

REPORTS TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

For the Year 2020

Sunday, February 28, 2021



St. Peter's Church

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**St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Minutes of the Annual Meeting
February 9, 2020**

The Annual Meeting of St. Peter's Episcopal Church was called to order by Fr. Samuel Ndungu on Sunday morning, February 9, 2020 at 10:01 a.m.

The first order of business was to appoint Mona Chylack as clerk to take the minutes of this meeting.

The Rector's Warden, Judi Hans, then called for a motion to approve the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held in February, 2019. Jan Wier offered a motion which was seconded by Lynn Boukalik and all attending were in favor.

Accounting Warden's Report. Frank Rotherberger addressed the congregation and talked about 2019 being a transition year as the Church experienced Fr. Mathew's retirement and then welcomed Fr. Sam as the new rector. He also spoke of the Capital Campaign which is in progress and that this relatively small parish gives abundantly to the well being of the Church. Frank directed everyone to the summary financial report in the annual report manual and mentioned that the Church had an operating surplus of \$60,000. He thanked the assembly for its generosity and spoke of the excitement that awaits everyone as Fr. Sam begins working with St. Peter's Church.

Food Pantry Report. Gary Russell offered a presentation on the work of St. Peter's pantry noting that the goal of the pantry is to serve those in need and that last year 4,700 people benefited from the self-select pantry; people are able to choose such things as fresh eggs, fruit, vegetables and milk. A new offering comes from Kimberton Whole Foods that kindly donated meat to the pantry. Some of the produce is delivered to residents of St. Peter's Place. Gary further explained that meals are served daily at St. Peter's, the largest provider in Phoenixville. There is always a need for volunteers to assist in this work, as well as the need for money. Those who assist with the pantry work were asked to stand to accept thanks for the good work.

Mission Report. Gary Russell also reported on the Mission Committee work by explaining Cristosal, an organization supported by St. Peter's, which aids people in El Salvador as they seek human rights. The congregation was told that Gary Russell and Cindy Hammaker will offer a presentation on February 23 informing in greater detail the work of Cristosal and, in addition, he mentioned that during Lent, parishioners will be encouraged to participate in the Dollar a Day campaign which sends the proceeds to Cristosal. Finally, he noted that the annual fund raiser is planned for April at the home of Erica and Michael Logar.

Capital Campaign Report. Mark Hammaker offered comments on the campaign, "Imagine What We Can Do Together" which was begun by Fr. Koshy Mathews and kicked off last year. He noted that 63 people pledged about \$400,000 toward the target of \$500,000. Much of the difference was made up by community funds. Projects in progress and some near completion include the lift, a new bathroom, air conditioning and a new floor in the Smith Room, and the repair of a leak in the same room. Mark extended thanks to many individuals for participation in the campaign, including Retta Sparano, Fr. Koshy Mathews, Gary Russell, Vernon Feather, Katy Druckenmiller and the honorary co-chairs Peter and Liz Fifer, and Phil and Pat Howse and Mike and Erica Logar. It was noted that in spring, building of a ramp into the office area and improving the Prospect Street entrance are planned to complete the campaign projects. Mark extended thanks to the Property Committee for help it provided on many projects.

Senior Warden's Report. Judi Hans referred parishioners to her report in the Annual Report manual and said it was exciting to end the year 2019 with the arrival of Fr. Sam. She shared reflections as her term as Senior Warden ended and said the people of St. Peter's always come to bat when there is a need.

Judi shared her **Three G's**, which are: Goodness because everyone is interested in others; Generosity which includes supporting the party, the work of the property committee, and the capital campaign; and, finally, Gratitude which is giving thanks for our wonderful church.

Judi closed by thanking everyone for what they do and all of this is done in the name of Jesus.

Sermon. Fr. Sam's first sermon to an Annual Meeting at St. Peter's can be heard in entirety in the sermon archives on the Church website. To those gathered he said he was happy to be here and looks forward to the days ahead. He is grateful to Fr. David and Deacon Joe who have been so helpful to him, and he mentioned Judi Hans as someone who is very organized and always ready to help. It was impressive to him that she was prepared to feed him after a meeting because she didn't want him to go home hungry.

The theme of Fr. Sam's sermon centered on the passage, "Let your light so shine that others may see your good works and glorify the Lord."

Following the sermon, Fr. Sam recognized and thanked the following individuals who will be stepping down from the Vestry after completing their terms of service: Judi Hans, Jan Wier, and Vince Giancaterino, who was not in attendance. Candidates, willing to step into the vacant Vestry positions, were then introduced to the congregation: For three year terms, Leo Guen, Diane Hope and Todd Jackson, and, for a one year term, Victor Jackson. Biographies of these individuals had been made available prior to this meeting. A motion to accept these individuals as new Vestry members was made by Richard Green and was seconded by Shelly Brennfleck. All those attending were in favor and the motion was carried.

The candidates for the position of delegate to the Diocese of Pennsylvania convention were announced as Ray Foerster and Jolie Chylack. A motion was made by Mary Jo Wells and seconded by Pat Howse to accept these individuals. The congregation was in favor and the motion was carried.

The business issues of the annual meeting were now completed and the remainder of the church service continued.

Respectfully submitted, *Mona Chylack*

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A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR - 2020
THE REV. FR SAMUEL K. NDUNGU

*'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace for evermore;
Till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.*

Beloved Brothers and Sisters,

Twenty-twenty. When I say those two words, I'm not sure if I intend them as a statement or a question. A lot of things could be said about 2020. It was an incredibly full year, with gripping news events and restrictions on movement and gathering that faced us all with a sudden need to adapt. In the midst of these challenges, though, there have been blessings and gifts and opportunities that have been unique to our mutual ministry in this place in a year full of uncertainty and grief. I have now been Rector of this congregation in pandemic longer than I was before the pandemic, which is a strange and surreal thought, but I continue to be amazed at all the warmth and grace that is shared among us, even when we cannot be in the same place. The past year has asked us to listen more deeply and intensely, and discern what faith, hope, and love look like in these times.

This Annual Meeting report is unlike any we have been given in the past and probably unlike any I will give in the future. In regular times, this report attempts to sum up what has happened since the last Annual Meeting and look forward to the coming year. This year, the review of the past is nearly complete as the wardens, the vestry and I have been giving on-going updates. As for the future, well, in the short term, who knows? In the long-term, we have hope.

First and foremost, I must begin this report with words of thanks to Deacon Joe Dietz, Derek Maninfor and the Choir, our wardens, the vestry and our re-entry committee. They have been incredible partners in ministry, sharing so generously of their time, talents, and treasure for the building up of this church community. Additionally, I want to thank Richard Green, Leo Guen, Clem Young and Gemarr Hatton, in the bleakest days, they offered a companionship and a commitment to Jesus' mission by prerecording, editing and livestreaming our services, our Godly play team, our property committee, our Altar guild, our team of outreach volunteers, our Lunch and Pantry programs volunteers and all who have worked tirelessly during this pandemic to make sure we continue to be the congregation God is calling us to be. Your ministry has been life-sustaining.

Lastly, I want to thank you, the people of St. Peter's Church, as well as the many friends who have joined us on this journey. You have remained loyal, faithful, engaged and a great source of encouragement to me, to our staff, and each other. I feel your prayers and presence. Your encouragement and prayers lift me and carry me forward each day. Thank you for all you do for our witness, our ministry, and our mission.

In-person worship was discontinued in March 2020 and we gathered online to worship, say our prayers, and be with one another. Though it's been almost 12 months like this it still feels strange. It feels like we have been exiled from our homeland, from the way things used to be, from what was familiar and comfortable and maybe even taken for granted. It feels like we are living in a foreign land, waiting and wanting to go home.

I don't know when we'll get to go home. I hope and pray that with the vaccines and continued use of masks and social distancing we can return sooner than later. But I don't know. It's another way of saying that life has changed, not ended. It's about finding what faith, hope, and love look like in this land and in this time, we built, planted, multiplied, sought and prayed. That's what we did this past year and here's what it looked like:

The Church never closed. We gathered in-person, online, and always in our hearts, to worship, pray, and be with one another.

- We wore masks and kept our distance, but we never left one another.
- We made phone calls and sent text messages asking, "How are you? Do you need anything?"
- We celebrated the Eucharist, baptized and commended to God those who had died.
- We learned new technology, increased our production, and expanded our online presence.
- We greeted familiar faces and welcomed new ones. We connected in new ways and remembered what really matters.
- We prayed for healthcare providers, essential workers, the election of our president, each other, and ourselves.
- We cared for people through the food pantry, lunch program, Cristosal Foundation and the rector's discretionary fund.
- We trusted life and God in this land and we did not decrease. We held each other just a bit closer and tighter, even if only in our hearts and desires.
- We continue to pray and study scriptures together on Zoom.

All of this is to say we have not been abandoned and we do not stand alone. The darkness cannot overcome the light of faith, hope, and love. The light will always win and that light exists in you. You are the light carriers. Without you this place, this community, this world is just a little bit darker. Your presence makes a difference.

The uncertainty that comes with the viral pandemic that we have been in for almost 12 months, requires us to walk evermore in faith. Our faith is in a God who promises to walk with us, no matter what circumstances life presents. St. Peter's has a long, proud tradition of serving as a beacon of faith to our community and beyond. The grace of God has never been quarantined during this pandemic. It has been

shared abundantly through the ministries and missions of St. Peter's. Trusting in God, I know that we will continue to be an instrument of God's love and goodness.

Now, perhaps more than any moment in recent memory, our community, our nation, and our world longs for that which only God can provide. While the pandemic has revealed our vulnerability as human beings, it has also revealed the incredible power for good that lives in each of our hearts. That power is the Holy Spirit! My prayer for our parish family is that we will continue to live into being the Beloved Community that God calls us to be.

Thank you for your support, prayers, and patience this past year. I am grateful for your trust and the privilege of being your priest.

God bless you. God bless yours. God bless St. Peter's Church.

Fr. Sam

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Annual Report of the Senior Warden - 2020

St. Peter's, as a congregation, started 2020 with a bright sense of new beginning. Father Sam was starting his new ministry with us. The new Church year was underway. But, we would come to see the wisdom of the old Yiddish proverb – *Man plans and God laughs*. Shortly into the year, our country was immersed in the uncertainty brought about by the Covid-19 virus. St. Peter's was not immune to the monumental changes this would bring to our worship and sense of community. With the help of the Diocese, the Bishop, Father Sam and the Vestry, St. Peter's was able to envision a new way for our church life to continue despite the challenges. We applied for a Payroll Protection Loan, we procured cleaning products and protective supplies through Montgomery County. We devised many new protocols for safe and distanced worship. We turned to technology to bring us together for on-line worship and we met for Zoom calls for Evening Compline and Social Hour. We did all we could to remain connected to our children and elders of the parish. We managed to alter our food programs and they continued to serve our community. We took care of our beautiful building. It was certainly not the same, but the community remained. Thank you to our congregation who have so faithfully maintained their financial commitment to our church. It is a great testament to the importance St. Peter's holds for us all. This year, I have returned many times to a familiar scripture passage - *Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them*. In the midst of all of our challenges this past year, never have I felt the care of our Lord more present. It is an immeasurable blessing for us all.

Respectfully submitted, *Diane Hope - Senior Warden*

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Accounting Warden's Report - 2020

Like so many families, businesses and organizations St. Peter's was faced with a major challenge in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic that reached a turning point in March, 2020. This presented uncertainty in how St. Peter's would continue its operation and the Vestry considered what financial struggles might lie ahead. Like so many times before, the parishioners responded and continued to generously support St. Peter's throughout the pandemic. The Vestry sincerely appreciates this.

St. Peter's ended 2020 with an operating surplus of \$69,236 and an overall surplus of \$76,636 including designated giving and expenses (this includes pantry, rector's fund, capital campaign, Cristosal and other giving and expenses that are designated for specific purposes). Total cash and investments at the end of the year were \$449,549. This puts St. Peter's on solid financial footing as we head into 2021

with the ongoing pandemic. A summary of the income and expense statement with a statement of cash/investments for 2020 is shown below. There were many positive financial moments in 2020 and the following are a few highlights:

- Parishioners continued to give to St. Peter's with open plate/pledge income remaining on budget through the end of the year. More parishioners opted for online giving through the pandemic with about 25 regular pledging units using Realm or PayPal through the front-page donation button.
- St. Peter's applied for and received a Paycheck Protection Program loan in the amount of \$26K through Customers Bank as part of the Government's Coronavirus Relief Legislative action. The funds were critical in keeping staff paid and the church operational in the early stages of the pandemic shutdowns. The loans are completely forgivable (essentially a grant) by the SBA but St. Peter's has not yet applied for forgiveness as the process has recently been improved. We are anticipating applying for loan forgiveness in February and we believe the loan will be fully forgiven.
- St. Peter's established two investment funds with the Church Foundation which is related to the Episcopal Diocese of PA. The Church Foundation oversees the fund with a separate advisory board from the Diocese and the fund is managed by T. Rowe Price. The initial contributions were made from the church's main savings account of \$40,000 and the building maintenance savings account of \$48,814. The goal of the main investment account is to establish an endowment and provide long-term financial growth/stability for St. Peter's. The goal of the building investment account is to provide a long-term investment that will provide assurance that we can always maintain St. Peter's beautiful building. St. Peter's has established an internal investment committee to monitor the funds and make investment recommendations for the Vestry to decide on; however, St. Peter's cannot make individual investment decisions because our account is part of the larger Church Foundation fund. The Diocese of PA has the largest ownership percentage of the fund.
- St. Peter's continues to put rent from The Clinic into the building maintenance fund and this will continue with rent being contributed directly to the building investment fund on an ongoing basis.
- St. Peter's received a very generous gift from the estate of Georgette Griffith in the amount of \$25,000 and this was deposited directly into the main church investment fund based on the wishes of the family to ensure stability in St. Peter's future.
- Operating expenses of the church were controlled, and we even experienced some benefit to not having on site activity with some recognized cost savings, including utilities.
- The Vestry approved end of year bonuses for all staff in recognition of the extraordinary challenges everyone faced successfully this year.
- Parishioners continued to support the capital campaign in 2020 with \$57K received and \$81K expensed for the capital campaign. There has been about \$300K in total giving for the campaign with about \$100K yet to be collected heading into the last pledge year for the campaign.

Respectfully submitted, *Frank Rothenberger* - Accounting Warden

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Children's Ministries 2020

Godly Play has continued to offer programming through the pandemic. In the Fall we held almost monthly lessons and activities including zoom games. We also helped organize and participated in the virtual caroling. Kits were distributed that had lessons outlines for parents and crafts for the children. We also hosted environmental lessons offered by Jolie Chylack. The children were able to see their Godly Play teachers and interact with each other socially. We had good attendance.

For the first few months of this year, we continue to offer a monthly lesson and more environmental lessons.

Respectfully submitted, *Mary Jo Wells* - Junior Warden

Capital Campaign - 2020

Activities associated with the Capital Campaign in 2020 were mainly focused on obtaining an in-person inspection of the lift. The inspection is a requirement of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry ("L&I") to allow the lift to be opened for use by our parishioners and the public. Not surprisingly, scheduling L&I inspection during 2020 proved quite challenging due to COVID-19 restrictions and the fact that all L&I inspectors moved to working at home instead of in their offices. The good news is the inspection was eventually completed on 14 September 2020 and the church then received a temporary license from L&I on 17 September 2020 allowing general use of the lift. We have since received the permanent license to operate the lift, which is posted in the Fellowship Room outside the door to the lift. All costs originally planned for the Fellowship Room were paid shortly after receiving the permanent license. Having an operating lift in the church is a wonderful accomplishment to be celebrated by all of us at St. Peter's (maybe someday)!

As for the current status of the Fellowship Room, in December 2020 a pipe that returns condensate water to the boiler from the nave was found to have collapsed from its wall supports and is severely sagging (which it is not supposed to be doing). These conditions will require the replacement of and the addition of supports to this section of condensate return pipe. Unfortunately, this section of pipe is located inside one of the walls running the length of the Fellowship Room. This has resulted in the need to open up portions of the wall to allow access to the pipe which has been completed. How best to implement repairs to the pipe is now in the planning stages, with the work tentatively to be completed by the end of February by our contractor, Trago Mechanical, who has been assisting us with the issues relating to the boiler and heating systems. Once repair of the pipe is complete, the wall in the Fellowship Room will be repaired which will then finalize work in the Fellowship Room as part of the Capital Campaign.

The next project to be undertaken as part of the Capital Campaign will be construction of an ADA ramp which will allow access from the church parking lot to the church offices. It is anticipated that a contractor will be selected to allow the work ready to begin in the spring when weather becomes a little milder. There are currently sufficient funds available in the Capital Campaign checking account to move forward with this next project (thank you for your pledge contributions). Following construction of the ADA ramp will be upgrading the windows around the cloister and addressing the floor at the Prospect Street entrance (pending available funds).

Lastly, if you have yet to contribute your total pledge amount for the Capital Campaign, please do so as soon as possible to allow us to continue to improve our church building and grounds to better serve both you and our community.

In Christ, *Mark K. Hammaker*

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Cristosal Mission - 2020

The Mission Committee continued our dialogue with Cristosal our partner in El Salvador, Central America. In 2020, the year of COVID, the President of El Salvador ordered a strict stay home policy for the whole country. Violators were hauled over to the detention center for a purported ten day stay, but many were retained without explanation. Families' efforts to get information on their loved ones was rebuffed and many become infected with Corona virus due to the extremely crowded conditions at the detention center. Such is the life of the average citizen in El Salvador.

It is within this atmosphere that Cristosal's staff began working from home since March 16, 2020. The crisis sparked creativity in applying their human rights tools through different means to disseminate verified health information, inform citizens of their rights amidst each decree, and provide channels to denounce violations as they happen. Cristosal began a digital campaign to inform Salvadorans of their rights and to disseminate verified public health information. Using a simple link, people who have been harassed or arbitrarily detained can submit Habeas Corpus complaints directly to the Supreme Court. Their work to protect families displaced by violence continues.

Cristosal is a vital force for human rights and we are proud to support their work. Our financial support in 2020 included a virtual fundraiser on June 16, 2020, Dollar A Day campaign and a church budget commitment totaling \$25,360.29.

We sincerely appreciate all those who have contributed through Dollar A Day, the Annual Fundraiser and prayer.

Respectfully submitted, *Gary Russell*

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Environmental Committee - 2020

2020 marked the second planting season for Saint Peters community garden and in late spring crops consisting of collards, kale, spinach, and lettuces were planted and harvested every other week. In early summer the ministry received kind donations from church and community members consisting of tomatoes, zucchini, pumpkins and eggplant. These were harvested and included in fresh produce bags made for the food pantry. Through the program more than 100 bags were donated. The committee extends a kind thank you to the property committee for winterizing the irrigation system last fall.

Amy Atlee and Chris Goulian continued to act as liaisons to community environmental efforts by attending meetings with the Phoenixville Transition Committee and by volunteering in the reservoir park community garden where harvests of peppers and other vegetables were also shared with the Saint Peters pantry.

Starting mid-summer, and going on through late fall, youth education efforts resumed to encourage outdoor environmental pursuits. These were held in partnership with the Godly Play program and offered through ZOOM get-together's. Topics included:

Migration Sensation Grateful for Nature Exploring our Outdoors

The environmental ministry committee sends special thanks to all volunteers, partnering ministries and participants who helped the program to continue during a challenging year.

Respectfully submitted, *Jolie Chylack*

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Lectors and Chalicists - 2020

St. Peter's Lectors are responsible for reading the first and second Scripture lessons, and the Prayers of the People, every Sunday at both services. At the 8:00 AM service, one person does all of the readings, including the Psalm. (The Psalm is sung by the choir and congregation at the 10:00 AM service.) We currently have 2 lectors for the 8 AM service and 26 lectors for the 10AM service. We are always happy to have more people join us, especially our young students, and also those who are looking to increase their participation within the church. It would be especially appreciated if there were more lectors for our 8 AM service. Please contact any of our clergy or myself if you would like to become involved in this ministry.

Chalicists assist the clergy, offering the cup of wine at Communion. We have 2 chalicists to serve at the 8:00 service, and 10 chalicists to serve at the 10:00 service. Deacon Joe Dietz serves as chalice bearer at the 8 am service, with the exception of the first Sunday of each month. The 10 am service requires 2 chalice bearers for the first Sunday of each month, and one on each remaining Sunday. This position does require some training. Please talk to Father Sam or Deacon Joe if you are interested in joining this very important ministry.

Respectfully submitted, *Joyce Paster*

Pastoral Care 2020

The mission of the Pastoral Care team, is to reach out to our infirm and home-bound members and provide communion and connection. 2020 was a trying time and more or less the entire congregation was homebound for much of the year. Due to the pandemic, we were unable to provide communion and/or visits to those in need.

At the urging of Jyl Harrington and Todd Jackson, we brought back the tradition of providing gift bags at Christmas. This past Christmas, we delivered to 10 individuals/families. This is a very meaningful activity and the love and gratitude from the recipients is a wonderful gift in return. Special thanks to Jyl Harrington, Todd Jackson, Clem Young, Amy Atlee and Chris Goulian for your participation in this endeavor.

Our team includes: myself, Amy Atlee, Clem Young, Michelle Engle and Vince Giancaterino, who serve as Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs), as well as Todd Jackson, Fr. Sam and Deacon Joe.

At this time, I would like to express my gratitude to the team for all that you do, Your time, treasure and talent are truly appreciated.

If anyone feels called to this ministry, please contact me or a member of the Clergy.

Praying that 2021 will be a much kinder year for all.

Respectfully submitted, *Lisa Scott*, Director

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Property Committee - 2020

The Property Committee had another busy year maintaining our church. We improved flooring in multiple areas including the Smith Fellowship Hall, cleaned the tile in the nave and altar and removed all of the pews and refinished the wooden floors to a clean smooth finish.

As usual, we had a few leaks and maintenance repairs on the boiler and heating system piping. Curt Quaintance and Mark Hammaker stayed on top of the boiler and took proactive measures to keep the boiler running smoothly.

The Property Committee also completed the following jobs in 2020:

- ongoing routine maintenance and improvements to the church as needed or requested
- maintained the grass, flower beds and bushes on the property
- maintained lighting inside and outside of church
- finalized the elevator certification
- planted and maintained organic garden
- installed parking signage to discourage overnight parking
- reduced storage clutter in Smith Fellowship storage area
- managed outside services used to maintain the church building (e.g., roofing contractor and fire extinguisher inspections)
- assisted Fr. Sam with the construction and installation of a lighted nativity for Christmas

Looking forward, the committee will focus on establishing an electrical connection to the garage to allow us to use battery operated mowers, blowers and weed trimmers. We will be moving forward on the ADA ramp for the office level, maintaining the boiler and completing a building survey to help us organize our long-term maintenance approach for our structure and grounds.

The church is maintained through the help of many dedicated workers. Our Sexton, Maria D Barranco has continued to do a great job. We are always looking for more volunteers to help keep the building, grounds and gardens looking nice.

If you have an interest in joining our Property Committee, we meet during the first Monday of each month at 7PM in the Fellowship Hall. Beverages and snacks are provided while we discuss our action plan for tackling our goals each month.

Please speak with David Brennfleck or Mark Hammaker if you have any questions or find an item that requires attention from our committee.

Respectfully submitted, *Dave Brennfleck and Mark Hammaker*

Social Media - 2020

Realm – We are using Realm as our main mailing program. The database has been updated with all the members of the church. Judy Dougherty updates her list as well as the Realm database as needed. Realm also provides the Church with a Giving component. This allows members to donate to the Church electronically. In this time of remote activity, it has been a benefit to provide a secure and effective method to send funds to St. Peter's.

Realm also has the ability to share events and other activities. This would be applicable if all the members were active participants of Realm.

Facebook - We have two Facebook accounts.

St. Peters Church Families - is designed to communicate with the members of the church who have children involved in church activities. Events, messages and general communication can be found on this site. It is a closed group. There are 50 members currently. New members can be added by the moderator – Jan Wier.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church Phoenixville – This is an open group site where members and others can participate. Father Sam has used both sites to share many messages this year. This account has reached many people. There were over 4000 likes within the year. The administrators Father Sam and Lynn Boukalik can post on the site. Others can post or comment as visitors on the site. Again, Father Sam has used this site effectively this past year. Many members of the greater Phoenixville community have indicated that they are watching our site. This site could be used more effectively to share events that are meaningful to the Church community and/or the community at large.

Both of these sites can serve our Church as one method to reach out to members and the community

Respectfully submitted, *Lynn Boukalik*

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St. Peter's Food Programs- 2020

With the faithful efforts of our volunteers and very generous giving by our parishioners and others outside the parish we were able to maintain and provide full services just as we had before the pandemic. We served 2,457 individual sets of pantry offerings in 2020.

The year of COVID challenged us to be flexible and remain fluid with the ever-changing conditions. We placed a major emphasis on protecting our volunteers' and guests' health and safety:

- Wearing masks and social distancing mandatory for volunteer and guests.
- Volunteer functions were consolidated and a minimum of staff deployed.
- Cleanliness protocols were established and followed.
- Visitors were not invited into the church building to deter spread of the virus.
- Commercial food products were purchased in lieu of preparation in our kitchen.
- Drive in service established to further facilitate social distancing and ensure safety.
- Donations of funds were encouraged to purchase food rather than donation of food items.

Our parish and our community responded to the hardships caused by the pandemic resulting in record levels of income and support. We received:

\$26,540 Individual donations \$10,000 Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania Grant
\$10,000 Globus Medical Devices Grant

We greatly appreciate the generosity of the Diocese for providing funds from the Program Grant Program instituted by Bishop Gutiérrez several years ago. Our most hearty thanks to Globus Medical Devices who awarded us an unsolicited grant in their desire to serve those grievously affected by food insecurity due to the pandemic. We are also indebted to Kimberton Whole Foods who provided us with a valued commodity of frozen meat products for every pantry. Most of all we give sincere thanks to those parishioners and individuals outside the church that supported our effort to continue serving those in the most need.

Weekday Meal Program (Phoenixville Ecumenical Meal Program) Similar protocols and restrictions necessary for the pantry were employed in the lunch program. We served approximately 7,000 lunches and breakfasts. Hearty thanks is due to Great American Pub Chef John Sakos who donated a hot entrée every Friday to our St. Peter's volunteers who provided Friday lunches.

We give thanks for our partner churches and organizations:

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| Gabriel's Kitchen (Phoenixville Hospital Social Services) | Growth Ministries (7th Day Adventist Church) |
| St. Ann R. C. Church | First Presbyterian Church |
| St. John's Lutheran Church | First United Methodist Church |
| Washington Memorial Chapel (Episcopal). | |

Respectfully submitted, *Todd Jackson*

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Stewardship - 2020

The Stewardship Campaign for 2021 giving also presented a challenge during the pandemic because we were not able to meet in person. Parishioners once again responded overwhelmingly so that the Vestry was able to pass a balanced budget for 2021. Overall, we received 59 pledges totaling \$246K. Even if you have not yet provided a pledge amount for 2021, we would encourage you to still send this information to the office at saintpetersphoenix@gmail.com or to the accounting warden at franklin.rothenberger@gmail.com.

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Pledge/Open Plate	\$ 278,001.38	Payroll Expenses	\$ 197,465.46
Rent	\$ 20,866.92	Building Maintenance	\$ 13,327.48
Paycheck Protection Program	\$ 26,377.00	Utilities	\$ 13,609.71
Other Operating	\$ 3,340.97	Other Operating	\$ 59,947.50
Griffith Estate Donation	\$ 25,000.00		
Subtotal Operating	\$ 353,586.27	Subtotal Operating	\$ 284,350.15
Capital Campaign Income	\$ 56,790.00	Capital Campaign Expenses	\$ 80,811.78
Other Designated Income	\$ 95,441.19	Other Designated Expenses	\$ 77,250.39
Net Realized and Unrealized Gains/(Losses)	\$ 13,231.23		
Total Income	\$ 519,048.69	Total Expenses	\$ 442,412.32
OPERATING CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$ 69,236.12		
TOTAL CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$ 76,636.37		
<u>Cash and Investment Accounts</u>			
Operating Checking/Savings	\$ 91,747.14	Main Church Foundation Account	\$ 71,293.72
Capital Campaign Account	\$ 175,727.57	Building Church Foundation Account	\$ 59,229.45
Youth Group Account	\$ 2,247.62	Mission Account	\$ 738.37
Pantry Account	\$ 38,093.41	Concert Series Account	\$ 4,504.97
Ecumenical Program Account	\$ 2,700.06	Columbarium Project Account	\$ 3,066.30
Petty Cash	\$ 200.00	TOTAL CASH/INVESTMENTS	\$ 449,548.61

Frank Rothenberger, Accounting Warden

2021 Vestry Candidate

Danielle Smith

Danielle has been a member of St. Peter's for the last 13 years. She and Sam found a home at St. Peter's just before their first child, Ethan was born. Both Ethan and Emmy were baptized at St. Peter's and have enjoyed growing up with Children's Chapel and Godly Play. Danielle has served in various roles related to Children's Faith Formation. She has been both a leader and coordinator of Children's Chapel and a Sunday School teacher. She was part of the founding Godly Play team at St. Peter's and enjoys her current role as a teacher in the program. Danielle has also volunteered with the food pantry and most recently served on the Discernment Committee.

Professionally, Danielle has worked in various positions serving children and families. Upon the completion of graduate school she worked full-time as an elementary school counselor before transitioning to middle school several years later. Danielle then completed additional graduate work and moved into the role of school psychologist, currently working with children ages 4 through 21 in the areas of assessment and diagnostics, program planning, intervention and transition services. Danielle has worked within the Methacton School District for the last 20 years and maintains a small private practice.

When she isn't working she spends most of her free time chauffeuring Ethan and Emmy to rock-climbing, gymnastics, lacrosse, basketball, ninja warrior and guitar lessons or, when spectators are permitted, being their biggest cheerleader at events and competitions. Danielle and Sam have been married for nearly 19 years and he is her best friend and favorite dinner date. Danielle loves the beach, prefers to read multiple books at once and has a love/hate relationship with running.

Danielle is looking forward to serving St. Peter's in a new way and learning so much along the way.