



# Saint Peter's Church 2021 Annual Report

## Comings, Goings & Doings in 2021:

**Births:** Olivia Callahan, Levi August Denisco-Lutz, Peter Christensen, Isla Gaddes, Chase Goodman, Phoebe Hedgis-Kligerman, Cameron Hesdon, Quincy Legans, Francis Wildflower

**Marriages:** Ben Lutz & Jared Denisco

**Welcome to:** J.P. Altizer, Rebecca Lopez Kriss, Angus & Katherine MacLeod, Michael Sakir, Teri Leavens & Will

**New members:** Julie Andrade, Abigail Bok & Ned Downie, Lauren Christopher, Susan Connor, Charlie Dill & Austin Stewart, Monica Poeske & Matt Kuentzler, Emily Loughlin, Amanda Mastronardi, Lisa Orr, Kyle Roberts, Sarah Sharp, Court van Rooten, Grace Wetzel & Garrett Duffy

**Departures:** Mark Borowski, Ken Doran & Jim Hughes, Fran & Jonathan Cedrone Gress, Bill Lee

**Deaths:** Florry Lloyd

We welcomed Ben Leaphart as the new Property Caretaker

### Ministry leaders in 2021:

Adult Education – Sarah Hedgis  
Altar Guild – Johanna Ettin  
Bell Ringing – Gail Hauptfuhrer & Ben Cornelius  
Book Group – Gretchen Cowell  
Children's Ministry – Sarah Hedgis  
Chorister Academy Steering Committee – Elaine Markezin & Darryl Roland  
Churchyard – Jill Minick, Anne Eiswerth & Meredith Piotrowski  
Covid Committee – Sarah Hedgis & Claire Nevin-Field  
Finance – Nora Adelman & Marjory Spraycar  
Food Cupboard – Ben Bookman  
Gravestone Cleaners – Keith Betten & Tony Krumbharr

Greeters – Cordelia Biddle  
Historic Church Committee – Keith Betten  
Hospitality – Kate Randall  
Investments – Allen Hall  
Pastoral Care – Kate Randall  
Personnel Committee – Tina Hogan  
Property – Kathleen Stephenson  
Sages – Walt Peters  
Stewardship – Lauri Cielo  
TNT – Sarah Hedgis  
Ushers – Steve Zettler  
VIA – Tina Hogan & Nigel Richards  
Weekday Prayer Leaders – Marianne Lipson, Christy Santos & Joe Tatnall  
Writers Group – Cordelia Biddle

### New ministries:

Broadcast Technicians: Lauri Cielo, Susan Connor, Andrew Field, Sharon Haynie, Melissa Lewis

Service leaflet proofreaders: Libby Browne, Dan Colburn, Joe Tatnall

Chorister Academy Online Mentors: Cecilie Baker, Sharon Haynie, Ann Kell, Barbara Matteucci, Hannah Poole, Leslie Ross, Herb Snyder

**Vestry:**

Nora Adelman & Marjory Spraycar, Co-Accounting Wardens, Cordelia Biddle, Secretary, Christina Santos, Rector’s Warden, Julia Cadwallender, Jared Cram, Peggy Hatch, Sharon Haynie, Kat McGee, Jay Newlin, Tony Weber, Ben Willis

Thanks to Nora Adelman, Cordelia Biddle and Peggy Hatch for their dedicated service on the vestry.

**Financial Report:**

	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>Proposed 2022</u>
<b>Sources of Cash - General Operating Fund</b>			
Contributions Pledged	\$ 479,161.00	\$ 478,435.00	\$ 462,000.00
Routine Non-pledge	520.00	-	-
Plate, Easter, etc.	25,332.00	21,961.00	22,500.00
Contributions	505,013.00	500,396.00	484,500.00
Routine Transfers from Endowment Funds	233,252.00	240,122.00	255,671.00
Other Income	81,663.00	82,636.00	84,560.00
Subtotal	819,928.00	823,154.00	824,731.00
Non-routine transfers from Endowment	14,200.00	53,000.00	-
Surplus \$\$ from Govt Grant Rec'd*	-	-	75,000.00
<b>Total Sources of Cash</b>	<b>\$ 834,128.00</b>	<b>\$ 876,154.00</b>	<b>\$ 899,731.00</b>
<b>Uses of Cash - General Operating Fund</b>			
Clergy	282,972.00	294,616.00	316,018.00
Music and Choral Scholarships	152,011.00	140,454.00	176,886.00
Education, Fellowship and Development	63,026.00	62,567.00	74,314.00
Outreach: Parish Ministries **	-	3,075.00	3,700.00
Outreach: Diocesan Support	67,282.00	67,282.00	67,282.00
Administration (includes legal fees)	165,633.00	189,471.00	174,909.00
Property (includes spec projects)	151,928.00	108,897.00	86,057.00
<b>Total Uses of Cash</b>	<b>\$ 882,852.00</b>	<b>\$ 866,362.00</b>	<b>\$ 899,166.00</b>
<b>Difference: Sources and Uses of Cash</b>	<b>\$ (48,724.00)</b>	<b>\$ 9,792.00</b>	<b>\$ 565.00</b>

\*This represents the excess cash as a result of the PPP loan being forgiven. An additional \$42,600 is available but not needed in 2022.

\*\*In 2020, Parish Outreach was funded by a bequest designated for Outreach. For 2022, \$3,800 of Refuge Ministry Funds will be used to help fund programs in this area.

## **Highlights of 2021:**

### **Finding Creative Way to Gather**

As the COVID pandemic continued to make gathering in-person challenging in 2021, St. Peter's found creative ways to be together. Highlights included an outdoor Creation worship service followed by pumpkin painting, snacks, and games; a candlelit outdoor Christmas Eve service in the churchyard; outdoor Family Worship services; an outdoor Blessing of the Animals; a virtual Children's Christmas pageant; the creation of a virtual St. Peter's history tour narrated and written by parishioner Libby Browne; and virtual Lenten book groups and retreats.

### **Stations of the Cross: Pandemic Hope**

During Lent, St. Peter's Church installed a series of Outdoor Stations of the Cross along our Pine Street wall. The stations, which featured work by artist Mary Button, lifted up images and stories of hope, resiliency, and relationship during the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **RIP Medical Debt**

Medical debt is a staggering and insurmountable burden for too many Americans. St. Peter's parishioners came together to raise \$10,300 to erase more than \$1 million of medical debt for our siblings in need this Lenten season, through the nonprofit RIP Medical Debt.

### **Parish House Building**

This spring, the St. Peter's Building Committee presented a revised design for the construction of a new Parish House. And this fall, the building received approval from the Philadelphia Historical Commission, the Philadelphia Zoning Board, and the Society Hill Civic Association.

### **St. Peter's Organ Restoration**

In June, we held an outdoor organ concert to say farewell to St. Peter's historic E.M. Skinner organ, affectionately called "Margie." This summer, the A. Thomas-Allen Company disassembled our organ and began its work to meticulously clean the pipes, rebuild the mechanical components, and restore the organ to its original tone and beauty. This work is being funded in large part by generous grants from the Wyncote Foundation and the Bradley Foundation.

### **Bearing Witness to Gun Violence**

In June, St. Peter's partnered with Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence to bear witness to the loss of life and disruption of lives that gun violence creates. We prepared T-shirts with the names and dates of those murdered by gun violence in Philadelphia in 2020 and displayed them in front of St. Peter's Church, as part of the 2020 Memorial to the Lost.

### **In-Person Worship Resumed**

As COVID rates locally declined over the summer, St. Peter's Church resumed in-person worship in July. Congregational and choir singing returned at the end of November. Unfortunately, indoor worship was suspended again in December 2021, due to the emergence of the Omicron COVID variant and sharply rising COVID rates.

### **Live Streaming of Church Services**

St. Peter's worked with audiovisual company Haverford Systems to mount a tilt zoom camera, add hanging choir mics, and install a PC, two computer monitors, and VMIX streaming software. This technology allows us to live stream worship services and other events from the church directly to our YouTube channel, with much improved video and audio quality. Volunteers in our new Broadcast Ministry work the controls each Sunday to live stream our service to those watching from home.

### **New Property Manager**

When St. Peter's reopened for in-person worship, we needed some Sunday morning support for our worship and other events. We hired Ben Leaphart as a part-time property manager and caretaker.

### **SING Philadelphia Camp**

After canceling the SING Philadelphia Camp in 2020, the camp returned in 2021! In August we welcomed 20 choristers from 10 different schools at our week-long choral camp. The week was full of energy and activities and culminated in an outdoor presentation in St. Peter's Way.

### **Choir and Chorister Academy Resumed**

We were thrilled to restart our in-person Chorister Academy and Choir rehearsals this fall. With new safety procedures in place (including masking and several air filtration systems), we were able to welcome our adults back to rehearsals and 20 children into the church for after-school music education. Our Chorister Academy had been operating virtually on Zoom since April of 2020.

### **Rev. Claire's Sabbatical**

St. Peter's Rector Rev. Claire Nevin-Field returned to St. Peter's in November after a three-month sabbatical. She spent time exploring Celtic Christianity and the Black Church in the United States with its relationship to Civil Rights. During her absence, Associate Rector Sarah Hedgis was Sabbatical Rector, assisted by Rev. Dr. Joseph Schaller and the St. Peter's Vestry.

### **Stewardship Update**

During our stewardship campaign in the fall of 2021, 176 households pledged to financially support St. Peter's Church in 2022; altogether pledges totaled \$467,769. It was a challenging year for stewardship, given the ongoing COVID pandemic, but we were encouraged that pledges and pledge revenue pulled level with last year's figures.

### **St. Peter's Food Cupboard**

With inadequate space to operate safely during the pandemic, the St. Peter's Food Cupboard continued to be closed in 2021. In November, we hired a new Food Cupboard Manager, Mara Blake-Ward. Mara and outgoing Manager Benjamin Bookman have been working together to develop a plan to reopen the Food Cupboard in 2022.

### **Adult Education**

2021 was full of enlightening and adult education programming, some presented in-person and others virtually. Highlights included "The Art of Resurrection" series in May; "Bible 101 and the Gospel According to Mark" in June; "What Does It Mean to 'Do' Justice" with the Rev. Naomi Washington-Leaphart; and "What Is The Theology of Sex?" with Rev. Beverly Dale.