

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ASCENSION

2022 ANNUAL MEETING

JANUARY 23, 2022

Annual Meeting Business

Welcome

Bill Young

Election Slates/Voting (*Top five candidates will serve as Vestry Class of 2025*)

Vestry Member Candidates: Alexia Dukes, Joyce Crittenden,  
Sanford Hamilton, Diana Oliver, Valerie E. Patton, Tony Vick

Alternate Delegate to Convention: Adrienne Dillon, Kia Williams

(*Candidate with most votes will serve as Alternate*)

Reports

Finance (*Reports sent via email*)

Rickey Mabry

Senior Warden

Bill Young

Junior Warden (*Sent via email*)

Stanley Johnson

Reports from Organizations (*Sent via email*)

St. Margaret's Guild, UTO, Payroll Administrator, Men's Club,  
Food Pantry, Every Member Canvas

"Thank You" to Outgoing Class:

Bill Young, Stanley Johnson,  
Rick Mabry, Michael Watson, Machelle West

Open Discussion

Announcements

Final Blessing

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The Treasurer's Report for the 2022 is confidential and was shared with registered church members at the Annual Meeting held on January 23, 2022. It has been removed from this public document. Parishioners who wish to have a copy of it, may request it from the church office.

## Junior Warden's 2021 Annual Report

In January of 2021, we started implementing a vision of what could be at All Saints & Ascension. With a gentle nudge from our new Bishop, a committee was formed consisting of Rev. Renee, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Nancy Hamilton and Michael Watson. The vision called for turning the Sanctuary around, removing the sacristy, the platform which the altar rested and removing the pews. We also wanted to save part of the pews (backs) to build new platform for new altar. We also expanded the size of the Sacristy, cleaned overhead lighting and went with energy efficient led bulbs. I want to thank Clarence Dula for his hard work & diligence in completing the first phase of project.

Phase two called for painting Sanctuary, outside doors and entryway, remove shades, put on new roof & gutters at entryway.

Phase three called for the laying of a new hardwood floor. This was necessary, not just for aesthetics, the tile floor beneath contained asbestos. You had to either cover it or do asbestos abatement, which could cost 10s of thousands of dollars. Our Senior Warden Bill Young took the lead and handled this phase. Thanks, Bill.

Phase four called for installing new cabinets, sink, pacinna, mirror and new lighting in sacristy. We also needed a new sound system, mikes, stands, equalizer, amps, lavaliers and speakers.

Phase five called for finding new seating. Thankfully, Nancy Hamilton took on this task. Thru covid shutdowns, supply chain issues, she doggedly, yet lovingly delivered our beautiful new chairs. Thank you, Nancy.

Phase six called for furnishing a new hand carved altar, credence tables, candle sticks, baptistry and presider's chair. Rev Renee took the lead with these words, "I think I know a guy." The results were magnificent. Thank you, Rev. Renee. Thank you, Bishop Deon Johnson, for your most generous gifts toward completing this phase.

Final phase of renovation was shepherded by Michael Watson with assistance of Nancy Hamilton, Rev. Renee & Bill Young. Portfolio Gallery was contacted to envision a new stain glass cross, with a Black Jesus. The results leave me in awe &

wonder. Thank you, Mike. We have something no other Church has. Thanks to the committee for your long journey and all your hard work.

During the year, it became quite clear that our sextant, Mr. Harold Briggs could no longer fulfill his duties as sextant because of his illness. We all owe Mr. Briggs a debt of gratitude for his more than twenty years of service to both All Saints and Ascension. I have been filling in as sextant in his absence since July. I created new listing for janitors' duties and responsibilities. We are actively looking for a janitor. We also replaced outside railing, added new lighting front and back. Fixed concrete issue in corner of building. Removed leaves from roof gutters. Had windows washed inside & outside. Passed Diocesan building inspection, only comment made was "you did this without an architect." Took inventory of storage facility. It has been my honor and pleasure to have served as your Junior Warden the past three years.

Stanley Johnson Junior Warden

## St. Margaret's Guild 2021 Report

A virtual acknowledgement was held in June for 2021 graduates. They were Arianna Lacey (Promoted to high school) Central Visual Performing Arts, Kennedy Shelton (Attending college) Morgan State University, Stefani Denise Farrow (Attending college) Southern Illinois University, and Sydney Scarlett attending New England Conservatory in Boston. Congratulations to all!

A gift was presented from all members to Rev. Renee for her installation to this parish. Thank you for your participation in this endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Johnson President

### **United Thank Offering (UTO) – 2021**

The basis of UTO is gratitude; so, I wanted that to be the focus during the month of November by including messages and/or prayers in the Friday email blasts. All of us have something to be thankful for each and every day; so, the acknowledgment of gratitude can result in offerings to support grants and ministries in the Episcopal Church.

The UTO blue coin boxes and cash envelopes were made available for everyone to submit their offerings. Because of COVID, our in-gathering Sunday was postponed until December 19<sup>th</sup>. The boxes and envelopes received were counted the following day and our congregation's generosity was overwhelming! The amount received was a total of **\$525.34**, consisting of checks, cash, and lots of coins!

**Thank you, All Saints and Ascension, for your generosity!**

**Margarett Williams**

## PAYROLL ADMINISTRATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The staff at All Saints and Ascension are paid twice each month, on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Depending on when those dates fall on the calendar, they receive their direct deposits a day or two before.

The Payroll Administrator must submit each payroll at least two business days prior to the actual payday. Any staff member who works on an hourly basis must submit those hours to the administrator; so, that the report can be sent to our payroll vendor, Paychex, on time.

The Payroll Administrator must prepare a calendar for the upcoming year that displays both dates for each month:

1) Date payroll hours are submitted to Paychex and 2) Date of payday (Direct Deposit date)

Once the payroll has been submitted, the Payroll Administrator notifies the Treasurer by providing the figures needed for the church financial reports.

The Payroll Administrator is also responsible for any adjustments to payroll, which could include adding/deleting an employee, submitting changes to employee compensation, etc.

Margarett Williams

**Men's Club**  
**Episcopal Church of All Saints' and Ascension**

**VISION:** The Men's Club invites, welcomes, embraces and nurtures Christian men of the church and community in a prayerful and religious environment of good fellowship, good food and good fun.

**MISSION:** The Men's Club will utilize the human and financial resources of the Men's Club in such a way that the ministry of the Club is an enhancement to the lives of the people of the Church and the community.

**Annual Report 2021**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic no activities were conducted in 2021. The club did have a planning meeting on December 16, 2021. During this meeting new officers were elected and they are reflected below:

President – Michael Griffin  
Vice President – Stanley Johnson  
Treasurer - Allen Dukes  
Secretary Rickey Mabry

We also discussed dues and contemplated a Calendar of Events. It was decided to postpone establishing a Calendar of Events until we had a better idea of how the COVID-19 pandemic would impact church activities.

Our mission of including all men in the life of the church is a major task and we continue to seek new members. The by-laws of the Men's Club invite all men to become active members, even if they are not members of church. We welcome all to participate with us.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Submitted by,

*Michael Griffin*  
President

*16 January 2022*

*Stanley Johnson*  
Vice President

*Rickey Mabry*  
Secretary

## **2021 FOOD PANTRY REPORT FOR ANNUAL MEETING**

The Food Pantry has been closed to clients due to the pandemic since March 2020. Thank you to parishioners who have donated non perishable food items that have been put in the Little Library for people to take items as needed. A former Food Pantry client, who wishes to remain anonymous, has also donated food items on many occasions. Rev. Renee has been responsible for keeping the Little Library stocked with food items.

**Submitted by Louise Trudeau**

## **The Episcopal Church of All Saints and Ascension**

### **January ' 2022**

*Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of His own purpose He gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of His creatures.*  
*James 1: 17-18 (NRSV)*

The Current Status of 2022' Annual Every Member Canvas Campaign is as follows:

**Total Annual Pledge Commitments: \$89,756.00**

**Other Annual Pledge Commitments:**

<b>Clergy Discretionary</b>	<b>Food Pantry</b>	<b>ECW</b>	<b>Men's Club</b>
<b>\$775.00</b>	<b>\$550.00</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>	<b>\$65.00</b>

On behalf of the Stewardship Campaign Committee, we extend our sincere gratitude to all of you who returned your completed forms of commitment and generosity.

For those of you who have not yet responded, please prayerfully consider supporting our many financial obligations. Your time, talents and skills are also instrumental in the support of our mission and ministries.

If in case your form was misplaced or you did not receive one, contact me or the church office, and whether you're committing or acknowledging, please, please return your form.

May the God of Love Continue to Bless Us Abundantly

**Betty Brown, Stewardship Campaign Chair**  
**Michael Watson, Stewardship Campaign Co-Chair**