



ANNUAL REPORT | 2022

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Leadership

A Message from the Dean

To the People of Trinity Cathedral - Grace and peace to you through our Lord Jesus Christ! I cannot believe another year has passed!

Every day my gratitude for our Cathedral community grows! My days are filled with meaningful ministry from preparing to preach, serving with the Vestry, to pastoral visits and festive meals. As you know, our community is joy-filled, gracious, and generous; and I am privileged to call the Cathedral home. Thank you for entrusting me with leadership as our Dean and Rector!

In this report, I'm offering a brief summary of three primary areas of our life together. During the Annual Meeting on January 29th, I will offer a more detailed report. Once I've given that report, it will be available on-line.

I'm grateful that this year brought stability and fewer changes in our daily life together. The simplicity and ease of our Every Member Canvas meant we are able to sustain strong ministry at the Cathedral. A huge thanks to our chairs: Elizabeth and Tom Clark, and Mary and Max Taylor! (It's never too late to make a pledge. Contact staff members Jeanie Toombs or Jack Dowling if you need assistance.) One change in our staff structure was the loss of The Reverend Stuart Hoke. His consistent pastoral support, even while Interim at



Trinity Cathedral Staff

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The Vestry - 2022

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Junior Warden

Mary Margaret Wippo

Treasurer

Grant Wallace

Clerk

Melonese Clarke

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Susan Allen

Steve Bethel

Sarah Henry

Harold Joyner

Christoph Keller

Susan Mehlburger

John Milwee

George Morledge

Lara Schock

Marcia Wayland

Chancellor

Clarke Tucker

St. Mark's, is deeply missed. Thankfully, there were no surprise property issues this year. Instead, we made some progress on updating and improving our spaces.

Meanwhile, some of our primary ministries remain in discernment. In particular, we continue to wonder how to engage in Community Ministry. There is no doubt there is deep need in our community. How will we steward our resources of time, talent, and treasure to respond? In addition, and just as important, now that COVID is less of a concern, we continue to enrich our Pastoral Care ministries. I'm hopeful these two areas of ministry will grow this year. We have the capacity to engage in our community on a wide scale and to offer each other generous care in the midst of all the changes and chances of life.

As I anticipate ministry in 2023, I am confident that we will see more of the same. We know that our properties need attention. In particular, we anticipate updating some of our bathroom facilities and improving accessibility into the Garth. We know that we need more pastoral support: it is time to hire a third priest. Lastly, I am confident we will have a strong committee structure in place this year. These committees will strengthen and enrich all areas of our life together. If you would like to participate in any area of ministry, any of our staff are happy to connect with you.

Please join me as I give thanks for our community. To our Vestry, especially this year's Officers: Melissa Whitfield, Mary Margaret Wippo, Grant Wallace, Melonese Clark, and Susan Borné. Their ministries consistently go above and beyond to support our life together. Thank you! I cannot say enough about our staff. Their devotion to God and our Cathedral is a blessing in every way! Thank you! And YOU: thank you for your faithful support! Our parishioners are our most valuable ministers: I give thanks for you every day!

In many ways, this has felt like my first year at the Cathedral. Not only have I finally met many of you, we are ministering with one another more every week! I hope this year brings more of these moments: let's get together! My door is always open to you and I can't wait to see what wonderful ministry happens next!

Yours in Christ,
Peace be with you,
Dean Meaux+

Our Mission

The mission of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral is to proclaim the Word of God by sharing our gifts, ourselves, and our properties through ministry to each other, our neighbors, and our community as we serve God and represent the Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas.

Our Core Values

Beautiful worship in the Anglican tradition, in an atmosphere that feels welcoming and warm.

Caring community that values diverse people, perspectives and ideas.

Spiritual formation for all ages: lively programs in attractive spaces that open pathways deeper into faith, hope, and love through common study, prayer, and action.

Artistic expression, through glorious music, inspiring spaces, colorful and fragrant flourishes, and memorable performances.

Community engagement [that leads to] strong partnerships with other groups and churches for the vitality of Little Rock and the common good.

As a beacon of faith in Little Rock Trinity Episcopal is a source of vitality and strength in worship, community, formation, expression, and engagement for the Episcopal Church throughout Arkansas.

A Message from the Sub-Dean

2022 at Trinity for me has been a full year of reentry from the pandemic, while also doing many new things in varieties of directions that express values of the Cathedral. This has been most noted through presence with others, programming, and pastoral care. As I mark my fifth year in the priesthood, I feel a sense of growth and a settling in, particularly in the areas of pastoral care and preaching.

New programming that has been meaningful and will continue has been liturgical. Last year we began what will become our annual Easter Vigil service. This night, the celebration of resurrection marked by bells and lighting of candles is so very meaningful! Another liturgical service of the year has been the beginning of our twice Koinonia services for all, but with a child friendly focus. These have brought me much joy – it is so fun to walk through liturgy with “Littles” and experience the joy of Holy Eucharist together. In contrast another new programming experience has been meaningful is a weekly Centering Prayer practice with contemplative Eucharist each week. This has been a source of joy to me, and I hope to others who participate.

An additional area of programming development has been in the Convocation of our Episcopal Churches (Central Arkansas). We meet faithfully (as schedules allow) over zoom and at times in person. Programmatically, the Cathedral hosted a Clergy Quiet Day last Spring - which will continue this year. A time of corporate silence and reflection followed by fellowship over dinner. This was very filling for participants from all over the diocese. Relatedly, there is a small group of Little Rock ministers from various denominations, and we meet once a month. I have appreciated our musings together while we also at times think hard and encourage one another.

An anticipated area of programming for us at Trinity and for the diocese for me comes through a training

with the Soul Shop movement. This is a spiritual movement seeking to address suicidal desperation. The statistics for suicide are staggering. It is desperation that is pervasive and this coming year I look forward to us going forward to minister in this area of need.

Presence has taken place all year in many ways. I have enjoyed re-starting ECEP chapel weekly for the 3–4-year-olds. Jack Dowling, Emma Mitchell, and I join them in Pierce Chapel for teaching, singing, and praying together. It is so much fun. Another place of presence where there has been meaning for me is through the vestry meetings each month.

These meetings vary month to month, but over the course of the year, I have grown in such respect for each person around the table and all the care, prayer and commitment that goes into Trinity Cathedral every day and all the time.

An additional privilege of presence for me this year has been being a part of the diocesan Bishop Search Committee. Things are picking up and with intentionality, great care, collaboration, and prayer we move forward. Applications are being received until February 17, 2023 – please reach out to any folks you would like to encourage to apply. We look to announce a slate of candidates before June and our election for the next bishop of the diocese of Arkansas will take place August 19, 2023. A historic moment for us.

Pastoral care has also been a place of presence that I am grateful to be a part of. This is ranged from visits to Cathedral funerals, to graveside services, to pre-marital counseling and weddings, to a small group experience beginning this month: Walking the Mourner’s Path.

I have such joy and gratitude that our Christian spirituality gives us such authentic relating while we celebrate, comfort, and live our daily lives growing closer to God and one another.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa M. Corry



From the Senior Warden

When Dean Meaux asked if I would serve as Senior Warden, I have to admit that I felt more than a little intimidated by the job. So I went to the Cathedral's bylaws to read the "job description." It reads: "It shall be his/her duty to counsel with the Rector from time to time concerning the spiritual state of the Parish and to assist the Rector in promoting such projects as may be undertaken for the general welfare of the Parish."

I felt comforted by the fact that I believe the spiritual state of our Parish to be healthy and robust. I see this through the many members who care so much about this place and the community and share their gifts every day. Our parish members are led by the Spirit to profess their faith through attendance at weekly services and participating in many opportunities such as serving at the altar, working with our children and youth, providing intercessory prayers, participating in the music program, pledging, or supporting outreach to our community. And the list goes on.

Thank you for the many ways that each of you share the fruits of the Spirit every day.

There have been many projects to promote this year. One of the biggest has been the Master Plan, with one of the main items being accessibility to the Cathedral itself. A very important step has been accomplished with the installation of a new lift so that those with mobility issues can easily enter the Cathedral. Next up will be improvements to entering the grounds, garth, and Treadway Garden.

The Bliss event held in October was more successful than ever by raising \$133,000 for parish outreach. Co-chairs Josie Felton and Susan Penick worked for months to make sure the night was one to remember. Auction Co-chairs Mary Olive Stephens and Betsy Rhodes did a superb job of gathering donations of auction items that led to our highest-ever amount raised.

Our parish outreach to the community has been led

by the Matthew 25 committee, whose members serve in many ways to some of the neediest of our community. They have gotten us all involved in the Mother's Day Purse event, Undie Sunday and the Warm and Fuzzy Tree at Christmas. The increased Bliss funds will allow our parish to expand outreach in the community. The Sponsor Team to our Afghan family has continued to provide support for the family as its adult members have found employment and the children have become established in school. It has not always been easy, but the family is learning how to navigate life in their new country. Each part of the Cathedral's outreach is following Christ's commandment "to love one another as I have loved you."

These are just a few of the programs that exemplify the strong spiritual state and the general welfare of Trinity Cathedral Parish.

It has been a pleasure to serve with this

Vestry: Junior Warden Mary Margaret Wippo, Treasurer Grant Wallace, Member-at-Large Susan Borne, Clerk Melonese Clark, Susan Allen, Steve Bethel, Sarah Henry, Harold Joyner, Christoph Keller, Susan Mehlburger, John Milwee, George Morledge, Lara Schock, and Marcia Wayland. They have been an incredible team.

I encourage every Cathedral member to consider standing for election to vestry at some point in your life at Trinity. You will find out far more than you ever wanted to know about HVAC units, plumbing, leaky roofs, and how to budget for it all; but, in addition, you will be blessed by getting to know your fellow parishioners and the staff better and appreciate fully how this community has functioned and grown, stretching back 139 years.

With God's grace, may this Cathedral grow and prosper and continue to serve our community, our diocese, and our state for many decades to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Whitfield



Events

Mardi Gras



Jubilee Concert



Bliss



Trunk or Treat



Operations

From the Junior Warden

Many wonderful and necessary improvements have been made this year to our buildings and grounds. We are constantly working hard to keep our space in great condition. Below I have listed just a few things that we accomplished this year.

Our roof suffered some damage during an ice storm last winter. We had to replace a section of the roof and replace a couple of custom copper gutters. During that same storm, a slab of ice fell from our roof and damaged an HVAC unit (that has now been replaced).

When the roofer came to assess the damage, he recommended that we install ice guards to 3 different sections of our roof. We have now installed those, and they will prevent any large sheets of ice sliding off of the roof.

We improved our security system this year by adding cameras overlooking the Garth, Keller House, and the playground. We also added 3 new keypads for entry at an Early Childhood Education Program (ECEP) entrance, the Gym and Hodges Hall.

The Youth Group now has a dedicated space for their activities. Mary Hodges and staff collaborated with several of our youth group members and their parents to clean out and paint a room (known as the Crow's Nest) on the second floor of the Gym. They will use this space for Youth Group meetings, formation hour, and Youth Group social gatherings. They are happy to have a space to call their own.

I am thrilled to report that the construction to Deans' Hall is complete, and everything has been moved back in to the rooms. In case some of you aren't aware, we had a very damaging fire over a year ago that made Deans' Hall unusable. This is also where our accessibility lift is located, so it made this year very difficult for those in need of the lift. I am also happy to report that we have had a brand-new lift installed, and everything in

Deans' Hall is now fully functional.

Looking forward to our upcoming year, we have several big and exciting projects coming.

We will be renovating Hodges Hall so that a couple of the ECEP classrooms can move over. This is part of our Master Plan for the Cathedral.

We have been meeting with Sarah Bennings of Polk Stanley Wilcox Architects about moving forward with building an accessibility ramp to access Treadway Garden and a ramp to access the Garth from Spring Street.

This is also included in our Master Plan.

We will also be completely renovating 3 bathrooms in Keller Hall.

Lastly, I have to say that Mary Hodges is so dedicated to keeping our beautiful buildings and grounds in tip-top shape. She always has a million things that she is juggling including replacing current lighting, painting rooms, replacing ceiling tiles, replacing floor tiles and just so, so many things that must be done, and she makes it all happen. I could never express how grateful I am for all of her hard work done here on our campus.

Serving as your Junior Warden has been such a fulfilling experience. I have felt closer to you all than ever before, and my appreciation for this incredible church has grown leaps and bounds. We are truly blessed to be able to worship on this glorious campus, and I'm filled with gratitude to our parishioners who take such great care for it.

Mary Margaret Wippo
Jr. Warden

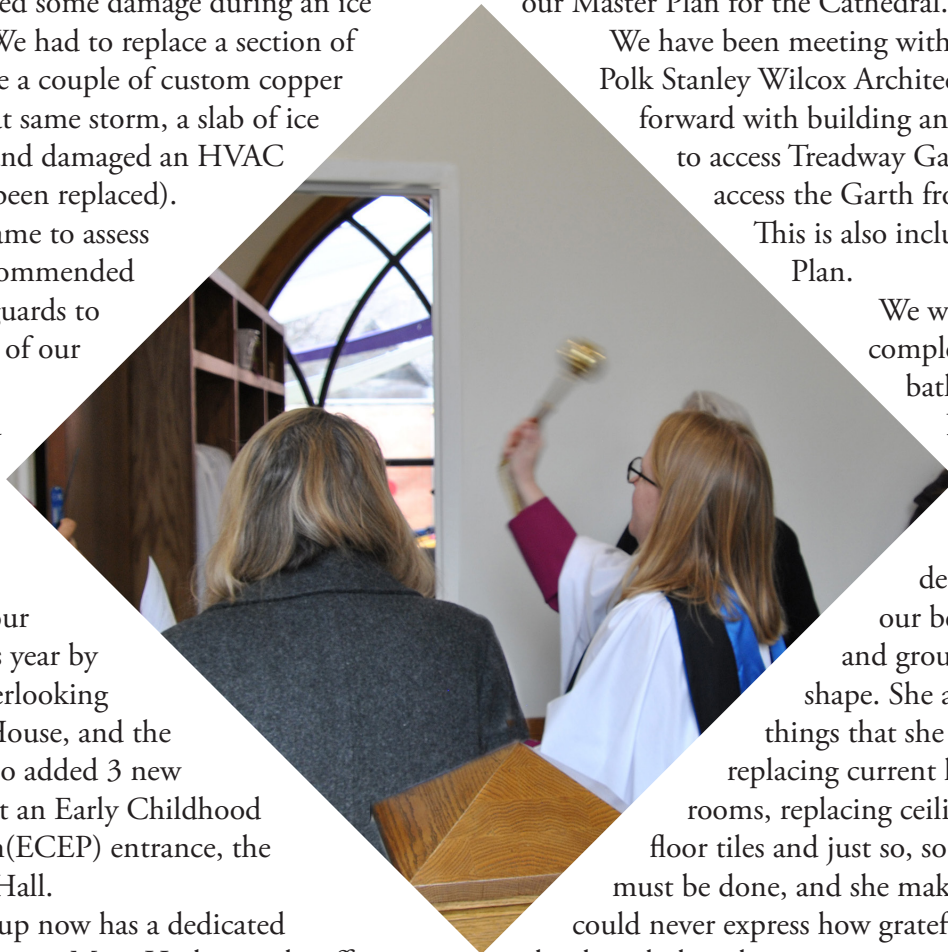


Image: Blessing Deans' Hall



Treasurer's Report

This is the financial report for the Cathedral for the operating year 2022. The Cathedral started 2022 with a cash on hand balance of \$370,263 and ended the year with a cash on hand balance of \$297,093. The budget that was approved by the Vestry for 2022 included income totaling \$1,725,480 and expenses totaling \$1,864,323, for an operating deficit of \$138,843. Actual income for the year totaled \$1,607,704 and actual expenses totaled \$1,725,944, for an actual deficit of \$118,240. You will see in the budget versus actual report on the next page, that the budgeted draw from the Keller/Stephens funds was not taken, yet still we were able to operate within a smaller operating deficit for the year.

As you can see from the investment snapshot on the next page, the markets were very volatile in 2022 and luckily, we were able to avoid drawing down during such a time period for the markets. Despite that volatility, our endowments weathered the year well and remain in a good position.

I have appreciated being able to serve as your Treasurer and had big shoes to fill. Please feel free to reach out to me with any suggestions, questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
Grant Wallace, Treasurer

Endowment Report

by Scott Tabor

2022 saw quite the volatility in the Capital Markets. The Federal Reserve Board began raising interest rates during the first quarter of 2022. We saw the highest inflation in decades and frequent discussions of a looming recession. Needless to say the stock market suffered its worst year since 2008 and the bond market suffered its worst year in recorded history. While the endowment accounts were down in 2022 I feel we weathered the disruption in the Capital Markets well. Our approach with all of the endowment accounts has been and always will be a balanced strategy with a longer term focus. Disbursements were minimal in 2022(\$45,770) for our Architectural Evaluation and misc expenses for our ever growing music program. We feel we are well prepared for 2023 and beyond.

Pledge Analysis

Item	Year						
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
No. of Pledges	240	247	256	255	241	236	214
New Pledges	31	34	28	32	22	21	
Discontinued Pledges	31	27	19	33	45	34	
Total Pledged	\$1,094,351	\$1,099,914	\$1,238,061	\$1,327,475	\$1,265,000	\$1,311,819	\$1,246,750*
Average Pledged	\$4,560	\$4,453	\$4,836	\$5,192	\$5,107	\$5,558	\$5,825
Total Pledges Paid	\$1,055,272	\$1,050,163	\$1,386,377**	\$1,331,461	\$1,243,540	\$1,326,034	

* Pledged to date - This number is expected to increase

** Includes previous Dean's Challenge of Salary Return of \$90,000

Trinity Cathedral 2022 Finances

	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	Percentage
Income			
Pledges	\$1,284,980.00	\$1,352,031.00	5.2%
Contributions	\$50,000.00	\$66,023.00	32.0%
Plate Offerings	\$20,000.00	\$19,964.00	-0.2%
Reimbursements/Rental	\$67,000.00	\$76,370.00	14.0%
ECEP	\$49,750.00	\$43,441.00	-12.7%
Keller/Stephens	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	-100.0%
Other	\$3,750.00	\$49,875.00	1230.0%
Total	\$1,725,480.00	\$1,607,704.00	-6.8%

Expenses

Outreach/Inreach	\$9,500.00	\$9,623.00	1.3%
Diocesan Support	\$152,971.00	\$152,528.00	-0.3%
Liturgy	\$6,200.00	\$7,495.00	20.9%
Music	\$24,601.00	\$24,306.00	-1.2%
Ministry-Gen Pastoral	\$28,900.00	\$25,227.00	-12.7%
Adult Formation	\$3,600.00	\$1,086.00	-69.8%
Youth Formation	\$21,000.00	\$2,056.00	-90.2%
Children's Formation	\$15,000.00	\$4,431.00	-70.5%
Communications	\$34,600.00	\$22,914.00	-33.8%
Buildings and Grounds	\$488,950.00	\$424,721.00	-13.1%
Trinity Property Expenses	\$65,412.00	\$60,778.00	-7.1%
General Office	\$65,600.00	\$65,029.00	-0.9%
Finance	\$18,950.00	\$11,246.00	-40.7%
Continuing Education	\$12,000.00	\$8,420.00	-29.8%
Salaries	\$692,092.00	\$642,811.00	-7.1%
Benefits	\$224,947.00	\$186,067.00	-17.3%
Fire Expenses	\$0.00	\$44,712.00	
Operational Expenses	\$1,864,323.00	\$1,693,450.00	-9.2%
Designated Expenses	\$0.00	\$32,494.00	
Restricted Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Total Expenses	\$1,864,323.00	\$1,725,944.00	-7.4%

Investments

Fund	Starting Balance	Ending Balance	Gain/Loss(Unrealized)
Traditional (Lott/Berry/Memorial)	\$1,281,423.00	\$1,187,132.00	-\$94,291.00
Keller/Stephens Building	\$2,294,566.00	\$2,120,098.00	-\$174,468.00
Keller/Stephens Legacy	\$2,296,786.00	\$2,122,324.00	-\$174,462.00
Stephens Music	\$1,122,562.00	\$1,020,602.00	-\$101,960.00
Music Surplus	\$75,039.00	\$74,711.00	-\$328.00
Total	\$6,995,337.00	\$6,450,156.00	

2022 Cathedral Parish Statistics

Communicants

Last Reported	874
Added by Baptism	13
Added by Confirmation	0
Received by the Bishop	0
Added by Transfer	9
Total Gained	22
Lost by Death	11
Transferred Membership	11
Total Losses	22
Total Parishioners	874

Special Vestry Committees

Cathedral Connections Committee	2
Family Ministry Committee	7
Liturgy and Music Committee	7
Communications Committee	7
Theological Enrichment Committee	10
Stewardship Committee	5
Building and Grounds Committee	5
Matthew 25 Committee	17
Early Childhood Education Program Board	4

Children's Formation

Episcopal Youth:

3-year-olds – 5th grade	67
Youth 6th Grade – 12th Grade	87

Active Participants:

3-year-olds – 5th Grade	28
6th Grade – 12th Grade	26
Adults teaching	12

Adult Formation 127

Includes: Dean's Forum, Living the Questions, Lenten series, and Art and Spirituality workshops

Members in Parish Organizations

Acolyte Program	24
All Saints' Guild	29
Altar Guild	12
Cathedral Choir	24
Cathedral Handbell Choir	8
Cathedral Tower Bell Ringers	12
Children's Choir	7
Daughters of the King	8
Episcopal Youth Community	26
Eucharistic Visitors	6
Flower Guild	32
Greeters	9
Intercessors	17
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	23
Lectors	28
Pastoral Care Team	10
Stewpot	3
Ushers	36
Vergers	6
Wedding Guild	10

Communications

by Jack Dowling, Communications Director

In 2022 more and more parishioners returned to in person worship, yet our livestreaming of the worship and special events continues to be an important part of our ministry. It serves those who can no longer come to church but still want to be connected, and those like the author of this recent comment on the stream, “thanks for providing this option for those days when you would be embarrassingly late for church. It helps remove the guilt for not being there in person.”

This year we added two new cameras that pan, tilt and zoom, allowing for more flexible coverage of the church. We also improved the sound quality with upgraded microphones. This is important to capture our

rich musical offerings—you can go back and listen for yourself.

Our YouTube subscriptions increased by 84 to 576 in the past year. Our channel had 21,742 views, 2,700 hours of view time, by viewers from 7 countries and 20 states

Richard Moore continues to be the maestro of the livestream. He has a wonderful sense of what will be enjoyable to the viewer.

If you would like to learn more about our live-stream process, how to control the sound, or even would like to join Richard and me as part of the “Stream Team,” please let me know. We would love to expand our group.

Music

From the Director of Music

2022 was my first full year at Trinity, and there is much to report! First, I'm pleased that after its COVID-hiatus, and after an unsuccessful attempt to resume in September of 2021, the bell choir is now back in action, and have performed beautiful preludes at the Remembrance Day and Christmas Lessons and Carols services.

Another change to the structure of the musical ensembles is the splitting of the children's choir into two age-groups: junior choristers (grades 2-5) and senior choristers (grades 6-9). This has enabled us to better tailor the repertoire and material to the ages and experience levels of these age groups. I'm grateful to Josiah Wheeler who has assisted with chorister rehearsals.

This past fall, we gained two new college choral scholars: Julia Townsley and Andrew Battie. Julia is a med student at UAMS and grew up singing at St. Paul's, Fayetteville; Andrew is a vocal music education major at UALR. They are both fantastic singers and have been wonderful additions to the Trinity Choir.

One hoped-for change that did not materialize this year was hiring an Associate Director of Music. It turned out to be a difficult year for this; not only were there a huge number of openings for full-time associateships and assistantships, but there were also fewer organ students coming out of music programs because of COVID. I am hopeful that our search in 2023 will be more fruitful.

In 2022, I engaged the Red River Pipe Organ Company of Norman, Oklahoma to perform some upgrades to Trinity's pipe organ. The only tonal change was to louden the great flute, which previously had been too quiet. The bulk of the work comprised console modifications to make the organ far more flexible and

user-friendly. These changes are probably not terribly interesting to most people, but I am happy to discuss them with anyone who is interested. Suffice it to say, it is now an easier and more flexible instrument!

2022 saw a number of special events. First, the Trinity Choir presented two concerts: Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass (with orchestra) in February, and a joint concert with the choir of Christ Church in honor of the late Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee in June. The choir performed fabulously to large, appreciative audiences at both events.

Another highlight of the year was Connor Lidell's residency in March. Connor is a fantastic baritone singer and vocologist (i.e. a voice teacher who specializes in vocal anatomy and health).

During that weekend, he conducted rehearsals and services, taught several choir members private lessons, and performed an incredible voice recital.

This past fall, a generous anonymous donor offered the Trinity music program a \$5,000 challenge grant to increase evensong attendance. The arrangement was that for every evensong attendee on October 9th and 16th (not counting choir members and cathedral staff), the music program would receive \$50. For us to reach the maximum of \$5,000, we needed 50 people at each service; I'm very pleased that we exceeded this at both services.

November was a particularly busy liturgical month for the choir. On November 1st, Trinity observed All Saints' on the day (rather than moving it to the following Sunday) for the first time in recent memory. For this service, the choir performed a Mozart mass with string orchestra. The following week, the choirs of Trinity and St. Luke's North Little Rock combined for a joint evensong. Then the following week, the choir sang



Durufle's Requiem – one of the pinnacles of the sacred choral repertoire – for the annual Remembrance Day Requiem mass. Erik Suter came from Washington, DC to play this extremely demanding organ accompaniment. Then there was the annual Thanksgiving service, followed by our annual service of Advent Lessons and Carols on Advent I. At this service, the choir performed, among other things, The Wilderness by Samuel Sebastian Wesley, a fourteen-minute anthem and one of the great anthems of the Anglican choral tradition.

While this report is primarily retrospective, the choir and I are looking forward to two major events which were organized in 2022. The first is a residency with James O'Donnell from March 9-12. James O'Donnell was Organist and Master of the Choristers of Westminster Abbey from 2000 until this past Christmas, and is now an organ professor at Yale University. In addition to conducting services on March 12th, Mr. O'Donnell will also give an Insights lecture on Friday, March 10th at 7 pm. The second event is the choir's trip to England in July. For eight days, the choir will experience the rigorous regimen of daily choral services at Lichfield and Southwark Cathedrals. This trip is open to non-singers and non-parishioners, so talk to me if you are interested!

Trinity Cathedral Ringing Society

While there are thousands of bell towers throughout the United Kingdom, Trinity is one of only about 75 bell towers in the United States. Our Cathedral Ringing Society is currently eleven members strong. We ring for the 10am Sunday service, as well as weddings, Diocesan events, and other special occasions. We also will provide tolls for funerals and memorial services. The bells range in size from 380 to 1000 pounds and are all rung manually.

The highlight of our year was "Ringing for Ukraine" which took place on Palm Sunday. We raised over \$50,000 for Episcopal Relief and Development to be used for ministries in Ukraine. We are grateful for the generous pledges received from parishioners and people across the state for this project.

We are always looking for new members. Absolutely no musical experience is needed. Please contact Scott Whitfield at scottwhitfield@yahoo.com or Mary Wilson at mfwilson@yahoo.com for more information.

Now for some thank-yous: first, I want to thank everyone who participates in the music program by singing, ringing, or by schlepping children to and from rehearsals. I am lucky to work with such committed musicians and parents thereof. Second, I am grateful to Pat Sullivan, who has stepped into the role of music librarian and has been keeping the filing up to date while also making long-term improvements to the library's organization. Third, I am indebted to Trinity's staff, for whom I often create a great deal of extra work. They always help, and do so with good cheer. Lastly, I am grateful to all of you for your incredible support of our program, whether it is through financial contributions, participation, or simply telling one of our singers or ringers that you found a performance moving. I look forward to another wonderful year.

Yours sincerely,
Colin MacKnight



Members of the Ringing Society on the day of Ringing for Ukraine

Ministries and Guilds

Pastoral Care

Having been involved in leadership for pastoral care a little over a year, I find things to be clarifying and developing in ways that will continue to grow. This clarifying has come through my own initiative and through input from others.

There are two directions from which pastoral care springs at our Cathedral: lay leader involvement and clergy involvement. As I mentioned last year in my report, we began using a database, Notebird, with a core of staff having access and it is helpful for keeping information up to date and communicating with one another. Concerns regarding pastoral care come to me via staff, clergy, lay leaders, and parishioners. If you are aware of a need or have one yourself, please do not hesitate to contact me or one of the other clergy for follow up.

Currently we have pastoral care focus in the following areas:

- o Eucharistic Visits
- o Grief Care
- o Note Writers
- o Homebound/Long term challenge Visits
- o Acute care and support Visits

Structurally, the clergy and staff providing oversight to family and youth ministries meet to discuss needs and areas of delegation for care. An exciting part of pastoral care as we have been coming out of the pandemic has been clergy involvement, particularly Dean Meaux. As the Dean has gotten to know the parish, her commitment to pastoral care has served her in getting to know people within the community. Following our weekly pastoral care meetings, I then also follow up with lay leaders. We have a strong contingent of letter writers and lots of desire for visiting but hit an obstacle

as challenge we all face: time. I am grateful to Herschel Cast and Linda Pneuman for their faithful service as Eucharistic visitors as we have been able to re-start this particular care post-pandemic. I am grateful for others in their ongoing availability in letter writing, card sending, and pastoral care visits: Ellon Cockrill, Sally Fittsizer, Donna Gay, Jean Harper, Jeanne Joyner, Linnie Lyle, and Kristie Robinson.

As we continue into the new year, I look forward to laying more groundwork to build our lay leadership team around the values of relationship, accountability, and ongoing training. This will take time and intentionality and I believe it will bear much fruit.

I invite you to consider joining this ministry and relationship and care.

Please contact me with any interest or questions you may have by email or phone: lisa@trinitylittlerock.org or 978-590-8382.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa M. Corry
Sub-Dean



The Trinity Cathedral Chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the King

The Order of the Daughters of the King was re-instituted at Trinity in November 2021. The parish chapter meets in Baker Parlor on the first Sunday of the month after the 10:30 a.m. service.

The members of the Trinity Cathedral Chapter follow a Rule of Prayer which includes praying daily:

- For the unity of Christ's church
- For the spread of Christ's Kingdom, especially among women and girls
- For God's blessings upon the members of The Order
- For the spiritual growth of the parish and for the clergy of the parish to which the chapter owes allegiance

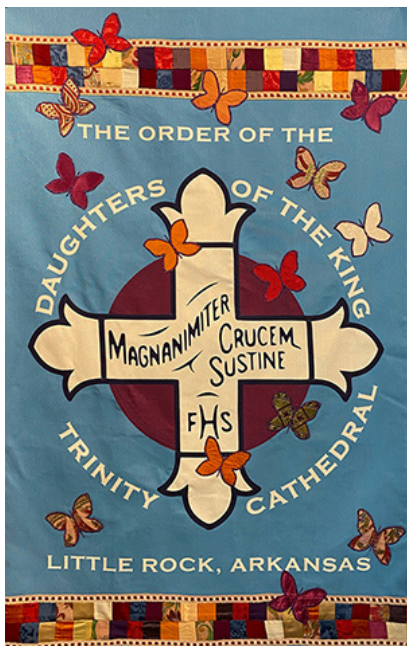
Members are:

Melissa Whitfield, president

Marti Thomas, vice-president

Pam De Gravelles, secretary/treasurer

Deb Cooper, Lisa Corry, Carolyn Hartstein, Melissa McDaniel, Valerie Smith



On the first anniversary of the chapter's rebirth, we dedicated a banner, beautifully craft-ed by artist Lisa Thorpe and generously funded by Fred Smith, husband of our chapter member Valerie. It's for use in special services, events and meetings and is on display in the Cathedral's entry way alongside the other parish banners.

The first service project has been assisting the Afghan Family Sponsor Team. We worked with grocery shopping and organizing a donated clothing room. A new project this year is one that the Matthew 25 Committee identified and has asked us to manage and supervise. Volunteers will provide a cake and birthday cards each month to Dorcas House so that residents there may celebrate birthdays at the first of the month.

On Sunday, Feb. 19, we will begin meetings that follow a study guide for any women of the parish who want to learn more about our chapter and discern if they want to join The Order. Please contact any member if you might be interested. All women of the parish are welcome.

Please let us know of any prayer requests you may have. All requests are confidential. You can speak to any of our members or you can contact us at dok@trinitylittlerock.org.



Celebrating the anniversary of the chapter's rebirth with some cake.

Altar Guild

by Linda Pnueman

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral's Altar Guild is a gift of time and talent, to prepare all that is necessary for celebration of the Eucharist or other sacraments. Altar Guild members care for the altar, vessels, altar linens, candles, frontals, hangings, and at times the Paschal Candle. The high altar and credence tables are set for each service, and those settings vary by service and celebrant. Currently, the services include two Sunday Eucharists, Wednesday Healing Service with eucharist, baptisms, Ordinations, funerals and weddings when the Eucharist is celebrated. Services without Eucharist require filled candles, and may require changes in frontal, hangings, and placement of candles. Frontal, hangings, and veil vary by season, occasion, and Saints' Days.

Guild members clean, wash, polish, and store vessels and linens; clean the altar area and Sacristy after each service; consume or properly store consecrated elements, fill candles; and prepare portable communion kits. Wine, wafers, cleaning supplies, candle oil, and oil for unction are kept well-stocked. At least one guild member is usually present in the Sacristy during Celebration of the Eucharist. Brass rails are polished after most services.

During the pandemic, due to the small size of the Sacristy and changes in the Eucharist, fewer members are serving regularly. Myra Kinnebrew continues to launder and mend the linens.

Members no longer serving due to life changes or change of location in last two years are Barbara Head, Jackie Travis, Janet Robb, Glory Alipit, Jeanie Harper, and Blain Croft. We are so grateful for their years of service.

2023 Altar Guild members include Herschel Cast, Melonese Clarke, Nina McIntyre, Vicki Keck, Myra Kinnebrew, Lee Kinnebrew, Michael McNeely, Karen Johnson, DiAnn Phillips, Michelle McLellen, Melissa McDaniel, and Linda Pnueman. We are most grateful to Myra Kinnebrew, who continues to launder and mend the linens.

We look forward to welcoming new members.

Wedding Guild

Weddings have been conducted at Trinity since the late 1890's. Pierce Chapel offers a small area for a family wedding seating 25-30 guests. The magnificent, gothic Cathedral sanctuary is an inviting place for a wedding seating 350-400 guests. It is the ministry of the Wedding Guild to make the family, guests, and wedding party feel comfortable and confident during this special event. Currently there are 10 active, efficient members of the Wedding Guild. They are Susan Borné, Christy Kalder, Julie Keller, Linnie Lyle, Missy McCain, Susan Mehlburger, Susan Penick, DiAnn Phillips, Kristie Robinson, Debby Sanderson. At least three members of the Guild devote their time at each wedding.

Weddings at Trinity slowed down just prior to the pandemic, but two weddings were conducted last year, Olivia Worthen Goza wed James Thomas Harrod and Sarah Dixon wed Brandon Rickett.

We appreciate your support and ideas.



Goza and Harrod



Dixon and Rickett

Ushers' Report

An usher is usually one of the first people to greet you when you attend a service at the Cathedral. Ushers are there to open the doors, offer a service bulletin, and provide assistance as needed. Ushers also collect the offering and release for communion. In addition to manning the main West doors, an usher is at the 17th Street door to assist those who need to utilize our brand new lift. After the service, ushers count and secure the collection and as needed, assist in cleaning the nave.

Our Head Usher is Kerry McCoy with her daughter Meghan Pittman serving as

scheduler. For questions and to volunteer, please contact Kerry at: kerry@flagandbanner.com

Our corp of ushers in 2022 included:

Brantly Buck, Herschel Cast, David Duke, Tommy Jameson, Lisa McNeir, Ann Morledge, George Morledge, Richard Moore, Scott Mosley, Susan Borne', Rettina Hill, Josh Hill, Harold Joyner, Matthew McCoy, Grady McCoy, Kerry McCoy, Michelle McLellen, Drew Schultz and Lisa Thorpe.



Cathedral Greeters

by Coralie Maxwell

In the words of our founder Julie Keller, "Greeters are the first contact that a visitor has when visiting the Cathedral for a Sunday service. The importance of this ministry can't be overstated, as a warm welcome makes for a good first impression."

Many thanks to these greeters who serve:

Denise Albert, Tom Fennell, Carolyn Hartstein, Peter Hartstein, Linnie Lyle, Coralie Maxwell, Sharon Mosley, Marcia Wayland, and Mary

Margaret Wippo

All Saints' Guild

By Coralie Maxwell

All Saints' Guild's ministry of compassion and service to grieving families and friends continued during 2022 as we assisted with the planning and conduct of ten funerals.

These funerals brought 1600 people to our Cathedral. We strove to establish a climate of welcome for those not familiar with our church or its funeral liturgies. Usually, there is a very short time between a death and the funeral service, and a short time to enlist guild members to assist. Not every member is available to help with every service. We are always eager to add new people to our guild. We welcome anyone interested in becoming a part of this important and most rewarding ministry.

Verger Report

The motto of the Verger's Guild of The Episcopal Church is "Service through worship and worship through service." This motto is beautifully stitched in needlepoint as a kneeler which resides beneath the verger's chair near the organ bench. The motto is placed within a beautiful design which came into being through efforts of our sister cathedral-Grace Cathedral in Topeka, Kansas.

The motto is the guiding principle of the vergers of Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock whether we are planning worship services and their logistics with the cathedral clergy and the Worship Committee or, functioning in a service.

Otis Howe, Michael McNeely, Nan Squire, John Stanley, and Grant Wallace fill the role of verger at Trinity Cathedral. Each of these individuals has their own particular area of expertise. When used as whole the gifts and talents of the cathedral vergers help bring about our services with dignity and relative ease (most of the time). Trinity Cathedral is known for this characteristic not just within our parish but in our community and The Diocese of Arkansas. These efforts are achieved through a number of meetings with take place with the cathedral clergy, the diocesan office, and Worship Committee members to ensure services run smoothly. The vergers spent 14 January 2023 in such a planning session that detailed our liturgical life at Trinity Cathedral through Christmas 2024. We are present in the services to achieve the cathedral's liturgical goals.

We could not do the liturgical work we do without our acolytes. They bring so much life to us! The acolytes are led by Otis Howe's capable leadership. The other vergers take an active role in training new acolytes and presenting them to be commissioned. We continue to train and mentor all our acolytes during services.

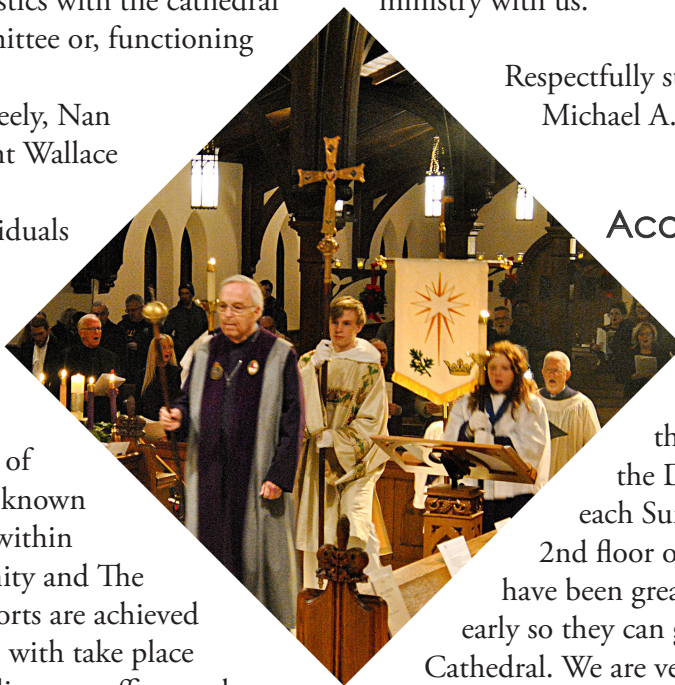
All of the vergers wish to express to Dean Meaux and Mary Hodges our gratitude for their diligent work in getting us back into our vesting room in Deans' Hall. Having our home base again after the trauma of the fire means a great deal to us.

Diocesan Convention is hosted by Trinity Cathedral this year. This will be Bishop Benfield's last convention in Arkansas. The vergers will play a significant role in the

convention service. Two of our number are also delegates to the diocesan convention. These two delegates will also be part of the electing convention in August 2023 to elect the new bishop. The vergers will also play key roles in the consecration and seating of the XIV Bishop of Arkansas in January 2024. A busy and eventful year is ahead for us.

It is a privilege and pleasure to serve Trinity Cathedral and The Episcopal Church through this ministry. Thank you to our parish family for sharing this ministry with us.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael A. Kea' aloha McNeely



Acolyte Report

Did you know that the Acolyte Guild is the oldest guild at Trinity Cathedral? 2022 was a great year for the Acolyte Guild. The fire in the Deans' Hall has meant vesting each Sunday in the Library on the 2nd floor of the Parish Hall. Our acolytes have been great about getting to church early so they can get vested and move to the Cathedral. We are very excited to be moving back into our Acolyte Vesting Room in the Dean's Hall this January. Trinity Cathedral has 24 young people, 6th-12th grade participating. This number is up from 18 acolytes a year ago. We were able to train 8 new acolytes in August: Grace Albert, Harper Bennings, Will Brock, Kate Faulkner, Palmer Flanigan, Evie Tuite, Serena Utter and James Wayland (Thank You Parents). Our acolytes should be commended for their willingness to serve and their flexibility as we worked through having services under these challenging circumstances. Acolytes serve not only on Sunday mornings, but at funerals, weddings and many of the special services held at the Cathedral throughout the year. I would like to thank the acolytes and their parents for their faithful participation in the life of Trinity. We welcome all young people 6th grade and older to participate.

Respectfully submitted,
Otis Howe
Acolyte Master

1884 Legacy Society



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Legacy Society

The opening meeting for the Legacy Society Board was held February 22, 2022 in which leadership changes were announced. Jane McMullin announced that she was stepping down as Board president and Jack Harvey was assuming that position. Lisa McNeir agreed to serve as the new Vice President and acting clerk. Jack Dowling assumed the role of Communications Director. Members reviewed the goals of the Society and discussed ways to make membership more accessible.

The next meeting was held in April and new members to the board, Gayle Corley, Scott Tabor and Chuck Erwin, were welcomed. The Board agreed to update brochures and pledge cards, adding a phone contact for those who had questions about the Society and gifting.

The Board focused a lot this year on finding innovative ways to not only let people know about the work of the Legacy Society but to provide a range of services, education, and outreach to our congregation. Gayle Corley and Chuck Erwin agreed to conduct a seminar on estate planning questions. The event was held on September 22, 2022.

George Morledge and Dean Meaux shared plans to make home visits for educational purposes.

By May we had several new members to the Society. Jack Dowling discussed plans for creating videos that would allow members of our congregation to hear personal stories about legacy giving as well as teaching videos that would provide more general information

about estate planning. Jack also created a brief form for staff to better handle inquiries about making pledges.

By August the Society was receiving pledge responses following a letter sent to the congregation. The board agreed to have a reception to honor our current membership and induct new members to the Society. The event was held November 17 at River Market Tower and was well-attended.

Board members worked on updating record of original pledges, identifying any missing information that was essential. The final meeting of the Board for 2022 was held December 6. Jack Harvey proposed that the Board start holding formal meetings every 2 months in 2023. The board discussed a variety of services to provide our congregation that went beyond legacy giving and could address a range of interests and concerns. Potential guest speakers for the coming year were discussed.

Over \$100,000 in gifts were pledged in 2022 and the Society will continue to encourage members of our church to be a part of the legacy of giving, valuing gifts at all levels.



Legacy Society gathering in November



Welcoming new member, Alan Rackley

Fellowship and Formation

Children, Family, and Youth Ministry

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (Nursery - 5th grade)

2022 was a year of rebound for our children's formation programs. Winter and spring brought us small attendance numbers on Sunday morning as we continued to recover from Covid. Fall 2022 has brought a new set of challenges. Our long-time curriculum, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, ideally functions with multiple atria for different age groups. Due to a shortage of fully trained catechists, this fall we combined into one class ranging from 3 years old to 3rd grade. While not a perfect situation, we have had children attending and happy voices in the atria. We are so grateful for our three catechists (Otis Howe, Jerry Shurgar, & Melissa Whitfield) who have dedicated over 20 years each to our Catechesis program. This fall we invited parents to join us on Sunday mornings so our long-term volunteers could have the opportunity to sing in choir, lead acolytes, and have an occasional weekend off.

Last spring saw the return of our Mardi Gras Shrove Tuesday Gumbo Cook-off. What a night, as everyone came out for one last hurrah before Lent. It was a joy to be together with food, fun, and fellowship. We love working with ECEP to put on this event

Last summer we hosted Vacation Bible School with St. Michael's and Christ Church. We were thrilled to have over 60 children on the block, many from other parishes and churches. Our theme was Off the Map! We were able to do a Halloween Trunk-or-Treat and hold our Advent Event where the focus was on the Advent Wreath.

This fall we created a Koinonia service focused on families with children under 5th grade. This service is an instructed Eucharist where the priest explains to those in attendance what they are doing. We met twice a month, once on Wednesday evening and once on Sunday morning. The evening service started with a brown bag dinner and time of fellowship. We have tweaked this service for Winter/Spring 2023. We will meet twice a month on Wednesdays (1st & 3rd) beginning with a dinner provided by the parish. All are welcome to attend this fun, chaotic service that introduces our youngest members to the Eucharist.

In October, we also saw the return of Children's Liturgy. Children in the 2nd grade and under can attend a brief service for their age level during church (they leave at the Gospel and return at the Peace). We are thankful to our volunteer liturgists (Susan Penick, Frances Mitchell, Sarah Gibson, Marcia Wayland, Karen Cline) for picking up this ministry after Covid.

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Children & Youth Ministry would not be possible without our dedicated staff and volunteers.

Staff

Emma Mitchell Youth & Family Ministry
Dawn Howe Children's Ministry
Henry Allen Assistant Youth Director

Volunteers

Otis Howe Acolyte Master/Catechist
Jerry Shurgar Catechist
Toga Tuite Catechist
Melissa Whitfield Catechist
Karen Cline Children's Liturgy
Susan Penick Children's Liturgy
Sarah Gibson Children's Liturgy
Frances Mitchell Children's Liturgy
Marcia Wayland Children's Liturgy
Bekah Smith EYCollab Leader

Nursery Staff

Charlotte Fleischbein
Charmaine Smith
Vivian Smith
Shanolda Yancy

Be a Support

Pray for us. Remembering the young people, their concerns and hopes, and the adults who guide and support them in your personal prayers is a wonderful way to directly support the ministry of this church.

Stay in the loop. Subscribe to the Children and Youth newsletters so you can know how to answer the question, "What is offered for children at my church?"

Discern the gifts you feel called to offer. Not everyone feels called to direct ministry with young people. But do you love to cook and want to provide a meal for a Sunday or Wednesday evening? Maybe you're involved with an organization that has volunteer opportunities for young people. You might have a story of your faith journey that could be shared in a Confirmation class. Seek and listen to the ways God might be calling you into deeper ministry in new ways.



Upper three, Episcopal Youth Collab meetings in Chancellors' Hall; lower left and center, Arkansas Youth Event at Camp Mitchell; lower right, EYC activity.

From Emma Mitchell

I have often found that it can be difficult for parishioners who do not have children in their immediate families to engage with the youth and children's programs at their church; "Those don't apply to me, I don't have a kid." However, immediately upon arrival at Trinity, I have seen the desire from all different types of parishioners to be supportive of the young people of our parish — whether it is chatting with youth acolytes before the procession, lovingly watching the Christmas pageant, or genuinely inquiring, "How are things going with the youth?" We know how fruitful a life of faith and dedication to a church community can be and we collectively strive to plant those seeds early with our children and youth.

Looking back from 2022 and into 2023, my hope is to build on that solid foundation by focusing on the following goals:

Getting to know the youth of our parish! We have some pretty awesome teenagers in this church and I am

eager to learn more about their interests, their goals, and their desires for their faith lives.

Continuing to offer formation opportunities through weekly (Youth Formation Hour) and seasonal (EYCollab) programs.

Planning annual offerings (Confirmation prep, summer programs, convocational, and diocesan events) alongside other churches to build our convocational youth ministry relationships.

Promote participation in our acolyte program and support youth interested in leading worship through lay reading and other roles.

Clearly communicate about upcoming programs and events so families can plan and incorporate church participation into their busy lives.

Build a core volunteer team of adults able to dedicate their time and energy to weekly and seasonal program offerings by fall 2023.

Children, Family, and Youth Ministry from page 21

For Christmas, we worked with ECEP to provide dinner, costumes, and liturgy for their first Pick Up Pageant. It was fun and special for those who participated. The Trinity Pick Up Pageant on Christmas Eve was another great service.

Finally, we are excited to finally have a full and dedicated nursery staff who help care for the youngest members of our parish on Sunday mornings and during large events.

With the addition to our staff of Emma Mitchell, we are looking forward to adding more events to our ministry with children, youth, and families. We're looking forward to another Mardi Gras event, a Palm Saturday Event (a family walk through Holy Week) and a return to separate classes for our Sunday morning programs. Please contact Dawn Howe, Children's Minister, if you are interested in training and learning to assist in the atria.

YOUTH MINISTRY (6th-12th grade)

Even without a full-time position focused on Youth Ministry for the better part of 2022, we still offered a variety of opportunities for young people to engage in their church community and develop in their own faith life. Through spring, we offered Confirmation class and our Maymester program for youth. Summer brought camps and volunteer opportunities at Camp Mitchell and Vacation Bible School. And this past fall we had a steady offering of weekly formation hours on Sunday mornings and EYCollab (our collaborative youth group with other churches in the central convocation). Perhaps most notably, throughout the year the youth consistently served as acolytes and leaders in worship. We are grateful for the work of Henry Allen and parent volunteers who helped make this possible.

Men's Breakfast Group

The Trinity Men's Breakfast group continues to grow! Carrying on a long and valued tradition, the group meets at a member's house, at 8:00 AM on the third Thursday of the month, and weekly during lent. We share coffee and a treat, and other refreshments are available on request.

We started getting together during the covid pandemic at a member's backyard where we could socially distance and feel comfortable wearing masks. The group took off and now it is not unusual for us to have between 15 and 20 attendees, and have moved indoors.

We have taken on many projects in support of the Cathedral and its varying projects and efforts. Several of the men have been involved in the Master Planning for the Cathedral, repair of Deans' Hall, hosting of our Afghanistan's and many others.



The format is to have a short morning prayer with no sermon, and then move into discussing the events or challenges of the day. Our target is to wrap up in an hour. But often, if we have not yet solved the world problems, we just hang around as our schedules allow.

The Trinity Men's Group is always looking to expand our numbers and to hear presentations important to the Trinity community. If anyone wants to add their name to the group or suggest topics that need discussion, don't hesitate to call or email Bert Parker, 501-352-8886, hjparkerlr@gmail.com, or George Morledge, gbmorledge@sbcglobal.net.

Community Outreach

THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM AT TRINITY CATHEDRAL

'Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. 3 For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. 4 So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.' (James 1:2-4 NLT)

Several years ago, my husband and I had the pleasure of walking among the giant Sequoia trees in California. I was awestruck and humbled to be in their presence. As we read literature on the trees, I was shocked and amazed to learn fire is very beneficial to the propagation of these trees. The intense heat of a fire dries out the cones enough for them to open and release the seeds. Fire removes the undergrowth allowing the seeds to contact the rich earth. Fire also opens the canopy allowing sunlight to reach the seedlings as they take root. It seems crazy, right? We typically think of fire as troublesome, not a tool for growth. And most definitely not an opportunity for joy!

As we reflect on 2022, there were some troublesome times for our program, yet we endured and are growing better from it. I would never say we are fully developed, perfect and complete, and it always seems like we need something, but we do have joy in abundance! How could you not have joy with the children we serve?

Here is a very small peak at some joyful things that happened in 2022:

- One of our teachers completed her CDA. She started it before the pandemic put everything on hold.



- We earned our Better Beginnings level 2 status.

- We received several grants, in excess of \$400,00.00

- We updated our garden area and are expanding it into a nature classroom.

- Many classrooms received updates in furniture and materials.

As we move toward our 15th anniversary in August of this year,

I pray we continue to be full of joy as we grow in our services to our community.

BIG Projects 2023:

- Playground on the corner of 16th and Spring remodeled (most funding from generous donation).

- Three classroom expansion into Hodges (grant money).

- Continuing to update classrooms and curriculum (grant money).

- Restarting our Parent/Teacher Organization.

- Strengthening of joint events with the Parish.

'...make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, 6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, 7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone. 8 The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.' (2 Peter 1:5-8 NLT)

Matthew 25 Committee

Your Matthew 25 Committee had another busy year bringing the gospel to life in your name. While funds were not available for many major projects there have been some wonderful, meaningful actions on behalf of Trinity Cathedral.

Dorcas House (a Christian-based mission providing women and children who are victims of domestic violence or struggling with addictions, housing, classes, counseling, and chapel time) received a renovated and redecorated bathroom, as well as a much needed bedroom makeover for a mother with multiple children.

A Ladies Night Out was held at Trinity for the residents and their children. After a meal the ladies were treated to facials, massages and crafts while their children were entertained in the gymnasium. It was a special night out for the ladies as they were pampered and shared the joy of visiting with our Trinity team who enjoyed the event equally as much. The ladies have requested a repeat.

The Daughters of the King have joined with the committee to provide birthday cakes for the residents at Dorcas House. Each month a cake is delivered with the names of the birthday persons and cards for each. This is a simple action that means so much to the recipients to have someone think of them on their special day.

Plans for 2023 include a second bedroom for a mother with three children which will be repaired and renovated.

The 2022 Warm Fuzzy Tree set a record for the number coats, hats and gloves you donated. These were given to the clients El Zocalo Immigration Resource Center. Serving over 500 Arkansas families, the luxury of warm clothing was delivered just in time for Christmas.

The annual Mother's Day Purse project continues to provide wonderful Mother's Day gifts for the young children of Our House and Dorcas House to present to their mothers who are so often forgotten. Just over 100 gift-filled purses, all beautifully wrapped, were provided to bring the joy of giving to these children and honor their mothers.

Saint Francis House (a social outreach of the Episcopal church supporting veterans in need) and Stewpot (a mission providing meals to the homeless, jobless, elderly, disabled or displaced) received some much-needed equipment replacement as they continue to serve our community's needy homeless, hungry and veterans. Matthew 25 members have established a process for these two groups to share food and clothing donations. For example, if Stewpot has women's clothing

that is not appropriate for their clients it is transferred to Saint Francis House for their clients. The same with food products. Stewpot cannot cook fresh vegetables or certain meats, but Saint Francis House can distribute those items to clients in their food boxes.

Thanksgiving was special this year with teams from Trinity serving dinner at both Dorcas House and Saint Francis House. The teams also dined with the groups, spreading and enjoying the fellowship of the season. It was a day of blessings and fun for all involved.

A team also provided Christmas Eve dinner for the women at Gaines House (see below).

Looking forward, needs assessments have been conducted for these organizations, as well as additional organizations. When Bliss funding is released by the vestry some critical needed projects will start. More information to follow in the Message.

Respectfully submitted,
W.G. Shurgar - Chairman

Gaines House is a home (not a shelter) for women who have a physical or mental disability. Gaines House will be a new area of focus in 2023. A needs assessment showed areas of the house that are a safety concern and need repairing. To get our involvement started, Matthew 25 members, joined by several board members served Christmas lunch to the residents. In spite of there being no hot water or heat downstairs, our hearts were warmed by the joy and expressions of thanks from these deserving women. We look forward to our future involvement with Gains House. Our goal is to provide a safer environment for the residents as they work on improving their quality of life. -- Mary Wilson



Purse Drive



Warm Fuzzies



Thanksgiving Meal Service



Afghan Placement and Assistance Ministry

by The Rev. Deb Cooper

Our Afghan refugee family arrived in mid-October 2021 and since their arrival we have been partners with Congregation B'nai Israel to sponsor, welcome and help the family become self-sufficient in their new home in America. It has been an interfaith support system: Christians and Jews helping Muslims make a new home in our community.

2022 has been a journey full of challenges for us all, including the Afghan family, but we have been faithful to our mission. Literally, hundreds of people have been engaged to work through myriad details. We formed partnerships with other organizations within our community to share in this work. Here are a few examples of those generous partners:

St. Mark's Episcopal Church	Christ's Episcopal Church
St. Luke's Episcopal Church	St. Margaret's Episcopal Church
St. Michael's Episcopal Church	Interfaith Arkansas
The Interfaith Center	Catholic Charities
Madina Institute	Little Rock Islamic Center
Literacy Action	Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas

To divide and conquer our challenges, we organized ourselves into teams, such as:

Overall Coordination Team	Catholic Charities Liaisons
Good Neighbors Support Team	Transportation Partners
Technical Support Partners	Shopping Partners
Healthcare Coordination Team	Interpreter Team
ESL and Homework Team	Employment Team
Government Support Systems Liaisons	School Coordination Team
Housing Search Team	Permanent Residence Transition Team
Fun Activities Team	Micro-Enterprise for Afghan Women Team

Our current dedicated core-team leaders from Trinity include:

Melissa Whitfield
Lara Schock
Barry Coplin
Chris Parker
Lynn Parker
Dean Meaux
Deb Cooper



Farhad and Farid

