

The Annual Report of Saint Anne's Episcopal Church



11th Annual Meeting
January 29th, 2023

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**Agenda for the 11th Annual Meeting of
St. Anne's Episcopal Church - Jan. 29th, 2023**

- 1) Call to Order and Opening Prayer
- 2) Approval of the Minutes of the 10th Annual Parish Meeting (see page 5)
- 3) Rector's Report (see page 9)
- 4) Nominating Committee Report and Nominations from the floor
 - a. Introduction of Nominees (see page 8)
 - b. Explanation of Ballots (if necessary)
- 5) Balloting (if necessary) to elect:
 - a. Two (2) nominees for Vestry to serve three (3) year terms.
 - b. Election of Delegates and Alternates for the 2023 Diocesan Convention
- 6) Year in Review and Reports (see page 9)
- 7) Financial Report & Presentation of Budget (see page 19)
- 8) Other business
- 9) Closing Prayer and Adjournment



MINUTES OF THE 10th ANNUAL MEETING

Saint Anne's Episcopal Church of Conway

January 30, 2022

The Reverend Rob Donehue opened the annual meeting with a prayer.

On a Motion by Mary Jo Roberts, Seconded by Jean Spedden Goldson, the minutes from the 2021 annual meeting were approved. No further discussion. Motion approved by acclamation.

The Appointments were announced:

Secretary – Susan Slavin

Parliamentarian – Pete Hearn

Teller – Cathy Battle

The Nominating Committee was pleased to report that the following candidates accepted nominations to be on the Vestry to serve three (3) year terms:

Rosemary Jenrette

Pete Hearn

Rudy Leustek

There were no nominations from the floor. George Hearn moved to close the nominations; Kurt Eckert seconded the motion. The three candidates were elected by acclamation and by applause.

Jean Spedden Goldson, Kathleen Hearn and Don Frazier have completed their terms on the Vestry. Jean Spedden took on the huge task of Senior Warden for two years, guiding us through the purchase and development of our beautiful church space. Kathleen served as our Junior Warden. Her organizational skills and creative talents have benefitted Saint Anne's in immeasurable ways. Don has been instrumental in the beautification of our church space and his dedication to Saint Anne's will always be considered a valuable asset. All three have been incredibly helpful partners in ministry. Their work on the vestry will be missed.

In accordance with Saint Anne's By-Laws, the Senior and Junior Wardens will be delegates to the Diocesan Convention. As a Parish Church, we qualify to send a total of four delegates. Jen Boyle and Barry Dennis volunteered to be the third and fourth delegates. Kathleen Hearn and Don Frazier volunteered to serve as alternates.

Fr Rob noted that 2021 presented a year of multiple fallings and risings. Such is life in the midst of a global pandemic. Yet Saint Anne's continued to get back up, proving time and again that the resiliency of faith is very much at work in this church.

Gratitude was expressed for the craftsmanship of Ron Walker who built our altar and lectern, sanctuary chairs and our road sign. Ron's beautiful work turns our space into our church space. As the pandemic began to wind down, we were able to open our doors to in-person worship and by June we had a stretch of Sundays where the ushers commented that if we continued at the same pace, we would need to find an even larger space in short order!

On a bittersweet note, we bid farewell to our beloved Deacon, the Rev. Dumont "Monty" Henderson. Through the wonders of modern technology, Monty still tunes in for our worship services from his home in Texas. We certainly miss hearing him read the Gospel and dismissing us at the end of worship.

In November we completed a minor facelift of our church just in time for the Dedication and Consecration of the building by Bishop Ruth Woodliff-Stanley on December 15th. That joyful event marked the symbolic completion of our work in finding a home for Saint Anne's.

Rebecca Lovelace (Treasurer) went through the budget numbers for 2021. The 2022 budget was presented. There were no questions from the congregation. Rebecca asked that if any questions come up, please contact her.

At this time it was announced that Fr Rob has accepted a call to serve as the Canon Precentor at Grace Church Cathedral in Charleston beginning April 1, 2022. Our congregation was surprised by the news to say the least. We all wish Fr Rob and his family, Davis and little David, all the best and every blessing for their new future in Charleston.

There being no further business to discuss, Fr Rob closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Slavin - Recording Secretary

Due to the announcement about Fr Rob, the vestry meeting held immediately following the Annual Meeting (to vote for Senior and Junior Wardens) was extended to discuss the situation and to learn how the process proceeds. A copy of the minutes of said meeting are attached for reference.

Susan Slavin

St Anne's Vestry Meeting 1/30/2022 (immediately following Annual Meeting)

The purpose of this vestry meeting is to vote for Senior and Junior Wardens.

Mike Roberts was voted into the Senior Warden position by acclamation.

Cathy Battle was voted into the Junior Warden position by acclamation.

Due to the announcement made at the Annual Meeting (Fr Rob has accepted a call to serve as the Canon Precentor at Grace Church Cathedral in Charleston beginning April 1, 2022), this vestry meeting was extended to discuss the situation and to learn how the process goes forward.

Under the guidance of Canon Law, there are a number of official procedures that must take place.

Unless the vestry officially accepts Fr Rob's resignation, his ability to accept a call to serve elsewhere is moot. On a motion by Mike Roberts, seconded by Pete Hearn, the vestry extends their approval of Fr Robertson Donehue submitting his resignation as of March 31, 2022. No further discussion. Motion approved by acclamation. Following this motion, Fr Rob will officially announce to Bishop Ruth that as of April 1, 2022 he will no longer be Saint Anne's priest.

Bishop Ruth is aware of the situation at Saint Anne's and she, along with the Diocesan staff, stand ready to assist however they can to make sure that there is no interruption to our regular Sunday worship. Short term supply clergy will be in place until an interim priest has been found to be with Saint Anne's through this time of transition. Generally, the search for a new priest can take 3-4 months to 1-2 years.

One of the individuals who will be consulting with the vestry will be Andrea McKellar (*note: Rev Cn. Philip Linder took on the transition ministry duties during 2022*):

Diocesan Ministry Developer



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Andrea's responsibilities include Transition Ministry (working with individuals and congregations through times of discernment and calling).

A Search Committee will be appointed by the vestry. In preparation for the search, a Parish Profile will be put together – including information about Saint Anne's history, information detailing what we are looking for in a priest and information regarding future plans for our church. Information is filed with the National Database. Our Bishop is actively involved in the process.

Fr Rob spoke at length about our church community and our gifts of the Spirit. He reiterated that Saint Anne's is a community of strength and determination. "After all, we've made it through hurricanes, floods, a global pandemic, and a building project!", Fr Rob reminded us.

Fr Rob also shared with the vestry that he truly believes the most important work he had accomplished at Saint Anne's was to lay the ground work for our church to become a Parish. As a Parish, we will chart our own future and most importantly will do the work of the search for a priest. Our vestry will have the final say and will issue the call. This is no small thing.

Jen spoke of Fr Rob's vision for Saint Anne's and of her concerns for the transition. Certainly, there will be future conversations and all of us will see the church's future with new eyes. This will be a time of great spiritual growth.

Mike spoke honestly with the vestry about his work as Sr Warden – how challenges will be around each corner. He promised everyone there will be times he will offend! He asked the vestry to be sure to come right back at him when he does so. Mike asked the vestry to taken on responsibilities with regard to pastoral care – he asked that the vestry step up to the challenge of care. Marvin moved away, Monty moved away, Fr Rob is moving away. These individuals were an integral part of Saint Anne’s pastoral care.

Cathy spoke of her gratitude that we are all ready, able and willing to work together for the good of our church community. As such, we are not a divided group. We are strong in unity.

At the next vestry meeting, vestry individuals will opt for the specific areas of duty to be tasked to oversee. The Wardens are charged with financial and building/grounds oversight.

March 6 will be Fr Rob’s last Sunday at Saint Anne’s.

Tomorrow, January 31, at 7:00PM there will be a Zoom meeting to discuss the Mardi Gras plan.

The next vestry meeting will be a hybrid meeting held Thursday February 10 at 5:30PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Slavin - Recording Secretary

NOMINATIONS FOR VESTRY MEMBERS

The Nominating Committee (**Jen Boyle, Erik Schrader**) is pleased to report that the following candidates have accepted a nomination to stand for the vestry: **Kayla Simonson**, and **Brandon Lynn**. A personal statement from each is included below.

Kayla Simonson



Kayla Hucks Simonson is a Conway native who is happy to be back after time away. After graduating from Winthrop University she spent almost ten years in Spartanburg, SC teaching music to students of all ages and abilities. During that time she earned her Master of Music in Music Education from Anderson University, had a middle school choir selected to perform at a state conference, and was selected as a conductor for a statewide choral clinic for SSA choirs.

Last January Kayla left teaching to work as a Youth Services Library Assistant for the North Myrtle Beach Library. She also recently began pursuing her second master’s degree in the library sciences field.

Kayla is blessed with a wonderful husband (Bart) and a delightful 3.5 year old daughter (Andrea or “Andi”) who is filled with unending love, vocabulary, and energy.

Kayla grew up in the Baptist church but joined the Episcopal Church of the Advent in Spartanburg. She is so very excited to have the opportunity to be part of St. Anne's and looks forward to serving the church.

Brandon Lynn



Brandon Lynn has worked consistently in both arts and hospitality throughout his entire career. After moving from his hometown of Thomasville, GA, he attended the University of Pittsburgh with a major in Arts Administration. During his time at University, Brandon was the Executive Director for a small theater company in Ligonier, PA where he aided in the purchase of a new campus and guided a capital campaign. Following his time in Western PA, he launched his career in hospitality which led him to South Florida and the Bahamas for over a decade. New York City called to Brandon very shortly after he met his husband, Alex. In NYC, Brandon had the pleasure of managing, operating and opening several high-profile projects in hospitality as well as serving on the boards of two non-profit organizations. Recently he and Alex relocated to Conway, South Carolina. Brandon continues his passions for hospitality and food as owner of Carolina Cheese and Provisions and his passion for the arts as the Founding Managing Director for the South Carolina Center for Visual Arts.

Brandon's spiritual journey has been both challenging and rewarding as he was raised Southern Baptist and later converted to Roman Catholicism. He was a Cantor for the Diocese of Palm Beach and very active in the Church in South Florida and the Bahamas. He and Alex very much enjoyed being a part of their parish, Saint Frances Xavier during their time in NYC. Moving to Conway, SC they found a new church home in St. Anne's where they were both received into the Episcopal Church this spring. They have been welcomed and spiritually fed by their involvement with St. Anne's and look forward to continuing to share their time, talents and treasures with this beautiful church.

REPORTS

From our Interim Rector



"Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new"
2 Corinthians 5:17

2022 was the Year of Transition for St. Anne's. Old things such as the Diocesan schism, the vagabond worship life, Fr. Rob's steadying presence and leadership as rector came to an end and St. Anne's transition began; she was being made new, again.

I came to you as a half-time Interim Rector on Palm Sunday, April 10, 2021, as you prepared to search for a new rector. The role of interim is two-fold. She has all the same responsibilities, and duties of a sitting rector and,

additionally, is charged with developmental tasks specific to the interim period which, in this case, included the challenge of navigating the long-term issues of an ongoing pandemic.

“The interim period is seen as prime time for renewal and re-energizing the church in its life and mission.....the major goal of the Interim Rector’s ministry is to prepare the congregation for the coming of the next priest.”

Interim Priest Letter of Agreement

There are developmental tasks specific to the interim such as helping the congregation...

- Understand the church’s history, deal with its grief and unresolved issues, and reconcile any internal conflicts and divisions arising from the rector’s departure.
- Discover its (new) identity apart from previous clergy leadership and embrace shifts in leadership roles allowing new leaders to come forward.
- Renew and rework relationships with the diocese to be a more effective resource and support to one other.
- Make such changes as needed to align Church life and administration with generally accepted standards in the diocese.
- and, most importantly, Build commitment to the leadership of the new priest and an openness to new possibilities.

With these tasks in mind and mindful of the exciting but stressful return to worship in a new building, I set about trying to get people back to church by introducing new Sunday fellowship opportunities (for example: the Pentecost Celebration, Gay Pride Sunday, Rally/Welcome Back Sunday, Ukraine Sunday, Ministry Awareness Sundays). I remain committed to online worship (the one benefit of the awful pandemic) however, I hoped those who could get to church would do so.

Over the past 9 months, the countenance of the congregation has been changing. Those who felt the new location was too far to drive found other places to worship or did so online. Some of the original members of the church have moved away from the area. We have been delighted and honored by an increased attendance especially by CCU students and by newcomers to the area who find us as the only progressive and/or Episcopal Church option.



The Episcopal Church has some of the most beautiful liturgies in the world and not all of them are in the Book of Common Prayer. Trying out some of these contemporary convention-approved liturgies appropriate to the season not only revealed their beauty to you but served as an evangelical tool with its gender-neutral language and in a new visitor-friendly, full-service style bulletin. St Anne's pulled out all the evangelical stops in Advent and Christmas with the community-invited crèche display and a first-ever children's Christmas pageant on Christmas Eve.

At a vestry retreat, graciously hosted by Senior Warden Mike Roberts and former Senior Warden Mary Jo Roberts, I found out about the church's history, the dreams, and concerns about defining its identity, and most of all, the deep love of St. Anne's: a love forged in reaction to schism and prejudice and out of deep affection for all of God's beloved, no exceptions.

Administrative changes were needed before a new rector arrived such as a rector's office with privacy, a working copier, and a part-time parish assistant to help with bulletins and a myriad of other administrative tasks. I hope it will become a full-time position next year. Susan Slavin joined the stellar, part-time staff of Music Director Sarah Abushakra and Children's Sunday minister Trudy Miller.

Susan will be invaluable to the new rector not only as part-time parish administrator but also for the knowledge she carries about St. Anne's and for her helpful, truthful, sweet and supportive nature. Sarah has already established herself as a creative music leader and St. Anne's as having an outstanding music program. Your new rector will be lucky to have her as part of the worship leadership team. Trudy is a jewel in the nursery and at finding ways to teach even the youngest among us about the love of God. Since increasing the children's ministry is one of your goals Trudy is eager to help make that happen.

As you know, St Anne's has a history of strong lay leadership developed during the early years of the schism and necessary for the survival of the church. What a delight a fully involved laity will be to a new rector. As I've always been dedicated to lay pastoral care I was pleased when Pastoral Care coordinator (and Jr. Warden) Cathy Battle asked me to assist in training additional Eucharistic Visitors and schedule the Sunday visitations. Cathy continues to oversee the Meal Train and Pastoral Care Visitors Ministry. Verger and worship team leader Barry Dennis worked with me to offer training and continuing education for those involved in Sunday worship. St Anne's has a steady and committed group of readers, acolytes, Eucharistic ministers and altar servers who serve you well. Mary Jo Roberts keeps you informed of news, events, pictures and those who need prayers through the weekly Prayer List on Monday and an eNewsletter on Wednesday. It is a huge volunteer ministry and Mary Jo should get many thanks for the time and talent she gives to it.

We widened our community outreach ministry to LGBTQ+ connections by offering the church as a safe place for the PFLAG organization to meet. It also became one of the ministries we support financially. We also welcomed an anti-gay protestor or two on a few Sunday mornings by not

responding in kind to their foul shouts but by offering him/them water on hot days. (Thank you, Senior Warden Mike Roberts). St Anne's strong commitment to its ongoing community outreach continues through **CAP, Churches Assisting People (Food assistance), Conway Medical Center (Volunteer Chaplains)** and **Episcopal Relief and Development** (worldwide assistance).

The excellent Education for Ministry weekday adult program continued online during the COVID shutdown and now under the leadership of Susan Slavin is expanding in membership and It may become a regional program. Sunday Adult education resumed after the pandemic pause with the "Understanding Your Faith" class prior to Bishop Ruth Woodliff-Stanley visitation and confirmation service. Bishop Ruth confirmed or received 7 people during the service. The Bishop has proven to be a strong supporter of St. Anne's and we are responding in kind by embracing her vision of racial healing, reconciliation and justice. Several of us from St. Anne's participated in the Diocesan-supported 'Sacred Ground' program. Sacred Ground is an 11-part film and readings based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. It fulfills one of the first steps in racial healing and reconciliation which is "to listen with an open mind and an open heart, seeking first to understand." (Right Reverend Ruth Woodliff-Stanley, Calvary Church, 10/22/2021)



The Diocesan Convention in North Charleston in November was a fantastic and joy-filled event celebrating the end of the 10-year legal fight and rejoicing with the churches returning to the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina. St Anne's delegates, alternates and visitors experienced a powerful sense of community especially during the honoring and recommitment to the historically black congregations of the diocese. Stephanie Spellers, national church Canon for Evangelism and Reconciliation was guest speaker and preacher and so impressed us that her book [The Church Cracked Open](#) became our second post-COVID adult education offering beginning in early January on Tuesday evenings.

At this point in time the Rector Search Committee is in full swing with both parish profile and OTM job profile posted and the diocese is receiving names. As I am familiar with the clergy search process from both sides I have helped the committee when appropriate (I cannot know the names of those applying nor be part of the call decision) and I assure you that the process works. Before too long you will have called a sitting rector; your transition time will end and the steadiness of full-time, long-term clergy presence will begin.

During the remainder of my time with you my goal is perhaps the most important one for an interim rector and that is to help you get ready to receive and commit to the leadership of the new priest and to be open to new possibilities. As you already know I cannot be involved with the congregation on any level for a year after I leave.

Your new rector will bring her/his own history, experience, desire, needs and ideas to you and there will be more change, some small and some large. Commitment and openness will be needed on both sides.

Finally, let me say it has been a joy and an honor to serve as your Interim Rector for the past nine months. I have fallen in love with the lot of you! St. Anne's is endlessly fascinating and your new rector will be a very blessed person. I will be praying for St Anne's for many years to come.

May God richly bless you, St. Anne's, so you may continue to be a blessing to others.

The Rev. Sandra 'Sandy' K. Moyle+
Interim Rector

From our Senior Warden

This was an event-filled year for St. Anne's - with changes in our personnel, aspects of our worship, as well as our congregational life together.

- Father Rob told us that he was moving on
- We hired Trudy Miller for our Nursery
- We held the funeral for long-time congregant Charlie Hawkins



- A new Credence table, Cross, and Organ arrived at St. Anne's
- We said goodbye to our first Rector, Father Robertson Carr Donehue
- On Palm Sunday we welcomed the Rev. Sandy Moyle as our Interim Rector

- Bridgerton style came to St Anne's in May
- We had our first Pentecost celebration
- Our June Vestry retreat led to the identification of possible members of our Rector Search Committee: "Father, Son, and Holy Specter, help us find a real good Rector"
- June 12th was "Ukraine Sunday" – raising funds for Episcopal Relief and Development
- Education for Ministry Sunday and renewal of Wedding Vows



- In keeping with our inclusive outreach we participated in a Grand Strand PRIDE event and celebrated our first PRIDE Sunday
- PFLAG began using our space for their meetings
- In July Susan Slavin took Karen Heacock's place as our Parish Administrator
- In August we "blessed the

backpacks" for students (and faculty) returning to school/college

- The Grand Strand Episcopal Youth Fellowship met at St. Anne's
- Our first ever "Rally Day" on September 11th led to "Ministry Month" where we featured our outreach ministries, in the bulletin and at our services





- We blessed our animal friends
- Bishop Ruth Woodliff-Stanley visited us on October 9th and confirmed/received seven of our parishioners
- In October our annual stewardship drive began - and we held an "Instructed Eucharist"
- November marked our 10th anniversary with plans being made for how we will celebrate this notable event
- We continued in our commitment to the community with

our largest ever CAP Thanksgiving fund-raiser

- Our Choir showed off their vocal skills in an ecumenical service of Lessons and Carols
- Our third annual Crèche Display filled St. Anne's with the beauty and wonder of the Nativity
- Our Christmas celebrations included an ecumenical Longest Night/Blue Christmas event
- AND ... our first EVER Children's Christmas Pageant!

It was a busy (and fun year), and with all your assistance we will have a busy, fun, and spirit-filled 2023.



From our Junior Warden

Buildings and Grounds:

One focus this year has been to improve the overall security of our building by adding and repairing locks on all interior and exterior doors. We also repaired electrical wiring connected to the outside and entranceway lighting. The Conway Police Dept. will check to see if more lighting is needed. We improved the drainage on the Hardwick Tire side of the building and it has been effective in preventing rainwater overflow. Extensive drainage work on the parking field adjacent to the church has made this area useful not only for parking but as an outside venue to host events with a tent, tables and chairs. Through a generous contribution we were able to improve soundproofing on the nursery/sanctuary wall and the men's bathroom. Finally, we continue to monitor moisture issues on the kitchen floor.

Pastoral Care:

Becoming conscious that as members of the St Anne's family, we are all part of the Pastoral Care Team: we utilize the prayer list sent out each week, pass the peace, and interact with one another through, phone, text and email. We have re-started our Eucharistic visitations to shut-ins, and continue to utilize "Meal Train" for homebound recovering from illness and hospitalizations.

Respectfully submitted - Cathy Battle

From our Stewardship Chair

We had another successful low-key stewardship drive this year. Thank you all for making your pledges and financial commitments (that have resulted in \$178,300 in pledges).

However, it is still not too late to make a pledge. Please go to our website to download the form or to set up online giving.

We look forward to another successful year at St. Anne's.

Respectfully submitted - Pete Hearn

Parish Life and Education

The activities related to parish life and education are intertwined in other reports. No one person can make this happen, so this report is a summary of the many ways that ALL church members have participated and celebrated this year. The events to socialize and celebrate have expanded over the year, and the goal for the future is to continue growing, learning more about our faith - and each other - as we become a stronger church family.

The year began with a farewell celebration for Father Rob using our meeting space as banquet room. Ukraine Sunday included foods from Ukraine, sunflowers, flags, and yellow and blue decorations, and special ERD offering for Ukraine.

Rally Day - focused on ministry awareness - was followed with lunch, entertainment both inside and outside. A visit by the Bishop began with small group meeting before church, a Confirmation Service during service, followed by an open question and answer session, and the Vestry having lunch with Bishop Ruth.

The Christmas Crèche display, with Nativity scenes collected from members, was open to the public. The poinsettias donated to honor and in memory of loved ones added even more Christmas spirit.

The message for the future is to keep sharing your ideas and suggestions.

With Joy and Gratitude – Rosemary Jenrette

From our Director of Music

2022 marked my first “normal” year as music director at St. Anne's. The first year included challenges and setbacks as we were still navigating a world of music making during the pandemic. While Covid is still with us and among us, I'm so happy that this past year felt a little more stable and we were able to settle into a routine with the choir.



Perhaps the most visible change in 2022 was our purchase of our Rodgers two-manual digital organ. Over the previous year, I had been searching for just the right instrument to serve our needs— both in the present and in the future as we grow. In the midst of this search, I received a call from Bradley Hardee to share that St. James Catholic Church was having a new organ built for their sanctuary. The Rodgers Company delivered a nice two-manual organ as a “loaner” while their new organ was

being built. Once the new organ was ready, the organ dealer preferred to sell the loaner locally rather than haul it back to Maryland. We were so fortunate to get a great deal on this handsome instrument!

By the grace of God, it was delivered and installed on February 23rd (two weeks before Fr. Rob’s last Sunday with us). Having an organ has changed many things in our worship service. For one, we have an instrument that says “this is permanent. This is our home and we aren’t going anywhere!” After many years of renting a space and setting up a keyboard every week, it’s wonderful for this church to have a permanent instrument in our permanent sanctuary.

Our journey without Fr. Rob also began the season of Lent. Lucky for me, I had all of Lent to practice the organ and try to advance my skills as rapidly as possible. By Easter, we were able to sing the “Hallelujah Chorus” from Handel’s Messiah at the close of worship with full organ! On Easter, two students joined us for hymns— our wonderful sound technician, Sam Hickman on alto saxophone and Hailey Cornell on clarinet.

Over the summer, we had soloists and small groups to provide special music each week while the choir was on their summer break. We are very blessed at St. Anne’s to have such talent and so many people who say “yes” when asked to help out. Summer special music included quartets, men’s choir, women’s choir, vocal solos, saxophone solos, piano duets, guitars, and mandolins.

In August, we hired a new scholarship singer to lead the alto section— Samantha Holman. She has been a wonderful addition to our choir. Josh Hackley returned as section leader to the bass section for his senior year at CCU. Josh will be graduating in May and we will sorely miss him!

In June, I attended the Montreat Worship and Music conference as part of my continuing education. While there, I attended classes, organ recitals, organ masterclasses, and choral reading sessions and incredibly, I was selected to sing in a choir under the direction of the legendary Andre Thomas. Dr. Thomas is a groundbreaking conductor, educator, and composer. It was an incredible learning experience. I always return home from the Montreat Worship & Music conference feeling refreshed and invigorated to plan worship! This summer, I’ll be returning to the conference as a member of the faculty!

The Sunday after my return from Montreat, we celebrated Pride Sunday at St. Anne’s. I worked to choose music that proclaimed God’s love for *all* people. The choir sang “Child of God” by Mark Miller and we ended the service with “For Everyone Born” by Shirley Erena Murray. It will remain

a special Sunday in my memory. I feel so grateful to serve such a radically loving and welcoming church.

When Bishop Ruth visited us in October, the children of the church kicked off the service by ringing hand bells to “Jesus Loves Me.” It was a wonderful first step into including children into the musical life of the church. With the help of Kayla Simonson, I look forward to working more with children in the coming year!

During Advent, our Crèche Displays were accompanied by carols being played by myself on piano (night #1), Sam Hickman on alto sax (night #2) Stephen Williams on violin (night #3). Our choir went Christmas Caroling as part of our annual tradition. Our Christmas Eve service began with our very first Christmas pageant! Many thanks to Kathleen for organizing and writing the script. It was wonderful to be involved. Once the pageant ended, the prelude began and we launched into a beautiful service assisted by two CCU students on flute and trumpet. *O Holy Night* was sung by Jason Collins.

I’m very proud of the musical accomplishments of our church this year. The chancel choir is a joy to work with and I feel my organ skills advancing each week. I look forward to the year to come. I must say that working with Rev. Sandy has been a dream. I have learned so much from her in our time together and will miss our work together when she retires (again!). My goals for the coming year are to form a new working relationship with the next rector, to work on a new filing system for our growing choral library, to include children into worship more frequently, to spend more time with choir members outside of rehearsal and to continue to grow our already wonderful adult choir. Thanks be to God!

Respectfully submitted – Sarah Abushakra

From the Worship Committee

It has been my honor to work with the Vestry and our Interim Rector in the area of Worship, Liturgy, and Music. I am pleased to report on what we have accomplished in these areas over the past year, and where we are going in the future.

Worship



We continue to offer two services: one at 8:30 AM and one at 10:00 AM. We have been blessed over the past year to be led in worship by our former rector, Father Rob Donehue, and our Interim Rector, Sandy Moyle, as well as supply priests. The sermons have been engaging and thought-provoking, and the tradition of the Eucharist continues to be celebrated every Sunday.

We had our first annual Christmas Pageant during our Christmas Eve service this year. While it was organized quickly this year, it was still a delight for everyone! We are looking forward to continuing this tradition next Christmas Eve.

Liturgy

This year, Reverend Sandy has led us to explore some of the new and diverse liturgies that can be found within the Episcopal Church and from other churches in the Anglican Communion around the world. These liturgies are chosen to fit the season of the church year and the occasion. They help us to experience the rich tapestry of prayers and traditions that the Episcopal Church has to offer. By incorporating different liturgies, it helps us to really examine and reflect on the words presented and the prayers we are offering to God.

Over this past summer, the General Convention of the Episcopal Church approved new official liturgies to be used alongside the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. One of the goals of the liturgies we use in the Anglican Communion is to have the liturgy in the common language of the people. As how we use language changes, the prayers and liturgies change as well. By using the common language of the people, we can help make church more accessible and inviting to people who may not have much experience with church.

Liturgies have been incorporated from the New Zealand prayer book, as well as from the Enriching Our Worship digital/online series.

Music

We have been blessed with a great music program here at St. Anne's. We were able to acquire a beautiful new organ this past year to enhance our 10:00 AM worship service. Sarah Abushakra continues to incorporate musical selections and choir anthems from diverse composers to enhance our worship experience.

The music ministry is an important part of St. Anne's. We host CCU Scholar Singers to help them build up their vocal repertoire, and they contribute wonderfully to the choir. We also had the opportunity to participate in an Ecumenical Lessons and Carols service with other churches in the Conway area. Our music ministry continues the work of evangelism by reaching into the community and communicating God's love for humanity through music.

Respectfully submitted - Erik Schrader

Education for Ministry

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a unique four-year distance learning certificate program in theological education based upon small-group study and practice. Since its founding in 1975, this international program has assisted more than 120,000 participants in discovering and nurturing their call to Christian service. EfM helps the faithful encounter the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition and bring it into conversation with our experiences of the world as we study, worship, and engage in theological reflection together.

The program invites participants into small, mentored groups that provide the framework for understanding life and shaping actions as Christian faith is deepened. EfM provides a four-year curriculum that develops a theologically informed, reflective, and articulate laity.

Saint Anne's is the only active EfM program in our Diocese outside of Charleston. We are in our fourth year of existence at Saint Anne's and have nine participants enrolled for the academic year September 2022-May 2023. Anyone interested in EfM for next year should contact Susan Slavin. Join our conversation and study – grow in faith as our church continues to grow with grace!

Respectfully submitted - Susan Slavin

From the Christian Education Endowment Committee

This fund was started with an initial gift of \$25,000, with an addition of another gift of \$500. It is invested with the Episcopal Church Foundation, with 70% in diversified equities, and 30% in fixed income investments.

Like most stock funds, it had a big loss in 2022, of \$4,647, with an ending balance on December 31, 2022 of \$27,314.

To date, there have been no withdrawals from this fund. It is designated for Christian Education.

From the Treasurer

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| Cash on hand (CNB checking account, as of 12/31/2022): | \$25,121.63 |
| The majority of this (\$17,445) is prepaid pledges for 2023 | |
| Cash in Merrill Lynch Money Market Account: | \$53,496.53 |
| Pledged for 2021: | \$189,481 |
| Pledges received in 2021: | \$173,837 (92%) |
| Unpledged income budgeted for 2022: | \$14,654 |
| Unpledged income received for 2022: | \$36,980 |
| Debt: | \$320,311 (mortgage on building and land - Mission Investment Fund, @4.37%, monthly payments of \$1,921) 5 year adjustable note, due 2025 |
| Pledge to Diocese for 2022: | \$16,500 |
| Outreach in 2022: | \$17,510 |
| (\$6,900 to CAP, \$6,060 to Shepherd's Table, \$1,850 for Thanksgiving food drive, \$2,700 to Episcopal Relief and Development) | |

Total income for 2022: \$210,331

Total expenses for 2022: \$201,887

Notes:

Because we lost our full-time priest on April 1, 2022, we also greatly reduced our monthly expenses (rector salary, pension and a very big expense for health insurance). This enabled us to have a surplus going into 2023, BUT we have very little wiggle room in our annual budget once we (hopefully soon) hire a full-time rector. In my opinion, we'll be in good shape for 2023 - the crunch will come in 2024 when we have those added expenses for the whole year. To do this, we will definitely all have to dig deep and try to increase our pledges.

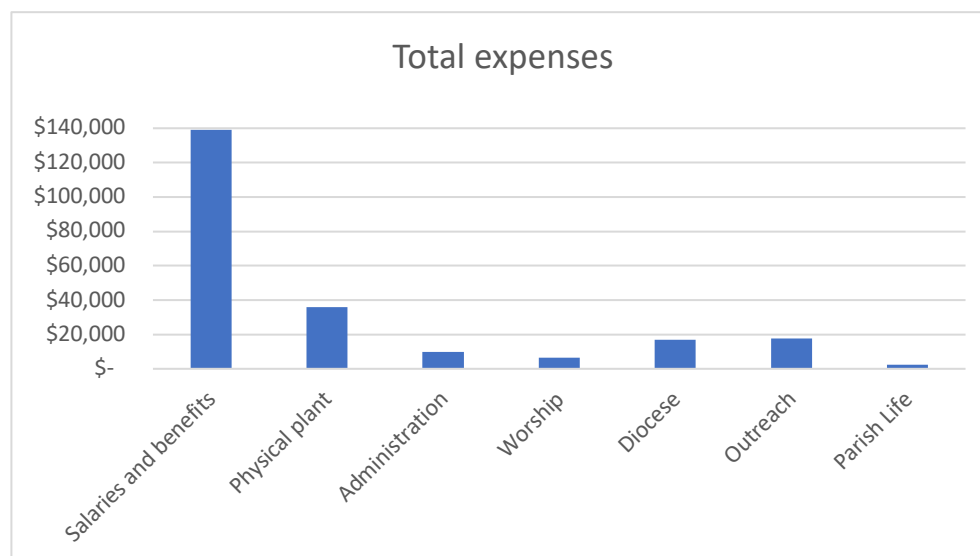
Our parishioners continue respond very generously to requests for outreach, as reflected in the numbers above.

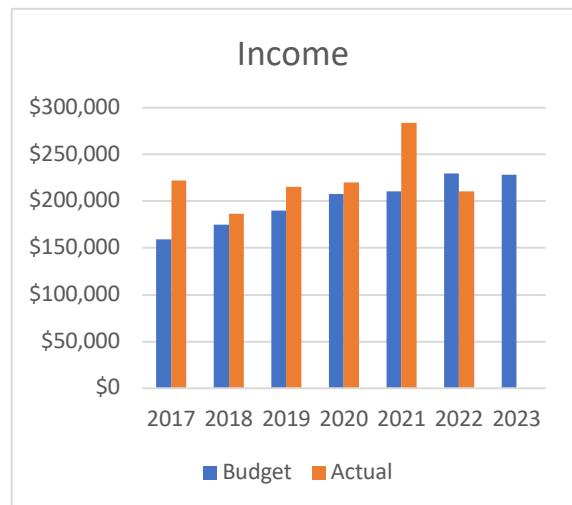
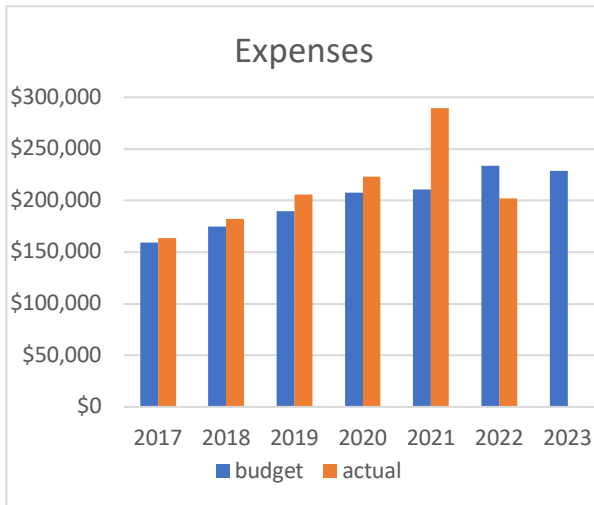
We continue to have some extra expenses that come with the joy of owning our own building. We spent unbudgeted monies - \$860 to improve the outside lighting; \$1,700 for drainage work on the area near the outside sidewalk, and also on the empty lot next door, and \$433 to have the locks rekeyed. We spent over \$4,000 to add some soundproofing to both the nursery and the men's bathroom, but 100% of that was covered by a very generous parishioner.

Anyone who wants more detailed information should contact me: rslove@sccoast.net, or 843-995-3337. I'm more than happy to answer questions, share numbers.

BUDGET OVERVIEW - 2023

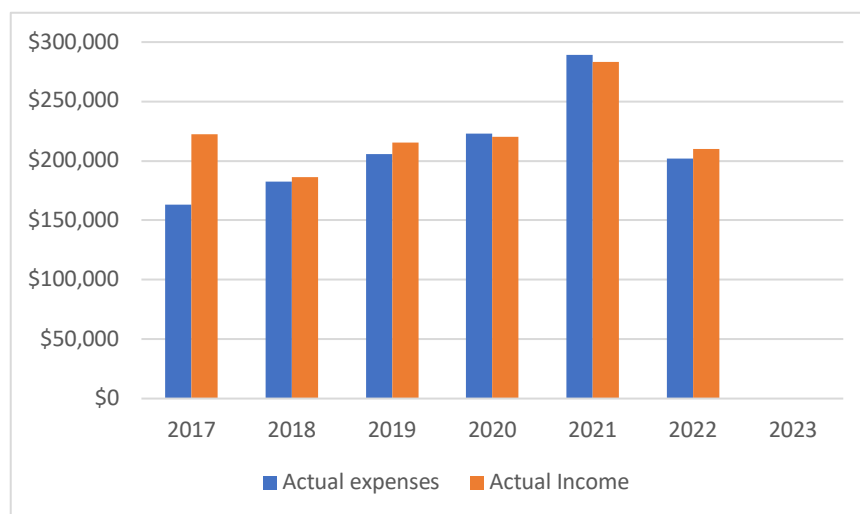
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| Pledged Income | \$ 174,300 |
| Carry over | \$ 20,258 |
| Unpledged Income | \$ 26,500 |
| Endowment Income | \$ 1,000 |
| Other Income | \$ 6,553 |
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| Total Income | \$ 228,611 |
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| Salaries and benefits | \$ 139,255 |
| Physical plant | \$ 35,844 |
| Administration | \$ 10,012 |
| Worship | \$ 6,400 |
| Diocese | \$ 17,000 |
| Outreach | \$ 17,800 |
| Parish Life | \$ 2,300 |
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| Total Expenses | \$ 228,611 |





| Expenses | | |
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| | Budget | Actual |
| 2017 | \$159,368 | \$163,382 |
| 2018 | \$174,647 | \$182,390 |
| 2019 | \$189,698 | \$205,736 |
| 2020 | \$207,685 | \$223,137 |
| 2021 | \$210,849 | \$289,436 |
| 2022 | \$233,425 | \$201,887 |
| 2023 | \$228,611 | |

| Income | | |
|--------|-----------|-----------|
| | Budget | Actual |
| 2017 | \$159,368 | \$222,238 |
| 2018 | \$174,647 | \$186,381 |
| 2019 | \$189,698 | \$215,631 |
| 2020 | \$207,685 | \$220,278 |
| 2021 | \$210,849 | \$283,465 |
| 2022 | \$229,815 | \$210,311 |
| 2023 | \$228,611 | |



ATTENDANCE OVERVIEW

| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020* | 2021** | 2022** |
|----------------|------|------|-------|--------|--------|
| | | | | | |
| Palm Sunday | 81 | 93 | 100 | 97 | 85 |
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| Easter | 128 | 153 | 125 | 127 | 131 |
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| Christmas | 115 | 135 | 120 | 157 | 159 |
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| Average Sunday | 76 | 80 | 81 | 81 | 78 |

2020 is a 'best guess' based on who tuned in on Zoom/Facebook

2021 and 2022 are based on in-person plus Zoom/Facebook

A prayer for the Parish (BCP)

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.