

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2020

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2020 Christ Church Vestry and officers

Senior Warden: Ed Warren

Junior Warden: Todd Litchfield

Treasurer: Jason Miller

Clerk: Beth Mullin

Class of 2021: Chase Adams, Stephen Bellum, Anne Curry, Ed Warren,

Class of 2022: Nathan Barker, Wallis McClain, Lynne Mallonee Schlimm, Michael McElaney
(Mike is resigning position in 2021 due to moving out of DC)

Class of 2023: Greg Holeyman; Barbara Laymon; Jordan Myers; Derry Riedel

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 9, 2020

Interim Rector Richard Miles called the Annual Meeting at Christ Church + Washington Parish to order at 9:53 a.m. and opened with prayer.

Roll Call.

Registrar Carolyn Johnson began calling the roll. The roll call ended at 10:05 a.m. with 75 members present.

Appointment of Parliamentarian.

The Interim Rector announced the appointment of Charles Floto as Parliamentarian.

Appointment of Tellers.

The Interim Rector appointed Nathan Barker, Chase Adams, and Mike McElaney as Tellers.

Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Candidates for Vestry.

Senior Warden Anne Curry placed the names of Greg Holeyman, Barbara Laymon, Jordan Myers, and Derry Riedel in nomination to fill four three-year term vacancies on the vestry. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to elect the nominees was made, seconded, and passed by acclamation.

Recognition of Outgoing Vestry Members.

The Interim Rector thanked outgoing vestry members Anne Fletcher, Beth Mullin, Todd Litchfield, and Erik Winchester for their service.

Stewardship Report.

Stewardship Co-chair Jim Sandman presented a report on the results of the stewardship campaign.

Financial Report.

Treasurer Jason Miller presented the 2019 balance sheet, the 2019 budget and actuals, and the 2020 budget. The Treasurer responded to questions.

Interim Rector's Report.

The Interim Rector referred people to the Interim Rector's written report in the Annual Report.

Search Committee Update.

Search Committee Co-chair Paul Laymon described the status of the rector search, the next steps, and the anticipated timeline.

Recognitions.

The Rev. Rob Banse, Interim Assistant Rector Mary Miller Flowers, Parish Life and Office Manager Jennifer Baker-Howard, and Senior Warden Anne Curry were recognized for their contributions during the transition year.

Closing Prayer.

Senior Warden Anne Curry gave the closing prayer.

Adjournment.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. The Annual Meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Mullin, Clerk

REPORTS OF THE MINISTRIES

CARE OF THE MONEY AND ASSETS

Care of Property..... Todd Litchfield, *Junior Warden*

It has been an interesting year in property care at Christ Church. When we shut down in March, all spending with regards to property care was focused on preventive maintenance and regular upkeep. Regular service for HVAC and pest control were continued, while the thermometers were adjusted accordingly to the season for an unoccupied building. This led to at least one month with a negative utility bill due to the solar panels.

The most visible project was the cleaning, re-cementing, trim painting, and installation of the protective glass over the stained-glass windows. Permitting took much longer than normal due to the pandemic, but Willet Hauser Architectural Glass was able to start in the fall and complete the project by the end of the year. The project was almost entirely funded by the generous bequest of longtime parishioner Bob Conly and through a grant from the DC Preservation League which distributed funds from the CSX Virginia Ave Train Tunnel Project.

Several groups participated in Covid-safe outdoor clean-ups led by Robin Blackwood and David McCahan to assist in keeping the property in shape. Holiday decorations and lights were installed to brighten the spirits of the neighborhood; this effort was led by Linda Mellgren and a small group of volunteers including several members of the Saturday Morning Men’s Spirituality Group, Ruth Kroeger, and Mary Miller Flowers.

Lastly, minor touchups and yard maintenance was performed during the transition from our interim rector to welcome the Reverend John Kellogg, his wife Tait, son Alec, and dog Maebby.

In closing, I would like to thank the members of the property committee, executive committee, and vestry for their help and guidance as we all work to maintain our building and grounds to foster the ministry of Christ Church.

Treasurer’s Report..... Jason Miller, *Treasurer*

Financial Results: As you will soon hear, 2020 was financially a better than anticipated year for our Church. In total, the annual revenue was \$97,768 greater than budget with most of the overage coming from Designated Offerings, Investment Income, and Stewardship Offerings. Total designated gifts were \$56,935 greater than anticipated and the Investment Income was \$44,607 above expectations. The Stewardship Offerings finished the year stronger than anticipated with an additional \$33,826 over the budgeted amount. We began the 2020 Stewardship Campaign pledges budgeted at \$415,000 and ended the year with a total Offerings of \$449,000. Offsetting the increases were lower than anticipated revenues in the areas of Building Use, Program Income, and Fundraising; lower by a combined \$49,338, which is a direct result of Covid-19 restrictions.

Overall expenses were slightly over budget which is a result of Major Capital projects and Property Expenses as we prepared the Rectory during the transition time and used Memorial monies to restore the Church windows. The total cost overage is \$28,963. Of the cost overage, the better-than-expected income stated above is directly related to the increased spending as ear-marked money was directed toward designated obligations. Additionally, the Church is expecting a Grant in 2021 to further assist with the window restoration costs. The Church continued its focus on the outreach programs throughout 2020 as we continued to strengthen our presence within the community and within our Church family. This increased Outreach cost is also directly related to contributions provided and directly ear-marked for Outreach spending. All other expense categories resulted in lower-than-expected spending throughout the year. Overall, we ended the year with a Net Income of \$48,805, which is \$68,805 greater than our set budgeted loss of \$20,000.

Budgeting: In 2021, our budgeting process, approved by Vestry during the January 3, 2021 meeting and reviewed by the Finance Committee, is anticipating a positive ending result. This is great news as in prior years (2017-2020), the budgeting process resulted in a net shortfall. Each year, we were able to outperform those budgets, but entering a year on a positive note is new and exciting. Much of this success is a result of a successful Stewardship Campaign as well as receiving gifts in late 2020 that we can apply to specific cost areas such as music and worship. Thank you to Connie Citro for the generous gift in honor of Joe Citro.

Payroll Protection: Early in 2020, we were successful in securing the Payroll Protection Program loan amount of \$57,764, which was used toward payroll, utilities, and other expense items. Overall, the cash proceeds were used to offset certain revenue items coming in lower due to Covid-19 restrictions. We followed all requirements of this loan to obtain grant status. The loan is expected to be fully forgiven.

Memorials/Bequests: In 2020, we lost several long-time congregants, some of whom designated Christ Church as a place to give memorials in their honor. Connie Citro provided a donation in memory of her late husband Joe to support Christ Church's music and worship programs. This gift provided in December 2020 and to be used in 2021 and years beyond is to become a significant benefit to our 2021 financial success and is a contribution to our positive budgeting results.

Budget for 2021 and Statement of Assets & Liabilities

Jason Miller, Treasurer

Income	2020 Budget	2020 Actual	2021 Budget
Building Use	43,000	21,800	17,100
Designated and Other Gifts/Grant	10,000	66,935	60,000
Fundraising Events	24,000	230	6,400
Income from Programs	5,000	632	2,500
Income on Investments	15,000	59,608	15,000
Offerings*	415,000	448,826	444,821
Rector's Discretionary Fund Gifts	3,000	7,537	3,000
Rental Income	84,100	91,300	84,100
Diocesan Grant	10,000	10,000	0
Total Income	609,100	706,868	632,921
Expenses			
Administrative	38,000	12,970	19,000
Communications/Advertising	6,500	5,719	6,500
Diocese	51,300	51,510	53,315
Fundraising Costs	7,000	1,479	3,500
Major Capital Projects	10,000	60,271	10,000
Music Expenses	14,000	7,207	24,000
Outreach Expenses	15,000	48,985	15,000
Parish Programs	16,000	3,883	8,000
Personnel Expenses	375,000	344,370	375,000
Property Expenses	20,000	34,700	20,000
Property Insurance	16,000	15,663	16,000
Rector's Discretionary Fund	3,000	7,537	3,000
Rental Property Taxes/Expenses	23,000	21,938	23,000
Programs from Designated Gifts	0	1,400	
Utilities	30,000	24,943	30,000
Worship	4,300	15,488	6,606
Total Expenses	629,100	658,063	612,921
Net Income (Deficit)	-20,000	48,805	20,000

Christ Church+ Washington Parish Accounts BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	12/31/2020	12/31/2019
<u>Investment Real Estate (Assessed Value)</u>		
612 G Street, SE	950,100	950,100
614 G Street, SE	848,980	848,980
616 G Street, SE	833,380	833,380
Total	2,632,460	2,632,460
<u>Financial Accounts</u>		
National Capital Bank - Interest Checking	374,844	227,387
Morgan Stanley - Stock Transfer Account	9196	716
Reserves EDOW Unrestricted	311,598	272,455
Stewardship Receivables	1,875	19,250
Total	697,313	519,818
<u>Christ Church Endowment</u>		
Diocesan Investment Fund: Principal Account	1,117,015	999,852
Episcopal Church Foundation - State Street Bank	0	0
Diocesan Investment Fund: Reinvestment	97,087	61,734
Transfer between accounts (from Treasury Direct)	0	0
Direct Investment in Equities	0	0
Total	1,214,102	1,061,586
<u>Other Long Term Funds</u>		
Diocesan Investment Fund - Jane Dennison	189,772	169,866
Due to Dennison from Cap Camp	0	0
Total	\$189,772	\$169,866
Total Assets	\$4,733,647	\$4,383,730
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	12,993	6,868
SBA PPP Loan (to be forgiven)	57,764	0
2020 Pledges (received in 2019)	6,900	7,200
Total Liabilities	77,657	13,868
NET ASSETS/EQUITY		
Restricted: Real Estate	2,632,460	2,632,460
Restricted: Endowments	1,214,102	1,061,586
Restricted: Dennison Fund	189,772	169,866
Restricted: Program Investment	80,000	80,000
Restricted: Children's Ministries	1,798	1,798
Restricted: Music	7,778	9,440
Restricted: Music Citro	97,744	0
Restricted: Repair and Replacement Reserve	102,225	136,089
Restricted: T. Howard Fund	863	0
Restricted: Rental House Repairs	30,000	30,000
Restricted: Sabbatical	15,000	15,000
Restricted: Anniversary	0	3,510
Restricted: Rector Discretionary Fund	6,939	6,939
Unrestricted	228,464	140,134
Net income	48,845	83,040
Total Equity	4,655,990	4,369,862
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$4,733,647	\$4,383,730

NOTES:

Christ Church also receives income from, but does not control, the Bessie Wood Cramer Trust. It is valued at approximately \$290,000 and is maintained by Bank of America.

Our historic buildings, grounds and improvements and those of Congressional Cemetery are not included.

Stewardship ReportAndrea Harles & Anne Fletcher, Co-Chairs, Stewardship

Moving forward.....We have been greatly challenged by being separated from each other and from our opportunities to gather on Sunday morning throughout much of 2020, so it is with deep gratitude that, despite these challenges, we can share that the church had a successful Stewardship season in support of the 2021 calendar year. Thanks to our church community’s generosity, we have concluded our Stewardship season with 106 pledging households committing \$432,821 to Christ Church over the coming year. Despite these difficult and uncertain times, many of our pledging households increased their financial commitment from last year, and seven families are choosing to pledge for the first time. With our financial house in good stead, **we move forward** into 2021 looking for new opportunities, and ways, to gather together in worship and fellowship. We look forward as the Rev. John Kellogg journeys with us as our rector. Our 2020 Stewardship results reflect the strong and enduring commitment of our church family to Christ Church and our collective care for our community.

Andrea Harles and Anne Fletcher led this year’s stewardship outreach, with help from Jennifer Baker Howard and Ruth Pontius.

Historic Congressional Cemetery Shawn Freeman

Christ Church owns Historic Congressional Cemetery, located at 1801 E St. SE, and in 2019 renewed a lease for 20 years with the Association for the Preservation of Historic Congressional Cemetery (APHCC) [a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization] to operate the cemetery. As owner of the cemetery, our parish appoints three directors to the APHCC board. Our current representatives are Shawn Freeman (serving as secretary of APHCC), Kirsten Sloan (docent), and Rector John Kellogg.

In 2020 HCC successfully navigated the challenges posed by the coronavirus pandemic, closing when required and reopening carefully in phases. HCC’s primary income sources are site sales and burials, the K9 Corps (a private dog-walking membership program), cemetery events, donations, and an endowment fund held by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. While the pandemic had an impact on several of these income sources, the cemetery kept its \$1.2 million budget on track by: 1) pausing work on the 17th Street columbarium and the second phase of work around the front gate; and 2) procuring a Small Business Administration Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan of about \$80,000. The cemetery qualified to have the loan forgiven by maintaining its staffing levels for eight weeks after receiving the loan. The cemetery was also able to continue with some outdoor events and projects, while still observing pandemic protocols. A complete list of 2020 HCC accomplishments will be available in its annual report in April.

In 2019 the cemetery board began exploring a solar installation as a possible source of additional income. After 18 months of research and negotiation, the board voted in 2020 to step away from this particular solar project.

HCC has approximately 500 traditional sites still available, as well as spaces in columbaria, which provide niches for cremains above ground. A provision in the church’s lease with APHCC designates certain sections of the cemetery for Christ Church parishioners. HCC also has the only site in DC for burying pet cremains in its Kingdom of Animals. Information about purchasing a cemetery site is available by contacting Crystal Pate at 202-543-0539 or at cpate@congressionalcemetery.org.

Christ Church members are encouraged to visit Congressional Cemetery, participate in cemetery events, donate to the cemetery, and get involved in the life of the cemetery. Special docent tours are available for groups of Christ Church parishioners; docents offer regularly scheduled walking tours on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. from April through

October. General information about the cemetery and up-to-date event information is available at www.congressionalcemetery.org. You can also find issues of Heritage Gazette, the APHCC newsletter.

CARE OF THE PEOPLE

**Adult Education/Lifelong LearningJennifer Baker Howard, The Rev. Mary Miller Flowers,
The Rev. John Kellogg**

Adult Education and Lifelong Learning faced the challenges of the COVID shutdown by adapting to the “new normal.” The Church shut down due to the coronavirus pandemic on March 12, 2020 and much of the programming shifted online (with a few exemptions).

Adult Forum: The year started out in person with an Epiphany-themed Adult Forum led by the Rev. Rob Banse, a retired Episcopal priest who joined Christ Church in February 2019. On January 19, Everyone Home DC Executive Director Karen Cunningham led the Adult Forum, discussing EHDC’s mission and services, as well as the long partnership with Christ Church. Local genealogist Catherine Ball and Christ Church parishioner Shawn Freeman led a special Adult Forum discussion on February 16 around the Theophilus Howard family as part of the 225th anniversary celebration and to kick off a campaign to raise money for a grave marker at Congressional Cemetery. The Rev. Rob led a series at the end of February and before the COVID shutdown on the theme, “By What We Have Done and By What We Have Left Undone.” Guest Presenter Connie Citro was the first presenter to transition to the new format of hosting Adult Forum via Zoom with a presentation on the 2020 US Census on March 22. The Rev. Mary Miller Flowers led Bible Study discussions in late March and early April, and then the Rev. Rob returned in May to hosting the Adult Forum with an Easter-season themed topic, “It is Finished,” discussing Matthew, Luke and John’s different telling of the resurrection story. In late May, Mary Miller Flowers and Jennifer Baker Howard led special discussion groups during Adult Forum to gather feedback on technology, fellowship and formation to guide virtual programming due to the ongoing pandemic. Beginning in June, parishioners volunteered to host Adult Forums and provided either a topic or a guided discussion on the lectionary readings of the week. Thank you to Cheryl Stadel-Bevans, Charles Floto, Barbara Laymon and Paul Laymon for your leadership of these Forums. On July 19, Executive Director Kris Thompson of Calvary Women’s Services led the Adult Forum to introduce CCWP parishioners to our newest Outreach partner and sharing the mission and services by CWS. Adult Forum took a summer break and resumed on September 20th with the theme, “Speaking Truth to Power: The Message of the Prophets” led by the Rev. Rob Banse and continued through mid-November. In December, the Rev. Rob led Advent-themed Adult Forums, including “Christ Will Come Again;” “Keep Awake;” and “Waiting.” In this very unusual year, we are deeply grateful to the many volunteers who hosted, coordinated or arranged guest speakers for the Adult Forum. We are especially grateful to the Rev. Rob Banse for stepping up to lead so many Forums this year; his experience, guidance and leadership were truly invaluable.

Lenten Film Series: This year the weekly Lenten movie series theme was movies inspired by favorite hymns of the organizers. The Lenten Film Series met two times in person on Friday evenings with a light supper, movie and discussion before the COVID shutdown forced a transition to virtual. The group resumed in mid-April (post Easter) and eventually the Lenten Film Group evolved into the Friday Film Series (a fellowship group) through December 2020. The Lenten Film Series was curated by Paul Laymon, Joe Smith, and Conor McCarthy with additional input from Vicky Smith and Lynne Mallonee Schlimm. Participation averaged around a dozen attendees, both in person and virtually.

First Friday Book Group: Barbara Laymon continued to lead a monthly spirituality book group, exploring how to live more faithfully in everyday life. The group held in person meetings (beginning with a light supper, followed by

the book discussion) in January, February and March. The group moved to a virtual Book Group starting in May 2020, took a break over the summer, and returned in September – December with new titles and presenters. In September, the book club hosted special guest, author Elaine Weiss (*The Woman's Hour*), to kick off the 2020-2021 First Friday Book Group season. The average participation is approximately 10-12 attendees. Moving forward, the First Friday Book Group will be led by Christ Church parishioner Sandy Hussey.

Saturday Morning Men's Spirituality: The Men's Spirituality group is a group of parish men who meet in the church kitchen every Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. to eat, drink coffee, and enjoy each other's conversation and friendship. Their discussion includes spiritual matters, often centering around the Sunday morning Scripture readings for the next day. One of the last social gatherings at Christ Church was the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, held on Tues. February 25, and organized by the Saturday Morning Men's Spirituality Group. This gathering was attended by over 100 adults and children and is a beloved tradition at Christ Church. Thank you to the organizers and volunteers who set up, cooked, served the food and cleaned up from the dinner. The group met in person until the COVID shutdown, transitioned to online meetings until Mayor Bowser lifted the "stay-at-home" orders, and then the men met in the church courtyard (weather permitting) while following all COVID safety protocols. They transitioned back to virtual meetings in late fall when the weather became too cold and wet and the pandemic surge necessitated a return to virtual gatherings. Unfortunately, one of the active members and organizers, Jon Schans, passed away in early December. Interim Rector Rick Miles greatly enjoyed meeting with the men and they heartily welcomed the new rector, John Kellogg, when he arrived at Christ Church.

Small Groups: In 2020 a few small groups that had been formed in 2019 continued to meet until the COVID shutdown. One group, the weekly Mother's Group, began meeting at the end of February and only had a few in-person meetings before the shutdown of in person gatherings. The mothers in the group choose not to move to virtual meetings; however, some of the small groups had occasional meetings via Zoom in 2020.

Young Adult Group: The young adult group continues to be active and held a variety of activities in 2020. Thirsty Third Thursday (began in 2019) met in February with the parishes of St. Monica and St. James and then was suspended due to the COVID shutdown. The Young Adult group transitioned to meeting via Zoom every two weeks on Tuesday evenings in late April through June for Young Adult Compline and Social Hour. They held several in-person gatherings outside (following COVID safety practices) over the summer and fall, including a Meet-and-Greet with the Rev. John Kellogg in October after he started in his role of Rector.

Special COVID Formation Opportunities

Wednesday Morning Prayer: The Wednesday morning service has been a tradition at Christ Church for many decades with a group of regular attendees who gathered for a short worship service and then breakfast in the church kitchen. With the COVID pandemic, Wednesday Morning Prayer moved to Zoom, beginning on Wed. March 25, and has continued without interruption since then. The service is often led by a layperson and is a quick 30-minute service to center and begin your day with prayer and reflection.

Thursday Evening Compline: This brief, end-of-day service was added in late March on Zoom, and similarly to Wednesday Morning Prayer, is often lay-led. Thursday Evening Compline has met continuously since April, except for Christmas Eve. Thank you to primary organizer, Gary Abrecht, who solicits parishioners to lead Wednesday Morning Prayer and Thursday Evening Compline and provides technological support with screen sharing, etc., during the services.

Daily/Weekly Devotionals: With the COVID shutdown, Interim Rector Rev. Dr. Rick Miles began an email campaign, called Daily Devotionals, which were daily reflections on scriptures, readings and current events, and

was launched on March 16 (the first Monday after the church was closed). Interim Rector Rick wrote the Daily Devotionals Mon. – Thurs. and the Rev. Rob Banse composed the Friday Devotionals. Starting on July 6, the Daily Devotionals became the Weekly Devotionals, written by the Rev. Rob and which he continued until the week of September 14. The devotionals were formatted and sent by Office Volunteer Laurie Gethin and were very well received by the parishioners. Thank you to the Rev. Rick, the Rev. Rob and Laurie for their efforts in creating and sending these messages on a daily and weekly basis for 27 weeks.

Bible Discussion & Fellowship: After the COVID “Stay-at-home” order was lifted by Major Bowser, Interim Rector Rick Miles held several Bible Discussion & Fellowship groups in the church courtyard, starting in late June through mid-July to allow small groups to gather together, socially distanced, but to be able to see people in person and connect.

Fellowship & Parish Life Jennifer Baker Howard, *Parish Life & Office Manager*

2020 was a year like none other and in person Fellowship and Parish Life at Christ Church was greatly affected by the pandemic and shutdown of the church building. However, the Christ Church congregation is very resourceful and found new ways to stay connected virtually. In a year marked by uncertainty and challenges in gathering together, the sense of community of Christ Church remained strong in 2020 and was strengthened by the people who worship here. These events/gatherings were made possible by volunteers who shepherded them from planning to execution. It takes a lot of work and effort to organize Parish Life/Fellowship and we are deeply grateful to the volunteers who coordinated and assisted with these gatherings.

In-person Fellowship:

- Parents’ Night Out (Jan. & Feb. dates) – Girl Scout Troop 6560
- Brew Crew – Mary Withum, Russ Mawn, John Payne
- Valentine’s Day Dinner & Movie – Vicky Smith, Paul Laymon, Joe Smith
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – The Men’s Spirituality Group
- Sunday Coffee Hours – Various congregants

Virtual Fellowship:

- Virtual Coffee Hour
- Friday Night Film Series – coordinated by Paul Laymon with many volunteer presenters
- Meet-and-Greet Gatherings for the Rev. John Kellogg & his family (Rector Welcoming Committee)
- Christmas Card Making & Game Night – organized by Interim Assistant Rector Mary Miller Flowers

In February, we hosted a Communion Recognition workshop on Saturday, February 1, followed by Communion Recognition during the 9am and 11am worship services by Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde on Sunday, February 2. The workshop was led by the Rev. Mary Miller Flowers with about 20 children and nearly 20 adults participating. Special thanks to the volunteers who assisted with this event: Anne Fletcher and Chris Pascuzzo; Carrie Miller; Greg Holeyman; Ellen Psychas; and others. We were thrilled to have the Communion Recognition while the Bishop was present to welcome and recognize our hard-working children. Between the two services, Bishop Mariann hosted a question-and-answer session with the parish with updates about the Diocese. Additionally, she briefly joined the Vestry Meeting after the 11am service to get an update on the state of affairs at Christ Church and the status of the Rector Search. (The Bishop visits Christ Church about once every 2 years and this was her annually scheduled visit.)

This year we had to cancel the annual St. Patrick’s Day Dinner & Auction (originally scheduled for Sat. March 14) at the last minute due to the COVID shutdown. Prior to the cancellation, a lot of work went into producing the event

and although we didn't host the fundraiser, I would like to thank and acknowledge the team that was organizing the event and soliciting the auction items, including Anne Fletcher, Linda Mellgren and kitchen organizer Nathan Barker.

One of the first groups to form after the shutdown was the Parishioner Contact Team. This volunteer-led group worked to check in on all parishioners and offer help if they needed it (run errands, give technology support, offer prayers, etc). The group was led by Anne Fletcher and Anne Curry and the volunteers included: Finley Buchanan; Robbie Curry; Brian Dumm; Mary Miller Flowers; Andrea Harles; Ruth Kroeger; Barbara Laymon; Mike McEleney; Linda Mellgren; Jordan Myers; Katherine Patterson; Will Patterson; Ellen Psychas; Lynne Mallonee Schlimm; Kirsten Sloan; and Mary Beth Torpey

In June, when DC moved into Phase 2 of the COVID shutdown and the Diocese announced that congregations could begin to host limited gatherings, Interim Rector Rev. Dr. Rick Miles convened a group of volunteers to meet and begin planning for the safe reopening of Christ Church. A group of volunteers met every other week in June and July and then reconvened in October under the leadership of Rector Rev. John Kellogg. Thank you to the volunteers who have prepared and guided CCWP toward a safe reopening when the pandemic allows for more in-person gatherings. Volunteers include: Gary Abrecht; The Rev. Rob Banse; Anne Fletcher; Todd Litchfield (Junior Warden); Conor McCarthy; Jason Miller (Treasurer); Cynthia Thomas; and, Ed Warren (Senior Warden).

In June, there were several bike rides on Saturday and Sunday mornings to enjoy some fellowship and get outside (after the stay-at-home orders) to be together with fellow parishioners safely. The groups gathered at the church parking lot and chose various routes and trails based on the skill and ages of the participants. There were nearly 50 participants in these rides and thank you to organizers Russ Mawn, Mike Grace, and the Rev. Mary Miller Flowers.

At the end of July, we bid farewell to Interim Rector Rick Miles and his wife, D'aun as we prepared to welcome the 29th Rector of Christ Church. Although we were not able to properly laud Rick and D'aun with a traditional CCWP event featuring food and fun, we hosted a virtual celebration of their ministry and time at Christ Church. A team of volunteers helped plan a virtual celebration featuring parish gifts, slideshow, and memory book. Linda Mellgren took a lead in organizing the farewell with help from Senior Warden Ed Warren, Paul Laymon, Marian Connolly, Gary Abrecht, and Mary Miller Flowers.

In September, we announced that the Rev. John Kellogg would be the 29th Rector of Christ Church and a Rector Welcoming Committee was formed with a large group of volunteers who assisted in getting them moved into the rectory and organizing safe events to meet parishioners during a pandemic. Thank you to: The Rev. Rob Banse; Nancy Broers; Emily Cook; Anne Curry; Jean Denton; Mary Miller Flowers; Paul Laymon; Todd Litchfield; Linda Mellgren; Cynthia Thomas; and Ed Warren.

In December we held a fun, intergenerational virtual event to make Christmas cards and play a Jeopardy-style game on Christmas and church trivia. Thank you to the Rev. Mary, Anne Fletcher and Sophia Pascuzzo, Rachel and Ehler Pollock for organizing the event, stuffing the bags and delivering the supply bags to participants.

Volunteer Recognition

I would be remiss if I didn't give special acknowledgement to the many volunteers who step in to make sure that the business of the church continues to run smoothly and seamlessly, especially when faced with running a church during a pandemic. As with everything else this year, the volunteers have had to adapt and change how we do business and keep the church running while most of the operations are carried out remotely. I would like to especially acknowledge Russ Mawn who was the volunteer who went into the church office once a week (even during the

“Stay-at-home” orders) to sort the mail and make the weekly deposits. Special thank you to the following volunteers: Finance/Pledges Volunteers: Russ Mawn; Ruth Pontius; and Kelly Vielmo; Office Volunteers: Laurie Gethin; Sherry Saunders (social media); Lynne Mallonee Schlimm; Virtual Worship Service – Conor McCarthy; Cynthia Thomas; Edgar Román; Bill Pollock; CCWP Liturgists; Video Production Coordinator Sherwyn Santos (paid contractor); Website Administrator: Edgar Román; Handyman/Weekly Shopper: Gary Abrecht; and Registrar: Carolyn Johnson.

The following is a special report provided by Linda Mellgren and Shawn Freeman on behalf of the 225th Anniversary Committee:

225th Anniversary

Because Washington parish was founded in December of 1794 and Christ Church established some 5 months later in May of 1795, our 225th Anniversary celebration started with an initial kick-off event in November of 2019 and continued with three additional celebrations in 2020.

January 19, 2020: Near Death and New Life -- CCWP from 1950 to 1980. Guest preacher was the Rev Carole Crumley, who had been assistant and interim rector in the late 1970's. The Sunday Forum was lead by Karen Cunningham, executive director of EveryoneHome DC, formerly Capitol Hill Group Ministry, which was started by a collaboration of Capitol Hill churches in the late 1960s. Rev. Rich Miles, our interim rector, and D'aun Miles, led a 1960's style hootenanny in the afternoon, followed by a chili potluck supper. Highlights of this period were provided in a second 225 Anniversary slide show.

February 16, 2020: Worship and Music at Christ Church. The Sunday worship services followed the 1789 prayer book with music from the period. An afternoon organ concert was given by Dr. Jinsun Cho, Director of Music, Epiphany DC and former assistant director of the Capitol Hill Chorale. Included in the concert was music by Bach, Sousa, Ives and others. A festive reception followed the concert. Highlights of CCWP's worship and music history were provided in a third 225 Anniversary slide show.

May 13, 2020: Installation of the Howard Family Gravestone at Historic Congressional Cemetery. To celebrate the life of an African-American family that had been integrally involved with the parish in the mid 1800s, the vestry, outreach committee and individual parishioners of CCWP, along with the Capitol Hill Community Foundation and individuals from the community, committed \$8270 in 2019 and 2020 to place a gravestone on the unmarked Howard family plot at HCC and hold a celebration to mark the occasion. Although the commemorative event has been delayed because of the conoravirus epidemic, Theophilus Howard, who was sexton at CCWP for a decade, and his family are included in the HCC African-American Tour.

Thanks go to many, many parishioners for their help in planning and participating in these events, to Linda Mellgren for coordinating, and to Shawn Freeman for her leadership and liaison with HCC on the installation of the Howard gravestone.

Liturgists & Acolytes Gary Abrecht

The work of the liturgists and acolytes was heavily impacted this year by the Coronavirus pandemic. After starting the year in our traditional roles in the worship of the parish under the Interim Rector Rev. Dr. Rick Miles, we were quickly forced to stop in person worship and switch to online services. We were fortunate that the Rev. Miles had experience with using Facebook Live for online worship and we were quickly up and running. With the arrival of the Rev. John Kellogg as the new rector we held a few outdoor in-person services in the Fall. These were well attended,

but rain, colder weather, and improved technology at the online service made us decide to discontinue them until Spring. We held two Christmas Eve services online, both of which were well-received by the congregation. We look forward to restarting the outdoor services as weather improves, and to the ultimate return to indoor services. We are especially eager to be able to have acolytes working with us again after having to curtail their ministry in order to limit the number of people physically present during the online services.

Special thanks are due to Cynthia Thomas who has served as production manager of most of the online services.

The Liturgists:

Gary Abrecht (convener), Charlie Bolden, Keith Lopes, Randy Norton, Katherine Patterson (Acolyte Coordinator), Will Patterson, Joe Rees, Karen Wilson Román, Lynne Mallonee Schlimm, Kirsten Sloan, Cheryl Stadel-Bevans, Cynthia Thomas, Bill Woodward.

We were saddened by the departure of wonderful liturgists Paul Shinkman and Vicky Smith who have joined the Christ Church diaspora. We will especially miss Vicky's ironing of the fair linens!

The Acolytes:

Petra Bellum, Aiden Chalk, Jonas Howard, John Jameson, Raine Montgomery-Vielmo, Adam Román, Colin Román, Nolan Spangenberg, Kimmy Titus, Renate Weber.

**Outreach..... Jean Denton, Chair
Jennifer Baker Howard, Parish Life and Office Manager**

Outreach activities in 2020 include the following:

Christ Church Sponsored Projects

- Homeless Lunches – 100 bag lunches were made monthly between or after Sunday Services in January, February and March and distributed to residents of the CCNV homeless shelter at 425 2nd St NW. Lunch making stopped when the church closed in mid-March and will restart when it is safe to do so. Thanks go to Barbara Crandall, Anne Fletcher, Greg Holeyman, John Jameson, Linda Kotis, Virgil Miedema, Chris Pascuzzo, and Lauren Welsh for purchasing supplies, coordination of the lunch packing and delivery, and to Hazel Nickerson and Sophia and Nathan Pascuzzo who headed up the Sunday School lunch packing efforts.
- Laundry Love – Two free loads of laundry and supplies were provided for low-income neighbors at the Good Hope Laundromat in February and March. (January was cancelled at the last minute due to volunteer illness and not being able to find a replacement volunteer.) Jennifer and parishioners participated on two National Laundry Love calls to learn about pandemic strategies from other participating groups around the country but as of December 31 it does not seem safe to restart operations. Thanks go to the many parishioners who gave up their Sunday afternoons to participate in LL and to Carol Knight for coordinating this effort.

Serving our Neighbors Through Local Partner Organizations

- Bishop Walker School for Boys—Following a well-attended volunteer training session in the fall of 2019, at the start of 2020 several parishioners were participating in the BWS Lunch Buddies program to enhance student's familiarity with diverse professional, educational, and personal growth opportunities. The Lunch Buddy Program was suspended when classes went on-line. In December, a virtual meeting was held with the

new head of school, Mike Molina, where we expressed our interest in finding ways to strengthen our support for BWS. In 2020 we made a cash grant of \$3,000 to the school from a designated gift for outreach to children. Thanks go to Charlie Bolden for leading the outreach effort to BWS.

- Calvary Women's Services—Starting in July of 2020, CCWP has been preparing a meal once a month for 15-20 women living in transitional housing sponsored by Calvary Women's Services a local non-profit serving homeless, recovering, and reentering women in Southeast. This is a new relationship that provided CCWP an opportunity to address hunger needs of a vulnerable group during the pandemic. In addition to the monthly suppers, we provided Calvary with a cash grant of \$1,030 from our outreach budget. Thanks go to Nancy Broers, Barbara Crandall, Jean Denton, Anne Fletcher, Mary Miller Flowers, Make Grace, Sandy Hussey, Ruth Kroeger, Nancy Metzger, Beth Mullin, Lisa Nickerson, Nelson Rimensnyder, Doris Robinson, Sherry Saunders, Deborah Schmid, Kirsten Sloan, and Lauren Welsh for the delicious meals made for Calvary clients and to Linda Mellgren who coordinates the ministry to CWS.
- Elliot-Hine Middle School Community Food Pantry—Situated on the eastern edge of Ward Six, EHMS serves primarily low-income students. The school has been engaged in an effort to strengthen its support for the surrounding community and in 2020 started a community Food Pantry for the families of children attending the school. From a combination of designated gifts and the outreach budget, we provided \$2,400 to help stock the food pantry. Thanks go to Anne Fletcher for her leadership in this outreach ministry.
- Everyone Home DC –Formerly Capitol Hill Group Ministry, CCWP has been a long-time participant in activities to reduce homelessness and support financially-stressed families on Capitol Hill and the surrounding areas. In 2020 we made special congregational appeals and from designated gifts for outreach to children and the outreach budget provided \$5,750 to EHDC to support their on-going operations and three special gift card drives for backpack/school supplies, Thanksgiving dinner baskets, and Christmas gifts for kids. Thanks go to Carol Knight and Nancy Broers for coordinating our efforts with EHDC.
- Good Neighbors Capitol Hill—Managed by a consortium of Capitol Hill faith communities under the auspices of the Lutheran Church of the Reformation and in collaboration with Lutheran Social Services, GNCH continues to resettle refugee families and provide ongoing support to the 51 families resettled since 2017. In 2020 Christ Church parishioners provided cleaning supplies as apartments were being set up, donated furniture, and provided \$5,616 in financial support through designated gifts for outreach to children and the quilt raffle. Thanks go to Lisa Nickerson for coordinating our efforts with GNCH.
- Little Light Urban Ministries—A new Christ Church outreach focus in 2020, Little Lights is a non-profit that provides services needed by families of three housing projects-Potomac Gardens, Hopkins, and Benning Terrace. Since the pandemic began CCWP parishioners, led by the Rev. Flowers, have bought and delivered groceries, made masks, and participated in Little Lights anti-racism training. From designated gifts for outreach to children, Christ Church provided cash grants totally \$3,068 to help with their Christmas toy drive, emergency support, children and youth learning labs and anti-racism training. Thanks go to the Rev Mary Miller Flowers for leading this outreach ministry.
- Our Daily Bread – Parishioners provided one casserole per week to the Methodist breakfast program from January to mid-March. At that time the Daily Bread congregate feeding program, which served 40 to 60 people per day, shut down. In December \$2,000 was provided from the outreach budget to assist the grab-n-go program developed by the Daily Bread volunteer staff that delivers lunches to about 2 dozen people 6 days

a week. Thanks go to many parishioners for the weekly casseroles provided for 10 weeks in 2020 and to Nancy Broers who is the lead for this outreach ministry.

- Progress for Christ Food Pantry—Until the shutdown, CCWP was making monthly deliveries to the food pantry of non-perishable canned goods that were donated to the church weekly. The Pantry reopened in November and we provided about \$1,000 worth of groceries (in-kind and reimbursement from the outreach budget) to restock the pantry plus additional weekly donations from parishioners. Thanks go to Jennifer Baker Howard, John Payne, Linda Mellgren, Barbara Crandell, Joe Thompson, and Deborah and Stephanie Schmid who helped with the 2020 restocking effort, to Kevin Lindsay, Church Sexton, who delivers the groceries to PCFP, and to Carol Knight and Jennifer Baker Howard who are the leads for this ministry.
- Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington—As a partner parish to SMGW’s homelessness prevention and employment support efforts, we provided personal care supplies through weekly collections (suspended in March), \$10,030 in financial support from designated gifts and the outreach budget, and two representatives to the SMGW partnership meetings in 2020. Because of the pandemic, the special Oktoberfest fundraiser was not held in 2020. As of December 31, we had not yet found a partner parish representative replacement for Vicky Smith who moved out of the area in mid-2020. Our thanks go to Vicky and to Ed Warren, who serves on the SMGW Board, for their leadership in this outreach ministry.
- Tommy’s Toys—CCWP usually supplies toys for the family Christmas Party organized by the CAG’s Alumni Group (Community Action Group). The party was cancelled this year due to the pandemic, but in lieu of a toy collection, we provided a \$1,000 cash grant from the parish budget to buy gift cards for the families of the CAG group. Thanks go to Carol Knight and Tommy Wells for providing leadership in this effort.

Support for Our Neighbors Around the Nation and the World

- Buenos Vecinos—Serving the poorest of the poor children and families in Guatemala and Honduras, 2020 was a very difficult year for Buenos Vecinos. The pandemic, economic collapse and back-to-back hurricanes left an already distressed region devastated. In 2020 CCWP provided \$5,866 in cash grants from gifts designated for outreach to children and the quit raffle, that was used for meeting basic needs—food, clothing, shelter, health care and providing small treats for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Our thanks to Linda Mellgren for coordinating this outreach effort.
- Episcopal Relief and Development—ERD is the national and international relief arm of the Episcopal Church. It works to help sustain communities struggling with hunger, poverty, disaster and disease. From the outreach budget we provided \$2,000 to ERD
- HomeDo – The Home Do program utilizes meditation and exercise to provide children with an understanding of their body and basic self-defense concepts and love for themselves, for God and for creation. Because of visa issues Master Dong was unable to return to Syria where he had been working with children in the refugee camps. In 2020 he has been working with refugees and other impoverished peoples in Ukraine. CCWP provided a cash grant of \$500 from the outreach budget for Master Dong’s work. Thanks go to Joel Spangenberg for coordinating with this effort.
- Navy and Marine Relief Society—Reinforcing our historic ties to the Marine Barracks and the Navy yard, we provided \$1,000 from the outreach budget to help struggling Navy and Marine Corps households increase

their economic security and stabilize family life. 2020 plans to engage with the Barracks and the Yard to develop more hands-on involvement were put on hold due to the pandemic.

Designated Gifts and Special Fund Raising Efforts

- 2020 Quilt Raffle supporting Buenos Vecinos and Good Neighbors Capitol Hill raised \$5,251, slightly exceeding the goal of \$5,000. As the first ever all virtual quilt raffle, ticket sales were advertised in the parish announcements, on the CCWP Facebook page and by parishioners on social media and other networks. The raffle was held via zoom at the CCWP coffee hour after the 11 o'clock service on December 20th. The quilt was won by Christ Church parishioners, Jordan Myers and Jamie McGinnis. Thanks go to the Christ Church+Capitol Hill Community Quilters Extraordinaire who made the quilt: Marian Connolly, Andrea Harles, Mary Lischer, Linda Mellgren, Rosalinda Musquiz, Carol Richards, Barbara Spaid, MaryAnn Sroufe, Sally Sullivan, and Mary Wyman.
- The 2020 Spring Forward Change collection was \$314. Because the church was closed, no Fall Backward Time Change collection was held.
- 2020 Designated Gifts for CCWP Outreach: In the absence of our ability to have special events to raise money to supplement the outreach budget, we were very fortunate to have a number of anonymous donors make gifts to supplement our outreach efforts. In total some \$17,500 was donated to Christ Church for special outreach purposes, allowing us to provide more cash grants to help our neighbors near and far in 2020 than in previous years. We give thanks for all those who have willingly shared to provide for those in need.

Outreach Forums in 2020

- Everyone Home DC—Karen Cunningham, Executive Director of EHDC lead an in-person Sunday Forum on the work of the agency on January 21, 2020.
- Calvary Women Services—Kris Thomson, Executive Director of CWS lead a virtual Sunday Forum on the work of the agency on July 19, 2020

Children's Ministry.....The Rev. Mary Miller Flowers, *Interim Assistant Rector*

It was an unusual year for Children's Ministry given the pandemic, but we worked to keep programming engaging as best we could.

Children's Chapel and Sunday School. From January through mid-March 2020, we offered our normal range of Sunday School classes, from PK through 7th grade, every Sunday at 10am. When the virus struck, we surveyed parents and decided to reorganize our Sunday School and Children's Chapel offerings. We continued to have Children's Chapel on Sundays at 9am, but changed this to a Chapel/Sunday School hybrid class so that children ages 3 through 2nd grade got a mix of worship and education during that time. At 10am we offered Sunday School for 3rd grade through 5th graders. Both classes were online except for two months of the summer when we were able to offer Chapel in person. Attendance has varied with some families only doing in-person activities and others only doing those online. We have consistently had 7-10 children at Chapel and 6-8 children at the 10am Sunday School.

Our middle school group was going strong before the pandemic. We were scheduled to have a game night and a social justice walking tour, both of which had to be postponed due to the virus. Parents were struggling with getting kids through online school, and there wasn't a strong desire to hold the 5th and up Sunday School class on zoom. We found ways to include older children in other offerings, such as through two Wednesday night youth meet ups on the church front lawn, the Halloween party, the Christmas Card making workshop and game night, and the Christmas pageant.

Our teachers for the 2020-2021 program year are: Charlie Bolden, Anne Fletcher, Ben Flowers, Mary Miller Flowers, Greg Holeyman, Rachel Pollock, Jamie Schafer. We always welcome more volunteers!

Christmas offerings for children and youth. Instead of a St. Nick's dinner, we held a Christmas Card making workshop with bags of crafting supplies and small gifts for children delivered to participating families. The gifts for the kids came from Labyrinth Game Shop to keep up our partnership with this local business. We played an intergenerational trivia game and in the end 35 cards were delivered to members stuck at home during the Christmas season.

The Christmas pageant this year was our best attended yet, with many families not traveling out of town for the holidays. We had 17 children participate in the pageant and four children played music either at the beginning or end of the service. Grandparents, aunts, and uncles from around the country (even world!) were able to log on and enjoy the pageant.

Communion Recognition Workshop. In the beginning of February, 2020 we held our Communion Recognition Workshop for 2nd and 3rd graders (with older children welcome to join if they had missed it in previous years). This year we had 20 children participate along with one or both parents. The workshop rotated around four stations: baking Communion bread for Sunday worship, learning about breads from around the world, acting out the story of the Last Supper, and setting the Communion table in the Sanctuary. We ended with a huge game of Jeopardy to remember what we had learned. On Sunday, each child was recognized in front of the congregation for their participation in the workshop. The Bishop joined us that Sunday and was able to present each child with a cross to mark the occasion.

Special Events. We held our annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper and children's service to teach the children about Ash Wednesday right before the pandemic shut us down. This year we will do a virtual celebration and service. We also held game nights on the lawn and a Halloween party/parade to enjoy some safe fun together. Family bike rides and walks took place over summer in lieu of our usual gatherings like Grill and Chill.

Music Ministry.....Richard Thibadeau, *Music Director*

2020, WOW!! Another year of exciting transition..... In 2020, the Parish Choir wished Godspeed to relocating singers Steve Zimmerman, Rick Miles, our Interim Rector, and his wife, D'aun Miles. On a sad note, we lost Joe Citro, the spouse of choir member Connie Citro. The Parish Choir currently numbers about 20 active members with a couple on sabbatical.

Due to the COVID pandemic, choirs and regular musical events have had to be curtailed. We hope to resume choir, the children's choir, annual organ recitals and other concerts as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime, we have been blessed by the talents of many of our parishioners and guests during worship. We've heard instrumentalists, ensembles and singers offer music throughout this time of virtual praise. We have even tried our hand at a virtual choir anthem. While that was a brand new experience for most, it was very rewarding.

The choir has, of course, been missing our regular rehearsals to prepare music, the group has been anything but idle. Weekly Zoom gatherings, the sharing of music via emails, several virtual social events, and much emotional support has continued to keep the choir family going as strong as ever. This is due to the wonderful and constant facilitator, choir mother, and herder of cats, Linda Mellgren. We are very grateful for the time and energy she – and so many others – give behind the scenes to keep the music program going.

It has been an honor to serve alongside Rick and D’aur Miles. We wish them well in their new ministries. We are delighted to welcome our new Rector, The Rev. John Kellogg and his family. The Rev. Mary Miller Flowers, continues as our Interim Assistant Rector, and Jennifer Baker Howard, our Parish Life and Office Manager. All are a wonderful team. Thanks to the many folks who give their time, talent and treasure to keep music alive and vital here at Christ Church, and to the entire parish for their support. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

CARE OF THE PARISH

Rector’s Report..... The Rev. John Kellogg

This past year has been unlike any other. Not only did Christ Church begin the year in a period of transition but, in March, the COVID-19 pandemic required us to stop physically gathering for worship. Our facilities were closed for safety reasons and the staff began working from home. All of our worship services and formation classes shifted to a virtual format.

After moving from New Orleans, LA, I began as the 29th Rector of Christ Church + Washington Parish on October 1st. For a few Sundays this fall, we worshipped together on the front lawn with up to forty people in attendance. Congregants wore masks and sat spread out across the yard. In late November, however, a spike in COVID cases necessitated that we only offer virtual worship services for the duration of the year.

While we could not have predicted the multitude of challenges our congregation and community would face this past year, Christ Church has proven to be resilient. Our virtual worship services have improved significantly with the help of a dedicated volunteer team. We are celebrating one of the most successful stewardship campaigns in our history, which is a reflection of our dedicated membership and a shared faith in our future. During this year when so many local non-profits faced economic uncertainty, our Outreach Committee provided increased resources to our community ministry partners. This coming year will present us with its own unique challenges but we will continue to work hard to make a positive impact upon our Capitol Hill neighborhood.

I want to express my deep gratitude to the Search Committee and Vestry for calling me to serve as your Rector. I also want to thank the Vestry, Executive Committee and staff for their hard work and support over the past months. My family and I are grateful to share Christ Church with you and we look forward to the years ahead.

Senior Warden’s Report..... Ed Warren

Perhaps one of the most overused expressions for 2020 was **the new normal** (*you’re on mute* wasn’t far behind). While I came to loath this expression, I believe it really encapsulates what we as individuals, families and the Christ Church community faced during 2020.

We began our journey into 2020 with our interim Rector, Father Rick, expecting that we might call a new settled rector as soon as mid-summer. By mid-March, Bishop Mariann announced that all parishes in the Diocese of Washington would be closing for in-person services.

Within 10 days, our new normal was streaming the 11:00 AM service on Facebook Live. Thanks in large part to the contributions of Conor McCarthy and Sherwyn Santos, the quality of our online services improved through the spring and summer. The new normal came to include online versions of Children's Chapel, Adult Forum, Coffee Hour, Morning Prayer and Compline.

Many of our small groups, including the Men's Spirituality Group, the choir, the Friday Night Film Series and other groups moved online. In an effort to stay connected, a grassroots effort emerged called the parishioner contact group. The group did some much-needed in-reach to make sure that we kept in touch with and were sensitive to the needs of parishioners who may have needed assistance with grocery runs or other things they didn't feel safe doing on their own.

This report would be incomplete without mentioning the work of the Search Committee. To the entire committee and to Jean Denton and Paul Laymon, the co-chairs, Thank you. The pandemic and shut down of in-person services happened just as the search committee was planning to visit candidates at their parishes.

The new normal required that the Search Committee view sermons online and conduct interviews via Skype and Zoom. The fruit of their labor was the Vestry's Call of Father John Kellogg to be the 29th settled Rector of Christ Church.

In October we welcomed Father John, Tait and Alec to our parish family. While indoor services weren't possible in the fall, we were able to have several Sundays of outdoor services prior to Thanksgiving. While those services were short-lived, it was a balm for the soul to be able to worship in person with a small subset of the parish community.

Through all the bedlam that was 2020, the staff, the finance committee, our stewardship co-chairs, the Vestry and the executive committee all continued to meet and perform their duties with resolve and determination. A special thank you to Father Rob Banse who helped with preaching, adult forum and pastoral care during the hiatus between the departure of our interim rector and the arrival of Father John.

I've heard many scripture lessons, sermons and homilies that describe the people of the parish rather than the edifice as the Church. While I pray that with building will be around for another 225 years, I am thrilled to be a member of the Christ Church body and look forward to the new normal that 2021 brings.

Rector Search Committee Jean Denton & Paul Laymon, Co-Chairs

On August 13, 2020, the Search Committee co-chairs presented the Committee's final report and recommendation to the Vestry.

The Committee was commissioned by the Vestry in May 2019 and first met on May 23, 2019. Focus group meetings and an online survey were conducted during the summer of 2019. The committee used information from these activities to answer the narrative questions which the diocese used to create the vacancy announcement. The church website was updated and new content added including a new video.

From October 2019 and into January 2020, the Committee received applications for the rector position. The committee met in December 2019 and January 2020 to review the applications. On February 1, the Committee met and selected the applicants who qualified for first round interviews. Later that month the first round interviews were conducted via Skype and attended by the full Search Committee. After the first round of interviews, the Committee selected those applicants who qualified for a second round interview. For the second round interviews, teams consisting of two committee members were scheduled to travel to the applicants' home parishes during March and April 2020. By mid-March it became apparent that the spreading coronavirus was curtailing all non-essential travel and the Committee would need to pivot and conduct the parish visits virtually. In March, April, and May 2020, the Committee interviewed applicants and their references via Zoom. In June 2020 the Committee selected its three finalists.

After Diocesan arranged background investigations of the three finalists were completed, and after consulting with the Diocese, the three finalists and their spouses were invited to visit Christ Church. Those visits occurred in July and August 2020. The Committee re-interviewed each finalist, and each finalist also met with the Vestry at outdoor socially distanced events.

The Committee completed its detailed report on August 10, and on August 13 the co-chairs presented the Committee's report and recommendation to the Vestry.

The Search Committee was composed of Andrew Lyons, Cathy Hurst Weber, John Payne, Karen Wilson Roman, Kirsten Sloan, Ruth Kroeger, and co-chairs Jean Denton and Paul Laymon. The Committee was superbly assisted by search coach Kay Collier McLaughlin and her associate Benjamin Bynum. In addition, the Committee was greatly assisted by Edgar Roman, who provided technical support, and Conor McCarthy, who produced and directed the inspirational Christ Church video which was posted online for all applicants to see, as well as Christ Church treasurer Jason Miller and church bookkeeper Carol Iskowitz. And the Committee thanks Jennifer Baker Howard for the many administrative ways she assisted the Committee.

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE VESTRY

Three Year Terms

Kyle Clelan

I was born in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and shortly after moved to Chapel Hill, North Carolina, where I spent my formative years. On occasion I would visit my grandparent's Methodist church in Pennsylvania, but I wouldn't say that I grew up going to church. It was from making friends while playing basketball at around age 12 (I was a huge Tar Heels fan), that I was invited to a non-denominational church, and I started attending regularly. Around the same time, I went through some difficult times within my family that prompted me to call out to God, whom I didn't know much about, in a more intentional manner—which opened my eyes to how much He was calling out to me, too. Soon after, I moved to Maryland and continued to attend church regularly and became an active member of my youth group and then a Bible study leader in college. After college and grad school, I began my career at T. Rowe Price in Baltimore. A few years later I met my wife, Elizabeth Clelan. We moved to DC after getting married in 2015. We found Christ Church in the summer of 2018 and became members in early 2019. The congregation of loving individuals has welcomed us with open arms since day one. We have both been active participants in our small groups, where we have formed lasting bonds with our fellow parishioners and also have helped with children's Sunday School. Our son and greatest blessing, River Clelan, was born in June of 2020. As if navigating first-time parenthood during a global pandemic wasn't enough change, I also changed jobs in August 2020 and joined the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC). We've made a home in Capitol Hill, and we love Christ Church,

so I am thrilled to have the opportunity to serve on the Vestry and help discern God's call for our church and the community.

Susan Holmes

I was born in Indiana and grew up in New York, London, and Massachusetts. After graduating from Dartmouth College, I settled in New York City, first working for Columbia University before embarking on a career in conservation. I met my husband Sean when we were both at the Sierra Club and moved to Washington, DC in 2001. I am currently the Federal Policy Director for the Wildlands Network where I work on legislation and policy to protect U.S. wildlife. My husband and I love living on Capitol Hill and have two girls, Katharine (16) and Lucy (14), and a spunky terrier, Elsie.

Raised as an Episcopalian, the church has always been an important part of my life. Our family joined Christ Church in 2006 and we were immediately attracted to the welcoming atmosphere and the wonderful opportunities for families. With two young children, I first volunteered in the Sunday School from 2010-2012, and then was honored to serve as the Director of Children's Ministries from 2012-2015. I have also worked with Richard Thibadeau to initiate and direct the Children's Choir. It has been a joy to teach so many of the children at Christ Church and to come to know the many wonderful and wise people of this Parish over the last 14 years. Through 2020, a difficult year when my father was ill, Christ Church was an important source of council and solace for me and our family. It would be a privilege to deepen my service to the congregation by taking on a position on the Vestry.

Jim Sandman

I've been a member of the parish since 2015, when my wife, Beth Mullin, and I moved to Capitol Hill from Chevy Chase DC. We have two children: Joe, a lawyer in DC, and Elizabeth, a social worker with the Federal Public Defenders Office in Maryland. I've gotten involved in Christ Church as an usher, a reader, and a lay preacher. I grew up Catholic and went to 17 years of Catholic schools, from kindergarten through Boston College, a Jesuit university. I'm a lawyer and a member of the faculty at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, my alma mater, where I teach legal ethics. I'm President Emeritus of the Legal Services Corporation, the United States' largest funder of civil legal aid programs for low-income people, and both through my work at Penn Law School and as a volunteer work to improve access to justice for people who can't afford a lawyer. I am Vice Chair of the DC Access to Justice Commission, a member of the DC Public Charter School Board, former General Counsel of the DC Public Schools, a past President of the District of Columbia Bar, and former Managing Partner of Arnold & Porter. I also serve on the boards of several non-profit organizations.

Chris Wilson

Following a Presbyterian upbringing, an intense but ultimately discouraging experience of Catholicism, and occasional periods of spiritual inactivity, I've been happy to call Christ Church home since 2009 (with a break from 2014-2019 during an overseas work assignment). I've been especially blessed by my membership in the choir, and that experience has led me to want to expand my involvement in parish life. I am also appreciating engaging with fellow parishioners in the Sacred Ground initiative focused on racial justice. I have spent most of my 25+ year career in federal service with the Office of the United States Trade Representative, where I currently focus on trade relations with South and Central Asia. My husband, Mark Hegedus, has recently joined me as a member of Christ Church. I would value the opportunity to learn, grow, and contribute through service on the Vestry.

One Year Term to Fill a Vacancy

Rachel Abrecht-Litchfield

My name is Rachel Abrecht-Litchfield and I have had the fortune of being a member of Christ Church for the majority of my life. I was baptized and substantially raised within the walls of Christ Church Washington Parish through Sunday School, youth group and famous lock-ins as a child, and as I got older, my first job in the church nursery and the opportunity to serve as an acolyte. After high school, I moved north for college and spent the next 15 years in New England where I met my husband Todd Litchfield and we started our family. We returned to the Hill in 2015 and were graciously welcomed back into the Christ Church home I have loved all my life. I continue to work for the same company based in Connecticut as a forensic investigator focusing on Fire Investigations and enjoy spending my free time in and around our Capitol Hill community with our two children Benson and Noah. I have been lucky to be surrounded by parents and a spouse that have been actively engaged in Christ Church service roles throughout my life and look forward to the opportunity to become more personally involved.

Christ Church + Washington Parish List of Voting Members for the 2020 Annual Meeting Held February 7, 2021

Abbott, Kathryn Teresa
Abrecht, Gary
Abrecht-Litchfield, Rachel Benson
Adams, Chase
Atherton, Allison Miedema

Bailey, Rebekah Jewell
Baldwin, Valerie
Barber, Jackie
Barker, Jensen, Kirsten
Barker, Nathan Russell
Barnes, Lawrence
Bellum, Stephen
Bevans, Paul
Blackwood, Robin
Bolden, Charles
Bolden, Jackie
Bonyun, Meredith Mino
Bosworth, Sharon
Bowen, Lisa Ann
Brewer, Christopher*
Brewer, Katherine*
Brickey, Olivia
Broers, Nancy
Brooks, Alison
Burger, Charles
Byers, Michael

Carrillo, Andrew
Cates, Redding Carter

Chalk, Kenneth
Chicoski, Benjamin
Citro, Constance
Clavel, Lise
Clelan, Elizabeth
Clelan, Kyle
Connolly, Marian
Cook, Emily Williams
Cooper, Charles Spencer
Cooper, Kristi Lake
Cosgrove, Katherine L. B.
Cosgrove, Sean
Crandall, Barbara
Crandall, Darse Earle Jr
Crawford, Michael
Crusey, Kimberly
Curry, Anne
Curry, Robert

Daffner, Chris
Daffner, Whitney
Dannan, Matthew
De Castro, Jocelyn Pearl
Denton, Don
Denton, Jean
Denton, Shelby
Denton, Zachary
Dettman, David
Dettman, Louise
Duffy, Marcus

Duffy, Taylor Elaine
Dumm, Brian
Duncan, John
Duncan, John Jr.
Duncan, Marcia

Ensor, Andy
Evans, Sarah

Farrow, Margaret
Fiala, Anne
Fiala, Eric
Flakker, Harrison
Flakker, Tara
Fletcher, Anne
Floto, Charles
Flowers, Benjamin
Flowers, Mary Miller**
Fortson, Joseph Benjamin
Fortson, Kyle
Free, Charles
Freeman, Shawn

Gamber, Jenifer**
Gethin, Laurie
Giesecke, John
Giesecke, John Maximus
Giesecke, Stephanie
Gomez, Alicia
Gove, Amber

Grace, Ann
Grace, Michael

Hall, Clayton

Hall, Stuart

Harles, Andrea
Hash, Michael
Hawkins, Carole Anne
Hawkins, David Wayne

Head, Brittani

Heaton, David Benjamin

Hegedus, Mark

Heitger, Lindsay
Heitger, Nick
Holeyman, Greg
Holmes, Susan
Howard, Jennifer Baker

Howard, Jonas O.

Howard, Joseph
Hughes, Dorothy Goddard
Hughes, Peter Christopher II
Humbert, Jenny*
Humbert, William*
Humphrey, Carole
Hussey, Sandra

Jackson, Helen
Jacobs, John Patrick*
James, William
Jameson, Booth
Jameson, Jennifer
Jameson, John Howard
Jenkins, Thomas Jr.
Johnson, Carolyn Anne
Johnson, Dion
Jordan, Jason Lamar

Kellogg, Brittany Tait

Knight, Carol
Kotis, Linda
Kroeger, Ruth
Kuskowski, Andrew
Kuskowski, Jennifer

Laxton, Catherine Scott
Laxton, William George
Laymon, Anna
Laymon, Barbara
Laymon, Paul
Lester, Inez*
Litchfield, Todd Eric
Lopes, Keith

Lowe, Mary Frances
Lyons, Andrew
Lyons, Elizabeth

MacGarrigle, Ellen Fain
MacGarrigle, Kelly Virginia
Malone, Ivy Williams
Malone, Mark
Marzen, Moira
Mawn, Russell
McCahan, David
McCarthy, Conor Justin
McCarthy, Emily Biskey
McClain, Wallis
McEleney, Gilda Rose
McEleney, Michael David

McGinnis, Jamie
Mellgren, Linda
Miedema, Stephanie*
Miedema, Virgil
Miller, Carrie
Miller, Jason
Mitchell, Thomas
Montgomery, Jack
Mouta-Bellum, Carla

Moy, Daniel Michael

Moy, Katherine Kaiser

Muench, Kris
Mullin, Elizabeth Duncan
Myers, Jordan

Neely, Sidney
Nelson, Larry
Nelson, Linda
Nickerson, Lisa
Norton, Linda
Norton, Randell
Oakley, Susan
O'Brien, Alden
O'Brien, Celia
O'Brien, Lydia Guyneth
Ozkan, Lisa Sotir
Ozkan, Ozgur

Palmer, Joyce
Pascuzzo, Christopher Philip
Patterson, James
Patterson, Katherine Knight
Patterson, William
Payne, John III
Pollock, Jennifer P
Pollock, John Robert

Pollock, Rachel S.

Pollack, William C.

Pontius, Ruth
Psychas, Ellen

Rebholz, Jason*
Rebholz, Kate*
Rees, Joseph
Riedel, Durwood Heinrich
Rimensnyder, Nelson
Robinson, Alissa
Robinson, Doris
Román, Colin James
Román, Edgar
Román, Karen Wilson
Ross, Susannah
Rubio, Charles

Sanderson, William
Sandman, James Joseph
Saunders, Sherry
Schafer, Jamie Allison
Schafer, Robert Andrew
Schillinger, Emily
Schillinger, Ian
Schlimm, Lynne Mallonee
Schmid, Deborah
Schwartz, Douglas
Schwartz, Elizabeth
Sharron, Ayasha
Shea, Jan*
Shea, Richard*
Shier, Catherine Jane
Shinkman, Paul*
Shinkman, Sarah*
Simon, Albert
Singer, Paris Suzanne
Skidmore, Jesse
Skidmore, Natalie
Sloan, Kirsten
Smith, D. Joseph*
Smith, Randolph
Smith, Victoria*
Sousa, John Philip IV*
Spaid, Barbara
Spangenberg, Joel
Stadel-Bevans, Cheryl
Symington, John Jr.
Symington, Margaret

Taylor, David
Taylor, Ryan Joseph

Tejcek, John
Teutsch, Christian
Teutsch, Sarah
Thomas, Cynthia
Thompson, Lynn
Thompson, Joseph
Thornley, Mary
Torpey, Mary Beth
Tucker, Emma
Turkiewicz, Jean
Two Bulls, Robert**

Van Wagoner, Christopher Edward
Verret, Jill
Verret, JW
Viecco, Trisha
Vielmo, Kelly

Wagner-Smith, Wendy
Ward, Beverly
Warren, Edward
Warren, Marcia
Weber, Andrew
Weber, Cathy Hurst

Welch, Lauren
Wells, Barbara
Wells, Thomas
Welch, Lauren
Werwie, Doris
Whittaker Navez, Christine**
Whalley, Judy
White, Kristen Elizabeth
Whyte, Gaye
Wilson, Christopher
Wilson, Megan*
Winchester, Erik
Winchester, Sylwia
Withum, Mary
Wolff, Jeffrey William
Woodward, William

Yost, Holton
Yost, Morey
Young, Frank

Zappala, Jordan
Zink, Christine Jocelyn
Zipf, Lynn

Zipf, George

Associate Members
(4 New – 9 Removed + 14 Existing
= 18)

Anschuetz, Carol
Broggi, Andrea
Carolan, Jessica
Carolan, Michael
Eisenbarth, Jan
Gray, Glenn
Gray, Samantha
Lischer, Mary
Lischer, Jeff
Metzger, Nancy
Metzger, Norman
Sears, Keri
Sharron, Matthew
Titus, James
Tubbs, Michael
Vogel, Lucie
Wainwright, Marty
Yee, Bing

*Non-Resident – Member

**Non-Resident – Priest

Summary of Comings and Goings in 2020

Baptism (not of Voting Age) (2)

Laymon, Mollie Mae
Laymon, Violet Demarest

Baptism Adult of Voting Age(0)

Added by Request (7)

Hall, Clayton
Hall, Stuart
Johnson, Dion
Pollock, Rachel S.
Pollock, William C.
Teutsch, Christian
Teutsch, Sarah

Transferred in from other Parishes (4)

Hegedus, Mark
Kellogg, Brittany Tait
Moy, Daniel Moy
Moy, Katherine Kaiser

Lost by Death (3)

Citro, Joseph
Norris, Alice
Schans, Jonathan

Added by Being of **Age (16) to Vote (2)**

Cosgrove, Katherine L. B.
Howard, Jonas O.

Reactivated (1)

Head, Brittani

Declared Inactive (14)

Aman, Sally
Gant, Mary Martin
Niebeling, Rachel
Porter, Aman Aine
Porter, Gregg
Porter, Sally Harris
Rzepka, Amy G.

Rzepka, Justin Daniel
Stewart, Aimee Krause
Stewart, Michael Elliot
Sylvester, David
Sylvester, Kit
Womble, Marissa Schmauch
Wood, Allison Maryan
Wood, Stephen Powell

Transferred Out (3)

Gamber, Edward
Wallner, James
Wallner, Kimberly

Made Associate Member (4)

Broggi, Andrea
Eisenbarth, Jan
Yee, Bing
Wainwright, Marty

Transferred to Associate Member (0)

Removed from Associate Member (9)

Gosser, Allison
Gosser, David
Kilbourn, Linette
Kilbourn, Scot
Miles, D'aun
Neilmann, Ana
Stonesifer, Sarah
Wright, Monroe
Zimmerman, Stephen

Confirmations/Reception (0)

Children Added(9)

Atkinson, Russell Knight
Clelan, River James
Cooper, Margaret Berit
Kellogg, Alexander Riley (B)
Kuskowski, Zachary Andrew
Pollock, Ehler P.
Pollock, Loyal T.
Simon, Leo Micah Head
Wadlington, Jude Bayless

In keeping with the canons of the Church and the current Christ Church Bylaws, voting members must: 1) be 16 years old one month before the meeting, 2) attend worship regularly, 3) contribute to the parish in a manner recorded by the treasurer or known by the Rector 4) be recorded in the parish records as baptized.

In order to be listed as a voting member of Christ Church, you must be made a member. Priests are always members of the last parish where they were laypersons. For more information about church membership, please talk with the Rector

Associate Members are active congregants at Christ Church contributing to the life of the parish but are not officially members (1) by their own request, (2) have not officially joined but have filled out a pledge card, and/or (3) are members and active at another Episcopal church.

***Declared Inactive** indicates (1) they have not been active members in the last year or (2) requested removal from membership rolls. Those who did not request removal from the membership rolls are still officially members; however, they are not active members for voting purposes.

Summary

Members of voting age added = 14 (By request 7 + Transferred in 4 + Reactivated 1 + Being of Age 2)
Members of voting age lost = 20 (Declared Inactive 14 + Death 3 + Transferred out 3)

Net Loss of voting members = 6

As of January 1, 2020, Christ Church reported **306** voting members. As of January 1, 2021, the total number of voting members is **300**

As a result of the **net loss of 6** listed above.

Respectively submitted,

The Rev John Kellogg, Rector, and Carolyn A. Johnson, Registrar