Neighbor Guild	\$1,300.00		\$1,000.00	
	4417 Homefront	\$501.00		\$500.00	
4410	Building Fund *		\$10,336.76		
	Building Fund Envelopes*	\$8,336.76		\$8,000.00	
	4410.2 Diocesan grant accessibility	\$2,000.00			
4410	Painting/Parging Project	\$30,673.00	\$30,673.00		
4412	Memorial Candles	\$85.00	\$85.00	\$100.00	
4425	Memorial Flowers	\$2,808.94	\$2,808.94	\$2,800.00	
4413	Forward Day by Day	\$17.00	\$17.00	\$15.00	
4427	Memorial Gifts	\$1,715.00	\$1,715.00	\$1,500.00	
4430	NJHT Cemetery Grant	\$751.00	\$751.00		
	Music Ministry				
	Music Ministry Donations		\$7,787.00	\$8,000.00	
	total non-budget income		\$61,539.70	\$28,665.00	

2022 BUDGET vs 2022 ACTUAL and 2023 BUDGET

2022 YTD Actual through November

	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	NOTES
INCOME				
Plate Offering	6,000.00	11,117.88	7,000.00	
Pledges	67,000.00	59,593.00	73,000.00	Pledges are down, but Pledge & Plate have been consist
Donations	70,000.00	48,747.00	55,000.00	
church school	300.00	110.00	300.00	
Electronic		23,015.00	20,000.00	
Hall User Donations	800.00	550.00	1,000.00	
special services donations	10,000.00	17,014.00	17,000.00	combines special services & special envelopes lines
Votive Shrine Donations	500.00	612.75	550.00	
Total Budget Income	154,600.00	160,759.63	173,850.00	
Non-Budget Income				
Fundraising Projects	12,500.00	2,311.00	5,000.00	
Building Fund		10,336.76	10,000.00	includes Bldg envelopes & diocesan \$ accessibility
Total Non-Budget Income	12,500.00	12,647.76	15,000.00	
Total Budget & Non-Budget Income	167,100.00	173,407.39	188,850.00	
Shortfall of Income				
Budget Shortfall	38,310.00		48,281.73	
TOTAL INCOME WITH SHORTFALL	205,410.00		237,131.73	
EXPENSE				
Diocesan Voluntary Pledge	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	will stay the same
Clergy				
Salary	49,470.00	54,275.00	58,074.00	+7% increase
SECA - Part of Salary	4,800.00	4,583.05	5,016.43	formula, based on salary
Monthly Expense Allowance	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	in lieu of monthly expense reports for mileage, etc.
Housing Allowance	2,500.00	3,175.00	3,175.50	required by Diocese
Health Insurance	27,048.00	24,839.00	28,176.00	Rate increase for 2023
Dental Insurance	1,222.80	1,120.90	1,222.80	rates are flat for 2023
Life Insurance	228.00	152.00	228.00	rates are flat for 2024
Pension Contributions	14,000.00	16,658.04	15,699.00	formula - required by diocese
Continued Education	1,120.00	1549.09	1,500.00	
Sabbatical	800.00	0	800.00	
Supply Clergy	2,000.00	1,512.00	3,000.00	Expected sabbatical leave in 2023
	109,188.80	113,864.08	122,891.73	
Office				
Administrative Assistant	11,000.00	7,092.56	10,000.00	\$15/hr rec 5% incr to \$15.75 x 12/wk 50 wks
Office & Computer Supplies/ Printing	1,300.00	944.33	1,000.00	
Telephone	1,800.00	2,188.58	2,200.00	
Postage	400.00	856.41	600.00	
Stewardship Envelopes	400.00	266.32	275.00	
Vestry Expense/ Gifts	200.00	200.00	200.00	
Service Contract - Copier	1,800.00	1,614.94	1,800.00	
Service Fees		730.00	750.00	2022 equipment & service 75+service fees 655
Credit & Debit Card Fees (Paysimple)	850.00	1,774.56	2,000.00	
Payroll Fees & Year End Fees	1,700.00	6,019.46	6,200.00	
Checking Account Service Fees	25.00	1.35	20.00	
Payroll FICA Taxes - Employer	2,500.00	1,995.18	2,400.00	
Worker Compensation Insurance	925.00	601.00	750.00	
Bookkeeping Fees		1,755.00	2,500.00	
Convention Fees	100.00	100	100.00	
	23,000.00	26,139.69	30,795.00	

There being no contested offices, the Clerk was requested to cast a single ballot for all the nominees. Father Tucker declared all nominees to be elected to these offices. Father Tucker thanked all who were elected.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by title and passed. Debbie Mallard remarked that the bulk of the responsibility has been turned over to John Pavlovsky's accounting firm. She will remain treasurer for making deposits and writing checks. Anne Lyon asked about a line item that seemed off. It is a misplaced decimal and was corrected. FM thanks.

The Rector's Report was presented by title. Father Matt Tucker said that many more things were possible in 2021 that were not possible the year before thanks to the efforts of both the parish and the community.

The Church School Report was presented by title. Father Matt Tucker noted that church school did not work the same way, but the members were part of our service efforts and outreach, thanks to the teachers and parents. He is hoping to have some activities during Lent and to have First Holy Communion class.

The Finance and Fundraising Reports were presented by title.

The Fundraising Report was given by title. Debbie Mallard said the next activities will be a flower sale and the Street Fair. Still to be decided is when the flower sale will occur. Also in this year's plans are a fall flower sale and the Cranberry Festival. If feasible, there might be a spaghetti dinner..

Susan Preston presented a report on the parish's preservation of the historic churchyard. The last area to be addressed will be the Quaker area. The groundwork is being done with some trimming and landscape. By the end of the year, it should be completed. The parish is possibly eligible to apply for another grant to repair another 7 stones and perhaps for creating a guide about the Revolutionary War for the 250th anniversary. Still needed is to raise the last \$500 for the parish portion of the grant. Father Matt Tucker remarked on the tremendous amount of work done.

The Music Ministry Report was made by title. The choir was able to perform once on Christmas Eve.

The Outreach Report was made by title. Father Matt Tucker highlighted the huge amount of parish outreach that has occurred during the last year. So many needs just come up and are addressed quickly. Christ Church Parish is known for getting things done. Amber Brovak said The boy scouts are willing to help with any future endeavor.

HOLY CONFIRMATION and RECEPTION INTO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“Strengthen, O Lord, Thy servants with Thy Holy Spirit,,,”

Michael Robert Berry

Anna Michele McElmoyl

Jack Matthew McElmoyl

Eric David Liberman

Rebecca Ann Liberman

Juliana Noelle Pascale

Neil Ericson Sander

Jean Abby Sander

Aidan Robert Tayler

TRANSFER IN (Confirmed Members)

TRANSFER OUT (Confirmed Members)

Wayne David Pullen Transferred to First Presbyterian Church, Bordentown, NJ

TRANSFER IN (Baptized Members)

TRANSFER OUT (Baptized Members)

