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The Episcopal Church in Delaware

## **Statement of Purpose**

*“A Community of Faith, Offering Hospitality,  
Hope and Healing”*

## **Annual Report Reviewing 2024 & Previewing 2025**

(Prepared for Annual Parish Meeting January 19, 2025)

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## **St. Peter's Church Annual Meeting Minutes – January 28, 2024**

- The annual meeting was held in person and online following the 9:00 am service. 42 people were in attendance. A motion was made by Patty Murray and seconded by Dawn Watson to nominate Lisa Embert as Secretary for today's meeting. Motion passed.
- Mother Donna Jean addressed the congregation.

Mo Donna Jean hopes to focus her energy on two primary areas in 2024.

The first area is congregational development. She and Shirley Biddle are taking a 2-year online course called *Shaping the Parish*. She was attracted to the course description which included the most common problem in Episcopal churches where it appears 20% of the people do 80% of the work within the parish and the solution is how to motivate more of the 80% to join the 20% in working around the church. However, Robert Gallagher, the person who developed the program believes the solution to this problem does not work because God has called the 80% to attend St. Peter's but has not called them to do things in the parish. He believes the church's primary task is the spiritual formation of its people. This development will help everyone live out the mission of the Episcopal church within the world, which is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. By focusing on the spiritual formation of its people you will engage 100% of the people that God has sent to St. Peter's Church.

The second area is serving on the Racial Justice & Reconciliation Commission of the Diocese. She has enjoyed working on this committee and is the liaison for Kent County. The Bishop emphasized that we are one church with 32 outposts. He would like to see more collaboration with the Episcopal parishes working together and doing regional events on racial justice is one way the Diocese can live this out.

In closing, her goals are to do more teaching and more individual contact with parishioners. St. Peter's belongs to the parishioners. She will appear in our history only for a season to support the congregation while the parishioners are the history of the church and will write the history for future generations. Included in her closing thoughts was a quote "If you do what we have always done, we get what we have always gotten".

- A motion was made by Temple Carter and seconded by Larry Decker to approve the minutes from the January 2023 annual meeting. Motion passed.
- Elvis Belle, Paul Buckley and Patty Murray are the outgoing vestry members and Ray DePhillis needs to resign from his position this year. Many thanks for all the great work they have done.
- Ray DePhillis, chairperson of the nomination committee, made the motion for the following nominations for election to the vestry: Shirley Biddle (1st term), and Patty Murray (2<sup>nd</sup> term) to fill the full vestry terms and Harold Warnett (1<sup>st</sup> term) to fill the 2-year term open. This was seconded by Terri Anderson. There remains one open position on the vestry for the current year's nominations and one open position from the prior year's nominations for a total of 2 open positions on the vestry. With no further nominations, a motion to close nominations was made by Pat Womelsdorf and

seconded by Temple Carter. Both motions passed. Congratulations to Shirley, Patty and Harold for being elected to the vestry beginning today.

- The question was asked if the Vestry should look at changing the By-Laws to decrease the number of seats on the vestry from 9 to 7?
  - What is the vestry's role within the church?
    - The vestry acts as spiritual leaders of the church. They care for the church. We elect people to make decisions on behalf of the congregation.
    - Sr. Warden is aware of everything happening within the church. They take the place of the priest when he/she is not here.
    - Jr. Warden is responsible for the church property and can delegate upkeep and repairs to others.
    - Treasurer and Secretary are not voting members of the vestry. They are elected by the vestry annually to support a specific skill set.
  - The congregation would like to leave the number of seats at 9 with hopes this will be a year of renewal. Suggestions were made to have parish meetings in addition to the annual meeting along with holding activities that include parish members from both the 8:00 am and 10:30 am services.
- The Delaware Diocesan Convention. The 2024 convention will be held Friday, November 22, 2024, and Saturday, November 24, 2024, at the University of Delaware in Newark, DE.
  - Delegates nominated for the 2024 Convention in November are Wayne Burris and Mary Sanders. Alternate delegates are Patty Murray and Shirley Biddle. No youth delegates were nominated for the 2024 Convention.
- The committee reports were reviewed as submitted in the annual report. The report was distributed to the congregation via email and a hard copy was distributed as able to members prior to the meeting.
  - All chairpersons expressed their many thanks for the hard work done by all the committee members and the continued support from the congregation. Linda Slicher added that there is a lot going on here, we may be a small church, but we are busy.
  - Preschool- Tina Morris and Karen Sanders do an outstanding job. Both classes are full this school year. Tina works hard at making sure all the seats are filled each year. The current monthly tuition is \$185/4 year olds and \$145/3 year olds. The tuition will be going up in the coming 2024-25 school year.
  - The hospitality committee takes donations of cards and stamps to support their year-round effort of sending cards and notes to parishioners.

- Fellowship Committee- There is a potluck dinner on the last Saturday in February. February is Black History Month. We would like to feature African dishes.
- The 2023 Capital project for the trumpet sound added to the organ still needs to install a plaque in memory of Robert H. Merrill and Duane R. Young.
- The stewardship report does include the items received for the Home of the Brave in the \$4,000 of total items collected during the year.
- Treasurer's report- Mo DJ read Jim Vaughn's report. Due to the meeting being rescheduled for the weather he was unable to attend.
  - Key points from the 2023 budget-
    - \$59,691 was budgeted to transfer from the church's investment account at Merrill Lynch, however it was only necessary to transfer \$25,000 during 2023.
    - We received additional contributions from parishioners throughout the year that contributed to the decrease in the transfer amount.
    - Our personnel costs during the year were \$14,000 less than budgeted primarily because of the vacancy in the Parish Administrator's position.
  - Key points from the 2024 budget-
    - The budget tends to reflect the 2023 budget.
    - The pledges for 2024 are approximately \$22,000 higher than in 2023.
    - The estimated transfer amount for the investment account for 2024 is \$41,492 to balance the budget.
    - It is estimated that if each giving unit donates an additional \$2 per week the deficit could be reduced by \$7,280.
- New Business- None
- A motion was made by Pat Womelsdorf and seconded by Temple Carter to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

## Rector's Report

Time continued to speed along in 2024. We had one Sunday when we were closed due to snow causing our Annual Meeting to be held the following Sunday. We didn't have any capital projects this year and the repairs needed to our campus were fairly minor.

When I reflect back over 2024 what comes to mind are the parishioners who attended St. Peter's on a regular basis who passed this year. Their names are listed in the Statistics report. Over my almost thirteen years at St. Peter's, this year had the most funerals of active parishioners. Their absence continues to be felt.

On a happier note we baptized one adult: Jerry Spencer (Millie Spencer's husband), confirmed two teenagers (Reagan Faulkner and Madelyn Margavage), received one adult (Glen Rebarchak) and added two adults as official members of the parish through transfer or recording their baptismal date (Carol Binns and Chalnecia Davies). Additionally, we have had several new persons and couples begin attending St. Peter's during the year. We are meeting the bishop's goal of increasing in numbers with new people attending, which has happened most years.

Our combined Average Sunday Attendance (in-person and online) this year is 66, an increase of four people. We livestream both Sunday services. Many parishes have moved to streaming only the main service with the music. In looking at our online attendance, we had an average attendance of 4.1 watching the 8AM service and 4.8 watching the later service. Continuing to livestream both seems to be wise in my opinion as both in 2024 had an equal ministry.

On the Diocesan level, I served as the third Clergy Deputy at General Convention held in Kentucky in June where we elected Sean Rowe as our Presiding Bishop for the next nine years, whom I had met when he was provisional bishop of the Diocese of Bethlehem. It was wonderful to be part of the church thanking Michael Curry for his time as he was finishing his term as the Presiding Bishop. I serve on the Disciplinary Board which meets quarterly by Zoom. In August I was appointed by the Bishop as the sole chairperson to the Racial Justice and Reconciliation Commission and I continue to serve on the College of Clergy Planning Committee. At the bishop's request I represented Delaware as a delegate at the Province III synod in May and council in October, both in Martinsburg, West Virginia. In April I completed the *Sacred Ground* program developed by the Episcopal Church on becoming beloved community that I started online in November 2023 and met every two weeks.

In the Community, I resigned as Secretary of the Ministerium as the meeting time conflicts with diocesan commitments several months during the year. I continue to help posting and collecting the small flags in Smyrna around the three holidays managed by the Smyrna/Clayton July 4<sup>th</sup> Foundation. I also resigned from the local, county, and state positions I held in the Grange.

This freed up time was immediately filled with diocesan commitments and continuing an online course entitled *Shaping the Parish* that I started in September 2023 and finishes in May 2025. It is on parish development by an Episcopal religious order called the Order of the Ascension. The primary instructor, Fr. Robert Gallagher, OA, has been working in parish development within the Episcopal Church for thirty years. I have enjoyed learning how to lead a parish through development stages, most of which was new information for me. I will speak about this in my Rector's Address at the Annual Meeting.

The Food Pantry continued to be busy during 2024. My thanks to co-chairs Dorris Wheeler and Jane Woodall for managing the volunteers, clients, and food throughout the year! Thanks also to John Johnson who volunteered many hours sorting through the tons of food we received. I also thank all the pantry volunteers who are from St. Peter's and several churches in the Ministerium. Thanks to the parishioners of St. Peter's for all the food you donated to the

pantry throughout the year. This continues to be a great way to serve our local community and give us more visibility within the community.

I am extremely grateful to Shirley Biddle for volunteering in the office for over half the year in 2024 for a second year in a row. I'm over-the-moon grateful to Lisa Embert for expanding her enjoyment in retirement by working as our Parish Administrator. She is a person of great expertise, organization, efficiency, and knowledge. I sleep so much better now! My continued thanks to Bonnie Forgacs our Music Minister; Mary Sanders our Sexton; our Preschool teachers, Tina Morris and Karen Sawyer and our volunteer Bookkeeper, Jeff Smith. Each of their ministries is important in keeping St. Peter's functioning and worth finding. I am very grateful for their dedication to St. Peter's and their willingness to do outstanding work. In the fourth quarter, I accepted Mary's resignation as our Sexton. She has continued to empty the trash, clean the bathrooms, and vacuum until we find a replacement, for which I am grateful. We do have two possible candidates.

My thanks to our Officers—Shirley Biddle, Wayne Burris, Lisa Embert, Jim Vaughn (RIP), and Temple Carter—as well as all of our committee chairs—Paula Buckley, Chris Merrill, Terry Merrill, Linda Slicher, Harold Warnett, Dawn Watson, Dorris Wheeler. St. Peter's would not be what it is without YOU!

Special thanks to Terri Anderson and Larry Decker who have completed their term on the Vestry. Terri has completed two terms and is stepping down. Larry has had so much fun he pleaded that we let him serve another term. I appreciate his enthusiasm. 😊 I'm very grateful to Temple Carter who agreed to be our wise and talented Treasurer. I add my thanks to our Officers, remaining Vestry members and everyone named in this report for your dedication and love of St. Peter's.

Our major challenge in 2025 is to have fellowship opportunities to work on building community. We have had many new people over the last couple of years and I believe we could get to know one another better. Our next challenge is to continue working with the Bishop on his 2023-2027 blueprint to be One Church in Delaware growing stronger together through Discipleship, Service, and Growth. (See back page of report for more information).

In Christ's Service and Love, Mother Donna Jean Kiessling

### **Senior Warden's Report**

As with my predecessors, it has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your senior warden over the past year. I thank all of you for your support and especially to the vestry for making this year one of interest and learning. Over the year, we have progressed in many ways:

- The Pre School had full attendance in both the 3-year-old and 4-year-old classes. They also received a grant of \$15,000 with which they were able to purchase new furniture for the school as well as new playground equipment. A sincere thank you goes out to Tina and Karen, our teachers, for their efforts in applying for and obtaining this grant.
- We have been able to continue to stream our Sunday services on Facebook, enabling us to reach our parishioners who would like to attend services virtually while enabling us to reach others outside our local community.
- After a few trials and errors, we were able to hire an Administrative Assistant! Our own Lisa Embert accepted the position and has been hard at work organizing the office, relieving Mother DJ of some administrative duties and making our on-line presence more interesting and informative of happenings of the church as well as those happenings in the town and other local communities. Thank you, Lisa!!

- At the request of many parishioners, the vestry approved to reinstate drinking from the cup during the Eucharist and the passing of the peace.
- For the community at large, we continue to host the Ministerium's Food Pantry with the help of many volunteers. Over the past year we have served over 2,100 clients! Thanks go out to Dorris Wheeler and Jane Woodall, the co-coordinators of this outreach.
- Also, we continue to connect with the community at large by hosting a table at the I Love Smyrna School District Day. During this event, we are able to directly interact with folks in and around Smyrna.
- Bishop Kevin visited us on June 16<sup>th</sup>, and we enjoyed his presence during the Eucharistic Service as well as at a potluck luncheon. During the vestry meeting with the Bishop, we were able to share with him that we have welcomed a couple of new adult members, have reached out to one of our youth members to explore how to reach younger folks, and that we have participated in the Diocesan Banner program and obtained 3 banners, two for around the church and one for the cemetery.
- On a very important note, Jeff Smith continues to serve as our volunteer Bookkeeper, and we sincerely thank him for his continued service.
- As you will see in the Junior Warden's report, there were numerous building and property projects throughout the year. One thing in particular that stands out is the new railing at the front of the church enabling parishioners to navigate the steps up to the altar more easily. This was suggested by Jim Sbarra, was approved by the vestry, was looked into by Wayne Burris and Larry Decker who found a company that could meet our specifications at a reasonable price. The price of this was covered by donations from several members of the congregation and the need became accomplished! A thank you goes out to Wayne, our junior warden, for all of his help on and completion of all of the numerous projects that we gave him.

On a sad note, in October, Jim Vaughn passed away. Jim was a very vital and long-term member of the parish and had served, here, in several capacities during his life. The last position he served in was as the Treasurer of the parish. We truly miss him along with his knowledge and sense of humor. As the need to replace this important position was necessary, Temple Carter agreed to take this position and was affirmed by the vestry to serve. Thank you, Temple!

I need to thank all of our vestry members for their support throughout the year. I thank Mother DJ for all of her support and guidance as we continue on our journey to grow. I also thank all of our committees for their work, the altar guild for their continued work in preparing the church for Sunday and Wednesday services, our organist and the choir for making music to help rejoice in God, and the hospitality and prayer chain ministries.

In the coming year we will finalize a plan to replace the heating and air conditioning systems in all buildings of the church and we will continue to investigate ways to bring new members to the parish.

I also want to focus your attention on the fact that the vestry is the congregation's voice in matters of the parish. If you have a concern or an idea that you would like to make known, please contact a vestry member and it will be discussed during one of our meetings.

In closing, I want to share my word for the year: **HOPE**. Hope is "a way of thinking that involves anticipating a better future and expecting positive outcomes." That is my **HOPE** for all of you and for St. Peter's in 2025.

Blessings, Shirley Biddle, Senior Warden

## Junior Warden's Report

The following maintenance was done in 2024:

- In January, we lost heat in the office wing of the church and found there was a blockage in one of the lines. The heater was cleaned and a new filter installed. While doing this maintenance to the heater a tank gauge was added to the oil tank in the basement.
- The gutters were cleaned this year. During the cleaning, the gutters along the back of the church under the trees were removed. An anonymous parishioner provided payment for the repair.
- In February we had the parking lots cleared of snow by Johnson Lawn Care to make it safe for people to come to church.
- The rear parking lot lines were painted so people can see where to park safely.
- New lighting for the outside stairway going to the food pantry was purchased by Shirley Biddle. Snow's Painting did the repair work to the walls and painted the stairway.
- Dicks Tree Service removed some of the trees that were around the church and parking lot. Also, vines were removed from the large stain glass window and poison was put down to try to keep them from coming back.
- Rain was coming in along the back wall of the sanctuary. Larry Thornton and I replaced the gutter and rerouted the water by adding an elbow and longer pipe to keep the rain from coming in.
- New spickets were replaced in the kitchen and sanctuary.
- A new brass rail was ordered and installed in front of the sanctuary thanks to the help of Larry Decker. The railing was paid for by donations from parishioners.
- Emergency lights were replaced in the hall by the ramp entrance and another in the preschool area.
- With the help of Larry Thornton the wheelchair ramp was repaired, pressure washed and painted.
- Two smoke detectors were needed and added to the boiler room.

Upcoming projects in the spring include:

- Painting and repairing the church entrance and steeple area. We are working on gathering estimates for this job.
- Replacing all three heating and air conditioning units throughout the church and transitioning from oil to gas heat throughout the church. Estimates have been received, and we are working with the vendor on the timing of the installation.

I want to thank the following people who continue to give of themselves throughout the year in helping maintain our church and grounds in good shape and attractive:

- *Danny Andrew, Larry Thornton, Larry's Son and Grandson* – mowing and caring for part of the property around the buildings and removing leaves & branches from Union Street parking lot; along with shoveling the sidewalks when needed
- *Mary Sanders* – cleaning our church space and rooms.
- Thanks to anyone who made a repair or worked on a project that missed this list. Our buildings belong to all of us at St. Peter's, and it takes a community to keep them in good shape and looking inviting.

Respectively submitted, Wayne Burris, Jr Warden

## **Outreach Report**

The parishioners of St. Peter's continue to reach out and provide assistance to those in need throughout the community. During the past year some of the groups that our congregation so kindly supported were St. Peter's Food Pantry, Backpacks for Education (North Smyrna Elementary), Smyrna Clayton Ministerium Emergency Fund and Thanksgiving Dinner, DHCI (Delaware Home for Chronically Ill), First State Animal Shelter (ASPCA) and our newest outreach organization, Warriors Helping Warriors (The Brian Conley Veterans Resiliency Center located in Middletown Delaware).

In 2024 St. Peter's graciously donated over \$3,707.26 in goods (this does not include foods that have been donated by parishioners to the food pantry). Funds collected for Outreach projects are reflected in the financial reports. Thank you all for the tremendous support that you continue to provide during these tumultuous times.

### **2025 Outreach Opportunities**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Organization</u>
February	Emergency Fund of Smyrna Clayton Ministerium
March	Food Pantry (St. Peter's)
April	First State Animal Shelter and SPCA
June	Warriors Helping Warriors (Middletown)
August	Backpacks for Education
October	Smyrna Clayton Ministerium (Thanksgiving Dinner)
November	DHCI Christmas for Residents

Food items for food pantry are accepted all year.

Monetary Donations: Checks payable to the organization with the purpose in the memo field.

The calendar for 2025 outreach opportunities has been hung in several locations throughout the church and each month's activities will also appear in the church bulletin. Food items for the food pantry are welcome anytime throughout the year. Once again, thank you for your continued support and may God bless you.

Harold C. Warnett  
Harvest Outreach Coordinator

## **Food Pantry of the Smyrna-Clayton Ministerium Report**

Housed at St. Peter's Episcopal Church

The Pantry has continued to be very busy this past year, growing to an average of 180 visits per month. The highest month this year had 231 visits.

We have sixteen scheduled volunteers and three substitutes to help our guests in the Pantry, do the necessary shopping for meats and pantry items, sort, and stack donations, and pick up the USDA food when it is available.

We have many guests that come through showing just how much we are needed and appreciated.

We are extremely thankful for the many donations from the community as a whole; the churches and businesses that contribute all year or for the holiday seasons. We appreciate everyone that supports us and helps us provide food for our food insecure, whatever their situations may be.

### **Food Pantry Distribution – 2024**

Month	Full Order USDA, Pantry,&/or WaWa	WaWa Only	Total Served
January	125	9	134
February	152	4	156
March	151	4	155
April	156	9	165
May	176	3	179
June	156	4	160
July	197	7	204
August	183	6	189
September	193	7	200
October	221	10	231
November	211	2	213
December	170	4	174

Visits in the year of 2024\*: 2160

\*Totals are a best estimate as daily sign in sheets may not be fully completed.

Respectfully Submitted, Dorris Wheeler, Co-Coordinator, Food Pantry, St. Peter's Church

## **St. Peter's Preschool Report**

### **January-May 2024**

As the new year rolls in we continue one of our favorite things-celebrating. Nothing excites our children more than a good reason to party. We have parents celebrate with us at Super Hero Dad Day and Mom and Me Tea. We continue with our classroom parties with New Years, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, 100 Days of School, Easter celebration and of course Birthdays.

When it comes time to celebrating the end of the year, both classes have their class picnics here at St. Peter's. The children enjoy a bouncy house and games in the yard with family.

The festivities continue with Graduation for pre-kindergarten. Family and friends fill the church, we sing all our favorite songs followed by gifts from the teachers and certificates for the children. Not to be forgotten, the preschool class holds a Sing Along for their family and friends followed by gifts from the teachers and certificates.

Each year the preschool holds a fundraiser. Pre-k class raffled off a Lego basket, the Preschool class raffled off a game night basket. Our goal is to purchase playground equipment.

St. Peter's Preschool applied for a grant from the State of Delaware. We received \$15,000. The grant could only be used to benefit the program, the children, and the staff and needed to be fully spent by June 2024. We were able to reimburse the preschool for the play set, a scholarship, and purchased supplies, sandbox, sand, outside kitchen set, water table, along with lots of classroom manipulatives. We also set up a substitute fund. St. Peter's Preschool will be applying for another grant in January 2025.

### **2024 – 2025 School Year**

Tina Morris returns for her 14th year with St. Peter's and her sixth year as director/Pre-K teacher. Karen Sawyer returns for her seventh year as the preschool teacher.

The school year started off with classroom set-up, parent orientation, and meet your teacher. Once again both the Pre-k program and the Preschool program have full enrollment. We continue to use the Creative Curriculum. The teachers supplement the program with their creative skills. We have also added Teaching Strategies to help with assessments. The program continues to offer Lunch Bunch on Wednesdays and Thursdays, extending our children's day until 2 pm.

We start the year off strong inviting Grandparents in for Grandparents Day. The preschool visited Fifer's Farm and the Delaware State Fire School. We hosted a Trunk or Treat, celebrated Thanksgiving with Charlie Brown, Polar Express PJ Day for Christmas and finished our year with our Pre-k classes retelling The Christmas Story program, complete with costumes and songs.

St. Peter's Preschool is excited to be participating with the Smyrna School District's Early Education Program. We have two student interns, who come in and assist with the program and enrich the children's day.

The Preschool is participating in The Ages and Stages program sponsored by The Board of Education. This program helps parents monitor their child's development. Along with this program the Preschool has a new partner this year, the Smyrna School District's Special Education Program. This program assists students with speech, behavior, and academic assistance.

We continue to be blessed to have the use of the Parish Hall for the school. Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Sawyer are very grateful for your continued support.

Respectfully, Tina Morris, Director

## Preschool 2023 -2024 School Year

Account Name	Acct #	School Yr	Budget
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	4000		
PRESCHOOL OUTREACH	4400		
PS Tuition	4401	\$36,828.00	\$34,020.00
PS Registration	4402	\$1,230.00	\$960.00
PS Lunch Bunch	4403	\$3,295.00	\$4,400.00
PS Fundraising	4404	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
PS Donations	4405	\$15.00	\$0.00
PS Fieldtrips	4406	\$1,112.00	\$500.00
Quality Imprv Award	4410	\$12,050.81	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$54,530.81</b>	<b>\$41,880.00</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>	5000		
FIXED EXPENSES	5010		
SALARIES	5025		
PS Salaries	5068	\$28,725.40	\$31,000.00
PS Bonuses YE	5069	\$931.00	\$1,000.00
PS Bonus Full	5070	\$250.00	\$500.00
PS Room Setup	5071	\$825.00	\$925.00
PS Lunch Bunch	5073	\$1,334.41	\$0.00
Subtotal Salaries	5025	\$32,065.81	\$33,425.00
EMPLOYER P/R TAXES	5130		
ER Payroll Taxes	5135	\$2,323.17	\$2,500.00
ADMINISTRATIVE	5300		
Property/Liability Insur	5480	\$1,388.48	\$1,566.00
Payroll Processing	5505	\$207.72	\$155.00
Subtotal Administrative	5300	\$1,596.20	\$1,721.00
BUILDING & GROUNDS	5600		
PS Cleaning	5603	\$79.91	\$100.00
UTILITIES	5605		
PS Fuel, Town Util	5621	\$2,800.00	\$3,150.00
PS Phone	5622	\$127.33	\$135.00
Subtotal Utilities	5605	\$2,927.33	\$3,285.00
SECURITY/SAFETY	5625		
PS Inspections & Permits	5632	\$108.03	\$75.00
Subtotal Building & Grounds	5600	\$3,115.27	\$3,460.00

Subtotal Fixed Expenses	5010	\$39,100.45	\$41,106.00
MINISTRY	6000		
PS FORMATION	6300		
Curriculum & Supplies	6301	\$75.92	\$1,100.00
PS Field Trips	6302	\$1,223.00	\$500.00
Quality Imprvmt Exp	6303	\$12,050.81	\$0.00
Subtotal Ministry	6000	\$13,349.73	\$1,600.00
MISSION	7000		
PRESCHOOL	7070		
PS Donation to St Peter's	7071	\$2,061.00	\$2,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$54,511.18</b>	<b>\$44,706.00</b>
<b>EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$19.63</b>	<b>(\$2,826.00)</b>

**NOTES:**

(1): Preschool received \$15,000 grant to use on improving program.  
\$12,000 spent in this school year and balance in beginning of next school yr.  
(2): Journal Entry Adjustments (7/31/23 & 9/10/24) made to move \$2,214  
of income representing fundraising monies received into Accounts Payable  
liability 04-2315-000 for Teachers to use for special purchases.

## **Faith Formation Report**

### **Adults**

We continued our discussion on *The Shack* that we began in 2023 during the first half of the year breaking during Lent. This is a novel about a man who is grieving the loss of a child and meets up with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit in a very unusual way – very interesting and promotes a lot of great discussion! During Lent we finished discussing the book *Seeking God – the Way of St. Benedict* that we had started in Advent 2023. The Rules of St Benedict are a source of guidance, support, inspiration, challenge, comfort and discomfort for men and women (a description given by The Liturgical Press). The author, Esther deWaal, is able to communicate the principal values of the Rules and how they apply to the “everyday” person. In Advent 2024 we read *The Light of the World* by Amy-Jill Levine who is a New Testament professor and also is Jewish. Most Jewish people believe Jesus was a prophet and they are still waiting for their Messiah. It was interesting to hear the Jewish perspective alongside the Christian one.

## **Intergenerational**

Our Christmas Pageant this year was *The Birth of Jesus*. This celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus was done using the nativity readings from a children's bible. Everyone did a wonderful job, we had great fun, and best of all we welcomed Jesus!

### **Pageant Participants**

*Mary:* Madelyn Margavage

*Joseph:* Tom Campbell

*Donkey:* Melody Richards

*Lamb:* Shirley Biddle

*Angel:* Jane Woodall

*Angel:* Dorothy Andrew

*Narrator:* Mo Donna Jean Kiessling

*King:* Danny Andrew

*King:* Wayne Burris

*King:* Stan McIntyre

*Shepherd:* Ray DePhillis

*Shepherd:* Doug Miller

*Shepherd:* Harold Warnett

*Music:* Bonnie Forgacs

### **Prayer Chain Ministry Report**

St. Peter's prayer chain is a group of committed people who pray for the needs of our church family and those of the community. A prayer request can be made by calling Terry Merrill at 302-653-6809 or, if unavailable, anyone in the group.

Listed below is pertinent information regarding the name and telephone number of each person serving on our prayer chain. Prayer requests are taken until 10:00 p.m. each night. If it is too late to start the prayer chain that evening, it will start immediately the next morning. In addition, you will find the time that several have listed as the time they retire for the night.

Terry Merrill	302-653-6809	
Millie Spencer	302-653-9647	
Wendy Lampe	302-653-5522	9:00 p.m.
WillElla Jackson	302-653-4208	
Kathy Young	302-660-9193	
Mary Louise McNaughton	302-653-7368	
Sandy Margist	302-562-7424	7:00 p.m.
Paula Buckley	302-653-8096	
Doug Miller	302-538-6337	9:00 p.m.

It is comforting knowing that there is such a dedicated, compassionate group keeping our need(s) in heartfelt prayer.

### **Hospitality Committee Report**

St. Peter's Hospitality Committee is a small group of ladies who work to bring Birthday greetings, Anniversary blessings, a special note of love and caring, perhaps during a time of loss, illness or just a rough patch, which we all experience at one time or another. We also like to acknowledge holidays and regular monthly greetings to our shut-ins. Many times, we follow up with a phone call to stay in touch.

Our dedicated committee consists of Paula Buckley, Terry Merrill and our newest member Linda Lingner.

We sent approximately 700+ cards, at no expense to the church. Cards and stamps are purchased by our committee and by donations welcomed by you, our church family. If you would like to donate stamps or cards, please contact Terry Merrill at 302-653-6809.

If you have not had the pleasure of receiving a card/note from us, please know it is not intentional, we just don't have you on our list! Please call the church office and provide us with your special dates (i.e. birthday, anniversary) and your current mailing address.

Respectfully

Terry Merrill and Paula Buckley

### **Altar Guild Report**

The Altar Guild is a Lay Ministry that serves under the direction of our Rector in setting up weekly worship services and special services held for baptisms, weddings, funerals, etc. Currently, we are a group of women and men who give our time and talent to make St. Peter's a welcoming place to worship.

A special thank you to everyone that helped in beautifying the church for Easter and Christmas and putting everything away as well. The members of the Altar Guild and our volunteers do this work for the love of God and for the love of our St. Peter's family.

I am very grateful for the members of the congregation that have stepped up to help the Altar Guild members each month. Thank you to Stan McIntyre, Harold Warnett, Paul Buckley, and Patty Murray for your help. If I missed anyone, please know it is not intentional I am very thankful to all for your help. Your time and talent made our work easier and I am grateful for the help.

Members serving with me in 2024:

Dawn Arnold  
Shirley Biddle  
Paula Buckley  
Betty Decker  
Kathy Eichler  
Lisa Embert  
Pat Womelsdorf  
David Womelsdorf

This Lay Ministry requires no special skills, a few hours of time and a desire to participate in the beauty of the church and worship service. Training will be provided if you are willing to serve as an Altar Guild member. If you are interested in the work of the Altar Guild, please contact me at 302-659-1466 or by contacting the church office.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Sanders

### **Music Ministry Report**

Your Parish Choir is thrilled to welcome a new member, Chalnecia Davies. Chalnecia has joined the alto section. She adds so much with her beautiful voice and joyful spirit.

Your choir is proud to have prepared all new anthems for September, October, and November. They do an amazing job and add so much to our Sunday worship service.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Christmas Eve nativity pageant. A special thank you to Shirley Biddle for all her help with casting and costumes.

As always, we would love to have new members join the choir. Rehearsal is on Thursday from 7-8:30pm in the sanctuary.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Forgacs

### **Ushers Report**

At the end of 2024 we currently have nine ushers on the call list. This includes myself and I typically try to leave myself off the roster in the event an usher has to cancel. If anyone is interested in becoming an usher, they can call me at 302-653-6809 and I will gladly go over with them what is required of our ushers each week. I would like to thank the ushers for their service in 2024 and we look forward to a productive 2025.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Merrill

### **Worship Report**

In 2024 St. Peter's provided: 100 Sunday Eucharist services; 45 weekday Eucharist services; 21 private Eucharistic visits to homebound and hospitalized; 5 weekday Daily Office services; 6 burial services, and 77 other offices and private services—usually anointing with oil. Our Average in person Sunday Attendance is 57.2 and our Average online attendance is 8.9 giving a **total Average Year Attendance of 66**.

My thanks to Evy Jacobs who stayed after the 8AM service to sanitize the air in our worship space for the next service until our machine stopped working. My thanks to Harold Warnett who turns on the circulating fan for our air purifier each Sunday and to Chris Merrill for turning it off. My thanks to Terri Anderson, Shirley Biddle, and Harold Warnett for helping with livestreaming the 8AM service and to Larry & Betty Decker and Jim & Becky Correll for helping with livestreaming the 10:30AM service. Special thanks to Mary Sanders and the members of the Altar Guild who are generous with their time each year in setting and cleaning up for worship, polishing the brass and silver, and arranging the Christmas and Easter flowers and decorations so beautifully. Welcome to Betty Decker and Kathy Eichler who graduated this year from students to masters serving together during two months of the year.

Thanks to those who served as readers and/or Eucharistic Ministers: Dawn Arnold, Terri Anderson, Fr. Chuck Baker, Shirley Biddle, Paul Buckley, Wayne Burris, Lee Clampffer,

Bonnie Forgacs, Allison Gallo, Stan McIntyre, Doug Miller, Patty Murray, Larry Thornton, Harold Warnett, and Pat Womelsdorf. Thank you to Reagan Faulkner, Madelyn Margavage, and Glen Rebarchak who started ushering this year. Thanks to those who continued to serve during 2024 as ushers and church bell ringers. I appreciate your support and willingness to help our services run smoothly.

My thanks to Bonnie Forgacs who continually brings great energy and joy to St. Peter's as our Music Minister and for her and Shirley Biddle's help with our Christmas pageant. Welcome to Chalnecia Davies who joined the choir this year and thanks to Dawn Arnold, Patricia Atherley-Liddie, Yvonne Belle, Tom Campbell, Ray DePhillis, Lisa Embert, Wendy Lampe, and Muff Meyers for their continued faithful service to practice weekly and serve on Sundays during the school year.

Thanks to everyone who has sponsored flowers from *Floral Events by Sherri* and followed the new directions so we have had flowers on Sundays. This beautifies our space wonderfully.

We held several funeral receptions this year. Thanks to Shirley Biddle, Terry Merrill, and everyone who volunteered to provide hospitality, hope and healing to our parish family in time of need.

My special thanks to members of the congregation who attended services this year and enriched our worship through participating and building community. We are a warm, welcoming congregation and have been blessed again this year with several new families joining us for worship.

Respectfully submitted, Mother DJ

### **Stewardship Report**

Stewardship is sharing our time, talent, and treasure with God in gratitude for all God has given to us as well as to help grow God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. One definition of stewardship is *everything we do after we say we believe*.

Time and talent are our opportunities to do and be St. Peter's ministry. (Remember the church is the people—not the building.) This Annual Report is filled with stories of how we gave of our time and talent this year in the name of St. Peter's. In addition, since as a Christian you represent St. Peter's, it is also all you did with love and in service to God wherever you were throughout this year to make this world a better place.

My thanks to Wayne Burris, Mary Sanders, Terri Anderson, and Patty Murray who gave their time as our delegates during Diocesan Convention held at the Atlantic Sands in Rehoboth Beach in November. Please read the Junior Warden's report for those who contributed their time and talent throughout the year in keeping our campus, parking lots, and cemetery inviting and welcoming places for people to visit.

For the treasure part of stewardship, our campaign theme was *Rooted In Abundance*. We received a total of **49** *Estimate of Giving Cards* who estimated a commitment of **\$149,750.60** for our 2024 mission and ministry. We received a total of **\$132,659.83** given in the pledge category. This committed giving source is where we receive most of our funding. Thanks also to everyone who financially contributed without completing a card, which added an additional

income of **\$19,793.24**. All financial giving is needed, important, and appreciated as without it, St. Peter's could not continue.

We especially want to acknowledge and say "Thank You!" to the **15 Giving Units** who either gave specifically toward the budget deficit reduction (\$280) or exceeded their estimate of giving amount (\$3,000.41) as a way of helping reduce our deficit. Together these folks contributed an additional **\$3,280.41**. Finally, near the end of the year, an amazing anonymous donor gave **\$10,000** towards our budget deficit. Because of the generosity of these **16 Giving Units**, St. Peter's was able to keep **\$13,280.41** of savings invested in our investment account.

Completing an *Estimate of Giving Card* serves two important purposes. First, they help your elected leaders manage St. Peter's income and expenses better. Without them, it would be like trying to manage our own homes and lives without knowing what our annual income will be. Secondly, the national church uses the signed *Estimate of Giving Cards* to count the number of individuals and families who consider St. Peter's Church part of their family. This number is an important factor used in determining the size and health of a congregation.

I know many parishioners contributed towards the many fundraisers that netted an additional **\$20,070.23** that also reduced our deficit. What is not quantifiable is the time, talent, and treasure amount that parishioners gave in the donations of items, baskets, and gifts for our fundraisers that reduced our expenses for fundraising. All is gift and appreciated. **Thank You!**

Finally, stewardship also includes remembering St. Peter's Church in your Will. Fr. Chuck Baker did this and the Vestry approved using **\$13,600** of the bequest received towards the 2024 deficit.

Because of parishioners' generosity and how abundantly blessed we were, **\$4,500** was withdrawn in 2024 from our investments for expenses and **\$4,022.67** is being transferred back into our investment account, as only **\$477.33** needed. May we continue to walk faithfully into the future and in trust of God being with us, for us, and working on our behalf. Thank you, God!! Well done, St. Peter's parishioners!!

Faithfully submitted,

Mo. Donna Jean, Rector and Shirley P. Biddle, Sr. Warden

### **Fundraising Report**

- **Committee Members:**

Shirley Biddle – Chairperson	Dawn Watson – Vestry Liaison
Paula Buckley	Becky Correll
Charlotte Costello	Betty & Larry Decker
Grace DiCuirci	Danny, Monica, & Ally Holmes
Patty Murray	Melody Richards
Mary Sanders	Linda Slicher
Harold Warnett	Dorris Wheeler

- **Fundraising Events Occurring in 2024:**

- Flags for Heroes \$2,900
- General \$628.60

- Credit Card Cash Back \$281.60
  - Piano Rolling Stand \$200
  - Worker's Comp Payback \$144
  - Cross Key Chain \$3
- Pancake Supper \$1,264
- Quarter Auction \$5,935
- Raffles \$271
- Restaurant Percent of Sales \$928.83
- Scrapbooking/Crafting \$1,990
- Tea Socials \$6,824
  - **Total \$20,741.43**
- **Expenses for Fundraising Events 2024:**
  - Flags for Heroes \$625
  - General \$0
  - Pancake Supper \$0
  - Quarter Auction \$0
  - Raffles \$0
  - Restaurants Percent of Sales \$0
  - Scrapbooking/Crafting \$0
  - Tea Socials \$46.20
    - **Total Expenses for Fundraising Events: \$671.20**
- **Total Profit from Fundraising Events:**
  - **\$20,070.23**
- **Fundraising Events Planned for 2025**
  - **Crafting Fundraisers**

01/17 – 01/18/2025: Regular	02/07 – 02/08/2025: Regular	03/21 – 03/22/2025: Regular	04/11 – 04/12/2025: No Frills
05/02 – 05/03/2025: No Frills	06/13 – 06/14/2025: No Frills	07/11 – 07/12/2025: No Frills	08/08 – 08/09/2025: No Frills
  - **Pancake Supper:** 03/04/2025
  - **Quarter Auction:** 04/04/2025
  - **Spring Tea:** 05/17/2025
  - **Flags for Heroes:** 05/23 – 05/27/2025
  - **Witches' Tea:** 10/18/2025 – *TENTATIVE*
  - **Raffles**
  - **Restaurant Percent of Sales:** *TENTATIVE* – February, June, July, September, November, & December

The committee wants to thank **EVERYONE**, again, for your support of these events that are so vital to our church. We could not do what we do without the support of all of you!!!

Respectfully submitted by Dawn Watson, Vestry Liaison

## **St. Peter's Investments, Restricted and Capital Projects Income and Expense**

	<b>Acct. No.</b>	<b>2024 Year</b>	<b>2023 Year</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	4000		
RESTRICTED in PNC Checking	4100		
Music Ministry Income	4112-116	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Trans PC to CPC	4275-117	\$2,409.70	\$1,854.20
Trans Niche to ML	4276-118	\$1,000.60	\$3,271.60
Subtotal Restricted	4100	\$3,410.30	\$7,625.80
 INVESTMENT INCOME	4530		
Deposit into Invstmnts	4536	\$37,922.67	\$10,500.00
 <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$41,332.97</b>	<b>\$18,125.80</b>
 <b>EXPENSES</b>	5000		
Music Min Rest Exp	5604-116	\$0.00	\$5,400.00
INVESTMENT EXPENSES	7300		
Investment Fee	7304	\$1,400.37	\$65.00
W/D from Invstmnts	7306	\$16,000.00	\$10,500.00
Release PC Restriction	4875-117	\$6,027.20	
Release Niche Restriction	4876-118		\$4,419.20
Subtotal Investment Expenses	7300	\$23,427.57	\$14,984.20
 <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$23,427.57</b>	<b>\$20,384.20</b>
 <b>EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$17,905.40</b>	<b>(\$2,258.40)</b>

### **2024 Notes:**

There were no capital projects in 2024.

**7304** Management of Merrill Lynch funds moved from self-directed Brokerage Account to Professionally Manages account in September, which has monthly management fees.

**4536** Includes \$23,400 bequest from an Estate.

**4875** Funds transferred for Cemetery Perpetual Care received between 4/2022 thru 4/2024.

### **2023 Notes:**

**4876** Funds transferred for Niche received between 6/2022 thru 2/2023.

## 2023 and 2024 Income and Expenses

	Acct#	2024 Year	2023 Year
<b>INCOME</b>	4000		
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	4001		
PARISHIONER SUPPORT	4002		
Pledges	4005	\$132,659.83	\$109,714.80
Pledges Paid Annually	4006	0.00	15,700.00
Offerings	4010	19,793.24	27,714.50
Deficit Reduction	4015	10,280.00	355.00
<b>Subtotal Parishioner Support</b>	<b>4002</b>	<b>162,733.07</b>	<b>153,484.30</b>
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	4030		
Flowers/Candle	4035	470.00	2,285.00
Memorial	4036	985.00	1,100.00
One Time Gift	4037	13,600.00	0.00
Christmas	4040	1,460.00	1,160.00
Easter	4041	845.00	985.00
Thanksgiving	4042	0.00	182.00
Buckley Schlshp from ML	4044	1,000.00	0.00
<b>Subtotal Special Offerings</b>	<b>4030</b>	<b>18,360.00</b>	<b>5,712.00</b>
REIMBURSEMENTS	4060		
Admin-Reimb	4061	3,038.00	62.50
Adult Ed-Reimb	4062	0.00	26.00
Janitorial-Reimb	4067	0.00	67.96
Music	4068	0.00	81.96
<b>Subtotal Reimbursements</b>	<b>4060</b>	<b>3,038.00</b>	<b>238.42</b>
<b>Subtotal Contributions</b>	<b>4001</b>	<b>184,131.07</b>	<b>159,434.72</b>
<b>DONOR RESTRICTED</b>	4100		
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	4101		
Bldg Upkeep/Repairs Inc	4110-102	4,864.11	1,085.89
Cemetery Care	4115-103	500.00	500.00
Rector's Discretionary	4125-105	0.00	50.00
Preschool P/R FlowThru	4130-106	32,466.91	32,004.51
<b>Subtotal Donor Restricted</b>	<b>4100</b>	<b>37,831.02</b>	<b>33,640.40</b>
<b>MINISTRY GENERATED</b>	4200		
USE OF BUILDINGS	4205		
PRESCHOOL	4210		
W C / Liability	4216	1,562.04	1,388.48
Utility Usage	4217	3,150.00	2,800.00
Donation - Reduce Deficit	4218	2,000.00	0.00
Preschool Inspections	4219	0.00	175.00
Preschool P/R Processing	4220	213.16	198.62
Preschool ER Taxes	4221	2,483.72	2,442.49
<b>Subtotal Preschool</b>	<b>4210</b>	<b>9,408.92</b>	<b>7,004.59</b>

Group Donations	4231	840.00	790.00
Facilities Rental	4232	0.00	175.00
<b>Subtotal Use Of Buildings</b>	<b>4205</b>	<b>10,248.92</b>	<b>7,969.59</b>
CEMETERY	4250		
Niche Sold	4255	249.70	814.20
Plot Sold	4260	740.00	260.00
<b>Subtotal Cemetery</b>	<b>4250</b>	<b>989.70</b>	<b>1,074.20</b>
<b>Subtotal Ministry Generated</b>	<b>4200</b>	<b>11,238.62</b>	<b>9,043.79</b>
<b>EARNINGS FROM INVESTMENTS</b>	4500		
Annuity Earnings from ML	4505	5,264.97	7,019.96
Earnings from CPC	4510	4,329.67	6,968.43
Interest & Dividends	4515	9.43	8.10
<b>Subtotal Earnings From Invest.</b>	<b>4500</b>	<b>9,604.07</b>	<b>13,996.49</b>
<b>OUTREACH DONATIONS</b>	4540		
Bishop's Discretionary	4545-107	574.00	0.00
Cancer Research	4548-108	0.00	317.00
Helping Animals	4552-109	25.00	20.00
Helping Less Fortunate	4555-110	456.87	200.00
Helping Veterans	4558-111	50.00	40.00
SCM-Emergency	4562-112	160.00	629.74
SCM-Food Pantry	4565-113	618.00	410.00
SCM-Per Items Closet	4568-114	20.00	0.00
SCM-T'Giving Dinner	4572-115	275.00	320.00
<b>Subtotal Outreach Donations</b>	<b>4540</b>	<b>2,178.87</b>	<b>1,936.74</b>
<b>FUNDRAISING</b>	4600		
General Events	4605	628.60	1,472.00
Flags for Heroes	4610-009	2,900.00	3,100.00
Pancake Supper	4615	1,264.00	1,272.00
Quarter Auction	4620	5,935.00	5,750.00
Raffles	4625	271.00	135.00
Scrapbooking	4635	1,990.00	2,110.00
Tea Socials	4640	6,824.00	6,020.00
Percent of Sales	4680	928.83	648.23
<b>Subtotal Fundraising</b>	<b>4600</b>	<b>20,741.43</b>	<b>20,507.23</b>
<b>DEFICIT COVERAGE</b>	4750		
<b>Savings Withdrawal</b>	<b>4755</b>	<b>4,438.38</b>	<b>21,038.95</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>270,163.46</b>	<b>259,598.32</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	5000		

<b>FIXED EXPENSES</b>	5010		
PERSONNEL	5020		
SALARIES	5025		
Rector Sal	5030-007	\$85,607.04	\$85,607.04
Music Minister Sal	5035-008	17,801.04	17,801.04
Administrator Sal	5040	8,699.80	2,846.68
Bookkeeper Sal	5045	0.00	2,421.00
Sexton Sal	5050	4,491.71	5,636.64
Subtotal Salaries	5025	116,599.59	114,312.40
CONTINUING EDUCATION	5075		
Rector Cont Ed	5080-007	1,135.00	1,463.22
Music Minister Cont Ed	5085-008	50.00	117.58
Subtotal Continuing Ed.	5075	1,185.00	1,580.80
RECTOR BENEFITS	5090		
Pension	5095-007	15,409.32	15,409.32
Medical/Life	5100-007	12,618.00	13,536.00
Auto/Prof Allowance	5105-007	1,919.70	2,136.40
Subtotal Rector Benefits	5090	29,947.02	31,081.72
EMPLOYER P/R TAXES	5130		
ER Payroll Taxes	5135	4,854.65	4,644.31
<b>Subtotal Personnel</b>	<b>5020</b>	<b>152,586.26</b>	<b>151,619.23</b>
CONTRACT SERVICES	5150		
SUPPLY COVERAGE	5155		
Clergy Supply	5160	537.09	520.00
Musician Supply	5165	400.00	200.00
Subtotal Supply Coverage	5155	937.09	720.00
SKILLED LABOR	5175		
Financial Audit	5180	500.00	0.00
Mowing Cemetery	5185	10,535.00	7,500.00
Snow Removal - Church	5190	900.00	0.00
Subtotal Skilled Labor	5175	11,935.00	7,500.00
<b>Subtotal Contract Services</b>	<b>5150</b>	<b>12,872.09</b>	<b>8,220.00</b>
ADMINISTRATIVE	5300		
Administration	5304	3,124.56	613.42
ADVERTISING	5305		
Other Advertising	5320	300.00	300.00
BANK FEES	5340		
Service Charge	5345	43.60	84.60
Vanco Fees Paid	5355	800.19	746.14
<b>Subtotal Bank Fees</b>	<b>5340</b>	<b>843.79</b>	<b>830.74</b>
COMPUTER EXPENSES	5365		
Computer Hardware	5370	0.00	145.96
Computer Software	5375	332.98	813.11
<b>Subtotal Computer Expenses</b>	<b>5365</b>	<b>332.98</b>	<b>959.07</b>

Diocesan Assessment	5390	17,375.52	20,089.96
Diocesan Conv/Pgms	5395	1,376.50	926.67
FUNDRAISING	5400		
Events	5405	46.20	18.05
Flags for Heroes	5410-009	625.00	599.00
Qtr Auction Exp	5420	0.00	296.54
<b>Subtotal Fundraising</b>	<b>5400</b>	<b>671.20</b>	<b>913.59</b>
LEASED EQUIPMENT	5440		
Copier Lease	5445	2,141.76	2,320.24
Copier Maintenance	5450	1,358.30	1,064.75
<b>Subtotal Leased Equipment</b>	<b>5440</b>	<b>3,500.06</b>	<b>3,384.99</b>
Office Supplies	5470	1,030.48	630.23
Postage	5475	282.00	321.00
Property/Liability Insur	5480	7,944.25	9,492.50
SUBSCRIPTIONS	5500		
Payroll Processing	5505	711.62	676.18
PowerChurch	5510	479.40	479.40
Website Domain	5515	0.00	75.98
Website Software	5520	69.95	85.95
<b>Subtotal Subscriptions</b>	<b>5500</b>	<b>1,260.97</b>	<b>1,317.51</b>
<b>Subtotal Administrative</b>	<b>5300</b>	<b>38,042.31</b>	<b>39,779.68</b>
BUILDING & GROUNDS	5600		
UTILITIES	5605		
Electric, WT, SW, TR	5610	5,844.62	6,078.29
Gas & Oil	5615	7,959.71	8,128.42
Internet/Phone	5620	3,466.13	3,041.84
<b>Subtotal Utilities</b>	<b>5605</b>	<b>17,270.46</b>	<b>17,248.55</b>
SECURITY/SAFETY	5625		
Fire Alarm/Extinguishers	5630	1,710.92	1,550.64
MAINT/UPKEEP/REPAIR	5650		
Janitorial Supplies	5655	325.76	388.30
Bldg Repairs/Upkeep	5665-102	2,471.32	582.59
Equipment Maintenance	5670	372.00	115.00
Parking Lots	5675	43.15	0.00
Grounds Supplies	5680	2,900.00	0.00
<b>Subtotal Maint/upkeep/repair</b>	<b>5650</b>	<b>6,112.23</b>	<b>1,085.89</b>
<b>Subtotal Building &amp; Grounds</b>	<b>5600</b>	<b>25,093.61</b>	<b>19,885.08</b>
<b>Subtotal Fixed Expenses</b>	<b>5010</b>	<b>228,594.27</b>	<b>219,503.99</b>
MINISTRY	6000		

CHRISTIAN FORMATION	6005		
Adult Education	6010	28.98	52.32
MUSIC	6075		
Choir/Music Supplies	6080	419.98	256.18
Instrument Maintenance	6090	585.00	760.00
Guest Musicians	6095	0.00	50.00
<b>Subtotal Music</b>	<b>6075</b>	<b>1,004.98</b>	<b>1,066.18</b>
PARISH LIFE	6120		
Fellowship	6125	0.00	70.24
WORSHIP	6170		
Audio/Visual	6175	0.00	27.99
Flowers/Gifts	6180	870.51	622.14
Worship Subscriptions	6185	1,206.45	1,147.98
Worship Supplies	6190	1,442.49	1,140.58
<b>Subtotal Worship</b>	<b>6170</b>	<b>3,519.45</b>	<b>2,938.69</b>
OUTREACH FROM BUDGET	6200		
Buckley Schlshp Awarded	6205	1,000.00	1,000.00
Donations from Oper Bdgt	6210	1,250.00	975.65
<b>Subtotal Outreach from Budget</b>	<b>6200</b>	<b>2,250.00</b>	<b>1,975.65</b>
<b>Subtotal Ministry</b>	<b>6000</b>	<b>6,803.41</b>	<b>6,103.08</b>
MISSION	7000		
CEMETERY	7005		
Cem Admin & Repairs	7010-103	120.00	0.00
PRESCHOOL	7070		
Preschool P/R Checks	7075-106	32,466.91	32,004.51
OUTREACH DONATIONS	7140		
Bishop's Discretionary	7145-107	574.00	0.00
Cancer Research	7148-108	0.00	317.00
Helping Animals	7152-109	25.00	20.00
Helping Less Fortunate	7155-110	456.87	200.00
Helping Veterans	7158-111	50.00	40.00
SCM-Emergency	7162-112	160.00	629.74
SCM-Food Pantry	7165-113	618.00	410.00
SCM-Per Items Closet	7168-114	20.00	0.00
SCM-T'Giving Dinner	7172-115	275.00	320.00
Donations to RR Disc Fund	7175-105	0.00	50.00
<b>Subtotal Outreach Donations</b>	<b>7140</b>	<b>2,178.87</b>	<b>1,986.74</b>
<b>Subtotal Mission</b>	<b>7000</b>	<b>34,765.78</b>	<b>33,991.25</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>270,163.46</b>	<b>259,598.32</b>
<b>EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**2025 INCOME for Our Mission to be Possible**  
**Ministry Story Behind the Numbers**  
**A FAITH COMMUNITY OFFERING HOSPITALITY, HOPE, AND HEALING**

**Family & Loose Offering Support (56.6%)**

**2025: \$157,372**

These funds are St. Peter's primary source of revenue. They represent the tithes and offerings of God's people. In October St. Peter's conducted our annual stewardship program. Over half of our families responded and completed *Estimate of Giving* cards. The Vestry uses these cards for budgetary purposes. Those who contribute without completing a card are included in this source as Loose Offering Support.

**2025 Total Amount of Parishioner Family Support: \$139,972**  
**Number of Giving Cards: 48      Average Support: \$2,916**  
**(Mode [number appearing most often in average data set]: \$1,300)**  
**(Median [number in the middle of data set]: \$1,620)**

**Use of Building/Space (16.3%)**

**2025: \$ 45,309**

The Preschool is St. Peter's major Outreach ministry. The children attend each weekday morning. These families are from our surrounding community. The Preschool provides educational and socialization opportunities in a Christian environment. Seventy-five (75) percent of this source (\$34,305) goes to pay the salaries for the Preschool Teachers.

Also included in this category are donations from Twelve-Step groups (AA & NA) who use our facilities for their meetings and activities as well as the Cemetery. Due to the Preschool using the parish hall Monday through Friday, St. Peter's is limited in this revenue source outside of the Preschool.

**Special Offerings (3.6%)**

**2025: \$ 9,970**

These funds come from many different sources. They include the flowers; memorials; Holy days (Christmas, Easter, etc.); offerings taken for special mission activity that are paid out to the respective institution (Souper Bowl of Caring, Bishop's Discretionary Fund, etc.); and special bequests from estates.

**Fundraising (Inviting Possibilities) (6.6%)**

**2025: \$ 18,200**

These are funds generated by fundraising events held throughout the year. These funds are used to support our ministries and mission and reduce our budget income shortage. Events enjoyed by the local community are the pancake supper, quarter auction, spring & fall tea socials, scrapbooking, and eating out. Turning in your Redner's tapes are included here and helpful (\$508.83 in 2024). *Flags for Heroes* supports our cemetery and is budgeted at \$3,900 for all 78 flags we currently own to be sponsored.

**Earnings from Investments (2.0%)**

**2025: \$ 5,680**

This source uses earnings received during the year from our cemetery endowment for future care of our cemetery. Currently, this source pays 50% of our cemetery upkeep costs. Withdrawals in this category do not reduce our principal to enable our investments to continue generating earnings into the future.

**Use of Savings for Budget Shortfall (14.9%)**

**2025: \$ 41,395**

This source is principal and reinvested earnings used to cover our remaining income shortfall so we can fulfill our ministry obligations. It is in the best interest of St. Peter's future to continue working to reduce the need for monies from this source.

**The amount in this source could be reduced by \$5,616 if every Giving Unit (54) gave an additional \$2 per week = \$104 for year. Those who can afford more, can give more to help cover those who cannot afford to give more. In 2024 we received \$3,280.41 in response to this request. Thanks be to God!**

**Estimated Income for our Mission to be Possible**

**2025: \$277,926**

*Note: Line Item Budget available in the office upon request.*

## 2025 EXPENSES = Investing our Treasure in God's Mission

### Ministry Story Behind the Numbers

#### *A Faith Community Offering Hospitality, Hope, and Healing*

When we commit to an estimate of giving or make a financial commitment to St. Peter's, we are making an investment in our many different ministries. ***Without your financial commitment, St. Peter's would not have the resources necessary for Christian ministries.*** The Vestry strives to be excellent Stewards to fulfill our Mission of *Offering Hospitality, Hope and Healing* in the most effective, efficient way possible. The money you give makes an investment in the lives of people primarily living locally and in Delaware in concrete ways that makes God's existence and love visible.

One way to look at our **2025 Expenses of \$284,629 is as Investing** in the categories of our relational ministries. We invest our committed dollar in: **Worship, Outreach, Fellowship & Pastoral Care, Evangelism, and Christian Formation & Stewardship.**

#### **WORSHIP: (29.6% of each \$1)**

**2025: \$ 82,366**

A portion of the Rector's, Parish Administrator's and Sexton's time; an allocation of the building and administrative costs for conducting and planning our Worship services, weekly bulletins, seasonal service booklets; our Music Minister's salary; the cost of music and choir supplies as well as worship supplies. Worship includes Sunday services, Christmas and Holy Week services, Wednesday Healing services, and sacramental offices like baptisms, funerals, and weddings.

#### **OUTREACH: (27.8% of each \$1)**

**2025: \$ 77,149**

A portion of both the Rector and Parish Administrator's time; an allocation of the building and administrative costs for sharing in the world and special offerings to the various missions we support; our diocesan acceptance; Buckley Scholarship; St. Peter's Preschool; the Food Pantry, and maintaining our cemetery. From children's backpacks in August to wellness research the following July, with many monthly missions in between, St. Peter's members reach out in a loving and powerful way to share with those in need and in the community. If we put a figure on the hours our parishioners give of themselves in helping, that number is much greater than what is represented in our budget.

#### **FELLOWSHIP & PASTORAL CARE: (12.5% of each \$1)**

**2025: \$ 34,812**

A portion of the Rector's time spent ministering to our sick, homebound or hospitalized members, as well as visiting and sharing in the life of parishioners. A portion of the Parish Administrator's time is included in maintaining the prayer list and Sunday prayers of the people sheet. Also includes our expenses for hospitality and funeral receptions. If we put a figure on the hours our parishioners give of themselves in caring for one another that number is much greater than what is represented in our budget.

#### **EVANGELISM: (12.2% of each \$1)**

**2025: \$ 33,902**

A portion of the Rector's, Parish Administrator's and Sexton's time; an allocation of the building and administrative costs devoted to welcoming members and guests; creating Welcome Kits; following up with new or potential members; inviting special groups to visit; and groups who use our facilities for meetings. Christian inviting occurs when we share our faith story with others through hospitality, witness, and sharing.

#### **EDUCATION & STEWARDSHIP: (17.9% of each \$1)**

**2025: \$ 49,697**

A portion of the Rector's, Parish Administrator's and Sexton's time; an allocation of the building and administrative costs devoted to teaching, Bible Study, study groups, and other educational offerings; growing in welcoming gifts and generosity; educational materials; and caring for our ground, facilities, and resources.

#### **Cost of Relational Ministry for God's Kingdom**

**2025: \$277,926**

#### **Net Increase/(Decrease)**

**2025: \$ 0**

*Note: Line Item Budget available in the office upon request.*

## Statistics Officially Recorded in St. Peter's Records in 2024

### **BAPTIZED:**

Jerry Dean Spencer

### **CONFIRMED:**

Reagan Elizabeth Faulkner

Madelyn Rose Margavage

### **RECEIVED:**

Glen S. Rebarchak

### **TRANSFERRED IN:**

Chalnescia T. S. Davies from Christ Church New Brighton, Staten Island, NY

### **BAPTISM RECORDED - MEMBERSHIP REQUEST RECEIVED:**

Carolyn Childs Binns

### **TRANSFERRED OUT / LEFT:**

Susan M. Flores to Saint Anne's, Middletown, DE

### **MARRIED/BLESSED:**

None

### **FUNERALS/BURIALS:**

William Earl Walker, Jr.

Jan Carson Miller

Lois Shirley Clampffer

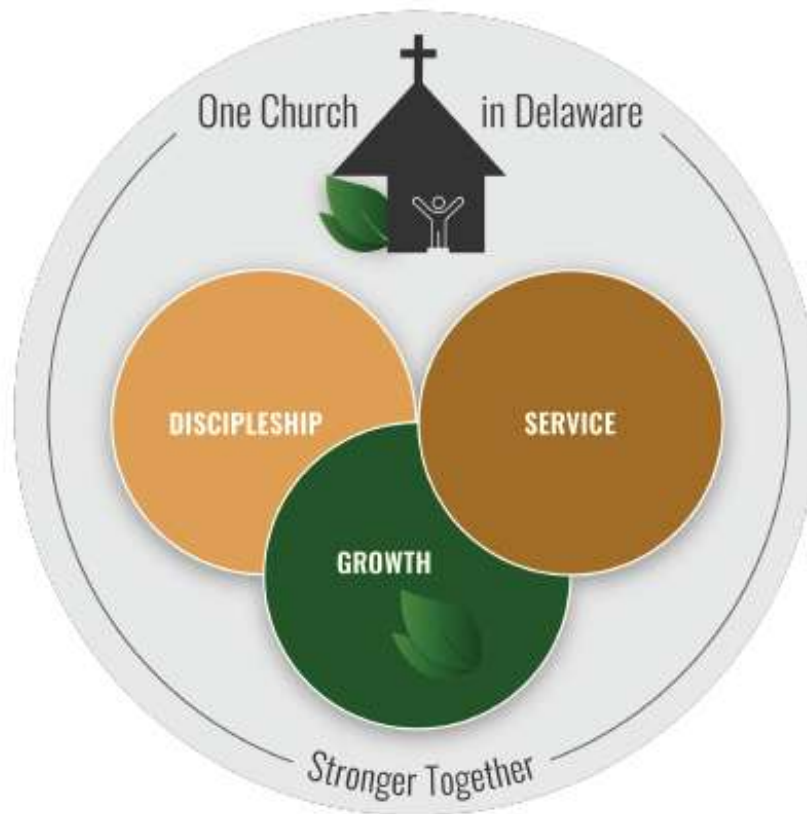
The Rev. Charles M. Baker, Jr.

James T. Vaughn, Jr.

Marsyl L. DePhillis

# MISSION PRIORITIES IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN DELAWARE

## Renew ECD: A Blueprint for 2023 – 2027



### DISCIPLESHIP

*Deepening our relationship with and commitment to Jesus*

- Lifelong connections to Christ and the Church
- Support for lay leadership
- Pathways to deeper faith



### SERVICE

*Supporting our witness to the world and our care for each other*

- Racial Justice and Reconciliation
- Healing and outreach
- Volunteer recruitment, support, encouragement
- Community and faith partnership



### GROWTH

*Bringing others into a relationship with Jesus*

- Joyful invitation and robust welcome
- Sharing our personal stories of faith
- Crafting attractive spaces and compelling worship

*Five-year Mission: harnessing our energies toward a future of growth*