

2023 Annual Report

(Covering St. David's Events Jan.–Dec. 2023)

2024 Annual Meeting St. David's Church Cranbury February 4, 2024

The Rev. Amy S. Cornell, Rector

The Rev. Carol Patterson, Deacon

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AGENDA

for the 2024 Annual Meeting

1. Call to Order (Opening Prayer) The Rev. Amy S. Cornell
2. Nominating Committee Report Patricia Kraft
3. Adoption of Minutes from 2023 Meeting - January 29, 2023
4. Treasurer's Report John Patterson
 Highlights of 2023
5. 2024 Budget Presentation Tena Achen
6. Acceptance of all Reports as submitted
7. Vestry Appreciation Awards The Rev. Amy S. Cornell

 Marcus Aris, Renee Christiansen, Patricia Kraft
 alphabetical by last name
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Closing of Meeting (Blessing and Dismissal) The Rev. Amy S. Cornell

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ST. DAVID'S CHURCH

**St. David's Church welcomes all in the loving
Spirit of Christ, through Faith, Worship,
Nurture and Community**

God is Calling St. David's Church to:

- ✦ **Welcome people to Christ's community to share with us in His eternal priesthood.**
- ✦ **Extend Christ's love by embracing diversity and promoting tolerance within the community and the world.**
- ✦ **Meet the physical and spiritual needs of all God's people, using the resources, confidence, and opportunities God has given us.**
- ✦ **Develop and sustain nurturing and committed leaders and clergy.**
- ✦ **Provide the facilities and resources necessary to engage and educate our youth and to create a nurturing environment for all.**
- ✦ **Exemplify the mission of St. David's Church through faith and commitment.**

Report of the Rector

The Rev. Amy S. Cornell

“There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind.” — C.S. Lewis

This quote from C.S. Lewis speaks quite powerfully of life here at St. David’s. The past year has been filled with moments of incredible joy as we continue to grow in our faith together. The end of 2023 is a good place to sit and reflect on some of those times as we begin to plan for our upcoming year.

We have seen our children grow (literally). Our loving and talented Sunday School teachers build community and friendships with our youth of all ages. Deacon Carol’s energetic Children’s Talk on Sunday have let us learn as well. Our teens have connected in their J2A (Journey to Adulthood) gatherings and we now have eight of them prepared to make their commitment to being adults in our church while they continue their spiritual journeys amongst us.

We continue to welcome a variety of skilled preachers to join us at the services. A special thank you to Rev. Carol Patterson and Chaplain Kate O’Connor for sharing their voices from the pulpit. It has been truly a personal honor to work with these two women who have the most caring and pastoral hearts I’ve ever known. We’ve had members, new and old, join many of our ongoing ministries in the parish, from Vestry to Lectors, choir and ushers. The lay leadership at St. David’s intentionally makes these activities welcoming and accessible to all who wish to give their gifts and talents to the parish.

We have continued to make our presence known in the larger community. The amount of support given to RISE and all our other outreach connections is astonishing. Making sandwiches and serving at Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, gathering items for the Seamen’s Church Institute, products for the young people of Rwanda and Kenya just to name a few. St. David’s focus will always be on those in need, both near and far.

We also support one another as individuals and families. For me personally, I was overwhelmed by the care and love expressed at the time of my father’s death this past March. And I started the year with an eye toward improving my own health, setting an outrageous (for me) goal of running my first 5K in September. I would never have achieved it, or kept going on this journey of well-being, without the supportive cards, emails, texts, donations and face-to-face encouragement. Words could never begin to express the love I have for this community.

We have taken on challenges together. The Vestry have led us forward in times of financial concern, focusing on our desire to be a safe and beautiful home in which everyone is welcomed to worship. A new roof, a fully functioning heating system and necessary attention to our grounds have continued to make our church available to all. Our fundraisers – which all seem to be more focused on the “fun” than just the “raising” – have seen the renewal of the Golf Outing, ongoing success of the Fantasy Auction, and best Rummage/Yard sale to date! The success of the Stewardship Campaign also speaks to the support we all give to the parish.

We engage in beautiful worship at St. David’s. This year has seen such growth in our Sunday morning services. Our Holy Week was created for moments of wonder, our Christmas services created for moments of joy. We have a new Nativity scene, hand-painted by several of the members. Our dear Kathy Herzog keeps working her magic to make the space inviting and pleasing to see. We all should give a huge “thank you!” to Dr. Brian Katona, one of the best Directors of Music the Church has ever known. His ability to use music to enhance the prayerful ambience of our liturgies is irreplaceable.

We should also thank my other two coworkers for their dedication to our parish. John Patterson, as our Treasurer, has such consistent attentiveness to our financial situation that we are able to make decisions that are best for the church. And, of course, to Judy Henningsen, our Parish Administrator, whose consistent attentiveness and hard work keeps our parish (and the rector) running smoothly.

No denying it, 2023 was a fantastic year. We've welcomed new members, hosted new church groups, participated in the diocese and shared our love of God with the world. It's exciting to look to see what the next year has in store for us – especially when we realize that it will have “far, far better things” than last year contained.

May you continue to feel God's blessing in your lives – Mother Amy+

Report of the Nominating Committee 2024

Three vestry positions and the Senior Warden position were expiring this year, 2023.

Renee Christiansen, Marcus Aris and Pat Kraft, Senior Warden, will be leaving the vestry. We thank them for their dedication and the hard work they have done for Saint David's.

Tena Achen, whose term was expiring, has agreed to continue in the vestry for another three years. Tom Pearson and Jo Cornell have accepted the nomination for two vestry positions. Tracy Spires has accepted the nomination to the Senior Warden position. Thank you for volunteering to serve on the vestry.

Edmund Abramovitz, Steve Channon and Elizabeth Channon have accepted nominations as delegates to the Diocesan Convention. David Miller and Pat Kraft are nominated as Alternate Delegates.

Respectfully submitted,

Nominating Committee

Minutes of the Annual Meeting 2023

(Covering events from the 2022 Annual Report)

The meeting was called to order on Sunday, January 29, 2023, at 11:47 am with an opening prayer by the Rector, the Rev. Amy S. Cornell.

Nomination Committee

Mother Amy asked Ed Miller to present the Nominating Committee Report. The slate of nominees as found on page 8 of the Annual Meeting Report were stated: Jr. Warden, Kathy Herzog, Vestry 3-year terms: Edmund Abramovitz, Jon Harding, Ellen Torres. One unexpired term: Marie Eswine. J2A Representative, Jordan Bailey. For Diocesan Convention Delegates: Edmund Abramovitz, David Miller, Tracy Smires with Pat Kraft and David Miller as Alternates. Mother Amy asked for nominations from the floor. After hearing and seeing no other nominations the Nominating Committee's motion to accept the slate as submitted was voted on and all were in favor. Mother Amy thanked all the nominees for their willingness to serve and the committee for their work.

Adoption of minutes from the previous Annual Meeting held on Jan. 23, 2022

A motion was made by Steve Channon and seconded by Pat Kraft to accept the minutes as submitted. A vote was taken, all were in favor.

Reports

Treasurer's Report – John Patterson, by Title

Mother Amy thanked John Patterson for all his hard work as Treasurer. John Patterson presented his report stating that the year 2022 was a difficult one in which the expenses exceeded the income by \$35,522. This was mainly due to utilities almost being doubled and building & grounds maintenance work needed to be done. Also, there were items that were not budgeted for (i.e. completion of the AV system and installing the security system) budgeted items were. We were fortunate to have an Operating Fund balance of over \$40,000 at the beginning of the year. This positive Operating Fund balance was the result of the income from various government COVID programs in 2020 and 2021. John continued his report discussing the balance sheet found on page 15. A Reserve Fund of \$50,000 was established 2021. This is where the funds for the security system came from. John also reviewed the activity in restricted funds (Altar Guild, Other Fund, etc).

John concluded his report stating that he is only the scorekeeper and that vestry members make the financial decisions. He asked if anyone had any questions or concerns to please contact him. A motion was made by Edmund Abramovitz and seconded by Deacon Barbara Jensen to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. After a vote, all were in favor.

2023 Budget

Tena Achen on behalf of the Finance Committee presented the 2023 budget. She stated that the stewardship campaign was successful. There were many new pledges and several members had increased their pledges. Also fundraising should return to pre-covid levels this year. Tena concluded by thanking the committee and the treasurer for all their work on the budget.

Acceptance of all reports as submitted.

List of reports

Report of the Rector
Report of the Sr. Warden
Report of the Jr. Warden
Report of the Minister of Music
Report of the Pastoral Care Associate
Report on Christian Formation
Report on Liturgy
Report on Evangelism
Report on Finance
Report on Endowment
Report on Stewardship
Report of the Legacy Society
Report of the Acolyte Master
Report on Lay Participation
Report on the Memorial Garden
Report on Ushers
Report on Outreach
Report on Fundraising
Report of the Altar Guild
Report of the Social Committee
Report on the Church Directory

A motion was made by Jon Harding and seconded by David Miller to accept. After a vote, all were in favor.

Mother Amy asked if anyone was interested in giving their time and talents to serve on any of these committees to contact her or a warden. Every committee needs volunteers who are willing to serve, please consider joining one.

Vestry Appreciation – Elizabeth Channon, Scott Holcombe, and Ed Miller are rotating off the vestry this year.

Mother Amy thanked Jon Harding for continuing to serve another term and all vestry members for their time on vestry and presented them with a gift.

Old Business

New Business

Sandy Szymanski suggested all vestry members to please stand and be recognized.

Mother Amy asked if any newcomers have any questions on becoming members of the Episcopal Church to please contact her.

Pat Kraft stated that this was a learning year for her as Sr. Warden and thanked Mother Amy, Deacon Carol, John Patterson and Judy Henningsen for their support this year.

The meeting was adjourned with a blessing and closing prayer lead by Mother Amy at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Henningsen
Parish Administrator

Report of the Treasurer

This report covers the period from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

This year was a good one for St. David's. Activities have continued to rebound from the pandemic and our building use has increased and substantially exceeded budget. A new congregation of Seventh Day Adventist has recently begun using our sanctuary and is expected to help increase Building Use income for 2024. Our Pledge income exceeded the budget this year partly due to a very generous gift from one of our members. Also, we received several memorial contributions to the Building Fund which allowed us to pay more of the mortgage from that fund. As a result, even though expenses exceeded budget, our Income minus Expenses was a positive \$8,616 and the cash in the Operating Fund at the end of the year was \$17,107.

The expenses which substantially exceeded budget in 2023 include:

- Building Maintenance expenses include about \$6,500 in repairs to our heating system as well as substantial other repairs which were not anticipated.
- Grounds includes over \$10,000 in expenses related to cleaning out the stormwater retention pond. This work was required by the town and will continue at a slightly lower amount over the coming years.
- Capital Improvement expense is the final payment for the security system which was installed in late 2022. This expense is offset by a transfer from the Reserve Fund.
- Worship Documents includes payment for the new Prayer Books which were purchased this year. This expense is offset by Gifts from parishioners.

The Restricted Fund summary shows the activity of all the restricted funds during 2023. The Endowment Fund has improved and posted an 11.9% gain which recovered much of the loss experienced in 2022. \$7,709 was withdrawn from the Reserve Fund to pay the balance on a new security system along with \$6,000 to pay much of the pond cleanup expense.

The Other Fund now contains the following:

- Clergy Sabbatical Reserve \$ 4,651
- Church Sabbatical \$ 2,700
- Marks of Mission \$11,478
- Security Deposit \$ 1,000
- Prepaid Pledges \$ 6,971

The Balance Sheet remains strong. I have changed the reporting to present the fund for our youth – it is noted as J2A on the Balance Sheet and the Fund summary and has a balance of \$774.00.

As always, I need to thank all those who help me do my job as Treasurer. Most important is the work Judy does to enter your donations and prepare the giving statements. The Finance Committee provides the necessary guidance throughout the year. The committee is Co-Chaired by Tena Achen and David Thomsson. In addition, Pat Kraft, Kathy Herzog and the Rector participate. Finally, I would like to thank the counters for their efforts every Sunday morning.

John I.H. Patterson
Treasurer

St Davids Episcopal Church
Cash Flow Statement
Results Through December 31, 2023

Operating Cash as of 1/1/2023		\$8,748
Projected Operating Cash at 12/31/2023		\$17,107

Account Name	Notes		
Income	Budget	Actual	%
Building Use	\$28,500	\$35,735	125.4%
<i>NET FUNDRAISING</i>	\$14,750	\$14,638	99.2%
Gifts	\$32,000	\$32,644	102.0%
Holiday	\$2,500	\$2,840	113.6%
Interest	\$0	\$1,109	
Non-Pledge	\$15,000	\$16,565	110.4%
Plate	\$2,000	\$3,223	161.2%
<i>Prepaid Pledge</i>	\$0	\$0	
Pledge-Op	\$260,886	\$279,362	107.1%
<i>Other</i>	\$500	\$1,254	250.7%
Transfer from Building Fund	\$11,600	\$18,895	162.9%
<i>Pass Through</i>	\$0	\$25	
Transfer between accounts	\$4,702	\$13,082	278.2%
TOTAL INCOME	\$372,438	\$419,371	112.6%

EXPENSES

Building & Grounds	Budget	Actual	%	Notes
Building Maintenance	\$20,000	\$38,733	193.7%	2
Capital Equipment	\$4,200	\$4,200	100.0%	
Non-Capital Equipment	\$0	\$0		
Capital Improvements	\$0	\$7,709		3
Grounds	\$12,000	\$18,954	158.0%	4
Insurance	\$14,500	\$15,738	108.5%	
Capital Payments	\$23,280	\$24,023	103.2%	
Office Expense	\$9,000	\$7,679	85.3%	
Telecommunications	\$3,300	\$3,838	116.3%	
Utilities	\$20,000	\$20,445	102.2%	
Property Tax	\$675	\$683	101.2%	
Total Building & Grounds	\$106,955	\$142,002	132.8%	

Operating	Budget	Actual	%	Notes
Advertising	\$1,000	\$545	54.5%	
Diocesan Conference	\$0	\$0		
Vestry Functions	\$500	\$126	25.2%	
Banking Fees	\$1,000	\$647	64.7%	
Other Expenses	\$0	\$0		
Stewardship	\$1,500	\$2,034	135.6%	
Social Events	\$2,000	\$2,044	102.2%	
Worship Documents	\$500	\$4,390	878.0%	5
Altar Supplies	\$500	\$902	180.4%	
Music	\$3,000	\$3,948	131.6%	
Total Operating	\$10,000	\$14,635	146.3%	

**St Davids Episcopal Church
Cash Flow Statement**

PERSONNEL			
Clergy	Budget	Actual	%
Clergy Comp - Rector	\$47,871	\$49,494	103.4%
Continuing Ed - Rector	\$1,075	\$1,040	96.7%
Dental	\$751	\$809	107.8%
Health Care Insurance	\$14,500	\$12,993	89.6%
SECA	\$6,076	\$6,181	101.7%
Housing - Rector	\$31,549	\$30,720	97.4%
Sabbatical Reserve	\$900	\$900	100.0%
Pension - Rector	\$15,487	\$14,727	95.1%
Prof Expense - Rector	\$4,500	\$4,500	100.0%
Supply Priest	\$1,500	\$905	60.4%
Total Clergy	\$124,209	\$122,270	

Laity			
Prof Expense - Lay	\$0	\$0	
Employee Education	\$0	\$0	
FICA	\$4,563	\$3,917	85.8%
Lay Salary	\$59,653	\$63,176	105.9%
Medicare	\$865	\$916	105.9%
Workers Comp Ins	\$600	\$669	111.5%
Lay Pension	\$2,200	\$2,265	102.9%
Total Personnel	\$192,090	\$193,212	100.6%

Witness			
Adult Christian Ed	\$250	\$116	46.5%
J2A	\$250	\$0	0.0%
Church School	\$1,000	\$349	34.9%
Acolytes	\$0	\$0	
Discretionary Fund	\$2,500	\$2,500	100.0%
Scouting	\$0	\$0	
Diocesan Pledge	\$57,054	\$56,478	99.0%
Pastoral Care	\$0	\$0	
Outreach Expense	\$1,475	\$1,463	99.2%
Evangelism	\$0	\$0	
Total Witness	\$62,529	\$60,906	97.4%
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$371,574	\$410,755	110.5%
INCOME-EXPENSE	\$864	\$8,616	997.2%

Note 1: \$4,702 from MOM; \$7,709 from Reserve for Security System; \$630 from Copi

Note 2: this year we had significant maintenance expenses

Note 3: this represents the final payment on the Security System

Note 4: this year we had significant expense maintaining the stormwater pond

Note 5: Worship Documents includes the purchase of new Prayer Books

	12/31/2022	12/31/2023
	<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash		
Lakeland - Checking	\$64,907.27	\$1,364.97
Lakeland - Money market		\$77,069.32
Lakeland - Memorial Garden	\$5,090.46	\$4,453.14
Lakeland - Discertionary	\$918.76	\$801.07
TRP Government MM	\$44,502.15	\$32,411.65
TOTAL CASH	<u>\$115,418.64</u>	<u>\$116,100.15</u>
Investment at Market Value		
Episcopal Church Foundation	\$119,967.59	\$134,318.23
Fixed Assets Land	\$775,000.00	\$775,000.00
Value of Building	\$2,584,871.00	\$2,584,871.00
Improvements	\$56,525.92	\$113,102.92
Accumulated Depreciation	(<u>\$1,144,155.88</u>)	(<u>\$1,205,383.56</u>)
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	<u>\$2,272,241.04</u>	<u>\$2,267,590.36</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,507,627.27	\$2,518,008.74
	<u>LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES</u>	
Liabilities		
VIM 2020 Loan Principal	\$286,692.34	\$337,342.84
Other		
State Witholding	\$369.69	\$536.75
Prepaid Pledge-Op	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL OTHER LIABILITIES	<u>\$369.69</u>	<u>\$536.75</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$287,062.03</u>	<u>\$337,879.59</u>
Fund Balances		
Operating Fund	\$8,747.72	\$16,570.10
Reserve Fund	\$44,502.15	\$32,411.65
Altar Guild	\$1,966.90	\$1,814.89
Building Fund	\$1,994,192.33	\$1,951,588.52
Discretionary	\$918.76	\$801.07
Endowment Fund	\$119,967.59	\$134,318.23
Memorial Garden Fund	\$5,090.46	\$4,453.14
J2A	\$101.00	\$774.00
Outreach	\$8,247.31	\$10,597.50
Other Funds	\$36,831.02	\$26,800.05
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>\$2,220,565.24</u>	<u>\$2,180,129.15</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND ACCOUNTS	\$2,507,627.27	\$2,518,008.74

St. David's Restricted Fund Summary Q4 2023

	Altar Guild	Building Fund	Discretionary	Endowment	J2A	Memorial Garden	Other	Outreach	Reserve
Beginning Balance	\$1,967	\$8,644	\$919	\$119,968	\$101	\$5,090	\$36,831	\$8,263	\$44,502
Contributions	\$3,735	\$11,252	\$2,385	\$0	\$673	\$1,000	\$0	\$21,443	\$0
Other Income	\$0	\$63,000	\$2,500	\$3,436	\$0	\$0	\$10,464	\$0	\$1,618
Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,332	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Income	\$3,735	\$74,252	\$4,885	\$14,768	\$673	\$1,000	\$10,464	\$21,443	\$1,618
Program Expense	\$3,887	\$61,552	\$5,003	\$0	\$0	\$1,637	\$0	\$19,109	\$0
Other Expense	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$417	\$0	\$0	\$20,495	\$0	\$13,709
Total Expense	\$3,887	\$61,552	\$5,003	\$417	\$0	\$1,637	\$20,495	\$19,109	\$13,709
Ending Balance	\$1,815	\$21,344	\$801	\$134,319	\$774	\$4,453	\$26,800	\$10,598	\$32,411

Building Fund: Income: Diocesan loan; Expenses: \$42,659 Roof, \$18,895 Mortgage Payment

Other Fund: Rector Sabbatical - \$4,651, Church Sabbatical - \$2,700, Marks of Mission - \$11,478, Security - \$1,000, Prepaid Pledge - \$6,971

Reserve Fund: Income: Interest; Expenses: \$7,079 Security System, \$6,000 Pond clean-up

Report of the Senior Warden

As I reviewed this past year and what I should include in my Annual report, I realized how this past year relied upon all those who stepped up to help make it a successful year.

The vestry members have contributed their time and hard work to keep this church the spiritual and viable place it is. Brian Katona, our music director, and the choir bring wonderful sounds ringing through the church, praising the Lord. Mother Amy, Deacon Carol and Deacon Barbara have always been there for everyone with spiritual programs, guidance and support. Judy Henningsen, our Church's Administrative Assistant, keeps us all organized and on track. Any questions, she is our "go-to-gal" who knows where to go to find an answer. We are lucky to have all of them. And I personally thank them for the support and guidance they have given me these past two years.

Our annual fund raisers, the September Rummage Sale and the early November Fantasy Auction, were both a BIG success, thanks to Phyllis Robinson and Deanna Emmerson, respectively, and their dedicated committees. A lot of work for both events, but a really fun time for all.

The Spring Golf Outing has returned thanks to Marcus Aris and his committee. Plans are already in the works for 2024, for another exciting day to enjoy golf and the spring weather.

For a second year, St. David's has participated in the Cranbury Wellness Fair. Thank you to Phyllis Robinson for coordinating that event.

Maria Taylor came forward to coordinate the Newcomers' Welcome Committee. We had a fun and wonderful Welcoming Dinner and a Sunday Café, thanks to Maria and her Committee.

Jo Cornell stepped up to coordinate the kitchen and Pantry supplies. Thanks. Thank you to all who have volunteered to do Sunday morning coffee hours where we all enjoy the social time.

It has been a very wet year. As a result, we learned that our forty plus year old roof leaked and needed replacing. Thanks to the hard work of our treasurer, John Patterson, and the Finance Committee, led by Tena Achen, we were able to get a loan from the Diocese to cover the cost of that replacement. The job was completed this fall and the hall outside the Sanctuary no longer leaks. Part of that loan will also soon cover replacement of carpeting throughout the church. Thank you to Deanna Emerson for contacting vendors.

We finally found a contractor, who offered a solution to the cleaning of the retention pond to meet the requirements directed by the Cranbury Township and who did the beautification of the Memorial Garden. Many thanks for the referral of Paul Symanski and the Memorial Garden Committee.

The Security System is up and running. We now can allow all those using our campus access to the building, reducing the need to have someone available to open the doors. And our staff can now safely monitor the arrival and departure of those in the building. Kim Duck and her committee have put together an extensive Emergency Procedure Guide to handle Medical Emergencies and Evacuation Procedures in the event of fire or other disasters. A lot of work. Thanks.

We had another summer of fresh veggies available to all thanks to Diane and Art Roby who stepped forward to coordinate our Community Garden. Thanks to those who came to help maintain the garden on a weekly basis.

With the aging of our church, we faced repeated challenges with the HVAC system and other issues. Thanks to Kathy Herzog, our Junior Warden, for always being available to handle the numerous calls for the repair technicians. Kathy, you do so much more than just this for our church; thank you, thank you, for your loving and dedicated work. I, personally, could not have done it all without your help.

The vestry and I want to thank every member of St. David's and all those who stepped forward and volunteered, for all the support given this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia J. Kraft

Report of the Junior Warden

A year has passed already....

Yes, Pat, Maria and I, along with many, are still standing and we'd like to THANK you all for your helping hands with the "things to do" along the way.

All our mandatory Health and Safety Inspections have been conducted, putting us in good standing with Cranbury Township and Middlesex County and It is with amazement and pleasure that I can list the many things that have been accomplished.

- Permit for ESS Security System was issued and inspection of fire and electrical was done.
- Memorial Garden sprinkler system evaluation done and winterized along with furnace leak repaired by plumber, Charles Smith.
- Bird Bath purchased for Mother Amy to honor the passing of her dad.
- Kitchen porch repaired, sanded and painted.
- No Trespassing signs were posted in our wooded area out back. Thank you, John, Carol and the Guardino boys!
- Leak in kitchen ceiling was investigated and ceiling light covers were cleaned. Thank you, Arlis!
- Kitchen organization rack was installed.
- Paid and received our new Cranbury Fire Permit.
- Acme Fire Door Testing Corporation completed the inspection.
- Pothole cracks were filled with asphalt at the parking lot entrance. Thank you, Ron Herzog!
- Trim of brush along the parking lot line was completed. Thank you, John!
- Brush pick-up scheduled. (Brush is 3rd Wednesday of each month – an appointment must be made)
- Swing Set was painted by our Youth Group. Thank you J2A, with colorful addition added by Mike Duck!
- Handicap parking stencil purchased and painted out front. Thank you, Ron Herzog!
- No Parking signs were purchased and placed along the pond line – Thank you, Arlis!
- Dishwasher evaluation and repair was completed by J. Hill, Fairfield, NJ.

- Acme Door inspected our kitchen rolling door.
- Hoodz- inspected kitchen systems and completed trap cleaning.
- Pine Tree was removed by the driveway entrance.
- Add of Additional cleaning service day – (Tuesday & Friday)
- Cranbury Comfort has completed the repair of our motherboard, assessed the kitchen ceiling heater and replaced the women’s bathroom wall heating unit.
- The shed has been organized along with the Maintenance Closet.
- Fire Extinguishers were checked and noted on their cards. Yearly inspection has been completed.
- The boiler violation has been repaired and passed.
- Western Pest treated for ant issues.
- Mulching, trim and mulching completed.
- Toilet inspections by Herb Plumbing. Front restroom toilets should be replaced.
- Preparation and confirmation with a new group for space usage. Saturdays 9-5. 7th Day Adventists.
They use the sanctuary and back double classroom.
- A new roof has been installed.
- Pond remediation has been completed and passed approval by the county.

It’s been a joke that, with all our happenings, our shed should be turned into a “SHE SHED!”

Again, MANY THANKS to Deanna and all who shared their time to help take care of our “Spiritual Home.”
God has truly blessed us all with “OUR” St. David’s.

Faithfully,

Kathy Herzog, Junior Warden
Maria Eswine, Building & Grounds

Report of the Deacon

The Reverend Carol Patterson, Dcn.

I am delighted to report, with the lessening of covid restrictions, 2023 found us returning to our house of worship and many of the activities we love. We certainly learned that we could and did actively worship our Lord through Zoom in the safety of our own homes. Now it is time to resume our service to the Lord through outreach programs and congregational activities.

Our Sunday school aged children are thriving in the loving hands of their teachers. By the time the children arrive for a brief discussion at the foot of the altar with me, they are already filled with curiosity and questions. Never quite knowing how my lesson will flow, I love their quick minds and their understanding of our Lord. Sometimes, we all really need to be just like the little children as we seek understanding of our Lord. My time with the children is a highlight of my ministry.

Twice a month I conduct a service at the Elm's nursing and rehabilitation facility in Cranbury. There is a faithful group of fifteen or so residents of the Elm's that will attend, including some employees. Communion is distributed, prayers are said, songs are sung, and now we have discussions of the Bible with some very well-informed followers of Christ. The entire service is truly a gift for each of us. I leave feeling blessed and looking forward to my next visit.

I am available to bring the word and love of God to the sick and homebound from our community. Please let the office know if you would like a visit. We want you to know that your church family cares and prayers are being offered for you.

May our gracious and loving God Bless us and energize us as we begin another year!

LET US BLESS THE LORD!

Thanks be to God!!

Report of the Minister of Music

Dr. Brian Katona

2023 was a very strong year for the St. David's music program. We began in March with the Way of St. Paul event, "The Forge," led by Mo. Amy, Rev. Rob Droste, and the Rev. Cn. Dr. Kara Slade. The program focused on new ways to support congregations by building individual faith and discipleship. This was a wonderful way for members to learn more about how to transform your life and the life of the congregation. Thank you to Katy Widmer-Boyer and Lindsay Jackson for helping lead the music in this important event.

The year continued with a wonderful St. David's Day service in March featuring the choir singing, "For the Fruit of all Creation." The spring season concluded with Lent and Holy Week which featured a wide variety of music from the choir, soloists, and chamber ensemble. It was wonderful to celebrate the Easter season with a triumphant rendition of Handel's Halleluiahs Chorus from "Messiah."

In November of 2023 the choir, along with a guest musicians performed the rousing, Christ is Our Cornerstone by Phillip W. J. Stopford for All Saints Say.

As we look ahead to 2024, we are in continued hope of creating a concert series for St. David's. We have already been in conversation with several ensembles about arranging performance dates at our parish. This would be a wonderful way to showcase St. David's not only to our members but also the greater community.

We have learned a lot and grown a lot in 2023 and I look forward to what the new year may bring!

Pastoral Care Associate Report

Annual Meeting, 4 February 2024
St. David's Episcopal Church, Cranbury, NJ
Kate O'Connor MDiv, BCC - Pastoral Care Associate

Pastoral Care is a ministry of presence and attentiveness and empathy. Pastoral care is offering these gifts to support the spiritual and emotional well-being of all the members of our congregation.

How do we meet these needs of our congregation?

Being present on Sunday mornings to worship alongside you and mix and mingle are a vital part of my ministry. I value listening to what you have to say about the joys, the struggles, and the hopes in your life, and hold your stories confidentially. Sharing laughter lifts our spirits.

How else?

Joining with Mother Amy and Deacon Carol, I make hospital visits and bring prayer, Communion, and comfort. I make phone calls, send emails and texts, and cards and notes supporting you in joy and celebration, illness, and grief, so that you know you are not alone.

We have a team of visitors who travel to our home-bound parishioners providing prayer, Communion, and conversation. Marna and Gene McDermott and Ellen Torres join me in this holy work.

We formed a group of drivers who take turns transporting a parishioner to Sunday worship. Marna and Gene McDermott, Ellen and Ray Torres, Kathie and Pete Wise, John Patterson, Phyllis Robinson, Leslie Terhune and Renee Christiansen join me in this service to our community. Please consider this as an open invitation to add your name to our group.

At St. David's, pastoral care is part of what we do as a community every day!

I witness the love and care we all offer to one another every time we are together, and I am grateful to be on the receiving end of that love. Thank you for your concern for me as I recovered from surgery. Your words and your cards brightened my days while I was restricted to home.

Please let me know if you would like a home visit or a regular phone call or know someone who might welcome it.

Respectfully submitted,

Chaplain Kate
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609-658-7315

**"I would have lost heart unless I had believed that I would see
the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living."**

Psalm 27:13 (NKJV)

Organizational Reports

Report on Christian Formation – 2023

Christian formation is the lifelong process of growing in our relationship with God, self, others, and all creation. The primary focus is for life-long learning and growth for each congregational member. The broad definition covers every aspect of Christian life and work. The more narrow definition covers the opportunities for ongoing growth. Specifically, J2A, Sunday School, Adult Study and Discussions. I have joined the vestry in 2023 and still getting up to speed.

J2A has resumed activities. In 2023 it participated in various fund-raising efforts. Thank you, Abbi Clissold and your team for your leadership.

The Sunday School is in full swing. Deacon Carol has continued her “Fireside Chats” with the Sunday School at 10AM service. Kids are very enthusiastic and enjoy the interaction of being “in church”.

Adult learning continued with special book studies and videos after service or in the evening, often tied to the liturgical year (e.g., Lent and Advent).

The Lunch and Learn has continued its book studies.

The online transmission of the 10 o'clock service continues. Thank you to Todd White for guiding this ministry from a COVID response to a regular feature expanding our outreach to the community and to those who cannot attend in-person.

Mother Amy continues to offer Evening Prayer online on Tuesdays through Thursdays.

We have added a “Games afternoon”, now twice a month. Participation and fellowship have been good and now we know who are the “Card Sharks” at St. David’s.

In all St David's remains a viable church community caring for others beyond the norms of Sunday School and Church services. May our commitment to Christian growth continue and expand.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Torres

Report on Liturgy

The Liturgy Committee consisted of Rev. Amy S. Cornell (Rector), Kathy Herzog (Alter Guild), Dr. Brian Katona (Music), Leslie Terhune (Acolytes/ Vestry Liaison) and David Miller.

We have been having 2 services for 2023, the 8 am and 10 am with live stream on zoom and a Healing service on Wednesday.

Holy Week we had 7 services, Station of the Cross on Monday, Evening Prayer, Tenebrae on Wednesday, Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, Good Friday on Friday, Easter Vigil on Saturday and Easter service on Sunday. They were well attended.

Christmas services we had we 2 services on Christmas Eve and a service on Christmas day. They were well attended.

Thanks to the leadership of Dr. Brian Katona, St David's Adult Choir was again an integral part of the 10 am Sunday service. We have had special guest instrumentalists throughout the year and our own talented soloists also enrich our services regularly and for that we are grateful. Thank you, Dr. Katona and the choir, for their continued dedication to enriching our worship.

The acolyte corps has continued to serve beautifully, and thanks are extended to our Acolyte Master, Leslie Terhune during 2023 and to all those who serve. The Alter Guild also remained dedicated to keeping our worship space well prepared each Sunday and again did a beautiful job decorating the Sanctuary for Easter and Christmas a big Thank You to Kathy Herzog and the Altar Guild. A thank you to Harry Ruhl for his continued efforts scheduling our Acolytes, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, for our Sunday morning service. We have our verger program that makes sure our service runs smoothly.

Thank you to Todd White and his team for who continued to livestream service.

Thank you to all or Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers, and Lectors.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Terhune

Report on Lay Participation

Throughout the year (2023), St. David's lay participants continued to demonstrate commitment, flexibility, and dedication. This year's end-of-year roster included: Edmund Abramovitz, Steve Channon, Brennan Clissold, Zach Duck, Jon Harding, Kathy Herzog, Deacon Barbara Jensen, Tricia Metzger, David Miller, Kim Elaine Neighbor, Chaplain Kate O'Connor, Deacon Carol Patterson, Tom Pearson, Corinne Peters, Tom Reynolds, Beau Sawyer, Tracy Smires, Leslie Terhune, Patty Thomsson, Ray Torres, Todd White.

Thanks to all for their faithful and willing participation during the past year!

Report on Evangelism

The ECW chili cook-off was held again this year in October and was such a big success! Thank you to Leslie Terhune for getting this together, and we want to make this an annual event. Thank you also Abbi Clissold and the J2A for all their help with the pumpkin hunt and pumpkin painting. The chili was great and a good way to see just who all the good cooks are at St David's.

November was our Newcomer's dinner, and thanks to Maria Taylor and the committee, it was a lot of fun getting to know everyone who attended. And the food once again was delicious.

And last, in December was our annual trip to the Seamen's Church Institute in Newark. Our Happy Hookers really put a lot of hard work and dedication into the hats and scarves we took to the Seamen's Institute. Thank you, Maria Eswine, for our transportation. The group included Shirely Kasper, Sandy Szymanski, Jennie Herbert, Kaylyn Eswine, Leslie Terhune and I enjoyed putting together 436 ditty bags. Once again, this year was a great success.

Thank you, St David's, for always coming together and another year of fun and fellowship.

Regards
Renee Christiansen

Report on Stewardship

Stewardship Drive 2023 in support of the 2024 Budget

Thank you so much to the St. David's family who have faithfully pledged to support and carry out the mission and ministries of our church. It was the mission of the Stewardship committee to inspire faith, commitment and trust that together we can "Be the Bridge" for so many within our community. We can inspire change, support families and make a real difference. This year we received a total of 71 pledges. We are pleased that the majority of our congregation maintained or increased their previous years' pledge.

We are grateful to everyone that helped make this year's stewardship campaign a success.

- Those who delivered a Stewardship Minute reminding us of the importance of our St. David's family: Ellen Torres, Kaylyn Eswine, and John Patterson.
- Mo. Amy who offered meaningful and inspiring sermons during this season.
- Brian Katona for special Commitment Sunday music.
- Judy Henningsen for her invaluable assistance.

In addition to financial support, so many parishioners give generously of their time repeatedly. St. David's is grateful for all the ways you participate in being good stewards of all God has given us.

Respectfully submitted,
Brijette Aris

Report on Finance

St. David's began 2023 with a tight budget and continued to face challenges throughout the year. As the building has aged, repairs to existing systems, particularly the HVAC and roof, resulted in very significant unbudgeted costs. We were able to address the cost of the roof (and needed recarpeting of certain areas) through the successful application for financing from the Diocese. The new financing added to the monthly mortgage payments but was an acceptable solution for the roof repair that needed to be completed as soon as possible to avoid further damage to the overall structure. Additionally, we were required by the township to clean up the pond through the removal of several years' growth of vegetation resulting in another unanticipated cost. Our ability to meet the increased costs for maintenance of the grounds was provided, in part, by those who responded to the Spring Challenge and enabled us to exceed the \$20,000 goal.

Pond maintenance will be an ongoing issue and we will, for the first time, budget for it as part of the 2024 Operating budget (Grounds line in the budget). Having completed several building repairs in 2023, we feel reasonably comfortable reducing somewhat the Building Maintenance line in the 2024 budget.

As noted in the Treasurer's report, both Building Use and Pledge income significantly exceeded budget. We will work to sustain the former through continuing to look for additional organizations or individuals who wish to use the space and through a 10% increase in expected donation for the use. With regard to pledge income, going forward we cannot rely on an expectation that it will exceed budget to the extent that it did in 2023 though through the generosity of the congregation, it may. This year 55% of households increased their pledges. We are blessed.

Indeed, it is through the generosity of all those who give to St. David's that we can carry out our mission of embodying Christ's presence in the community. We on the Finance Committee are grateful for your faithful stewardship.

Finally, I want to thank the other members of the Finance Committee – my co-chair David Thomsson, Pat Kraft, Kathy Herzog, Mo. Amy, and Treasurer John Patterson for working with me on behalf of St. David's. In particular, it would not have been possible to do this work without John's attentive, careful, prudent keeping of the accounts.

Respectfully submitted,
Tena Achen, Co-Chair

Budget 2024		0	1	2	3	4	5	6
THIS IS A CASH FLOW BUDGET								
Accounts		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024
Operating Income		Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
1	1705-00 - Building Use	\$5,033	\$13,573	\$5,295	\$27,111	\$28,500	\$35,725	\$42,700
2	1710-00 - Fund Raising NET	\$17,727	\$3,076	\$11,278	\$13,641	\$14,750	\$14,638	\$17,937
3	1715-00 - Gifts	\$13,698	\$38,317	\$46,097	\$22,490	\$32,000	\$32,644	\$62,000
4	1720-00 - Holidays	\$8,206	\$2,384	\$1,800	\$1,977	\$2,500	\$2,840	\$2,500
	1725-00 - Interest Income						\$1,109	\$2,700
5	1740-00 - Non-Pledge	\$32,686	\$21,225	\$18,375	\$19,191	\$15,000	\$16,565	\$15,000
6	1755-00 - Plate	\$3,644	\$585	\$202	\$2,097	\$2,000	\$3,223	\$2,500
7	1765-00 - Pledges - Operating	\$273,348	\$259,696	\$264,059	\$259,976	\$260,886	\$279,362	\$243,000
	Endowment Draw	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,150
8	OTHER	\$2,058	\$23,336	\$41,804	\$2,372	\$500	\$1,254	\$250
9	From Building Fund II		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,600	\$18,895	\$3,840
10	From Other Funds		\$2,551	\$0	\$6,209	\$4,702	\$13,082	\$7,810
11	TOTAL OPERATING	\$406,400	\$364,743	\$388,910	\$355,064	\$372,438	\$419,337	\$405,387
12								
16	Expenses							
17	Building & Grounds	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
18	1867-02 - Building Maintenance	\$22,387	\$17,518	\$16,672	\$23,649	\$20,000	\$38,733	\$34,000
19	1867-04 - Capital Equipment	\$8,904	\$7,119	\$4,022	\$10,759	\$4,200	\$4,200	\$4,200
20	1867-05 - Non-Capital Equipment			\$2,176	\$2,025	\$0	\$0	\$0
21	1867-06 - Capital Improvements	\$5,124	\$126	\$26,981	\$4,153	\$0	\$7,709	\$0
22	1867-08 - Grounds	\$10,692	\$6,539	\$10,362	\$15,255	\$12,000	\$18,954	\$20,000
23	1867-10 - Business & Property Insur	\$13,166	\$13,707	\$14,186	\$14,629	\$14,500	\$15,738	\$15,000
24	1867-12 - Capital Payment	\$57,008	\$47,016	\$23,280	\$23,280	\$23,280	\$24,023	\$28,680
25	1867-14 - Office Expense	\$8,724	\$7,258	\$10,448	\$8,258	\$9,000	\$7,679	\$8,500
26	1867-16 - Telecommunications	\$3,329	\$3,605	\$2,870	\$3,183	\$3,300	\$3,838	\$3,500
27	1867-18 - Utilities	\$14,463	\$9,127	\$10,471	\$21,631	\$20,000	\$20,445	\$23,000
28	1867-27 - Property Tax	\$678	\$671	\$767	\$847	\$675	\$683	\$700
29	Total Building & Grounds	\$144,475	\$112,686	\$122,235	\$127,669	\$106,955	\$142,002	\$137,580
30								

Budget 2024		0	1	2	3	4	5	6
THIS IS A CASH FLOW BUDGET								
Accounts		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024
		Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
31	Operating							
32	COVID-19 Expense	\$0	\$6,001	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
33	1867-20 - Advertising	\$1,385	\$812	\$1,253	\$1,145	\$1,000	\$545	\$0
34	1867-23 - Diocesan Conference	\$294	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
35	1867-25 - Vestry Functions	\$64	\$782	\$1,136	\$248	\$500	\$126	\$250
36	1867-29 - Bank Fees	\$0	\$986	\$940	\$794	\$1,000	\$647	\$750
37	1867-30 - Other Expense	\$682	\$366	\$0	\$316	\$0	\$0	\$0
38	1867-32 - Stewardship	\$1,281	\$1,769	\$1,971	\$1,618	\$1,500	\$2,034	\$1,500
39	1867-34 - Transition Expense	\$11,295	\$824	\$4,196	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
40	1867-62 - Social Events	\$4,446	\$1,183	\$428	\$1,714	\$2,000	\$2,044	\$2,000
41	1867-70 - Worship Documents	\$296	\$263	\$893	\$926	\$500	\$4,390	\$750
42	1867-71 - Altar Supplies	\$1,383	\$387	\$255	\$880	\$500	\$902	\$750
43	1867-74 - Music	\$4,229	\$1,356	\$2,291	\$4,736	\$3,000	\$3,948	\$4,000
44	Total Operating	\$25,355	\$14,729	\$13,363	\$12,377	\$10,000	\$14,636	\$10,000
45								
46	Clergy							
47	1867-36 - Clergy Compensation-Rec	\$42,387	\$47,638	\$48,588	\$45,810	\$47,871	\$61,610	\$62,428
48	1867-38 - Continuing Education-Rec	\$972	\$0	\$292	\$1,075	\$1,075	\$1,040	\$1,075
49	1867-40 - Dental	\$611	\$0	\$436	\$685	\$750	\$809	\$800
50	1867-42 - Health Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$6,923	\$13,420	\$14,500	\$12,993	\$14,500
51	1867-43 - SECA	\$114	\$6,015	\$5,254	\$5,814	\$6,076	\$6,181	\$6,400
52	1867-44 - Housing - Rector	\$27,917	\$20,000	\$18,917	\$30,190	\$31,549	\$18,610	\$21,000
53	1867-49 - Sabbatical Reserve			\$900	\$900	\$900	\$900	\$900
54	1867-50 - Pension-Rector	\$7,670	\$0	\$8,590	\$14,727	\$15,487	\$14,727	\$15,169
55	1867-51 - Retirement Savings Accou	\$4,667	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
56	1867-52 - Prof'l. Expense Reimburse	\$3,367	\$63	\$2,625	\$4,720	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500
57	1867-46 - Prof'l. Expense Reimburse	\$80	\$54	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
58	1867-61 - Supply Priest	\$5,193	\$303	\$0	\$1,216	\$1,500	\$905	\$1,300
59	Total Clergy	\$92,978	\$74,073	\$92,525	\$118,557	\$124,208	\$122,275	\$128,072
60								

Budget 2024		THIS IS A CASH FLOW BUDGET													
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Accounts		2019		2020		2021		2022		2023		2023		2024	
Laity		Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
61															
62	1867-53 - Lay Prof'l Expense Reimb	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
63	1867-54 - Employee Education	\$0	\$1,600	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
64	1867-55 - FICA	\$9,388	\$4,090	\$3,809	\$3,894	\$4,893	\$3,917	\$4,035	\$4,893	\$4,893	\$3,917	\$3,917	\$4,035	\$4,035	\$4,035
65	1867-56 - Lay Salary	\$71,093	\$67,106	\$61,308	\$62,797	\$63,961	\$63,176	\$65,643	\$63,961	\$63,961	\$63,176	\$63,176	\$65,643	\$65,643	\$65,643
66	1867-57 - Medicare	\$1,017	\$973	\$889	\$911	\$927	\$916	\$916	\$911	\$927	\$916	\$916	\$916	\$916	\$916
67	1867-58 - Workers Compensation	\$933	\$961	\$1,580	\$547	\$600	\$669	\$600	\$547	\$600	\$669	\$669	\$600	\$600	\$600
68	1867-59 - Lay Pension	\$2,002	\$2,142	\$2,024	\$2,135	\$2,200	\$2,265	\$2,333	\$2,135	\$2,200	\$2,265	\$2,265	\$2,333	\$2,333	\$2,333
69	Total Laity	\$84,433	\$76,872	\$69,610	\$70,284	\$72,581	\$70,943	\$73,526	\$70,284	\$72,581	\$70,943	\$70,943	\$73,526	\$73,526	\$73,526
70	Total Personnel	\$177,411	\$150,945	\$162,135	\$188,841	\$196,789	\$193,218	\$201,598	\$188,841	\$196,789	\$193,218	\$193,218	\$201,598	\$201,598	\$201,598
71															
72	Witness	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
73	1867-60 - Adult Christian Education	\$892	\$202	\$465	\$110	\$250	\$116	\$0	\$110	\$250	\$116	\$116	\$0	\$0	\$0
74	1867-63 - Journey to Adulthood	\$221	\$0	\$212	\$546	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$546	\$250	\$0	\$0	\$250	\$250	\$250
75	1867-64 - Church School Exp	\$935	\$562	\$187	\$759	\$1,000	\$349	\$750	\$759	\$1,000	\$349	\$349	\$750	\$750	\$750
76	1867-65 - Acolytes	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150	\$150	\$150
77	1867-66 - Discretionary Fund	\$2,500	\$1,875	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$1,200	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
78	1867-67 - Scouting	\$85	\$106	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
79	1867-68 - Diocesan Pledge	\$50,126	\$52,976	\$54,414	\$56,478	\$57,054	\$56,478	\$54,751	\$56,478	\$57,054	\$56,478	\$56,478	\$54,751	\$54,751	\$54,751
80	1867-69 - Pastoral Care	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
81	1867-72 - Outreach Expense	\$3,764	\$4,269	\$9,300	\$999	\$1,475	\$1,463	\$1,794	\$999	\$1,475	\$1,463	\$1,463	\$1,794	\$1,794	\$1,794
82	1867-73 - Evangelism	\$105	\$0	\$0	\$307	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$307	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
83	Total Witness	\$58,628	\$59,990	\$67,078	\$61,699	\$62,529	\$60,906	\$58,895	\$61,699	\$62,529	\$60,906	\$60,906	\$58,895	\$58,895	\$58,895
84	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	\$405,869	\$338,350	\$364,811	\$390,586	\$376,273	\$410,762	\$408,073	\$390,586	\$376,273	\$410,762	\$410,762	\$408,073	\$408,073	\$408,073
85															
86	NET OPERATING INCOME/(EXPE	\$531	\$26,393	\$24,099	(\$35,522)	(\$3,835)	\$8,575	(\$2,686)	(\$35,522)	(\$3,835)	\$8,575	\$8,575	(\$2,686)	(\$2,686)	(\$2,686)
87	NET W/O COVID FUNDS		\$3,835	(\$17,219)											

Report on the Endowment Fund

We closed the year with a balance of \$124,610, which represents a small gain over last year. This reflects our investment portfolio, which is an appropriate level of risk for an endowment fund and generally in line with other parishes that invest with the Episcopal Church Foundation.

Our endowment has enough gains that we can start to draw from it to support the needs of the parish. In consultation with the Vestry, we will decide where we can use it to strengthen our mission. The Endowment is part of our long-term strategy for financial stability, so please consider a donation to the Fund, or make it part of your estate plan. Please consult any of us on the committee: Tena Achen, Edmund Abramowitz, Don Taylor, or me.

Respectfully submitted,
David Thomsson
Endowment Fund Chair

Report of the St. David's Legacy Society

St. David's Legacy Society recognizes those who have provided for St. David's through a planned gift such as a bequest to the Endowment Fund. For many, a bequest offers the opportunity to make a more substantial gift and to continue a lifetime of giving.

The Legacy Society added a new anonymous member in 2023.

Members include:

Anonymous (2)	Barbara and Russell Beaulieu*
Amy Mansue	Karin and David Mitchell
William Meirs*	Patricia and David Thomsson
Carol and John Patterson	

*Deceased member

If you would like more information about including St. David's in your will or more generally about making a gift to the Endowment Fund, please call the office at (609) 655-4731 and ask to speak with Mo. Amy.

Respectfully submitted,

Tena Achen
Respectfully submitted,
Tena Achen

Report of the Acolyte Master

It is with great gratitude and pleasure that I report a that we are back to in-service worship, and we had a very successful year and welcomed 2 new Acolytes Joseph and Kaylen Eswine our Acolyte Corps at St. David's. Our community is very grateful to you for your service. We invite all parishioners, regardless of age, to consider joining us in this special ministry.

I also offer huge thanks and deep appreciation to David Miller, and Jon Harding for their continued service at the 8 o'clock service each week. All of you are amazing!

Thank you to all the parents who bring their children here each week and for supporting them in this ministry. Thank you to each of our Acolytes who offer this gift of service to God and our parish.

Due to the pandemic, we limited who could acolyte. I want to thank everyone who filled in during the last year.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Terhune, Acolyte Master

Report on the Memorial Garden

In 2023, there were two interments in the Memorial Garden.

The Memorial Garden had significant horticultural attention during the past year. The Committee met with our grounds contractor and agreed on a program of tree and shrub management, including major arborist trimming and major branch removal. Our objective has been to open up the leaf and branch canopy, in order to allow more light into the garden. More sunlight will help control overgrowth of moss on the walkway.

As part of the horticultural work, shrub plantings were pruned as necessary, along with trees. It should be noted that the cost of all horticultural work is paid from the Memorial Garden account, funded by funeral contributions for deceased interred in the Garden.

The Memorial Garden continues to be a very attractive space. Those who have visited find it to be an attractive space for contemplation, and a place where departed members of the congregation can be honored and remembered. Additional brass plates have been installed on the memorial plaques to commemorate the departed who have recently been interred.

Many thanks to Memorial Garden Committee members Harry Ruhl, Todd White and Paul Szymanski, for advice, and for faithfully opening and closing the interment sites for the interments this past year, and to Kathy Herzog for plantings.

Respectfully submitted,
Edmund Abramovitz, Chair

Report on Outreach

Outreach Ministry – Report to St David’s Cranbury AGM on Feb 4th 2024

St. David’s Outreach Ministry coordinates our congregation’s support of selected charities which aim to help disadvantaged people of all faiths, who reside in the communities around us in central New Jersey.

Scope of Outreach Activities:

- Coordination of the collection and distribution of monies collected from our congregation for outreach through regular monthly collections, and specific fund-raising events.
- Our outreach committee meets to agree the monthly outreach “targets” (selected charities) for our outreach funds.

Summary of 2023 Outreach Activities:

Our 2023 outreach activities resulted in significant funds collected and donated to the following charities according to a schedule agreed by our Outreach Committee...

<u>2023</u>	<u>Charity target for outreach collections</u>
January	Womanspace
February	Better Beginnings
March	Henry J. Austin Health Center
April	Urban Promise
May	Homefront
June	RISE
July	Clergy Widows and Orphans
August	Habitat for Humanity
September	Keep Our Girls In School (Nairobi, Kenya)
October	Monroe Food Pantry
November	Seamen’s Church Institute
December	Liberty Maternity Clinic (Kampala, Uganda).

Plus, we donated some of the profit from the Fantasy Auction to the Father Center (Trenton, NJ).

During 2023 we were able to collect and donate a total of just over \$18,000 to the above charities. THANK YOU ALL very much for your generous donations to our monthly outreach targets in 2023. Our largest donations during the year were to Henry J. Austin Health Center, Womanspace and RISE.

Our largest outreach fund-raising events during 2023 were the annual yard sale in September, and the Fantasy Auction in October. Both these events contributed a portion of their proceeds to our outreach funds. THANK YOU to everyone who organized and contributed to the success of these events.

In addition to monetary donations, members of our congregation also donated their time and talents by volunteering to help at:

1. **Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK).** During 2023 with the leadership of Deacon Carol our congregation has started to support TASK by making sandwiches after church on a Sunday and then helping with the distribution at TASK in Trenton on a Monday.
2. **RISE food pantry distribution** occurs several mornings a week, and on Wednesday evenings every 2 weeks to give working family members an opportunity to get food from the pantry. St David's focuses on supporting the Wednesday evening food distributions with volunteers to help, and funds. Since the early months of the pandemic there has been a great increase in food insecurity in our local area. Prior to the pandemic 20 families would have been the average number of food pantry visitors on a Wednesday evening. This soared to around 130 families and has remained consistent at over 100 families each Wednesday evening. Fortunately. As the RISE organization has grown and become a larger, more structured organization, they have been able to establish a weekly schedule of collecting close to sell-by-date fresh produce from many food stores in our area. This means that the carts of food collected by each of the families are almost all fresh produce, proteins, and baked goods. Our RISE volunteers work on an assembly line filling carts.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered.

For 2024, the Outreach Committee has decided our theme for outreach will be "*Who is my neighbor?*". Please look out for the announcements of each month's outreach target in The Tablet, and in our weekly email bulletins.

Thank you all in advance for your generous donations to our monthly outreach targets in 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Harding - January 2024

Report on Fundraising

In 2023, we finally restored a little normalcy throughout our fundraising efforts. As fundraising supports St. David's operational costs and outreach programs, we are fortunate that the hard work of our parishioners enable us to continue supporting the health of our church and lives of individuals within the community.

Last year, we were able to welcome back the annual golf outing. Although there were some minor hurdles to overcome, the event brought in a total of \$2,000. A great way to welcome the outing back to the church, but this will be a start of many future fun filled outings to come, with a little less rain hopefully! Special thank you to Penny Stout for her all her guidance, assistance, and knowledge shared in planning the golf outing.

The annual Rummage Sale led by Phyllis Robinson once again was able to exceed their efforts from the year before in bringing in about \$5,400, which was about a 35% increase from 2022. The time and efforts of the team not only paid off but the recommendations from last year helped improve the process and profitability. As we look forward to another successful rummage sale, please continue to be mindful of donation selections.

The Fantasy Auction led by Deanna Emerson provided fun filled time for the participants and offered great selections. The event took home roughly \$11,000! We will look to continue to find ways to enhance the experience for participants who aren't not able to attend but still looking to take part.

Our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for supporting this year's fundraising efforts. Your time, efforts, and participation have truly made a difference, and we cannot thank you enough.

The church plays a vital role in our community, providing a place of worship, support, and comfort for so many. These fundraising events keep our church strong and help remain a welcoming and inclusive place for all. We truly appreciate your support this year and we look forward to the success of this year's fundraising efforts!

Respectfully submitted,
Marcus Aris, Vestry Fundraising Coordinator

GIFT CARD FUNDRAISING REPORT – 2023

During 2023, St. David's raised \$890.50 from the sale of pre-paid gift cards.
The total amount of gift card sales was \$15,085.00.

Since the inception of the gift card sales campaign in 2011, St. David's has raised a total of \$7,353.75 on total sales of \$16,5940.00.

The Fundraising Committee would like to thank the following registered users for 2023: Kim Duck, Cindy Duck, Marcia Ruhl, Deacon Barbara Jensen, and (especially) Todd White.

Report of the Altar Guild

St. David's Altar Guild continued to work behind the scenes as a dedicated group of 10. Welcoming Jan Winne to the group!

We were happy to help with preparation of both in person and virtual worship according to the State and Diocesan Guidelines in and through our ability to worship full time in our sanctuary.

We were excited to continue to support Mother Amy S. Cornell, our leader and Rector.

Flowers, in Memory of a Loved One, will continue to be \$40.00. (Actual cost to St. David's is \$70.) The Sanctuary Candle will be \$20.00. Vestry will continue to pay for bread and wine used in Sunday worship. Altar Guild will continue purchasing altar linens and sanctuary adornments.

We, the Altar Guild, will continue to work with our clergy to ensure Worship at St. David's continues to run smoothly to meet the needs of our St. David's Church Family. We are excited to have things back to 100% normal and are grateful to serve St. David's in this ministry!

Interested in serving St. David's as a member of the Altar Guild? Thank you to our Altar Guild Members:

Terry Bennett

Renee Christiansen

Jo Cornell

Marna McDermott

Corrine Peters

Penny Stout

Sandra Szymanski

Leslie Terhune

Janice Winne

Faithfully yours,
Kathy Herzog
Altar Guild Directress

Report on Ushers

The ushers for St. David's are scheduled for all regular and any special services. Duties are to support the worship service by helping ensure that everyone has the necessary programs and inserts, directing worshipers to available seats, counting parishioners, collecting the offering, directing parishioners up to the altar during communion and helping prepare the Sanctuary for the next Service.

The usual ushers for the 8:00 AM Services were Renee and Jon Christiansen.

Ushers scheduled for the 10:00 AM Services were: Rich Bennett, Deanna Emerson, Carol Hartmaier, Larry and Pat Kraft, Ed Miller, Dan Smires, Penny Stout, Rich Bailey, Obafemi Sonubi, Bernadette Bruce, John Patterson, Jackie Asafu-Adjaye, and Dave and Patty Thomsson.

The ushers are a vital part of St. David's worship. Two ushers are scheduled for each 10:00 AM Service. Thanks to all those who volunteered or stepped up to help to usher this year.

Additional volunteers are always welcome, and anyone interested can contact Pat or Larry Kraft for more information.

Respectfully Submitted,
Larry Kraft
Usher Coordinator

Report of the Social Committee

2023

Thank you to all who hosted and coordinated coffee, bagels and treats that we enjoyed each week. Each of you makes our parish a warm and inviting home for both our church family and visitors!

Jo Cornell is also our coordinator of supplies! We'd be in trouble with no cups, plates, or napkins and more. A BIG THANK YOU!

We had a Pancake Supper "TO GO" and eat in! Holy Thursday Seder, Parish Picnic. We look forward to bringing back "Christmas in JULY!"

We were able to help many with both happy and sad events again this past year. A beautiful setting whether on the lawn or patio area under a tent with tiny white lights or in our own Meirs Hall. It was wonderful to share our talents to make a wonderful memory and celebration of life for our church family and their friends.

Through 2023 we continue to be grateful for all that we have. St. David's is a gift to us all and it is amazing to be part of this Church. However, we gather, whether it be in person, a drive by hello, wave or Zoom, we stay safe and well in God's care.

We are grateful to have learned to care for one another.

May God Continue to Bless St. David's!

Faithfully,
Kathy Herzog
Social Committee Chair

Rector's Statistics for 2023

Marriages

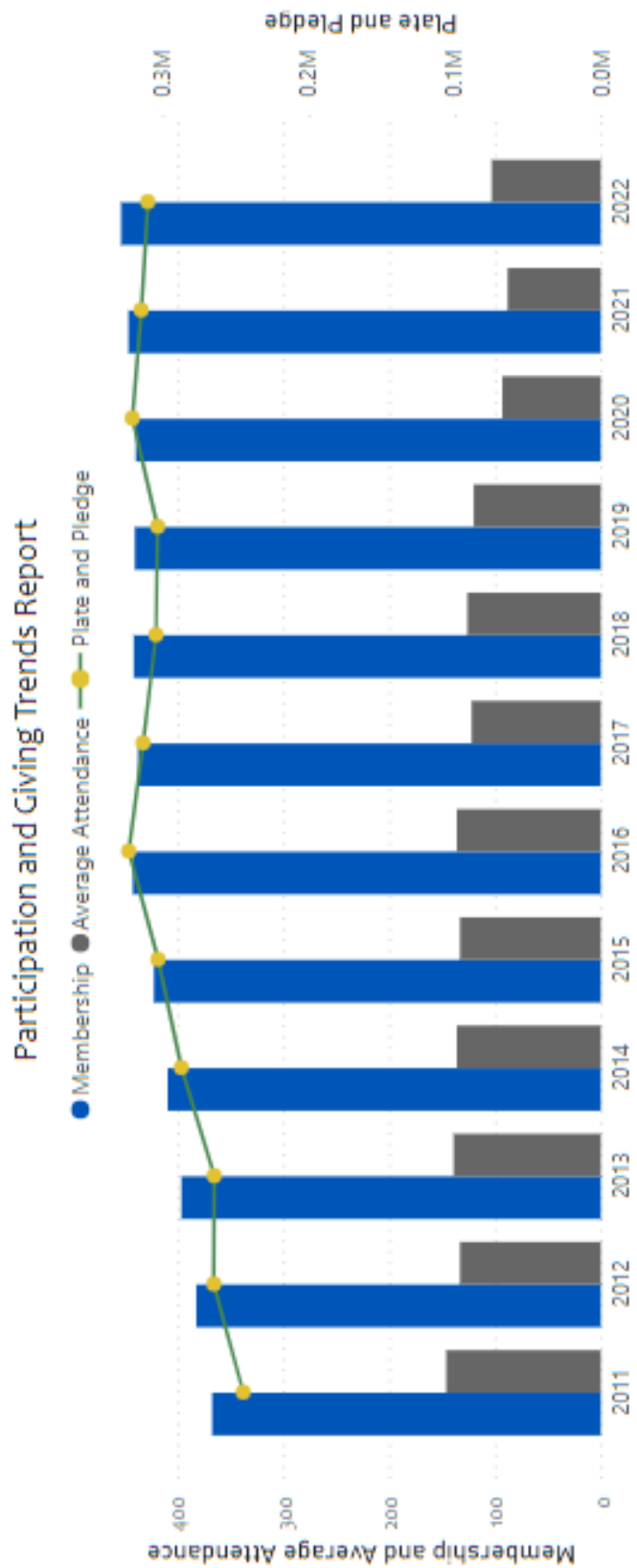
Alexis Andre Polanco, Jr and Jenifer Liz Elizondo	09/15/23	ASC
Melissa Estler and Christine Marie Pasquale	10/21/23	ASC

Funerals

Minford I. Smith	02/09/23	ASC
Robert B. Kotz	04/05/23	ASC
Carol Miller	05/04/22	ASC
Carol Henning	07/09/23	ASC
Gladyrose M. Rusch	11/16/23	ASC

2023	Average Sunday Attendance:	114
	Easter Attendance:	246
	Christmas Attendance:	163

Participations & Giving Trends from the National Church Office



Qualifications for Voting Members

The voters shall be baptized, at least sixteen (16) years of age, domiciled in the Parish or adjacent thereof, of good moral character, adhering to this church and to no other religious body, regular attendants at the service of the said Parish, meaning thereby those who are more frequently present than absent unless for a good cause prevented and regular contributor to the current expenses of the Parish for six months prior to the Annual Meeting in the manner prescribed by the Vestry of said Parish. Any voters not baptized or confirmed in the Parish must have been enrolled as members of the Parish in accordance with provisions of the Canons, or must be baptized persons who have been received on their written request to the Rector or to one of the Wardens if there be no Rector; and said Rector or Wardens shall keep a list of all who have been received as voters, which list shall be open to inspection by the members of the Parish. No one shall be permitted to vote or be eligible to office in more than one Parish in this Diocese.

Section III

St. David's By-laws

Adopted March 14, 2006