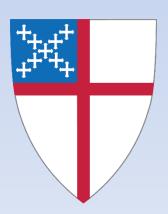
# Annual Meeting St. James' Episcopal Church

knowing and serving God by serving others



April 3, 2022 via Zoom at 2PM



# **Agenda**

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Vestry and Delegate Introductions
- IV. Elections/Appointments
- V. Servants of St. James'
- VI. State of the Parish Reports
- VII. Questions/Comments
- VIII. Rector's Summary
- IX. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

#### **Introductions**

Vestry Members
Diocesan Delegates
Deanery Representatives

#### **Thank You & Celebration of Service**

**Retiring Vestry Member:** 



**Patty Earhart** 

### Servants of St. James'

Class of 2022



**Ron Davis** 



**Patty Earhart** 



Marilyn Hastings



**Bob Lang** 





# Servant of St. James'

This certificate is awarded to

#### **RON DAVIS**

in recognition of valuable contributions to St. James' Episcopal Church.

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Signature Date



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# Gervant of St. James'

This certificate is awarded to

#### PATTY EARHART

in recognition of valuable contributions to St. James' Episcopal Church.

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Fr. Mike Sower & 3/8/22
Date







# Gervant of St. James'

This certificate is awarded to

#### **MARILYN HASTINGS**

in recognition of valuable contributions to St. James' Episcopal Church.

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#### **BOB LANG**

in recognition of valuable contributions to St. James' Episcopal Church.

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# Elections/Appointments

**Vestry** 

**Delegates to Convention** 

**Deanery Representatives** 

### **Vestry Nominations**



Barbara Bateman

Barbara has been a member of St. James' since the age of 6 and was confirmed and married to husband, Bob here. During her adult years she has been involved, at one time or another, in most activities surrounding the life of the parish...church school coordinator, altar guild, fund raising projects, etc. Barbara has served on Vestry and as Rector's Warden for both former rector, Rev. Bud Holland, and for Fr. Mike. Currently Barbara is part of the St. James' History Committee and the Outreach House Advisory Board. Retirement allows her time for reading and gardening two of her favorite leisure activities.

### **Vestry Nominations**



**Francois Springuel** 

Francois and his wife, Betsy, joined St. James in 2008 after they moved to Trappe. They have two sons, Logan (9) and Josh (7). He currently runs the St. James Community Garden, has been a member of buildings and grounds, and has taught J2A, middle and high school church school. In his spare time, he enjoys all sorts of outdoor activities such as; swimming, hiking, gardening, running, and kayaking.

# Elections/Appointments

Vestry

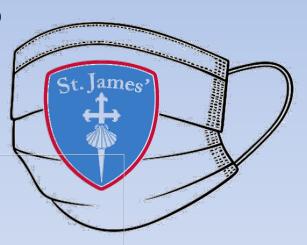
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# State of the Parish Report



Members
Giving
Service



**Covid-19 Response** 

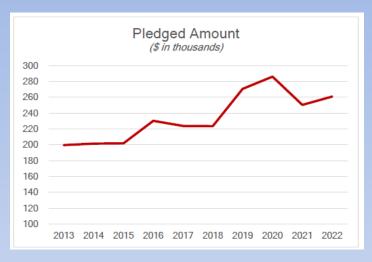


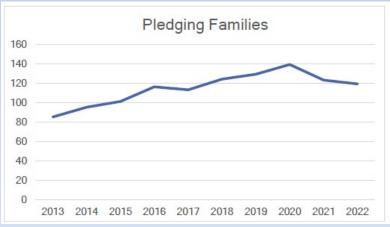
# Membership

2021	members:	644	ASA:	179
2020	members:	614	ASA:	206*
2019	members:	597	ASA:	179
2018	members:	558	ASA:	175
2017	members:	526	ASA:	175
2016	members:	502	ASA:	168

<sup>\*</sup> ASA for 2020 was from 1/1/2020 to 3/15/2020 only – no summer data

# **Individual Giving**





Year	Units	Amount (\$)
2013	85	199,746
2014	95	201,593
2015	101	201,905
2016	116	230,267
2017	113	223,934
2018	124	223,752
2019	129	270,725
2020	139	286,182
2021	123	250,470
2022^	119	261,054

^2022 figures as of 3/28/2022

"Vanco, our electronic payment provider, is available to anyone who wishes to donate electronically. It is quick, easy, and safe."

# **Parish/Vestry Budgeted Giving**

As you are asked to pledge and work toward a tithe so too the Vestry budget reflects a tithe and beyond in giving.

**Total receipts:** \$523,216 = 22% giving

Dollars to Diocese: \$22,941

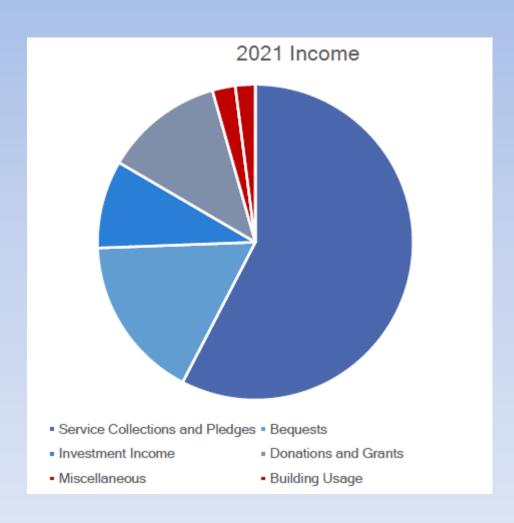
Dollars to Outreach: \$90,083

Dollars to Rectors Discretionary \$3,600

Total Outreach \$116,624

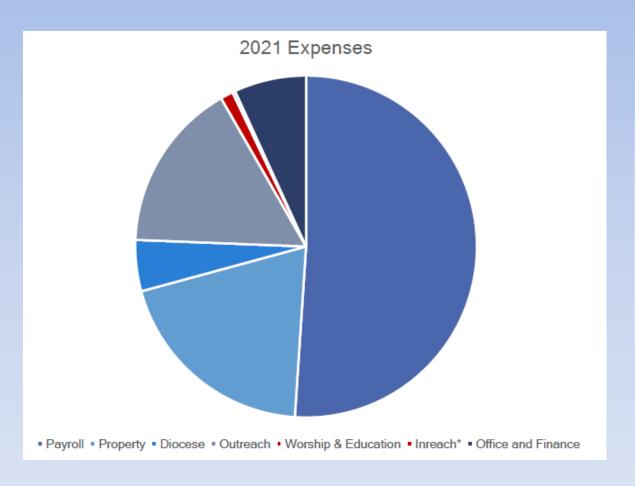
Outreach dollars include maintenance of Outreach House, donated food and clothing and all other outreach

# **Total Receipts**



2021 Income						
Service Collections and Pledges	301,518					
Bequests	87,816					
Investment Income	47,123					
Donations and Grants	63,757					
Miscellaneous	12,332					
Building Usage	10,670					
Total:	523,216					

# **Total Expenses**



2021 Expenses							
Payroll	281,337						
Property	108,710						
Diocese	26,681						
Outreach	88,664						
Worship & Education	6,613						
Inreach	1,421						
Office and Finance	37,649						
Total	551,075						

#### **Annual Audit**

 The 2020 Annual Audit was completed.

The 2021 Annual Audit is ongoing.



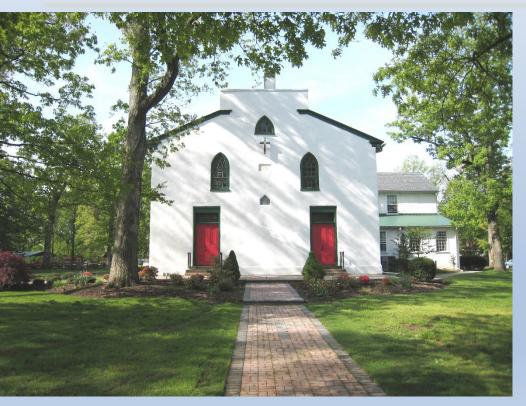
# **Total Assets Status**



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Current Assets</b>	67,810	557,189	739,330	833,132	192,210	202,425	215,730
Other Assets	634,264	528,543	604,845	680,000	471,367	499,055	475,360
Total Assets	702,074	1,085,732	1,344,176	1,513,133	663,577	701,480	691,090

# The Importance of Trusts

- Over the last 10 years, St. James' has been blessed with trusts that have allowed us to complete over one million dollars worth of infrastructure changes.
- Leaving a gift to the church creates a major impact. If interested in learning more, please contact our Treasurer, Phil Tatem at philip.tatem@gmail.com



Estate	Year	Distribution		
Mary Cronmiller	2011	\$25,000		
Dorothy Eschuk	2012	\$5,000		
Mary Fields	2013	\$25,000		
Kathryn Hansberry	2014	\$63,830		
William & Muriel Elliott	2016	\$10,000		
William Hammonds	2017	\$5,000		
Deborah Marsetller	2017	\$753,203		
Isabelle Pettit Seamann	2017	\$187,900		
Grace Faber	2019	\$5,785		
Georgette Griffith	2019	\$5,000		
Robert & Ada Doris Hofsas	2019	\$59,247		
Alatha Sherrod	2021	\$84,816		
Alatha Sherrod	2022	\$240,000*		
TOTAL:		\$1,469,780		
		* Anticipated		

# How We Serve - Community

#### **Provide Hospitality to Community Groups:**

Cub Scouts/Scouts/Girl
Scouts AA Veterans in Recovery

#### **Provided services through our Outreach House:**

- Over 1000 Volunteer hours per month to assist clients, stock shelves and pack grocery bags for socially distant pick up.
- Served anyone in need with Food and Clothing within the Collegeville/Trappe/Lower Providence Township area

#### Offer plots in our Community Garden

#### Assist with our Covid-19 Relief Fund:

 Help community members during the pandemic through grants and the Rector's Discretionary Fund.





#### **How We Serve - Parish**

#### Enhance our worship

Altar Guild - Worship Leaders - Acolytes - Ushers - Music - Compline With Deacon Lou - Theology on Tap -Christ and Coffee





Compline

#### Support our programs and each other

Vestry - Church School - Youth Activities - ECW - Coffee Hour -Good Book Club - Facebook Happenings - Webpage - YouTube

Increased presence online to stay connected with services available on our YouTube Channel!









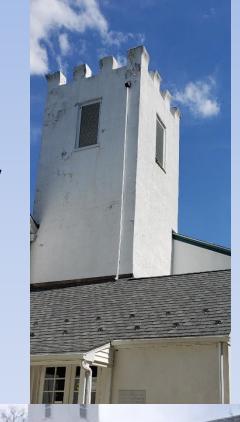
# **Committee Reports**

# **Buildings and Grounds**

- New Landscaping and Snow Removal company selected—Greene Scene.
- Gleb House maintenance and repairs on the heater and chimney
- Outreach House Sidewalk project was completed in June 2021
- Electrical Panel replacement in upstairs of church
- Extensive Tree work was done on the church property, Gleb House and cemetery
- Updated Signage was purchased for the Outreach House and Playground
- History Center the old oil tank was removed since the heating system was switched to natural gas a few years ago
- Parking Lot Lighting Issues this was corrected by adjusting the timers and updating the lights to LED
- Parapet needed repairs due to age and water penetration

#### **Upcoming Projects over next several year:**

- Master plan for landscaping work
- Parking lot



# Communications & Parish Operations Director: Lisa Reinhardt

- The first half of 2021 St. James' remained virtual
- June 6, 2021, we fully re-opened again. Yard signs, Facebook, our website and *Happenings* announced the good news.
- Preparations included set-up of Platts Hall, pews restocked with cards, Usher area with instructions and supplies was created and All the yellow tape has been removed from walkways and the sanctuary.
- Our "Welcome Back Weekend" offered a picnic on Sunday immediately following the 10am service and was well attended.
- The Ministry Fair highlighted how important getting involved can be. It was a fantastic kick-off to our Stewardship campaign.
- Baptisms were in high demand throughout the entire fall. We had 7 Baptisms in 2021!
- We also had an amazing visit from the Bishop for Confirmation/Reception. In total there were 18 Confirmations and 4 Receptions.



# Parish Life & Member Ministry

Although many wonderful activities and events continued to be ensured the phone tree outreach to our Parishioners continued in 2021.

Member Ministry was able to hold a Newcomers breakfast during 2021 and continued to proactively welcome new households.

Both Parish Life and Member Ministries are looking forward to being able to serve our Parish community again very soon with annual favorites and fellowship!















### **Education Program**

#### **Director of Christian Education - Lauren Exley**

#### **Church School**

- **Currently 30 registered students** Pre-K 12<sup>th</sup> Grade. It is important to register to make sure you are receiving all church school specific information and updates. In addition to providing an accurate head count for class preparation, church school registration is important for the annual parochial report.
- **Spring 2021** The year began with at-home learning with resource bags and virtual offerings
- Fall 2021 In-person learning began October 10th, and we had a full unit from Oct 10 Dec 12.
- **Amazing volunteer teachers** Teachers engaged with students both online and in person throughout 2021. Without our dedicated teachers, we would not have our fantastic church school program!
- **Church School curriculum 3-year rotation** The 2021-2022 year is Chalice Year, which highlights Eucharist. Younger students learn the basic terminology while older students delve into the theology behind Eucharist and the importance of making it a regular part spiritual life.
- **Fellowship events** a mix of virtual and in-person events. Highlights included "At-Home Lent Boxes", the car wash fundraiser, and Trunk or Treat.

#### **Adult Education**

#### The Rev. Dr. Mike Sowards and The Rev Dn. Lou Steffenhagen

Two offerings weekly: Wednesday evening "Theology on Tap" via zoom

Thursday morning "Christ and Coffee" via zoom





# **Music Programs**

**Director of Music - Lauren Exley** 

#### **Adult Choir**

- The Adult Choir went above and beyond! The choir remained dedicated through many different Covid policies. Thank you for continuing to provide quality music for worship!
- Interested in joining? Rehearsals are Thursday nights from 7:30 9pm. All 9th grade Adult are welcome.
- **New choir robes** process began in late 2021 to replace the worn-out blue robes. New robes should debut on Easter!

#### **Junior Choir**

Returned for Christmas Eve 2021 - Our return to singing came just in time for Christmas Eve!
 We had a lot of fun during rehearsals and singing our Christmas anthem!

#### **All Parish Choir**

Returned Fall 2021 - The one rehearsal/one performance format is great for people who
want to sing, but don't have the experience or can't commit to regular choir rehearsals. All
ages are invited to sing!

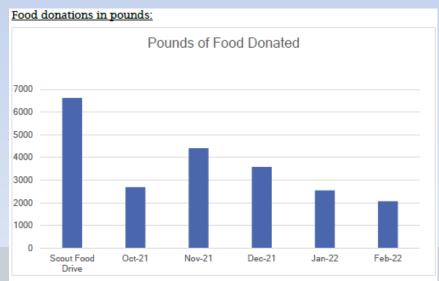
#### **Christmas Pageant**

• **2021 Christmas Pageant** – "The First Christmas" was held December 19th. It awesome to gather for rehearsals and performance again! Thank you to all who were involved!

Our Outreach House continued to open its doors to the community during an unprecedented pandemic with the help of community donations and countless volunteer hours!

- Staff remained fluid throughout pandemic: changing from inperson shopping to email orders prepared ahead of time
- Averaged 85to 100 families per month
- Peaked at 150 clients per week
- Monetary donations increased throughout pandemic







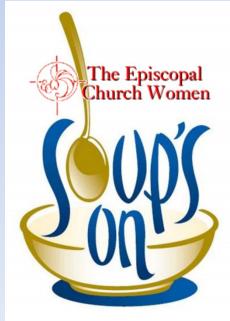
# More Outreach Services

- Backpacks and school supplies provided in August
- Turkeys given out for Thanksgiving
- **Mitten Tree** at Christmas
- Covid-19 Relief Fund assist with community needs due to the pandemic









# The Floor Has It

Questions/Comments Feedback



# Rector's Summary



God is not calling us
to go to church;
He is calling us to
be his church,
the hope of the world



