

**Sherwood Episcopal Church
Annual Meeting for 2021
March 13, 2022**

AGENDA

Welcome

BerNee Arnold, Senior Warden

Approval of the Minutes from 2021 Annual Meeting

Joyce Mann, Registrar

Thank You to Outgoing Vestry Members

Mother Nancy

Presentation of Nominees for 2022 Vestry Members

Nominating Committee

Vote for New Vestry Members

Nominating Committee

Sherwood Clean Water Project Update

Anne Wismer

Financial Briefing

Robin Rouleau, Assistant Treasurer

Q&A

Closing Prayer

Mother Nancy

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.”

Colossians 3:12

Compassion! This is the word that comes to mind as I reflect on this past year and how we have continued to remain a community rooted in love. Last year I referred to our community as *resilient* reflecting on our strength at being flexible and strong in the face of many challenges.

This year, however, while continuing to remain resilient we have also shown compassion for one another as we walked through the second year of a world pandemic. This second year has left all of us tired and somewhat cranky. As the pandemic stretched into its second year and the Delta and Omicron variants formed, our world became impatient and tired of isolation, masks, distancing, and all that comes with living with a worldwide pandemic. While many reacted in anger and frustration over COVID-19 restrictions, we as the Body of Christ remained calm and compassionate. Yes, it would have been much nicer to ignore the mask mandate, sing with gusto and return to “normal.” Instead, as a community of faith, we remained committed to caring for one another – especially our most vulnerable. It hasn’t always been easy. We have all had to bend a bit and be accommodating. We know we are more than just individuals; we are the Body of Christ. Thank you for your compassion, love, patience, and resilience that you have all embodied this past year. I am extremely grateful.

Please take time to read the ministry reports and you will note that nothing has slowed us down. The ministries, despite limitations, have continued, serving God and its people.

You won’t want to miss our Annual Meeting. Please join us in person or on zoom for our Annual Meeting that will follow our worship service this Sunday. Let’s celebrate the fact that we are a thriving, resilient, and compassionate community!

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mother Nancy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name below.

The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey
Rector

2021 REPORT ON SHERWOOD'S MILESTONES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Vestry Leadership - Thank you!

The vestry leadership continues to be a strong component of our ministry here at Sherwood. Everyone has remained committed to leading Sherwood into the future. As the rector, I am grateful for the vestry's continued support and guidance.

Our Annual Meeting always brings transition for our vestry as vestry members finish their appointed terms. BerNee Arnold has faithfully served two terms for a total of six years on the vestry. In fact, she was on the vestry when I arrived at Sherwood. BerNee's calm presence and thoughtful wisdom has been an important part of the make-up of our vestry. As Senior Warden this past year she has been a blessing as she helped to lead us through another year of the pandemic. Her insight and perspective always guide me in deciding how best to move forward as the Body of Christ. Thank you BerNee for being a deeply faithful follower of Jesus Christ and leading Sherwood in a time of change.

Carrie Fowler is the other vestry member who has completed her three-year term. Under our bylaws she is eligible to serve another three-year term and thankfully she has agreed to stand for election ... again! Who would have known that having someone who works on the frontlines of the pandemic would also be one of our vestry members! Since the start of the pandemic, Carrie has offered her professional guidance about COVID-19. Her ability to take a complex issue and put it in layman's terms has given the vestry a greater understanding on how best to be a worshipping community in a pandemic. I am thrilled she has committed to stand for a second term.

Both women added much to our vestry team. Thank you both!

Living into our Strategic Imperatives:

This past year we began to move into living into our strategic imperatives. Two of our three identified imperatives, Cockeysville Middle School (CMS), and our Sherwood Campus, have accomplished a great deal of important work in the past year. While our third imperative, caring for homeless veterans has not moved forward, I trust it will in God's time.

Please read the detailed reports for both ministries. They each require strong and collaborative leadership. Joyce Mann continues to be the lead for CMS and she has a team of volunteers who have helped with food drives and the CMS food bank. We continue to build a trusting relationship with the administration at CMS, helping us to care for the students in the best way.

The campus imperative team, after recognizing that the water issue first needs to be addressed, has done some extraordinary work. Under the leadership of Ralph and Anne Wismer, a team of dedicated members submitted two detailed grant proposals to the Chesapeake Bay Trust and the Department of Natural Resources. If we are awarded these grants, we will be able to slow the water that runs through our property and eventually into Loch Raven. This will mitigate additional erosion on our property, cleaning the water before it empties into Loch Raven, and also enhance our property for the betterment of the greater Sherwood community.

Our Strong Team:

It is a blessing to have colleagues working beside me at Sherwood. Greg Sesek, Carey Mednick, and Cassidy Dixon have done so much to ensure that we stay connected despite not being able to worship and gather as we all would like.

Greg has been Sherwood's organist and music director for 20 years! We were able to celebrate his anniversary just a few weeks ago and truly honor his ministry. The amount of extra work Greg puts into providing us quality music shows. Many of us may not realize what he does behind the scenes to ensure quality music during worship and a pandemic! Whether it be his weekly practices, working with Cassidy on new music, or rallying the choir to return for special occasions we are lucky to have him and Cassidy in our midst. Thank you, both, for your hard work during a trying time. Our worship at Sherwood is greatly enhanced because of the gifts you bring to the table.

Carey continues to keep the office running. She not only is responsible for bulletins for Sunday worship, weddings, and funerals, she also keeps us informed via our e-newsletter and social media. This is on top of all her administrative duties. What I love about Carey is her ability to take an idea and run with it—providing me good copy and creative ways to proclaim the Word. Thank you, Carey, for your continued partnership in ministry.

A Seminarian in our Midst:

It has been wonderful to have Karen Mercer with us since this summer. She came to learn about ministry as she completed her seminary education and has been granted candidacy by Bishop Ihloff. It has been a joy to partner with her as she gains a greater understanding about serving a community as its spiritual leader. Karen will be ordained as a transitional deacon on Saturday, April 2. I hope we have a strong showing from Sherwood on her special day. Her future is still being determined and she is welcome to remain with us until she receives her first call. Thank you, Karen, for serving and caring for your Sherwood community.

Accomplishments for 2021:

- Awarded \$2500 grant from the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland for our AV equipment.
- Revised our pastoral care list, creating a long-term and short-term list.
- Successfully began worshipping in-person. Modifying our service to ensure all safety measures were in place.
- Hosted Kimberly Farm Flowers during the summer months and benefited from having her flowers adorn our altar throughout the summer.
- Our e-newsletter received a makeover.
- We had a successful Stewardship Campaign for FY 2022.
- Formed the Sherwood Green Team under the leadership of Bronwyn Strong.
- Drone video of Sherwood's property was produced thanks to Tim Barshinger.
- Two book study and discussions on *Waking Up White*.
- Two adult bible studies via Zoom and in-person at Broadmead (outdoors), two youth bible studies.

- I also continue serve the diocese as a mentor for those in the discernment process
- Co-chair the Reparations Task Force for the diocese
- Serve on the board of the United Churches Area Network (UCAN)

Thank you everyone for making 2021 another year of growing in Christ's love and serving Christ by serving others. We truly are a resilient and compassionate community of faith.

Respectfully submitted,

Mother Nancy

BerNee Arnold, Senior Warden

2020 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order

Meeting convened at 11:03 am via Zoom with limited in-person attendance due to the public health emergency.

Opening Prayer

Rector's Report

- Outgoing Vestry Members-Thank you to Greg Davis and Robin Rouleau who have each served two three-year terms as vestry members. Greg has served as Sr. Warden with deep faith, sound counsel, and humor as needed. Robin has been a dedicated vestry member who has worked diligently to digitize the parish's finances. Both are very appreciated and will be missed.
- COVID-19- Our parish continues to show resilience as the pandemic remains present. Sherwood has not missed a service and has adapted to changes along the way including technology enhancements and hybrid services.

Vestry Elections

Nominees for this year's vestry are Laure Covert and Charles Roebuck. Candidate bios were distributed with the parish. Elections were held. Both members were duly elected as vestry members of Sherwood Church to serve a three-year term. Congratulations Laure and Charles!

Imperative Group Updates

- Cockeysville Middle School (CMS) Imperative Team- Joyce Mann serves as the chair of this imperative group and she shared the progress the team has made in bolstering the relationship between the school and our church community. One such connection occurred by aiding CMS in partnering with the Student Shared Support Network. This partnership will aid CMS in obtaining access to much needed resources.
- Campus Imperative Team- Anne Wismer shared the visions and progress the campus imperative team has made. The team is focusing on establishing a campus that aligns with our mission statement. With that in mind the team has laid plans to identify resources to aid in identifying funding and grant options for the forthcoming projects and researching options for preserving our green space. One key project is water management which will need to be addressed prior to moving forward with any other projects. The team has initiated contact with a civil engineering team to begin planning water management resolutions. There will be quotes that will need review prior to moving forward. The team is putting together a questionnaire to survey the ideas of what our space would be used for.

Financial Report

The past year was unusual in a positive regard, especially compared to other churches in that we did well financially. Robin did an overview of the past year's financial trends as well as an explanation of how the church's monies are organized and how each account is utilized (i.e., the general fund, rector discretionary account).

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bernice "BerNee" Arnold

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee (BerNee Arnold, Sheila Fitzgerald, and Carrie Fowler) presents to the congregation the two candidates who are running for vestry, Christina Pavlick-Strong and Carolyn "Carrie" Fowler.

Christina Pavlick-Strong— After being churchless for much of my adult life, I found myself wanting to find a church home. The church "shopping" ended when I found Sherwood. As it does so well, Sherwood cast open its doors and welcomed me and Bronwyn in 2011. Raised Roman Catholic, I officially became an Episcopalian in 2012 and become a member of Sherwood that same year. My contributions to Sherwood began slowly. I started with being a hospitality host here and there and then ramped up to become the "sign guy" (way back when the Ravens were Super Bowl bound— oh so long ago!). I created and spearheaded an annual Lenten duffle bag drive for foster children and I then served on the vestry for 7 years (2013-2020). I bring many talents and experiences that I would like to continue to share with Sherwood. In my professional career, I am a PhD scientist and bio technology specialist. In my personal life, I am a mom, spouse, daughter, sister and friend. I have many passions and hobbies— from gardening, and canning/preserving, to many DIY projects around our small farm. I am currently enjoying learning about raising dairy goats and this has led me to learn how to make cheese, yogurts, ice creams, soaps etc. I'm not one to shy away from challenges and I love to expand into many new directions, learning along the way! I am capable, dependable, and loyal, and look forward to going the extra mile to do the work that the Sherwood vestry needs.

Carrie Fowler— I have been a member of the Anglican Communion all my life. From baptism as an infant in Pittsburgh, through parishes in the Church of England, the Episcopal Church of Scotland (in which I was confirmed) and South Africa. In 1988, David and I were married in St Stephen's Anglican Church, Cape Town. During our first years in Baltimore, we attended the Church of the Redeemer. Once we moved to Phoenix, I began searching— at my children's urging— for a faith community in which they would be welcomed as full participants. In May 2005, 15-minutes after I walked into Sherwood, I knew I had found it. As a family, we are grateful for the wonderful memories we have built with our Sherwood faith family (and I do not use the word "family" lightly) over 17 years.

There have been so many opportunities to participate in our Sherwood community that I won't list them all here. I have been a choir member and a lay participant for almost 17 years, and served on vestry from 2009-2017, including a term as Co-Senior Warden. In 2019, I returned to vestry service and have witnessed, with gratitude, the commitment of Mother Nancy and our Sherwood community to respond to, and adapt through, the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. It would be my honor to serve another term on the vestry as we seek opportunities to live into our Mission Statement, while continuing our journey of hope, healing, and renewal.

JUNIOR WARDEN REPORT

The Church, Rectory, Church Office, Parish House and Church Campus have been maintained over the past year. Preventative maintenance such as service contracts, etc. continue and are described below.

RECTORY:

1. BGE Home performed their annual inspection and some improvements were made to the HVAC system.
2. New refrigerator was purchased for the rectory house in December. Old one was 20+ years old
3. Two new fire extinguishers were replaced at the time of the Fireline Inspection
4. Tenants noticed a bat. Wildlife inspector came out. A thorough inspection was performed and none were found. Possibility that a door and/or window was left open.

PARISH OFFICE:

1. Check in periodically to be sure heat and water are working properly.
2. Some of the fluorescent bulbs were replaced. With the impending teardown of the temporary church office, it was decided not to replace the ballasts as this is costly. Additional lights were brought in, in the event they are needed.
3. Replaced exterior lights on the office. These are motion sensitive.
4. Office was “deep cleaned” several times throughout the year and items were either recycled or disposed of that were no longer being used.
5. Fireline inspection of the fire extinguishers.
6. Bathroom appliance repair
7. November – no heat in the office. BGE Home came out – replaced a switch.

CHURCH:

1. The A/V System was completed last January. It took us about a month to work out the kinks in the system but it has been great. We have been able to film weddings, a funeral for people who couldn't attend and weekly services.
2. Began preparing for people to return to church. Added hand sanitizers, face masks, thermometers, to become COVID 19 compliant. A lot of work went into this with deep cleaning and removing any expired foods, condiments, etc. Pews were marked for social distancing.
3. New lights installed in the church wing and bathroom ceiling. We do not have a ladder all enough for the bathroom ceiling. Central MD Alarm came by when working in the area and changed this for us.
4. Yearly Fireline inspection of the extinguishers performed. Everything up to date.
5. New circuit board replaced on one of the heating units during BGE inspection.

PARISH HOUSE:

1. See stormwater management report in “Campus”
2. Water dripping in faucets to prevent freeze during the winter months

CAMPUS:

1. Stormwater was the #1 priority of mine in 2021. We have presented several times over the course of the year about the plans going forward. Here is where we are now:
 - Applied for a grant for design engineering of a natural filtration system for the Sherwood Campus. This grant was submitted to the Chesapeake Bay Trust.
 - Applied for a second grant for the “build” portion of the natural filtration system to the Department of Natural Resources. This was accomplished after the Army Corp of Engineers deemed the design portion to be excellent with the exception of a very small change.
 - Sherwood will be notified in March regarding the design grant and sometime in April of the “build” portion.
 - In the meanwhile, we continue to work on a timeline for removal of the church office, the storage shed, relocating important files & documents, etc.
 - We are receiving quotations for the cost to remove the office, shed, and repurposing the parish house as we continue to work on the storm water filtration system.
 - A “Green Team” was formed to work with the neighbors upstream from Sherwood to show Sherwood’s commitment to restoring our water.
 - We partnered with Underwood & Associates as the Design/Build Engineering firm on this huge undertaking.
 - Monthly reports were sent to the Vestry throughout the entire year.

Please feel free to reach out to me for any additional information or feedback regarding this project.

Respectfully submitted,
Ralph Wismer

MUSIC DIRECTOR REPORT

2021 was a year with its ups and downs. It began with great optimism as the vaccines became available. The sense of personal relief this brought was immeasurable. There was the hope of a return to pre-pandemic normalcy, and for a time, we had the opportunity to take a respite from our isolated lives with warmer weather. We were able to reopen to an extent and enjoy coffee hour outside. Then came the surge of Delta and the naivete ended, but the effectiveness of the vaccines cannot be questioned. Some of us would not have survived Delta without this protection. The year ended with a legitimate sense of deja vu as the Christmas we were looking forward to suddenly evaporated with the surge of Omicron and we were isolated again, all of us frustrated. The impact of the pandemic on our lives has brought suffering to some and inconvenience to most.

Over the course of the pandemic, our tolerance for Zoom interactions has plummeted. I miss seeing so many people regularly and have often wondered if the choir will ever return. It will. We are not in the clear yet, but there is hope. The last two years have been a test of patience, self-discipline and personal responsibility. Preparing for the church service takes longer and is more stressful. It is not as immediately rewarding since so many are missing. I have missed out on seeing friends and traveling, as I wanted to remain well to do my job, and not catch and spread COVID to others. Living in community requires sacrifice and service is what Jesus modeled. We all owe a huge debt of gratitude to the medical community, especially those in our community. Thank them by following their guidance on how to protect yourself and others, particularly the vulnerable.

In closing, I thank Nancy, Carey, Karen and Cassidy for your support and energy in carrying on and staying focused during this difficult year.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Seseck

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

From my perspective, 2020 and 2021 have blurred together. It is mind-blowing to me that we have entered our third year of the pandemic. A year ago, it seemed like with the introduction of the COVID-19 vaccine, the light at the end of the tunnel was close. As I write this at my parish office desk instead of at my home computer, I'm happy to note that things are looking up!

In 2021, I continued to work 90% from home at all hours as needed as we expanded the communications we put into place as the pandemic brought virtually everything to a halt. In online matters, our website is still beautiful and easy for me to update. As worship moved from in-person, we instituted an online attendance sheet which proved to be extremely helpful to keep our capacity within the diocese's guidelines. Our views on Facebook and YouTube continue to grow as does our e-newsletter mailing list. I retitled the e-newsletter, *SherWorld*, to reflect Sherwood's ever-evolving role as a pillar of the Cockeysville community and beyond. I also redesigned the e-news to represent a greater sense of consistency amidst uncertainty as well as reinforce the Sherwood "brand" of

combining a rich past with a promising future. To keep those at home in touch with their spirituality, I continued to mail *Forward Day-by-Day* to parishioners and will do so in addition to anyone who requests it. I also increased the number of large-print copies which appears to be an appreciated change.

Caroline Bomgardner, Bishop Sutton's executive secretary, formed a Zoom parish administrators' group that meets regularly which has been a great resource for me especially hearing others share solutions to challenges they've encountered. I hope this group continues into the post-pandemic future.

Thank you to Mother Nancy, Greg, Karen, Robin, and Anne for their support and to Sherwood's parishioners for always responding to any request I may have. You all make my job easier. Into 2022, I'm looking forward to supporting Sherwood's increasingly greater profile as the clean water management project comes to life. I am currently working on a logo for the initiative and will add updates to the website soon. I am also coming into the office much more frequently, so if you stop in chances are that I may be here!

Respectfully submitted,
Carey Mednick

SEMINARIAN REPORT

I cannot believe that I have been with you for over nine months now. The time with you has been such an enriching and fulfilling experience. You have graciously welcomed me into your community and accepted me as a part of your family here. Sherwood has been an integral part of my education and journey to ordination; you have not only listened to my sermons but participated in them as well, providing me with instant feedback and an openness that has been evident in your responses. You supported me throughout my journey this year as I interviewed with the Commission on Ministry and throughout my preparation for the General Ordination Exams. I appreciate each of you and the prayers you have prayed for me.

During my time at Sherwood, I have been blessed to work with the committee on the stormwater project, the pastoral care, and the worship committees. I led a Bible study on Esther and participated with the youth in their fall Bible study. I officiated Morning Prayer service and served as acolyte and usher. The vestry also extended a warm felt welcome, and I have learned so much from experiencing such well organized and well-run vestry. Mother Nancy has provided me with excellent tutelage in pastoral and priestly duties; her trust in me to serve this community has meant the world to me. It has been a pleasure to walk alongside a priest with an obvious love for Christ and a love for all God's people. She has helped me to grow both practically and spiritually during this time. My time at Sherwood has well prepared and well equipped me for ministry. The Holy Spirit led me here, and I am eternally grateful.

Humbly submitted,
Karen Mercer, Seminarian

PROGRAM MINISTRIES ANNUAL REPORTS

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE

In 2021 as the pandemic continued, the Cemetery Perpetual Care Committee (CPC) continued sorting through cemetery records and this will be an ongoing effort. Bill Galetto completed his survey of the cemetery and drew computerized cemetery maps based on the information collected.

Several members of our committee are very involved with the storm water runoff project and the group is waiting to hear back from their grant requests to determine the next steps.

2021 Highlights

- Burials/Inurnments - 4 - Elwood Banister, Mary Cromwell, Virginia Lyon, and Sarah Thomas.
- Lots sold - 2 (Cromwell, Schaffer)
- Veterans - 72 representing the War of 1812, the Civil War (North and South), WWI, WWII, Korean, Vietnam wars to the present. Due to pandemic restrictions, U.S. Flags were placed on these graves on Veterans Day and around the church on Memorial Day.
- We placed 78 wreaths on graves and the church campus.
- We mailed or emailed 167 news/appeal letters resulting in donations from 61 donors totaling \$13,625.20-included \$1,379.00 received from the sale of wreaths.

Thanks to these contributions and gifts, our financial picture continues to be very encouraging.

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| • 2021 expenses - grounds maintenance, snow/ice removal, etc. | \$18,930 |
| • Perpetual Care Fund as of 12/31/2021 | \$419,867 |
| • CPC Money Market as of 12/31/2021 | \$47,002 |
| • CPC CD as of 12/31/2021 | \$20,185 |
| • Checking account balance as of 12/31/2021 | \$11,980 |

CPC members hold themselves responsible to Sherwood Episcopal Church, its members and Vestry and to all lot owners of the cemetery. We are dedicated to the tradition of reverent and perpetual care which has always been associated with this church community.

Cemetery Perpetual Care Members

Rector: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey
Jr. Warden: Ralph Wismer
Members: Bill Galetto, Treasurer
Joyce Mann
Suzanne Merryman, Secretary
Sandy Thompson
Jack Turnbull, Chairman

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Turnbull, Chairman

ALTAR GUILD

I just finished reading last year's Altar Guild report. It contained information about how much had changed because of COVID-19. Surely, it would be different this year. Well, different but the same. We continued to evolve these last 12 months to accommodate the ever-changing weekly services. Even though many are able to watch the service remotely, the Altar Guild still is present with our weekly duties. Flowers needed to be placed; the altar changed with the liturgical seasons; we went back to communion at the rail and again began bringing the gifts to the altar. It almost feels normal again. This couldn't happen without the dedicated group of people that do God's work.

As 2022 begins, we are in need of 3-4 new volunteers to help us. The altar guild consists of 4 teams of people. We welcome and encourage members of the church to consider becoming a member of the altar guild. This is an important ministry because we are the parishioners behind the scenes preparing the church for all services, not only on Sundays, but Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, as well as we decorate for Christmas and Easter. The most important duties are the proper set up, removal and care for the blessed sacraments. The altar guild is also responsible for the flowers and/or greens on the altar each week. We are deeply grateful for all the members of the Altar Guild who continue to serve with faithfulness, devotion, and dedication for this important ministry. Even though we work on different teams we together are the Altar Guild. We can call on each other regardless of what team we serve on.

Janet Barr, a longtime guild member is leaving our team. We can never thank her enough for all of the work she did. As we move forward from another round of the COVID virus, we hope that our teams will grow and that we will all be back at the altar. Also, a very special thank you to Carey Mednick, Parish Administrator. Carey does so much for us and to coin a football phrase, she's our 12th person. Thank you, Carey!

Last, if anyone would like to do Sunday flower contributions to honor or memorialize someone, we will be happy to bring these to you utilizing a COVID safe drop off on your porch. Please email Carey if you wish to donate towards this important ministry.

Altar Guild Members

Susan Boucher

Bernice Denbow

Joyce Mann

Kathleen Stewart

Sandy Thompson

Anne Wismer

Special thanks to Karyn Galetto and Joyce Mann for preparing the altar flowers monthly for church. If you are interested in being responsible for the altar flowers one week a month, please let us know. We welcome any help to our team.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Thompson & Anne Wismer

CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

Christian Formation has flourished during COVID-19. I am delighted by this as I have found our bible studies over Zoom engaging, educational, and Spirit-filled. Moving into 2022, we are now meeting both in person and over Zoom so that we have sessions to fit every need and schedule. With my partners Karen Mercer and Sarah Parker, we have provided ample opportunities for adults and youth to explore their faith.

Classes Offered in 2021:

- Two book study and discussions on *Waking Up White*
- Two adult bible studies via Zoom and in-person at Broadmead (outdoors), *The Book of Esther* and *Faithfull: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph*
- Two youth bible studies via Zoom on Jesus' early life

Respectfully submitted,
Mother Nancy

HEALING MINISTRY

As we move out of COVID restrictions, we will rejuvenate Sherwood's Healing Ministry and Prayer Shawl Ministry. These are much-needed ministries as we begin to rise out of a two-year pandemic. Our healing ministry was a strong part of our worship service monthly. Healing prayers offer comfort and hope for those seeking God's care in a time of need for themselves or loved ones. During the pandemic, our Prayer Shawl Ministry continued to offer the warmth of God's love knitted by praying hands to those who sought healing. As we move out of our pandemic experience, stay tuned for new opportunities with Sherwood's healing and prayer shawl ministries. They will be restored once again.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jane Turnbull & Mother Nancy

HOSPITALITY

We are all yearning for familiar routines such as coffee and relaxation after worship. It appears that light is coming through the two-year long tunnel that we have experienced. Last year I promised that when we are under the same Sherwood roof again we would have a celebratory coffee hour. When

we have a “thumbs up” on post worship gatherings you will be the first to know and we will again return to parishioner contributions for these events. Stay tuned. Hopefully soon the past two years will be just memories.

Respectfully submitted,
Karyn A. Galetto

OUTREACH

“Jesus never says to the poor: ‘Come find the church’, but he says to those of us in the church: ‘Go into the world and find the poor, hungry, homeless, imprisoned.’” Tony Campolo

The above quote struck me as being very much in tune with Sherwood’s Mission Statement. Despite the ongoing effects of the pandemic, Sherwood is out in the world trying to impact our community in a positive way.

Our partnership with Cockeysville Middle School (CMS) through the Student Support Network (SSN) is flourishing. We ended the September 2020-June 2021 school year with monthly drive-thru distributions. In November of 2021 the in-school Room of Support finally opened for monthly pantry dates. Students and families can come in and “shop” for food, clothing, household essentials and personal items. It has been a rewarding experience for the team of volunteers to be able to interact personally with the students and families that pass through the doors. Opportunities to serve the clients range from helping people to find warm winter coats to assisting with “shopping”.

The pantry dates are the big events, but we also help in smaller, more personal ways throughout the year. Emergency clothing was provided through SSN to a student who literally only had the clothes on his back. Sherwood adopted a CMS family at Christmas and assembled 300 snack bags to be served at a holiday event for the 6th grade.

All these things have helped the students and faculty to navigate through another year of lingering challenges. A big thank you to the pantry volunteers (especially Kathleen and Sandy) and to all who support our mission at the school in other ways.

We hope to expand our relationship with CMS as the school navigates the journey back to less restrictive daily operations.

Sherwood continues to support the work of UCAN (United Churches Assistance Network). UCAN remains on a limited schedule and has not yet resumed in-person operations. Despite this, the volunteers are serving those facing eviction and utility cut-offs in our community. An anonymous donor has provided additional funds throughout the pandemic. Their generous donation allows UCAN to greatly increase the amount of financial relief given on a case-by-case basis. Mother Nancy partners with UCAN’s Director as needed to aid individuals in emergency situations.

For Valentine's Day 2022 Sherwood gave the senior residents of Warren Place small bags of candy. The residents greatly appreciated this caring gesture. Thank you to Charles Spinks for delivering the candy! We hope to do this again at other holidays.

Many thanks to everyone that helps Sherwood live our mission to "impact lives through bold service, no exceptions."

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Mann

PARISH RECORDS 2021

Baptisms:	None
Confirmations and Receptions:	2
Marriages:	1
Burials/Inurnments:	4
Funeral and Memorial Services:	1

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

Before I start—I must thank Robin Rouleau who has done much of work this year. He has made sure the finances are organized. He has kept "the books" and helped balance the funds. He has been the Director of Finance (an unrecognized and underpaid position). He has been amazing and worked very diligently!

I think the Vestry has been more aware of expenses and revenues thanks to his efforts.

My report on 2021 is another good message. Despite the pandemic challenges, Sherwood has remained strong. We were blessed to have a very generous congregation. The revenue was huge this year—way above budget which helped tremendously... once again this year we had more donations than any year I have been involved at Sherwood. You can see we had many donations to Outreach (even for a small church) as well as the music program and just "pledges".

We budgeted (and guessed) to be negative nearly \$39,500. We ended the year with a loss of merely \$1300—which is amazing. And unexpected. Revenue was higher by nearly \$30,000 from pledges and gifts and expenses were lower by \$10,000—which was a good combination.

We are current with all bills. Our insurance has gone up as have many other specific items, but we have found ways to balance that with other savings.

For reference, in 2020 we were positive and \$4,000 and in 2019 we were negative about \$12,000 ... in 2018 we had a positive year. In 2017 we were at net zero (broke even). In 2016 we were negative around \$18,000. In 2013 we were positive, but in 2011 & 2012 we were negative financially. In 2014 we were slightly negative (\$7500) —the first part of the year we had a regular priest and associated expenses while in the second half we had merely supply priests which is much less cost. In 2015, we were negative about \$8,000.

We continue to work hard at controlling our expenses, projecting our upcoming needs and maintaining fiscal responsibility. I want to thank everyone at Sherwood for their help. Most especially I want to thank the many volunteers, the Vestry, the altar guild, and our incredible team of Greg, Carey and Mother Nancy for their consistent and steady leadership through the last year. Their contributions have been incredible.

Attached, please find the budget for 2022 and the end-of-year statement for 2021. In 2021, we paid our assessment to the Diocese in a timely and consistent manner. We have paid all payroll and retirement expenses—so there are a few lingering costs—but small housekeeping items to get us up to date. We are current with all tax and insurance issues. We are current with all invoices. We did have some capital and repair expenses – but those have all been paid. The A/V equipment and other “tech” expenses are all paid. And we continue to have a robust music program.

Of course, you may notice that we still have a good checking account balance. Some of this is due to monies remaining from a bequest that was undesignated for usage. Given the financial shortfall from previous years, and the projected budget shortfall for 2022, I would suggest that during this fiscal year we will likely need to utilize some “savings and investment funds”; Robin has worked diligently on balancing the needs here.

Also, please note that all financial information and data is kept in the office in case anyone desires more specifics or has questions. This includes statements (originals) as well as all back records and anything else not needed by me for the immediate calendar year.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me directly. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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Treasurer