

# **St. Anne's Episcopal Church**



## **2022 Annual Report**





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## Rector's Report

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I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
and I will glorify your name forever. Psalm 86, v. 12.

With my whole heart. Looking back over this past year there is no better descriptor than “My whole heart”. I have given all that was mine to give. And each step of the way you, the congregation of St. Anne’s, met me, matched me, answered the call, and have grown in our understanding of faith and what it means to be a neighbor.

We stand in this wonderful turning moment where the year behind us comes to a close and the year ahead of us stretches out with hope, with joy, with great gladness. We have crossed the pandemic tide and we are emerging changed and transformed and still alive, still present, still able to praise God with our whole heart.

This past year in our gratitude for God’s steadfastness, we began two new initiatives:  
Widening the Welcome (more to come on that)  
Neighborhood Bridge Building.

We offered the community of St. Anne’s a chance to come together and bake Christmas Cookies together on one evening. The following evening we gathered again to take those cookies with us as we sang Christmas Carols to our neighbors and passed out the baked cookies. It was so much fun to be together and to share a moment of joy with our neighbors. We invited them to come and worship with us either in person or online for Christmas Eve.

In April we held our first Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt. We welcomed over 40 neighbors to our yard for an fun morning of hunting for eggs, face painting, cake walks, and so many other fun activities. What a joy it was to share in the resurrection of Jesus with our neighbors. A big thank you to everyone who helped make this event possible.

In August we had our first Neighborhood Back to School Event where we gave away back packs with school supplies, grilled hot dogs, tie dyed shirts, and played on the blow up obstacle course. We had over 24 students from grades 1<sup>st</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade come and play in our yard. Everyone got a backpack blessing and in October we will follow up by sending them a postcard checking in on how their school year is going. It was a joyful time to welcome our neighbors to our campus for fun and fellowship.

Our upcoming Neighborhood Bridge Building event will take place on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. We will host our first ever Trunk or Treat Event. We will be asking the congregation to participate by decorating their trunks and giving out candy as our neighbors come and enjoy the festivities.

In May of 2022, we held our first Laundry Love since the pandemic began (February, 2020 was our last gathering). It was a glorious celebration of community building. St. Anne’s partners with Wake Forest Episcopal Campus Ministry and St. Paul’s Seniors’ Ministry to hold this monthly ministry at Fresh Spin Laundromat. For one night each month we build community using ordinary things like laundry soap, quarters, pizza, and coloring books and we help share the burden of a mundane task by paying for everyone’s laundry. We hold this ministry once a month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. All are welcome to come and help us build community.

When I think back over the year, I give thanks for you, for the steadfast, the faithful, the body of Christ that offers the gift of your presence both in person and online. I have often found myself

reflecting on the season of this pandemic like the waters of baptism. We enter the waters one way and through the waters we are transformed so when we exit we are a new creation. I believe the same can be said for the waters of the pandemic. Each of us in some way has been changed by the pandemic and the past year has afforded us the chance to discern who have we become? In the community here at St. Anne's, an additional question is being asked, how can we widen the welcome?

The Vestry met in October of last year to talk about how the pandemic has changed us which led to some additional insights around preparing to welcome the congregation back. We took it one step further and asked how can we be a welcoming presence for our neighborhood.

We. Made a Widening the Welcome Video, held two conversations in January, invited the congregation to participate in a survey to rank the items on our survey in order of importance. You all also offered some additional thoughts not originally on the survey. While it seems that not much has been said since February, I can tell you that the Widening the Welcome Committee has been working with Andrew Lopina from Alliance Architecture of the Triad to put your ideas on paper to get a picture of what it would look like if we Widened the Welcome here at St. Anne's.

Thanks to Andrew for coming on board as our project manager, we can now begin to see what our future could look like. If you would like to see the drawing, please join us for our annual meeting on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> following the special 10am service.

We are not called to remain in place. We are not called to resist change. We are called to move forward in faith, following in the way of Jesus. Here is to the year ahead of us and all the many ways it will challenge us, change us, transform us, and reveal within us the grace of our God.

In peace,

Ginny+

## **Deacons' Reports**

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From the Rev. Mary Kroohs

Navigating the ongoing wilderness of the pandemic has become somewhat easier as time has gone by. Ginny's and the vestry's leadership during this time has been exemplary. My activities during this past program year included recording Children's Chapel each week for our pre-K through 5th grade children. Thankfully, we have transitioned to in-person Children's Chapel as of Sept 11th. It is such a joy to enrich relationships with these young folks in person. During the past year, I have served as co-chair for the Pastoral Care Committee. Because of the variation in Covid transmission risks, there have been some fluctuations in the recommended precautions for home/facility visits to our parishioners. However, members of the committee have had many opportunities to offer pastoral care to our parishioners. The pastoral care committee has worked diligently during this pandemic to help maintain relationships with parishioners who need support. I also serve on the Outreach committee and have been able to work with identified projects such as the Freedom School Fundraiser and the Advent Project. Upon reflection, I have identified my current focus of ministry to be addressing food insecurity. This past year, I have regularly served behind the counter at the Maple Springs UMC Food Pantry and assisted at Christ Beloved Community (CBC) Food Pantry. Last Fall, I was asked to serve on the planning committee for CBC's Food Pantry. Serving in that capacity has enabled me to have a greater understanding of the community-wide programs to address food insecurity. It is noteworthy that several St. Anne's parishioners have joined me on food

distribution days. We have all benefited from interacting with the food recipients and other volunteers. I am still working on learning Spanish so that my interactions with the Spanish-speaking patrons will improve. Of course, our ongoing food collections for particular items have been beneficial to both food pantries. They love to see me arrive with a trunk full of sorely needed items. Thank you to all our generous parishioners! I look forward to another year of growing in faith and ministry with the St. Anne's community

In peace,  
The Rev. Mary Kroohs

## Senior Warden's Report

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- 1) My fellow St. Anne's parishioners have amazed me since the pandemic began. While many churches and places of worship – Episcopal and otherwise - really had a tough time – we have withstood the storm. One example of this in 2021/2022 has been how generous so many have been regarding annual pledges – we exceed our goal. Amazing!
- 2) Giving does not only mean money – it also means giving our time and effort to further our community outreach to widen the welcome. Recently – we had our back to school book bag event – you've likely seen the photos if you were not able to make it. We had so many neighbors come by – it was really something to see. We also had a community Easter Egg hunt – again we so many of our neighbors stop in. Coming up it's our Trunk or Treat – I'm not a betting man – but I bet we see many of our neighbors drop in again.
- 3) But – Outreach does not just mean events here at our church. I'm sure you know when I can be found almost every Sunday. Our Tech – our Technolytes – and my friend Jason – have taken our Outreach to a whole new place. We have people from the around the state – and around our country – tune in. I have been keeping an un-official count for many months now – and almost any Sunday we see anywhere from 20% to sometimes closer to 40% of the people attending our services online. That's simply phenomenal!
- 4) Our Bishop was with us last week – he sat in at the Vestry meeting. I asked him – so how are “we” doing – not St. Anne's – but our NC Episcopal Churches. He told us – and it was sad to hear – two closed. I'm sad to hear that news. At the same time - we can look at St. Anne's – with all the ups and downs since the pandemic began – and really be proud that we're still here – we're still standing. We have many friends with us online every Sunday. And – look around – we have many new friends too. And that's simply beautiful.
- 5) Now – a bit of business for today. We need a nomination for Vestry from the floor today to be able to hold our vote. You are certainly allowed to nominate yourself. If you have a calling – a desire – to help us with Vestry business – today is the day to nominate someone or yourself.

### In Closing:

Thanks for being here today – it's been an honor to be Senior Warden this year. But - for me – the greater honor is just being a part of St. Anne's. I also want to say thanks to all the Vestry members for their time, talents and efforts – thanks to all the committees – to all the volunteers – to Mark – to David – and to Terry. Ginny and Mary are worth more thanks than my simple words can provide – the best I can say is – a huge thank you!

# Junior Warden's Report

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Your Senior Warden has included a wonderful report which details everything that has transpired this past year. Therefore, I won't duplicate any of what he covered, but I would like to touch on a couple of things that I feel are important.

One of the new things the Vestry started this year was reading an article each month pertaining to relevant topics. Our Rector, Ginny Wilder, chooses an article, and we discuss it at the beginning of our meeting. The one we discussed at our August meeting had particular meaning for my role as the people's Warden. It discussed the "tale of two churches". One is grieving what used to be, the other is hopeful and excited about the future. It was written by the Rector of The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Cincinnati, but I thought it was describing St. Anne's to a T. We who were at St. Anne's prior to the pandemic are grieving the loss of what we loved about worship and life at St. Anne's, but I, and the Vestry, all feel hopeful and excited about the future of our church as we grow into all that we can be. There are people who no longer attend St. Anne's whom we miss, but there are many new people who are here who are making a difference. Those who left did so for a variety of reasons, and as Ginny says, we hope that they are being fed spiritually wherever they have landed. But the excitement about new possibilities post pandemic is palpable, and it is very exciting to see how so many people are becoming involved in all of the opportunities available. Just a couple of examples include the Building Bridges activities such as the back-to-school fun day on our front lawn, with all kinds of activities for children and the distribution of backpacks filled with lots of goodies for the children, and the opening of Sunday School for our children, with many volunteers to help teach them.

Today we hold our first Annual Meeting since 2019, the year I was elected to the Vestry. Things were running "as normal" for 5 months, and then everything changed. We all lived through this experience together, supporting each other as best we could. Our Pastoral Care committee went into high gear during this time, and I don't think we will ever know how much time and work they put forth to keep us together. That is what we do at St. Anne's – we care about each other. Our Bread and Blessings Committee has come back full strength this past year as we began to move forward towards more fellowship in person. They have done a yeoman's job in bringing us back together. Thank you. I consider this our internal outreach, and with other opportunities like the dinner groups, we are getting to know each other on a deeper level, and that is so important.

It has been my honor to have served as your Junior Warden for the last two years. Believe it or not, I will miss working with the Vestry, especially when I see the caliber of nominees we have this year!! Our Vestry will be in good hands with the returning members and the new members elected. I chose to run for Vestry, because, as my mother always used to say, I like being where the action is! I sure did have a lot of opportunities to do that these past 3 years, but it has been a rewarding experience. I have learned a lot about St. Anne's and our parishioners, and I have learned a lot about the love of God as shown through our parishioners. You are special people, and I would like to leave you with a philosophy of life that I have tried to live by. It comes from Bp. Jack Spong, who, in my opinion, has been one of the most impactful theologians of our times. He says: "I rather experience God as the source of life willing me to life fully, the source of love calling me to love wastefully, and to borrow a phrase from Paul Tillich, as the Ground of being calling me to be all that I can be." I challenge each of you to be all that you can be as we walk through this life together. Your continued support of all that is St. Anne's will mean that we continue to make a difference in the lives of those we love here at St. Anne's and in Winston-Salem and the surrounding areas.

Yours in Christ  
Debbie Walker

## Finance/Treasurer's Report

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The Finance Committee has experienced a year of transition with a new treasurer and reducing the number of reports sent to the Vestry for their monthly while maintaining the access to vital information. The year the committee continued to provide financial support for decision-making by the Vestry. The Vestry also oversaw the parish audit for submission to the diocese.

The Net Revenues collected for pledges, non-pledge offerings and restricted-use funds was in excess of expenses by \$42K for the year 2021. Excess so far for 2022 is \$14K. This excess has allowed the accumulation of a cushion of 2.5 months of expenditures for emergency use without converting long-term assets into liquid assets.

The preliminary budget for 2023 has been presented to the Vestry and expenses are projected to be \$343M for the year. This amount will need to be matched by an equal amount of pledge and non-pledge giving. Based upon past trends, we anticipate that non-pledge offerings will be approximately \$30M, leaving \$313M to raised in pledges.

Thank you,

The Finance Committee

Bob Hoover, Treasurer and Committee Chair

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Bread and Blessings Committee

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Bread and Blessings Members

Carolyn Myracle and Julie Wright Co-Chairs

Donna Williams: Vestry Liaison

Alvi Dove-Ali, Teri Beadle, Beverly Gosnell, Ian Horsey, Judie Holcomb-Pack, Joce James, Martha Murphy, Roddy Roberts, Carol Strom, Eddie Zuber

The work of the Bread and Blessing Committee did not commence until February 2022 due to ongoing Coronavirus restrictions. We were so happy to be able to decorate the Church for Mardi Gras and to have our first Coffee Hour in a very long time. We had our first planning meeting in March to organize for the Easter Agape and to plan food for the Priests luncheon that Ginny would be hosting in May. We held a Celebration of Life Reception for Pat Johansson on May 2nd. There were 100 people in attendance and the family was very appreciative. We held a reception honoring our departing organist, Lauren Harris, in late May. We set up and hosted the annual Pentecost Picnic in June. We hosted a Celebration of Life Reception for Lou Divan on June 25th. We did not meet in July but met in late August to plan for September events including Kick-Off Sunday, Bishop's Reception, and the Chili-Cook-Off to be held after the Annual Meeting. This year we will also be providing food for the Stewardship Dinner and Ministry Fair.

Throughout the year Bread and Blessings provides coffee hour after the 11:00 service and on Agape Sundays the congregation provides extra food to share with the congregation. We ask the congregation to help with providing food for special receptions and are always so appreciative of the kindness and generosity of St. Anne's members.

Our Committee is also in charge of the Blessing Box and along with residents of Old Town Community we are providing needed food for many people.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn Myracle and Julie Wright

# Music Ministry

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David Pegg, Minister of Music

The music ministry has continued to be affected by COVID-19, but slowly and gradually, things are returning to normal as possible.

Highlights of 2022 include:

- On Transfiguration Sunday, February 27, the annual Carnival Sunday was celebrated. Guest musicians included former choir member, Ben Rhodes, and fellow members of his jazz ensemble.
- The music ministry continued to provide musical offerings during the COVID months through the participation of St. Anne's music staff, choir members, and guest musicians. The choir resumed live singing in the spring.
- Staff changes: Lauren Harris resigned as organist and moved to Georgia in May. In July Terry Hicks became organist.
- As always, special thanks are expressed to:
  - all our choral scholars for their leadership in the choir.
  - Barbara Johnson and Paige French for their meticulous maintaining of the music library and for their untiring efforts to keep us organized.
  - Dale Link who keeps us tidy and intact through her gifts of sewing, and all the volunteers in the choir who wash our vestments.
  - all the members of the choir and congregation for their generous gifts to purchase music and other needs of the ministry.

The music ministry's ongoing goals for 2023 are:

1. To return to a state of normality and hopefully sing without masks some day.
2. To nurture the congregation through excellence in liturgy and song.
3. To grow and nurture St. Anne's musicians.
4. To encourage and support future musicians for the Church through our association with institutions of higher learning.
5. To involve instrumentalists of the church and the community at-large in worship.

In conclusion, we are most thankful to all of St. Anne's musicians for their dedication and willingness to share their talents, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. And, as always, we are grateful for the generous support of our rector, The Very Rev. Ginny Wilder, the Vestry, the staff, and all the members of this vibrant faith community.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve among you!

David Pegg  
Minister of Music  
St. Anne's Church

# Formation

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Formation is a part of our baptismal covenant, a promise made on our behalf and a promise we take on at our confirmation. We are each called to continue to develop our spiritual life, our prayer life, our relationship with God over the entire span of our lives. At St. Anne's, we take this seriously and offer a variety of ways to challenge our spiritual formation.

During our 2021-2022 program year, we held hybrid formation program offerings on Sunday mornings. We started with an exploration of affordable housing offered by The Rev. Pamela Haynes.

We then studied the spirituality of fund raising and stewardship using Henri Nouwen's book. This book helped us prepare for our own stewardship campaign at St. Anne's.

For Advent we studied The Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston's book Ladder to the Light. This book was profound and really caused us to examine our hearts and the world around us.

We spent three weeks in the new year talking about Widening the Welcome here at St. Anne's. More to come from that conversation in the coming months.

As the new year began, we also read and discussed The Rev. Cn. Stephanie Spellers' book, "Radical Welcome".

Outreach offered a class on Building Bridges for equity, justice and community which featured area ministries and programs in our community making a real life difference to the lives of those on the margins. This was a great class that drew our hearts into deeper conversation about our work as followers of Christ.

In Lent we held a Newcomers Class that had 14 people who have joined us since the beginning of the year.

The coming program year holds more exploration of our faith through book studies including women of the bible, The Church Cracked Open from The Rev. Stephanie Spellers, and Whole Hearted Faith written by Rachel Held Evans. The Rev. Martha Honaker will spend a few weeks sharing her story of serving on the border as a nurse to migrants and asylum seekers. Our Outreach Committee will continue their tradition of offering a program in Lent (More details to come). On Wednesdays in Lent we will meet for a simple supper after the Celtic Service and following dinner we will fingerprint the lectionary. We will once again offer the 90-Day bible challenge where we will read the whole bible from start to finish in 90 days.

Our Little Ones will continue to learn through Sparkhouse's Whirl Lectionary. This curriculum has kept the kids company during the pandemic and now that we are back learning in person, the fun can continue with the Whirl kids.

Our youth have started learning through the Sparkhouse Collaborate Bible Study. This is the first time we have used this curriculum but so far the youth seem to really like the program.

We are grateful to be back in person sharing in our growth, learning together in our journey of faith. All are invited to attend any formation class. We meet on Sundays at 10am in the Vestry.

## Outreach

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### Alvie Dove-Ali and Debbie Walker – Co-chairs

Current members: Deacon Mary Kroohs, Jack Payden-Travers, Julie Dubuisson, Julie Wright, Gina Jarrett; on hiatus, Faith Lockwood, Liza Baron, Linda Winikoff, Woody Clinard; Legacy member, Tara Phillips; on hiatus, Mark Rallings; on hiatus, Debbie Walker; co-chair, and Alvie Dove-Ali; co-chair.

Mission Statement: The Outreach Committee seeks to serve Christ by building bridges of equity, justice, and equality within our community.

And that's just the beginning...the Outreach Committee engages with various community organizations, whose grassroots work and services are the foundation for hope, inclusion, support and Love to our neighbors in need. Throughout the pandemic and this year we both hosted and participated in various community outreach events. They include but not limited to... SHIP Meal Deliveries 2020 to 2021, Lenten Adult Formation Series in March -April 2022, Freedom School Lunches and Volunteer support 2019 to 2022, Big Chill Shalom Project Fundraiser 2019, 2021 to 2022, Maple Springs and Christ Beloved Community Food Pantries since 2019, Advent Outreach Project since 2019, and Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Youth Group Fundraiser 2020 to 2022 and much more.

Maple Springs and Christ Beloved Community Food Pantries: seek to provide nutritious nonperishable foods to our neighbors in need. St Anne's supports these community programs through monthly food donations, monetary and volunteer support. For more information about how you can volunteer to serve, please contact Deacon Mary Kroohs. Thank you.

Freedom Schools: For years the members of St Anne's have contributed and supported our local Freedom Schools. Freedom Schools we're birthed during the mid 1960s in an effort to educate and advocate the African American community about their voting rights. In addition to providing supplemental educational support, not gained in the public school systems. Today, Winston-Salem hosts Nine-9 Local Freedom Schools. For more details about how you can support our local Freedom Schools, contact Linda Winikoff. Thank you.

Membership requires your heart, time, talents, dedication to service, and Loving thy neighbor as thyself. The work of "building bridges" needs You. Hope is given through Harambe Storytelling, Food pantry donations, Chilling and Churning Ice Cream, serving lunches to Freedom School scholars, Advocating for justice, equity and equality, raising your voice by your vote, showing your Pride, and Praying for Peace. "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." There are multiple ways to serve as a member of the Outreach Committee.

There is always a seat at the table. Everyone's feedback, insights and thoughts are greatly appreciated. The Outreach Committee meets on a monthly basis, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. (In-person/hybrid). You can also serve on a subcommittee, that oversees the planning and execution of one our many community service projects. Such as the Freedom School Fundraiser Planning Committee, Big Chill Shalom Project Fundraiser committee, Advent Outreach Project Committee, just to name a few. For more details about the Outreach Subcommittees, please contact Alvie Dove-Ali. Thank youo

Committee Co-chairs: It is highly recommended that no one serves as Chair/Co-Chair for greater than 3 yrs. Co-chair rotations should be staggered. That way, leadership ins and outs, can be shared

with new co-chairs. Debbie Walker began her co-chair duties in 2022. Alvie's term as co-chair ends in December 2023. Anyone interested in joining the Outreach Committee and/or serving as a co-chair, please contact Debbie Walker. Thank you.

Financials: The Outreach Committee's yearly budget is allocated towards various community outreach projects. The remaining balance at the end of the calendar year, is donated equally to local community organizations. Each year the list of community organizations changes, in order to support a wide spectrum of grassroots services. Donations throughout the year are greatly appreciated. For a detailed financial report, please contact Mark in the Parish Office. Thank you.

On behalf of the Outreach Committee, we say Thank you for your continued and unconditional support, contributions, dedication, prayers and Love .

Respectfully submitted,  
Ms. Alveria Dove-Ali

## Pastoral Care

Committee co-chairs and members: Alvie Dove-Ali (co-chair); Mary Kroohs(co-chair); Carmen Caruth (vestry liaison); Beverly Gosnell; Chris Payden-Travers; Martha Murphy; Max Mcintosh; Gina Jarrett; Julie Wright, Ariail Gores

During this past year, several roles have continued to fall under the umbrella of pastoral care. Unless otherwise noted, one does not have to be a member of the committee to serve in some capacities. Pastoral Care Committee: Committee members meet in person quarterly (currently hybrid format). Otherwise, monthly emails are sent to each member. These emails provide updates about pastoral care concerns. The committee members commit to hold the persons with pastoral care needs in prayer. Understandably, we have had to modify some protocols due to Covid restrictions. Nevertheless, we continued to be active and sometimes very busy committee. The Pastoral Care Committee is a beacon of hope, comfort, joy, and light to everyone with whom we meet, greet, and share the love of Christ. Each month, a committee member calls, visits, or otherwise contacts shut-ins and others in the community. These simple gestures go a long way to bring comfort, peace, friendship and love. Beverly Gosnell is the contact person for prayer chain requests. Beverly forwards the requests to a vast network of prayer chain members. The Casserole Brigade headed up by Carolyn Miracle provides meals for those who need them after hospitalizations, illnesses, etc. There are some in our midst who utilize their talents in making colorful prayer shawls. After they are blessed, we distribute them to parishioners and their friends who are recovering from illness or are facing difficult times. Carol Strom is the contact person for this ministry. During 2020, we started an errand ministry. Members of the PC committee or other parishioners volunteered to do necessary errands. There hasn't been much of a demand for this in recent months. Alvie Dove-Ali is the contact person. The transportation ministry, was active before the pandemic. Rides to and from church services were provided when parishioners needed transportation. As we have returned to in person services there has not been as great a need. However, we are ready and willing. Alvie Dove-Ali is the contact person. Lay Eucharistic Visitors You may have noticed that folks go up to the altar after communion and receive a communion kit and are formally sent out to take communion to parishioners. There is a dedicated group of individuals who take communion to the homes/facilities of those who are unable to attend church. Mary Kroohs is the contact person. We welcome all who would like to join us in serving in any of the ministries described above.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Kroohs and Alvie Dove-Ali

# Stewardship

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2021-2022 has been a year of transformation for St. Anne's as the congregation begins to emerge from the isolation brought on by the pandemic. It is no different for the stewardship committee.

Throughout the pandemic the stewardship committee met monthly via Zoom. At each meeting we spent time exploring how to introduce every facet of stewardship to the congregation, and invite the congregation to engage in some form of stewardship to further the mission of St. Anne's.

*"Knowing that all things come from God, we seek to manifest the love of Christ through worship, justice and community."*

As the stewardship committee has emerged from the pandemic, it has evolved from a committee that meets monthly to an ad-hoc committee that will meet as needed. The committee members are especially called upon from September through January. During this time the committee sends out stewardship pledge cards to every member, assists with a stewardship dinner or other communications focused on how we share our resources, and sends "thank you" notes to those who pledge.

In 2021, the committee joined members of the congregation in reading Henry Nouwen's book, "A Spirituality of Fundraising". Nouwen emphasized that fundraising as a ministry invites everyone into a "new way of relating to their resources". As Christians we are asked to discern how our resources enrich our spiritual journey and our spiritual health.

Resources are God-given gifts, which include our finances, our talents, and the time we share. The stewardship committee calls attention to Nouwen's principals of fundraising as it seeks to manifest the love of Christ through worship, justice and community.

The generosity of the St. Anne's community is significant. Last year's budget and the many activities and on-going worship both in person and on line were met by your ability to contribute time, talent and financial support.

As we transition into a post-pandemic world, the stewardship committee looks forward to serving the congregation in its unique and rewarding arena.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Meiburg

# Welcoming Committee

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Beverly Gosnell and Sharon Hammill, Co-Chairs

**Mission Statement:** Serving our newest friends by extending St. Anne's "sweet, sweet spirit", loving as Christ loves and welcomes all"

Newly formed in 2022, we make it our goal to notice new members, welcome them and give them Visitor Cards to complete. We also check with the Greeter each Sunday to find out about new members. We then obtain contact information from the church office and send out e:-mails to our new friends to welcome them again and ask about any questions or problems they may have.

