



Mission Trip Preparations



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Outreach - Village Harvest



Outreach - Village Dinner

**Parish Meeting, Jan 23, 2022**

## About the Cover

The cover focuses on St Peter's ministries which continued and grew during 2021, despite the ongoing pandemic. We regathered in person for worship on Palm Sunday after having met almost exclusively on Zoom for most of 2020.

By the summer of 2021, we were doing most of our work together in person again. We've learned to adapt quickly to the constantly changing challenges of the pandemic. The Village Dinner returned in 2021 as take out only. The in-house dining option has resumed in those months when the virus rate has decreased. The Village Harvest food distribution went from a market style distribution to one in which already packed bags are delivered to the client's vehicles. Worship services have both in church participants as well as those who attend on Zoom.

Both the ECW and the ECM came up with new ministries. The ECW did a day of soup deliveries in March and held a plant sale in the fall as part of our observance of The Season of Creation. The ECM sent out Thanksgiving cards. Sacred Ground, the group working on racial reconciliation and healing, continued learning about the effects of racism in our nation by reading three books, and then coming up with action plans focused on continued work to promote racial reconciliation in the community.

The most audacious act of the year was certainly the Jamaican mission trip. Andrea Pogue inspired St Peter's and friends to raise \$3,000 for the Victoria School in Jamaica. St Peter's provided and shipped school supplies to Jamaica and seven people from St Peter's went to Jamaica to meet the faculty and the students of the Victoria School and to hand out the book bags in person. Both the ECW and the Vestry provided additional funds for the school at the end of the year from their outreach budgets. The 2021 event has become a launch pad for additional support we can provide to that community.

In 2021, St Peter's contributed over \$12,000 to the local community, the nation and the world.

1. The church collected 292 bottles of hand sanitizer for Caroline's Promise for their school supplies distribution for Caroline County Schools on July 31, 2021.
2. The ECM raised \$2,300 and worked with Caroline County Social Services to provide Thanksgiving and Christmas help to various families.
3. Giving Tuesday raised \$900 for the Village Harvest. Our food distribution celebrated its 7th anniversary in November, 2021.
4. The Vestry contributed \$3,000 to various charities.
5. ECW donated \$3,000 to various charities – locally, nationally and internally. These funds were raised from the monthly Village Dinners.

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[The website describes 35 events in text and picture that told the story in 2021](#)

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## **Rector's Report, Annual Report 2021**

The Rev. Catherine Hicks

The heartbeat of St Peter's is steady, thanks to you, the St Peter's community. As we enter the third year of the Covid pandemic, we have not only survived, but we have become stronger because of the changes to our life together in community. We have learned to respond quickly and efficiently as circumstances in the world constantly evolve and bring unexpected changes.

On Palm Sunday, 2021, we returned to weekly in person worship in our beautiful building, after almost an entire year of gathering either online or outside. Our choir, such a gift to our worship, is back, and has welcomed two new members. Brad Volland, our organist, has persevered through several bouts of pneumonia to continue to lead the choir and to play our historic organ each week.



Larry Saylor, our talented guitarist, filled in for Brad one Sunday on short notice and provided inspiring guitar music and solos for the entire service. In addition to Sunday morning worship, and welcoming people online as well as in person, we have continued the practice of Compline online every Sunday night. A group of us continue to pray together each Monday morning at 6:30AM, intentionally starting the week in God's presence and holding our congregation up in prayer during that time. The weekly Bible study gives us the opportunity to pray together, to enjoy one another's company and to delve into the lectionary passages for the upcoming Sunday.





One of the highlights of 2021 was the outdoor Christmas pageant that St Peter's created, and which put our unique and beautiful outdoor spaces to work as we enacted the Good News of Jesus' birth. Many thanks to the Heimbachs for sharing their front porch for the beginning of the pageant. This outdoor pageant brought our community together. In addition to members of St Peter's, friends of St Peter's, an angel from Memorial Baptist, and others in the community, we presented the Christmas story to those who came from as far away as Bowling Green and King George to see the Christmas story unfold outdoors in scripture and in song.



After a several years of work, we dedicated our outdoor pavilion in September 2021 in memory of Dr. John R. Sellers, Sr. The dedication program featured music that had special connections to John and his life, and was performed by Helmut Linne von Berg and Jim Heimbach. After the service, many in



the congregation provided a lovely reception for John's family that took place in the shelter of the pavilion on that rainy afternoon. The pavilion gives us an outdoor space for prayer, reflection, meetings, and gathering for coffee hours. The pavilion starred in the Christmas pageant as the stable at Bethlehem. This space is truly a gift to our parish.



Another lovely gift to our parish that now stands outside the kitchen door of the parish house is a large and sonorous bell, a gift from Brad Volland. This bell hung first on a dairy farm where Brad spent a great deal of time as a child, and then at his parents' home. When Brad's mother died this year, Brad donated the bell to St Peter's, and we will enjoy having it call to us for our outdoor worship and other activities. Many thanks to Brad, and to those who installed our "new" bell.



Having an online presence has been a part of ministry for a while. We have had a website and a Facebook page for years. By adding internet access to the church, we now offer worship on Zoom each week as well as providing Compline and Monday morning prayer on Zoom. As a result of this increased access to our community, people who have trouble getting out, people who have moved away, and people who live at a distance are able to join in worship. A goal for 2022 is to improve our equipment to make this experience even better for those who Zoom in for worship each week.

Pastoral care has been carried out by all of us in various ways during 2021.



**Soup's on! March 1, 2021**

The ECW provided soup to many in the community in March of 2021. Cards and calls have become the norm. The ECM sent Thanksgiving cards out to men in the congregation who have not been able to get to church. When Covid rates declined for several months, I began in person visits again, which are now once more on hold due to Omicron. I hope to safely resume those visits soon. I would like to thank the congregation for the gargantuan amount of pastoral care provided to the Wick family during 2021. Nancy's death in May and Bill's subsequent move to

Richmond near the end of 2021 meant that many of you were and still are sacrificially giving of time and energy to help this family. I am grateful for all of you, and for all that you have done and are doing during this difficult time for the Wick family.

Outreach and mission are a year-round focus at St Peter's. Your support of the Village Dinners, The United Thank Offering, Village Harvest, the men's Thanksgiving and Christmas work, and so many other projects makes an ongoing positive difference for people not only in our community, but around the world. Read more about the St Peter's mission work throughout these reports.

Eunice Key, who took over as Treasurer when Clarence Kunstmann retired from the post, has completed her current term on the Vestry. During her time as treasurer, Eunice automated our system, and trained Jim Heimbach, our "new" treasurer, in the intricacies of taking care of the finances of St Peter's. We owe her our ongoing gratitude. We are also fortunate to have Jim take the financial reins despite the time challenges that this work presents. Thanks to the hard work of both Eunice and now Jim, our financial business is carried out well, and the information about our finances is easily accessible. Jim Heimbach will be speaking at the congregational meeting on Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Check out the documents he has submitted for this report, and bring your questions to the congregational meeting. I'm happy to report that St Peter's, thanks to the generosity of all of you, and careful financial management, is in excellent financial shape.

The 2021 Vestry and its officers have been an ongoing source of inspiration, encouragement, support and hard work this past year. Becky Fisher, Senior Warden,

Cookie Davis, Junior Warden, Eunice Key, Andrea Pogue and Robert Bryan have been faithful, creative and disciplined workers in their service to St Peter's through the Vestry. Elizabeth Heimbach continues as our meticulous Registrar, keeping the record of our work for future generations. Jim Heimbach joins the meetings to keep us updated on our finances. Thanks to this group, and to others who have served on the Vestry through the years, St Peter's continues to "do God's will" and be a sign of God's presence in the world. I give thanks for this Vestry and all it has done in 2021 to keep us together throughout the pandemic.

Ben Hicks donates hours of his time to St Peter's each week to produce our weekly worship bulletins, and to keep our website up to date and brimming with a visual record of our lives together at St Peter's each week. He also oversees the St Peter's Facebook page. As Ben says, "Photos tell a story, our story!" Ben also lays out and formats the Parish Post newsletter each month. We have no paid staff to do this work, so we give thanks for Ben's ongoing work on our behalf.

St Peter's is a part of the larger Episcopal Church. Our church is in the Diocese of Virginia. Last January, The Rt Rev Porter Taylor, Assisting Bishop in the Diocese, joined us on Zoom and served as our preacher. Cookie Davis, the St Peter's delegate, and I attended the Diocesan convention via Zoom in November. At this convention, a new plan of giving to the Diocese by parishes was approved. Our pledge to the Diocese will be increasing. As we move forward with our work toward racial reconciliation and healing, Dr. J. Lee Hill, Jr., the new Diocesan Missioner for Racial Justice and Healing will provide resources and Diocesan support for our ongoing work. In 2022, we will have a Convention in June to elect the new Bishop Diocesan. This person will be ordained as our Diocesan Bishop in December of 2022. All of us will have the opportunity to meet the candidates for this position and to give our input prior to the election. Assistant Bishop Jennifer Brooke Davidson will be visiting St Peter's in June of this year. Please keep the Diocese in your prayers as this important year in our lives together unfolds. In May of 2022, Catherine will join with a group from around the Diocese to travel to New Mexico and The Episcopal Church in Navajoland, where we will learn from and worship with Native American Episcopalians.

"Old friends pass way, new friends appear. It is just like the days. An old day passes, a new day arrives. The important thing is to make it meaningful: a meaningful friend—or a meaningful day." This quote from the Dalai Lama sums up life at St Peter's in 2021—despite the varied changes and chances of this life, we continue to make our lives together as the St Peter's community meaningful and fruitful work for God's reign on this earth. As we say goodbye to all that has passed away, we welcome with open arms all that is to come, for God is with us and gives us strength.



## Sacred Ground, Annual Report, 2021



During the last year, many of us have attended meetings, classes, and church services on Zoom. And Zoom also made it possible for a group at St. Peter's to participate in a program called *Sacred Ground: A Film Based Dialogue Series on Race and Faith*. The curriculum was created by the Episcopal Church to explore the roots of racial conflict in the United States.

The series examines the effects of race and racism throughout American history and explores the impact of economic class, family background, and racial identity on different communities. Before each Zoom meeting, we watched videos online and read assignments from several books including *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo, *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving, and *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman. Catherine led our group, which included people from St. Peter's, as well as several from neighboring churches. Members of the group shared their own experiences, and we all learned a lot.

In 2021 the group continued learning by reading *Caste: The Origins of our Discontents*, by Isabel Wilkerson, *The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How we Can Prosper Together*, by Heather McGee, and *All that She Carried: The Journey of Ashley's Sack, a Black Family Keepsake*, by Tiya Miles. We have been talking recently about ways that St. Peter's can become part of what Bishop Curry calls the Beloved Community. As a first step, we are planning to invite the Diocese of Virginia Missioner for Racial Justice and Healing, Dr. J. Lee Hill, Jr., to speak at St Peter's, either in person or via Zoom. In addition, the group has asked the Vestry to provide \$500 to establish a scholarship allowing a Caroline County minority student to attend Germanna. We hope that as the group firms up plans for the future, we will have more information about the new scholarship fund and that many in the congregation will want to contribute to it.

## Jamaica Project, Annual Report 2021

Andrea Pogue

Who knows that a little country girl from St Catherine, Jamaica who visited Port Royal, Jamaica, would end up living in Port Royal, VA, and have a priest named Catherine. After leaving Jamaica over forty-five years ago, I promised to heed most of my mom's advice. "Don't forget God is in control; stay true to yourself, give with your heart, have faith, stay hopeful, and never forget where you are coming from." I practice this advice daily. I promised myself that I would visit Jamaica every two years with God's help. What a deal, getting to visit a beautiful island, carrying along suitcases full of groceries, shoes, clothing, etc. I refer to this undertaking as my miniature mission trip/vacation. After taking care of family members and people in surrounding neighborhoods, watching the joy and gratitude on their faces, I knew I needed to do more, something big, something more impactful.

What could I do to make a difference for a lot more people in one shot? Lightbulb went off; my primary school where I started my education journey was always on my list to give back to and to try to help. As I planned my 2019 visit to Jamaica, I made an appointment with the principal Annette Steele. The visit was amazing; after the formalities, we talked about various needs for the school, painting, and a new fence, computers for the kids, uniforms, and the most everyday basic tools, school supplies. At that moment I promised that I would get every kid in that school a backpack with supplies; Annette thought I was crazy, my faith told me otherwise. I left the meeting with a new friend, more motivated, and a new mission, determined to make an impact on some kids' lives.

I spent part of the rest of my trip running various scenarios in my mind, and then I remembered one of my favorite phrases. *Team work makes the dream work, with God's help.* On my arrival home, I asked Catherine if she could put the idea on our Vestry Agenda to consider this undertaking as St Peter's next mission trip. Needless to say, the Vestry was unanimously on board. I was tasked with the logistics of collecting backpacks, getting them to Jamaica, and distribution. I also had to plan flights, transportation, and lodging.

This mission was set to take place in August 2020 as a back-to-school event for the start of the school year. Unfortunately, the country and the world were hit with COVID 19, changing lives, and literally putting the country on lock down. We all spent the next months and months trying not to get this virus, embracing Zoom, and relearning all our family members' new or not so new habits.

While this virus has taken many lives, affecting families and friends in many ways, we are extremely grateful for another year as we continue to pray for an end to what is being called a Pandemic. In February 2020, we decided to move ahead with the mission. Then here comes Delta! Our goal at this time was to get the backpacks to Jamaica and Annette, and her staff would handle the distribution.

We collected over three hundred and fifty backpacks, along with notebooks, pencils, pens, sharpeners, erasers, and rulers, in addition to the generous online donation of \$3000.00, WHOA!!



The only certainty at this point is that we would be shipping all the supplies to Jamaica and trusting in God. On a Sunday afternoon, Johnny, Cookie, Jim, Elizabeth, Ken, and I held an inventory/ packing party in Mama's suite. She would be so proud. With my truck packed, I drove to Maryland the next morning to a shipping company, and off the supplies went. With little over two months ahead of our targeted distribution date, the decision to make the trip was very uncertain, understandable. This trip was a multipurpose mission, family reunion, and to visit the house we are in the process of building in the countryside, did I say country!!

After weeks of debating, the brave-hearted decided to make the trip, Catherine, Jan, Cookie, Laura, John, Pat, Ken, and I. My niece Debbie and her family, nephews Gary, Ian, and Yasmine came along too. Pat, Ken, and I got in first while the rest of the team came a few days later.



On my first day I met with Annette, unpacked some of the backpacks, and then laid out a plan for the rest of the team to carry out the next day. I had a chance to visit a few family

members before I headed to the airport to get Cookie, Johnny, Laura, Jan, and Catherine. We made a brief stop in Port Royal Jamaica; Cookie was able to get a few pictures after which we went to this lovely seafood restaurant where I can honestly say everyone enjoyed their meals. Catherine was fascinated by bammi, a Jamaican flatbread made from cassava.

On our first night I/we found out that there was no hot water in our hotel. Unfortunately, to my surprise, this beautiful building, with its gorgeous flowers and ideal location was affected by Covid in various not so great ways, being short of staff and with a lack of proper management. We all endured and I was pleasantly surprised by the toughness and tenacity of my church family. Then again, we were on a Mission Trip.



I will not begin to describe the journey to the house in the country; this special experience is reserved for the troopers who lived it. But first, we went to the school to hand out bookbags to all the students. What an experience, to see the faces of these kids, the joy on the faces of Annette and her staff. Parents expressed gratitude, while some were anxious that we would not have enough to reach their child. We had more than enough, so many that Annette was able to share with the Kindergarten Principal.





It was so gratifying watching the various interactions between the kids and my St. Peter's family, Cookie, a former principal, was in her element. Jan, who has led many mission trips, was at home away from home. Laura handed out the prettiest backpacks. Catherine was making the rounds trying to save the world like only she can. Ken and Johnny played supporting roles.

For me, watching my dream become a reality, the fact that I could make this a reality, my church family sharing in my vision, brings me great joy. It was an awesome event, in spite of the masks we all wore.

Then the whole country of Jamaica went under mandatory curfew, which I think none of us minded, by now we were so ready for hot water, air conditioning and free flowing libations at the beach.

Off we went to Bahia Principe Resort in Runaway Bay, where I regrouped and reflected. I have a sense of accomplishment and gratitude, and now I am even more inspired to see what's next for St. Peter's Angels.

In spite of the challenges presented by the new travel restrictions, everyone made it home safely, thanks be to God.

Gratitude goes out to all who contributed to this project and also to Ben for online support, and to Jim and Elizabeth, for keeping up with donations.

To Laura, Johnny, Cookie, Catherine, and Jan (such a pleasure to be with you at St. Peter's), I truly hope your experience was as fulfilling for you as it was for me. I am so grateful for the amazing support by all. To the many contributors, we thank you.

'If you help the poor, you are contributing to the Lord, and he will repay you.'  
Proverbs 19: vs 17.

A very special thanks to the Jamaican cooks, Nikki, Carol, Sonia, and Kay'Ann,  
As always, I am very grateful to see my brothers, Ranold, Junior and Morris, stay safe.  
Rojel, my adopted brother, the best driver ever, we appreciate you, and a special thanks to Jermaine and Mr. Lee.

## Junior Warden Annual Report, 2021

Cookie Davis

It has been a pleasure to serve as your Junior Warden this year. In this role I have attended all Vestry meetings giving input to planning and preparing for events sponsored by the church, and participated in the Mission Trip to Jamaica.



In the Fall I held a "Plant Sale" at my home during St Peter's Season of Creation and raised \$400 for the St. Peter's Tree Fund. I also joined & helped promote two Zoom Programs sponsored by St. Peters...prayer at 6:30 am on Mondays and the Sacred Ground meeting once a month on a Thursday at 7pm. In addition, I shop monthly for Village Harvest and represented St. Peters as a delegate to the Annual Convention in November.

It has been my duty to see that the buildings and grounds are in good repair. This includes both maintenance of the buildings and the heating/cooling systems. Powder Post beetles were found in the church windowsills and the vestry voted to spray both building to prevent continued damage. Contractors are currently working on a bid to repair the Parish House porch floor damage and replace wooden siding on the building that is rotten or damaged. This work will be done in the coming year prior to the painting of the whole Parish House (last painted 2015) which should be done this year.

## ECW Annual Report, 2021

### Elizabeth Heimbach

**Winter:** members of the ECW prepared and delivered soup to members of our community who had been housebound due to the pandemic.



**Spring:** we welcomed two new members, Linda Kramer and Jan Saylor. We celebrated Linda and Jan at a tea in April. Linen napkins, silver spoons, antique china, as well as the magnolias that graced the table made the delicious food prepared by Cookie Davis and Elizabeth Heimbach even more delectable. Even more delightful than the tea itself was the gift of seeing one another and to be in one another's company. Linda and Jan received copies of the St Peter's cookbook as gifts of welcome from the ECW

**Summer:** thanks to Andrea Pogue's leadership, the ECW, along with everyone in the congregation, gave donations of money and school supplies to prepare for St. Peter's mission trip to Jamaica. Five members of the ECW went to Jamaica and delivered the school supplies to the Victoria Primary School.





**Fall:** Cookie Davis hosted a lovely tea and plant sale at her home. At the tea, the group decided on the charities that the ECW planned to support with donations this year. \$3,000 was donated to various groups including Community Fund Covid Relief, St. Peter's Discretionary Fund, Village Harvest Food Distribution, Healthy Harvest Food Bank, St. Andrew's School, Towers and Tunnels, Five Talents. Heifer International, Episcopal Relief and Development, and The Rev. Luis Garcia, priest in the Dominican Republic, (Cookie's friend).

**Winter:** members of the ECW have continued to plan and prepare Village Dinners each month, and for most of the year, with the continued spread of Covid, the dinners were grab-and go. In November and December, however, it was possible to serve a small number of people who chose to eat inside.

**As the New Year begins, the ECW has new members, new hopes, and plans for new projects.**



## ECM Annual Report, 2021

Ken Pogue

The Episcopal Church Men resumed in person meetings in 2021 to provide ongoing fellowship and support for one another, and to carry out their mission projects.



In the fall, the men reached out to those men in our congregation who are shut in and those who have moved away by sending each man Thanksgiving greetings.

Due to the rise in virus rates, the ECM was not able to do its usual delivering of meals at Thanksgiving and providing and delivering gifts for Christmas families. However, the men did work with the Caroline Department of Social Services to provide gift cards for local families in need. The ECM provided \$1,100 before Thanksgiving and \$1,200 between Thanksgiving and Christmas. All donations were given to the Caroline County Department of Social Services for the purchase of gift cards for families in need.

## Music Annual Report, 2021

Brad Volland

The past year once again bore witness to many blessings and also unusual challenges for St. Peter's Episcopal Church's music ministry. As you know, our choir is small but wholly committed and dedicated to serving the church and community by praising God through Christ the Son.

COVID19 disrupted our lives on many levels, including our church worship and programs. I was made keenly aware of so many things that I take for granted. We lost friends who died or moved away and gained new friends. We lost loved ones, but God is seeing us through.



We were able to resume worship inside our beautiful church building on Palm Sunday and what a blessing that was! Easter Day was truly wonderful! The choir gained two wonderful new members, Linda Kramer and Larry Saylor. God is good! The choir presented two new anthems this fall, including a lovely arrangement of "In the

Bleak Midwinter." We will soon be working on new anthems for Holy Week and Easter.

Our sincere appreciation and thanks go to: (1) Helmut Linne von Berg for his continued choir membership and for sharing his violin music with us; (2) Larry Saylor for sharing his delightful guitar and vocals with us; and (3) Nancy Long for sharing her lovely soprano voice with us; (4) Mary Peterman for her beautiful flute music; and (5) Andy Cortez for his great trumpet playing. And, of course, our beloved choir personnel for their commitment and dedication to our music ministry. These wonderful people share their talents enthusiastically and with love.

We are both grateful and most thankful for Mark W. Thompson and his staff, who continue to offer their specialized talents in the maintenance of our pre-Civil War pipe organ.

I recently enjoyed celebrating my eleventh Christmas with you and intend to serve the church for as long as God allows.

2022 promises to be a great year in the musical life of our beloved St. Peter's.

## Village Harvest

Ben Hicks



Top statistics in 2021:

- 1 **Clients**- Average clients 83 per month. 999 total per year in 2021
- 2 **Food** - Average per month 1,192. Total per year in 2021 14,303
3. **Costs** - Average per month \$162. Total cost in 2021 \$1,943
- 4 **Value per shopper** - Average per month at \$6 a pound - \$82.88. For the year \$995

Since the beginning Nov. 2014, we have served 9,008 people 93,977 pounds of food or almost 10.5 pounds per client over the life of the Village Harvest:

	People	Food
<b>STATISTICS YTD</b>		
Jan -Dec, 2021	999	14,303
2020 - 12 periods from Oct 2019-Dec. 2020	1,294	16,291
Jan -Dec, 2019	1,397	15,305
Jan -Dec, 2018	1,289	14,931
Jan -Dec, 2017	1,898	16,924
Jan -Dec, 2016	1,402	12,289
Jan-Dec, 2015	975	5,878

While our numbers have dipped below a 1,000 a year, the next table shows what the client receives in terms of pounds per person. This amount has risen yearly over the 7-year life of the Harvest.



<b>STATISTICS YTD</b>	<b>Pounds Per person</b>
Jan -Dec, 2021	14.32
2020 - 12 periods from Oct 2019-Dec. 2020	12.59
Jan -Dec, 2019	10.96
Jan -Dec, 2018	11.58
Jan -Dec, 2017	8.92
Jan -Dec, 2016	8.77
Jan-Dec, 2015	6.03

**Why was the Village Harvest established?** The first notice of this ministry in November, 2014, said “The cost of food continues to rise and knowing that some of our Port Royal community might find it difficult to keep food on the table, St. Peter’s Episcopal Church wants to help. **A new food ministry, ‘Village Harvest’ will provide seasonal fresh produce once a month along with other food and other supplies. As we embark on this venture, it is our hope that we can grow it to help meet the specific needs of the community we serve.”**

**On Nov. 19, 2014,** we attracted 60 clients and gave out 300 pounds that day. 7 years later in 2021 we are averaging 83 clients each month and are distributing almost 4 times as much food.

**7 years later we have served over 9,000 clients with just under 94,000 pounds of food.** Village Harvest is clearly one of our more visible and valuable outreach projects. We are called to act as Jesus did – and he fed people both physically and spiritually. Witness the stories of the Feeding of the 4,000 and 5,000.

**Over its 7-year life Village Harvest has provided at least 4 benefits for our clients.**

- 1. Food for those who are being challenged economically.** Funds saved from purchasing food can go toward other necessities. We have a variety of clients - widows, single parents, senior adults on limited fix income, unemployed, working poor, people experiencing a crisis.

In a sermon on September 22, 2019 Catherine wrote “I have had people who come to the distribution tell me that they wouldn’t have had enough food to get through the month without the food we provided.”

The **Free Lance-Star** reported in Aug., 2018, “about 31,000 residents of Fredericksburg and the counties of Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania and Stafford consistently lack enough food to maintain a healthy, active life. They’re considered food insecure by the United States Department of Agriculture. That means there are more local people who have trouble putting food on the table than the entire population of Fredericksburg. They are teachers and service workers, first responders and retail employees—and many of them work several jobs, which often means they make too much for government assistance.”

**2. Food for those who lack transportation to get it.** We draw clients from Caroline, Essex and King George counties. These people often pick up food for neighbors so that only one car has to make the trip to St Peter's.

**3. It provides benefits for those at St. Peter's as well:**

- Giving us the opportunity to practice generosity and of gratitude for our blessings.
- Enriching the volunteers at St. Peter's who help with the distribution.

Four quotes from our volunteers highlight their role:

*"I enjoy being a part of a team in our mission "To Do God's Will". "I think that our community is learning that we at St. Peter's CARE and desire to share God's love with our neighbors."*

*"I help with Village Harvest because we get to know the people we help. These folks become friends not just a number. It just makes me happy that we can help in some small way to make things a little easier or better for them."*

*"I help because we are called in the Gospel to feed the hungry."*

*"Helping people to have access to fresh vegetables, fruit, meats and other necessities is important to me and our church. It is what Jesus asks us to do."*

#### **4. Social and community benefits**

It also provides another a role for the church in the community. People who are not members are coming here for food. I like to affectionately call the Village Harvest our "second congregation. " This is a missional opportunity.

This gathering time gives people a chance to see one another and socialize a little. We have had the opportunity to pray with people who are facing serious health issues. One woman who has had one cancer surgery and is facing another said, "Sometimes I feel that every time I get back on my feet, something else happens and knocks me back down again. This food is a real blessing in my life. Thank you all for doing this."

The Village Harvest also serves as a clearing house for information. We have let people know about the Port Royal library and the services it offers, the Port Royal Fishing Days, and also provided information about the Central Virginia Health Services in Bowling Green.

All the good works need to be funded. We fund Village Harvest through special gifts on Giving Tuesday and gifts from individuals throughout the year. On Giving Tuesday in 2021, we raised \$899 which will cover 4 months of expenses for the Village Harvest food ministry. We exceeded our goal of \$500.

## Treasurer Annual Report, 2021

Jim Heimbach

Below is a recap of financial assets (Balance Sheet)

### St. Peter's Financial Status 2020 vs. 2021

	Dec. 2020	Dec. 2021
<b>Unallocated Checking Account</b>	15,988.70	15,275.25
Cemetery Fund	1,407.04	1,707.04
Concert Fund	799.64	799.64
Endowment Fund	680.00	1,845.00
Flower Fund	410.30	520.30
Laura Hayes Scholarship Fund	565.22	565.22
Maintenance Fund-Church Painting	2,310.00	2,310.00
Memorials Fund	2,679.03	2,854.03
Scholarship Fund		500.00
Tree Fund	4,887.64	2,202.64
Outreach: Discretionary Fund	271.00	955.00
Outreach: ECM	212.20	17.20
Outreach: ECW	1,293.31	1,323.00
Outreach: Mustard Seed	78.96	78.96
Outreach: Village Harvest	3,604.72	2,800.58
Miscellaneous Funds	1,117.69	1,237.69
Total Restricted Funds	20,316.75	19,716.30
Checking and Funds Total	<b>36,305.45</b>	<b>34,991.55</b>
ToTF-Cemetery maintenance fund	5,186.15	5,767.00
ToTF-Endowment Fund	69,333.18	80,149.28
ToTF-Investment Fund	139,435.80	170,759.99
ToTF-Stamp Program	30,998.13	31,152.27
<b>ToTF Total</b>	<b>244,953.26</b>	<b>287,828.54</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS:</b>	<b>281,258.71</b>	<b>322,820.09</b>

## St. Peter's Episcopal Church Budget Report December 2021

Closing Date: January 5, 2022

	Month	YTD	Annual	Budget
	Income/ Expense	Income/ Expense	Budget	Deviation
<b>1</b>				
<b>2 INCOME</b>				
3 Pledges	5,374	79,930	<b>76,384</b>	3,546
4 Non Pledge - ID'ed Offerings	2,170	26,848	<b>17,000</b>	9,848
5 Loose and Other Offerings	140	993	<b>2,000</b>	(1,007)
6 Interest Earned	0	7		7
7 2020 Priest Education Carryover			<b>500</b>	(500)
<b>8 TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>7,684</b>	<b>107,777</b>	<b>95,884</b>	<b>11,893</b>
<b>9 EXPENSES</b>				
10 Church Properties				
11 Building Repairs		1,461	<b>1,000</b>	(461)
12 Insurance	4,764	5,037	<b>4,500</b>	(537)
13 Regular Maintenance		4,890	<b>2,500</b>	(2,390)
14 Utilities	655	5,063	<b>5,440</b>	377
<b>15 Total Church Properties</b>	<b>5,419</b>	<b>16,451</b>	<b>13,440</b>	<b>(3,011)</b>
<b>16 Salaries - Priest</b>				
17 Base Salary	3,017	36,209	<b>36,209</b>	(0)
18 Continuing Education		-	<b>1,000</b>	1,000
19 Health Insurance	980	11,320	<b>11,280</b>	(40)
20 Pension	522	6,267	<b>6,267</b>	0
21 Professional Allowance		50	<b>500</b>	450
<b>22 Total Salaries - Priest</b>	<b>4,520</b>	<b>53,846</b>	<b>55,256</b>	<b>1,410</b>
<b>23 Salaries - Other</b>				
24 Organist	1,000	14,750	<b>15,500</b>	750
25 Supply Clergy		175	<b>600</b>	425
26 Supply Musician		200		(200)
<b>27 Total Salaries - Other</b>	<b>1,750</b>	<b>15,125</b>	<b>16,100</b>	<b>975</b>
<b>28 Administrative Expenses</b>				
29 Admin. Expenses & Gen. Supplies	387	1,154	<b>500</b>	(654)
30 Christian Education	100	200		(200)
31 Cleaning Duty		-	<b>1,500</b>	1,500
32 Diocesan Council & Clergy Conf		150		(150)
33 Liturgy Supplies	26	213	<b>750</b>	537
34 Misc Expenses		324	<b>2,000</b>	1,676
35 Music		-	<b>100</b>	100
36 Pledge to Diocese of Virginia		4,800	<b>4,800</b>	-
37 Pledge to Fredericksburg Region		300	<b>300</b>	-
<b>38 Total Administrative</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>7,141</b>	<b>9,950</b>	<b>2,809</b>



		Month Income/ Expense	YTD Income/ Expense	<b>Annual Budget</b>	Budget Deviation
39	<b>Charities &amp; Community Outreach</b>	3,250	9,800	1,138	(8,662)
40	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>15,451</b>	<b>102,363</b>	<b>95,884</b>	<b>(6,479)</b>
41	<b>OPERATING SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>	<b>(7,767)</b>	<b>5,414</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,414</b>

## St. Peter's Episcopal Church Budget Report 2022

Category	2022 Budget
<b>INCOME CATEGORIES</b>	
Pledges	86,976.00
Non Pledge - ID'ed Offerings	15,000.00
Loose and Other Offerings	1,000.00
Interest Earned	5.00
<b>Total Income Categories</b>	<b>102,981.00</b>
<b>EXPENSE CATEGORIES</b>	
<b>Church Properties</b>	
Building Maintenance & Repairs	3,000.00
Grounds Maintenance	5,000.00
Insurance	5,000.00
Utilities	4,500.00
<b>Total Church Properties</b>	<b>17,500.00</b>
<b>Salaries - Priest</b>	
Base Salary	36,209.00
Continuing Education	500.00
Health Insurance	11,460.00
Pension	6,267.00
Professional Allowance	500.00
<b>Total Salaries - Priest</b>	<b>54,936.00</b>
<b>Salaries - Other</b>	
Organist	15,500.00
Supply Clergy	200.00
Supply Musician	200.00
<b>Total Salaries - Other</b>	<b>15,900.00</b>
<b>Administrative</b>	
Admin. Expenses & Gen. Supplies	500.00
Christian Education	100.00
Diocesan Council and Clergy Conf	150.00
Liturgy Supplies	600.00
Music	45.00
Pledge to Fredericksburg Region	300.00
Pledge to Diocese of Virginia	8,200.00
<b>Total Administrative</b>	<b>9,895.00</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Expenses</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>

<b>Category</b>	<b>2022 Budget</b>
<b>Charities &amp; Community Outreach</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>
<b>Total Expense Categories</b>	<b>101,731.00</b>
<b>Reserve</b>	<b>1,250.00</b>
<b>Operating Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>-</b>