

annual meeting of christ church  
episcopal

JANUARY 30, 2022

## Christ Church Episcopal Annual Meeting 2021

*\*This meeting was held in person while respecting social distancing and masks, as well as being offered virtually.*

Opening Prayer: Rev. Mikayla Dunfee

Opening Remarks/Agenda Review: Julie Crandell (Sr. Warden)

Approval of previous years minutes: Read by Barb Myers  
Don A moves to accept. Hillary W seconds the motion. Minutes accepted unanimously.

Budget: Sam D not present but financial report provided before meeting to all members as well as available at meeting. We are ending the year with a \$27,000 surplus. There was a \$20,000 donation and we received an \$11,000 from the paycheck protection program. We are also not currently paying a priest's salary package.

Peggy S moves to accept this report. MB seconds the motion. Financial report accepted unanimously.

Search Committee: Pat S (This report was accidentally omitted from the annual reports that were distributed.)

The committee is meeting about every 3 weeks with Father Bradley. The best estimation before we can advertise for a priest is probably 6 months. The reason the process is taking so long is because there are specific rules and steps from the Diocese we must follow.

(Search committee cont.) We must have an advisor which has been canon Roberts, but Father Bradley have been helping as well. We also need more responses from our congregation on just what we are looking for in our priest.

First the search committee needs to learn the "how" of the process, then the "What kind of person" portion starts.

Sr. Warden Report by Julie C: This year has been rough on everyone. Thank you to the many, MANY helping hands that are keeping things running. We will get through this together.

Jr. Warden by Peg S: The church insurance is paying for ALL of the elevator repair! A \$24,000 check has been received! Praise God! It will take about 6 weeks to install the new hydraulic lift.

Foundation Report by John B: CCE was enormously blessed by a \$60,000 donation. The stock market did well so the foundation did well too. The foundation gave between \$13-\$14,000 to CCE. The foundation plans to keep the donations the same for the next six months and then they will increase how much they give to about \$18,000 when we hire a priest.

Youth Group & Godly Play by Janelle W: Youth group is doing well and growing. We added some high schoolers to our group this year which we are very thankful for. We have continued to meet while masking and social distancing.

Godly Play has been using Sharyn & Davids book for curriculum. We have been meeting in the basement while also offering the class virtually. We are thankful to all our teachers. We are also looking for a new teaching team as John B will continue to help with the tech/virtual piece of church for the near future.

Bible Study by Barb Meyers: The study meets at 10 am on Friday mornings. It is offered in person and via zoom. All are welcome.

Haiti Update: The school continues to plug away despite many obstacles. For those that would like to financially support the students and their efforts, we will collect donations all year and send the donations in September each year. It costs about \$4,000 to send 82 students for the year.

Supply Priests: We have been so blessed by our rotating supply priests. They have agreed to take us through the Easter season. Thank you, Father Bradley, Father Bill and Rev. Mikayla.

Convention Delegates: We went from 4 to 2 delegates last year. Now we are back to 4. However due to COVID we are only allowed 2 again for this year. This convention may be in Billings or it may be offered virtually. If you're interested, please let the vestry know.

Vestry: The vestry made the decision to freeze vestry this year as we continue through the search process. However, we did have one member who needed to step down. Both Nancy Faure and David Reese offered to fill this one-year term. Congregation voted and Nancy Faure is the new vestry member.

No comments or questions from congregation

Next Annual Meeting will be Sunday January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022



**Christ Church Episcopal**  
**Treasurer's Annual Report**  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2021*

This report discusses CCE's financial performance for the year ended December 31, 2021. It includes two financial statements designed to provide an objective and easily readable analysis of CCE's financial performance for the year. Together these financial statements present the "big picture" of CCE's financial status and results of operations. Please read it in conjunction with all of the other reports contained in the Annual Report.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all of CCE's assets (resources) and liabilities (debts), with differences between the two reported as *net position* (equity or worth). The Statement of Activities presents information for revenues, expenses, and the resulting change in net position for the year. Both statements report *net position* and how it has changed. Net position is the difference between CCE's assets and liabilities and is one way to measure CCE's financial health or *position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of CCE is improving or deteriorating. To assess CCE's overall health, one needs to consider non-financial factors such as membership trends, vibrancy of the youth programs, outreach endeavors, and condition of the Church buildings and facilities. To this end I reiterate that this report is to be read in combination with all of the other ministry reports.

A fund is a grouping of related accounts used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. CCE maintains two types of funds. The Operating Fund (General Fund) is used to account for all of the normal operations of the CCE community. The Restricted Funds are used to account for non-operating activities such as the Red Door Pantry and Campus Ministry funds. Generally, the non-operating Funds are designated as restricted by contributors who stipulate that their contributions are to be used for specific purposes. The Vestry may also designate a portion of resources from the Operating Fund to be restricted for a specific purpose, such as a reserve account to pay for major building repairs and improvements.

The Operating Fund's net position increased by \$62,276 in 2021. This increase was offset by a decrease in the net position of the restricted funds of \$1,415 for the year. The decrease in restricted funds was largely due to decreases in the Building Reserve \$1,190, and Youth \$539. The overall net position of CCE increased \$60,861 to \$150,585 during 2021.

The Statement of Activities shows total revenues for the year of \$168,171, with \$138,864 (83%) in the Operating Fund and \$29,307 in restricted funds. Total revenue for 2021 was up \$34,174 from the previous year. Total expenses for the year increased by \$1,047 to \$107,311 with \$77,188 (72%) incurred in the Operating Fund and \$30,123 (28%) incurred in the restricted funds. In total CCE ended the year with a \$60,861 surplus, which accounted for the increase in net position.

Operating revenues increased by \$14,840. Pledge and Plate revenue increased by \$27,585 (29%) and Other income decreased by \$12,745 mostly the result of the one-time Small Business Administration payment in 2020 for the COVID-19 payroll protection program.

There was also a \$17,781 net decrease in operating expenses for 2021, largely due to a decrease in the Priest package expenses of \$27,200 and an increase in General operating expenses of \$3,043 Wages & salaries expenses of \$4,942. The Statement of Activities also shows that CCE passed \$30,123 through its restricted funds, including \$26,090 to the Building and \$3,446 to Pass Through accounts.

Finally, this report presents the 2022 operating budget adopted by CCE's Vestry. Budgeted revenues for 2022 have been set at \$140,500, and increase of \$32,600 over the prior year. Budgeted expenses for 2022 have been set at \$114,983, a increase of \$8,327 over the prior year. The increase in budgeted expenses is mainly the result of an increase in the Wages for the Supply Priest during the search for a new priest. During 2020 as a result of the CARES Act, Christ Church received a PPP loan in the amount of \$11,791 for payroll expenses. This amount has been forgiven and is included in the revenue figures for 2020.



# Christ Church Episcopal Budget Report

## Expenses

For the 12 Months Ended 12/31/2021

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	Budget	Actual
	\$106,656	\$77,188

## 2021 ACTUAL

Description	Budget	Actual	%
Priest package	\$25,100	\$0	0.0%
Assessment	19,826	19,826	100.0%
Wages	25,215	28,930	114.7%
Utilities	8,500	8,617	101.4%
Insurance	7,200	7,493	104.1%
Taxes	3,250	2,988	91.9%
Maintenance & repairs	5,000	3,243	64.9%
Outreach	2,000	-	0.0%
Other	10,565	6,091	57.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$106,656</b>	<b>\$77,188</b>	<b>72.4%</b>

## 2021 BUDGET

Description	2022	2021	% Change
Priest package	\$25,100	\$25,100	0.0%
Assessment	21,073	19,826	5.9%
Wages	29,895	25,215	15.7%
Utilities	9,000	8,500	5.6%
Insurance	7,800	7,200	7.7%
Taxes	3,250	3,250	0.0%
Maintenance & repairs	5,000	5,000	0.0%
Outreach	2,000	2,000	0.0%
Other	11,865	10,565	11.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$114,983</b>	<b>\$106,656</b>	<b>7.2%</b>



# Christ Church Episcopal Budget Report

Revenue (Operating Funds)

For the 12 Months Ended 12/31/2021

<b>TOTAL Revenue</b>	Budgeted	Actual
	\$107,900	\$138,864

## 2021 ACTUAL Discretionary

Description	Budget	Actual	%
Pledge & Plate	90,000	123,400	137.1%
Interest - Foundation	14,000	13,800	98.6%
Fundraisers	1,000	-	0.0%
Building use	2,000	1,200	60.0%
Altar Guild	900	464	51.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 107,900</b>	<b>\$ 138,864</b>	<b>128.7%</b>

## 2021 BUDGET

Description	2022	2021	Change	%
Pledge & Plate	125,000	90,000	35,000	28.0%
Interest - Foundation	14,000	14,000	-	0.0%
Fundraisers	1,000	1,000	-	0.0%
Building use	-	2,000	(2,000)	#DIV/0!
Altar Guild	500	900	(400)	-80.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 140,500</b>	<b>\$ 107,900</b>	<b>\$ 32,600</b>	<b>23.2%</b>

# Christ Church Episcopal

## Statement of Activities

As of December 31, 2020 and 2021

	<b>December 31</b>		<b>Increase</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>(Decrease)</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Revenues</b>				
<i>Operating</i>				
Pledge & plate	123,400	95,815	27,585	28.8%
Interest	13,800	13,800	-	0.0%
Fundraisers	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Other	1,664	14,409	(12,745)	-88.5%
Total operating revenues	138,864	124,024	14,840	12.0%
<i>Restricted</i>				
Red Door Pantry	25	1,750	(1,725)	-98.6%
Building Improvement	24,900	-	24,900	#DIV/0!
Warming Center Deposit	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Columbarium	-	900	(900)	-100.0%
Memorial	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Worship	500	2,075	(1,575)	-75.9%
Campus ministry	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Parish retreat	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Mission	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Other Pass Through	3,882	5,249	(1,366)	-26.0%
Total restricted revenues	29,307	9,974	19,334	193.8%
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>168,171</b>	<b>133,998</b>	<b>34,174</b>	<b>25.5%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
<i>Operating</i>				
Priest package	-	27,200	(27,200)	-100.0%
Assessment	19,826	18,950	876	4.6%
Wages & salaries	28,930	23,988	4,942	20.6%
Utilities	8,617	8,002	615	7.7%
General operating	16,828	13,784	3,043	22.1%
Taxes	2,988	3,045	(57)	-1.9%
Outreach	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total operating expenses	77,188	94,969	(17,781)	-18.7%
<i>Restricted</i>				
Red Door Pantry	-	1,236	(1,236)	-100.0%
Building	26,090	4,935	21,155	100.0%
Columbarium	-	296	(296)	100.0%
Memorial	-	100	(100)	100.0%
Worship	587	706	(119)	-16.9%
Parish retreat	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Mission	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Campus Ministry	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Other Pass Through	3,446	4,022	(576)	-14.3%
Total restricted expenses	30,123	11,295	18,828	166.7%
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>107,311</b>	<b>106,264</b>	<b>1,047</b>	<b>1.0%</b>
<b>Change in net position</b>	<b>60,861</b>	<b>27,734</b>	<b>33,127</b>	<b>119.4%</b>



# Christ Church Episcopal

## Statement of Net Position

As of December 31, 2020 and 2021

	December 31		Increase	%
	2021	2020	(Decrease)	Change
Cash	151,393	90,532	60,861	67.2%
Due from Diocese	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Capital Assets	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Assets	151,393	90,532	60,861	67.2%
Accounts Payable	-	-	-	100.0%
Taxes Payable	808	808	-	0.0%
Total Liabilities	808	808	-	0.0%
Fund Balance				
Unrestricted	92,301	30,025	62,276	207.4%
Restricted	58,284	59,699	(1,415)	-2.4%
Net Position	150,585	89,724	60,861	67.8%

### Fund Balance

Unrestricted				
Operating	92,301	30,025	62,276	207.4%
Restricted				
Altar Guild	2,233	2,833	(600)	-21.2%
Red Door Pantry	3,353	3,328	25	0.8%
Building Reserve	9,074	10,264	(1,190)	-11.6%
Warming Center Deposit	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Columbarium	3,564	3,564	-	0.0%
Memorial	34,314	34,314	-	0.0%
Godly Play	16	64	(48)	-75.2%
Worship	2,652	2,152	500	23.2%
Fundraiser	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Youth	789	1,327	(539)	-40.6%
Mission	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Priest's Discretionary	1,852	1,852	-	0.0%
Pass through other	436	-	436	#DIV/0!
Restricted Total	58,284	59,699	(1,415)	-2.4%
Total Fund Balance	150,585	89,724	60,861	67.8%

## Senior Warden's Letter

As I reflect on this past year, I can see the many blessings in our church despite the multiple challenges brought on by Covid and the void left after Donnel retired. I am choosing to focus on these blessings.

Although we have been without a priest for over a year, I look at the supply priests that have graciously and willingly stepped in to help us out and lead our worship services each Sunday: Bill Baumgarten, Bradley Wirth, Mikayla Dunfee, and Adam Linton.

I enjoy each of these individuals and have heard only positive comments about their leadership and their participation on Sundays. I thank each one of them for their work on our behalf which has helped keep us going each week.

I also look at those who help support me as Senior Warden. As I came into this position with little knowledge of it, I definitely did not know what was going to be involved without a priest in charge. As I have a full-time job which tires me out by the end of each work week, I have little left for other activities. Many parishioners have offered and continue to offer their support in getting tasks done and keeping the engine of the church running smoothly: Peggy Stout, Nancy Faure, Barb Myers, Pat Sylvia, Sam Detweiler, Colby Wood, Marilyn Eberly, John Bertram, David and Sharyn Curtis, Barb Alsberry, Craig Hodges, Meghan Hodges, Janelle and Hillary Willet, and Roger Blair. I must also thank the members of vestry who put up with me each month: Peggy Stout, Nancy Faure, Kurt Larson, Holly Ward, Don Amundson, Pat Sylvia, Hillary Willet, as well as our treasurer Sam Detweiler and our secretary Janelle Willet. The list would not be complete without naming Bradley Wirth and Shawn Sloan of All Saints Church in Columbia Falls. I could not have made it, through the fall without their support and help on many things. We have a community to be proud of and we can be excited about what lies ahead.

Now we look forward to a new year, 2022. Our advertisement for a new priest is out there and I look forward to the hiring of a full-time leader for Christ Church. Although we start the year without a music director, we have music planned through Easter and will have hymns and service music each Sunday. The vestry has worked on filling other positions: such as nursery attendant and office manager. We have joined a program to help support sending 10 children to summer camp at Camp Marshall, free of



charge.

Despite our many challenges, Christ Church Episcopal is maintaining current membership as well as growing. We welcome several new members who have joined in the last year or so. I see a future filled with possibilities as well as challenges, so I will choose to focus on the possibilities and the positives as we welcome the new year.

Yours in Christ and many blessings throughout this new year,  
Julie Crandell

## Junior warden report

This year we repaired brick y the sanctuary door. We had the eaves cleaned on all of our buildings. The parish flashing on the roof needs to be repaired. We hired a lawn care company and they did a fantastic job. Fire extinguishers, boilers and furnaces were inspected. I had two clean up days and we weeded, cut down bushes, cut tree limbs, and planted flowers and vegetables. Our scout troop raked leaves one Tuesday and will be making a moveable little house where we can put cans and other food. It's a mini red door pantry.

Roger Blair, thank you so much for doing what I ask. He has put up new lights, cleaned out places that had ripped and old things.

J.T. thank you for shoveling sidewalks and paths.

Peggy Stout, Jr. Warden



## Christ Church Episcopal Godly Play Report for 2021

Introduction: "What is Godly Play? Godly Play is...an imaginative approach to working with children, an approach that supports, challenges, nourishes and guides their spiritual quest. It is more akin to spiritual direction than to what we generally think of as religious education."

(Excerpt from The Complete Guide to Godly Play by Jerome W. Berryman)

Our Godly Play class at Christ Church meets weekly during the first half of the Sunday morning service; children join their families for Holy Eucharist. Two teams of two adults each (one teacher and one assistant) take turns leading the class. Janelle Willet and Sharyn Curtis serve as teachers; Hillary Willet and David Curtis serve as their respective assistants. John Bertram is still considered a valuable part of the Godly Play team, even though his video-recording duties have taken him out of the classroom. He collaborates with the teaching teams to help plan and facilitate the program.

In 2021, these teams created a rich and varied spiritual growth environment for seven children (aged 4-11) from five Christ Church families. Early in the year, the venue was changed to help mitigate possible exposure to COVID: From January to April, the class met in the Undercroft with children seated at large tables instead of in the Godly Play classroom; Janelle and Hillary were present each Sunday. Sharyn and David joined the class remotely from a large television screen. Sharyn read stories from the book *Shepherd Stories*, and Janelle led discussions and activities. Each child was provided with a copy of the book, a set of markers, a set of colored pencils, and a book bag. After they were vaccinated in April, Sharyn and David rejoined the group, and the two teams served on alternate Sundays.

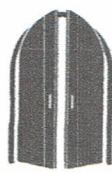
By the end of summer, we were ready and eager to resume classes in the Godly Play classroom among our familiar resources. One of the beauties of the curriculum is its flexibility; it easily adapts to the age range and number of children in the class on a given Sunday. The children have all been gallant troopers amidst change and uncertainty. They are always welcoming and considerate to new class members and guests. We have become a caring family.

One of the year's highlights was the Christmas Eve pageant, held again at the labyrinth under the winter sky at dusk. What began as an almost desperate outreach--an opportunity to gather safely at the end of 2020--was welcomed with enthusiasm this year. The closing circle of candle-lit faces in the dark sang out the year with words recalling another silent, holy night and heavenly peace.

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We also strongly urge the Vestry and congregation to move forward with providing a nursery and attendant(s) for families with infants and toddlers. Two of the Godly Play families have younger siblings, and another young family attended services last summer without returning. This blessing is essential if we want to provide a welcoming space for other young families.

--Submitted by Sharyn Curtis



# CHRIST CHURCH

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## EPISCOPAL

### Camp Marshall Scholarships

Hello Christ Church,

Camp Marshall is looking to fully restart its camping programs this summer. To help jump start that effort, an extremely generous donor has given \$70,000 to be used for scholarships. This will allow students and whole families to attend camp for \$100. The regular price for a student is \$500, families are \$1500. In order to participate in the scholarship program churches need to agree to a partnership with the camp and to send volunteers to camp this summer. Christ Church is making that commitment.

Furthermore, a donor from Christ Church has offered a \$500 gift to be used for these scholarships with the request that the Church match it. The Vestry recently voted to approve this request. Therefore we can offer to send 10 students or families to camp for free this summer!

If you would like to participate in this program now is the time to sign up. There are only a limited number of scholarships available through the Diocese, 70 for students and 14 families, and they are first come first served. This offer is not available through the website, you will need to get a form from the church which it will then sign off on and send to the diocese.

If you would like participate in this program or if you are interest in volunteering, please contact John Bertram or Tom Carlson for more information and to get the form. Camp Marshall recently formed a camp commission with members from across the diocese to help direct and guide the camp. John and Tom were asked to join this board and Tom was recently elected President and John as Vice President.

The dates for camp for this summer are:

June 26 - July 1 = Junior Middler Camp (grades 3 thru 8)

July 10-15 = Senior High Camp (grades 9 thru 12)

June 19-24 = Family Camp 1

July 3 - 8 = Family Camp 2



## CCE Youth Group 2021

And so another year comes to an end! And oh my what a year it has been! We are still making our way as a society through pandemic life and we are still learning to love God

Our youth group had its own challenges and it's own wins this year. We attempted to meet weekly, though that wasn't always possible due to Covid (as well as some of my own personal health issues.) The highlights this year were the labor of love weekend at Camp Marshall in which many of our youth (and their families) came to help get camp ready. Another highlight was joining up with the All Saints youth group which has led to the decision to join our groups regularly. The challenges this year continue to be related to Covid. We would all very much like to get back to having lock ins and youth retreats and not having to worry about germs! We also had to cancel a couple of summer activities due to smoke.

In my humble opinion we have some of the best leadership in the state. We have myself (which is a paid position) as well as Hillary, Jabben, and Darrian (which are all volunteer positions). It amazes me on a regular basis that they show up weekly with commitment and love for our youth. We play games and then have a discussion as our general weekly format.

Looking ahead I would like us to be more intentional with outreach and making a difference in our community. I would also like to look at and research some curriculums that get our youth in the word of God and challenges us to apply it to life today.

I would also like to see everyone in our group attend Camp Marshall. This summer some amazing scholarships have become available and I believe every youth group member can attend for an affordable (or even free!) amount of money.

I remain so grateful that you trust me with your children and remain dedicated to helping them grow in their spiritual walk. Thank you for all the support you've given me in the youth group this year. On a personal note, thank you for the support for me as I had a cancer scare and a tumor removed. I am so grateful!

God is good, All the time

Christ Church Foundation's principal purpose is to provide a source of long-term operating income to Christ Church Parish. It holds and manages funds donated to it in an investment portfolio to generate income which is then donated to the Church and reinvested to increase the value of the endowment. The Foundation draws between 4% to 5% of the total value of the endowment each year to make regular monthly payments to the Church. The hope is that the performance of the portfolio exceeds what is drawn so that the total value continues to grow thus increasing the annual donation to the Church. When markets are rising such as last year, this is very successful. The Foundation Board reviews and adjusts the donation amount each year in order to continue the income to the Church while still providing for the health of the endowment.

In January of 2021 the total value of the Foundation was \$413,389. Over the course of the year \$13,800 was donated to Christ Church as a regular monthly donation of \$1,150. The total value at the end of the year was \$445,485, an increase of \$32,096. There were no donations to the foundation in 2021.

During this time of transition, we realize that the monthly expenses of the Church are reduced without a priest salary to pay. We are using this time to focus on growing the Foundation, the larger pool we are drawing from the more we can give to the Church. We will keep the contribution to the Church the same as last year at \$1,150 per month. Once we hire a new priest we understand we may struggle to meet the additional costs and pledge to increase our donation to at least \$19,000 a year. We also are looking at ways we may be able to help with making housing more affordable for them.

We are grateful to the many people who have donated to the Foundation over the years, and those who had the foresight to create it. The Foundation remains a great way to put your donation to work both for the immediate needs of the Church and for generations to come.

Please continue to remember the Foundation in your financial planning. It allows your gifts to keep on giving.

The Foundation Board

President – John Bertram

Vice President – Tom Carlson

Secretary – Marilyn Eberly

Members – Julie Pierrotet, Don Amundson



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### The Worship Committee

The Worship Committee met regularly during 2021 (8 times during the year) via Zoom. The average of 8 members of the congregation. The purpose of our hour long meetings is to plan ahead for the coming Liturgical Season. Coordination and regular involvement to continue regular Worship services on Sundays and Holidays and plan for special events. We have three supply priests that have contracted with us to celebrate Holy Eucharist offered on three Sundays during the year outside on the parish lawn and were well received. I lead Worship coordination efforts including: Nancy Faure and the Altar Guild, Mary Lectors and Acolytes, Barbara Alsbury who helps with scheduling ushers, counting offerings, office needs, Pat Sylvia who kept an eye on the office. Hillary Willett who produces the bulletin along with our Youth Minister, Janelle Fuller, and Sharyn and David Curtis, Julie C. a musician, Meghan Hodges and Music Director, Craig Hodges gave us beautiful music on the walkways, Roger who keeps the pews and altar clean, Susan Kola who puts the room in order each week, and all who attend, support and participate in our beautiful worship services. It has been a year of challenge for all of us (Rector-less, and Covid vulnerable) but we have been supported and enlightened by the Holy Spirit to keep going and growing as we have. Everyone is a member of the Worship Committee!! Please attend or give us your input for 2022 with a few more challenges to manage.

Submitted by: Barb Myers

## Music Ministry

To state the obvious, the year of Covid 19 has presented a number of challenges in the areas of worship and music. At the beginning of 2021, because of the need to protect one another, we were restricted in our use of congregational singing, with only a few voices singing from the balcony on the behalf of the congregation. In the late spring (I believe) the Bishop gave the go ahead for congregations to sing once again, though masked.

And while masking is still recommended, I believe many in the congregation are participating in the singing of hymns and service music.

Again, because of Covid, the choir has been on hiatus, given the heightened danger of virus spread with close quartered singing.

Hopefully, this will change before too long.

At the end of the calendar year, our music director Craig Hodges tendered his resignation due to a change in his full-time work which will take him out of the state for extended periods. He is extremely grateful for the blessing of having served in this wonderful parish, with such remarkable folks!



## **2021/Acolyte/Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers Report**

2021 has been another very rewarding year among our ministers. We have had great support from each other and the supply priests. We are in the process of training two new acolytes, Thomas Bertram and possibly Sarah Loran when ski season ends.

At present we have five Eucharistic Ministers, three to four Acolytes, and nine to ten Lectors.

If anyone is interested in helping with any of these ministries, please let any of the Ministers know. Training is always available. We welcome newcomers. All of these ministries are very rewarding.

In Christ,

Marilyn Eberly