

St. Christopher by-the-River
Episcopal Church
2022 Annual Report



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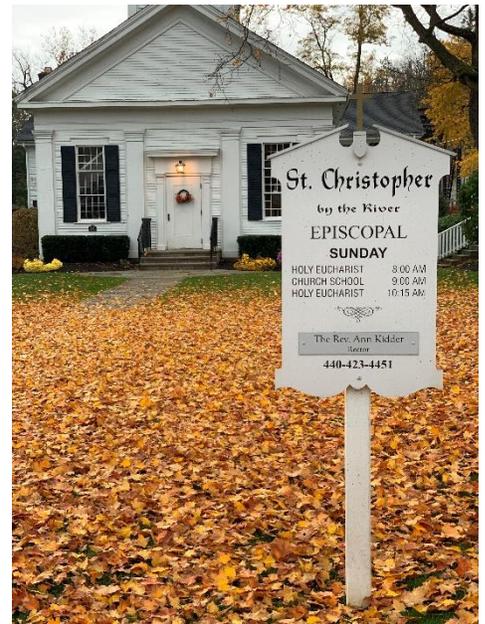
MEETING: March 5, 2023

2022 STAFF

The Rev. Ann Kidder	Rector
Yuri Sato McElliott	Director of Music/Organist
Mary Zup	Parish Administrator
Peggy Reda	Director of Faith Development
Melanie Reda	Nursery Director
Luis Calvo	Sexton
Lucy Calvo	Churchkeeper
Jolyon Welsh	Sunday Porter
Tellerd Organization, Ltd.	Bookkeeper

2022 VESTRY

Ronald Lee	Senior Warden (Class of 2023)
Charley Marston	Junior Warden (Class of 2022)
Mary Holmes	Clerk (Class of 2022)
Mary Murray	Treasurer
Judy Holmes	Class of 2022
Becky Everett	Class of 2023
Sandra Redmond	Class of 2023 - moved in Aug 2022
Charlene Currutt	Class of 2023 – voted in to fill opening from Redmond
Renee Kolecki	Class of 2024
Bruce Long	Class of 2024
Peter Thatcher	Class of 2024



**Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting of The Parish of St. Christopher by-the-River
Held March 6, 2022
Respectfully Submitted, Tom Matthews, Clerk**

The Annual Meeting of St. Christopher's by-the-River was called to order by Mother Ann at 10:13am.

Mother Ann led the meeting with a prayer.

Mother Ann confirmed a quorum of **32** electors in attendance as well as **3** clergy. She then noted that Tom Matthews was in attendance and as Clerk would take the meeting minutes.

The first order of business was approval of the 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes. Rik Bole motioned to approve, Becky Everett seconded, a vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Mother Ann recognized and thanked the off going vestry members - Tom Matthews, Becky Everett, and Sean McMillion.

Charley Marston started the Senior Warden report with a review of the "weirdness" that the church, vestry, and parish had to work through over the last year. He followed this with comments of thanks and appreciation to all who made the year as good as possible and to Tom Matthews, Becky Everett, and Sean McMillion for their excellent service on the Vestry.

Becky Everett reviewed the challenges she faced as the Junior Warden and thanked all for the support in getting all of the opportunities resolved.

Mary Murray then provided a quick financial review. Overall, the fiscal year went well with the PPP and special gift. She also noted 2022 is starting out well.

Charley Marston, as Chair of the Nominating Committee, stated the Committee nominates Renee Kolecki, Bruce Long, and Peter Thatcher to be elected to the Vestry for three year terms. Charley also nominated Peter Batcheller to be the NEMAC 2022-2023 representative from the Parrish.

Mother Ann closed the nominations and clarified that the vote would be for the slate of provided nominees.

Laura Cotton made a motion to approve the provided nominees, Becky Everett seconded, a vote was taken and the motion passed.

Mother Ann thanked the parish and staff for their service and called for close to the meeting. John Irwin motioned to end the meeting, Brian Wright seconded, a vote was taken and passed to close the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35am.



Diocesan Convention



*Mother's Ann's Birthday
Celebration*

RECTOR'S REPORT

Respectfully Submitted by Mother Ann Kidder

2022 started off with the Omicron surge sending us back to Zoom meetings and online worship from January 9th through February 13th. It was a relief and joy to resume gathering in person again on Sunday February 20th. Although John Irwin continues to record Sunday worship, we were able to worship, work, and play together in person for the rest of 2022. It was a particular joy to be able to observe Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter with each other. A new event in 2022 was the Pentecost parish picnic at Marston Park. Pickle Ball, Bocce, fried chicken with all the fixings and lots of laughter ensued. All the special services and events that shape our parish's yearly cycle were well attended. I was particularly pleased to have 70 children and their parents attend the Christmas Eve Family Vespers considering the severe cold which had led to the cancellation of the Village's traditional bon fire and visit from Santa. As we begin 2023, I am hopeful, perhaps even confident, that this year we will not have to suspend in person worship. The years since March of 2020 have been challenging and St. Christopher's has risen to Covid's challenge each time with determination, creativity, patience, and (mostly) good humor.



Following a fire that destroyed Lucy's brother's home in Peru, you all stepped up and generously provided enough funds for a new brick house to be built. Oscar, Elena, and newborn baby Lucy will never have to be made homeless again. The love that you showed through those gifts left Oscar in tears that people who had never met him would care so much. Through you, he felt God's love.



In March we became a "host site" for Rainbow Farm's CSA (community supported agriculture) program. Larry and Tina, Rainbow Farm's owners, offer seasonal subscriptions for weekly deliveries of fresh produce to St. Christopher's. The produce is delivered to our bridge-side back hall on Wednesday mornings for pick up by subscribers. Rainbow Farm's CSA has been well received by both parishioners and our Gates Mills neighbors.

Deacon Lydia Bailey once again offered a Lenten Art Retreat at the Cleveland Museum of Art. Our relationship with the residents of the Men's Shelter deepened this year as we returned to in person service. So many of you baked casseroles and cookies, donated supplies for "Welcome Home" boxes, and shared enough quotations for a fundraising 2024 Day by Day calendar! Weekly discussions of "We Make the Road By Walking" continued throughout 2022 on Thursday afternoons and Sundays between the two worship services. Bi-weekly meetings of the Grief Support Group and the Stephen Ministry continued to be led by Kathy Pender and have offered comfort and companionship to many individuals both within and beyond our parish. Bargain Box returned with the first sale since the fall of 2019, and it was a huge success! So many of you participated in service projects and various outreach opportunities that I fear leaving someone out! Please be sure to read each group's report. St. Christopher's is small but mighty when it comes to following Jesus in the Way of Love!



Although we rejoiced to be together for worship, service, and fellowship many of our older, or health compromised members have not been able to rejoin us. As a result, more of my time in 2022 has been devoted to home visits and providing Communion to our members who can no longer be with us on Sunday mornings. I have developed a schedule which allows me to provide a visit and share Communion twice a month in most cases, once a month or every other month in a few instances. I treasure these visits and I am grateful to do this on your behalf.

In 2022 I buried Warner Batton, Robert Weitzel, Shannon Reynolds, Beverly Ann Sarkisian Lambert, Beverly Berlin, James Gough, David C. Dressler, and Jean W. Mosely. Not all of them were parishioners but all of them are children of God and this, too, is part of my service as a parish priest. The year ended sadly with two deaths; Ron Miscko died on Christmas Day and Lou Boswell's daughter, Amy, died the following week. They have left huge holes in the hearts of all those who knew and loved them. Our heartfelt prayers for Carolyn and her family and for Lou continue.



Weddings and Baptisms provided moments of great joy over the course of the year. I officiated at the weddings of Kyle Mlakar & Alexandra Knerly, Joseph Scaminace & Cindy Maglosky, and Charley Lafave & Victoria Mills. We celebrated five baptisms this year: Vivienne Radis, Lucy Radis, Tabitha Luby, Patrick Scott Hoeflinger, Jr., and Douglas M. Horner, III (who was baptized by Bishop Hollingsworth during his Visitation to St. Christopher's on November 20th).

Every parish priest is expected to contribute to the life and ministry of the Diocese as well as to their parish. Since 2016, I have served as a Fresh Start mentor; a program led by Percy Grant that offers clergy who are newly ordained (or new to the Diocese) orientation to the practice of parish ministry, continuing education, and guidance through the inevitable hiccups of the parish priest "learning curve". I continue to serve as a Spiritual Director for several of my clergy colleagues and, when requested, to seminarians preparing for ordination. I have served as the Diocesan Chaplain to The Daughters of The King since 2015.

Much of what you have just read would not be possible but for our wonderful parish staff. I deeply value each of them for the gifts that they bring to their work and the genuine love that they feel for this parish. That love shows in their dedication and faithful fulfillment of their responsibilities. "Thank you" doesn't express my gratitude for each of them nearly enough. Nonetheless, thank you Deacon Lydia, Yuri, Mary, Becky, Peggy, Melanie, Lucy, Luis, and Jolyon. Without each of you (and all of you as a team) St. Christopher's would not be able to carry out the work to which God has called us; to love our neighbor and change the world.



An important moment in the life of our parish this past year was, of course, the election of Ann Jolly to be our next Diocesan Bishop. The parish delegation to the Electing Convention consisted of Judy Holmes, Mary Holmes, John Irwin, Deacon Lydia, and me. We were a good team, and it was exciting to be part of calling Bishop Hollingsworth's successor.

Finally, I want to express my continuing gratitude for members of your Vestry; those who will continue to serve in 2023 and those who are retiring from their Vestry service. Mary Holmes has completed two, three-year, terms as a member of the Vestry and served as Clerk in 2022. Charley Marston insists that this time he is retiring "for real" – we'll see! Charley has helmed this parish through all the changes that life sends our way, serving most recently as our Junior Warden. Thank you both for your devotion to St. Christopher's. While not a member of the Vestry, Mary Murray has served as our parish Treasurer for going on eight years. Amazingly, she is willing to continue to serve as our Treasurer. Thank you, Mary!! Continuing Vestry members are Ron Lee, who served as Senior Warden in 2022, Becky Everett, Renee Kolecki, Bruce Long, and Peter Thatcher. Charlene Currutt filled a spot on the Vestry when Sandy Redmond moved to Vermont. Charlene has been nominated to complete Sandy Redmond's first three-year term. Judy Holmes has completed her first three-year term on the Vestry and has been nominated to serve a second three-year term. I am grateful to you all for your wisdom and devotion to our parish. Barb Pesuit and Matt Vazzanna have been nominated to serve on the Vestry for the first time. I look forward to partnering with the Wardens and Vestry in this coming year as we continue to grow as a parish seeking to follow the teachings of Jesus.

May 2023 be a year of joyful service as we respond to God's call to love as we have been loved.

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enthusiastically embraced—those being a Pentecost picnic at Marston Park and a September Rally Day picnic on church grounds.

Our vestry consists of a compatible and dedicated group, eager to be responsive to the mission of St. Christopher's. We have three vestry members whose 3-year terms have completed. Mary Holmes has played a key role in serving as the vestry clerk and also heading the stewardship committee. Mary and Tom have moved to Cleveland Heights but Mary has remained on the vestry to complete her term. Charley Marston is also completing his 3-year term on vestry as well

as his latest tour of duty as Jr. Warden. Charley's contributions in both roles will be greatly missed. His attention to the maintenance of our lovely historical site and facility has been a challenging undertaking. He has met that challenge completely, not only in coordinating maintenance and improvement projects, but also in securing special funding for many of the major challenges. Thankfully Charley has no plans to move (I hope). Judy Holmes has completed her three-year term as well and has graciously agreed to serve an additional term. It will be great having Judy's attentive focus as a vestry person continue. Grateful thanks should be extended to Mary, Judy, and Charley.

We also miss Sandy Redmond whose 3-year term was interrupted at mid-point when an opportunity came to implement her long term desire to retire to Vermont near her sister. We are fortunate, however, that Charlene Currutt has agreed to complete Sandy's term which extends through 2023.

Special appreciation is due to Lucy Lytle for her outstanding performance leading the stewardship drive for 2023. Lucy's enthusiastic efforts inspired us to step up broadly to increase our pledges for 2023. Consequently we have been able to extend modest pay increases to the St. Christopher's staff. It is great that our congregation sustained its contributions as consistently as it has over the months of the pandemic. We are a fortunate community. It is gratifying to experience its compassion and its strong commitment, both within the parish and to its outreach programs.

It has been our good fortune to have Mother Ann's leadership and guidance in these unusual times that might have been disastrous over the past two years. Her steadying influence and nurturing counsel have kept St. Christophers on an even keel.

MUSIC REPORT

Respectfully Submitted by Yuri Sato McElliott, Director of Music

How wonderful it is to hear the congregation sing the hymns, the adult choir sing the Anthems, the young children sing during our Advent services, and the handchime choir play during Christmas Eve services! All those things that we thought would always happen each year were taken away from us for the last two years because of the pandemic. Now all is back, and how wonderful it is to have normal Sunday services with prayers, readings and singing!



I would like to thank all of our choir members, Becky Everett, Chandler H. Everett, Chandler P. Everett, Lucy Lytle, Sue Marston, Fran Sarkisian and Gail West for singing and playing the handchimes for Sunday services and especially Easter and Christmas Eve. Thanks to Becky Everett for playing the Carillon; and thanks to our "new" Junior choir members, Rudy Calvo, Madeline Cosmarka, James Vary, Jonathan Vary, Lucas Vary and Michaela Vary for singing during the Advent season! I am looking forward to working with our young singers in 2023! Your hard work and unique talents are appreciated by the entire congregation. Thank you very much everybody.

Special thanks to Chandler H. Everett (Poppa Chan) for donating funds to pay for our new electric piano and speaker in the church. The new piano is easy to move around so we can use it for our outdoor services. Our older electric piano has a new home in the children's chapel which also allows the junior choir to practice there on Sunday mornings! Thank you, Poppa Chan!

We are always looking for new members to join the Adult Choir, Handchime choir, and Junior Choir. If you are at all interested, please contact me. In addition, if you play a musical instrument; we would love to have you join us!

FAITH DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Respectfully Submitted by Peggy Reda, Director of Sunday School

The year has brought some new families into our parish fold and we rejoice in the faces of the little ones. Occasionally, we have welcomed a few children into the Nursery, but irregular attendance has not yet merited resuming Church School classes. Hoping to encourage a more regular presence of families with children, we are trying a different approach.



In our planning meeting in July 2022, our idea was to reacquaint/introduce members of our congregation to the church calendar, to the seasons of the year and, of course, how the church seasons tell the story of life of Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, Covid left many of us in a state of isolation, detachment and out of the rhythm of church community. It is the face to face interaction that is most effective in sharing and developing faith, not only for the children, but also for adults.

Each month we try to offer some form of communication or an event that is open to the whole parish, but focused on families with children. Each is meant to bring us together, share a tradition of our Christian heritage and have fun in community. From Valentine to Easter cards to every child in our parish in 2022 we tried to reach out and let the children know that we have not forgotten them.



Starting with Rally Sunday in September (the beginning of our Church Year), we offered a schedule of events, registration forms, prizes and activities for the children. Sadly, there were two children in attendance. November 27 we had our first enthusiastic and successful event: an Advent Wreath Workshop that was well attended by about 20 parishioners. Most attendees created the wreath for the first time with instructions and assistance from Melanie and Peggy Reda. A booklet with an explanation of the Advent season, prayers and family



activities was distributed. The month of December brought 'Journey to Bethlehem: Origins of Christmas Symbols'. Craft stations were set up to create and decorate the Christmas star, wreath, candy canes and gifts. The workshop was well attended by several families who stayed well into the afternoon. There was an authentic joy in the air at these events! Let's get together more often! Let's live our Christian traditions together! Watch the monthly newsletter and weekly bulletins for coming events!

2022 STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Respectfully Submitted by Lucy Lytle

The *2023 Annual Giving Campaign Team* (Lucy Lytle, Debbie Cole, Rindy Collister, Laura Cotton, Becky Everett, Leslie Marting, Barb Pesuit, Kitty Thomas, Jan Tuttle, and Kathy Vilas) is grateful for the extraordinary generosity of the people of St. Christopher's. To date, the church has received 79 pledges for 2023 totaling \$185,485. That is more than \$20,000 above our goal! Nearly 70% of pledging households increased their pledges from the previous year.

The committee plans to celebrate with a carillon concert in early June. Everyone in the parish will be invited to sit on the lawn and enjoy cookies and lemonade as we listen to a 30-minute concert by Becky Everett. Since many villagers attended previous concerts during the height of the pandemic, we will extend an invitation to everyone in Gates Mills and neighboring communities to join us in the hope of recruiting some new parishioners in the process! More details to follow this spring.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S FUND REPORT
Respectfully Submitted by Kurt Liljedahl

Fund A:
 Market value on 12/31/2022: \$2,374,073.49
 Investment and Admin Fees in 2022: \$17,533.35
 Tax Preparation Fee: \$1,000

Fund B:
 Market value as of 12/31/2022: \$87,867.98
 Investment and Admin Fees in 2022: \$662.87
 Tax Preparation Fee: \$0

In accordance with the spending policy for the year 2022, the Fund *distributed a total of \$139,240.40* to St. Christopher by-the-River's operating funds. Distributions are made on a quarterly basis.

Total gifts to the fund in 2022 were \$5,000. We wish to recognize and thank our donors for their generous support. Their kindness will have a major impact on the financial security of St. Christopher by-the-River.

Those interested in including St. Christopher's Fund in their charitable contributions and/or estate plans should contact Charley Marston, Treasurer of St. Christopher Fund.

TREASURER'S REPORT
Respectfully Submitted by Mary Murray

St. Christophers recognized strong financial performance in 2022 based on the generosity of our parishioners, two of whom made special gifts for the year. As a result, Pledge and Plate receipts were up by over \$20 thousand from 2021. This brought total receipts to \$420 thousand which was slightly over budget. Although it appears that total receipts were less than 2021's receipts, please recall that 2021 includes \$42.8 thousand related to the forgiveness of our PPP loan. Net of that item, receipts increased by a healthy 9.8%. Lastly, the St. Christopher's Fund continues to support the Parish at a consistent level based on 5.25% of its trailing 12 quarter assets. Operating expenses were up very modestly from the previous year.

With 2022's positive performance, the Vestry has approved pay adjustments for our staff for 2023. While we are likely to show a small deficit for the current year, St. Christophers has not adjusted salaries over the last 5 years. Staff retention is an important goal. Other operating expenses have remained tightly controlled to the extent they can be although we do expect increases in utilities costs.

Our balance sheet remains very strong and liquid.

	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Budget
Pledges and Plate	\$ 238,123	\$ 248,276	\$ 218,581	\$ 233,059	\$ 256,988	\$ 240,000
St. Christopher's Fund	\$ 126,178	\$ 127,612	\$ 131,706	\$ 130,942	\$ 139,240	\$ 139,000
Other Income	\$ 18,261	\$ 22,735	\$ 19,217	\$ 61,374	\$ 23,956	\$ 31,500
Total Receipts	\$ 382,562	\$ 398,623	\$ 369,504	\$ 425,375	\$ 420,184	\$ 410,500
Outside Parish Expenses	\$ 53,337	\$ 54,319	\$ 54,559	\$ 53,581	\$ 54,884	\$ 57,690
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 266,528	\$ 266,665	\$ 272,231	\$ 265,816	\$ 270,073	\$ 279,184
Operating Expenses	\$ 72,436	\$ 76,165	\$ 77,932	\$ 71,377	\$ 77,132	\$ 82,340
Total Expenses	\$ 392,301	\$ 397,149	\$ 404,722	\$ 390,774	\$ 402,089	\$ 419,214
Surplus/Deficit	\$ (9,739)	\$ 1,474	\$ (35,218)	\$ 34,601	\$ 18,095	\$ (8,714)
Surplus/Deficit Excluding PPP Loan Forgiveness				\$ (8,199)		
Balance Sheet Highlights						
Cash and Liquid Invs	\$ 570,553	\$ 545,597	\$ 579,147	\$ 791,645	\$ 666,218	
Current Liabilities	\$ 97,524	\$ 60,761	\$ 119,513	\$ 109,417	\$ 67,489	
Capital and Organ Reserve	\$ 288,654	\$ 269,101	\$ 280,910	\$ 322,341	\$ 288,043	
All Other Reserves	\$ 69,785	\$ 51,492	\$ 34,732	\$ 131,044	\$ 129,121	
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 114,590	\$ 164,244	\$ 143,993	\$ 228,843	\$ 181,565	

ALTAR GUILD REPORT
Respectfully Submitted by Sue Marston

The Altar Guild membership is comprised of 12 women (listed below) who prepare the altar for every Sunday service and all weddings and funerals.

Prior to the Christmas and Easter services, we decorate the church with flowers donated by the church members. Palm crosses are provided for Palm Sunday.

The Altar Guild women are dedicated in their service to the church. We appreciate the time and talent they give.

Marcia Alpers '88	Teri Ianni '16
Sally Conley '09	Neal Lee '16
Laura Cotton '16	Sue Marston '91
Renee Kolecki '19	Carolyn Miscko '93
Lucy Lytle '20	Mary Murray '05
Leslie Marting '20	Courtney Schmidt '19



CO-DIRECTORESSES:	Marcia Alpers and Sue Marston
FLOWERS:	Carolyn Miscko,
WEDDINGS:	Sally Conley, Sue Marston, Lucy Lytle
LINENS:	Sally Conley

Emeritus Members: Jane Battles '95, Polly Bixler '95, Helen Cicirello '85

ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING
Respectfully Submitted by Becky Everett

The Daughters of the King is an order whose members undertake a Rule of Life which incorporates a Rule of Prayer and a Rule of Service. Each Daughter pledges herself to a life-long program of prayer, service and evangelism. We are also dedicated to the spread of Christ's Kingdom and the strengthening of the spiritual life of the parish.

We have four Daughters here at St. Christopher by the River. Becky Everett, Kathy Pender, Annette Lowe and Debbie Cole. We would welcome anyone who has an interest in becoming a Daughter. Please feel free to contact any one of us. We would be happy to answer any questions you might have and help you to determine if this group is the right one for you.

Please remember that there is a prayer box in the narthex where you can place any prayer(s) you wish. We promise to add those people/prayers to our daily prayer list, keeping the request totally confidential.

If you are looking to enhance your spiritual life and gain a devoted, caring sisterhood, please consider joining our order. The following is the Motto of the Order:

For His Sake...

I am but one, but I am one.

I cannot do everything, but I can do something.

What I can do, I ought to do.

What I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.

Lord, what will you have me do?

WORSHIP REPORT
Respectfully Submitted by Mother Ann Kidder

A special thank you to John Irwin for the recording, editing, and posting of weekly services online. We thank all the Parishioners who were involved in our Church Services in 2022.

LECTORS

Michelle Brockett	Tom Holmes
Victoria Connell	Teri Ianni
Mona DeBaz	John Irwin
Becky Everett	Neal Lee
Chandler Everett	Ron Lee
Chandler H. Everett	Annette Lowe
Judy Holmes	Lucy Lytle
Mary Holmes	

Charley Marston
Dixon Morgan
Kathy Pender
Sandra Redmond
Fran Sarkisian
Kitty Thomas
Brian Wright

USHERS

Rik Bole
Becky Everett
Chandler Everett
Kurt Liljedahl
Neal Lee
Ron Lee
Bruce Mavec
Dixon Morgan
Peter Thatcher
Brian Wright

The following ministries require training by the Rector, or diocesan approved trainer, and a license from the Bishop of Ohio to serve for three-year terms. Those licensed serve at the direction, and under the supervision of, the Rector.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Eucharistic Ministers are licensed to serve the Chalice at Communion during services of public worship.

Becky Everett	John Irwin	Fran Meyers	Kitty Thomas
Chandler Everett	Eric Jayne	Dixon Morgan	
Dale Gnant	Charley Marston	Melanie Reda	

EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS

Eucharistic Visitors are licensed to administer Communion, with previously consecrated bread and wine, to baptized members of the parish who are unable to attend public worship. Mother Ann provided all home communions during 2022 due to the continuing presence of Covid in our community.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Worship Leaders are licensed to officiate at non-Eucharistic public worship services, in the parish and at outside institutions. Serving as worship leaders in 2022 were:

John Irwin	Charley Marston	Becky Everett
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HOSTESS REPORT

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Zup

Thank you to those who provided their time and savories & sweets for coffee hour:

Elise Bennett	Judy Holmes	Jean LaRiche	Mary Murray
Laura Cotton	Mary Holmes	Neal Lee	Sandra Redmond
Charlene Currutt	Nancy Irwin	Lucy Lytle	Courtney Schmidt
Becky Everett		Sue Marston	

WOMEN'S GUILD REPORT

Respectfully Submitted by Sue Marston, Guild President

Better times are here for the Women's Guild after 3 years of pandemic. We held a successful fall Bargain box on September 30. The many outreach disbursements are listed in the Treasurer's report below. A portion of these earnings are used to maintain the Guild Room and to fund Guild activities.

We had a wonderful fall program from Sweet Designs on wine and chocolate organized by Melanie Reda. We closed out the year with a Christmas lunch.

After many years of outstanding leadership, Carolyn Misco turned over the chairmanship of Bargain Box to Melanie Reda – a new Guild Board Member.

The St. Luke's Christmas Backpack project was organized by the Guild this year. Forty Eight backpacks, provided by Randy and Debbie Cole, were filled by parishioners for men, women, and children.

As always, we encourage more women at St. Christopher's to join us on the Guild Board as we plan our numerous projects. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet parishioners and carry out our mission.



WOMEN'S GUILD TREASURER'S REPORT Respectfully Submitted by Elise Bennett, Guild Treasurer ST. CHRISTOPHER'S GUILD 2022 INCOME & DISBURSEMENTS

	<u>2022 INCOME</u>
<u>INCOME SOURCE</u>	
BARGAIN BOX INCOME	15,110.76
CALENDAR SALES	346.00
STATIONERY SALES	130.00
BANK INTEREST	0.87
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INCOME	\$ 15,587.63
 <u>INREACH 2022 EXPENSES/DISBURSEMENTS</u>	
Guild Inreach Programs	50.00
Guild Room Repairs---Painting etc	180.58
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INREACH EXPENSES/DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 230.58
 <u>OUTREACH 2022 EXPENSES/ DISBURSEMENTS</u>	
Bargain Box	1,227.48
Cleveland Food Bank	2,000.00
Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem	250.00
St. Luke's Epsicopal Church -formerly Episc. Westside Ministry	3,000.00
Gathering Place	500.00
Hospice	500.00
Meals on Wheels (Hillcrest & Chagrin)	250.00
National Cathedral	200.00
New Directions	500.00
Family Promise (Formerly:New Life Community)	500.00
WomenSafe	500.00
City Mission	1,500.00
Lutheran Ministry	2,500.00
YWCA/Norma Herr Women's Center	200.00
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OUTREACH EXPENSES/DISBURSEM	\$ 13,627.48

STEPHEN MINISTRY REPORT
Respectfully Submitted by Kathy Pender

“Come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest “
Matthew 11:28

The Stephen Ministry has continued to provide their Christian care to people in St. Christopher’s parish. The Stephen Ministers meet bi -monthly for supervision and continuing education to keep their skills current.

The Covid pandemic had made it more difficult to have contact with parishioners since much of this is now done by phone or remotely. We are aware that the Pandemic had generally made it more difficult for people because of the isolation and difficulty of getting out and not having much social contact. Many of these “care receivers” are already experiencing loneliness, illness, and loss whether it be as a result of death, loss of job, a move or other reasons. We are also aware that there have been many deaths in our parish this past year, which has had a profound effect on many of us in our Parish.

Stephen Ministers have provided many hours of emotional and spiritual care to members of our parish. These relationships are strictly confidential; names are not used or revealed at our Stephen Ministry meetings. We meet with Mother Ann on a regular basis to update her on what the Stephen Ministry and our program is accomplishing throughout the year.

I am so grateful to these dedicated Stephen Ministers who have shown so much compassion and care and spent many hours in this ministry over the past years. Their service is surely following the message of our Lord and our Savior Jesus Christ. If you would like more information about our care, please call me or the church office.

GRIEF GROUP
Respectfully Submitted by Kathy Pender

The Grief Support Group has continued to meet on Tuesday evenings as scheduled on Zoom from 6:60-8:00 pm. This group is open to members of St. Christopher’s Church as well as members of the community.

Even though Covid has caused continued stress and isolation for many, the ability to have a support Group using Zoom, has allowed an opportunity for people to have support at a difficult time in their lives as well as permitting people to join who live at a distance. This has also been a good way to introduce people to St. Christopher’s Church to show them a service offered to the community.

The group of men and women offers companionship and understanding from one another as they share their painful journey of grieving. Educational materials are offered to help the group understand some of the emotions and behaviors that they are experiencing. Sharing their own experiences with others helps them in the healing process.

People are assured that their information that is shared in the group discussion will remain confidential, “ What is said here , stays here “ This remains to be our rule and motto for the group .

It has been my privilege to be the facilitator of this group of people who have the courage to share their stories and feelings that are painful.

The dates and times are posted in the church newsletter. Everyone is always welcome.

2022 NEMAC Annual Report
Respectfully Submitted by Linda Webb, NEMAC Secretary

Purpose. The primary goal of NEMAC — Northeast Council Mission Area Congregations — is to receive, review, vote upon and award small funding grants based on requests from our geographic mission area parish members. Ideally, requests are made collaboratively by two or more of our member parishes.

NEMAC Member Parishes. *Christ Church, Geneva; Epiphany, Euclid; Grace, Willoughby; Good Shepherd, Lyndhurst; St. Andrew, Mentor; St. Bart, Mayfield Village; St. Christopher, Gates Mills; St. Hubert, Kirtland Hills; St. James, Painesville; St. Luke, Chardon; St. Martin, Chagrin Falls, St. Peter, Ashtabula.*

Meetings and Attendance. NEMAC meetings were again hosted in 2022 by Mother Rose Anne Lonsway at Grace — and also through Zoom. Thank you, Mother Rose Anne! Average attendance at each meeting was 15 priests and lay reps.

2022 Attendance Per Meeting				
January	April	July	October	Average
15	16	10	17	15

Leadership Roles

Chair and Co-chair. Father Chris McCann and Peter Batcheller served in these roles, respectively.

Treasurer. Father Peter Nielsen continued serving as treasurer in 2022.

Diocesan Council Rep. At the October 20, 2022 meeting, Father Peter Nielsen was elected as Diocesan Council rep, succeeding the concluding term of Mother Lisa O’Rear.

Secretary. Linda Webb continued as secretary in 2022.

We thank all these NEMAC members for their leadership roles.

Grants

Three mission grant requests were approved for funding during 2022.

<i>Parish Requestors</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Description</i>
Epiphany/St. Andrew	Guns to Gardens Buyback	\$2,000.00	Receive donated guns, disassemble them, and use forging to melt the metal down to create useful items.
St. Andrew/Epiphany	Guns to Gardens Buyback	\$1,000.00	Receive donated guns, disassemble them, and use forging to melt the metal down to create useful items. Note: All NEMAC funds used in the purchase of unused gift cards will be retained for future programs due to the existence of those funds in the form of cards.
Christ Church/St. Peter	Christmas Meals Program Gift Bags	\$400.00	Small gift bags reflecting the blessings of the season, and small treats. These will be given to meal recipients during the event on 12/23/22.

Please note: We received a grant request from LAE [Los Amigos Episcopales] after the October 2022 fourth quarter meeting. This request has been placed on our January 2023 meeting agenda for discussion.

January 2023 Meeting. The first quarterly NEMAC meeting will be held on Monday, January 23.

A Zoom link will be sent.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda P. Webb

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OUTREACH AT LUTHERAN METROPOLITAN MINISTRY
Respectfully Submitted by Deacon Lydia Bailey

Notes for annual report from the Housing & Shelter branch of Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry (LMM)

- Parishioners took part in the grand opening of LMM's 3rd affordable home for families transitioning out of homelessness. This is a Cleveland Browns-sponsored house on Bonna Avenue in Cleveland.
- Large scale coat and winterwear donation drive, Advent, 2022
- \$2,500 donated to LMM from Bargain Box proceeds.
- Quotes gathered for fabulous Day by Day calendars from the parish and from shelter residents; beautifully transcribed and assembled; all proceeds going toward bus passes for shelter residents.
- St. Christopher's teamed with St. Paul's Episcopal on monthly basis to provide and/or serve lunch at the shelter; a large production of casseroles & homemade cookies almost always in the works.
- Full Holiday dinner provided and served by St. Christopher's and St. Paul's on one of the darkest nights of the year.



The good cheer and support you have provided for LMM and the Men's shelter cannot be quantified. I've so appreciated serving with St. Christopher's in 2022 and into 2023.

THANK YOU to all those who donated in any way to St. Christopher's in 2022:

AA	Cole, Mr. Randall (Randy) & Ms. Deborah S.(Debbie)
Alatis, M. Stacey	Collister, Mr. Daniel (Dan) & Mrs. Lorinda (Rindy)
Allgood, Mrs. Joan	Conley, Ms. Sally K.
Alpers, Ms. Marcia	Costello, Ms. Cindy
Amefia, Mr. Djifa & Mrs. Annemarie	Cotton, Miss Laura
Anderson, Rev. Mary Sterrett	Currutt, Mr. Brian & Mrs. Kate
Armstrong, Mr. Randall (Randy) & Mrs. Caroline	Currutt, Mr. Dennis & Mrs. Charlene
Bailey, The Rev. Deacon Lydia & Mr. Thomas	Dautel, Rev. Terry
Barnes, Mr. William, IV (Will) & Mrs. Anne	Davis, Ms. Barbara Ann
Barratt, Ms. Kim	DeBaz, Dr. Baz & Mrs. Mona
Bates, Mr. William S. (Stuart)	DeCapite, Ms. Beth
Battles, Mr. Ramon & Mrs. Jane E.	Della Ratta, Mr. Ralph M. Jr. & Mrs. Rosalie
Bauschard, Laura	Dickenson, Mr. David, II & Mrs. Frances
Bennett, Mr. Lawrence (Larry) & Mrs. Elise C.	Dolch, Mr. Douglas
Berlin, Ms. Betsy	Eakin, Mr. Jeffery (Jeff) & Mrs. Judy
Bixler, Mr, Charles F., IV (Chuck) & Mrs. Donna	Everett, Mr. Morris (Morrie) & Mrs. Diana
Bixler, Mrs. Virginia	Everett, Mr. Chandler H. & Mrs. Marsha
Blossom, Mr. C. Perry & Mrs. Pamela (Pam)	Everett, Mr. Chandler P. & Mrs. Rebecca (Becky)
Bole, Mr. Richard (Rik) & Mrs. Mary Wick (Mary)	The Figgie Foundation
Boswell, Mr. Louis (Lou) & Mrs. Helga	Fisher, Ms. Marilyn
Brachna, Mr. Gabor (Gabe)	Floyd, Mr. Hugh & Mrs. Rachel
Brockett, Mr. Gary & Mrs. Michelle	Foltz, Miss Suzanne E.
Broome, Mr. J. Scott & Mrs. Karee L. Weikel-Broome	Frith, Ms. Sarita
Butler, Mr. J. C. & Mrs. Helen Rankin	Gallop, Ms. Susan
Champ, Mr. William (Bill)	Gandt, Mr. Dale
Cicirello, Mr. Salvatore (Sal) & Mrs. Helen	Gray, Mr. Brandon D. & Ms. Jennifer Fullum

Hargrave, Miss Janet T. (Estate)
Hauserman, Mr. David (Dave) & Mrs. Darlene
Hellman, Mr. Peter & Mrs. Alyson (Sunny)
Hiltebrant, Ms. Molly & Mr. Stephen
Hoeflinger, Mr. Patrick & Mrs. Margot
Holmes, Mr. Peter & Mrs. Judy
Holmes, Mr. Thomas (Tom) & Mrs. Mary
Horner, Mr. Douglas & Mrs. Mary
Horner, Mr. Douglas & Mrs. Carly
Hoyt, Mr. Douglas & Dr. Callum (Cally)
Humphrey, Mrs. Marguerite (Bonnie)
Ianni, Ms. Teri
Ilkanic, Ms. Ellen
Irwin, Dr. John & Mrs. Nancy C.
Jones, Mr. Clarke & Mrs. Whitney
Kidder, The Rev. Ann & Mr. Theodore G. (Ted)
Klingensmith, Michael (Mike) & Dr. Gretchen Fisher
Kolecki, Ms. Renee
Kramer, Dr. John & Mrs. Christine (Chris)
Lafave, Mr. Charles & Ms. Victoria Mills
LaRiche, Ms. Jean
Lee, Mr. Ron & Mrs. Cornelia
Liljedahl, Mr. Kurt & Mrs. Mary Anne
Lincoln, Mr. G. Russel (Russ) & Mrs. Connie
Lindseth, Mr. Jon & Ms. Ginny
Lomas, Mrs. Hope S.
Long, Dr. Bruce
Loth, Mrs. Gladys
Lowe, Ms. Annette
Lytle, Ms. Lucy
Malm, Mrs. Tillie
Marston, Mr. Charles S. (Charley) & Mrs. Susan C.
Marting, Mr. Michael & Mrs. Leslie
Matthews, Mr. Thomas (Tom) & Mrs. Paulette
Mavec, Mr. Bruce & Mrs. Ellen
McCoy, Mr. William (Bill)
McElliott, Mrs. Yuri S. & Mr. John
McMillion, Mr. Sean M. & Mrs. Lindsey A.
McMullen, Mr. Daniel J. & Mrs. Irene H.
Meyers, Mr. Edward (Ed) & Mrs. Frances (Fran)
Miller, Mrs. Barbara W. (Barb)
Miller, Ms. Elizabeth D. (Beth) & Mr. James (Jim)
Miscsko, Mr. Ronald (Ron) & Mrs. Carolyn E.
Mitchell, Mr. James A. & Mrs. Kathi J.
Mitchell, Mr. John & Mrs. Ann
Mlakar, Mr. John (Kyle) & Ms. Alexandra Knerly
Morgan, Mr. Dixon, Jr. & Mrs. Claire
Morris, Mr. Warren & Mrs. Elizabeth (Betsi)
Moseley, Mrs. Jean
Murphy, Mr. Brian & Mrs. Cynthia P. (Cindy)
Murray, Mr. Lawrence (Larry) & Mrs. Mary G.
Negrelli, Mr. Donald (Don) & Mrs. Virginia (Gini)
Novello, Ms. Nancy
Osolin, Mr. Andrew & Mrs. Keri A.
Pender, Mr. James (Jim) & Mrs. Katherine (Kathy)
Pesuit, Mr. Craig & Mrs. Barb
Pistell, Mr. Timothy (Tim) & Mrs. Linda (Lynn)
Pucell, Mr. Anthony (Tony) & Ms. Christina (Chris)
Radis, Mr. Richard & Mrs. Hayley
Ramsey, Mr. Fred, II (Ted) & Mrs. Jean
Rankin, Mr. Alfred M. (Jr.) & Mrs. Victoire G.
Reda, Ms. Peggy A.
Redmond, Ms. Sandra (Sandy)
Reynolds, Mr. A. William (Bill) & Mrs. Joanne (Jo)
Richards, Mr. George & Mrs. Pamela
Richmond, Mr. Lawrence
Sarkisian, Mrs. Francine (Fran)
Sarkisian, Mr. Stuart
Scaminace, Mr. Joseph & Mrs. Cindy Maglosky
Schmidt, Mr. Daniel & Mrs. Courtney
Spring, Mr. Bill & Mrs. Luci (Schey)
Stafford, Mr. Jim
Storer, Mrs. Dolores (Dede)
Thatcher, Mr. Peter B.
The Veale Foundation
Thomas, Mr. Bruce & Mrs. Katherine W. (Kitty)
Thorpe, Mrs. Susan (Susie)
Todd-Lorenz, Mr. Allan & Ms. Loni
Tone, Mrs. Elizabeth (Betty)
Tuttle, Ms. Jan
Vail, Mr. Thomas V. H. Sr. (Tom) & Mrs. Iris
Van Hoek, Mr. Cornelius J. (CJ) & Mrs. Bradley T.
Vary, Mr. Michael & Ms. Jaelyn
VanCuren, Mr. Dave
Vazzana, Mr. Matt & Mrs. Jamie
Ventimiglia, Ms. Linda
Vilas, Ms. Kathleen L. (Kathy)
Warren, Mr. Russell (Russ) & Mrs. Doris (Dori)
Webb, Ms. Linda
Weitzel Family Foundation
Weitzel, Mrs. Jeanette (Jean)
Welsh, Mr. Jolyon & Mrs. Joyce Z.
West, Mr. John & Mrs. Gail
Wolf, Mr. David & Mrs. Alison
Wright, Mr. Brian J.
Zimmerman, Mrs. Lydia