
ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 29, 2023



*St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
Grand Blanc, Michigan*

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AGENDA FOR THE 2023 ANNUAL MEETING

Instructions

Appoint Secretary

Adopt authorization of the annual meeting:

The Chair will entertain a motion to authorize the annual meeting of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church to be done online. All official actions conducted during the meeting will be official actions of the annual meeting of St. Christopher's, Grand Blanc as required by the Canons of the Episcopal Church and the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Michigan.

Review 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes

Rector's Report

Recognition of Outgoing Vestry Members

Election of New Vestry Members

Financial / Treasurer's Report

Questions Regarding Any Reports in Booklet

Acceptance of 2022 Reports as presented

Other Business / Additional Questions

Adjournment

2022 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

**10:10 a.m. Fr. Jerry opened the meeting in prayer.
Appointed Elizabeth Sailus as secretary.**

Adopt authorization for online annual meeting:

The chair will entertain a motion to authorize the annual meeting of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Grand Blanc, MI to be done online. All official actions conducted during the annual meeting will be official actions of the annual meeting of St. Christopher's Grand Blanc as required by the Canons of the Episcopal Church and the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Michigan.

Approved by acclamation.

Recognition of outgoing members and thanked them for their service:

Dawn and Becky - going off Vestry 2022

Election of new Member to Vestry. Ballots passed out and poll via Zoom. Jane Brewer and Dawn Rutherford tallied votes.

Treasurer's report presented by Bobbie Walton while votes being counted. Income larger than predicted overall, but building use income a lot less during COVID. Clergy expense - error, under funded clergy health care for last year (our health care expenses with Fr. Don were less because he had military health care, Jerry does not). Building expenses were a lot last year - snow clearing was expensive, couldn't be helped. Many people helped with building maintenance expenses when things needed to be repaired. Our building is getting older, will have things that need to be done to maintain building. We need to establish a building capital fund, hopefully this year, to deal with those things in the future. Budget 2022, we are projecting a deficit.

Group effort for kitchen license - Millers and choir will do a group effort coordination and a group of folks will take serve-safe courses (Millers, Nada and Jane). Hopefully will reduce the deficit with building use.

Jane Brewer and Bobbie Walton took over many of the financials during Liz's maternity leave.

2022 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES (continued)

Jerry announces Ellen Safley, Colleen Shrank and Bill Thewalt elected to Vestry. Thank you to Lou Alarie for running.

Questions:

Bill Thewalt : financial reports - operating restricted what is it? Jerry answered - that does include section leaders, etc. - doesn't come from the general budget or funds - donor designated offering. Flowers, etc.

Shirley Showler - Sacristy being cold - it effects the water facet. The heating guys have told us its always been that way so we will get them back out to address in the near future.

No other questions.

Entertain a motion to approve all reports. Joyce Thewalt moves, Jack Schmier seconded. Approved by acclimation.

Other business/reports

The Rev. Jerry Lasley moved on to thank you's for "behind the scenes" people. Altar guild. Elizabeth Sailus - Thank God she's back and she brings Jimmy.

Joyce Thewalt recognized to give a statement as a lay person. What is God calling us to do? Can we do a few things differently? How can we do God's work?

Get a list of people who are homebound. Send them a card once or twice a month. Send cards to people who you haven't seen for a while. Maybe some people who are not part of St. Christopher's and send a thinking of you note. Find someone else to pray with you (not necessarily side-by-side), but touching base with each other - use BCP, Day by Day. Read the Bible for 15 minutes a day. Finally, Lent Madness - learn about Saints. I challenge you to do those things. "Without the laity, there would be no clergy" -Joyce's daughter quotes.

2022 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES (continued)

New Vestry - a brief meeting following this meeting, will also meet next Sunday after Bishop's visit.

Anything else? Hearing nothing Fr. Jerry entertains a motion to adjourn this meeting. Jane Brewer so motioned.
Gerri Bassett seconded.
Approved by acclamation.

Meeting adjourned at 10:43 am with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes faithfully taken by Elizabeth Sailus, Administrative Assistant.

RECTOR'S REPORT

It has been a very busy year! We are slowly inching our way out of the pandemic. Despite this, we have been able to accomplish much!!!

The flat roofs were in serious need of repairs! We were able to get this accomplished and were able to pay most of it with donations from you, the faithful family that makes us who we are.

An outreach ministry became a reality. One parishioner felt a call to begin a coat closet. Her response to God's call was a resounding yes! As a result of that, we opened our church doors on Saturday mornings and began to serve those in need of a coat, maybe a scarf or hat or gloves. Many people have been served so far and this ministry is less than one year old. What a gift to our community. This "reaching out" is exactly what we are called to do as Christians. My prayer is that this Outreach Ministry will continue to grow and continue to be successful. I would also ask...what is God calling YOU to do? Nothing is impossible if God is the guiding force!

You may have noticed some new things showing up in our nave. We have devotional candles to the left (as you face the altar). This is an opportunity for you to make a special intention, pray for someone special or just give thanks to God. It is a wonderful way to express our faith.

Another addition is our Stations of the

Cross. What? In an Episcopal church? Absolutely! The Episcopal Dictionary states the following:

Way of the Cross (Stations of the Cross)

A devotion to the Passion of Christ which recalls a series of events at the end of Jesus' life from his condemnation to his burial. The Way of the Cross imitates the practice of visiting the places of Jesus' Passion in the Holy Land by early Christian pilgrims. The first stations outside Palestine were built in Bologna in the fifth century. This devotion was encouraged by the Franciscans, and it became common in the fifteenth century. The number of stations for prayer and meditation in the Way of the Cross has varied, but it typically includes fourteen stations. Each station may have a cross and an artistic representation of the scene. The stations may be erected inside a church or outdoors. The BOS includes the following stations in the Way of the Cross: 1) Jesus is condemned to death; 2) Jesus takes up his cross; 3) Jesus falls the first time; 4) Jesus meets his afflicted mother; 5) the cross is laid on Simon of Cyrene; 6) a woman wipes the face of Jesus; 7) Jesus falls a second time; 8) Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem; 9) Jesus falls a third time; 10) Jesus is stripped of his garments; 11) Jesus is nailed to the cross; 12) Jesus dies on the cross; 13) the body of Jesus is placed in the arms of his mother; 14) Jesus is laid in the tomb."

As stated, the Stations are used as a de-

RECTOR'S REPORT (continued)

votional tool. They are meant to invite us into the events leading to the Crucifixion of Jesus. We will use the Stations during the season of Lent to help us on our faith journey! You might also note that there is a "15th Station" situated directly above the Tabernacle. This Station reminds us that Jesus overcame death and was resurrected. The Stations are a beautiful addition to our sacred space.

Once again, the Ally Challenge provided us with some much-needed income! I am grateful to all who worked the Challenge and gave of their time in this event. I would love to see more folks involved in this ministry if we continue to provide parking. It is a lot of work if there are only a few people. Many hands make the load light! Please consider helping out!

Of course, we have a new Parish Administrator! Angela has jumped in full force and has been a wonderful addition to our staff! She is competent, friendly, outgoing and just what we needed! (She is also a good cook and brings me treats now and then!).

The ladies of the parish have started to gather once a month for lunch! It is NOT a work session. It is simply an additional time for fellowship and it's great to see the 8:00 service and the 10:15 service folks all getting to know one another better!

The men of the parish aren't left out! We have started to gather once a month for

breakfast. Again, this is NOT a work session. The topics of conversation are all over the place and once again we have men coming from both services getting to know one another. It's growing!

In closing, I would like to thank you all for your dedication. As individuals, we might not see the impact of what we do as being important. However, as a parish family, we are mighty and can accomplish much! Yes, we have lost several members that have been difficult to say goodbye to. But we also have several NEW members, and we are slowly growing!

I'm looking forward to what exciting things may occur in 2023! We must continue to ask ourselves what we are called to be and to do in Grand Blanc. My prayer is that we will continue to find new ways to show God's love and God's light in our communities!

***Many blessings upon you,
Fr. Jerry***



VESTRY 2023

Leaving Vestry (Thank you for your service!)

Frank Burger
Ken Duck
Kay Van Natta (2021 Clerk)

Going off in 2024:

Flo Gjerstad
Steve Huber (2021 Junior Warden)

For election this year and would be going off in 2026:

William Hartley
Linda Rathburn
Myrtle Duck
Jane Brewer
(Today we are electing 3 of the 4)

Diocesan Convention Delegates 2023
To be determined during meeting

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for allowing us to serve as your treasurers for 2023. Enclosed please find the December 2022 Financial Package and 2023 Budget approved by the Vestry on December 11, 2022.

When you get the chance, please look these items over and let us know if you have any questions.

We are new to these duties so please bear with us as we learn our job.

*Sincerely in Christ,
Dale Rice
Jane Brewer*

2022 Finance Committee Members

Bobbie Walton, Treasurer (resigned)

Jane Brewer 2023 Treasurer

Dale Rice 2023 Treasurer

Jane Yorks

2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2022

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
10200 Rector Discretionary 4366	1,543.15
10400 Building Fund Savings 8248	317.10
12070 General Savings Account 9797	26,107.99
Operating Checking	
10100 Operating Checking 1847	58,938.44
Total Operating Checking	58,938.44
Total Bank Accounts	\$86,906.68
Other Current Assets	
12010 R James Safley Memorial	5,286.24
12040 SSGA	47,208.15
12500 State of Michigan W/H Tax Receivable	76.57
2629 M Lynch Youth	1,182.87
2635 M Lynch Safley Memorial	76,480.76
2636 M Lynch Ingram	52,484.40
Total Other Current Assets	\$182,718.99
Total Current Assets	\$269,625.67
Fixed Assets	
14010 Building Value	8,199,700.00
14020 Building Contents	868,500.00
Total Fixed Assets	\$9,068,200.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$9,337,825.67
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Long-Term Liabilities	
20200 Mortgage Payable	544,582.05
20400 Diocesan Loan Payable	500,000.00
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$1,044,582.05
Total Liabilities	\$1,044,582.05
Equity	
32 Net Assets	11,315.04
320 Net Assets without Donor Restrictions	
32000 Net Assets - Operating	8,071,712.87
Total 320 Net Assets without Donor Restrictions	8,071,712.87

	TOTAL
321 Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	
32001 Net Assets - Building Fund	6,768.18
32003 Net Assets - Non-Operating Restricted Funds	0.00
Coat Closet	1,688.12
Columbarium	629.89
FISH	1,811.53
Memorial	24,356.90
SOC	412.68
UTO	63.94
Total 32003 Net Assets - Non-Operating Restricted Funds	28,963.06
32006 Net Assets - Discretionary Fund	1,977.40
32999 Net Assets - Operating	139,709.25
Building Maintenance	16,934.73
Candleholder	774.90
Choir Robes	1,470.00
Flowers & Beautification	3,271.06
Inreach	1,231.41
Linens & Cruets	59.60
Organ	16,656.59
PA System	2,710.68
Section Leaders	(2,520.00)
Special Music	958.95
VBS Scholar	1,058.02
Vestments	100.00
Youth Events	1,403.64
Total 32999 Net Assets - Operating	183,818.83
Total 321 Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	221,527.47
Net Income	(11,311.76)
Total Equity	\$8,293,243.62
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$9,337,825.67

Note

***Unaudited financials - Prepared for internal management purposes only.

2023 BUDGET

INCOME		2022	2023	
		BUDGET	PROPOSED	DIFFERENCE
Operating Pledges	41000	\$ 299,000.00	\$ 299,000.00	\$ -
Operating Plate	41001	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ -
Operating Restricted	41002	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Offerings	41004 <i>Safley Memorial</i>	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
Misc. Operating Income	41005 <i>Ally & Paper Grant</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sexton Event Pay	41006	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Interest	49060	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Operating Dividends	49061	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Restricted - Outreach	41040	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Restricted - Memorial	41041	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Restricted - Columbarium	41042	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Restricted - Camp Income	41043	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Non-Operating Restricted Income	41044	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Restricted - SOC	41045	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Building Plate	42001	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Building Use Income	42002	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -
Clergy Discretionary	43000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 341,100.00	\$ 341,100.00	

2023 BUDGET (continued)

EXPENSE \$		2022	2023	
		BUDGET	PROPOSED	DIFFERENCE
Clergy				
	50100 Salary	\$ 58,400.00	\$ 58,400.00	\$ -
	50101 Housing	\$ 21,600.00	\$ 21,600.00	\$ -
	50103 Pension	\$ 14,400.00	\$ 14,400.00	\$ -
	50104 Health Insurance	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -
	50105 Life Insurance	\$ 575.00	\$ 575.00	\$ -
	50107 Cont. Education	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ (1,000.00)
	50108 Supply Clergy	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
	50109 Clergy Expense	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ (500.00)
	50110 Clergy Discretionary	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Staff Expense				
	50200 Employer SSI/Medicare	\$ 5,542.00	\$ 5,542.00	\$ -
	50203 Health Insurance	\$ 1,885.00	\$ -	\$ (1,885.00)
	50204 Workers Comp	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ -
	50205 Staff Mileage Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	50206 Staff Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Office & Administration				
	50300 Admin. Asst. Salary	\$ 20,342.50	\$ 20,800.00	\$ 457.50
	50301 Postage	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ -
	50302 Office Expenses	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ (2,000.00)
	50303 Advertising	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
	50304 Legal/Prof/Audit	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	\$ (8,000.00)
	50305 Conference/Edu.	\$ 750.00	\$ 500.00	\$ (250.00)
	50307 Phone/Internet	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -
	50308 Printer/Copier	\$ 3,804.00	\$ 3,804.00	\$ -
	50309 Bank & Service Charges	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
	50311 Diocesan Tithe	\$ 42,013.00	\$ 42,013.00	\$ -
	50312 Accounting Services	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ (2,400.00)
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2023 BUDGET (continued)

			2022	2023	Difference
Christian Education	50400	Dir. Of Christian Education	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	50401	Nursery Attendants	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
	50402	Adult Education	\$ 500.00	\$ 200.00	\$ (300.00)
	50403	Youth Education	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
	50404	VBS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Music Expense	50500	Director of Music	\$ 27,500.00	\$ 27,500.00	\$ -
	50501	Organist	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 2,600.00
	50502	Section Leaders	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	50503	Music	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ -
	50504	Supply Organist	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	50505	Instruments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	50506	Instrument Maint.	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ (1,000.00)
	50507	Instrumentalist	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	50508	Misc. Music Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Worship Expense	50600	Worship Supplies	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
	50854	Flowers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	50602	Altar Guild Expense	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ -
In reach	50603	Inreach Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Building & Grounds	50700	Sexton	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (6,000.00)
	50702	Utilities Electric	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -
	50703	Utilities Gas	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -
	50704	Water & Sewer	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -
	50705	Trash Collection	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
	50706	Burglar Alarm	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ -
	50708	Lawn Care	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 4,100.00	\$ -
	50709	Snow Removal	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
	50710	Landscape	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	50711	Building & Maint. Supplies	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ (1,000.00)

2023 BUDGET (continued)

			2022	2023	Difference
	50712	Repairs Church	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -
	50713	Repairs Equipment	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -
	50714	Kitchen Expense	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
	50715	Property Insurance	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 10,700.00	\$ 500.00
	50716	Misc. Bldg. & Grounds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Restricted Expenses	50800	Outreach	\$ 950.00	\$ 500.00	\$ (450.00)
	50801	Coat Closet	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ (500.00)
	50810	Columbarium	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	50820	Memorial	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Expenses	50900	Mortgage	\$ 62,915.04	\$ 62,915.04	\$ -
	52900	Misc. Operating Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	59020	Unrealized Gain/Loss	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	59040	Disc. Fund Bank Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$ 420,126.54	\$ 405,599.04	

INCOME/EXPENSE

\$ (79,026.54) \$ (64,499.04)



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Total Pledges 2023 38
Total Amt. Pledged 2022 \$210,330.00
Average Pledge \$5,535.00

Total Pledges 2022 49
Total Amt. Pledged 2021 \$287,120.00
Average Pledge \$5,859.59

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

I would like to start off by thanking everyone for their support as your Senior Warden over the past year. It has been an honor to serve on the Vestry for the past two years and to serve as your senior warden.

Prior to serving on the Vestry, I served as the chair of the Search Committee which ultimately brought us our wonderful rector Father Jerry Lasley. None of us ever expected that we would be living through a once in a lifetime Pandemic that would ravish so many communities. Even during those times that we couldn't physically be together, I always knew that I had my church family to lean and be there for me

and my husband. Over the past three years, we have so many changes in our church from the way we worship to learning to live in a new normal since the Pandemic. I plan to continue to serve as the Lead Technology person for our Live Streaming of our weekly church services. Thank you to our new volunteers who have graciously stepped forward and learned how to do live streaming. I would also like to wish the new and continuing Vestry members all the best as they continue to serve our church.

*Respectfully submitted by
Frank A. Burger*

PRAYER TEAM REPORT

The Prayer Team was formed several years ago to pray every day for those for whom prayers were requested. This year that list of individuals has closely matched the list in each Sunday's Prayers of the People. At each Sunday service, those people are named aloud. Each day through the rest of the week the Prayer Team meets in prayer at 2 p.m. to continue requesting God's help for those individuals. We do not meet in person but pray individually wherever we are at that time.

Anyone who wishes to join us is welcome. To join officially, please give me an email address so I can send you our list each Sunday afternoon. The list consists only of first names. We trust God to know for whom we pray and what each person needs. To join unofficially, just use the list in the Prayers of the People from the most recent service bulletin. Praying at 2 p.m. is an arbitrary choice which may not work for everyone every day. The important part is to pray each day. Whether you pray only a few minutes for those on the list or include our list in your regular daily prayers is entirely up to you. You are certainly welcome to add other prayers to this time – for instance one or more from our Book of Common Prayer. I begin by thanking God for whatever is on my mind at that moment and for all those who love and support us and those for whom I am praying. I also pray for wisdom for everyone's medical teams and caregivers to make the best possible decisions. Finally, I pray for comfort and support for the families of any who have died.

Submitted by Linda Rathburn, Prayer Team Leader

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

It hardly seems like 23 years ago since we moved from our former home in Burton to our church home in Grand Blanc Township. For many of us, this glorious building still seems new. I still get excited to walk through the doors every time and see what God has provided for us.

If you have lived in your home for at least 20 years, chances are you've had to reach for your wallet or into your purse to cover the cost of an unexpected repair or to replace something that has simply worn out. We had a few expenditures like that this past year – some a little more financially painful than others.

Our major expenditure for the year was the replacement of the flat portion of the roof which had begun to leak over the organ. It was a problem that simply could not be ignored or delayed. At a cost of about \$50,000, the repair took place this past summer, funded in part by your generosity and our good fortune of having a \$28,000 one-time tax refund. We're hopeful you'll not be hearing anything about the roof for a long while.

The other major building-related expenditures for the year were to fix ongoing maintenance or issues with the heating and ventilation system, which cost just shy of \$8,200. The expectation is we'll be cool when we're supposed to be and warm when we need it. The walk-in cooler in the kitchen also needed significant repair totaling about \$2,700.

The Vestry has also been discussing much needed repairs for the parking lot. You will be hearing more about that in the coming months. It is likely to be an expensive project and one we should not delay for too long. You will be kept informed along the way.

On a personal note, I am grateful for help from Ellen Safley for her intimate knowledge of the building and her willingness and ability to fix small problems before they become big ones; also, to Bill Hartley who freely lends his knowledge of all that is electric our lights shining brightly.

*Respectfully submitted by
Steve Huber*

ORGANIST'S REPORT

The Fowler-Hebert Organ Company of Lansing completed contracted work on the organ in 2019. They did an excellent job!

A variety of problems remain (the project was called phase one, and it seems unlikely that there will be a phase two). There are some original windchests that were not refurbished as well as some older pipes that need maintenance. Tuning has been somewhat problematic during the heating season due to warmer air collecting in the upper level of the instrument.

At my request Fowler-Hebert returned the pipes of the swell trumpet and the swell mixture at no cost to the church. These stops were to be replaced in phase two.

I recruited some volunteers to form an organ guild.

They assisted me in installing the swell mixture (183 pipes) last fall. Other activities have interrupted my ongoing work on the organ, but I plan to resume work in the near future.

For several years I have been taking care of the organ and piano at no charge to the church. A friend of mine has also volunteered his time to assist (in addition to our organ guild). I hope to have the organ in top shape for Easter.

I was appointed parish organist in August and have enjoyed playing regularly again.

*Respectfully submitted by
Jeffrey Walker*

WORSHIP 2022

Attendance	2022
Sunday	65
Maundy Thursday	36
Good Friday	111 (Community Wide Service)
Easter (all)	141
Christmas	97

High Sunday	04/17/2022
Low Sunday	01/02/2022

Services	
Sunday Holy Eucharist	91
Mid-week Holy Eucharist	2
Private Holy Eucharist	0
Baptisms	2
Confirmations	4
Weddings	2
Burials	11

Celebrants
The Right Reverend Prince Singh
The Rev. Jerry D. Lasley
The Rev. Dr. Michael Carr
The Rev. Dr. Tracie Little

Membership	
Active Members 1 January	294
Increases	9
Decreases (Cleaning the Rolls)	129
Active Members 31 December	174

MUSIC REPORT

Adult Choir: Musical growth and contribution to our church despite the pandemic

Despite Church Year 2021, being very challenging due to the pandemic, by Easter 2022 the diocese allowed choirs, and the practice of singing to return to our churches. We all were so grateful. St. Christopher services were still being live-streamed; and, too, it was still recommended that we wear masks. Father Jerry worked very diligently with regard to our being careful with distancing practices, using masks, hand-sanitizing and not endangering one another. We eventually adopted a 'mask-by-choice' policy. When we reconvened to rehearse, we followed strict distancing practices. We have added several new singers to our choir, and sadly, several other singers had to move away, or needed to move on. Newest choir participants include Jeff Fisk, an MCC student, (and baritone and violinist); Cynthia Rische, an UM Flint student, (and soprano), Angel Langford, a new music student at MCC, (and soprano) and Christine Jordan, a terrific new addition to our alto section. Christine was, for many years, the accompanist for the children's choir here at St. Christopher's. We are so happy she has time in her schedule to sing with us. Sadly, Victor Galea and Pat Lewis have relocated to Malta; Dr.'s Greg and Noralynn Hassold have relocated to New Mexico. Tristram Shayna found that working a 50-hour week plus church was just a bit too much for him. These five-musical power-

houses are already greatly missed. As Greg Hassold retired from the bench, organist Jeffrey Walker became the newest addition to our music program. Mr. Walker's expertise and knowledge of Episcopal church music traditions is of great help; too, Don Kaye, former director of music at St. Paul's Episcopal Church has been singing with us, and does a great job in our bass section. We are so blessed!

Wednesday soup supper between Bell choir rehearsal and Adult choir is still carrying on! Due to several snow-birds in our bell choir, we have suspended rehearsals temporarily. Hopefully, we will resume normal practice on Jan. 18th. Culinarily speaking, we have enjoyed several spectacular soups this year. An Hungarian Mushroom soup has been a big hit; as has the vegetarian chili Bill Hartley has been bringing. Ellen Safley's caramelized onion soup is always enjoyed to a chorus of 'ooh's and ah's' and Noralynn Hassold brought a nice round of split pea. Cynthia Butcher has baked bread and corn bread to complete these lovely repasts.

On Sunday mornings, the Adult Choir rehearses prior to our 10:15 service; this is usually around 9:00-10:00 a.m. every Sunday. (Sometimes, there are a few finishing touches which need to be addressed before the 10:15 service).

Our choir has stabilized in size, and we are in the area of 16 regular singers. We are

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blessed with an especially strong tenor and bass section. Normally, we sing 43 Sunday mornings, and extra services during Lent, Holy Week, Easter and Christmas, totaling 50 services. Something extra, too, in which our choir participates is the several ecumenical services (Good Friday & Thanksgiving) with the Greater Grand Blanc Community. These other churches include Grand Blanc Methodist Church, Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Grand Blanc Baptist Church, Kirkridge Presbyterian Church. In 2022, we did participate in both the Good Friday service, which was held at Holy Spirit, and then, too the Thanksgiving Service, which was held at GB Methodist church. Worthy to note, is that the Adult Choir at St. Christopher has been working very diligently on learning and singing Anglican Chant. We truly enjoy this aspect of our service music; One of our choir members who is well versed in Anglican Chant has been donating his time and expertise to help lead us. I have been lending vocal support to our alto section, when needed.

Musical Gifts to Choir in support of section leaders: They do more than just sing!

A very generous gift from an anonymous donor has made it possible for our church to continue to maintain excellent section leaders. This gift has supported and will continue to support our section leaders well into 2023. Section leaders are more than just a 'trained singer' who helps the existing choir. These young people are

being exposed to the beauty of the rich musical heritage of our Episcopal faith; too, they are learning and participating in the caring, loving, kind church body of St. Christopher. Several members of our church have contributed very generously to keep our music program afloat. These include, Bobbie and Joe Goergen, Mary and Bob Van Duyne and Anonymous Donor. Our music program at St. Christopher is very grateful for these very generous gifts from these families. Thank you.

Choir Room/Robes and other Sundry things:

Because we are still practicing social distancing, the Adult Choir is still rehearsing in the Nave. As the year started to get into full swing, Ellen Safley took a number of choir robes and cottas home to wash and maintain, as did Mary Van Duyne, as did I. We are 'okay' with our choir robe situation presently.

Bells: Our Ding-a-lings (fondly named by NancyLee Fawcett) resumed rehearsals in September 2022. Currently, we are 7 ringers strong.

Our Bell Choir core includes: Ellen Safley, Audrey Ditri, Flo Gjerstadt, Sue Corliss, Jane Yorks, Bill Hartley, Christine Jordan, and myself.

Our bell ringing schedule earlier in September and October underwent a few transitions---we were trying to accommodate several peoples' schedules, who were otherwise not going to be able to continue with bells. We are considering moving bell's rehearsal

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to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Hopefully this will better suit folks' schedules.

Pandemic adjustments: A number of us are still masking, as Covid, as recently as December 2022, still infected three members of our choir.

Special Musical Events: For the past seven years, St. Christopher has hosted the Grand Blanc Messiah Performance.

This year (November 2022), despite the pandemic, we were able to hold the 35th Annual Grand Blanc Messiah performance.

Maintenance of our Sanctuary Piano and Organ: Mr. Walker will provide information regarding these instruments.

*Respectfully submitted,
Nada Radakovich, Director of Music*

LECTOR & GREETERS REPORT

We wish to say a big "thank you" to those of you who have served this past year as LEM's, Lector, and Usher/Greeters for the 8 am and 10:15 service. These are such an integral part of our church ministry, and very much appreciated.

We would like to recognize those who have volunteered to be a lector or greeter:

8:00 am -

LEMS: Dave Butler & Nancy Wells

Lectors: Jane Brewer, Dave & Melissa Butler, Kay Van Natta & Nancy Wells

Greeters: Jane Brewer, Lou Alarie, Dave & Melissa Butler, Neuman & Jan Convis, Dale & Sharon Rice, Don & Nancy Wells

10:15 am Lectors-

Frank Burger
Ken Duck
Flo Gjerstad
Bob Luckey
Ellen Safley
Linda Rathburn
Steve Huber
Joyce Thewalt

10:15 am Greeters-

Bill Anderson
Paul & Jerri Bassett
Michael Latesky
Shirley Showler
Becky Stermer
Jan Taylor
Joyce Thewalt
Jane Yorks
Mary Van Duyne

If you wish to be a part of this ministry of our church, please contact Flo Gjerstad (810) 210-6734.

Respectfully submitted

Flo Gjerstad, 10:15 am LEM, Lector & Greeter Coordinator

Nancy Wells, 8 am LEM, Lector & Greeter Coordinator

ALTAR GUILD REPORT

The Altar Guild is alive and well and fully engaged in service to our Lord and our church. It is a special ministry whose mission is to care for everything that relates to the Altar. In addition to the regular Sunday services, the Altar Guild assisted with Wednesday 5:30pm Holy Eucharists, funerals, baptisms, weddings, ordinations and holidays.

New Members are welcome: The Altar Guild is open to both men and women who wish to become a part of this gratifying ministry. You will receive training and guidance from experienced members as well as available manuals, illustrations and checklists to ensure the correct steps are completed. It's easy, enjoyable and rewarding! Please join us.

Sandra White has taken on the responsibility for memorial flowers in the sanctuary. Please see the sign-up calendar on the kiosk in the Narthex.

Thank you to all those who have served in 2022:

Jane Brewer	Colleen Shrank
Anne Naber	Mary Van Duyne
Shirley Showler	Dawn Rutherford
Sharon Rice	Louise McAra
Cindy Donner	Sandra White (Flowers)

Our work is a devotional one and open to everyone who wishes to join.

*Submitted by Louise McAra,
Altar Guild Lead*



WORSHIP LIVE STREAM REPORT

Thank you to all those who have served on our “Tech Team” in 2022 helping to Livestream our services for those who cannot join us in person.

Frank Burger	Cynthia Risch
Audrey D’itri	
Alec Murray	