



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING *Sunday*
– February 20th, 2022 11:15 a.m.

AGENDA

Call to Order

Opening Prayer & Welcome - *Rev. Dr. William Lupfer*

Approval of Minutes from 2021 Annual Meeting – February 14th, 2021

- *Confirm quorum*

Treasurer's Report – *Eric Pelander*

- *Treasurer's Report for 2021*
- *Presentation and motion to accept 2022 Budget as approved by vestry*

Sr. Warden Report – *Warren Klug*

Rector's Address – *Rev. Dr. William Lupfer*

"Thank you" to retiring vestry members:

Katherine McLellan

"Thank you" to continuing vestry members:

Warren Klug, Joel Shannon, Cari Kuhlman and Donna Rowlands - Class of 2023

Eric Pelander, Lindsay Gorman and Peter Grenney - Class of 2024

Commission/Installation of new vestry members - *Rev. Dr. William Lupfer*

Jay Webster, Diana Rumsey and Tracy Murtagh - Class of 2025

"Thank you" to all those who share their time and talent through our CEC family

Closing Prayer and Adjournment - *Rev. Dr. William Lupfer*

Christ Episcopal Church

Annual Meeting

February 14, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 11:04 a.m. Present were: Peter Munson, Eric Pelander, Lindsay Gorman, Kathy and Warren Klug, Robert and Linda Sonderman and Katie McLellan.

Father Munson opened the meeting with a prayer that incorporated verses from I Corinthians 13 as it was Valentine's Day.

Father Munson expressed his appreciation and thankfulness for the staff at CEC.

He then recognized the current Vestry members.

New Vestry members were introduced with Gorman and Pelander making a few comments about themselves. A motion to approve the three new members: Gorman, Pelander and Peter Grenney was made by W. Klug and seconded by L. Sonderman. The motion carried.

The monthly Vestry meeting will not be held on the third Wednesday as usual this month. Instead there will be Vestry retreat on February 24 at 6:30 p.m. Father Munson asked that each member discern where he/she feels he/she has been called to serve as a Vestry member. He hopes the service will bring experience, interest and joy to the member and well as being of benefit to CEC.

Search Committee Update

Gorman gave a thorough update about the progress of the Search Committee. She talked about the upcoming dates for the closure of applications, review of such, selection of candidates for interviews, visits, and the final calling by Bishop Kym Lucas. The Vestry has been asked to be with the Search Committee for the rest of the process. Frequent updates mostly written by Jan Blaich have been included in the e-Bulletins and Sunday services.

Rector's Report

Father Munson relayed that Julia has received her third round of chemotherapy this past week. Surgery is slated for March 8 to be followed by three more rounds of chemo. This will take until mid-May. He is appreciative for all the support he has received. He is hoping to manage short visits to Aspen (Saturday to Sunday) in the future.

For Ash Wednesday, February 17, individual bags of ashes have been hung on the front door of the church for pickup through Wednesday. The service will be at noon and recorded. Father Munson will bless the ashes at which time members may place the ashes on their foreheads. Father Munson suggested the application of a small amount of olive oil first.

The Lenten Study on relationship principles is scheduled to begin next Sunday, February 21, at 11 a.m. The Munsons have been working with a local video photographer on the presentations and are close to

completion. There will be about eight sessions ending April 25 (no session on Easter Sunday). Katrina will be sending out the video each week which will be the subject of discussion the following Sunday. Father Munson noted that concerns indicated from the Holy Cow survey will be addressed along with other issues. He said that non-members are welcome as well.

Father Munson thanked all of the members who have been active at CEC. He is excited for the future of CEC.

Senior Warden's Report

W. Klug thanked Peter for all his hard work during the past year that has been so challenging. He then wanted to recognize the passing of three members of CEC: Kathryn Koch, Bob Cook, and Richard (Dick) Nibor (Diana Rumsey's friend). Their faithfulness and service to the church was wonderful and they are missed.

W. Klug noted the many difficulties that CEC has faced over the past year. There have been rector changes, the pandemic and closure of the church and major maintenance issues in the church as well as the rectory. He stated that the PPP loan of \$45,000 that has been forgiven was of great assistance and a second loan of \$30,000 has been applied for. He thanked the staff as well as others who have been faithful stewards of the church.

Treasurer's Report on 2020 and Proposed Budget for 2021

As Cari Kuhlman, Treasurer, was unable to attend, W. Klug briefly discussed the final numbers for 2020, noting that the fiscal year ended with a deficit of slightly over \$67,000 which will be covered with reserves. The budget for 2021 was very challenging. The projected shortfall is \$125,000. W. Klug noted that additional expenses are anticipated for the rector search. The budget indicated two lines for pledges: those already received and those that are anticipated.

R. Sonderman asked if the rector's insurance covers Father Munson. The latter said he does have insurance through a church medical trust of which CEC is paying 100% of his premium and a portion of Julia's. R. Sonderman did ask Vestry to strongly consider refunding of outreach activities and renewing the outreach committee with the departure of Jessica Salet and the death of Kathryn Koch. He also encouraged 'inreach' funding as well. Father Munson suggested that the Vestry discuss designating any additional funds received or portion thereof to outreach. Pelander noted that in his prior church this was done with 10% of additional funds slated for outreach.

The motion was made by Pelander to approve the 2021 budget and seconded by Gorman. The motion carried.

Other Business

W. Klug is giving thought to the eventual reopening of the church. He noted that when in-person services were held in the second half of last year the attendance was rather small -about 10 per service. The Diocese is asking that the church follow local guidelines and to exercise judgment. Live

streaming will continue after the doors are reopened. The question was posed about the ventilation system. W. Klug said it could be improved but the cost will be rather significant.

Father Munson offered the closing prayer. The

meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Katie McLellan

Interim Clerk to the Vestry

2021 Actuals vs. 2022 Budget

\$ in thousands

	<u>2021 Actuals</u>	<u>2022 Budget</u>
Income		
Pledge Income	304	482
Contributions	117	25
Offering Plate	10	10
Misc.	32	38
Funds Transfers	28	13
Total Income	492	\$ 568
Expenses		
Outreach through Broader Church	50	52
Direct Outreach	0	20
Building & Grounds	73	75
Ministry & Worship	22	31
Office & Admin	31	27
Hospitality	17	15
Rector & Staff	273	345
Total Expense	465	565
NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT	\$ 27	\$ 3

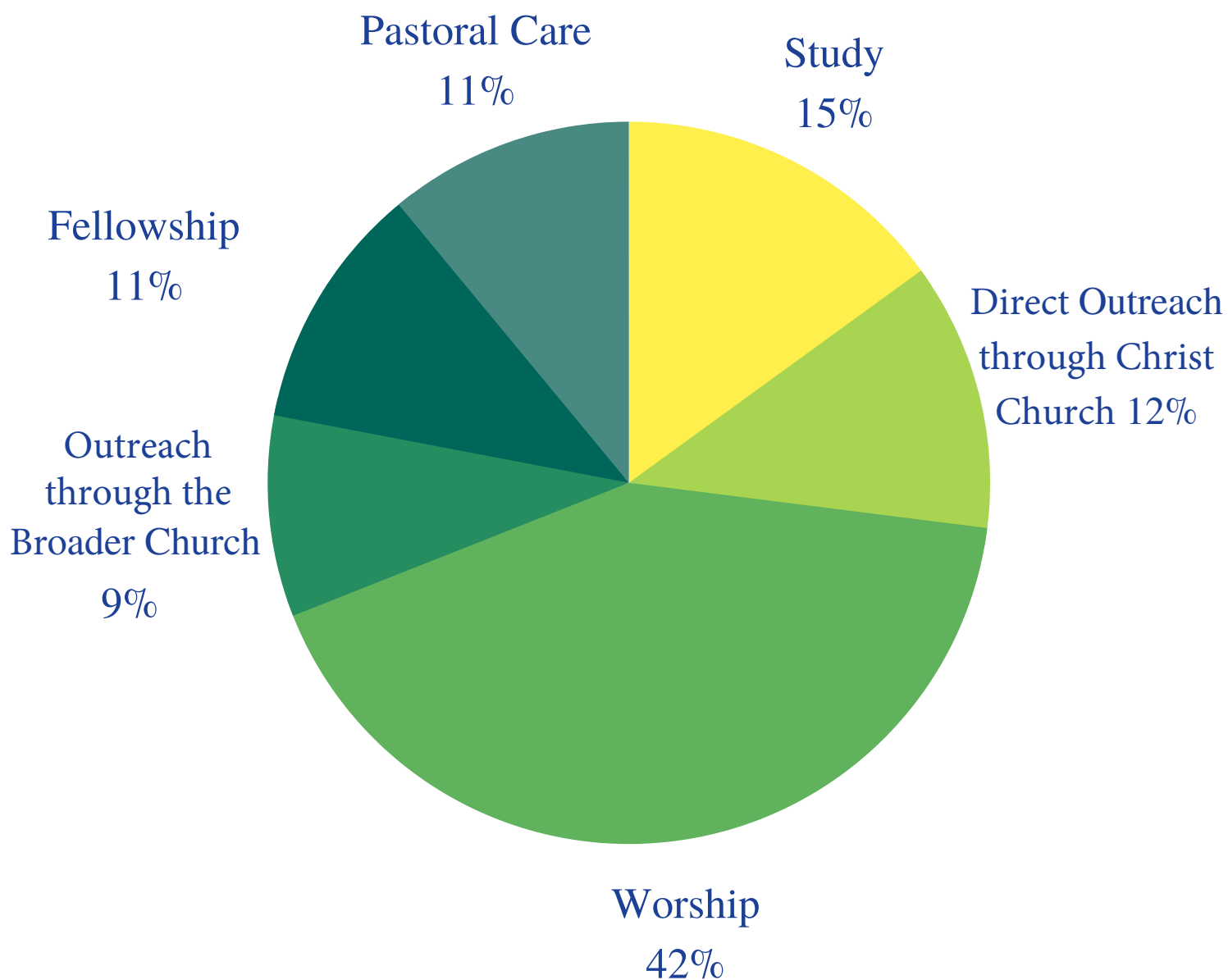
Highlights from Treasurer, Eric Pelander:

- We project our total income (receipts) to be up over \$75K due to our parishioners generously supporting the Stewardship Campaign. The church brought in new pledgers, renewed lapsed pledgers, converted contributors to pledgers and saw significant increases from numerous families. Your faithful stewardship has enabled Christ Church to set a budget with increased investment in our missions and programs.
- Outreach, both direct and through the broader Episcopal church, will increase by over \$20K. We are able to support community and regional outreach directly out of our general operating budget, which we have not been able to do over the past couple years.
- Investment in Worship Ministries will increase by ~ \$10K, largely focused on renewed and enhanced children ministries. We also have funding for adult study programs.
- We will be able to provide well-earned salary increases to our rector and staff team for the year, unlike 2021 in which we were only able to provide raises midyear.

Overall, the Vestry is thankful that this budget reflects our Year of Renewal and enables us to let our light shine in new and brighter ways.



2022 Budget



NEW VESTRY CLASS OF 2025 STATEMENTS

JAY WEBSTER



Jay and Patti Webster

I have been a lifelong Episcopalian. In boarding school I was active in the choir and served as an acolyte for three years at the school's chapel. At Princeton University I was a chapel deacon as an undergraduate and active in the chapel programs. When I moved to Aspen in 1986, I became a parishioner at Christ Church with Father Babb. I have been a loyal member of Christ Church since then despite having moved to Carbondale in late 2017. I have served on the Vestry previously under Father McNab, and have been an usher at the 10 o'clock services.

One of my aims on the Vestry would be to serve as a liaison to the recovery community and towards mental health in general. I support Christ Church financially as well as participating in other activities such as Holiday Baskets. I spend approximately four months of the year in Hawaii but I am always available by Zoom for meetings.

DIANA RUMSEY



I was born in New York City, raised in Denver, moved to Snowmass Village as a "pioneer" in 1967. Being a cradle Episcopalian, I have supported Christ Church Aspen for over 52 years and served on its Vestry two terms. I feel committed to the lay ministries as well as a need to reintroduce some of our past programs. Following a few difficult years, I look forward to contributing to the challenges ahead in our church history and building a strong membership and vital youth ministry.

TRACY MURTAGH



I have attended Christ Church for 34 years and have been an official "member" for almost twenty. I served on the vestry from 2003-2005, a previous tumultuous period for our church where CEC was led by 3 different priests over three years. During that similar time, we as a church were required to search our collective souls to define our beliefs, and values to determine our future path. Christ Church is again at a critical juncture, but I am confident that under the experienced guidance of our new, short-term rector, she is poised to reclaim her position of strength. With my previous experience I feel well equipped and am eager to contribute to the team that leads her back.

In addition to having served on the vestry, I have taught Sunday School, hosted coffee hours, and participated on a prior search committee. I am currently a periodic lay reader and greeter, and also participate in the mason jar ministry and holiday basket program. During ski season I work full time as an assistant manager at Aspen Sports at the St. Regis.