



CHRIST CHURCH  
CRANBROOK

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
2019





# CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK

## OUR MISSION

As God's beloved, we: learn the faith, live the faith, love all people, and spread the gospel of Jesus Christ

## OUR FOURFOLD VISION

meeting Jesus ✕ finding Joy ✕ sharing Beauty ✕ serving Others

## OUR CORE VALUES

**Joyful** | Celebrate in our vibrant fellowship in the life we share

**Rooted** | Encourage a spiritual life that makes time for prayer and worship

**Faithful** | Offer opportunities for education, transformation, and ministry to all age groups

**Loving** | Engage in abundant and meaningful mission and outreach

**Collaborative** | Work together and include others

**Reconciling** | Work for justice and peace among all people

**Transparent** | Be open about what we are doing, and what is happening

**Welcoming** | Provide inclusive hospitality and loving pastoral care

**Empowering** | Lift up diverse ministries and courageous Christian leadership

**Generous** | Advance our mission by practicing Christ-centered stewardship and giving

## 2019 VESTRY

Lauren Brooks

Diane De Movellan

Julius Diaz

Jim Goran

Craig Hammond

Margaret Hunter\*

Steven Huprich

Tiffany Morris-Street

Brian Neeper

Mark Peters

Mollie Proctor

Marilynn Roche

Melinda Saylor

Charlie Shaw

Eleanor "Coco" Siewart\*

Linda Truxell

Peter Webster\*

Elizabeth Witten

\* *ex-officio*





# 2019 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

The Annual Parish Meeting  
January 27, 2019

**I. Call to Order** | The Annual Parish Meeting was called to order in prayer by Rev. Bill Danaher at 11:40 AM

**II. Adoption of the Agenda** | The agenda was adopted.

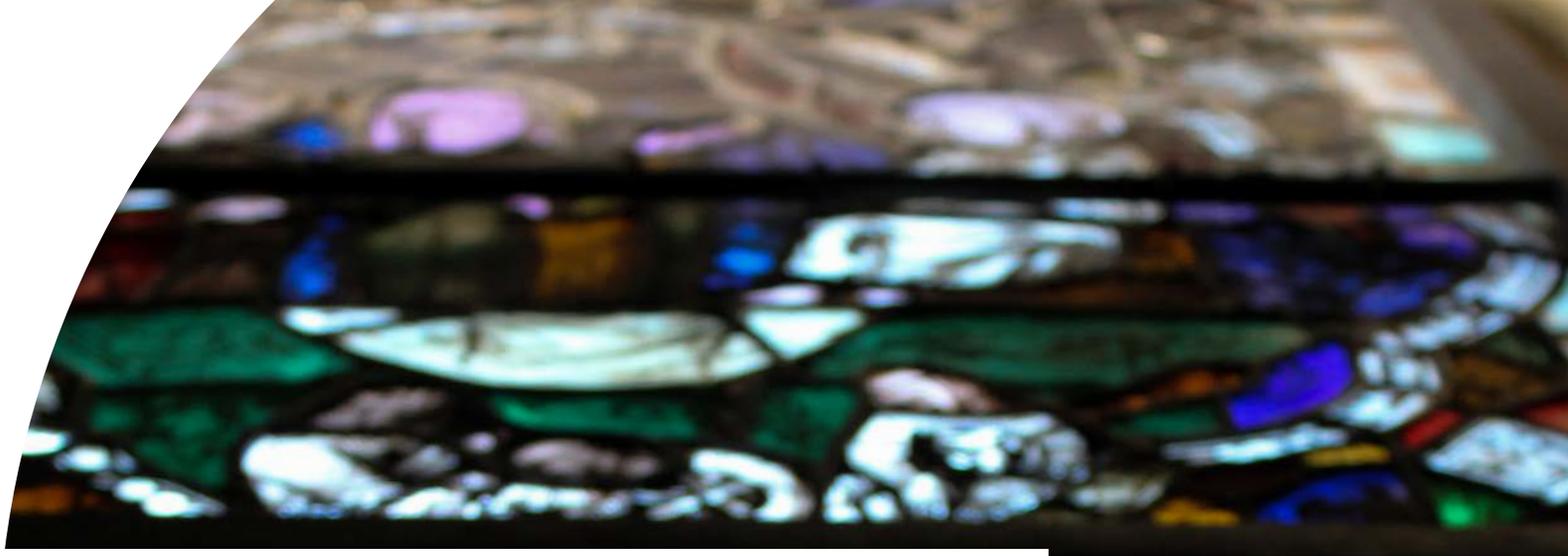
**III. Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting** | The minutes from the 2018 Annual Parish Meeting, held on January 28, 2019 were approved as published.

**IV. Appointment of Registrars and Counters** | The following individuals were appointed: Pam Bingham, Christine Blackwell, Lanette Browder, Sarah Buckley, Doris Hester, Gina Morgan, Meredith Skowronski, and Sydney Warwick. The Registrars and Counters were approved.

**V. Vestry Election** | The Vestry Election began with a report from the Nominating Committee composed of the following individuals: Michael Andrews, David Bernier, Jim Clarke, Kristen Goran, Patrick Gahman, Robert Harries-Bernier, Leslie McNamara, Stephanie Rose, and Chas Kipp (chair). Following the report the Vestry Candidates were introduced: Julius Diaz, Jim Goran, Bill Johnson, John Marsh, Tiffany M. Street, Linda Truxell, John Wakevainen, and Elizabeth Witten. Following the introduction of the nominees, nominations were invited from the floor and there were none. The appointed Registrars and Counters collected the ballots and retired to tabulate.

**VI. Report of the Treasurer** | Treasurer Pete Webster explained that the budget was reviewed at two previous Vestry meetings and was approved. The budget reflects alignment with the Strategic Vision adopted by the Vestry and is a balanced budget. Highlights include: a 2% expenditure reduction in most programming departments and increased General Operating fund investment income from placing "cash on hand" into U.S. Treasury Bills resulting in additional income. The budget was adopted by acclamation.

**VII. Report of the Wardens** | Chas Kipp, Senior Warden, thanked the clergy and congregants for allowing him to serve. Mark Peters, Junior Warden, acknowledged the great year that is outlined in the Annual Report. He stated Christ Church is on the cusp of new challenges and achievements.



**VII. Report of the Rector** | The Rev. Danaher thanked Chas Kipp for his dedicated service as Senior Warden and presented him with a Moretti print. A prayer, written by Bishop Ken Untener, was read in unison. Rev. Danaher invited everyone present who joined in the past year to come forward for a photo opportunity. He reviewed the feasibility study results and discussed the needs illustrated by the report. The upcoming capital campaign was presented for information and questions.

**IX. Long Standing Members and Volunteer Appreciation** | The Rev. Danaher recognized the following long-standing members and volunteers for their commitment and each was given a Christ Church Cranbrook Pewabic tile: Jill Bednas (children & youth), John & Michelle Bricker (children & youth), Paul Connell (retiring from A. J. Desmond & Sons), Kimberly Petersen (Flower Guild), and Dodie Smith (columbarium).

**X. Outgoing Vestry Member Appreciation** | The following outgoing Vestry members were each recognized and presented with a Christ Church Cranbrook Pewabic tile: Stephanie Rose, Kristen Goran, Mike Andrews, and Jim Clark

**XI. New Vestry Class Members** | With no additional ballots needed, the results of the first ballots were announced with the new Vestry members announced: Julius Diaz, Jim Goran, Tiffany Morris-Street, Linda Truxell and Elizabeth Witten.

**XII. Adjournment** | Following the final prayer the Annual Meeting was adjourned at 12:37 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephanie Caponigro, *Recording Secretary*



# RECTOR'S REPORT

*By The Rev. Dr. William J. Danaher, Jr.*

Giving all glory to God, and with gratitude for our remarkable clergy, staff, and lay leaders, I am delighted to say that 2019 has been one of the most significant years yet in the history of Christ Church Cranbrook.

## **Realizing Our Vision**

We began preparing for this year in 2017, when the Vestry approved a three-year strategic plan entitled, *From Our Founding to Our Future*. Its purpose was to channel the energy and growth into what we were experiencing as a congregation. A wide cross-section of leaders – clergy, staff, and parishioners – participated in the planning process. The vision we articulated was bold. The priorities we named were pressing. The goals and tactics we developed to hold us accountable were clear.

However, what is most surprising is that the plan was implemented! We have achieved nearly all of what we hoped to achieve one year ahead of schedule. What follows is a recap of what we, through God's help, have done.

**Vision:** Included in our plan was a reworking of our vision – that we would be a church where we meet Jesus, find Joy, share Beauty, and serve Others. In every way, this vision informed all we did, and it continues to inform our preaching, pastoral care, programs, and worship.

**Engagement:** At the forefront of our priorities was engagement – we wanted to create opportunities for our parishioners to come to church regularly, participate in meaningful ministries, and experience more of the spiritual blessings that come from being in Christian community.

In every respect, engagement has increased. Our attendance remains healthy – roughly 500 people attend services each weekend. More than 35,000 people participated in weekly programs at the church over the past year. We have incorporated new members quickly, giving them opportunities to serve and contribute immediately. Finally, we have offered new ministries that bring people together for fellowship, learning, service, and transformation have flourished.

All of these indicators reflect how we continue to thrive in spite of many longstanding and beloved members of our community have passed away. In contrast to many Episcopal Churches, we are becoming younger. That is to say, of our 1,658 members, only 200 are listed in our database as older than 75.

**Communications:** In terms of communications, much of our office work has become largely paperless, which allows us to plan events, schedule meetings, and meet the pastoral needs of our congregation more efficiently.

In 2019, we shifted to a new data management platform, REALM, which now provides us with a more accessible and precise member database. We rebuilt our website so that it is more user and visitor friendly. We reinforced our social media channels to strategically promote our events and sermons. We upgraded our sound system, which improves the quality of our worship, performances, and live-stream feed – each of which are drawing more and more participants and viewers.

**Development:** The most ambitious priority we set for ourselves in 2017 was to develop a campus plan that could accommodate our growing programmatic needs. We recognized that we needed to raise support that would enable us to expand our columbarium, which was running out of space, and replace the organ we had in St. Dunstan's, which had been inoperable for several years.

The largest need was to increase our multipurpose space and to add classrooms and meeting areas so that there was enough space for Little Lambs early childhood education center as well as our growing programs in children, youth, and adult education. After surveying and listening to the congregation,

we articulated a plan to renovate our program center, which has been largely unchanged since it was built in 1938.

Working with a consultant and architects, we embarked on a capital campaign with a goal of raising \$8 million. This money would provide us with not only the money needed to renovate the Program Center, but also to address issues in our Sanctuary concerning the organ, accessibility, and handicapped parking near the entrances to the church.

To our utter delight, we have been able to raise \$8.5 million in pledges and \$2.1 million in planned giving, which has allowed us to take the next step in our planned renovation. (*More about the most recent Capital Campaign and our next steps is provided at the end of this report*)

Taken together with two focused capital campaigns for the columbarium expansion (\$350k) and the St. Dunstan's organ (\$300k), we have been able to raise more than \$11.25 million to position our church for the future. This represents the largest capital campaign in the history of Christ Church Cranbrook. I am deeply grateful to everyone who supported the work of these capital campaigns by giving so much of their time, talent, and treasure.

### **Walking Faithfully**

As grateful as we all are for what God has empowered us to do, the nexus of priorities we named in our Strategic Plan of engagement, communications, and development will continue to challenge churches like ours for the foreseeable future, as patterns of believing and belonging change. However, we now have reached a vital pivot point.

Much of our work these past three years was motivated by the need to take advantage of new and unexpected growth. We were running to keep up with who God was calling us to be. However, now we are entering a phase when we need to transform the activities that have enabled our success into Spirit-led everyday practices.

Together, we will cultivate the relational and structural soil of our congregation by making

these three practices the primary planting we do, day in and day out.

### **My Personal Commitment in 2020**

Having worked for the past five years with urgency, I believe that God has called me to explore new terrain within myself as your Rector. As some of you know, I have spent the past year completing the Ignatian Exercises and getting some excellent counseling. I therefore feel called to lead in new ways.

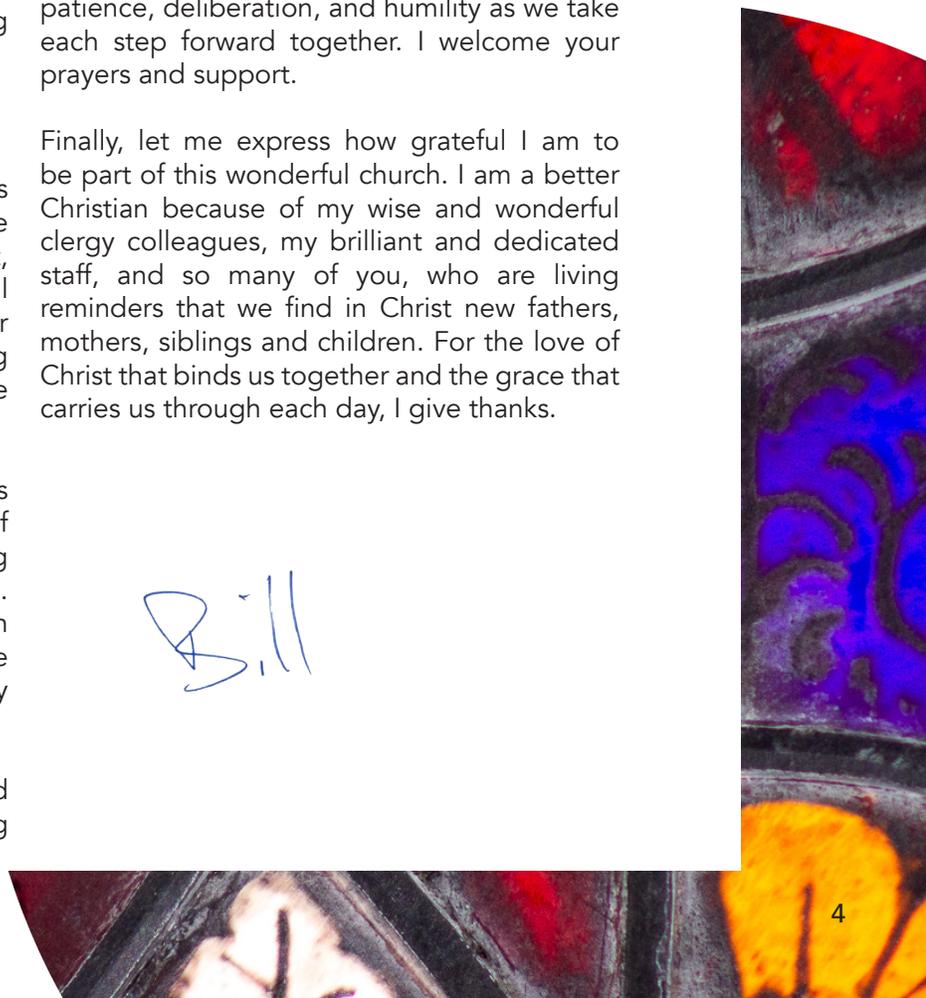
Acknowledging my unshakable need, and placing my whole trust in an unshakable God, in 2020 I resolve as your Rector to:

- Lean upon Love
- Let Grace Guide Me
- Accept the Blessing of Vulnerability
- Witness to the Beauty in Brokenness
- Honor Everyone as God's Beloved
- Lift up Lost Voices
- Walk with Gentleness

This means that God is calling me to lead this wonderful congregation with renewed patience, deliberation, and humility as we take each step forward together. I welcome your prayers and support.

Finally, let me express how grateful I am to be part of this wonderful church. I am a better Christian because of my wise and wonderful clergy colleagues, my brilliant and dedicated staff, and so many of you, who are living reminders that we find in Christ new fathers, mothers, siblings and children. For the love of Christ that binds us together and the grace that carries us through each day, I give thanks.

Bill





# ***FROM OUR FOUNDING TO OUR FUTURE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN***

In 2017, Christ Church Cranbrook embarked on a bold strategic planning process that shaped its ambitious vision to enhance and expand its campus so that it could better fulfill its mission of meeting Jesus, finding Joy, sharing Beauty, and serving Others. Over the course of two years, a series of meetings, listening sessions, and surveys were conducted in order to give everyone a voice in the process. Last winter, in 2019, after conducting a planning and feasibility study, the Vestry approved the decision to move forward with a campaign that will further Christ Church Cranbrook's mission as a church by:

- Improving the program center through increasing the multi-purpose space in order to build community and encourage engagement
- Increasing security, ensuring safety, and accessibility for all those who use the space, whether young or old
- Creating space so youth can have a dedicated room, making the children and youth ministry more effective and supportive
- Making Christ Church Cranbrook more welcoming
- Increasing capacity for life-transforming ministry

By every measure, this campaign has been a tremendous achievement. To date, we have raised more than \$8,424,439 from more than 321 gifts. Additionally, we raised \$2 million from an irrevocable gift received to support the campaign as well as \$100,000 in the form of a charitable remainder trust.

Please let me first thank Bobbi and Stephen Polk and Richard and Joanne Brodie for their incredible leadership in serving as honorary campaign chairs. I am also deeply grateful for all the volunteers who worked on the campaign, but in particular the campaign co-chairs – Mollie Proctor and Marc Robinson. We would not have reached our goal without the dedicated staff at Christ Church Cranbrook. Pastor Manisha and Fr. Chris provided guidance and advice throughout. Gina Morgan and Meredith Skowronski worked and will continue to work with Mollie and Marc to ensure pledges are redeemed and tracked.

## **Next Steps: Special Project Committee for Campus Renovation**

To begin our work on the campus renovation that our capital campaign has made possible, the vestry has appointed a Special Project Committee that brings together representation from all the committees and ministries that will play an integral role in the construction project.

Each of the members of the Special Project Committee is a dedicated, remarkable leader, and I am grateful for their willingness to serve. The chair of the Special Project Committee is Mark Peters, who is finishing his term as Senior Warden. The members (and their representative bodies) are:

Kate Bell (Director of Children's Ministry/Little Lambs)  
William Danaher (Rector)  
Julius Diaz (Vestry)  
Jim Goran (Finance)  
Kristen Goran (Archivist/Artworks)  
Kris Guccione (Parishioner)  
Steven Huprich (Vestry)  
Bill Johnson (Artworks)  
Sean Kenyon (Director of Facilities)

Gina Morgan (Director of Finance and Administration)  
Brian Neeper (Buildings and Grounds)  
Mark Peters (Chair)  
Mollie Proctor (Investments/Capital Campaign Continuation Co-chair)  
Marc Robinson (Capital Campaign Continuation Co-chair)  
Brian Sarver (Buildings and Grounds)

The members of the Special Project Committee are organized under the following subcommittees:

- Construction
- Interior Design and Fixtures
- Budgeting and Financing
- Communications
- Transitional Space

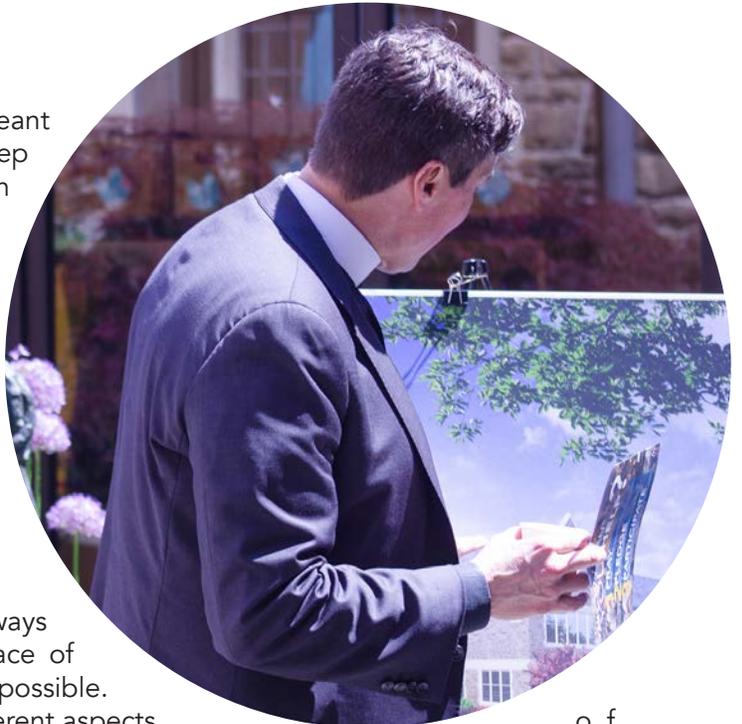
The work of the Special Project Committee is meant to be facilitative. The members are meant to keep in mind the larger picture of the campus expansion project as they work with their representative bodies and other parishioners with expertise on a given task.

It is also important to note that the work of the committee will be inclusive. Depending on the aspect of work that needs to happen, the Special Project Committee will invite other parishioners with relevant expertise to help accomplish a task so that the best minds at Christ Church Cranbrook help us achieve the best outcomes.

The Special Project Committee will work in ways that are entirely transparent. We will create space of dialogue and seek to listen to as many voices as possible. We will hold regular open meetings covering different aspects of the project to keep parishioners informed and provide opportunity for input. We will also share information through the Communicant and other publications and releases from our communications office.

Please rest assured that we have much to do before we are ready to break ground. There are contracts, reviews, and permits that must be obtained before the first shovel touches dirt. Most importantly, the final plans will have to be approved by the whole parish at a special meeting.

Again, let me thank all those who have served so faithfully to make the Capital Campaign the success that it was. Together, we completed the largest Capital Campaign in the history of Christ Church Cranbrook. Inspiring our work at every step has been the same Holy Spirit who worked through our founders. May God continue to bless us so that our wonderful church continues to be a blessing to us and others.



# WORSHIP

Why do we worship God? Each of us has our own reasons ("I want to thank God." "I want to start my week off right." "I need to be absolved of my sins each week." "Because my mom makes me." "I find peace in the midst of chaos." "I love to sing." "I want to be with my church family.") and each of us come of our own accord (unless your mother makes you!). But, together, something beautiful and profound happens: we join in the earthly and heavenly chorus praying to and praising God who has loved us from the beginning.

Worship at Christ Church Cranbrook aims for beauty, excellence, joy, authenticity, and elegance. We seek to be our whole selves, broken, vulnerable, and true, and to offer to God our best. Worship tears open the veil between what is seen and what is unseen, and turns the ordinary into the extraordinary. Worship restores us. Come, let us worship the Lord!



## ✠ Our 2019 Snapshot

70 people normally participate as part of the altar party (those who help lead our worship) during a regular Sunday 10 AM service, from ushers to acolytes, vergers to Altar Guild

2,131 people worshiped on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

46 people brought their pain and mourning to be comforted in our 2<sup>ND</sup> annual Light In Darkness: Healing and Hope at Christmas

36 families had funerals or memorial services at Christ Church Cranbrook

24 people were baptized into the Body of Christ

People prayed 260 times in Morning Prayer (8:30 AM M-F), and 52 times at Evensong (5 PM Sunday)



# ADULT FORMATION

At Christ Church Cranbrook, we strive to be the kind of vulnerable community that can sit with and even embrace the spiritual questions of our life and our world. We are not seeking to become experts in Christianity but rather to grow as disciples of Jesus. As disciples who are making disciples, we also know that have much to learn from each other. We have all been gifted with a unique combination of gifts, skills, personalities, and life experiences that equip and enable us to not only love and serve those in need, but to mentor, support, and inspire one another along the way. We are all on the journey, and sometimes our fellow pilgrims are best equipped to help us on our path.

This year, in addition to bringing in excellent speakers and preachers from the community and beyond, we created numerous opportunities to gather in small groups, where we could wrestle with the questions of faith in a safe, supportive environment of trust and authenticity, which make space for the Holy Spirit and the transformational encounters that can follow.

## Our 2019 Snapshot

- 5 adult formation series offered
- 23 small groups created
- 358 adult formation participants
- 42 Spiritual Autobiography participants
- 9 adults confirmed



# MISSION & OUTREACH

*Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, "Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land." Deuteronomy 15:11*

The Mission and Outreach of Christ Church Cranbrook aims at answering the cries of those calling out to God. We do so by partnering with local organizations making a difference in the area through their work with vulnerable populations. We endeavor to get as many people in our parish and the community involved in the work of healing the world. We also give away funds to these excellent organizations since we are in a position to support this work with our generosity.

We declared 2019 as the Year of Pontiac. Loving our neighbor means looking as close as next door to do the work God expects. In doing so, many of us were transformed by the resilience we encountered as we served the people in Pontiac. We are grateful for our Community Partners who work tirelessly to take care of those who are struggling with basic needs: Micah 6, Oakland County Jail, Bound Together, All Saints Episcopal Church in Pontiac, and Baldwin Center.

## ♥ Our 2019 Snapshot

150 people helped host Lighthouse's Emergency Shelter (formerly known as South Oakland Shelter)

148 people participated in our Servant Saturday events to serve others

44 people of different faiths worked shoulder-to-shoulder at our first MLK Interfaith Soup Kitchen event

\$20,532.50 given by clergy to people in crisis from our Parish Discretionary Fund

\$78,640 given to over 20 charities

\$14,152 worth of items donated through our Item of the Month Donation Program

420 received backpacks through Micah6 in Pontiac, First Institutional Baptist Church in Detroit, and Church of the Messiah in Detroit

45 people who pray each week for the people incarcerated at the Oakland County Jail on Telegraph Road just north of M-59



# MUSIC

*"Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world." –Martin Luther*

Luther considered music a treasure, and I would add that we also see the musicians themselves as treasures at Christ Church Cranbrook: the kindergartener in the St. Francis Choir whose voice proclaimed God Incarnate on Christmas Eve; the Cranbrook Chorister who learns that "Eucharist" is far more than a person who plays a Michigan card-game; the Staff Singer who chooses to be baptized; the adult volunteer singer who dedicates 6-20 hours a week to sing God's praises; the devoted handbell ringer who rallies also in support of our prison ministry, collecting hundreds of stamps for inmates; the tallest man in the congregation playing his flugelhorn with the CCC Philharmonic.

These people are treasures to us. Blessed are we!



## ♪ Our 2019 Snapshot

Maintained a multigenerational and diverse cadre of 7 ensembles to provide music for over 230 services

Planned a successful weeklong choral residency at Exeter Cathedral in England with 28 participants in which the Christ Church Choir served as daily cathedral choir

Completed planning and fundraising and signed a contract for a new pipe organ in St. Dunstan's Chapel (*to be installed in March of this year!*)

Produced a Sacred Concert, three Jazz Masses, and a Christmas Jazz Concert in "concert" with The Cranbrook Project supported by the Erb Foundation

Planned and participated in interfaith services for Thanksgiving and for peace and reconciliation following Easter Sunday attacks in Sri Lanka

Featured musicians from Michigan to Texas in high quality pre-Evensong recitals

Cranbrook Choristers produced a liturgical musical, *Just Like You and Me*

Choristers participated in the inaugural diocesan Chorister Festival at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Detroit

20 children participated in Choir and Theatre Camp, which culminated in a theatrical production and singing for Sunday worship

Interfaced with the Communications Department to install a state-of-the-art sound system in the church

Planned and produced community-building fundraisers at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Choir Cabaret

# CHILDREN & YOUTH

## *Nursery through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade*

Children's Ministry is growing like beautiful wildflowers! Each individual brings an awesome energy and joy to the community! Vacation Bible School (VBS) was a record success where we ROARed with God's love - we collected items to fill the pantry shelves at Lighthouse of Oakland County. Sunday School focuses on the montessori method of Godly Play and Connect where kids are able to explore faith with hands on discovery. We come together to worship, pray with movement, celebrate milestones, and play! God is working in a profound way and we are blessed with several new families participating.

Multi-generational and mixed age group activities help build and strengthen community and support baptismal vows. Thankful for all the love, care, and support. Most of all, giving thanks to God.



## ♥ Our 2019 Snapshot

32 individuals committed to be part of the Sunday School teaching community

101 kids between 4 years and 5th grade participated in VBS

80 volunteers (youth and adults) made VBS possible

2 dedicated youth set up Godly Play each week

9- 4<sup>th</sup> graders received their own Connect Bible

70 kids were present for kick off Sunday

15 teachers make Sunday School happen weekly

1<sup>st</sup> indoor Trunk or Treat happened with great success

500 lbs of materials were collected and donated with the Reverse Advent project to Lighthouse

24 baptisms in 2019



# TEENS

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade through High School

It's been an exciting and busy year for youth at CCC this year. We developed and plugged into many new faith formation events! From three new weekend retreats, to a week-long summer camp experience. We served hard and played hard all summer long. Youth led in an amazing way at Vacation Bible School and were a great help and a lot of fun at our multi-generational events such as our Trunk or Treat and Advent Family Fair, along with many others.

Making sure our youth develop a deeper relationship with God and that their faith is strengthened is the biggest mission we have. We have middle school Sunday school and a high school hang out each week, confirmation classes during the school year and to our joy all are growing in attendance. We have busted at the seams a few times in our classroom. We look forward to another year as we accompany youth to invest in their faith, and we thank you for all your prayers and support!!!



## Our 2019 Snapshot

10 teens confirmed

Abundance of teen leaders for VBS

25 teens to annual ski trip

3 teens went to the Dominican Mission Trip

25 teens went on Mission Possible, our weeklong community service project in Detroit

### Fun activities this year included:

Oakland County Fair, Defy Detroit, Whirly ball, Bingo with seniors, Zap zone, Cedarpoint, Ministry in the Woods, CHARGE, Scout Sunday, National Acolyte Festival, Waterpark, lunches, and lock-ins!



# PASTORAL CARE

Most of us do not expect to need pastoral care. We hope that we go through our lives self-sufficient, never weak or sick, never in trouble or frail, and that we live robustly until the moment we die. Yet, as fragile human beings, we discover there are times in our lives when we need the care of others. The Pastoral Care Ministries consist of the following groups: Prayer Shawl, Prayer Cards, Lay Visitors, Healing Prayer Ministers, Eucharistic Visitors, Parish Health Ministry, Understanding Your Grief, and Funeral Care. Each ministry aims to care for the whole person through visits, attentive listening, words of comfort and companionship. Sometimes we pray, and sometimes we anoint with oil. At all times, pastoral care aims to remind each one we are loved by God, no matter our circumstance.



## ✠ Our 2019 Snapshot

200 prayer cards written and prayed over, with the purpose of lifting up parishioners

418 visits made by Lay Visitors or Eucharistic Visitors to people at their homes, hospitals or other care facilities

Over 200 people attended a Mind Body Spirit presentation (usually third Sundays at 11.45am)

Eleven people who walked together through the difficulties of grief in the Understanding Your Grief sessions

Over 20 people made the 64 prayer shawls we gave away this year (each shawl takes over 25 hours to knit)

Over 120 people received healing prayers from our Healing Prayer Ministers



# MEMBERSHIP & ENGAGEMENT

The Hospitality committee provided refreshments to more than 120 parish events and meetings this past year. We are blessed to have such a dedicated and generous team of volunteers that are so giving of their time and talents. They promote gracious hospitality to our parishioners, visitors and guests every week. In December, we had an unprecedented number of women attend Advent by Candlelight: over 470 women and their guests filled the great halls, classrooms, chapel and church sanctuary for a warm and welcoming evening of peace, joy, hope, and love.

Our Greeters, Docents, and our Welcome Team are doing a fabulous job of making people feel welcome to the church. We recently added a second Welcome Table to the entrance of the church to catch people on their way out. The new Wednesday evening adult education class Spiritual Autobiography drew in 42 parishioners to this small group series. To help those within our congregation in their time of need, 17 homemade meals were made and delivered through the Meals Ministry.



## Our 2019 Snapshot

471 women attended Advent By Candlelight this year and donated 7614 diapers, 171 packages of baby wipes, and 23 cans of formula to Crossroads of Michigan

36 families Supported during Funerals

459 visitors greeted at the Reception Desk

141 participants in the Breaking Bread Together small group dinners

77 newcomers – Prospective New Members

41 new members

14 new Breaking Bread Small Group Dinners

16 weekly participants to the new member orientation Christ Church 101 this Fall

100+ volunteers are highly engaged in Hospitality, Meals Ministry, Welcome, Greeters, and Docent ministries

500 tours of our magnificent church were given by our 10 Docents this past year



# THE CRANBROOK PROJECT

Generously funded by the Fred A. and Barbara M. Erb Family Foundation, the mission of the Cranbrook Project in Music, Arts and Education is to close the distance between cities and suburbs in Metro Detroit. In 2019 the focus of our work was on developing the critical meetings and collaborations that come through our programming in Jazz.

## Our 2019 Snapshot

### MLK Sunday (January 20)

Led by graduate students working with Rodney Whitaker, director of Jazz Studies and artistic director for the Professors of Jazz at Michigan State University, we held a special Jazz Eucharist at 10 AM to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Our preacher was The Rev. Charles Christian Adams, Pastor of Hartford Memorial Baptist Church.

### Sacred Jazz (March 7)

With Rodney Whitaker, we included Chi Amen-Ra, a Detroit-based percussionist and leader of an African drumming and dance group, to offer an updated version of Duke Ellington's Sacred Concerts, originally performed from 1965-1973. We retold the history of music – from its earliest manifestations as indigenous drumming to choirs and jazz instrumentals. However, instead of presenting this history as a progression in which the music of the past is displaced, we brought all three into the present so that we can imagine a new future together.

### Jazz Pentecost (June 9)

Led by Rodney Whitaker, we again did a special Jazz Eucharist at 10 AM to celebrate the feast of Pentecost. The improvisation of the Jazz performed at this service reinforces the improvisational work of the Holy Spirit in our church and through our lives.

### Cranbrook Christmas Jazz (December 20)

Led by Rodney Whitaker and arranged by Duncan McMillon, we gathered four of Detroit's most outstanding Jazz soloists -- Rockelle Whitaker-Fortin, Kimmie Horne, Shahida Nurrulah, Naima Shamborguer and Ramona Collins. Our theme, *Joy is a Birthright*, reminded us that nothing can rob us of the God-given birthright each of us has to joy – a promise we can forget as we struggle with life's stresses and cares, particularly during the holidays.



# INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED PASTORAL STUDIES

Thriving pastors not only bring people in, they send people out. They work with other Christian leaders to lead positive social change in their community. They build networks of clergy who can challenge, comfort and provide them with collegial support. In Metro Detroit, these leadership challenges are intensified. Christian pastors must also develop the knowledge, experience, and skills to work collaboratively in a changing and diverse religious and civic landscape.

In early 2019 Christ Church Cranbrook received a five-year grant from the Lilly Foundation to re-establish the Institute for Advanced Pastoral Studies with its partner congregation, Hartford Memorial Baptist Church, located in Detroit. The program provides a platform for positive social change in Detroit. While administered by Christ Church Cranbrook, learning sites are located in local congregations and allied organizations throughout the Metro Detroit area. The Institute includes three major programming opportunities that reoccur on an annual basis: a daylong conference, summer program, and learning and support groups.

## Our 2019 Snapshot

The 2019 Annual Daylong Conference attracted over 120 pastors from Metro Detroit and the surrounding suburbs.

The 2019 programming included participants from the following congregations and organizations: First Baptist Institutional Church, Hartford Memorial Baptist Church, Christ Church Detroit, Spirit of Hope, Greater Southern Missionary Baptist Church, Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, City of Detroit Board of Ethics, The Church at Crossroads - Episcopal, Detroit, MI, Russell Street Missionary Baptist Church, Second Baptist Church, Milan Free Methodists, Saint James Episcopal Church, Christ Church Grosse Pointe, New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Plymouth United Church of Christ, Christ Church Episcopal, Christ Church Cranbrook, and the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta.



# TREASURER'S REPORT

*Peter Webster*

This report reviews the 2019 General Operating Budget results and summarizes the 2020 Operating Budget.

## **2019 Review**

The 2019 General Operating Budget as adopted by the Vestry had a balanced budget with a planned allocation of unpledged contributions to the General Operating Budget from General Reserve. The parish ended the year with a deficit of \$57,856. This deficit was covered by prior years accumulated earnings (equity).

While overall pledges, gifts, and other revenue were up in 2019 as compared to 2018, they were below the 2019 budgeted amounts (\$43,146 under budget for pledges). This total under budget contribution revenue (\$173,064) is the main reason for the deficit. The congregation needs to be encouraged to continue its faithful pledging to support the day-to-day operations of the Church.

The expenditures (or costs) of the church came in \$67,318 under budget.

We benefitted from a full year of an innovative and conservative laddered investment strategy of cash on hand in the General Reserve, generating over \$56,000 in new revenue in 2019. The Church continues to experience increased maintenance and utility costs due to the age of the physical plant and rising commodity costs. The Church has moderated its additional security to appropriately meet our security needs. The auditors declared a "Clean" opinion at the completion of our 2018 audit, reflecting that the Church is in sound financial shape.

## **Proposed 2020 Budget**

Looking ahead to the proposed 2020 Operating Budget, it is important to note the following:

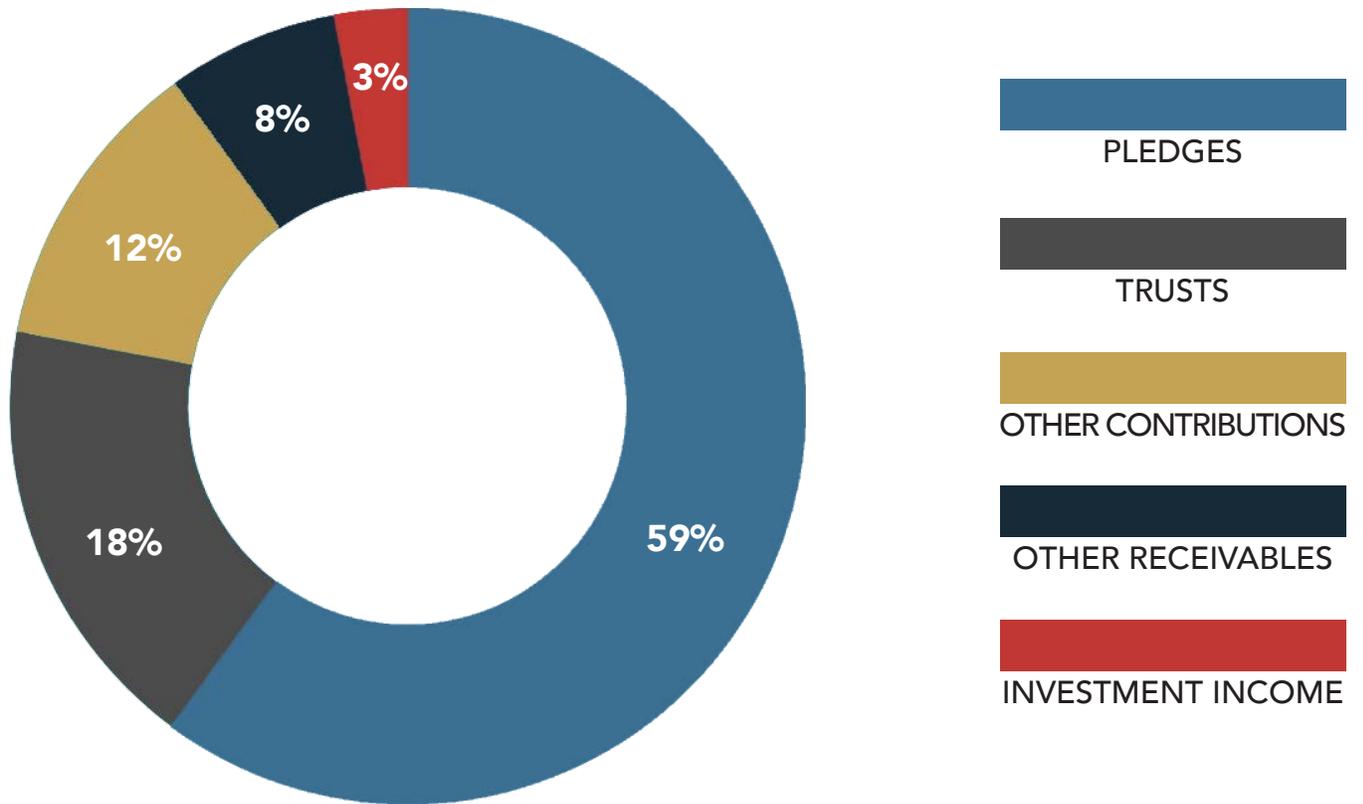
1. The General Operating Budget does not reflect a full clergy compliment, but does include additional funds for guest preachers and a pastoral care assistant. These are thoughtful adjustments to continue to meet the congregation's needs while trying to control the costs of salary and benefits of a full clergy compliment.
2. The 2020 Budget has some line item realignment which makes "apples to apples" comparison difficult in those accounts.
3. The 2020 Budget reflects alignment and accountability with the Strategic Vision adopted by the Vestry.
4. The 2020 Budget is a balanced budget. It reflects no projected increase in additional pledge amounts, which is reasonable given that we have concluded the capital campaign.

As in 2019, the Finance Committee will meet to review the 2020 Budget and make recommendations to the Vestry in March /April 2020. The Finance Committee welcomes any input or questions you might have.

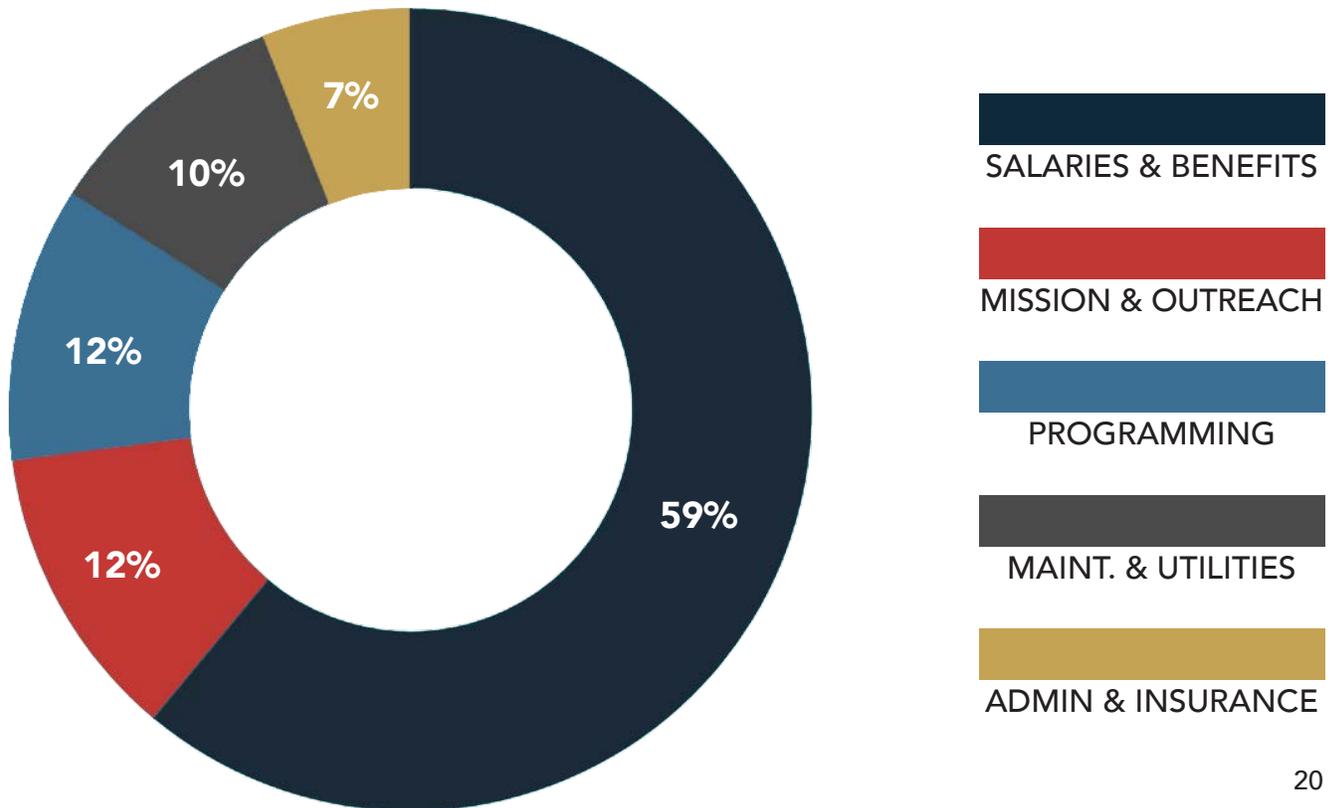
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# 2020 BUDGET

REVENUES: \$2,441,481



EXPENSES: \$2,441,481









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