

St. Peter's Church Comings, Goings & Doings in 2022

Births: James Colberg, Miles Duffy, Evangeline Greiser, Madelyn Labrensz, and Reid Watts

Marriages: Diane Lochel & LeAnn Lipincott, Katharyn Christian McGee & Stephen Voit

Welcome to: Kaitlyn Farrell, Katie Carden, Kelly Zullo & Lex Johnson, John & Heather Kuhne w/ Harrison, Jordan & Macy Senchak w/ Evangeline, David Belcher, Dennis & Diana Lumia w/ Elliott & Peyton, Burrell Montz, Caroline Burkholder, Lindsey Stone, Martin & Blair Schmiege, Kyle Chadwick, Emmy Jaros, Tia Cavallaro, Neal Horrell

Departures: Dan Colburn & Joe Tatnall, the Dunne Family, Johanna Ettin, Dave Griffith, Michele Hangle, Ben Lutz, Kyle Roberts, Tim Roberts, Peter & Leslie Ross, Doug Schaller

Deaths: Ted Wohlsen, Bob Wright, Kathie Goodman, Vincent DiPentino, Rob Rogers, John Lloyd, Bill Brady, Roberta McGady

Ministry leaders in 2022:

Adult Education – Sarah Hedgis-Kligerman	Greeters – Cordelia Biddle
Altar Guild – Johanna Ettin	History Committee – Keith Betten
Bell Ringing – Gail Hauptfuhrer & Ben Cornelius	Hospitality – Kate Randall
Book Group – Gretchen Cowell	Investments – Allen Hall
Children's Ministry – Sarah Hedgis-Kligerman	Livestreaming – William Lim
Chorister Academy Steering Committee – Elaine Markezin	Pastoral Care – Kate Randall
Churchyard – Jill Minick, Anne Eiswerth & Meredith Piotrowski	Personnel Committee – Tina Hogan
Church Tour Guides – Carolyn Klepser	Property – Kathleen Stephenson
Covid Committee – Sarah Hedgis-Kligerman & Claire Nevin-Field	Sages – Walt Peters
Finance – Phil DeBaun & Marjory Spraycar	Social Justice – Sarah Hedgis-Kligerman
Food Cupboard – Mara Blake-Ward	Stewardship – Lauri Cielo
Gravestone Cleaners – Keith Betten & Tony Krumbharr	TNT – Sarah Hedgis-Kligerman
	Ushers – Steve Zettler
	VIA – Tina Hogan & Nigel Richards
	Writers Group – Cordelia Biddle
	Youth Group – Lisa Hardy

Vestry: Julia Cadwallender, Jared Cram, Sharon Haynie, Jay Newlin, Christina Santos (Rector's Warden), Marjory Spraycar (Accounting Warden), Kat Voit, Claire Waugh, Tony Weber, Caroline West, Ben Willis, Steve Zettler

Thanks to Sharon Haynie and Christina Santos for their years of service and dedication on the Vestry.

About 2022:

This year's Annual Report includes many areas of growth and celebration. However, we cannot ignore the difficulties we faced as a community in 2022, including events and decisions that have left us hurt and even in disagreement among ourselves. An Annual Report is, at its foundation, a high-level factual report of events from the most recent year. As a living and breathing community, there are also memories, takeaways, and feelings connected to these events. With God's love and grace, we do our best to honor and hold those too. *The Annual Report is structured chronologically.*

St. Peter's Organ Restoration

In summer 2021, the A. Thomas-Allen Company disassembled the St. Peter's historic E.M. Skinner organ and began meticulously cleaning the pipes, rebuilding the mechanical components, and restoring the organ to its original tone and beauty. Work on the organ restoration continued throughout 2022, and we look forward to the organ's return in 2023. This work is being funded in large part by generous grants from the Wyncote Foundation and the Bradley Foundation.

New Parish House Put on Hold

The St. Peter's Vestry announced in January that plans to construct a new Parish House on the Lombard Street parking lot have been put on hold. This difficult decision was made because the cost of construction materials rose sharply and supply chains were disrupted due to the COVID pandemic, making this an uncertain and expensive time to build. The bids from subcontractors came back higher than expected, making it so that we do not have enough money on hand to secure a bank loan to fund construction and we could no longer rely on generating a robust rental income due to the pandemic.

Feast of Absalom Jones

We celebrated the Feast of Absalom Jones, the first Black priest ordained in the Episcopal Church, in February with the congregation at the Historic African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas. Rev. Claire Nevin-Field was invited to be the guest preacher at St. Thomas on February 13. From this experience, a group formed to work together to erect a statue of Absalom Jones in Philadelphia, with members of the group coming from St. Thomas, St. Peter's, and Christ Church. This group's work continues in 2023.

Former Music Director

CW: sexual abuse, trauma

In February, Trinity Church in Princeton terminated its Director of Music, Tom Whittemore, in response to a report of sexual abuse, inappropriate behavior, and boundary violations of a minor. The misconduct took place more than 25 years ago, when Whittemore was employed as Director of Music at St. Peter's Church. Our church community gathered to process this news, with a focus on truth and healing. We also worked with our attorney and a congregational consultant to review our current SafeChurch practices and policies. In September 2022, the Diocese released a statement saying the investigation into these allegations was complete and the Diocese had concluded these reports are true.

Social Justice Discernment Group

St. Peter's formed a Social Justice Discernment Group in February, which met regularly and created a social justice monthly calendar. The Social Justice Discernment Group aims to be the drumbeat for social justice for the St. Peter's congregation, with a focus on the Philadelphia area, to help one another understand and address injustices where we live.

Family Worship

Our Family Worship Service (for families with children age 8 and younger) was very active in 2022, with a growing number of families. Together we celebrated Black History Month, explored mindfulness during Lent, held a Pentecost Party, and painted a colorful Creation banner. Highlights of the year included a Drag Queen Story Time during Pride Month and a lively in-person Christmas Pageant.

Transitions in Music & Choir

St. Peter's Music Director Dr. Darryl Roland was put on leave in March and his employment was terminated in June. Organist Matt Boatmon subsequently resigned. The Chorister Academy program was suspended in the fall; however, the St. Peter's Choir resumed under the direction of interim Music Director Dr. Derrick Thompson. Interim organist Charles Johnson was also hired to lead us through this time of transition in our music & choral programs.

Food Cupboard Reopens

The St. Peter's Food Cupboard, which had been closed since the start of the COVID pandemic, reopened in April under the direction of new Food Cupboard Manager Mara Blake-Ward. Mara inventoried the food in the basement, coordinated the clean-up of expired food, and restarted our volunteer operations. When it reopened, the Food Cupboard initially provided prepacked bags of groceries to its clients. By the fall, the Food Cupboard was once again offering food choice (allowing clients to choose their own food).

In-Person Events Return

2022 saw the return of several well-loved gatherings and traditions at St. Peter's. We were able to celebrate Holy Week and Easter in-person for the first time since 2019. It was a joyous occasion to gather at a reception in the churchyard and children's Easter egg hunt. Our volunteer guides resumed visitor tours of the church, and our Summer Concert Series returned with three concerts in the churchyard in June and July. Along with in-person events, we have continued to live-stream Sunday worship services to keep all our parishioners connected.

SING Philadelphia Camp

In June, we welcomed local children grades 2-6 to St. Peter's for our SING Philadelphia choir camp, providing a full week of choral singing, music theory, art classes, and drama. The week was full of energy and activities and culminated in an outdoor performance in St. Peter's Way. All interested students were accepted to SING Philadelphia regardless of financial resources, thanks to the generosity of St. Peter's parishioners.

Change to Worship Times

Worship service times changed in September, with our main worship service reverting back to its pre-pandemic time of 11 AM. We also restarted our spoken Eucharist service at 9 AM the first Sunday of each month and began to offer an occasional Sunday evening service of Taizé prayer.

Rev. Claire's Departure

In September, Rev. Claire Nevin-Field left St. Peter's after 16 years (nine as Associate Rector and seven as Rector). She took a position as Rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Chestertown, Maryland. The parish sent her off in style with a lunch and farewell ceremony on September 18.

Creation Season

As part of our celebration of Creation season this fall, we created large fabric banners with the help of fabric artist Marie Elcin. The banners, dyed all the colors of God's creation and adorned with images of stars, leaves, and animals, hung from the balconies of the church. Although our festivities were driven indoors by the weather, we held a Creation Celebration in October with pumpkin painting, crafts, and donuts.

Adult Education

We explored our faith in a myriad ways in 2022. Together, we discussed how we face risk in our Christian experience using the DVD series "Entering the Passion of Jesus" as a guide; we looked for hope when hope didn't seem easy to come by during our "While It Was Still Dark" Easter practice; we celebrated the communion of science and faith in our "Painting the Stars" series; and we examined the Book of Isaiah as we explored how to engage with neighbors of other faiths.

Stewardship

During the fall's stewardship campaign, we encouraged parishioners to "Be the Light." By the campaign's end, 147 households (including 20 new pledgers) pledged to financially support St. Peter's; altogether pledges totaled \$407,110. It was a challenging year for stewardship at St. Peter's, with the number of pledgers decreasing 17 percent and total revenue declining 13 percent from the previous year.

December Greening and Hymn Sing

St. Peter's celebrated Advent by inviting the congregation to green and decorate the church together on December 18. Afterward, we gathered together for a festive hymn sing, led by the St. Peter's Choir, and enjoyed cookies and cider.

St. Peter's Financial Report Annual Meeting, February 2023

	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>Proposed 2023</u>
Revenue - General Operating Fund			
Contributions Pledged	\$ 478,435.00	\$ 446,599.00	\$ 407,000.00
Plate, Easter, etc.	21,961.00	56,907.00	30,000.00
Contributions	<u>500,396.00</u>	<u>503,506.00</u>	<u>437,000.00</u>
Routine Transfers from Endowment Funds	240,122.00	255,671.00	265,548.00
Other Income	<u>82,636.00</u>	<u>92,985.00</u>	<u>84,560.00</u>
Total Operating Revenue	<u>823,154.00</u>	<u>852,162.00</u>	<u>787,108.00</u>
Expenses - General Operating Fund			
Clergy	294,616.00	277,903.00	247,600.00
Music and Choral Scholarships	140,699.00	130,299.00	115,204.00
Education, Fellowship and Development	62,567.00	75,584.00	80,377.00
Outreach: Parish Ministries	3,075.00	3,331.00	3,500.00
Outreach: Diocesan Support	67,282.00	67,282.00	69,700.00
Administration	165,264.00	169,610.00	197,315.00
Property	<u>80,536.00</u>	<u>85,892.00</u>	<u>92,491.00</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 814,039.00</u>	<u>\$ 809,901.00</u>	<u>\$ 806,187.00</u>
Net Operating Income (Loss)	<u>\$ 9,115.00</u>	<u>\$ 42,261.00</u>	<u>\$ (19,079.00)</u>
Other Income (Expenses)			
Non-routine transfers from Endowment	53,000.00	85,000.00	-
PPP loan forgiven	117,600.00	-	-
Legal Fees	(24,207.00)	(75,640.00)	-
Property Projects	<u>(28,361.00)</u>	<u>(8,920.00)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 118,032.00</u>	<u>\$ 440.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>\$ 127,147.00</u>	<u>\$ 42,701.00</u>	<u>\$ (19,079.00)</u>