

# 2022 Annual Report



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### Annual Meeting Agenda January 22, 2023

The Call to Order

The Opening Prayer

The Passages

The Preliminaries

- Review voter eligibility

- Eligible voting members sign-in

- Appoint clerk

- Appoint parliamentarian

- Approve 2021 Annual meeting minutes

The Chapter Nominations and Election

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- Preserving the Past

- Striving for God's Future

The Blessing

The Adjournment

## **The Call to Order**

The Very Rev. Scott Anderson  
*Dean and Rector, St. Peters Cathedral*

## **The Opening Prayer**

The Very Rev. Scott Anderson

## **The 2022 Passages**

### **Holy Baptism**

Otis Matthew Anderson  
Abigail Jane Dellwo  
Liam Murphy Fox  
Rory Andrew Fox  
John Sebastian Passamani

### **Faithful Departed**

Adron Ralph Medley, MD  
Dennis F. Thurston  
Gretchen Olheiser  
Quentin Lee Schroeter  
John Smith  
Henry Youngs

## **The Preliminaries**

### **Voting Eligibility at the Annual Meeting**

In accordance with The Episcopal Church Canon Law and St. Peter's Cathedral By-Laws:

#### 1.1 Qualifications of Voting Members

Any person who is a communicant of St. Peter's Cathedral, duly listed in the Cathedral Register, in good standing, and sixteen years of age or older shall automatically be a voting member of the corporation. All members voting at meetings shall sign an attendance form, which shall be attached to the official minutes of that meeting.

### **Approve 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes**

The Annual Meeting was called to order by Dean Scott Anderson, who also offered the Opening Prayer.

**Preliminaries:** The Qualifications of Voting Members were reviewed; all eligible voting members signed in person or through their Zoom connection.

Motion was made and seconded to appoint the Clerk. The motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded to appoint the. The motion carried.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the 2021 Annual Meeting minutes. The motion carried.

**Chapter Report:** Dan Carlson-Thompson, Sr. Warden

**Dean's Report:** Dean Anderson

**Chapter Nominations & Election:** Candidates for election to the Chapter were introduced, and each individual shared some personal information about their call to serve on St. Peter's Chapter. There were no additional nominations from the floor.

Motion was made and seconded to elect the following to serve three-year terms on St. Peter's Chapter:

Gerri Campbell

Aubrey Curtis

Kurt Fuehrer will continue as Treasurer and Kerry Johnson will serve as Clerk; they are non-voting Chapter members. The Chapter will elect a Sr. Warden and Jr. Warden at its upcoming Retreat.

**Delegate Nominations and Election:** Motion was made and seconded to approve the following slate of Delegates to represent St. Peter's at the 2022 Diocesan Convention in Missoula:

Jenny Eckwortzel

Mari Jaynes

Jean O'Connor

Charles Elliott

Cathy Johnson

Chris Stockwell, alternate

Sam Gilbert

Janet Kirkland

Maggie Stockwell, alternate

The motion carried unanimously.

**Stewardship Report:** Kurt Fuehrer

**Treasurer's Report:** Kurt Fuehrer

**2022 Operating Budget:** Kurt Fuehrer, and Rick Johnson

**Endowment Report:** Sarah McHugh

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by Dean Anderson.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Very Rev. Scott Anderson

**Those in attendance at the Annual Meeting held Sunday, 1.23.2022**

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Jane Anderson                | 22. Beth Demmons          | 43. The Rev. John Moran         |
| 2. The Very Rev, Scott Anderson | 23. Jennie K.P. Ekwortzel | 44. Cathy Morris                |
| 3. Noah M Aukerman              | 24. Charles Elliott       | 45. Nyla Newman                 |
| 4. Marsha Baumeister            | 25. Sarah Page Fox        | 46. Jean O'Connor               |
| 5. Karyl M. Beattie             | 26. Kurt Fuehrer          | 47. Ray. J. Paige               |
| 6. The Rev. Robin Biffle        | 27. Sam Gilbert           | 48. George Powell               |
| 7. Mark Bouse                   | 28. Robert Grudier        | 49. Lesley Powell               |
| 8. Susan Bouse                  | 29. Fred Harper           | 50. Kima Rosling                |
| 9. Charlie Briggs               | 30. Mari Jaynes           | 51. Kyle Rosling                |
| 10. Billie Brown                | 31. Chuck Johnson         | 52. Ruth Ann Schuler            |
| 11. Dick Brown                  | 32. Kathy Johnson         | 53. Darien Scott                |
| 12. James B. Brown              | 33. The Rev. Rick Johnson | 54. Bobbi Spilker               |
| 13. Laura Brown                 | 34. Sara Johnson          | 55. The Rt. Rev. Marty Stebbins |
| 14. David B. Campbell           | 35. Tim Johnson           | 56. Chris Stockwell             |
| 15. Geri Campbell               | 36. Jeannine Juhnke       | 57. Maggie Stockwell            |
| 16. Dan Carlson-Thompson        | 37. Mark Kelley           | 58. Joyce E. Thompson           |
| 17. Lizzie Carlson-Thompson     | 38. Janet Kirkland        | 59. Jeff Tiberi                 |
| 18. Donna Church                | 39. Scott Leak            | 60. Vicky Tiberi                |
| 19. Caleb Dalton                | 40. Ruth Ann Massey       | 61. Philip M. Witkamp           |
| 20. George Day                  | 41. Robin McHugh          | 62. Kim Wilson                  |
| 21. Loretta Day                 | 42. Sarah McHugh          |                                 |

**The St. Peter's Cathedral Chapter Nominations and Election**

Senior Class (Rotate off January 2023)

Dan Carlson-Thompson  
Sam Gilbert  
Mark Kelley  
Robin McHugh

Middler Class (Rotate off January 2024)

George Day  
Beth Demmons  
Scott Hibbard

Freshman Class (Rotate off January 2025)

Janet Kirkland (Replacing Geri Campbell)  
Aubrey Curtis

Candidates for Election

Sam Gilbert (2-year term)  
Scott Leak (3-year term)  
Ray Paige (3-year term)  
Melinda Schell (3-year term)  
Vicky Tiberi (3-year term)

**The Candidates for Election**

Sam Gilbert: I grew up on a small ranch near Clyde Park, Montana. Our family attended St Andrews Episcopal Church in Livingston. I graduated from the University of Montana with a degree in forestry and spent my 36-year career with the U. S. Forest Service in north Idaho, western and central Montana. I have continued with forestry consulting since that time. Our family moved to Helena in 1988 and we joined the St Peters Cathedral congregation. I just completed my first term on Chapter and am currently serving as Junior Warden.

Scott Leak: Born in Illinois; raised in southeastern Michigan; graduated from the University of Michigan in '77 with a mostly useless degree; enlisted in the Army in '79, first as a cook, but later changing to counterintelligence and technical security; retired as a Warrant Officer in '99, moving to the Defense Intelligence Agency, basically doing the same thing, but all over the world; met my wife Jeannine in '01 (in Germany), and married her in '02; retired (again) from DIA in '18; and moved to Helena in '20 to be closer to Jeannine's parents.

Ray Paige: TBA

Melinda Schell: I'm the lady who brings her black Golden Doodle (Abby) to church on Sundays and throughout the week. I'm a transplant from California, the youngest of 4 children. I taught mostly high schoolers for 37 years while attending a Presbyterian church my grandparents helped build. My mother was interim pastor for 2 years. After I retired, I moved to Helena to be much closer to my son and grandchildren. I love being in church for worship, Eucharist, and fellowship. Church involvement in leadership is part of my heritage and my own life. I'm learning my way around Episcopal vocabulary after many decades of Presbyterian vocabulary, but I'm delighted to be part of St. Peter's congregation.

Vicky Tiberi: My name is Vicky Tiberi and I have been a member of St Peter's since 2014. I have always found our church to be very welcoming and to present many opportunities for participation in the life of the church. I believe that the future of our church, and indeed the world, resides with our young people. Therefore, my emphasis in service has mainly concentrated on youth. I have been involved with youth Christian Formation for the last 9 years as well as helping in the nursery. I also enjoy working and scheduling in our Bargain Basement thrift shop.

Our middle school youth group has become non-existent this year and so I am looking for new ways to serve. I believe the opportunity to serve on the Chapter would fit my interests and hopefully my skill set, and I am excited for the opportunity of being considered.

Outside of the church I am a CASA advocate and represent the interests of children who are removed from their homes in court cases. My husband and I enjoy gardening, biking, health and nutrition and spending time visiting our children and grandchildren.

## **The Diocesan Convention Delegates Nominations & Election**

Five delegates and two alternates will be elected for the 2023 Diocesan Convention to be held in Livingston October 6-8, 2023.

## **The Bishop's Report**

The Rt. Rev. Marty Stebbins

*Bishop of Diocese of Montana*

The year 2022 was one filled with out of state and out of country meetings for me. These included the last session of College for Bishops (baby bishops' school), the Episcopal Church's General Convention, and Lambeth for all the active bishops in the Anglican Communion. The world seemed to try to will the pandemic away but its effects continue to nag at the broader faith community. Some families and individuals drifted away from their faith community, some found new communities via our hybrid services and many rejoiced being able to be together in person. The Church is changing rapidly and we are still finding our ways to share the Gospel in the Episcopal tradition. We need to evangelize ourselves as much as we need to evangelize others. As the Archbishop of York, Steohen Cottrell states, "So when I speak about the mission of the church (which on the whole I try not to) what I'm really speaking about is the mission of God: God's great vision and desire to shape And transform the whole world around Christ; and what we call mission is our catching hold of God's vision and joining in as best we can. Therefore, my dream for the church is not really a dream at all. Rather, it is the hope that we can become the simpler, humbler, bolder church..." This is my hope for 2023 as well.

## The Chapter Report

George Day

*Senior Warden*

The members of Chapter, elected by the congregation, has happily worked together to ensure the financial status of St. Peter's Church. First of all, due to the generosity of our church members, the 2022 budget was successfully met. Secondly, Chapter has thoughtfully considered and prepared the budget for 2023 which we believe will be a challenge, but one which we can meet.

In addition, the Capital Campaign mentioned during last year's annual meeting began with the installation of a new roof (replacing the old roof that was nearly 100 years old) over the Nave. The completion of finishing the roof, coupled with the identity of other projects as well as the fundraising for those projects will continue in 2023.

In addition, your Chapter has functioned to support and assist the other ministries of St. Peter's Church as well as manage other church issues as they occur.

On behalf of myself and the other Chapter members, I wish to thank the congregation for allowing us to serve you.

## The Membership, Attendance and Services

The Rev. Rick Johnson

*Bookkeeper*

(These numbers are reported on the annual Parochial Report which goes to the Diocese and National Church.)

	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>Members reported:</b>	494	504	482	482
<b>Increase</b>	28	3	13	15
<b>Decrease</b>	18	9	26	20
<b>Total Active Baptized Members</b>	504	498	482	477
<b>Average Sunday Attendance</b>	130	133*	79**	99
<b>Average Sunday Attendance including online participation</b>			199	101
<b>Easter Sunday Attendance (in-person)</b>	277		153	207
<b>Total Sunday &amp; Saturday Eve. Eucharists</b>	117	109	120	123
<b>Total Weekday Services</b>	59	41	52	48
<b>Total Private Eucharists</b>	66	12	15	0
<b>Daily Offices (Morning Prayer, etc.)</b>	12	207	349***	303***
<b>Marriages Conducted</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Burials Conducted</b>	18	6	11	6
<b>Baptisms 16 years and older</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Baptisms under 16 years</b>	4	0	2	5
<b>Confirmation 16 years and older</b>	0	0	1	1
<b>Confirmation under 16 years</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Received by the Bishop</b>	0	0	0	1
<b>Re-Affirmed by the Bishop</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Church School Students &amp; Youth Group</b>	23	27	26	21
<b># of adults engaged in religious education or spiritual formation</b>	71	74	75	36

\* Average Sunday Attendance was calculated from January 1 – March 31, 2020.

\*\* Average Sunday attendance was calculated only in person attendance.

4014 in person divided 51 Sundays in 2021.

\*\*\* Online

## The Treasurer's Report

Kurt Fuehrer

*Treasurer*

### Statement of Accounts as of December 31, 2022

#### Reconciled Checking Account Balances

	12.31.2022	01.01.2022	Difference
Operating Fund (01)	\$ 46424.14	\$ 32526.95	\$ (13,897.16)
Non-Operating Fund (02)	\$ 96605.51	\$ 75340.56	\$ 21,264.95
Memorials (03)	\$ 15735.13	\$ 15591.45	\$ 143.68
<b>2022 Totals</b>	<b>\$ 158,764.78</b>	<b>\$ 123,458.96</b>	<b>\$ 35,305.82</b>

#### Savings Account Balance

Cathedral Account	12.31.2022	01.01.2022	Difference
	\$ 80688.72	\$ 105,065.80	\$ (24,377.08)

Proceeds from this account are used for building, ground & major equipment repairs.

Deposit for 2022				
Transfer Stock Acct		\$52,000.00		
Interest		\$2.92	Stock Withdraw	<b>Total Bid</b>
(Withdraws)	Roof Materials	\$(76,380.00)	\$(227,998.00)	<b>\$304,378.00</b>
(Withdraws)	Architectural Fees			
		<b>\$(24,377.08)</b>		

Columbarium (RBC)	12.31.2022	01.01.2022	Difference
Quarterly	\$13,327.66	\$13,307.21	\$ 20.45
Interest	\$20.45		

The Bargain Basement	12.31.2022	01.01.2022	Difference
	\$6,279.13	\$2,451.83	\$ 3,827.30

#### RBC Wealth Management Investment Portfolio

	12.31.2022	01.01.2022	Difference
Summary of Stock Funds	\$470,081.77	\$457,372.61	\$ 12,709.16

#### Summary of Stock Funds

Change in Value	\$3,315.40
Donation Income	\$350,552.35
Transfer Cathedral House	\$(52,000.00)
<b>Withdraw Operating (Faith)</b>	<b>\$(57,230.96)</b>
Stock Withdraw(Roof)	\$(227,998.00)
Taxes Withheld	\$(305.39)
Investment Fees	\$(3,624.24)
	\$12,709.16

#### The 2023 Budget

Kurt Fuehrer, and Rick Johnson

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## The Stewardship Report

The Rev. Rick Johnson

	2023	2021	2022	2023
<b>Pledging Units</b>	(123) \$278,551	(127) \$279,915	(113) \$280,472	(109) \$263,791
<b>New pledges</b>	(11) \$28,114	(11) \$10,780	(6) \$ 6,380	(12) \$13,320
<b>Lost pledges</b>	(2) \$17,680	(3) \$5,120	(5) \$9,417	(11) \$25,828
<b>Increased pledges</b>	(53) \$ 16,025	(36) \$13,037	(44) \$22,074	(47) \$19,273
<b>Decreased pledges</b>	(11) \$8,320	(11) \$6,243	(14) \$11,442	(11) \$22,544
<b>Pledges staying the same</b>	41	69	47	39

Please note: The 2023 pledge year is current as of 1/17/23.

Thank you to Robin McHugh and Sam Gilbert for being Co-Chairs of the Stewardship Committee. Thank you to all stewardship callers and volunteers for your hard work on the 2023 stewardship campaign.

## The Endowment Report

Charlie Briggs

*President*

St. Peter's Parish Endowment Fund begins year 2023 with a balance of \$425,209. This is a net change in value of – (\$53,468) since January 1, 2022. This year 2023 balance is a decrease of 11 percent from the previous January. In January 2022, the endowment began with a \$478,677 balance. The fund's year 2022 gross income totaled – (\$38,649) for 2022; consisting of \$18,228 from endowment contributions, \$16,952 in dividends, interest and short-term capital gains; \$6,644 in long-term capital gains, and - (\$80,472) in unrealized gains/losses. Net income for the year was - (\$38,649). The outgoing expenditures for the year were \$14,819 in funds paid to the St. Peter's Cathedral Chapter.

In 1998, founding members of this newly formed board launched the endowment with a few \$20 donations. Annual dividends, interest and short-term capital gains from the endowment automatically go to the St. Peter's Cathedral's Chapter, which decides how to spend the money. In year 2022, \$14,819 in annual dividends went to the Chapter, which used the money to help balance the budget and to assist with the roof repair in the nave. Early in year 2023, about \$16,952 in annual dividends will go to the Cathedral, as established in the Endowment's by-laws.

These dividend moneys often are used by the Chapter to pay for pressing infrastructure needs, as intended when the endowment formed. Dividends over the years have helped pay for a new Undercroft floor, parking lot repairs and a new boiler.

Parishioners who leave estates or donate money, stocks, bonds, life insurance policies or even a boat to the endowment fund can get a double benefit, if it's done right. First, they may be eligible for favorable tax treatment to lower their tax liabilities beyond normal tax deductions. Second, these donations to the fund will be gifts to benefit St. Peter's in perpetuity. Board members can answer general questions about how this works, but you will want to consult your accountant or tax lawyer about specifics.

We are very grateful to the deceased and current parishioners who have donated to the endowment fund over the years, and most recently in 2022. Endowment board members are: Charlie Briggs, president; Rachel Robison, treasurer; Mark Kelley, secretary; Vickie Rauser, Ruth Ann Shuler, and Dean Scott Anderson. Ed Mangis, one of the endowment founders, has retired from investment management and our new investment adviser is Samuel J. Holm of Allstate Financial Service.

With term limits, we usually need at least one new board member annually. It is important, but not onerous, work. We meet over the noon hour once a quarter. If you are interested, please notify a board member.

## **The Ministry Reports**

### **Acolytes**

St. Peter's Cathedral does not have an active acolyte ministry at this time.

### **Altar Guild**

Janet Kirkland, Jean Smith, Edie Landry, and Marlene Campbell

*Co-Chairs*

Members: 1

Meetings: 3

Altar Guild ministry: The Altar Guild works directly with the clergy. The members of Altar Guild prepare the Altar for scheduled services, weddings, and funerals. We take care of the sacramental vessels, candles, altar linens and decorating the Church for all special occasions. There are 16 dedicated members who serve one week per month with 3 additional members on a reserve list. We typically meet three times a year. Twice for cleaning and polishing the altar and sacramental vessels and once for an appreciation luncheon.

We would like to thank those who come in each week to do these important duties and we welcome all persons interested in serving this quiet ministry.

### **Bargain Basement**

Jackie Brehe

*BB consignment bookkeeper*

The Bargain Basement (affectionately known as the BB) is a ministry started 40 years ago by Martha Lee Vetch with the purpose of providing the Helena community with "gently used items at an affordable price". Originally located in the basement of the church, the BB moved to the bottom level of Wilson hall in 2013.

This year we have provided the Cathedral with \$39,000.55 which is almost 3 times what was given prior to the relocation. We could not have done this without the donations we receive, our dedicated volunteers or our loyal customers.

The BB accepts donations of clothing (adult and children), shoes, household items, books, jewelry, decorative items, framed art, tools, games/puzzles, bedding, lamps, and small pieces of furniture such as chairs, end tables and bookcases. (We cannot accept electronics, sports equipment or luggage.)

Our ministry depends on volunteers and we can always use more, both men and women. If you would like to volunteer please contact Laura Brown at 442-3608 to schedule a training session. Volunteers always work in pairs so you would be paired with an experienced volunteer when you started. You can choose to work one day a week, once a month or be a substitute.

Please consider supporting this important ministry by volunteering, by donating or by coming by to shop.

### **Christian Formation**

Sarah Fox

*Sunday School Coordinator*

Since February 2022 I have been the coordinator of the St. Peter's Sunday School Family! A heartfelt Thank You! for this opportunity. As well, I wish to send a Big Thank You! to the St. Peter's Sunday School Families staff, the Storytellers, the Doorkeepers, Teacher Leaders and all who help and support Our Ministry! Without their loving contributions of their time, Our Sunday School would not be possible? THANK YOU!

Let's keep Growing, Loving, and Learning about God and Jesus Christ!

### **Coffee Hour Hosts**

Marsha Baumeister

Firstly, once again a heartfelt thank you to each of you for encouraging our fellowship times after each service during the past year by providing refreshments and/or cleaning up afterwards. A special shout out to Darien Scott for tirelessly cleaning up the kitchen after Sundays when no one signed up!

Secondly, keep in mind that our fellowship time is a ministry, yes, to ourselves, and that we need to attend to ourselves in order that we might attend to others.



Thirdly, folks are happy with pretty much any kind of snack you might provide and it most assuredly does not have to be made in your kitchen! Thanks!

### **Comfort and Care**

Janet Kirkland, and Marsha Baumeister

*Co-chairs*

Comfort and Care is a ministry devoted to pastoral care of our church community. We all play a role in pastoral care by taking care of each other. There are many facets to this ministry.

In 2022 we started with just a few.

- o Birthday card ministry – we have 12 wonderful persons who write birthday cards to members of the church monthly.
- o Altar Flower distribution – we are delivering our Altar flowers each week to church members and to Touchmark services.

In 2023 we hope to start:

- o An expansion of the card ministry to include Anniversaries, Sympathy, Words of Encouragement and Welcoming.
- o Providing rides to and from church for those wishing to be with us but are unable.
- o Providing the comfort of food and/or companionship to those who maybe in need. (Home from the hospital, recovering from surgery or celebrating a new birth)
- o Developing a prayer chain

All persons are welcome to participate in this ministry. Please contact the office if you would like to join us or if you may have a need for these services.

### **Cook, Learn, Eat** - Connecting Foods in the Bible with Foods Grown in Montana

Gail Nickel-Kailing

Everything we see around us and every bit of food we eat is provided by God; all avenues to good health are holy. It is up to all of us to learn more about the food we eat, where to get the most nutritious food, and how to prepare it.

Our mission is to inform, educate, and entertain while encouraging participants to choose and prepare healthful food for enjoyment and wellness. It is a sincere spiritual quest; after all, we are what we eat.

In 2021, we conducted two sessions: *Back to the Future: Spelt in its Place* (June) and *A Mess of Pottage: Jacob's Red Lentil Soup* (October). In 2022, two more sessions were offered: *Ezekiel's Survival Bread: Bread and Water for 390 Days* (July) and *A Taste of the Levant: Herbs and Spices* (October). Over these 4 sessions, we had a combined total of 29 people. Menus for each session showcased grains, pulses, meats, and cheeses from Montana farms and ranches.

For 2023, three sessions are planned, and we hope to average 10 - 12 guests at each. Coming in February, 2023, the first session – *A Flight to Egypt* – will follow Joseph, Mary, and the baby Jesus as they flee to Egypt (a journey of about 40 miles) to avoid the “Massacre of the Innocents,” which targeted the child Jesus by killing all boys two years and younger in the vicinity of Bethlehem.

### **Concerts and Events**

Charles Elliott

*Cathedral Administrator*

St. Peter's Cathedral welcomed Musikanten Montana back in 2022. The ensemble provided two Evensong services, and an evening of music for Holy Week.

The Cathedral presented a benefit concert for the people of Ukraine in late May 2022. The greater Helena community came together to help raise over \$20,000. Proceeds were divided between Hands on Global, Episcopal Relief and Development, and Lutheran Disaster Response.

## **ECW/St. Anne's Guild**

Darien Scott

*Treasurer, ECW/St. Anne's Guild*

ECW hosted their hybrid Lenten Luncheons, live and via zoom. We didn't do soups as still a little bit Covid cautious. People brought their own lunches, (sandwiches or salads) and we provided coffee, tea and cookies. Our speakers included, Lizzie Carlson-Thompson, Janie Hazel and Signe Ask of Head Start; Colleen Rahn of NAMI; Kat Milligan of ERD via zoom; Maggie Stockwell about the Long Term Effects of Covid and Dean Scott on Being the Church in Time of Crises.

In September, ECW hosted a successful Wine and Cheese party/meeting in the Guild Room, giving newcomers a chance to get acquainted and get involved with ECW.

In November ECW hosted a spaghetti dinner and raffle and netted \$1150.00 They also sold Butter Braids and netted another \$1030.00

ECW also hosted 'retirement' reception for Rick Johnson in November.

In December, ECW hosted a Christmas Party with stockings, gifts and games for 22 children at the YWCA. In addition, they also hosted a reception following the Lessons and Carols service.

ST. ANNE'S only hosted 3 funerals this past year. Aaron Medley's in January and Quentin Shroeter and Gretchen Olheiser's in June.

ECW donated \$1,000.00 to Camp Marshall and \$500 to Family Promise. Our balance on had as of December 31,2022 was \$3,832.12

## **Episcopal Relief and Development**

Hank Hudson

*ERD Representative*

St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral participates in Episcopal Relief and Development efforts to address nationwide and worldwide needs. A monthly contribution of \$100 is made by the Social Concerns Commission. In addition, the Church recognizes Episcopal Relief and Development Sunday and shares information concerning their many philanthropic efforts. Prayer support is offered to those in need around the world.

## **Eucharistic Ministers**

St. Peter's currently has 7 licensed Eucharistic Ministers. Duties include assisting at weekly Sunday services and at special services (feast days, funerals, etc.). At this time, LEMs serve as acolyte and crucifer.

## **Eucharistic Visitors**

Janet Kirkland

Lay eucharistic visitors are those licensed to take communion to those who are unable to join us in worship at the church. St. Peter's is in the process of relicensing and adding to our list of Lay Eucharistic Visitors.

## **Evangelism and Church Life**

Beth Demmons

Another year under our belt. When tasked with writing something for our annual report, I had a strong feeling that I should just use the same message I wrote last annual meeting. I know we have done great things in our Church and community but it always seems to be the same people. Very few in our congregation took me up on my challenge to invite me to the things they are already doing outside of our Church walls. I will draw upon the writings of the Virginia Theological Seminary and the Episcopal church to highlight Evangelism.

Let's face it, there are a lot of reasons to run from evangelism: I thought Episcopalians evangelize with actions rather than words. What if I don't have the answers, shouldn't I leave it to the professionals and clergy? I wouldn't know how to begin with evangelism. What if people reject me? Isn't evangelism disrespectful to people of different faiths or no faith at all? What if people think I'm one of those Christians?

That's a lot of obstacles that make it easy to not get involved. However, there are even more reasons today to turn the page and embrace this humble and holy spiritual practice. Whenever Episcopalians affirm a baptism, the presider asks, "Will you proclaim in word and deed the good news of God in Christ, and will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving you neighbor as yourself?" Every time, we respond, "I will with God's help."

That's a promise to practice evangelism, and it's not just a call for some of us, it's a call for all of us. Evangelism is ultimately about growing your own loving, liberating, life-giving relationship with God and helping other people grow there's too. Episcopal evangelists are not selling Jesus or luring people into church. We certainly aren't in charge of whether anyone follows Jesus, that movement belongs to the Holy Spirit. Still, the more we're in tune with the loving presence of Jesus, the more we feel wonder and gratitude in God's presence, the more that love starts to overflow, and that overflow is evangelism. So welcome, everyone, to embracing evangelism.

Be well, Beth

### **Family Promise**

Maggie Stockwell & Donna Church

*Co-Chairs*

With your generous support, Family Promise (FP) served 91 families with 204 children this past year. Currently there are three families sleeping in the churches and another two families who are staying in hotels through the Montana Emergency Rental Assistance (MERA) program and eating many of their meals at the Day Center. MERA funding runs out this month.

FP provides housing, food, case management, education in financial literacy, parenting, good renter skill training, resume building, and more to unhoused families with children and to families at risk of losing their housing. In 2023 they will offer Neighborworks training to improve participants' financial literacy. The pandemic raised challenges but also opened opportunities to serve in new ways.

FP has stretched out/expanded to Townsend to help at risk families in their community. This fall the City began enforcing an old law. Folks living in campers on private residences were told this was illegal. FP secured five spots in Townsend for five families and is working with the fairgrounds for several more emergency temporary spots. All these people have kids in Townsend schools and consider themselves residents. FP now has a contact person in Townsend who can facilitate assistance. The churches and schools have been helpful advocates.

Family Promise has dreams of one day having a better space and expanding programming as they continue to pursue grant opportunities that will allow us to expand our outreach to at risk families.

PLEASE JOIN US – Come for a fun night of singing along, comedy, and outrageous piano playing! Family Promise has been invited to join the Dueling Piano team this year on Saturday February 25, 2023. Impact MT and Family Promise will battle to see who can sell more tickets and raise the most in song requests to the dueling pianists. PLEASE bring your friends and join us for this fun event by purchasing a table at [www.FunEventsMT.com](http://www.FunEventsMT.com) for a fun filled evening! St. Peter's Cathedral Social Concerns Commission sponsored a table and is promoting this to our congregation, see Kim Wilson or Hank Hudson for additional information.

Thank you to those who helped support FP's recent fundraisers.

- December John Floridis concert raised over \$2,500.00
- September Comfort Food Challenge raised \$15,000.00

February 12-19, 2023 is St. Peter's next host week. We partner with the Cathedral of St. Helena to provide overnight hosts at Wilson Hall, deliver home cooked meals SUN-THURS, and deliver groceries to the Day Center. We can always use more volunteers. For information on how to help please contact Donna Church at 406-439-6811 or Maggie Stockwell at 406-465-0707.

Thank you for keeping the families, staff, and board members of FP in your prayers!!

### **Flipper Club**

The Flipper Club provides an opportunity for fellowship over a pancake breakfast October through May on the first Sunday of the month. Donations received benefit the Social Concerns Committee's work.

### **Flower Committee**

The Altar Flowers are sponsored each week in memory or thanksgiving of loved ones and events. Please contact Tammy Reynolds to sponsor flowers for the Cathedral altar.

## **Foyers**

Darien Scott

After a couple years hiatus, Foyers was able to get started again. We had 24 people sign up for Foyer's on Rally Sunday, so established 4 groups of 6. Foyers is a fun way to meet and visit people in small groups (6-8 people) for casual meals. Gatherings can happen monthly or every other month, which each member or couple taking a turn hosting. Each group sets its own agenda. The host provides the main course and the others fill in with salads, desserts, etc. It is a relaxing fun way to get to know one another better and a great way to welcome newcomers.

## **Holy Hikes and Wonderful Walks**

The Rev. Robin Biffle

*"God saw everything that they had made, and indeed, it was very good." - Gen. 1:31.*

What joys we shared in the delights of walking and hiking and reflecting and praying under God's Big Sky. We enjoyed more than a dozen Holy Hikes (with Eucharist) or Wonder-Full walks (with creation-centered reflections) in 2022. Stymied in the summer by heat and smoke and in winter by ice and cold, we nonetheless found opportunities to show God—with our feet and our hearts—how thankful we are for our piece of this beautiful, bounteous planet.

Begun in the summer of 2020, sometimes the walks draw a handful, sometimes a dozen or more. We're usually out for about 90 minutes at an easy pace—sometimes on paved trails and sometimes on the single-track that crisscrosses Mount Helena or the gentle wider trails at the Regulating Reservoir. We enjoyed several "urban" walks this year through Helena's neighborhoods and enjoyed bakery-treats afterward!

If you'd like to join this ministry of body-prayer, if you have questions, or would like more information, please be in touch: robin.biffle@gmail.com or 208-310-0895.

## **Hometouch**

Hometouch is a weekly mailing of a scripture readings, & activity sheet, the weekly Happenings, and a print copy of the Sunday sermon. Many thanks to Darien Scott and Marg Crennen for faithfully put the mailing together each week

## **Junior Warden' Report**

Sam Gilbert

*Chapter Junior Warden*

Laura Brown arranged a contract for dormant season pruning (February) for the trees in the courtyard area. The trees look much healthier now. Jim Brown works with Spieker Sprinkler Systems to keep the lawn irrigation system going. Nitro Green does the seasonal fertilizer applications.

Sara and Tim Johnson sponsor a contract with The Little Lawn Guys for Spring power raking, weekly mowing, fence and sidewalk trimming and blowing off the sidewalks on Friday afternoons. Sara also keeps the shrubbery in top shape. This keeps our grounds looking very nice.

The big item with the physical features of the Cathedral was getting the roof replaced over the nave portion of the Cathedral in June. Damaged sub roofing was replaced, insulation added and new slate shingles put on the roof. Replacing the roof on the remainder of the building will be one of the items to be funded by the Capital Campaign.

Chapter approved a contract with Sapphire Forestry to grind out the stumps of trees along the south boundary of the property. Even though the trees had been cut several years ago, the stumps kept sending up sprouts that had to be frequently clipped off.

The exterior of the tool shed was in severe deterioration. George Day, Matthew and Nick Jaynes, Mark Kelley and others donated time and materials to replace the siding and roofing of the shed and get it painted.

Our church sexton, Bill Eyman, keeps our facilities clean and orderly.

A volunteer effort is being organized to clean and re-stain the woodwork in the nave area of the Cathedral. We will also be working on a volunteer Saturday in the Spring to spruce up the grounds.

## **Lectors**

The Rev. Rick Johnson

During 2022, 21 people served as lectors for the Sunday morning services as well as for other Holy Days. Serving as a lector is a wonderful way to participate for those of us who have limited time to serve but who still want to contribute to our weekly worship services. Lectors read the lessons from Holy Scripture during the liturgy. If you love words; have a strong voice; can read with feeling and emphasis; and are able to review the reading ahead of time (always wise!), then please consider serving in this sacred and meaningful way. Please note: all youth who love to read and feel comfortable reading in front people are also welcomed.

Training will be provided to anyone who is interested in this ministry. If you are interested in becoming a lector, please contact Deacon Rick Johnson at 442-5175.

## **Memorial Garden**

Jim & Laura Brown

The cost of a niche is \$500.00 for St. Peter's members, \$700.00 for nonmembers and \$250.00 for the common internment. Please call Jim or Laura Brown for any questions.

## **Men's Fellowship**

The Men's Fellowship group continues to meet on Tuesdays at 7:00 am. Meetings take place virtually and in-person. A monthly breakfast meeting takes place in a member's home.

## **Morning Prayer**

Morning Prayer takes place virtually Monday through Saturday at 8:30 am. All are welcome to participate and can find the access link on the St. Peter's website.

## **Music**

Charles Elliott

*Director of Music*

We celebrated the retirement of Choir Master, Dick Brown on Easter Sunday. Dick, and his wife, Billie, have been faithful musical shepherds for congregations around the country for decades. We are grateful that they have settled in the Helena community, and still call St. Peter's home.

The positions of Choir Master and Organist were combined into one position, Director of Music.

The Cathedral currently has three choirs that lead the hymns and present anthems throughout the year. The Cathedral Choir consists of adults and teens committed to a weekly rehearsal and Sunday service September through May.

The Parrish Choir is open to all who would like to participate several times each year without committing to the regular schedule. Rehearsals take place 45 minutes before the Sunday service.

The St. Cecilia Choir consists of young people presenting an anthem two or three times each academic year.

## **Nursery**

Lesley Powell

Nursery care is offered for both Sunday morning services and other services as requested. Thanks to our wonderful nursery volunteers. The children benefit from having extra help and lots and lots of attention. The smiles and hugs from the children are very rewarding. If you're interested in helping out, please contact the church office.

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Laura Harden

Prayer shawls provide the gifts of comfort, hope and peace. These shawls can be crocheted or knitted. If you knit or crochet, please join us the third Thursday of the month at 9:30 am in Wilson Hall to share in the fellowship of the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

## **Social Concerns Committee**

Hank Hudson

*Co-chair*

St. Peter's Social Concerns Commission had a very active 2022. Parish members donated their time to Helena Food Share, Family Promise and Meals on Wheels. We sponsored a Christmas Giving Tree and collected food and toiletries in the entrance to our church. 354 pounds of food were collected and donated. Thanks to the generosity of the Church and the funds from Flipper Sunday we were able to make monthly contributions to eight local Human Service agencies and Episcopal Relief and Development. Special thanks to the Chocolate merchants, their funds also helped our Helena community.

## **Togendowagan Society**

The Togendowagan Society continues to meet at St. Peter's October through May on the second and fourth Saturdays of the Month, as well as for special services. The leaders are The Rev. Raymond D. Brown, and Elders Darcy O' Dell, and Dan Pocha.

## **Touchmark Ministry**

The Very Rev. Scott Anderson

Every other week (1st and 3rd Sundays) St. Peter's has the privilege of conducting worship at Touchmark for both Episcopalians who reside there as well as other visitors who commonly join in. We invite all members to join with our brothers and sisters at 1:00PM at Touchmark on these Sundays for worship and fellowship.

## **Ushers**

Ushers and Greeters serve at the front door of the Cathedral for each service. Duties include welcoming members and visitors, distributing worship materials, collecting the offering, and tidying up the church after a service. Please contact the office if you would like to participate in this ministry. Many Thanks to Robin Ericksen for leading this ministry for many years as she passes her duties to Margaret Bowles.

## **Virtual Attendance at The Cathedral**

Scott Leak

*MEVO Coordinator*

One of the great lessons we have learned at the Cathedral is that being able to connect to worship and ministry virtually is of immense value within our life together. Our Sunday worship has grown from a single smart phone recording the service to an array of cameras with multiple vantage points that can bring our worship out into the world. Along this journey, we have grown from a single person pointing a phone to a team of dedicated volunteers who faithfully share this ministry.

It has also become standard that most of our gatherings/classes/meetings have a virtual option available for remote participation for those unable to attend in person: Bible Study; Men's Group; Morning Prayer; Chapter Meeting; The Endowment Board; Social Concerns Committee; PEO; and Wonderful Wednesdays, to name a few. This will continue as part of our cathedral life.

For this to be fully realized, we need additional volunteers who would be willing to join in the effort, especially on Sunday Mornings. The technology is simple to operate and can be embraced by anyone. Please let the office know if you are willing to join the team and serve as we maintain and expand this especially important ministry.

## **Wonderful Wednesdays and God & Grog**

As we strive to grow in our faith and draw closer within our community we meet every Wednesday either at St. Peter's or out in the community.

*Wonderful Wednesdays:* On the 2nd and 4th Wednesday we meet in the undercroft for a meal together and a discussion designed to deepen our faith. This topic can include subjects directly related to our faith and worship at St. Peter's and within the Episcopal Church, or be more related to how Christians bring Christ to the world. These Wednesday gatherings begin at 5:30PM and conclude at 7:00PM.

*God and Grog:* On the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month we gather out in the community at an establishment that serves beverages and sometimes food. The goal of these evenings is to discuss our faith journey in a public setting in order to grow our faith together and as a way to proclaim what we believe through word and presence

outside the walls of our church buildings. These gatherings are always open to any person, whether from St. Peter's or not, who would like to join us.

## **Youth Group Report**

St. Peter's Cathedral does not have an active youth group at this time.

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## **The Dean's Report**

*Use Your Prophetic Voice!*

A common question that I get wonders if prophecy still exists in our day. That question comes up more often during Advent and Lent. It seems to be more on the top of people's minds when we are in the midst of a season that remembers and celebrates an event that was spoken about hundreds and hundreds of years before it was realized with a baby in a manger to a virgin in Bethlehem born in the line of King David. And people wonder. Does that type of thing still happen? Can we speak of things today that will find fulfillment at some date in the future?

Answering that question requires two questions to be answered first. "What do you mean by Prophecy?" and "What is a Prophet?" To many people prophecy is akin to fortune telling and soothsaying. A prophet then, to them, is a person with the ability to tell the future. But the truth is that those are simplified misunderstandings of what a Prophet is and what a Prophet does.

One of the best definitions of a Prophet that I have encountered is: "A Prophet is a person who is close to God's heart and called by God to speak God's heart to the world." A Prophet is a person, or a group of people, who have drawn so close to God that God has disclosed his hopes, desires, and plans to them so that they might reveal that to the world around them in their day.

In that model, Isaiah told the world of God's love for the world and for wayward humanity and about his plan to provide a solution through a young faithful woman. Daniel told us about "one like the Son of Man, coming on the clouds of Heaven". Job described how the Redeemer, who he knew, would on some future day stand upon the earth and that he would be seen even after death.

Prophecy then is faithfully answering God's call to reveal God's heart and plan for the world. Often this revealing is accomplished through spoken and written language, but it is not limited to that. God's heart and plan can also be revealed through actions within the lives of the faithful. For example, faithful attendance in worship shows the world what God's hopes are for his human creation. It is the modeling of God's intention for this communal creature that was made for a redeemed relationship with him and with each other. It shows humanity what will someday be fully realized within the world.

Faithfully caring for others in need speaks prophetically to the world the love that God intends to be the anchor of our existence together. And our diligent obedience to God's way for his creation reveals to the world the profound Joy and Peace and wholeness that God has made us for.

So, in regard to the question whether Prophets and prophecy exist in our day, the answer is most definitely yes. Any and all people who are drawing, or have drawn, closer to God so that they hear his voice, and are willing to share that with others, are speaking prophetically. It may be spoken, written, or in actions seen, that reveal what God has done, is doing, and/or will do as salvation and reconciliation is brought to effective reality for all those who are willing.

I believe that in 2023 we will have a particular opportunity to use our prophetic voice collectively at St. Peter's. We are being given a generational opportunity to hear the Prophets that came before us, embrace their message, and become the prophetic voice for our time that will speak God's heart and plan for the generations to come. We will be given the chance to invest our lives in God's particular plan within his mission of salvation and service through us in Helena by stepping forward together to ensure that our unique ministry continues, both in our day and in the future for those who will come after us.

In the coming year we all will be able to stretch our reach into the next hundred years and beyond by using our prophetic voice in our day as we listen carefully to what God is calling us to and then committing faithfully and sacrificially to our ongoing life of love and service that sits over the horizon, yet unseen.

Do Prophets and prophecy still exist in our day? I invite us to use our prophetic voice and answer our own question.

Faithfully,

Scott+

*Dean & Rector*

*St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral*

## **The Next Hundred Years Campaign**

### **Preserving the Past**

*Jim Brown*

### **Striving for God's Future**

*Dan Carlson-Thompson*

## **The Blessing**

## **The Adjournment**

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## **NOTES**