



St George's
Hope for life

ANNUAL PARISH
REPORT
2022

PARISH CELEBRATION & MEETING

JANUARY 22, 2023

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. 2022 Financials
 - ii. 2023 Budget
 - e. 2023 Upcoming Events
5. BENEDICTION AND ADJOURNMENT

THE 2023 VESTRY

NOMINEES

Lanette Harris
Lynn Koepf
Celia Patterson
Beverly Ross

***TERMS EXPIRED IN 2022**

Susan Dunn
Rip Howell

TERMS TO EXPIRE IN 2023

Haynes Dunn
Sharon Willingham

TERMS TO EXPIRE IN 2024

Doug Mullen

2023 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 24-25, 2023

Delegates

Marie Carlson
Susan Dunn
Sharon Willingham

Alternates

Haynes Dunn
Rip Howell

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

We had our first full year without Robin. It was a huge learning curve; however, everyone pitched in and we had a very productive year. Joanne Saylor sent Thomas Morris to help us discern our way forward. Thomas is from the diocese and works with small congregations like ours. He was here twice a month through July. He also called periodically to keep up with our progress.

We decided to have a supply pastor every other week so that means we have communion at least twice a month. We had several celebrants that served: Nan Doerr, David Dearman, Lillian Hyde, and Jim McGill.

Grief share started back up and was led by Beverly Ross and Lynn Koepp. It goes well when there are attendees and is suspended when there are none.

Several people wanted either Lillian or Jim; however, neither were available so we decided on David and everyone has been very pleased. *(David commits quarter by quarter and is committed through March 2023. David and I will discuss the following quarters in February 2023.)*

The vestry had decided to sell chili as a fundraiser in February; however, that was postponed.

The Council meeting was in the Woodlands in February and was attended by Marie Carlson, Susan Dunn, and Sharon Willingham. Alternates were Haynes Dunn and Rip Howell.

We did not have a pancake supper in 2022; however, many of us attended the pancake supper at St. Mary's and really enjoyed it.

Lent began March 9th last year. We had suppers and a program every Wednesday through April 6th. The March Lenten supper was at St. Michael's. Bishop Doyle was doing his ring of visitations after the pandemic, so he led the program. It was very interesting and very helpful for our small congregation. Remember the church ladies that wouldn't answer the phone?

Olive again led us in making the palm crosses after lunch at Gringo's. And again, some of us have still don't have the talent to make them! Nan Doerr was our celebrant on Palm Sunday and David Dearman was our celebrant on Easter Sunday. Then the Sunday after Easter, Bishop Doyle came for his yearly visit.

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Thomas Morris' last visit was July 24th. After his last visit we, as a church, decided to keep going like we have been since Robin left, meaning to stay as a parish and not a mission as long as we can. It's been going smoothly so far.

Flooring Source installed flooring in the hall and it made a big difference. They also took up the carpeting in the library; however, we have not replaced it yet. We hope to get to it this spring. We're trying to be as prudent as we can with the members' money. We still don't have a quote for carpeting in the sanctuary area. We don't have enough money to carpet the entire area so we may have to do it piecemeal.

We only had one workday in 2022, but. As usual, it was well attended and we had lunch afterwards.

For All Saints Day, Raquel made colored strips of paper for us to write our loved ones names on. We brought pictures of our loved ones that have passed and placed them on the altar rail along with the strips of paper.

We talked about having a bazaar, but it was put on hold until 2023. Too many things kept coming up.

The rental of Quin Hall has been going well. We rented it out for at least one Repast and a shower. We have a contract that groups or individuals must sign to use it.

We were not able to attend the Christmas Eve services but I hear that it was very well attended and very pretty and spiritual. David Dearman said he really enjoyed being the celebrant.

I want to thank everyone for pitching in and working together. I could not have asked for a better congregation to help me get through the year. You all were and are extremely supportive and I love you for it.

Blessings to all,
Susan Dunn

Letter and survey to congregation coming soon.

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

Highlights from the past year

- Small roof leak over priest office repaired
- Exterior wall separation between altar and chapel repaired
- Completed kitchen vent hood installation and approved by fire marshall
- Jackhammered a drain to allow courtyard area to drain to the street
- Removed old garden beds (3) and replaced with two smaller beds
- Had pump electrical relays replaced
- St. George's sign refinished
- Quin Hall ceiling fans repaired and two thermostats replaced

Future Maintenance

- Quin Hall South Windows – rotten
 - Last Bid for replacement was for +/- \$14,000
- Roof Replacement (+/- 5 years left)
 - Last bid was for ~ \$65,000
- With the age of all our individual HVAC units, plan on one a year for replacement
 - Current money will cover +/- one unit – the office unit first up

Rip Howell

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS REPORT

In the year 2022, six (6) persons were licensed as Lay Eucharistic Ministers to serve Chalice: Haynes Dunn, Rip Howell, Cheryl Lasneske, Beverly Ross, Kent Ross, and Eleanore Wuthrich.

The Lay Eucharistic Ministers served God and the people in St. George's Parish for twenty-seven (27) Sunday Eucharistic services, twenty five (25) Morning Prayer services and two (2) special services.

Jim Deslatte, Byron Hambrick, Lynn Koepp, Doug Mullen, Sandy Tompkins, Greg Williams, and Sharon Willingham served as Lectors in twenty seven (27) Eucharistic services, twenty five (25) Morning Prayer services, and Two (2) special Services.

Respectfully,
Jim Deslatte, Scheduler

ALTAR GUILD REPORT

The purpose of the Altar Guild is to keep the Sanctuary clean and make ready the altar for worship.

I, Chris, with the assistance of Olive and other team members do our best to prepare the altar in preparation for services, whether it is morning prayer or Holy Eucharist or preparations for funerals.

The members on Altar Guild: Chris Smith, Olive Krell, Sandy Tompkins, Ashley Tompkins, Bryon Hambrick, and Ruth Howell.

Celia Patterson helps with the flower arrangements. She and Kenny Patterson take care of the Easter Lilies and Poinsettias. Many thanks to them, and others 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 feel free to stop by the altar guild room to discuss this rewarding job and the pleasures of being an Altar Guild team member.

Yours truly,
Chris Smith

USHER REPORT

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

I'm looking forward to working with this team in 2023.

Susan Dunn

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Our Stewardship theme for 2022 was “More than Enough.” It came from the end of Luke’s version of the feeding of the five-thousand. Responding to Jesus’ call, the gathered crowd turned their pockets inside out, shook their blankets, and rummaged through their parcels to find enough to take care of the needs of the community. And what did they realize? That by the miracle of faith and the action of Love, there was more than enough, an abundance of leftovers!

Every gift is a miracle, a chance to change the world. And every gift is Love, the kind of love that protects, trusts, hopes, and perseveres, as St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians.

PLEDGE TREASURER REPORT

Total family pledges received for the year 2023 is 31.

We have some family members who have moved on and some we were unable to reach.

Monies budgeted for the year 2023 is \$90,680.00 from the pledge cards we received and from those who send monies regularly.

Final statements for the fourth quarter of 2022 were sent out in January 2023.

Envelopes are ready to be picked up at the church. Some will be mailed out to parishioners.

Ann John

ONLINE MINISTRY REPORT

The 10:30 AM service continues to be filmed on Facebook Live. In 2022, Noonday Prayer was only for a couple of months. (*Noonday will start up soon for 2023.*)

St. George’s website continues to be updated and weekly emails are sent to members of the congregation as well friends. If you would like to be added to the email list, let us know.

CallMultiplier has been used more often to let everyone know about certain news and upcoming events. If you are not receiving texts, let us know.

Raquel Balderas

Save the Date!

EVERY WEEK

Sundays	Choir Practice Bible Study In-Person Service <i>Streamed live on Facebook too</i>	9 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM
Tues.-Thurs.	Office Hours	9-12 PM

FEBRUARY

2/5	Holy Eucharist w/the Rev. David Dearman	10:30 AM
2/17	Vestry Meeting	3 PM
2/19	Holy Eucharist w/the Rev. David Dearman	10:30 AM
2/21	Shrove Tuesday <i>Boy Scout Troop 246 Pancake Supper @ St. Mary's</i> <i>\$7 per plate pre-sale/\$10 walk in</i>	
2/22	Ash Wednesday	

MARCH

3/5	Holy Eucharist w/the Rev. David Dearman	10:30 AM
3/9	Lenten Series <i>TBD w/survey</i>	
3/15	Vestry Meeting	3 PM
3/26	Holy Eucharist w/the Rev. David Dearman <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i>	10:30 AM

APRIL

4/2	Palm Sunday	
4/6	Maundy Thursday	
4/7	Good Friday	
4/9	EASTER	
4/29	Spring Fundraiser (<i>Tentative Date</i>)	

MAY

5/28	Pentecost Sunday	
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JUNE

6/4	Trinity Sunday	
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DECEMBER

12/3	Bishop Visits St. George's	
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