

A photograph of the interior of Christ Church in Detroit. The image shows a high, vaulted ceiling with a complex wooden truss system and decorative panels. A large, ornate lantern hangs from the ceiling. Below, there are rows of wooden pews, a balcony with more pews, and stained glass windows. The overall atmosphere is one of a historic and well-maintained church.

# ANNUAL REPORT 2022

CHRIST CHURCH  
DETROIT



# RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

*The Rev. Emily Williams Guffey*

2022 has marked journeys between, to borrow language from Suleika Jaouad's *Between Two Kingdoms: A Memoir of A Life Interrupted*, the "kingdom of the sick" and the "kingdom of the well". While we continue to suffer losses and process traumas brought about by the multiple pandemics, we also, have forged strength despite - and throughout - it all. "Post-traumatic growth", that is, strength built and realized through adversity, has been a hallmark of 2022, and we hope that that growth continues through 2023.

When 2022 began, the omicron surge of COVID-19 was taking place in our wider community, necessitating additional precautions to keep everyone safe: we put Breakfast, Coffee Hour, and full Choir on hiatus. Masks were required, and we asked everyone attending in-person to sign in, so that we could follow up if needed.

We held our 176th Annual Meeting on January 30, 2022, on Zoom only, since the internet strength at the church was not strong enough to provide a reliable connection, were we to have conducted a hybrid meeting from the church.



Also at the start of 2022, due to the same insufficient internet strength, Desmond Jones, Brittany Estes, and Pastor Anthony Estes would video-record the 10:30 a.m. service and other occasional services, and then put the recording up on YouTube a day or two later. When the Estes family moved (down the street!), Katrina Van Maanen took over the role of editing and posting the recordings to YouTube. This process continued until May, when the new fiber internet was installed.

Pastor Anthony Estes, who had joined us as Associate Rector in April 2020, left in January 2022 to serve the Detroit Church Partnership as Rector of All Saints', Detroit and of St. Matthew's & St. Joseph's, Detroit, and the Associate & Partnership Missioner at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Detroit.

Chip Dischinger, parishioner and then transitional deacon sponsored by Christ Church Detroit, was ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests on January 25th at the Cathedral of St. Paul.





Throughout the year, we enjoyed and were inspired by visit from clergy, including the Rev. Canon Ellen Ekevag, Canon for Congregational Development & Transitions; the Rev. Matthew Lukens of Canterbury House (University of Michigan); the Rev. Dr. Donna McNeil of Canterbury House (Michigan State University); Pastor Ben Adams of All.together campus ministry (Wayne State University, Henry Ford College, and U-M Dearborn); Mtr. Kathryn Twining, Interim Associate at the Cathedral of St. Paul; and the Rev. Mark A. Jefferson. Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Homiletics at Virginia Theological Seminary, who visited on May 15th to preach two of his final sermons in his quest to preach 200 sermons worldwide.



Our 2022 diocesan delegates Ruth Boeder, Anthony Mitchell, and Jim Treece strengthened ties among our diocesan friends and neighbors, and participated actively in the 188th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan in October 2022.

Sandra Flanigan Zull, current member of Trinity in the Woods, Farmington Hills, and former member of Christ Church Detroit, joined us in September 2022 as Seminarian. We are blessed by Sandy's graciousness, gifts for pastoral care and teaching, and openness to learning among us.

We welcomed three members to the staff: Randy Gilchrist, who started in February as Associate for Operations; Danielle Wright, longtime friend of Christ Church and founder/executive director of Opera MODO, who joined in August as Associate for Education & Development; and Ashley Poulin, current Wayne State University student, who started in November as Event Host, providing warm hospitality to everyone who walks in the doors.

Beth Ann Tesluk, Associate for Communications; Ed Maki-Schramm, Director of Music; Katrina Van Maanen, Youth Choir Director; Robyn Campagne, Bookkeeper; Dahlia Medvinsky, Children's Assistant; and KaClarence Haynes, Facilities Manager, continued to offer their incredible gifts and strengths. I am so grateful for the skill, dedication, and camaraderie of each member of the staff.

I pray that throughout the "changes and chances of this life" (BCP 133), especially those that the multiple pandemics have brought, we continue to trust in God, our Rock and our Redeemer, the Source of every blessing, and the Giver of growth. May God lead us--changed, resilient, and faithful--from strength to strength, through Jesus Christ our Lord.



# WORSHIP

*The Rev. Emily Williams Guffey*

We worshipped God in many ways in 2022! As the year began, we were longing for livestream as the deer longs for waterbrooks (Psalm 42, or something like that), and we welcomed newcomers and inquirers through a series of Zoom meetings, since COVID was still surging.

Our Lay Eucharistic Visitor (LEV) and Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM) ministries were on hiatus until the fall, per diocesan protocols and parish policies.

On All Saints' Day, observed on November 6th, we resumed the inclusion of wine at communion, and embraced the opportunity to make communion inclusive in other ways as well: establishing a "communion station" in the transept so that steps are not required, and offering consecrated grape juice alongside the wine, all in "little cups" on a silver tray. On All Saints' Day, we resumed the distribution of communion at the high altar as well, where wine is offered in both a chalice (common cup) and a new, shallow chalice specifically for intinction (dipping).

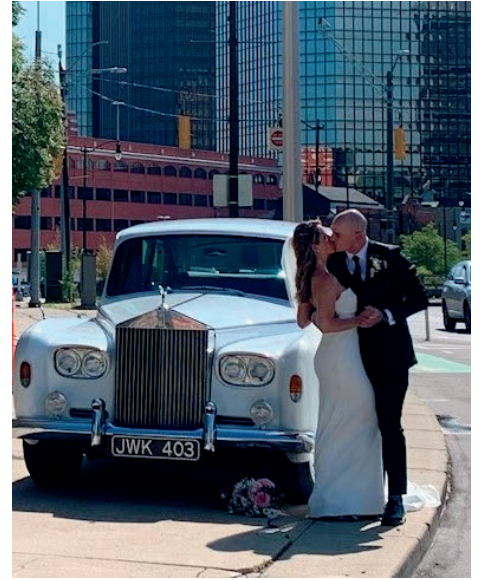
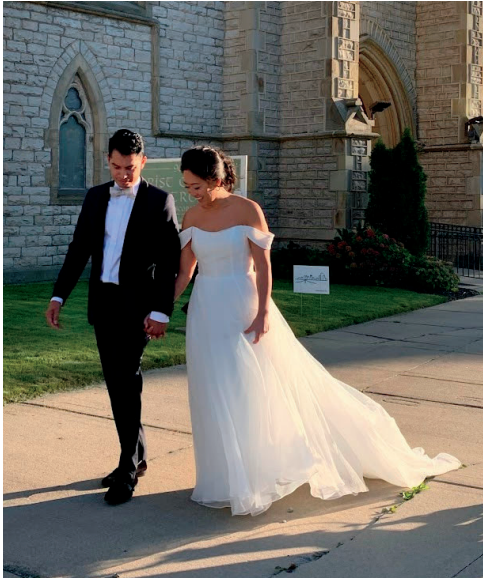
These expanded practices allow communion to be highly inclusive, meeting each of us where we are, on any given day. They also double the number of LEMs required to serve! I am grateful for each LEM who has stepped into service, whether by refreshing their training or learning it for the first time, as I am equally respectful of those who are unable to return to the LEM ministry at this time. Serving as a LEM - or LEV or Lector - is a deeply meaningful experience. I encourage all who are curious to try it out!

Toward the end of 2022, the LEV ministry started to return, as pandemic concerns have eased, and further LEV, LEM, and Lector trainings and re-organization efforts will continue in 2023.

Amidst it all, we were honored and thrilled to celebrate many special liturgies, including the diocesan Feast of Absalom Jones in February, an official visit from Bishop Perry in June, and resplendent Easter, Pentecost, Worship in the Park, St. Francis, All Saints', All Souls', Advent, and Christmas services.







In 2022 we celebrated the **weddings** of Shawna Goodfellow & Michael Wilmot (June 11), Emily Gross & Kevin Killian (August 27), Katherine Baker & Danny Reyes (October 1), Samantha Zohr & Michael Killian (October 8), and Hannah Haley & Stephen Young (October 22).

We celebrated the **baptisms** of Elizabeth Zara Collard (April 17) and Leo Van Pfadt (September 11).

We celebrated the **confirmations** of Paul Frank Abdullah, Brenna Mondalek Ald, Olivia Sue Benbow, Mira Jane Hughes, Stella Ruby Hughes, Elizabeth Ann Maher, and Ava Estelle White on June 19, when we enjoyed an official visit from Bishop Bonnie Perry.

We mourned the **deaths** of beloved friends and relatives, including Peter J. Henning (January 16), Kathryn Gladney "Kathy" Ellis (February 12), Gail A. Smith (February 26), Thomas Garner (March 18), Kristina Rudolph (July 10), Matthew Sherman Abdo (July 24), Joyce M. Zedan Esse (July 27), Gerald Lilly (August 2), Anthony Stovall (August 19), Sue Ann Parkinson (December 25), and remembered and celebrated their beautiful lives at funerals and memorial services.





# LIVESTREAM TEAM

*Chuck Atwater on behalf of the Livestream Team*

The Livestream Team, comprised of Desmond Jones, Taylor Matthew, and Chuck Atwater, would like to thank Christ Church and the Vestry for their continued support and encouragement during our journey to fulfill our mission to "adapt to meet the needs of our neighbors and our selves."

As a community, as a state, and as a country, we have experienced unprecedented challenges because of a global pandemic that required modifications to our personal lives and public worship practices.

Our Rector and Desmond Jones recognized that we needed to pivot to meet the needs of our congregation and community at large. Our first attempts at streaming with a cell phone, when the pandemic began, were not a personal nor commercial success. Desmond recognized that we required a more reliable and robust platform to stream our services. He researched better ways to livestream.

Livestreaming, however, would require much faster internet, and the only option in our area for faster internet was fiber. It took about a year and a half, from late 2020 until mid-2022, to research options, bid quotes, get permits, and install the fiber internet. Roger Maki-Schramm was a great help with this. Meanwhile, Desmond led research on the audio-visual equipment needed as well: cameras, monitors, computers, microphones, speakers, and wiring, along with electrical updates in the sanctuary to support the new equipment.

From mid-2021 until the livestream platform was available in mid-2022, we video-recorded live services in the sanctuary (and in summer 2021, in Ledyard Hall) and posted the recordings on YouTube. This provided a near real-time worship experience, which was adequate but still not the best solution.

Since May 2022, we have been livestreaming in the sanctuary using new fiber internet and AV equipment. Desmond leads the Livestream Team, and suffice it to say, much credit and thanks to him for seeing this project through from inception to completion, and continuation. Thus far, we have livestreamed our Sunday services and funeral services to parishioners as far away as California.

Finally, I would like to invite your participation to volunteer and join the Livestream Team. We need your support and active participation to keep this a viable ministry.





# MUSIC MINISTRY

*Dr. Edward Maki-Schramm, Director of Music*

2022 featured numerous exciting musical services and events, from hosting the diocesan Feast of Absalom Jones and welcoming the renowned Brazeal Dennard Chorale in February to an official visit from the bishop in June, and from the joyful return of the Marathon Weekend Evensong & Festive Tea in October to two additional evening services: All Souls' Evensong in November and Advent Lessons & Carols in December, which we hope to continue annually. To balance out the expenses of these services, we had soloists or small ensembles on several Sundays on which we normally would have had full choir.

The fourth season of Deep River, our Lenten program of African-American sacred music and intimate conversations with emerging artists, centered around the spiritual "Changed Mah Name". Each soloist sang a rendition of the spiritual, along with other songs of their choice, and offered stirring reflections upon the power of one's own name and identity. Calebria Webb and Ed Maki-Schramm moderated the interviews with soloists Dorian Dillard II, X. Alexander Durden, Corinthia Sims, Calebria Webb, and Chantel Woodard.

In February we welcomed the award-winning British vocal ensemble Apollo5 back to Christ Church; their previous concert had taken place shortly before the pandemic started.

In the fall, we were honored to host several concerts as well: the Mu Phi Epsilon (Wayne State University) scholarship recital in September, Audivi's *Path of Miracles* in October, and the Michigan Flute Orchestra in November.



I express my immense thanks to the congregation, as well as to each member of our music ministries.

**Bell Choir:** Anna Baseley, Mary Brown, Jocelyn Burrell, Joy Crawford, Dennis Parker, Vickie Rice-Parker, Betty Warner, Sue Webb-Dickson, Greg Williams, Mary Ann Williams

## **Parish Choir**

**Sopranos:** Katie Akers, Anna Baseley, Ruth Boeder, Mary Brown, Joy Crawford, Corinthia Sims, Katrina Van Maanen  
**Altos:** Megan Carnevale, Wendy Ford, Sally LePla, Eileen MacDonald, Elizabeth Medvinsky, Megan Norris, Loretta Ryder, Calebria Webb  
**Tenors:** Jocelyn Burrell, Dorian Dillard II, X. Alexander Durden, David Faust, Richard Householder, James Moore, Jr.  
**Basses:** Paul Abdullah, Roger Maki-Schramm, Howard Matthew, William Peck, Mike Rowan, Mariyon Turner, Greg Williams

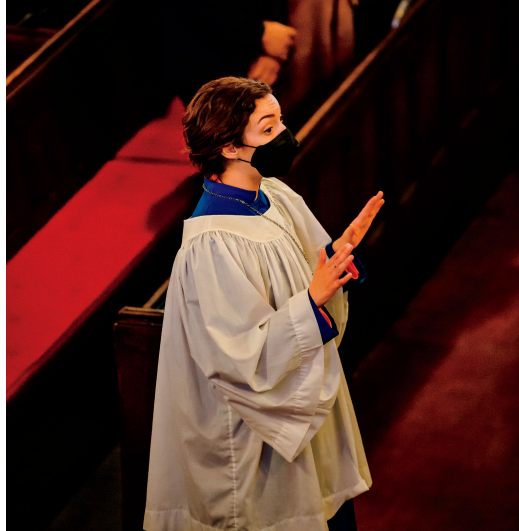




# YOUTH CHOIR

*Katrina Van Maanen, Director*

Our 2022 Youth Choir season has shown us the fruit of seeds faithfully sown over the past four years. We continued our "reimagined" Youth Choir rehearsal schedule, meeting with our K-5 youth from 9:30-9:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings, and immediately after services with our 6-12th grade youth. Both groups are led by Katrina Van Maanen and each group has a unique curriculum that consists of age-appropriate repertoire that inspires a deeper understanding of their spiritual journey.



Our consistent weekly participation in Youth Choir activities in our K-5 group has grown exponentially from 2021 weekly participation rates. We welcomed Emil and Sabine Landsberg to Youth Choir in the fall, in addition to returning participants: Alex and Isadora Arambula-Harnois, Owen and Ezra Guffey, Kailynn Haynes, Nico Rodriguez, and Alexander Simmer.

Beginning in September, our rehearsals have taken place downstairs in one of the Sunday School classrooms, with gratitude to the Buildings & Grounds Committee for installing new flooring for our use.

The intent of scheduling music at the top of the Sunday School hour is to use music as a way to welcome youth to Sunday School and prepare them for spiritual learning. It is clear that our model of incorporating Youth Choir into the Sunday School schedule is a great way to reach young singers and develop an appreciation for music as a form of worship.





Our 6-12th grade group consists of Adi and Marleen Hernandez, Mira and Stella Hughes, and Ava White. This group met after worship either in Cary Lounge or the sanctuary.

While both groups rehearsed separately on Sundays, the two groups joined together to perform at the principal worship service four times in 2022: Easter Sunday, Pentecost Sunday, Christ the King Sunday, and during our annual Christmas pageant on Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m. We performed the "new" pageant script, *Room for Christmas* by Mark Burrows, which was also performed in 2020 and 2021, albeit in varying forms and edited versions because of pandemic restrictions. This year, we welcomed the addition of Ed Maki-Schramm, Director of Music, accompanying the youth on the piano during the pageant; Danielle Wright, Associate for Education & Development, co-director; Lurdes Arambula, volunteer parent coordinator; and continued to enjoy the assistance and leadership of Dahlia Medvinsky, Children's Assistant, who continued to joyfully guide the children and lend her own musical talent.

The Youth Choir continues our mission of offering musical opportunities for every child, encouraging participation in music as a form of worship and spiritual growth. We hope to continue to increase participation in 2023!





# USHERS

*Jim Treece and Sonia Charron-Jones*

The ushers help our worship services run smoothly, by greeting members and visitors, tallying the attendance, guiding people during communion, and--literally, at this year's picnic--passing the hat.



Ushers also need to be ready for emergencies, in ways similar to flight attendants. To that end, a number of ushers participate in the CPR, AED, and First Aid trainings offered by the church.

COVID thinned the ranks of ushers, as it did for so many of the church's volunteer corps. We would love to have more friendly folks join our ranks, ready to make first- or fifth-time visitors feel welcome.

Jim Treece organized the ushers in the early part of the year, with Sonia Charron-Jones taking over in the autumn.

Other ushers included:

- Roger and Mary Basse
- Chris Beck
- Kerry Crenshaw
- Guy Jackson
- Desmond Jones
- John and Lauren Leney
- Terry Lloyd
- Kevin and Carolyn Maher
- Jon Miller
- Anthony Mitchell
- Jen Sainte-Laurent
- John Staif
- Patrick and Betty Warner





# ALTAR GUILD

*Liza Parkinson and Josephine Powell, Co-Chairs*

*Heavenly Father, we praise you for the joy of ministering at the altars of this parish.  
Grant us the grace of humility that we may honor you. Amen.*

The mission of the Altar Guild is to prepare all things necessary for the celebration of the Eucharist and any of the other sacraments and offices of the church, including flowers and decorations. The Altar Guild serves under the direction of the clergy, who have overall responsibility for determining how Altar Guild duties are performed.

This past year was one of transition and transformation for the Altar Guild as we transitioned fully back to in-person worship and the reintroduction of Holy Communion with bread and then with wine and the alternative of grape juice. The Altar Guild has worked hard and closely with our rector, Rev. Emily. She has provided new opportunities for receiving communion to meet the diverse needs of our congregation in this post-COVID time.

Members of the Altar Guild and our congregation have shared their expertise to ensure that the church brass and silver shines. In addition, special thanks go to Richard Thomas and John Booth for their meticulous work polishing our pulpit, lectern, crosses, and the WWI memorial plaque.



In March, two members of the Altar Guild and Flower Guild, Liza Parkinson and Richard Thomas, taught a special lesson to the participants of the Episcopal 101 class. In advance of Easter, Richard designed a custom paschal candle for 2022. We are grateful for his artistry!

The ministry of the Altar Guild was especially on view during our several Evensong services, Holy Week, Easter, and Christmas. The joint efforts of the Altar Guild and Flower Guild enhance our worship and are offered to the glory of God.

We are thankful for the work of our members: Gwen Ald, Jane Forbes, Roberta Gaspar, Hope Hoffman, Terry Lloyd, Carolyn Maher, Roger Maki-Schramm, Jo Mashour, Liza Parkinson, Josephine Powell, Alma Simmons, Mary Lou Solomon, Letha Ann Steward, Sally Wheeler, Stephanie Wren, our floral iconographer Richard Thomas, and all who helped at polishing sessions, the Hanging of the Greens, and taking the greens down. We also thank our seminarian Sandy Zull for her participation this fall.





# FLORAL ICONOGRAPHY

*Beth Ann Tesluk on behalf of the Flower Guild*

Parishioner Richard Thomas practices the art of floral iconography. Inspired by Scripture, he crafts, or more properly writes, floral icons, taking flowers and plant material and transforming them into sculptural interpretations of the Word, in light of liturgical seasons or events in the life of our community.



These visually arresting arrangements very often include local or native plants, and parishioners have come to treasure Richard's descriptions of the work almost as much as the works themselves.

There have been icons to celebrate individual feast days, and series of icons that evolve over a season, including a four-part interpretation of key shapes found in the Advent readings for this year.

Richard's deep love of liturgy informs and inspires his craft as does his deep knowledge of the plant world.



What began as a way to celebrate major feast days has grown, and Richard has worked to create a Flower Guild so that each week, the altar flowers can be chosen and arranged by parishioners. We give thanks for the imagination, talent, and craft of the Flower Guild: Richard Thomas, Hope Hoffman, and Barbara Perez.





Upon clergy request after services, Flower Guild members break floral icons or arrangements down into small bouquets that clergy or other visitors then deliver to parishioners at home or in the hospital.

The Flower Guild also thoughtfully places and tends fresh, potted plants such as orchids and peace lilies in the Atrium, and designs occasional small arrangements for Ledyard Hall, as gestures of hospitality.

The Flower Guild assists the Altar Guild and other volunteers with the annual palms on Palm Sunday, the Lily Cross on Easter, and the greens for Christmas.

Numerous parishioners made meaningful dedications for special flowers--and music--in honor or memory of loved ones for Easter, All Saints', and Christmas.



At any time of year, parishioners are invited to ask the Flower Guild to arrange flowers in honor or memory of loved ones, or to celebrate significant events like birthdays or anniversaries. To make a floral dedication, please contact the church office or Richard Thomas.

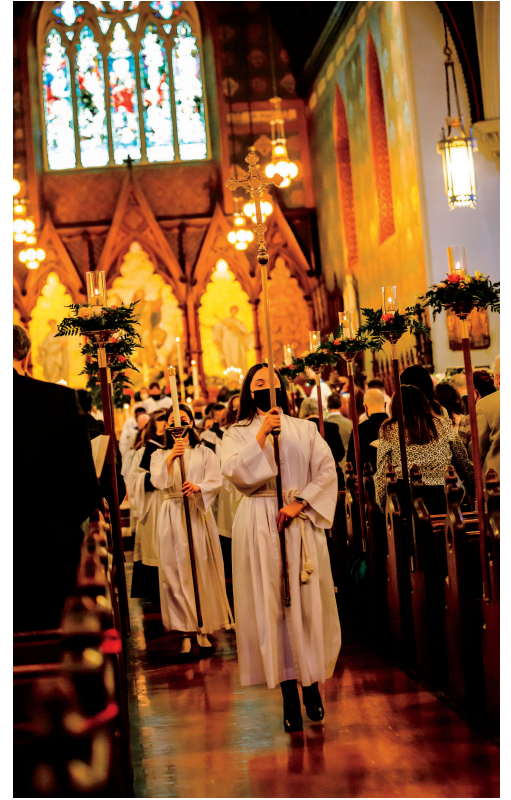
We are so grateful for the Flower Guild's ministry, and the congregation's generosity, as together we connect through the beauty of the natural world, our sanctuary, and our relationships, and bear one another's joys, wonders, and sorrows.





# YOUTH ACOLYTE PROGRAM

*Cathy Berlage*



Christ Church is truly blessed to have so many dedicated young people taking part in our Acolyte Program. They serve our church in several capacities. Crucifer, Gospel Server, Torch Bearer, and Ribbon Bearer are their official titles. Many of them also have served as teacher and/or mentor to our newcomers over the past few years. Acolytes range in age from college students down through our youngest lower elementary school members. Children who fall within this age group are always welcome to participate in this ministry.







In 2022, as our services have returned to their full expression in the sanctuary (now with added livestream!), so, too, has our youth acolyte program. The following dedicated youth participated throughout the year as Crucifer, Gospel Server, Ribbon Bearer, Banner Bearer, and Torch Bearer: Brenna Ald, Olivia Benbow, Adilem Hernandez, Marleen Hernandez, Mira Hughes, Stella Hughes, Elizabeth Maher, and Ava White. Owen Guffey participated as a Torch Bearer, and Nico Rodriguez has been in training as a Torch Bearer.

Since November 2022, when we resumed the practice of wine at communion, and resumed serving at the high altar, the acolytes have learned to assist the clergy and Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) by replenishing any bread and wine that run low. Stella Hughes has also assisted by carrying one of the two chalices.

Please join me in thanking all of these wonderful young people for their dedicated service to Christ Church!





# YOUTH FORMATION

*Rev. Emily Williams Guffey*

As 2022 began, the Sunday School program was operating as a "one-room school" as community-wide COVID surges kept our kids and families home frequently (and even canceled Sunday School on some days), and as the Lower Level classrooms remained out of commission due to the flooding that happened in the summer of 2021.

In the first half of 2022, then, all of our kids under about age 12 met together in the nursery, and sometimes used Ledyard Hall and the courtyard as well. On average, there would be about 3-8 children present, listening to stories, creating art, and playing games. We are very grateful for the Buildings & Grounds members who worked hard over the summer to repair several classrooms so we could use them again in the fall. Thank you!

In total, throughout 2022, there were 23 youth, from infants through high school seniors, enrolled in the Sunday School program, plus two college students who participated in J2A in the spring and went on the (pandemic-delayed) pilgrimage in the summer.

Throughout the year, we also observed many beautiful Sunday School traditions. Although in March the community COVID rates were still too high to hold the annual bowling party, we were very excited in April to resume the annual Easter Egg Hunt (outdoors)! Children also participated in filling the lily cross on Easter Sunday, and making palm crosses on the Sunday before.



In the spring, Rev. Emily led a confirmation class specifically for our teens. The course included visits from our three local Episcopal campus chaplains, as well as Rabbi Ariana Silverman of the Isaac Agree Downtown Synagogue. Ava, Brenna, Elizabeth, Mira, and Stella were confirmed in June when Bishop Bonnie Perry visited. Also in June, we concluded the 2021-2022 Sunday School year with recognitions, certificates, and gifts for students and teachers.



On Mother's Day we enjoyed Senior Speeches from Mira, Elizabeth, and Kyle, and were so proud to see them graduate from high school and begin college! In October, we celebrated the Blessing of the Animals in Sperry-Mackey Park, as well as beloved Halloween festivities later in the month. In November, we turned our focus to preparing for the Christmas pageant, with which the students had lots of fun!





I am ever grateful and in awe of the leadership of Anne Hughes, volunteer Christian Education coordinator, who tends to all of our youth and families with loving care and detail. She also very naturally lends her own artistic expertise to the Sunday School lessons, helping children to express themselves and their faith through creativity. As Anne, in the fall, has been tending to her own professional artistry (including an amazing solo show), she has been stepping back gradually from her roles, although she remains an active participant and advisor in all things Sunday School. Thank you, Anne, for everything!

Lauren Leney lovingly helped with so many things throughout the year, and Liza Parkinson helped to make special events and fundraisers happen with pizzazz. Cathy Berlage trains and leads our youth acolytes, constantly welcoming and guiding them into the worship practices of the church.

We were very glad and excited when Danielle Wright joined the staff in August as Associate for Education & Development! In this role, Danielle spends about 10-15 hours per week coordinating various Youth Formation activities--and sharing lots of energy in the process!



Dahlia Medvinsky has continued to lead the nursery in 2022, as her title has officially changed from Nursery Coordinator to Children's Assistant, reflecting that, per the "one room school", her charge includes elementary-aged children as well as infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. She brings so many gifts, and it is a joy to see her work with the children. Choir members (and teachers!) Megan Carnevale and Calebria Webb have also substituted in the nursery.

Lurdes Arambula started volunteering in the fall as a Sunday School leader. Lu leads story time, organizes crafts, and offers a calm, joyful presence to children and families. We also were very excited to welcome volunteer teachers Claire Brown, Mary Brown, Denise Crenshaw, and Sally LePla, each of whom led several stories and activities in the spring and fall.

Throughout the year, we continued to experiment with and utilize a "soft space" for children in the sanctuary. The space is set up in St. Elizabeth's Chapel (following the 8:15 a.m. service) for families to use during the 10:30 a.m. service. It includes a comfortable floor rug, a coffee table, and numerous quiet activity materials, including books, blocks, crayons, and coloring pages. Children and families belong in our worship services, and the presence of the "soft space" helps make that both clear and accessible.

In 2022, our Youth Formation ministries experienced a lot of resilience, fortitude, growth, and joy. Amen!



# J2A (JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD)

Megan Norris

The "senior" J2A group--Olivia Benbow, Mira Hughes, Elizabeth Maher, Kyle Maynard, and Mary Wilbert--finished its classwork in June 2020. Their pilgrimage was originally scheduled for May 2021. It did not occur to us, when we were all sent home from our jobs and school in March of 2020, that we would all still be housebound a year later.

In early 2021, the trip was pushed back to August of that year. When travel was still not safe, it was postponed again.

The group continued to meet, both to keep in touch and to expand our research on our destination: Spain. Finally, we had a trip scheduled for August 2022. With N-95 masks and other precautions, travel was safe, we had tickets, and bags were packed. What could go wrong?



Well, a massive blood clot in our fearless leader Megan Norris' leg could go wrong, that's what. Already down one adult (Megan's co-leader, Matthew Moore, decided to use the pandemic to get married and move away), Megan drafted her kid, Taylor Matthew, who in addition to being much cooler, had the added benefit of speaking Spanish.

With just a few weeks before take-off, Taylor got up to speed on all of the planning (reserved bunks at youth hostels, scheduled trains and buses around the country, tickets for flamenco dancing...), and Howard Matthew went along to provide the necessary credit cards.

The trip got off to a shaky start--problems with connecting plane tickets led to an unplanned overnight in a motel near the airport in Paris and set everybody but Taylor (who was not in the same reservation) back a day--but except for poor Howard, who was dealing with Delta in Paris while Megan was dealing with Delta in Detroit through the night, it just added to the adventure. Taylor went on her own to St. George's Anglican Church in Madrid (complete with dragons in the stained glass windows), the rest of the crew arrived in two shifts a day late, and never missed another beat.





Glorious parks, art museums, flamenco dancing, breakfast on the rooftop of the youth hostel, and 100+ degree temperatures in Madrid gave way to cooler temperatures and a private apartment in Burgos (which sits on the Camino de Santiago several hours north of Madrid), then a train ride to Santiago, home of the eponymous Cathedral (including attending a pilgrims' service, a visit to the museum, an outdoor concert, an unexpected rock concert, and--for the intrepid--a rooftop tour).

Finally, the group traveled to Finisterre (literally, the "end of the earth") to take a swim in the ocean and hike to the western-most point of the Camino de Santiago. Fortunately, the trip home was uneventful, but Howard is still recovering. See our pictures!

Meanwhile...In September 2020, Megan and Taylor began leading the next J2A crew: Brenna Ald, Adi and Marleen Hernandez, Stella Hughes, and Ava White. Starting off that fall with the traditional ropes course (which resulted in Megan hanging upside down waiting for a rescue for a period of time--this job was a lot easier when she started in 1998...), the group completed the curriculum part of the program in June 2022.



Many of you have seen the work of this group (with a LOT of help from J2A parents, parents of alumni, and staff members Beth Ann and Danielle), including the December Greens Sale and Christmas Bazaar, which included a bake sale and a sale of photographs taken by J2A members.

In late May 2023, the group will take a trip to Toronto (we have learned that a short trip prior to heading overseas helps work out a lot of kinks, including how to pack so you can carry your own luggage, use public transportation, and get your passport in time), and we are now working on selecting a location for an August 2023 pilgrimage (so many choices, so little time). You will see this group again at the upcoming pancake meal, serving food at the Hafli, and other events as we prepare for our pilgrimage.

The J2A program at Christ Church has been one of our signature activities. It would not be possible without the tremendous support of the entire parish, and we are all very grateful for your time, your financial contributions, and most of all for your unflagging enthusiasm. Thank you!!



# ADULT BIBLE STUDY

*Barbara Cushing*

Our small group of faithful attendees of the adult Bible class meets at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings during the program year (September through June) to read and explore, with the assistance of able contemporary commentators, selected portions of scripture.

In June 2022, we completed a year-long reading of the book of the prophet "Isaiah." Spanning up to 200 years of history, with most likely three different authors, these Old Testament writers gave us insight into the buildup to the 6th century BCE destruction of Jerusalem and King Solomon's Temple, 40 years of Jewish captivity in Babylon, and the rebuilding of city and temple upon return.

In this program year that began in September, we have read the short books of "Ruth," "Song of Songs," and the prophet "Joel."

Currently, our study of "The Wisdom of Solomon" is allowing us to become more familiar with a portion of ancient Jewish literature that goes by several titles: Apocryphal, intertestamental, or Second-temple writings. Studying this book gives us insights into the genre of "wisdom writings," which we will be able to trace at times when we progress to reading Matthew's Gospel at the start of the season of Lent, 2023.

Throughout this year, between each biblical book read, we spend a Sunday morning reflecting on each of the modernly assigned categories of Psalms. Our year 2022-2023 will end in June with a rereading of the New Testament Epistle of James.

Anyone interested in gaining a deeper understanding of the literature that the Bible offers us is welcome anytime.





# DRAWING WITH A TEA

*Sally LePla*

Drawing with a Tea (DWAT) began as Sally LePla and Calebria Webb's brainchild to present a weekly online creative drawing outlet for beginners, as a gift for church members and their families and friends during the COVID-19 shutdown. In the ensuing years, it morphed from drawing to beginning watercolor painting--and all participants who thought they couldn't watercolor paint have been proven wrong!

The art fun continues, as Sally offers free, step-by-step painting lessons in individual three-week series of meetings. Artists hail from three or four countries, depending upon the day, and the group ranges anywhere from 6-7 or 10-11 participants. Sally has picked up new students from the online ElderCollege drawing class she teaches in Canada, too.



In 2022, artwork from the group was used to illustrate the Christ Church cookbook and served as the basis for the annual parish Christmas card.



DWAT welcomes new friends in a loving, nonjudgmental, fun atmosphere, where there are no mistakes - only great experiences. Please consider trying DWAT to expand your creative horizons and make new friends in 2023!



# OUTREACH

Seth Lloyd, Chair

The Christ Church Detroit Outreach Committee is a dedicated group of parishioners which aims to demonstrate through its actions that our parish is a "beacon of hope" in Detroit. The members of the committee are Pat Ald (emeritas!), Mary Basse, Tim Bledsoe, Ruth Boeder, Bob Brown, Wendy Ford, Christine Galli, Emily Williams Guffey, Guy Jackson, Desmond Jones, Lucinda Keils, Sally LePla, Eileen MacDonald, Anthony Mitchell, Margo Norris, Barbara Perez, Josephine Powell, Lamar Richardson, Edwina Simpson, Frances Trix, Jan Weir, Caroline Widak, Stephanie Wren, and Seth Lloyd.

The major activities of the committee in 2022 were six in number. Each is briefly described below.

*Sponsorship of an Afghan family:* The parish agreed in the fall of 2021, after discussing the matter thoroughly, to sponsor a family of recent immigrants from Afghanistan. The parents and five children (now six) lived first in a hotel in Dearborn, and then were placed in a house in Westland.

All of the tasks associated with a sponsorship such as this are too numerous to mention. Chief among them, however, have been settling the family in their new house, enrolling the children in school, helping them to learn English (contrary to our assumption, no one in the family spoke English on arrival!), taking them to doctor and dentist appointments, and taking them shopping. This list only scratches the surface of the tasks performed by our parishioners.



I won't attempt to mention everyone who has played a role in assisting our family, but chief among them are Margo Norris, Mary Herring, Bobbi Gaspar, Eileen MacDonald, Patrick Warner, Mary Brown, Lauren Leney, and Bob Brown. Our thanks go to each of these individuals and the dozens of others who have helped!

*Continuation of our food drive for Crossroads:* The committee has sponsored for many years the collection of food and personal items and the weekly delivery of those items to Crossroads of Michigan on West Grand Boulevard. This effort continued in 2022.

*Work Sessions at Gleaners and Pope Francis Center:* After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the committee voted in December to resume scheduling work sessions assisting Gleaners Food Bank and the Pope Francis Center meal program. Our first session at Pope Francis Center is scheduled for January 21, 2023, and the first event at Gleaners on February 24. Our goal is to alternate these activities on a monthly basis. Please look for sign-up sheets for these valuable--and fun--activities.





*Preparation and delivery of meals to Cass Community Social Services:* As was the case in 2021, we did not house homeless men and women from Cass in Ledyard Hall this year. Instead, at Cass' suggestion, we chose a week in early November and prepared lunch and dinner each day for 50 housing-insecure individuals who were staying at Cass. Once again, Genet Barthwell "pulled the laboring oar" by planning the dinner menu each day and cooking the main course at her home. Genet would then deliver the trays of food to our kitchen, where she would be met by a team of parishioners who would finish preparing the meal and packing lunches for the next day. Parishioners would then deliver the food to Cass. Over 35 parishioners contributed to this project, but Genet was our "captain". She worked tirelessly and cheerfully, as is her habit! Thanks to all who assisted!

*The Ninth Annual Advent Diaper Drive:* Eileen MacDonald headed the Diaper Drive for the benefit of Crossroads again this year. She suggested, and we readily agreed, to change its focus slightly. Given the shortage of infant formula, Eileen suggested that, in addition to diapers, we also collect formula. The parish responded in its typical fashion, collecting more diapers and formula than the ambitious goal we set. We have delivered 18,000 diapers and the equivalent of 6,379 bottles of formula to Crossroads for the benefit of its clients. Thanks to all who contributed, and to both Eileen MacDonald and Sally LePla for their leadership and inspiring announcements!

*Grants to organizations:* As the committee has done since its founding over 25 years ago, it awarded grants to charitable organizations. In December, the committee awarded \$1000 grants to each of four worthy organizations: Hands Along the Nile (which sponsors a hospital and other services to the poor in rural Egypt); Episcopal Relief & Development for Florida hurricane relief; the Church at Crossroads (a new Episcopal congregation serving the spiritual needs of clients at Crossroads); and Have Faith, a foundation that supports an orphanage in Haiti and has gained local recognition by Mitch Albom.

2022 was another busy and fruitful year! If anyone would like to join the committee, please call or email Seth Lloyd. All are welcome!





# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

*Rev. Emily Williams Guffey*

Throughout 2022, we were honored and excited to support community partners, especially through the shared use of our facilities.



Holy Spokes, a nonprofit that provides bikes as transportation to the homeless and newly rehabilitated while simultaneously providing them with training to maintain and repair their bike, met on Wednesdays in the parking lot or inside Ledyard Hall. Alcoholics Anonymous and Gamblers Anonymous groups continued to meet on Saturday mornings. Also on Saturdays, we have been honored to house not only longtime partners the Reconstructionist Congregation of Detroit but also to provide a temporary home for the Isaac Agree Downtown Synagogue, while its building is being renovated.

We continue to be honored to host Opera MODO, a nonprofit that fosters diversity, equity, and performance opportunities for emerging artists, by providing rehearsal space, costume & prop storage, and meeting facilities free of charge.

We provided tours to numerous community visitors, including a national cohort of preservation architects, travelers on Great Lakes Viking Cruises, the Women's Auxiliary of St. John's Armenian Church (Southfield), and other local groups. Special thanks to volunteer docents Terry Lloyd and Sue Webb-Dickson and staff member Beth Ann Tesluk, who offer wonderful warm CCD hospitality and historic knowledge!

Special thanks also to Ruth Boeder and Jim Treece, who led the composition of a grant application for the National Fund for Sacred Places to restore & renovate Ledyard Hall for greater community use. This grant was awarded in 2022 and we are so excited and thrilled at the possibilities for continued, expanded community engagement in our beautiful, historic facilities.





# CENTERING PRAYER

Kathryn Treece

Centering Prayer is a form of Christian contemplation that offers an opportunity in our fast-paced lives to sit quietly in God's presence. Based on instructions from the 14th-century classic, *The Cloud of Unknowing*, this prayer was further developed for modern practice by Fr. Thomas Keating and others. It's a way to cultivate a deeper relationship with God, beyond thoughts, words, and emotions. For more information, check out Contemplative Outreach at [www.contemplativeoutreach.com](http://www.contemplativeoutreach.com).



The Christ Church Detroit Centering Prayer group began over ten years ago and continues to meet weekly. We meet in-person in Cary Lounge at 11:00 a.m., on 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, and by Zoom on the remaining Thursdays. Our hour-long gathering and liturgy consist of an opening and twenty minutes of centering, followed by intercessory prayer, a brief reading, informal sharing, and closing. It's our privilege to pray for any special requests from the prayer box at church or that the office receives. We welcome anyone to the group, and if you're new to the practice, we will give you the instructions, which are quite simple.

# COMMUNITY BUILDING

Beth Ann Tesluk

Throughout 2022 a variety of groups, events, and programs strengthened the ties within our church and also connected us to new friends in the area. We are especially grateful for the many years of service given by Josephine Mashour and Lorraine George, both of whom are stepping away from the ministries they have tended with such loving care for so long.

Many volunteers contributed to the following activities and initiatives, listed here with their coordinators (apologies to those we have undoubtedly missed):

*Apollo5 Concert Support:* Genet Barthwell, Joy Crawford, Margo Norris,  
Megan Norris & Howard Matthew, Bill & Elsie Peck, Barbara & David Perez

*Birthday Cards:* Josephine Mashour, Claire Brown

*Blessing of the Animals & the Fields:* Claire Brown, Jon Miller

*Collection Counters:* Kerry Crenshaw, Lorraine George, Jim Treece

*Cookbook Committee:* Miriam Costandi, Hope Hoffman, Lauren Leney, Josephine Powell,  
Theresa Zajac

*Evensong Receptions:* Josephine Powell, Lamar Richardson, Kathryn Treece, Betty Warner

*Motor City Pride Hospitality:* Ruth Boeder



# HOSPITALITY

*Beth Ann Tesluk*

Hospitality, in all its forms, is a hallmark of our life together at Christ Church. While we do not have a formal hospitality committee at the moment, we do have a corps of deeply dedicated volunteers who are willing to jump in and make sure our events are successful, and that all are made welcome within (and without!) these walls. 2022 was a year filled with celebrations, and with the leadership of Ruth Boeder, Claire Brown, Mary Brown, Liza Parkinson, and Betty Warner, we were able to build on existing traditions and start some new ones!



New this year was our Pride Weekend hospitality tent. Ruth Boeder led a team of volunteers including Gwen Ald, Brenna Ald, Chuck Atwater, Mary Basse, Jocelyn Burrell, Rev. Emily, Randy Gilchrist, Mary Herring, Darlene & David Jackson, Ed Maki-Schramm, Jon Miller, Anthony Mitchell, Linda & Glen Olivache, Jen Sainte-Laurent, Betty & Patrick Warner, Ava White, and Caroline Widak, who together created a welcoming space for those who might be in the neighborhood for Motor City Pride in June. We provided water and healthy, colorful snacks to anyone who stopped by, and shared some of the things that make Christ Church so special.

The annual Worship in the Park & Picnic in late August was held again on Belle Isle after a vibrant experience there last year, and orchestrated by Mary Brown and the newly formed picnic committee, including Jon Miller, who makes sure we have a location secured, and Denise Crenshaw, who thoughtfully planned the layout to improve accessibility and traffic flow.

Genet Barthwell and Lauren Leney made sure we had plenty of delicious food, and Claire and Bob Brown made it all beautiful and festive. The work of these event hosts made everything run like clockwork, and we're already looking forward to next year.







Thanks to Claire Brown and Danielle Wright, our Blessing of the Animals celebration was greatly expanded. We moved from the courtyard out to Sperry-Mackey Park (next to the church), which gave us more room to include more friends, like Detroit Cat Rescue, Lafayette Dog Park, and the Detroit Police Mounted Division, alongside the famous mobile petting zoo. Jen Sainte-Laurent was tireless in her support of this event, working every possible shift that day.

Our Evensong Tea traditions were back as well, including for Marathon Weekend in October and the Feast of All Souls in November. These receptions are a warm way to conclude an evening of beautiful music, and provide opportunities for parishioners to invite friends and neighbors to experience Christ Church beyond Sunday morning worship.



The events season closed with two ways to mark Advent: a very festive Lessons & Carols reception, featuring Lamar Richardson's secret punch recipes and lots of homemade holiday treats, and a shared simple meal during Hanging of the Greens as the church was readied for Christmas Eve.

Beyond special events, we also have the opportunity for weekly fellowship during Coffee Hour. We are grateful for the addition of Ashley Poulin to our staff in November, as she has taken on the role of chief barista on Sunday mornings. Kathryn Treece ensures our cupboards stay stocked with paper products, and the support of Jim Treece is invaluable in his role as our unofficial kitchen manager.

Whenever there is a gap, parishioners are quick to jump in and lend a hand. This makes clean-up a breeze, but also makes it hard to acknowledge everyone who has pitched in. If you don't see your name listed, know that your help was appreciated in the moment, and at all times we are grateful to you!

In addition to those mentioned above, thanks to Lurdes Arambula & Eamon Harnois, Denise & Kerry Crenshaw, Doug Esse Jr., Mary Herring, Lisa Jones & Clarke Mason, Sonia & Desmond Jones, Lauren & John Leney, Carolyn & Kevin Maher, Howard Matthew, Mark Rolain, John Staif, Greg & Mary Ann Williams



# BREAKFAST MINISTRY

Betty Warner

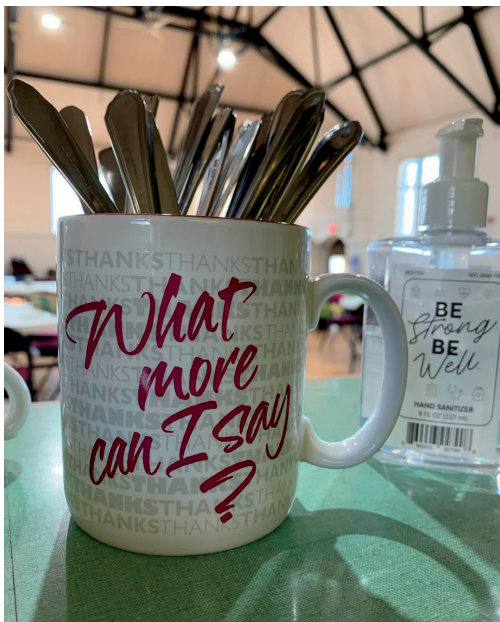
Two years after COVID-related church closure, the breakfast Cook Team Ministry continues to thrive! The cooks arrive around 7:30 a.m. each Sunday and prepare breakfast fare of scrambled eggs, sausage, and biscuits, in addition to each team's specialties. Breakfast is served around 8:45 a.m.

During the summer of 2022, we also tried something new. Although traditionally breakfast is discontinued during the summer months, last year, volunteers prepared at home a simple, continental breakfast, and brought it in two Sundays per month. This idea was happily received by everyone, and demonstrates that people enjoy fellowship, even if the only items are coffee and donuts.



Several members of the breakfast ministry are "snowbirds" during the winter, which calls for a few minor adjustments. During the winter, there are three cook teams that prepare a hot breakfast the first three weeks of the month. On the fourth Sunday, other volunteers provide a continental breakfast and coffee.

We thank the volunteer members of the Cook Team Ministry as we are appreciative of all their efforts to make the program work. A special thanks to our shopper, Letha Ann Steward; Jim Treece, who coordinates the kitchen inventory; and staff members who help make the coffee on Sunday mornings, especially Danielle Wright and Ashley Poulin, who joined us this fall.



**Team 1:** Jon Miller, Eamon Harnois, Lurdes Arambula, and family

**Team 2:** Lisa Jones, Clarke Mason, Wendy Ford, Guy Jackson, Anthony Mitchell

**Team 3:** Edwina Simpson, Hope Hoffman, Denise Crenshaw, Mary Herring, Mary Brown

**Team 4 continental breakfast volunteers:**

Mary Brown, Kitty Dade, Alma Simmons, Linda Olivache

**Fall/Spring cooks:**

Gary MacDonald, Lamar Richardson, Letha Ann Steward, Betty Warner, Patrick Warner, Bob Brown



# STEWARDSHIP

*Jim Treece, Chair*

The Stewardship Committee seeks to promote a culture of gratitude and generosity as part of our spiritual growth into the teachings of Jesus.

The annual pledge drive asked parishioners to guesstimate how much they will be giving to the church in 2023, thus helping the Vestry to plan the coming year's activities and ministries responsibly. This year's drive was conducted in coordination with the capital campaign, with the two campaigns launching at the same time.

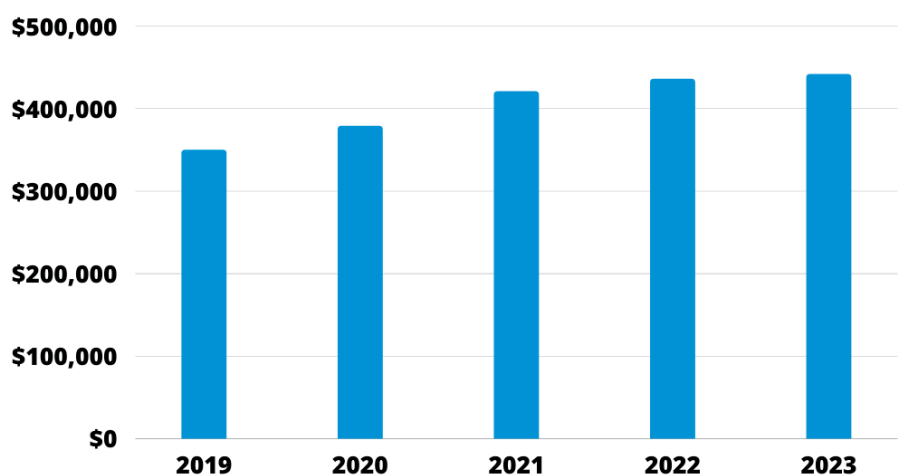


We therefore sought to explain the difference between the two: The annual pledge drive supports the everyday work of the church, including such mundane but critical tasks as keeping the heat on; the capital campaign supports major repairs such as the roof, while preparing the church for future ministry by updating our facilities.

Once again, the commitment and generosity of our parishioners to God's work at Christ Church Detroit proved amazing. As of January 20, 2023, Christ Church had received pledges from 94 households, down from 99 by the same date a year earlier, and down from a final total of 106 pledges for 2022. Even so, the amount pledged rose to \$436,863. That's a 2.6 percent increase from \$425,892 as of January 10, 2022. It's also up fractionally from a final total of \$435,767 pledged for 2022.

Based on past history, we expect that more pledges for 2023 will come in, raising the total even more. This is our fifth consecutive year of increase. In fact, over the past five years, pledges have risen 20%, from \$349,630 in 2019 to \$436,863 (and counting) today.

I thank the members of the Stewardship Committee--Susan Larsen, Jose Rodriguez, and Beth Ann Tesluk--and everyone who pledged, as well as those who plan to give but did not make a pledge, for their support for the church's ministry and missions.





# FINANCE

*Jane Forbes, Chair*

The active members of the Finance Committee in 2022 included Denise Crenshaw, Rev. Emily Williams Guffey, Seth Lloyd, Howard Matthew, Megan Norris, and Jim Treece. They were joined in many of its meetings by senior warden John Leney and junior warden Ruth Boeder. During the year, the Committee provided assistance to the Vestry in managing the financial resources of the Church by reviewing statements and reports, overseeing receipts and disbursements (both for the regular parish operations and the capital campaign), preparing proposed budgets, and monitoring cash needs and investments.



During the year, the Committee had to address economic conditions that it has not faced recently, including high inflation, a substantial decline in the market value of Church investments, and reduced parking lot income resulting from area office workers continuing to do their jobs at home. As a result, the Vestry gave Committee members the challenge of suggesting significant cuts in the proposed 2023 annual operating budget in order to bring spending down to a more sustainable level. Fortunately, through the generous giving to the parish in 2022 and new and increased pledges for 2023, most of the suggested cuts have not proved to be necessary.



Thanks to members of the Committee, the wardens, and the staff, who showed dedication and good humor in addressing sometimes difficult issues. Thanks also to Glen Olivache, who has retired from his task of reviewing Church financial statements, but provided valuable assistance in getting the Church books in shape for a full audit. Finally, special thanks to all whose generous giving made the work of the Committee over the past year much easier.



I am so grateful for the work and collaboration of the Vestry during the changes, challenges, adventures, and opportunities that 2022 has brought our way! Each member has served with dedication, hope, and camaraderie.

Abundant thanks to the 2022 Vestry:

- *Class of 2025:* Claire Brown, David Jackson, Caroline Widak and Stephanie Wren
- *Class of 2024:* Ruth Boeder, John Leney, Anthony Mitchell, Jose Rodriguez
- *Class of 2023:* Mary Brown, Denise Crenshaw, Carolyn Maher, Howard Matthew



Special thanks to Denise Crenshaw, who served as senior warden in 2021 through January 2022, with Betty Warner as junior warden for hospitality; and John Leney, who started as senior warden in February 2022, with Ruth Boeder as junior warden for administration. Special thanks also to Jim Treece, for completing a term as secretary in January 2022, and to Stephanie Wren for picking up the mantle in February 2022; and to Howard Matthew for serving as treasurer for both 2021 and 2022.





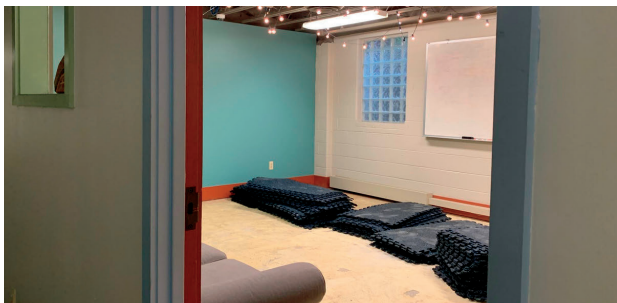
# BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Teresa Lloyd, Chair

Members of the team: Teresa Lloyd (Chair), Ruth Boeder and Howard Matthew (Vestry Representatives), Barry Dickson, Jane Forbes, Desmond Jones, Roger Maki-Schramm, Josephine Powell, Patrick Warner, and Rev. Emily, with support from KaClarence Haynes and Randy Gilchrist.

I want to thank the committee members for all the hands-on work they have provided this year. We have become a DIY (Do It Yourself) congregation with many members providing expertise and muscle, so that we have saved many thousands of dollars in labor costs.

The committee has been meeting regularly to discuss issues dealing with the church buildings and grounds, some which we were able to tackle within our yearly budget, while others were passed on to the Capital Campaign Committee for inclusion in their projects.



Projects completed in 2022:

- *High-speed fiber internet and new audio-visual equipment* were purchased and installed in spring 2022, which enable the live streaming of services. Desmond Jones, Roger Maki-Schramm, and Howard Matthew led the research on this project, which also involved updates to the sanctuary electrical system. Desmond now livestreams services along with Chuck Atwater and Taylor Matthew.
- *Four Lower Level classrooms were re-tiled* by a DIY crew led by Ruth Boeder, so that the rooms could be used again for the school year beginning in September 2022. The rooms had not been in use since the recurring floods in 2021. Barry Dickson, Desmond and Sonia Jones, Roger Maki-Schramm, Howard Matthew, Jon Miller, Tom Rich, Jim Treece, and Patrick and Betty Warner were among the helpers.
- *Televisions for meeting spaces:* Two new smart TVs were purchased to help facilitate gatherings. One is portable and can be stationed anywhere on the main floor, and the other has been mounted on the wall of the nursery, so that parents, caregivers, and children can follow along with the service.



- *Handicapped parking in the west lot:* Barry Dickson directed a team of workers to restripe the west lot along Jefferson Avenue, giving us additional handicapped parking. He also re-set the curbs along the church side of the lot, so that they aligned with the new spaces. Jon Miller helped in this project.
- *Accessibility within the church:* Meetings have been held to determine how to improve accessibility for our mobility-challenged members and guests. Partial completion of this project should occur when new flooring is installed beneath the pews in early 2023.
- *Emergency CPR/AED/First Aid training:* Roger Maki-Schramm arranged for two sessions to be held to teach life-saving techniques to church staff and volunteers, now that we are in the building more regularly and are also hosting guests. One session was held in December 2022 and the next is scheduled for February 2023. The previous training, coordinated by Desmond Jones and attended by numerous ministry leaders, had been held in January 2020.
- *The organ pipes on the west side of the great north wall (along Jefferson Avenue)* had dislodged and fallen down in September 2021. Renaissance Organ Company of Ann Arbor coordinated and conducted the repairs, with the oversight from Dr. Ed Maki-Schramm and the B&G Committee, and funding from the Mildred P. Stennis Special Music Fund and the Capital Campaign.
- *The electronic church sign* on Jefferson Avenue was damaged in July 2022 by an automobile jumping the curb. Repairs are being coordinated, and an insurance claim has been submitted to help defray the costs.
- *Stained glass window repairs:* A consulting firm is being sought to help determine what repairs need to be done, how much they will cost, and to develop a timeline for restoration. Funding for this initial study comes from the Margaret Hammond Stained Glass Fund.
- *Sibley House:* Repairs to Sibley House have begun. New storm windows are being made, and further repairs and painting will occur in the spring. Barry Dickson is the contact person for this job, and Steve Hughes is the carpenter hired to do the work.





# RESTORE, RENEW, REJOICE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

*Lisa C. Jones and Seth Lloyd, Chairs*

One of the most exciting developments of 2022 has been the start of our capital campaign! With an official parish kick-off and "christening" as Restore, Renew, Rejoice in October 2022, it had been "building up" all year, and continues to gain momentum.

Following 2021, during which a fundraising feasibility study and a comprehensive facilities assessment were conducted, and the campaign leadership structure formed, 2022 saw the Steering Committee set task forces into motion, each with a specific focus.

The first to get to work was the Prioritization Task Force, beautifully led by co-chairs Susan Diehl and Howard Matthew, who developed a strategic, collaborative process to help focus the list of potential projects. The vast majority of the parish, along with key community stakeholders, participated in surveys, info sessions, focus groups, and other means that Susan and Howard designed.

Architects from Quinn Evans wove these insights into a 10-year master facilities plan that they provided in summer 2022. Ultimately, with comprehensive input from the parish, community partners, consultants, and architects, a \$2.7 million project scope launched in October 2022, and will dovetail into continued initiatives over the years. Several projects are already underway, including the repair and restoration of the sanctuary floor, the bell tower, and the organ pipes.

Another major boost of excitement came in October, when we were awarded a \$100,000 matching grant from the National Fund for Sacred Places! We thank everyone who has participated in the campaign so far and is working so hard to bring it to fruition, and everyone who has made pledges and gifts to date.

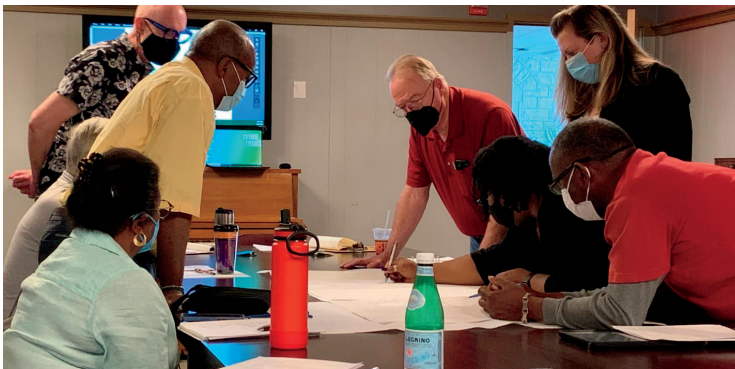




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