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Mission

Christ Church embodies God's unbounded love by embracing, liberating, and empowering people, whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith.

Vision

Christ Church embodies God's unbounded love by nurturing people of all ages in their spiritual journey through:

Worship, Christian education, spiritual inspiration, guidance for incorporating God's principles into daily life, and openness to established and new insights into God's teachings.

A warm, inviting, embracing congregation, clergy, and staff, dedicated to serving God and each other.

An inclusive and diverse congregation that offers Christ's welcome to all, regardless of age, race, or sexual orientation.

A generous, compassionate, and proactive parish, working together through outreach and mission.

Clergy

The Rev. Dr. Noelle York-Simmons, Rector
The Rev. Lauren Banks, Associate Rector

2021–2022 Vestry

Carol Donlan, Senior Warden
Brett Levanto, Junior Warden
Anne Ramsey, Clerk
Jilinda Crowley, Treasurer

Class of 2022: Marilyn Bromley, Bob Cady, Carol Donlan, Mary Dixon Hutcheson
Class of 2023: Betsy Hahn, Brett Levanto, Liz Nelson, Anne Ramsey
Class of 2024: Sean Dalton, John Grey, Elizabeth Trigg, Libby Witt

Staff

Jason Abel, Director of Music
Michelle Baize, Worship Support & Rector's Assistant
Meredith Bracco, Director of Communications
Glen Curry, Facilities Assistant
Liz Denson, Assistant to Outreach & Mission
Rebekah Givens, Interim for Youth Ministries
Melanie Gray, Director of Outreach & Mission
Stephanie Woodland Kelly, Controller
Pouyan Meghdadian, Director of Facilities
Arthur Miller, Facilities Assistant
Anne Richardson, Director of Development
Ariel Rudy, Director of Children's Ministries
Peter Young, Facilities Assistant

2021 Christ Church Foundation

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Brian Wommack, President
John Weaver, Vice President
Donald Hilty, Treasurer
Carla Rosati, Secretary
William Baker
Emily Bryan
Tillman Finley
Dorothy Friedlander
Christopher McMurray

Interns

Audrey Butler, Online Worship
Meredith Gallagher, Outreach & Mission
Rebecca Kulchar, Outreach & Mission
Theodore Somes, Seminarian
Rector’s Report

The past year saw a continuation of this journey of celebrating our traditions and maintaining our relationships in new and different ways. We Zoomed together on Ash Wednesday, celebrated the resurrection of our Savior in glorious Easter services in our churchyard, hosted a spirit-filled first service back in the historic church on Pentecost, and heard the new sound of our Bromley Organ on Christmas Eve.

We welcomed 28 new members to the Christian life through baptism, and rejoiced as Bishop Porter Taylor confirmed or received 17 new members to the Episcopal Church in June. Whether you worshiped with us online, outdoors, or in a pew, marking the seasons of the church together had a special resonance last year.

The return of Welcome Sunday in September was a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with each other and with our campus. Welcome Sunday kicked off a fall where we continued the work of Our Calling, Our Campus that began in May, reflecting on our history, our properties, our space needs, and our future. Guided by your thoughtful input and by prayer, the Vestry voted unanimously in November to pursue a ground lease of the property we know as Fowler House. In 2022, the Fowler House Committee will re-engage with developers in the hope of receiving proposals for the future of that property that can be presented to the Vestry.

Last year also saw the delivery, installation, and voicing of our long-awaited new organ from Harrison & Harrison. This beautiful instrument made its debut on Christmas Eve, and what a debut it was: more than 850 people joined us for services that day either in person or online. For the next several decades, at least, we will be lifting our voices in praise to God accompanied by the gorgeous sounds of the Bromley Organ.

This annual report provides a summary of the incredible impact of our ministries in 2021. Our adult faith formation programs brought together friends old and new to be renewed in the spirit. Our children returned to our campus to be formed in faith through Sunday School and Children’s Chapel. The members of our choirs and handbell ensemble led our parish in musical expressions of God’s glory. Our outreach ministries connected with hundreds of Alexandrians, providing a kind and listening ear, emergency financial and food assistance, access to resources, and client advocacy. Our mission relationships were strengthened by ongoing virtual connections. I hope your participation in these ministries has lifted you up and supported you, comforted you in times of need, and enabled you to offer the love of Christ to others.

The Rev. Dr. Noelle York-Simmons, Rector

Christ Church 2021 Highlights

- 484 Worship Services in the Church, in the Churchyard, or Online
- 336 Average Sunday Attendance Online & In-Person
- 28 Baptisms
- 17 Confirmations & Receptions
- 1,264 Lazarus counselor dialogues with people in need
- 274 Hot dogs consumed on Welcome Sunday
- 463 Grocery deliveries from our food pantry
Senior Warden’s Report

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"
Isaiah 6:8 (NRSV)

Remember looking forward to 2021, and how the pandemic would be well behind us? It didn’t quite work out that way. Yet this church did not stumble. As a matter of fact, we have had some of the best news in years. Of course, the Bromley Organ was here for Christmas. Alleluia! The church ended with a financial surplus that lets us start 2022 in strong financial shape. The future of Fowler House is moving forward.

Noelle, Lauren, and the whole staff were simply outstanding, dealing with a constantly changing environment for worship and other events based on Covid numbers and weather. Can we have services in the church? In the churchyard? Everything online? Where will the children meet? What about the Christmas Pageant? Plans were made and changed on the fly. Chancel Chapter improvised on the patio, from setting up little paper cups with Communion wafers to dealing with flying wax when the wind picked up. And the choir? They have never sounded better. A bell choir bloomed—enticing people into the churchyard to listen to practices.

When we finally got into the church at Pentecost, it was reservations required and social distancing inside the church by “pods.” That made for considerable work for our ushers and greeters, who handed out masks and checked on reservations. Docents couldn’t give tours in the church, so they developed outside tours. Without in-person services, a dedicated cadre of parishioners continued daily online Morning Prayer and weekly Compline.

How did it all stay together? People kept stepping up. Because this is a church of Welcome, Care, and “YES. Send Me.” I Will Help. I Will Contribute. I Will Pledge. And so, the Christ Child Ministry exceeded its financial goal, meaning more families in need could be part of this ministry. When Pouyan went on family leave after the birth of his daughter, volunteers from the Properties Committee did daily inspections of all the church buildings. Mission arranged for funds in less than a day to keep a Mengo Clinic open. Outreach delivered food and funds to Lazarus clients and stepped up to settle Afghan refugees when government resources were short. When Meals on Wheels returned and not all the usual volunteers felt comfortable coming back, new volunteers stepped up. And the list goes on.

So as we enter 2022, when Ariel or formation leaders ask for new teachers, say “Yes. Send Me.” When Abas asks for more ushers, say “Yes. Send Me.” When Cindi and the Chancel Chapter ask for help, say “Yes. Send Me.” When groceries need to be delivered or care teams are needed for our Refugee families, say “Yes. Send Me.”

This is who we are and this is how we turned what could have been a very bleak year into a very good one. This is how we will continue to build God’s kingdom in 2022. Thank you, Christ Church.

Carol Donlan,
Senior Warden
Major Projects Completed in 2021

Church lighting: Replaced recessed lights and installed a new system that controls lights via an app
Parish Hall sump pump: Enlarged pump hole and installed a more powerful pump to better drain stormwater during hard rainstorms
Church balcony floor: Removed old carpeting from balcony floor; re-stained the hardwoods
Parish Hall first floors staff kitchen: Purchased and installed new cabinets and countertops
Church fire system: Replaced old water motor gang with an electric bell to reduce maintenance costs. This project required coordination with the fire department, monitoring company, and alarm company and there was a long process for the permit approval
Church audio system: Purchased four new microphones and a digital wireless receiver; installed all new network cabling
Wilkes Street Cemetery: Repainted all fence rails

Selected Projects Planned for 2022

Memorial Parish Hall roof: The roof of the building closest to Washington St is well beyond its expected life and there are continuing, serious leaks. We secured three bids and the selected company will replace the roof in February 2022 at an estimated cost of $230k
Church steeple: In the first part of this expected multi-year project we are engaging a firm to study the wear on the steeple, determine needed repairs, and provide cost estimates
Churchyard lighting: We will install a new lighting system in the churchyard that will provide better illumination
In 2021, the Christ Church Foundation, thanks to the sustained generosity and support of our parish family and friends, continued our work to preserve the church, buildings and grounds for ministry today and for generations to come.

The Foundation’s investment strategy balances distributions with earnings over a three-year rolling average, ensuring that the assets will provide funds for the future. The majority of the Foundation funds are managed in consultation with Sullivan, Bruyette, Speros & Blayney (SBSB) investment advisors, in accordance with the investment policy established and annually evaluated by the trustees. The trustees also oversee the independently-managed William Smith Trust. In addition, SBSB manages the Tri-Centennial Trust, a fund maturing in 2076; and the grant from the Daniel E. Offutt, III Charitable Trust for the Ross building property.

In 2021, the Foundation made distributions to the church totaling $208,000: representing 4% of the rolling average of the fund assets over the last three years, distributed quarterly for the continuing care of the church, buildings and grounds, as determined by the Properties Committee.

In recognition of the church’s upcoming 250th anniversary, the Rector has asked the Foundation to work to secure 100 realized planned gifts and gift commitments by the end of 2023. To date, the Foundation has been notified of 90 such gifts and commitments. The trustees are grateful to all who have made known their intent to include a lasting gift to the church through their estate. We also thank all who made current and memorial gifts to the Foundation during 2021. I invite you to join with the Foundation in preserving Christ Church’s physical campus and our direct impact on the Alexandria community. Supporting the Foundation can be done simply through your financial institution and does not require one to adjust a will. For further information on how you can help, please contact, in confidence, foundation@ccalex.org.

Since its founding, the Christ Church Foundation has embodied the continuing legacy of the faith and support of our parish family. We enjoy this church because of the generosity of those who came before us, and we are privileged to be able to give to those who will follow.

Tillman Finley, 
Incoming President 
Christ Church Alexandria Foundation

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### Value of Christ Church Alexandria, Virginia Foundation Assets (in ’000’s)

**As of December 31, 2021**

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We enter 2022 in a stronger financial position than last year. Thanks to continued belt tightening and the generosity of this parish, we finished 2021 with nearly $234k of revenue that exceeded our expenses, allowing us to replenish our cash and reserve funds and ensure that Christ Church is better positioned to weather unexpected bumps that come our way. Revenue in 2021 was $2.2m, including $1.58m in pledges & offerings and $406k in rental income from Ross for the Fowler House. Our expenses in 2021 were $2m, including $775k for worship & program, $525k to care for our buildings and campus, and $435k for mission & outreach. The generosity of the parish in our pledges and offerings allows us to do this important work.

Cash: The parish finished the year with cash & equivalents of $1m, including $403k in our checking and $422k in our stock donation account.

Investments: Our longer term securities were $883k, including $166k in the reserve fund, $309k in the clergy housing fund, and $408k in the Offutt Fund for mission & outreach.

For 2022, we have budgeted for $2.1m in revenue and $2.2m in expenses with a projected deficit of $61k. Cautious budgeting, fiscal prudence and continued generosity have typically allowed us to eliminate small deficits throughout the year, as was the case in 2021. We continue to pray for the health & fiscal strength of this parish, particularly as we approach decisions about the Fowler House, which today provides about 20% of our annual income from the lease of the Ross retail space.

Jilinda Crowley, Treasurer

### OPERATING RESULTS VS BUDGET

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<td>Operating Revenues</td>
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<td>$1,998,866</td>
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| Net Operating Results | $233,674     | -$124,614    |

* Christ Church received a loan of $217,579 via the Paycheck Protection Program in 2020. Christ Church applied for and received loan forgiveness in 2021. One-time revenue from this loan is recognized in 2021.
Stewardship & Pledge Campaign Report

The Stewardship Committee enjoyed furthering our relationships with you over 2021, making check-in calls to you early in the year, filling your Lent bags with goodies for Shrove Tuesday, writing postcards over the summer, and planning Welcome Sunday, which we were delighted to host again after taking a pause in 2020. So many people turned out on September 12, with nearly 300 people at our morning worship services. Plenty of fun was had in the churchyard on a beautiful early fall day as we reconnected over hot dogs. It was truly wonderful to see everyone again.

In the fall we turned our attention to the 2022 pledge campaign. This year, we invited you to make a pledge in gratitude for all God has given and especially for your relationship with this community. If you had made a pledge in the past, we invited you to consider an increase of at least 10% in your pledge to sustain our mission and ministry. The response to the campaign is a testament to the generosity of this parish, with the average pledge increasing by 14%. We are grateful to everyone who has made a pledge for 2022. While your pledge certainly affects and sustains Christ Church as an organization, the most profound and positive effect your pledge has is on YOU as a practicing member of our shared Christian faith. When we make the decision to pledge, we give ourselves the opportunity to grow and deepen our faith by doing our best to live out the way and teachings of Jesus.

If you haven’t yet made your pledge, you can do so by visiting bit.ly/CCPledgeForm to communicate your intent to financially support our parish in 2022.

Looking ahead, we are energized by a focus on connecting with and growing our parish family as we seek to embody the very life and practice of Jesus in the world. We are charged with doing the work that God has called us to do, which means seeing the face of Christ in each other. We firmly believe that “church” happens not only on Sunday, where we come to celebrate, rejuvenate, and give thanks, but also in our encounters every day of the week. In building and nourishing these relationships, we ensure that we sustain the life-giving work of our parish.

Chris Zavrel, Stewardship Committee Chair
Anne Richardson, Director of Development

![Change in Pledges 2022 Campaign vs 2021 Campaign](chart.png)

Your Generosity Combines to Fund Our Mission and Ministry in 2022

| 74 Pledges of $11-$360 | 108 Pledges of $1,000-$2,400 | 74 Pledges of $2,500-$4,800 | 54 Pledges of $5,000-$9,200 | 40 Pledges of $10,000+ | $1.4M |
We are grateful to all those who have pledged their financial support to Christ Church for 2022:

Jason Abel  
Abas & Eileen Adenan  
Kathy Albetski  
Carrie Ann Alford  
Virginia Amos & Michael Bergin  
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Chas & Kelly Andreae  
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Virginia Antevil  
Bear & Barbara Ard  
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Paige Foley  
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Mary Ellen Freelsland  
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Adult Faith Formation

Throughout the past year, and despite COVID-restrictions, the adult formation program has continued to flourish at Christ Church. Two Sacred Ground circles met in Spring of 2021, our Covenant Classes have enjoyed two different cohorts this year, welcoming ___ people into the Episcopal Church and Christ Church through membership and confirmation. During Lent we held a book study on *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Henri Nouwen, which considers the Biblical story as well as the painting by Rembrandt. Our forum hour classes began again in Easter with a Bible Study on the Resurrection stories followed by a study on the Book of Acts. This Fall we explored the following topics during the adult forums: The Book of Common Prayer and Its History and Future; Trauma and Christian Hope; and The Thrill of Hope: An Advent series. Thanks to the dedication of various parishioners, we also continue to offer enriching Bible studies throughout the week. As a result of our ongoing work in racial reckoning, we have established a Housing Workgroup that meets monthly to examine housing issues and racial disparities in the city of Alexandria and in the commonwealth of Virginia. This nascent group is examining ways the Christ Church community can educate and promote decent housing for all God’s people. The Diocese of Virginia is now hosting continual Sacred Ground circles and we encourage parishioners to take part in that opportunity.

In an effort to grow into our formation of a faith community during COVID, we held two summer cookouts in the churchyard with games, outreach opportunities, and fellowship and worship.

In conjunction with the Daughters of the King, we offered an Advent retreat via Zoom which asked us to contemplate holy waiting and have been offering parishioners the opportunity to walk the Labyrinth in the auditorium once a month as a prayer practice.

The Rev. Lauren Banks, Associate Rector

Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Care team continues to pray for and aim to serve the needs of this congregation. A dedicated team of laypersons meet regularly to develop their pastoral care skills and then stay in contact with, and pray for, people who are sick, dying, or experiencing a tough season of life. As part of this ministry, weekly volunteers deliver flowers from the altar to those experiencing a celebration or sorrow. We also have dedicated Lay Eucharistic Ministers who take Holy Communion to those who cannot leave their homes. We held two luncheons at Goodwin House Alexandria for Christ Church parishioners who now reside at Goodwin House. These luncheons are a time of fellowship and discussing the ongoing life of Christ Church. To celebrate births within our community, volunteers place bows with name cards on the Church doors and the knitting group supplies handmade blankets that clergy deliver to newborns. We continue to discern the ways this committee and clergy can more deeply serve you and hope to spread the love of God to all who need it in times of need.
This program year has seen the return of many things we love most about children's ministries at Christ Church: Sunday School, in person Children's Chapel, and tiny people racing around the churchyard regardless of the weather. Sunday School resumed in September of 2021 after a little over a year of not being able to meet. Classes took place outside and met every other week for the fall (half of the classes one week, the other half the next), and moved indoors in December of 2021 once the vaccine became available for children five and up. Sunday School registrations tallied at around 65 children, slightly lower than 2019-2020’s registration numbers. Attendance has been inconsistent and has fluctuated between as few as 20 children one Sunday and as many 40 the next. This number does not include infants and toddlers (We’ve baptized almost 40 of them since 2020!), many of whom are staying home until they are vaccinated. Attendance will likely even out this spring with more predictable scheduling and more comfortable lodgings. It is important to note that children who are not able to join in person programs due to vaccination status or chronic illness are still a beloved part of our community that we work to maintain contact with through digital offerings like home devotionals and Zoom Children's Chapel. Children's worship continues to be one of the backbones of children's ministries, in addition to formation in the classroom. Children have worshipped on Zoom from the car, the backyard, the kitchen table, and grandma's house. They have worshipped in person at children's services in the church, in the churchyard, and in the chapel. They have been present at weekly Sunday services, family services for holy days like Ash Wednesday, Easter, and Christmas, and even funerals. Wherever Christ Church's kids find themselves, that becomes a place where God is worshipped and glorified. Beyond ensuring that children grasp the foundational Bible stories and traditions of our faith, one of the goals of children's ministries
at Christ Church is to demonstrate that children belong at church and their whole selves are welcome at God’s table, just as they are. We have worked to make this evident in all aspects of church life beyond weekly children’s formation and worship. Children have been encouraged to participate in services as readers and intercessors, they have created Lent and Advent reflections, we make room for difficult questions wherever they might arise, and children are a visible presence at just about anything Christ Church does, save for vestry meetings and financial discussions. It is worth noting that at this stage of the public health crisis we find ourselves in, parents are asked to do more than ever with less time, fewer resources, and an ever-changing playbook. Behind each child that we see at church on Sunday is at least one exhausted adult who has just performed a miracle.

Ariel Rudy, Director of Children’s Ministries

Youth Ministries

Thanks to the dedication and resilience of our youth as well as the commitment of parent volunteers and staff, youth programming continues despite persistent pandemic and other challenges. Although we still excitedly await the arrival of Robbie as a full-time youth minister, we do continue to get together for times of learning and fellowship including riveting discussion series’ based on Marvel shows, churchyard bonfires, and even a ski trip! Thank you to Holly Levanto and Elizabeth Trigg for leading youth ministries in the absence of a staff role and aiding in the transition into Fall 2021. We also appreciate our Sunday school teachers Jessica Hughes, Tillman Finley, Darrin Hostetler and Kelley Brooke Hostetler who have remained committed to leading class during the pandemic. Confirmation class (for 8th and 9th graders this year) and Sunday school for grades 6 & 7 started back up in Fall 2021. And we are looking forward to having our This I Believe Dinner in person as we have in years past! High school age youth continue to be active in other youth and church events.

We began the Fall with a bonfire compline in the churchyard where many s’mores were consumed. And thanks to cooperative weather, we were able to explore the vast ice cream options in Old Town after church on a nice fall Sunday as well as enjoy a Ghost Tour around Ivy Hill Cemetery for Halloween. We have had several service and learning opportunities as well including laying flags at the grave sites of veterans in honor of Veteran’s Day at Ivy Hill and working with Jason to help plan music for Advent! The 2021 year ended with a grand Christmas party where the youth played games, made crafts, and worked on team building and creative-solution-making by trying to put together a gingerbread house! It was the most interesting gingerbread house I have ever seen!

Praise be to God for our youth and our community. None of this would have been possible if it were not for the amazing community that is Christ Church. And, although my time at Christ Church is finite, I look forward to continuing in fellowship with them until my departure.

Rebekah Givens, Interim Youth Minister
Music

After a long hiatus due to Covid, the Christ Church Choir was able to regather in-person in August. Rehearsals were shortened, moved to a new temporary location, and vaccinations and masks required. While these conditions are less than ideal, I’m extremely grateful to our wonderful choir members who have continued to work hard in learning music to help enrich our liturgies.

The biggest news, of course, was the arrival of our new organ in mid-November. The organ was completed just in time for Christmas. Deep appreciation is extended to David & Janet Beckmann for offering their home to keep the Harrison & Harrison workers in for a month. I’m equally thankful for the many parishioners who offered meals to the organ installers.

The organ has far exceeded my hopes and expectations. The sound of the new instrument is matched by the beauty of its appearance. It will still take a little while for the organ to “settle” in our space. Variations in humidity and temperature impact the instrument, so it will likely need a full year before we are finally able to get everything adjusted so that we do not have any issues in the future. Nevertheless, exciting times lie ahead for us musically!

We have a busy spring season of special services which I encourage you to attend. I hope that Covid will continue to decrease so that our youngest choristers can once again safely assemble for rehearsals and services. They are the last “missing” part of our music program – and it is a huge hole! But, I hope that many of our choristers will return in the fall along with a large crop of new singers who have hit the four-year old age mark!

M. Jason Abel, 
Director of Music
The community of Christ Church is a safe and welcoming place for those in need in our community, regardless of race, color, national or ethnic origin, age, religion, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or veteran status. Parishioners give generously of their time, skills, prayers, and financial resources to our outreach efforts in Alexandria.

The year 2021 continued to be a challenging one for residents of the City of Alexandria. Our 12 outreach ministries were redesigned in 2020 with health and safety protocols in mind in order to serve the community during this time of crisis, and these continued in 2021. We are a successful safety net because of the relationships we have established with other communities of faith, nonprofit partners, and the city government.

Each ministry requires collaboration, commitment, trust, and, most of all, faith. Our work together over the past two years shows that with God, all things are possible. Our resilience in the face of humanitarian crises has kept many people housed, fed, and safe. I, too, am continually blessed and fed by the Christ Church community.

ALIVE! Partnership. For many years on two Saturdays per year, Christ Church parishioners picked up and delivered donated furniture to people in our community who otherwise, in many cases, had none. The Furniture Ministry remains on hiatus due to the pandemic, but in 2021 the Housewares Ministry, a wonderful source for much needed household items for families, reopened. Thank you to Matt Zahn for being our ALIVE! liaison.

Bag Lunch. Rotating with other churches in Alexandria, Christ Church parishioners prepare and serve lunches at Meade Memorial Church for 45-55 hungry people each day. In addition to freshly prepared sandwiches, cookies, and fruit, soup is served during winter months. We have also expanded our offerings to include hot lunch items, such as hamburgers. In 2021, volunteers prepared and served meals for 54 days. With an average of 26 lunches made each day we serve, we provided 1,404 bag lunches in 2021.

Thank you to Andrea McNicholas for leading...
this ministry for so many years and to Julie Zahn for serving as the interim ministry leader.

Carpenter's Shelter Meals and Desk Coverage.
Carpenter's Shelter is one of two shelters in the City of Alexandria that provides services to individuals and families. Due to the pandemic, our assistance at the desk continues to be on hiatus. Christ Church volunteers do cook and serve dinners on site every other week, with pandemic protocols in place. In 2021, we served approximately 25 dinners to a total of 625 residents. Thank you to Barbara Boehm and Sam Brathwaite for leading these ministries.

Christ Child Ministry.
The revamped Christ Child Ministry was a huge success in 2021. Thanks to your generosity and our partner churches, we raised over $38,000! These funds meant 239 children from 98 families involved in the Boys & Girls Club of Alexandria, our Lazarus Ministry, or our Refugee Ministry were provided gift cards to purchase gifts for their children, a fleece blanket, a filled stocking, and grocery gift cards. Alfred Street Baptist Church, Fairlington United Methodist Church, Immanuel Church on the Hill, Rock Spring United Church of Christ, and parents & staff of the Boys & Girls Club of Alexandria bought the blankets, stocking stuffers, and donated several gift cards. We are especially proud that this has become an ecumenical ministry and that families with the Boys & Girls Club contributed as well. Thank you to Jane Baird, Caroline Carbaugh, Anne Ramsey, Anne Richardson, and Ariel Rudy for leading this ministry.

City Employee Lazarus Ministry. The Lazarus City Employee Emergency Assistance program officially opened on June 8, 2020, and wrapped up in early 2021. In 2021 we assisted 21 city of Alexandria employees with $10,404.26—much of it as grocery gift cards or assistance with rent, utilities, and other bills. Thank you to Anne Richardson and Liz Denson for overseeing this ministry.

Food Rescue. Every summer Christ Church volunteers rescue fresh food each Saturday from the Old Town Farmers Market in partnership with St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. Groups of dedicated volunteers gather to collect, bag, and haul donated and unwanted produce, eggs, and fresh baked goods from participating vendors. In summer 2021 we rescued over 3,000 pounds of food from area farmers and merchants, which is used in our grocery delivery ministry. We also rescue food each week from local stores including Mason & Greens, MOM’s Organic Market, Panera, and Trader Joe’s. Thank you to Andrea McNicholas for leading this ministry.

Ladrey Senior Bingo. This ministry had been a mainstay at Alexandria’s senior high-rise apartments on Wythe Street for 16 years. On the third Thursday of every month, residents enjoyed a night of fellowship and fun as they played Bingo and socialized with their neighbors. Snacks were served, prizes were won, and laughter abounded. This ministry has been on hiatus since the start of the pandemic, but we are hoping to resume in April 2022 with an outdoor offering. Thank you to Trish Fineran and Nick Waskiewski for leading this ministry.

Lazarus Emergency Financial Ministry. Trained financial counselors work with Alexandria residents who are seeking emergency financial support with rent, utilities, and medical bills. We provide funds, resources, advocacy, and encouragement. In 2021, Christ Church Lazarus Ministry counselors answered 1,264 calls over 49 weeks and provided over $300,000 in financial assistance. Over half of these funds went to rental assistance, focused on helping prevent evictions. Thank you to Julie Duke for leading this ministry.

Lazarus Food Pantry and Grocery Delivery Ministry. We began making contact-free deliveries of groceries and gift cards on May 1, 2020, as a replacement for our typical weekly in-person food pantry. In 2021, volunteers made 463 deliveries, serving 1,188 individuals. We spent over $25,000 on grocery gift cards, food, and household essentials like dish soap and toilet paper. Our partnership with the Capital Area Food Bank and our food rescue ministry make these deliveries possible. Thank you to Jane Baird, Barbara Fallon, and Denise Jean-Claude for leading this ministry.

Meals on Wheels. After a 15-month hiatus, Christ Church returned to delivering meals in July 2021. While many of the regular volunteers returned in July, not all were ready to do so, and we are grateful for the addition of several new volunteers, which enabled us to cover four or five routes during the year. We hope to complete six routes in the near future.
with additional volunteers so we have sufficient substitutes in the event a volunteer cannot complete their shift. Thank you to Jane Baird for leading this ministry. 

**Refugee Ministry.** Since our work with families resettled in Alexandria began in 2016, Christ Church and other local churches have provided assistance, support, and friendship to refugee families who are here seeking safety and freedom. The pandemic has had a tremendous impact on our refugee families, many of whom were underemployed before the pandemic struck. In 2021, we provided financial assistance totaling nearly $70,000 to these families. The withdrawal of US troops from Afghanistan and the very quick takeover of the country by the Taliban in 2021 further burdened our families from Afghanistan, who faced unexpected hardships and tremendous sadness. Many of the families in our ministry went back to Afghanistan in the summer of 2021, fearing that it could be the last time they would be able to visit family. All of our Afghan families are worried for the lives of family and friends still in that country. In the last few months of 2021, we brought several newly arrived Afghan families into the ministry. Thank you to Amy Bacon and Barbara Fallon for leading this ministry.

**Thanksgiving Meals.** In 2021 volunteers delivered grocery gift cards or groceries to 180 households in the community. The families in our Refugee Ministry also received tote bags filled with fun supplies to enjoy the holiday: Washington Street United Methodist Preschool hand-made decorative placemats; Burgundy Farm Country Day School preschool donated kids’ art supplies and play dough; Immanuel on the Hill donated salt and pepper shakers, and Temple Beth El provided pumpkin pies. Thank you to Amy Bacon, Barbara Fallon, Jessica Hughes, Denise Jean-Claude, Andrea McNicholas, and Anne Richardson for leading this ministry.

Melanie Gray, MSW
Director of Outreach and Mission
Our three missions in the Diocese of Renk, South Sudan; Mengo Hospital and Clinics in Kampala, Uganda; and Our Little Roses Home and School for Girls in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, like the rest of the world, met with varying challenges in 2021. In February 2021, we celebrated World Mission Sunday with a video and forum highlighting our three missions. We are looking at 2022 as a year for continued resilience and partnership as we face our successes and our challenges together. This is possible because of the leadership of these missions and their commitment to growing and strengthening their committees within the church as we pursue the important work that is before us.

**Diocese of Renk (South Sudan).** For 25 years, Christ Church and the Episcopal Diocese of Renk in South Sudan have shared a covenant to pray for each other, visit when possible, and support vital social services provided by the diocesan bishop, currently The Rt. Rev. Joseph Garang Atem. Past initiatives have included building and supplying a four-room medical clinic, the only working medical facility in an area the size of Maryland. We advocate for peace and programs to improve the well-being of our brothers and sisters in Christ. In 2021, no visits were possible, as the pandemic impacted travel globally. Thank you to Nancy Knapp for your continued leadership of the Diocese of Renk, South Sudan Mission.

**Mengo Hospital, Uganda.** Christ Church has been a prayerful partner with Mengo Hospital in Kampala, Uganda, for over four decades. Throughout 2021, we had regular zoom meetings with Dr. Edith. These were wonderful opportunities to build our relationship and learn from one another. Christ Church collaborated with Alfred Street Baptist and First Baptist Church to secure funding to purchase much needed COVID-related equipment when the second wave of COVID hit Kampala last summer. In October, we held our first virtual mission “trip” with Dr. Edith and her staff and the Christ Church Mengo Committee. In December, we learned the wonderful news that our friends at Alfred Street Baptist would cover the funding deficit needed to run the clinic for 2022. Thank you to Witney Schneidman for serving as the chair of the Mengo Committee.

**Our Little Roses, Honduras.** Christ Church has been a part of the lives of girls at Our Little Roses for more than two decades. OLR provides education, medical care, and support for girls from birth through university graduation. In 2021, we continued to sponsor two girls at OLR, Critzenn and Monserrat. We communicate regularly with the staff of OLR. Currently, there are 61 girls living at OLR. In 2021, we held another successful virtual mission trip. We are in constant communication with the staff of OLR and we are actively planning our 2022 virtual mission trip. Thank you to Jane Baird and Anne Reed for serving as co-chairs in 2021.

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