



St George's  
*Hope for life*

ANNUAL PARISH  
REPORT  
2021

PARISH CELEBRATION & MEETING

JANUARY 23, 2022

12:00 PM

## **OUR MISSION**

Our mission is to love Jesus, with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind while loving our neighbors as ourselves. We then know and share this Love and Hope courageously with others.

## **OUR CORE VALUES**

### **Worshiping Community**

Our Worship is centered on Jesus and is practiced in the Episcopal tradition of the priesthood of all believers, using spiritual tools from the church fathers and mothers.

### **Belonging**

At Baptism, we become part of God's family. A new family, where everyone belongs and is included and engaging in spiritual growth, sharing what they know of Jesus while seeking to learn from those who know and live their faith.

### **Connecting**

We gather and grow through reflection on God's Word; praying for one another and loving one another and those who join us in fellowship.

### **Tenaciously Boldly Going Out**

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to go out and share the love of God with others by word, service, and presence.

### **Spreading Hope Through Sharing the Word of God**

Through engaging in study of the Word and living a life of faith, we share God's Word to help others find Hope in Christ.

### **Inviting, Welcoming, Connecting**

We courageously invite others into relationship with us as individuals and our worship community through social media, mail and in person. We have a robust newcomer welcoming and integration process fully in place to receive, welcome and want to connect. We encourage members to engage and participate in worship on a regular basis. We make disciples in the way of love and hope, by first tending to our own spiritual growth as we look for any reason to fall in love with God and one another, and then seeking a few others we can share with, through one-on-one fellowship, small groups and fun.

### **Going Into The World**

We are Stewarding our resources and collaborating with others to serve the good of our greater community.

### **Loving Each Other**

Love each other through caring relationships by supporting each other, staying in touch, identifying needs, sharing time and resources, and having fun and fellowship.

# AGENDA

1. OPENING PRAYER
2. ELECTIONS
3. BLESSING & SERVING OF FOOD
4. REPORTS (*while eating*)
  - a. Senior Warden
  - b. Junior Warden
  - c. Stewardship
  - d. Finances
    - i. 2021 Financials
    - ii. 2022 Budget
  - e. 2022 Upcoming Events
5. BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT

# **THE 2022 VESTRY**

## **NOMINEES:**

Susan Dunn  
Rip Howell  
Sharon Willingham

## **TERMS TO EXPIRE JANUARY 2022**

Haynes Dunn

## **TERMS TO EXPIRE JANUARY 2023**

Rip Howell  
Doug Mullen

## **TERMS TO EXPIRE JANUARY 2024**

Susan Dunn  
Sharon Willingham

## **2022 OFFICERS**

**Susan Dunn, Senior Warden**  
**Rip Howell, Junior Warden**  
**Fran Monroe and Jim Deslatte, Co-Treasurers**  
**Ann John, Pledge Treasurer**

## **NOMINATED DELEGATES TO DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

### **February 25 - 26, 2022**

#### **Delegates**

Marie Carlson  
Susan Dunn  
Sharon Willingham

#### **Alternates**

Haynes Dunn  
Rip Howell

## SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

What a year! I didn't think we would not be very busy last year because of Covid-19; however, I was in for a big surprise. January went well and we carried on as usual with worship, noonday prayers and a workday. We took the precautions needed as advised by Bishop Doyle for Covid-19: masks, social distancing, washing hands, removing prayer books and hymnals from the pews and disinfecting the entire church. Then the winter freeze occurred and everything changed. As you know, the cooling tower froze and the parts to fix it had to be ordered because they are custom. **Rip, Haynes and Kent spent countless hours, days and months working on it.** They all worked tirelessly on getting the cooling tower problem solved. **We owe them a heaping dose of gratitude for the selfless, unpaid work they do at St. George's.**

Our Valentine's Day plans were canceled because of the freeze, but we did manage to deliver the Valentine's packages later to our members. March went well. We had a workday which was very well attended. We made palm crosses for Palm Sunday, placed the prayer books and hymnals back in the pews as directed by the Bishop and generally cleaned the church for Easter. A big thank you is due to all who participated.

A wedding for Audrey Dominy was planned for April 10<sup>th</sup> but because of the cooling tower still being down, the church was too warm and we had to cancel those plans and move to Santa Fe Pentecostal for the ceremony. We also had some very good news in April. We baptized 4 children, which was a joy. Lunch followed. Easter dinner went very well. We had at least 40 in attendance and several stayed for lunch. We also had our church retreat and made 90 day goals which the Mission and Vision Teams were to execute.

May had its challenges. The fleas invaded! We had to bring in the flea patrol several times to finally get them exterminated. We met in Quin Hall and had a "picnic" lunch afterwards. It turned out to be fun with 22 in attendance at the "picnic." The game day in May was a lot of fun with over 15 in attendance. We also had a reception honoring recent graduates Roxanne and Preston.

Then came June and, as a direct result of no air conditioning, mildew grew rampant in the church. Rip got busy and called the diocese for direction. As a result of the mildew and with possible health issues for some of our members, we had to take our services virtual. We also canceled noonday prayer for a while. Jonathan Blaker told Rip to lease portable air conditioners, which he did. He and Haynes had to check on them several times a day and empty the overflow.

Because of the mildew problem, we had game day in July at Rigo's. It was well attended; however, we had to postpone the next game day because of the rise in the Delta variant. We also had to cancel confirmations because of Covid. The mildew problem was an ongoing problem for several months. We received several quotes from building cleaners to mitigate the mildew and received \$15,000.00 from our insurance company. Since Raquel is a mechanical engineer, we thought it appropriate to appoint her as project manager and she is helping with the church insurance.

We met with Michael Hilfinger from the Diocese in August concerning the mildew damage to the carpets in the church caused by the portable air conditioners. He agreed that the damage was done by the portable air conditioners. We received money from the insurance company to replace carpeting in the halls and sanctuary; however, it isn't enough to do the whole job so we're going to start with the hall carpets. Then in September, Robin told us she was resigning because of our financial situation. Members donated a bracelet from James Avery as her departing gift. Her last day was October 10<sup>th</sup>. We had a reception at Casa Fiesta in her honor.

The parts for the cooling tower finally came in, were installed, and we are now able to meet in the church in person. We actually started in person in October. So we started cleaning the church and had at least 10 workdays with several people helping out. We cleaned the sanctuary, the sacristy and the altar guild room and continued cleaning one room at a time until it was all clean. My gratitude to all who helped. It could not have been done without you. The prayer books and hymnals are cleaned and placed back in the pews.

All Saints Day was celebrated with hanging of paper strips with names on them. November 14<sup>th</sup> was the ingathering for stewardship with a potluck luncheon. Under the leadership of Raquel, the Advent series went very well. The discussions were very lively and enjoyable. Office hours have started up again. Hours are Tuesday through Thursday from 9AM until noon. Noonday prayer is also starting up again in February. December brought in Christmas celebrations. The decorating of the church was fun and all enjoyed the BBQ that Olive brought. Jim McGill served at the Christmas Eve service which ended with the candle lighting reminding us that Jesus is the light of the world. The vestry has changed our by-laws to reflect the decreasing membership of our congregation. Sharon will go over that.

Several people attended the meeting with Joann Saylor last Sunday. She basically **said that it is up to us as to how we want to proceed.** I would like to have your input on this. **She is sending Thomas Morris from the Diocese to visit us once a month starting in February.** He works with small congregations like us.

Susan Dunn

## JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

1. February 2021 Freeze—Due to the extended loss of power (inability to circulate) during the very low temperatures, there was extensive damage to the outside piping associated with the cooling tower as well as damage to the tubing bundle within the cooling tower. After consultation with the church insurance agency, approval was given to 100% replacement cost and a new bundle was ordered from Hunton Industries. There was a long lead time for manufacturing due to this freeze being an almost nationwide event, but the new bundle was installed and the system returned to service in late August and even after having been sitting idle for over six months, all nine of the operating units came back on line with no significant issues noted. During this time we bypassed the cooling tower and used the loop circulating pump to complete and thorough cleaning of the loop using chemical cleaning and a swimming pool pump filter (thanks Kent Ross for most of this work). The cooling tower basin was also cleaned and a new pump filter screen installed.
2. Temporary AC units were rented from Hunton Industries to provide what turned out to be the bare minimum cooling needs to get us through the summer. but due to less than adequate dehumidification, we started having problems with what was thought to be mold, but after professional sampling, turned out to be mildew. The rental costs again were covered at 100% from church insurance, as were costs incurred with the cleaning of the mildew.
3. We also received a significant payment to be used toward replacement of carpet and flooring as we see fit.
4. During the early summer we experienced an almost overwhelming outbreak of fleas, and Berrett Pest Control treated the entire facility (inside and out) twice which seemed to have resolved the issue. There are also two rat bait stations around the building perimeter being maintained on a monthly basis.
5. After 53 years of faithful service, the kitchen stove was replaced with two residential units, with the funds for the stoves having been donated to the church.
6. Routine issues continue, with both toilets in the men's room having been repaired internally, major service completed on the riding lawn mower, conversion of fluorescent fixtures to LED, and north wall of the church being painted (work in progress).

Thanks to Haynes Dunn and Kent Ross for their hours and hours of time and moral support as well as others who have contributed to cleaning the facility and returning us to service.

Rip Howell

## LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS REPORT

**In the year 2021, seven (7) persons were licensed as Lay Eucharistic Ministers to serve chalice.** We give thanks to the following who continued to be involved in our Lay Reader Ministry this past year (*in-person services, online services, and noonday prayer*).

Raquel Balderas	Marie Carlson	Jim Deslatte
Haynes Dunn	Susan Dunn	Byron Hambrick
Rip Howell	David Kautz	Lynn Koepp
Olive Krell	Cheryl Lasneske	Doug Mullen
Beverly Ross	Kent Ross	Sandy Tompkins
Greg Williams	Sharon Willingham	Eleanore Wuthrich

Please pardon me if I left anyone out.

Jim Deslatte

## ALTAR GUILD REPORT

The purpose for the Altar Guild is to keep the Sanctuary clean and make ready the altar for worship. It's a very rewarding service.

I, Olive, had to resign as director because of health reasons. Chris Smith has taken the duty over and is doing a fine job. Those on the Altar Guild are: ***Chris Smith, Cheryl Lasneske, Sandy Tompkins, Ashley Tompkins, Byron Hambrick, and Olive Krell.*** Thanks to all of them.

Celia Patterson helps with the flower arrangements. She and Kenny Patterson take care of the Easter Lilies and Poinsettias. Much thanks to them. Thanks too, to all of those who have helped us through the year.

If you are interested in joining the Altar Guild, please call Chris Smith at (409) 877-9658 or Olive Krell at (409) 739-5479 or call the church office.

Faithfully,  
Olive Krell

## USHER REPORT

Many, many thanks to all the members who volunteered as ushers. Most of them volunteer for several positions, but have been very gracious in accepting to volunteer as ushers. They include: Marie Carlson, Haynes Dunn, Susan Dunn, Rip Howell, David Kautz, Lynn Koepp, Cheryl Lasneske, Doug Mullen, Kent Ross, Chris Smith, Sandy Tompkins, and Sharon Willingham.

Susan Dunn

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Our Stewardship theme for 2021, “Every Perfect Gift,” reminded us how everything we receive and everything we give comes from God. **As we share our time, talent, and treasure with our church and with the world, we unleash those same gifts in our communities.** Through the ministries that are enabled by our gifts, the inspiration we show to our neighbors to unlock their generosity in the world, and the stories we tell about ourselves and our experiences, we participate with God in an abundant vision for the world. **Every perfect gift comes from God above.**

What is the story of your gift, how will it unfold? How will your blessing be a blessing to others? This is the spirit behind our theme of Every Perfect Gift.

## PLEDGE TREASURER REPORT

Our 2021 Stewardship Campaign was successful. We are able to begin 2022 with 27 families pledging \$98,836.00 for 2022.

Ann John

## APPROVED BYLAW CHANGE

All reimbursement receipts must be turned in for payment within 60 days. Any amount over \$100 must be preapproved by Vestry. Only regular, preapproved expenses may be charged on the Church Credit Card.

## ONLINE MINISTRY REPORT

At the beginning of 2021, we continued to have online services at 9:30 AM. After we came back to the church (*after the freeze and mildew situations*), we began to record our 10:30 AM in-person services on Facebook Live—in place of our separate online service. We continued to use Zoom throughout the year. It has been a gift for those who can't make it in-person.

As for Noonday Prayer, we filmed for half a year before we decided to take a break once we learned that we had mildew and couldn't be in the building for a while. We will begin having Noonday Prayer in February 2022 and can't wait for you to join us! It will be Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Make sure to catch us on our Facebook page: St Georges Texas City.

Thank you to all those who have helped make our online services possible! A special thanks to Marie Carlson and Byron Hambrick for helping with the music once we came back in-person. A thank you, too, to First Christian for letting us record/play our online services there while we were away from our building.

For communications, we continued to send out weekly emails via our Enewsletter to update everyone on the building and upcoming events. We used our texting service, CallMultiplier for updates too. If you aren't receiving emails or texts, and you would like to, contact us at [hope@stgeorgestc.org](mailto:hope@stgeorgestc.org) or call the office church.

At the end of 2021, we purchased a couple of electronics with the grant money we received from the Diocese. Here are a few of the items: A Dell Laptop to help play music and use for Zoom if needed, another tripod, and a new set of microphones for filming. We will be testing them out this year. If anyone is interested in helping with our online ministry or has questions, contact Raquel at [raquel@stgeorgestc.org](mailto:raquel@stgeorgestc.org) or at 409-739-5118.

Raquel Balderas

# Focus for 2022

## Save the Date!

### EVERY WEEK

Sundays	<b>In-Person Service</b> <i>Streamed live on Facebook and on Zoom</i>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
Mon./Wed./Fri.	<b>Noonday Prayer</b> via Facebook <i>Starting in February</i>	<b>12 PM</b>
Tues.-Thurs.	<b>Office Hours</b>	<b>9-12 PM</b>

### FEBRUARY

2/13 & 2/27	<b>The Rev. Jim McGill</b> will be our Celebrant <i>For our Holy Eucharist services in February</i>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
2/17	<b>Vestry Meeting</b>	<b>3 PM</b>

### MARCH

3/1	<b>Shrove Tuesday</b>	<b>5 PM</b>
3/2	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>12 PM</b>
3/9	<b>Lenten Series Begins</b> <i>Every Wednesday during lent</i>	<b>5-6:30PM</b>

### APRIL

4/10	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	
4/14	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	
4/15	<b>Good Friday</b> - Virtual Stations of the Cross	
4/17	<b>EASTER</b>	
4/24	<b>Bishop Visits St. George's</b>	
4/30	<b>Spring Dinner/Fundraiser</b> ( <i>Tentative Date</i> )	

### JUNE

6/5	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	
6/12	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>	

Write your notes here.