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Parish Register 2022

BAPTISMS

March 13, 2022	Cooper Hall Mabbatt Short	Born: July 26, 2021
March 27, 2022	Penrose Jean Atkinson	Born: January 14, 2022
March 27, 2022	Peter Whitney Atkinson	Born: February 10, 1991
June 5, 2022	Joey Elizabeth Rule	Born: August 31, 2021
June 26, 2022	Liston Hutcheson Conrad, Jr.	Born: October 16, 2021

MARRIAGES

January 21, 2022	Allyson Hardy and Zachary Pellett
February 5, 2022	Austin Marie Nalen and Frank Russell Sprole
February 19, 2022	Katrina Chapman and Justin Garn
June 25, 2022	Skye MacDonald Ljunggren and Robert Fleming Cox
August 14, 2022	Debra Ann Danberry and Norman Atwater Cocke III
September 10, 2022	Carolyn Marie Williamson and Zachary Stuart Richardson
September 18, 2022	Charlotte McNiff Ferguson and William Hays Suk
September 24, 2022	Hilary Anne Sargent and Adam Joseph Hruskocy
October 1, 2022	Taylor Wilson Thomas and Alexander McMennamin Hobbs
October 2, 2022	Alyson Witmer and Ian Root

CONFIRMATIONS

November 6, 2022	Jason Robert Williams
November 6, 2022	Hanna Navarre Bailey
November 6, 2022	Maeve Livingston Bailey
November 6, 2022	Eavan Mae Brown
November 6, 2022	Margaret Scout Kendall
November 6, 2022	Keaton Amelia Pate
November 6, 2022	Walker Henry Pate
November 6, 2022	Keeley Brittian Stine
November 6, 2022	Lily Grayson Strine
November 6, 2022	Marina Kathleen Wigdale

BURIALS/MEMORIAL SERVICES

June 17, 2022	Kelly Williams	Departed: June 10, 2022
August 29, 2022	Christopher Stephen Cord	Departed: July 29, 2022
September 13, 2022	James M. "Jim" Garrison	Departed: August 23, 2021
September 13, 2022	Michael R. Garrison	Departed: April 8, 1989
September 24, 2022	Loren Frederick Kahle, Jr.	Departed: July 8, 2022
October 29, 2022	Paul L. Hansen	Departed: July 26, 2022
December 29, 2022	Sofia Adele Uri	Departed: December 16, 2022

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

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Rector's Report by the Very Rev. M. Jonah Kendall



While wearing my collar at a community event not too long ago, I was asked which church I served. When I said St. Thomas on Sun Valley Road, the gentleman lit up:

“St. Thomas, I know that church. In fact, I feel like it’s tugging me, trying to get me to attend. You’re out on the street serving meals every Wednesday night. You got that theater camp. And the banner, ‘All are welcome’. There’s something there, something beautiful that you don’t encounter much in this world. I have to tell you, it has me on brink of showing up for worship.”

What a wonderful way for St. Thomas to be known and experienced. And the beauty that I believe he was speaking of, is the beauty of God’s grace that abounds here at St. Thomas.

Consider these highlights from this past year:

- ◆ Our average Sunday attendance has grown significantly over last year. In addition, our in-person attendance is just about back to pre-pandemic numbers and our virtual offerings continue to be well received.
- ◆ Our stewardship campaign successfully raised our pledged income by 15%. Thank you to everyone who contributed to support our life together at St. Thomas. Over the past three campaigns we have raised our pledged income by 39%. That is amazing! Thank you!!!!
- ◆ The St. Thomas Sunday School and Youth Group programs have not only returned to their regular meetings, but they have both experienced growth over the past year. In addition, we confirmed 9 youth when the Bishop visited this past November. As a result, we are in the process of planning a youth pilgrimage to take place soon.
- ◆ Joel Bejot has established a thriving children’s choir. Every Wednesday at 3pm the halls of the church are alive with the sound of cherub voices singing away. And we’ve all enjoyed their presence at several of our services this fall and early winter.
- ◆ Our outreach ministries provided a loving and grace-filled response to several needs that arose in our community this past year – support for the victims of the Limelight fire, landscaping for a workforce housing project, collecting winter clothing for children, supporting our local Hispanic/Latinx community, and continuing to incorporate care for creation in our parish life.
- ◆ St. Thomas Playhouse had an incredible year. Enrollment was up. The Committee expanded its membership and we exceeded all of our fundraising and tuition goals. What a great job!
- ◆ KCDC faithfully served on average 70-75 meals to people in need each week. Its volunteers have expanded to include not only parishioners, but members of the wider Wood River Valley community. KCDC has also benefited from a number of financial gifts gratefully given by people in the community that have felt moved to support this ministry of loving service.
- ◆ The vestry also had several accomplishments this year. They endorsed a Planned Giving ministry with the establishment of the St. Thomas Legacy Society, approved a way to further fund our outreach initiatives that will preclude us from consistently raising funds through congregational appeals, as well as developed a new ministry called Breaking Bread Together, which brings parishioners together in small groups for fellowship.

I want to thank our outgoing vestry members Laurie Ahern, Heather Black and Art Dahl for their faithful service to St. Thomas as vestry members. And I also thank our outgoing Senior Warden, Rebecca Waycott. Rebecca’s faithful leadership over the past several years carried us through a Rector’s search, a leadership transition, a pandemic and a capital campaign to renovate the Rectory. Thank you, Rebecca!

Clearly, the grace of God abounds at St. Thomas!



Associate Rector's Report by the Rev. Kathleen Bean

As Jonah mentions, our in-person worship services are returning to pre-pandemic levels, with additional participation from online viewers, and it is thanks in no small part to the participation of dozens of parishioners who help make worship happen, week in and week out. As the author of Hebrews says, truly, "time would fail me" (Hebrews 11:32) to tell of all the people of faith who serve St. Thomas in worship ministries - the Altar Guild, Flower Guild, Acolytes, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Visitors, Ushers, the choirs, and our Taize Committee - time would fail me to do you all justice. "Liturgy" literally means "the work of the people" and you certainly bear that out. Worship is our primary call and the nourishment that equips us for ministry, and it is a privilege to create and lead worship with you.



We came out of our COVID shell a lot this year with new gatherings focused on spiritual growth, including a Women's Retreat in May led by Sabrina Roblin and "Altars in Nature" in August led by Vicki Rosenberg. The moms of St. Thomas create a sacred space in the sanctuary for prayer and conversation on Thursday mornings. It is good to be together!

One of our core values is care for each other and our Pastoral Care Team continues to pray the St. Thomas prayer list faithfully each and every day, make calls, deliver meals, offer rides and walk alongside many who are struggling with any kind of illness or trouble. They are wonderful partners in ministry to the clergy and we are very grateful for them.

As we continue to live into our call to be a "Village Church", I think about the weddings and funerals that took place at St. Thomas and in other settings last year, and the ways in which we extend the love of Christ to many who are not necessarily part of our regular congregation. We are not a closed community, rather, one characterized by open hearts and hands, offering God's free gift of grace to all. I'm excited to discover the ways we will grow in grace together in the coming year.

Grace and peace to you all!

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As we look ahead to 2023, I want us to own this. For what makes St. Thomas distinct from other community organizations is that St. Thomas exists not merely to love others but to love others as Christ loves us, which is to love others with the humility, the acceptance, and the compassion of God's grace. It's grace that sets us apart. It's grace that is, to borrow a phrase from Doyt Conn, the Rector of Epiphany Episcopal Church, Seattle, our "unique bailiwick and created market niche in God's divine economy." And it's grace that we all know the world needs more than anything else.

Therefore, this year Kathleen and I want to intentionally explore and cultivate the gift of God's grace among us. In order to do this, we will frequently preach on the theme of grace and its relationship to forgiveness, healing, transformation and loving service. We are going to explore Lent, Holy Week and Easter through the lens of the redemptive power of love and grace as opposed to the brokenness of sin. Grace will inform the women's retreat that Kathleen will lead this May. Finally, we are going to strive to have the acceptance and openness of grace infuse our parish gatherings, meetings and offerings.

God's grace is a gift. And it's a unique gift to be experienced and shared here at St. Thomas. As that gentleman said to me about St. Thomas at that event the other night, "There's something there, something beautiful that you don't encounter much in this world. I have to tell you, it has me on brink of showing up for worship."

May God's grace be with you and with us all. Thanks be to God! And thank you to everyone that has served to make St. Thomas all that it is.

In Christ,
Jonah+



Senior Warden Report by Rebecca Waycott

We at St. Thomas have enjoyed a vibrant year “post-Covid” as we have been fully re-immersed into our worship opportunities, committees and outreach. What a wonderful feeling it is to be able to be together again.

This past year I have been reflecting on the various things that St. Thomas means to me, my husband and our family as well as what it means to our community. St. Thomas is back strong. Yes, Covid changed things in many ways, but everything seems to have moved for the better. Those who are able to attend Sunday services bring great energy resulting in a very good feel for all of us. The services and liturgy are lovely, and the good words delivered to us by Jonah and Kathleen touch many of our hearts and souls often leading to good conversations the rest of the day or at least inner reflection and thought. I feel truly lucky to serve as Senior Warden in such a positive environment.

Our staff are superb – each and every one of them working at their tasks with great creativity and dedication. I, and probably most of you, truly feel both welcome and happy every time I step into the office. The various reports you will hear today will share a story of a vibrant church filled with generous and giving members. When I say generous, I don’t mean only monetary support for our church, but also generosity of spirit and time with a willingness and eagerness to pray and socialize with one another.

This past year I have been particularly involved in the revitalization of the Legacy Society. The Society has grown by about 25% since it was reintroduced, and we feel that this is truly a great program for assuring the well-being of St. Thomas for generations to come. Reflecting on all the positive experiences that St. Thomas has provided to our family, it seems to me even more important that St. Thomas be there for those who come in the future. I am particularly struck at Christmas time by the yearly visits from children and grandchildren who grew up in our church and return to experience that same magic they felt as children. Many of them may well be part of our future.

I am happy to report that our partnership with Thompson & Associates this past year has been a positive experience for those who have participated. Their specialty is value-based estate planning where the clients determine how they want to create their estate plan to best benefit their family and loved ones while also taking advantage of ways to avoid many taxes – using that money instead for organizations that have been important in one’s life. This is a free service for St. Thomas parishioners who are interested in participating.

Finally, let me share the completion of a big milestone in St. Thomas’s recent history. Almost 4 years ago we as a church decided that it was time to move forward with the plan of bringing on an associate rector. As it was explained to the congregation, this added cost to the church would take 3-5 years to assimilate into our budget without operating at a loss or using funds from the endowment. We hired Kathleen in June 2019 to take this position and have never looked back. Most of us can probably not imagine the church without her. This added cost to our budget is now paid for by all of our pledges and offerings. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, this goal has been achieved! Congratulations!!

I feel confident that St. Thomas will continue to grow and thrive as the wonderful “Village Church for All” that it already is. Thanks to each and every one of you for all you do.



Bishop Jos with Youth Confirmands (left to right) Eavan Brown, Walker Pate, Hanna Bailey, Kiki Pate, Maeve Bailey, Grayson Strine, Keeley Strine, Scout Kendall, and Marina Wigdale.



2022 IN REVIEW



Treasurer's Report by Tom Benson

After two years in which church and St Thomas Playhouse programs and financial results were significantly impacted by the pandemic, 2022 marked a return to a more normal level of operating activity.

2022 Financial Performance

- Income – Recurring gifts from parishioners (including plate offerings, pledge offerings, unpledged grants and the Anonymous grant) totaled \$803,900 which was \$100 less than budget and a 10% increase from 2021. As a result of the favorable expense variances described below, the actual transfer of balances from other funds was \$5,000 less than budgeted and the budgeted annual contribution from our endowment fund of \$23,300 was redirected to the Capital Improvement Fund.
- Rector Expenses – Total rector and associate rector expenses \$5,100 above budget due primarily to an unbudgeted midyear adjustment to the Associate Rector's compensation.
- Compensation Costs – Church staff costs were \$800 above budget.
- Program Expenses – These expenses were \$7,600 lower than budget with notable savings in worship and staff training expenses.
- Church Operating Expenses – This broad category was \$11,400 over budget due primarily to higher than expected costs to resume full church operations and higher inflation driven price increases from service providers.
- St Thomas Playhouse (STP) – STP had a very successful year benefiting from increased fundraising and exceptionally strong enrollment across its many programs. The 2022 church budget anticipated providing a \$20,000 contribution to STP which was in line with STP's operating results in recent years. STP actually finished 2022 with a small operating surplus which will be carried forward to 2023.
- Bottom Line – The 2022 operating results show a net profit of \$2,000. This compares with a net loss of \$77,000 in 2021 before taking into account the benefit of one-time federal pandemic payroll relief funding. Thanks to all of you for continuing to give generously to St Thomas. Thanks to your generosity and strong church leadership we are blessed to have bounced back so strongly from the pandemic driven financial challenges we faced in 2020 and 2021.

2023 Budget Highlights

The 2022 budget projects a break-even bottom line. The income budget assumes a 14% increase in pledge offerings (consistent with the success of the 2023 stewardship campaign), offset in part by lower unpledged grants (due to the loss of a few longtime donors) and lower income from the Anonymous Grant (as we work to reduce our dependency on this longstanding annual gift which will come to an end in 2026). The expense budget includes an 8% salary increase for our clergy and church staff and assumes that we hire a part time youth and family ministry director beginning in April.

The church has budgeted a \$20,000 contribution for STP in 2023 based on STP's budget. The 2023 STP budget includes conservative assumptions about enrollment and includes increases in stipends for production staff after not increasing stipends for several years. The Vestry has previously agreed that beginning in 2023 the annual contribution from the endowment (estimated for 2023 at about \$20,000) will be directed entirely to Outreach ministries including STP.

Junior Warden Report by Laurie Ahern

It has been my honor and pleasure to act as the St. Thomas Junior Warden for the last two years. The Junior Warden is elected by fellow Vestry members and is responsible for the maintenance of the building and grounds of the church and rectory.

In the past year, two major projects have been completed. Metal railings were fabricated and installed in the choir loft for the safety of all who use that space. The wet bar and sink area in the Narthex was determined to be of no use and a set of three tall cabinets were installed, greatly increasing the storage space for liturgy materials and providing storage for the KCDC program. The garbage bin area in the parking lot was improved by taking off the large, heavy door which was a danger and unsightly. In addition to the paper recycling bin, an aluminum can bin was added in order to increase our recycling efforts. The two stone benches under the bell tower were removed, as they were falling apart and posed a toppling risk. A window in classroom 1 had failed and was replaced this fall.

Proposed 2023 Operating Budget

	2022 budget	2022 Actuals	Proposed 2023 budg-
Income			
4000 · Assessable Income			
4001 · Plate Offerings	55,000	47,548	50,000
4003 · Pledge Offerings	632,000	617,093	720,000
4021 · Contribution - Endowment ¹	23,272	0	0
4020 · Unpledged Grant	70,000	92,259	60,000
4022 - Anonymous Grant ²	47,000	47,000	35,000
4025 - Transfer from Fund(s)	20,000	15,000	0
4027 · Facility Use (assessable)	3,000	6,300	6,000
Total 4000 · Assessable Income	850,272	825,200	871,000
4500 · Non-Assessable Income			
4521 · Facility Use	12,000	12,560	12,000
NEW · Interest from Endowment	0	0	20,000
Total 4500 · NA Income	12,000	12,560	32,000
Total Income	862,272	837,760	903,00.0
Expense			
5000 · Expenditures			
5010 · Rector Expenses			
5011 · Compensation			
5011a - Cash Stipend & SECA	109,630	109,756	118,282
5011b - Health Ins. Benefit	34,762	32,006	36,288
5014 · Pension Premium	26,636	26,668	30,018
5016 · Cont. Educ/Conferences	2,000	0	0
5022 · Rector Business Expenses	2,500	1,996	2,500
Total 5010 · Rector Expenses	175,528	170,426	187,088
5020 · Associate Rector (AR)			
5021c - AR Cash Stipend	45,213	58,831	68,711
5021b - AR Health Insurance	18,089	13,018	12,960
5021a - AR Pension	8,138	10,350	12,368
5021d - AR Business Expenses	500	0	500
Total 5020 · AR Expenses	71,940	82,199	94,539
5030 - Compensation			
TOTAL staff wages	162,066	169,987	174,671
5043 · FICA & Medi (7.65%)	12,398	12,995	13,362
5044 · Staff Pensions (9%)	14,586	15,288	12,260
5045 · Staff Medical Ins.	34,244	25,854	25,920
Total 5030 · Compensation	223,294	224,124	226,213
5050 · Program Expenses			
5052 · Worship Expenses			
5050b - Altar Supplies	2,700	1,572	2,000
5050c - Altar Flowers	1,000	-132	500
5050d - Musicians	1,500	1,000	1,500
5050e - Vestments	300	149	250
5050f - Outside Contractors	1,000	150	750
TOTAL	6,500	2,740	5,000
5050L - Legacy Society	500	0	500
5053 - Nursery Care	1,600	1,047	1,600
5054 - Children's Christian Ed.	2,300	2,191	2,300
5057 - Hospitality & Fellowship			
5057a - Annual Parish Picnic	500	782	800
5057b - Receptions	500	789	500
5057c - Coffee Hours	300	585	650
5057d - Annual Meeting Brunch	500	0	400
5057e - Sunday School Brunch	350	0	150
5057f - Name Tags	200	309	300
TOTAL	2,350	2,434	2,800

5059 · Music Supplies/Choir	4,000	3,502	4,000
5060 · New Member Ministry	500	663	750
5062 - Green Team	200	533	500
5063 · Pastoral Care	0	0	250
5064 · Stephen Ministry	500	0	0
5065 · Outreach Ministry	0	270	0
5066 · Family Ministry	1,400	1,892	1,650
5067 · Supply Organist/Pianist	1,500	2,055	1,500
5069 · Visiting Priests	0	150	200
5070 · Staff/Volunteer Training	2,000	296	1,500
5071 · Events	0	-748	0
5074 · Vestry	500	367	500
5075 · Stewardship	250	50	100
5076 · Youth Christian Education	2,500	2,069	2,500
5077 · Adult Christian Education			
Adult Ed classes	500	48	500
Education for Ministry (EfM)	500	400	400
Total 5050 · Program Expenses	27,600	19,958	26,550
5080 · Church Operating Expenses			
5032 · Audio/Visual System	500	0	0
5034 · Bookkeeping	17,875	17,050	20,000
5035 - Database management	1,500	1,188	1,250
5041 · Cleaning Staff	15,450	17,055	18,000
5051 · Advertising	5,000	7,388	2,500
5055 · Convention Delegates	1,000	1,100	1,100
5061 - Books/educational material	200	149	200
5064 - Professional Account. & Audit	2,200	2,212	2,250
5068 · Subscriptions	500	510	500
5082 · Cleaning Supplies	2,000	2,212	2,300
5083 · Computer/Copier	7,000	12,069	7,500
5084 · Insurance	15,000	13,678	15,000
5085 · Lawn/Garden Care	8,500	14,159	11,000
5086 · Office Supplies	1,000	3,295	3,000
5086a · Kitchen Supplies	500	2,610	1,000
5087 · Repairs/Maintenance	17,000	15,728	16,000
5089 · Telephone/Internet	7,000	6,706	6,500
5090 · Utilities/Garbage Removal	14,500	14,265	14,500
5092 · Website	1,250	2,416	2,500
5093 - Communications	1,300	375	500
5094 · Snow Removal	5,000	3,945	7,500
5096 · Bank & Merchant Charges	6,000	5,055	5,000
5097 · Postage	3,000	2,649	2,500
6517 - Flowers/Gifts	1,500	689	750
Total 5080 · Operating Expenses	134,775	146,211	141,350
8000 · Rectory Operating Expenses			
8002 · Lawn Care	6,000	7,614	7,000
8002b - Snow Removal	2,000	1,085	1,500
8003 · Misc.	700	704	700
8004 · Repairs & Maintenance	500	482	500
8006 · Utilities	5,000	4,108	4,000
Total 8000 · Rectory Expenses	14,200	13,994	13,700
6510 · Ministry Outside Congregation			
6511 · Diocesan Assessment	178,557	172,089	182,910
6513 - STP Grant	20,000	0	20,000
6515 · Clergy/Discretionary Outreach	1,000	1,000	1,000.00
6516 · Special Offerings			
6523 - Episcopal Relief & Dev.	5,942	5,777	6,097
Total 6510 · Outside Ministry	205,509	178,866	210,007
Total 5000 · Expenditures	852,846	835,778	899,446
OPERATING INCOME/LOSS	9,426	1,982	3,554

¹The Spending Policy for St. Thomas Endowment Fund authorizes an annual distribution of monies from the Fund equal three percent (3.0%) of the most-recent three-year moving average of the market value of the Fund as calculated as of December 31 each year. Monies so determined (the "Annual Distribution") may be transferred, in whole or in part, to the Operating Account(s) of St. Thomas Church for any purpose as approved by the Vestry. From time-to-time, the Vestry may determine that any or all of the Annual Distribution is not required for operating purposes and, therefore, is not to be transferred to the Operating Account(s) (the "Non-Transferred Annual Distribution"). Any such Non-Transferred Annual Distribution shall be reinvested in the Fund.

² The Anonymous Grant (Line 4527) is a gift we receive each summer in the amount of \$47,000. This annual donation is part of a twenty-year, one million dollar gift. There are no restrictions on the use of this money, although the vestry prefers to place it in long-term funds when possible. There are approximately 4 installments remaining.

Proposed 2023 St. Thomas Playhouse Budget

	Proposed 2022	Actual 2022	Proposed 2023
ADMINISTRATION			
Income	37,000	49,644	41,000
Expense	116,914	116,475	143,724
Net	79,914	66,831	102,724
GIRLFRIEND LUNCH			
Income	16,100	30,955	35,150
Expense	7,400	10,516	14,420
Net	8,700	20,439	20,730
CHILDREN'S PLAYHOUSE TOUR			
Income	0	2,000	7,000
Expense	0	0	9,300
Net	0	2,000	2,300
COMPANY B - JUNE			
Income	25,950	45,854	47,230
Expense	15,395	25,214	23,750
Net	10,555	20,640	23,480
SPACC			
Income	46,500	41,472	59,000
Expense	38,666	40,125	47,705
Net	7,834	1,347	11,295
SUMMER THEATER PROJECT			
Income	9,550	6,277	10,950
Expense	9,350	12,946	15,600
Net	200	6,669	4,650
COMPANY B - AUGUST			
Income	39,500	57,075	58,625
Expense	18,850	27,793	27,900
Net	20,650	29,282	30,725
FAMILY MAIN STAGE PRODUCTION			
Income	26,700	9,320	26,600
Expense	15,000	17,252	26,950
Net	11,700	7,932	350
COMPANY B - WINTERIZED			
Income	5,550	14,059	6,800
Expense	3,725	6,335	3,380
Net	1,825	7,724	3,420
PROFIT/LOSS	18,450	0	20,374

St. Thomas Fund Balances - as of December 31, 2022

Operating	10,526	Memorials	33,969
Capital Improvement Fund	139,725	Organ	3,309
Columbarium	18,749	Property, Buildings, & grounds	2,625,608
Community Outreach Funds	8,188	Sabbatical Fund	7,924
Designated Gifts	4,024	The Bilkey Memorial Fund	537
Education Fund	10,178	The Music Fund	7,379
Endowment (total)	875,179	The St. Thomas Playhouse Fund	7,124
Families	3,964	Youth Ministry Development	19,073
Ketchum Community Dinner Curbside	15,165	TOTAL	3,794,372
Labyrinth	3,753		



FINANCIAL REPORTS



Annual Giving Campaign

by David and Sherri Luhr, Co-chairs of the Stewardship Committee

‘Embracing God’s Family’, our Stewardship Campaign theme this year, focused on the goal of growing the programs that nurture and support our parish families. This theme also encompassed supporting the increasing needs of our larger family in the Wood River Valley.

We are truly blessed at St. Thomas with a wonderful, growing, and giving church family. A family that truly supports each other and the increasing needs of our extended community.

As of January 17, we have raised \$721,848 in pledges, a 14.8% dollar increase over last year’s record pledge amount. So far, 165 families and individuals have pledged, which includes 23 new pledges. 59 of our members increased their giving from their 2022 pledge.

Given the high inflation rate and all the recession chatter this year, the concerns about giving in 2023 were real. But our congregation once again came through. We are so very grateful. With the generous support from our congregation, St. Thomas will be able not only continue our programs into 2023, but we will be able to add to them as well.

The Stewardship Committee members were Jonah Kendall, Kathleen Bean, Nick Miller, Heather Black, Amy Geer, and Janet Schaumburg. And as always, we wouldn’t have reached this goal without the help and guidance of the Vestry.

It was a pleasure to serve as co-chairs of this year’s campaign. With all the help and support we received, the job was very rewarding. As relatively new members at St. Thomas, Sherri and I enjoyed working with the church staff and getting to know so many new faces at St. Thomas. We would recommend this experience to anyone who might be interested.

And please don’t forget that it is never too late to pledge. Every gift, no matter the amount, will help us serve the very real needs of this valley. If you haven’t had a chance to pledge yet, just reach out to the church office or enter your pledge on the St. Thomas website.



Finance Committee

by Roger Gould

The year 2022 was a brutal year for stocks and bonds. The S&P 500 declined over 19.0% and the Morningstar U S Core Bond Index was down over -12.0%. It is a unique year, that doesn’t happen often, when both major indexes are negative. Bottom line, there was no place to hide for a balanced portfolio.

With the war in Ukraine, rising interest rates, crude oil price increases, crypto implosion, supply chain bottlenecks, high inflation and increasing mortgage rates, investors had limited areas to protect assets. Even Real Estate was negative, except in Sun Valley.

Fortunately, the St. Thomas Endowment was invested conservatively and, though a negative year, the Asset Allocation of 60% equities and 40% Fixed Income did help to “protect” the portfolio compared to a higher equity mix. For the year, the perpetual Endowment was down -14.4%. Combined with the Unrestricted Fund portfolio and the cash reserves the total return was -3.3%. Total assets of the Endowment, Unrestricted Fund, and Cash reserves declined from \$1,066,856 to \$987,328 at year end.

The investment committee in conjunction with our manager Mercer Advisors (formerly ClearRock), and the vestry determined to maintain our asset allocation at 60/40 while continuing our current spending policy of 3% of a 3-year moving average value of assets. This will provide a smooth cash flow even in a negative year.



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Altar Guild

by Mary Malkmus

It is the job of the Altar Guild members to attend to all the “behind-the-scenes” tasks that make our church services run smoothly, thus providing a meaningful worship experience for all. We are the priest’s liturgical partner. We work in pairs, preparing the altar for all services, including baptisms, weddings, and funerals.

We have a wonderful team of dedicated volunteers:

Betsy Ashton	Lynne Campion-Waddell
Beverly Boas	Vickie Cutler
Lise Holt	Connie McGowan
Carolyn Coiner	Mott Nicol
Elaine Harfst	Mary Ann Syms
Chris Vik	Mary Colhoun
Karen Robideaux	

Thank you ladies!!! We are always looking for new helpers to join us in this meaningful work. If this kind of service to St. Thomas appeals to you, please contact Mary Malkmus (208) 622-3949

Adult Education Committee

by Don Liebich, Chair

Adult Education Classes after Sunday church gatherings have been an important ministry over the years for many in the congregation. This year we explored such diverse topics as “Yoga as Spiritual Practice” with Susan Springer, “Contemplative Gardening” with Rev. Pamela Dolan, and “Faith Communities: Sects. Churches and Rituals”.

The Rector’s Discussion Group has emerged as an important part of the education program covering such topics as “Mary Magdalene”, “The Triumph of Christianity” and the “Book of Revelation”. Because it is a virtual program, people have been able to participate from outside the Wood River Valley.

As the congregation has grown and changed, particularly with new young families, we want to be sure that we continue to engage the curiosity, questions, and educational interests of as many of our members as possible regarding our faith and practices. To that end, we are circulating a survey, the results of which will guide our plans for 2023. Please help us by completing the survey and giving us your feedback.

Bible Study Group

by Art Dahl

St. Thomas Bible Study Group meets every Thursday at 12:00 noon for one hour. The focus is on the Scripture for the coming Sunday. Each Scripture passage is read aloud and discussed.

The purpose is three-fold. First, to consider possible interpretations of each passage. Second, to apply the teachings to the world we live in today. And third, to explore what they suggest for us as individuals. The discussion is fluid and open and Biblical expertise is not necessary.

Both Jonah and Kathleen attend frequently. Meetings are held in the Fireside Room.

Come, all are welcome. Contact Father Jonah or Art Dahl for further information.

Book Group

by Sylvia Miller

St. Thomas has been home to the only open book club in the valley for many years. Members do not need to be members of the church to belong. This has resulted in a visible outreach into our community. We read novels and non-fiction. Our reading list for 2022 was:

“The Last Thing He Told Me” by Laura Dave
 “The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek”

by Kim Richardson

“Anxious People” by Frederick Backman
 “The Non-violent Life” by John Dear
 “Stronghold” by Tucker Malarkey
 “Haben” by Helen Girma

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 202-255-4236 or



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Columbarium

by Kathleen Bean

St. Thomas' Columbarium is the final resting place for many beloved parishioners, and its quiet beauty and serenity welcomes people to visit their loved ones, sit for a moment and offer a prayer. We are grateful to committee member Bev Boas for tending the flower boxes at the entrance so that it is beautiful in all seasons.

We continue to have a wonderful summer party for "Hole in the Wall" members, hosted again this year on August 25th by Bev Boas, so that everyone knows their eternal neighbors.

Niches and memorial nameplates may be purchased by contacting the office.

As of year's end, the balance in the Columbarium fund was \$18,749.28.

In 2022, 3 nameplates and 8 regular niches were sold. Yet to be sold are 66 nameplates, 31 niches, and 8 large niches. The current costs are: nameplate \$500, niche \$1,500, and large niche \$2,500. Once a Columbarium space has been reserved and purchased, there are no additional expenses or annual maintenance fees. All purchases are non-refundable.

Green Team

by Sandra Willingham and Kathleen Bean

After several years of faithful leadership of the Green Team, Mary Malkmus stepped down (while remaining on the Team) and Sandra took the helm for 2022. We began the year by developing a new mission statement: "The St. Thomas Green Team's mission is to safeguard AWE (Air, Water, Earth) in response to the challenges of Climate Change."

We sought to live into that mission with occasional offerings at St. Thomas to educate parishioners about care for creation, including an Adult Ed session on how to compost, and streaming the inspiring movie Kiss the Ground. In October we welcomed the Reverend Canon Sally Bingham, founder of Interfaith Power and Light, an ecumenical NGO devoted to bringing together people of all faith traditions to educate and advocate for the environment. A new state chapter of this organization has been formed in Boise, and in December the Vestry voted unanimously for St. Thomas to become a member.

The Green Team faithfully cleaned up the highway in the spring and fall with our friends from Emmanuel, Hailey, had a compost demonstration booth at the Hailey Earth Day event, and continues to offer "tips" and inspiration in the Sunday bulletins and e-news.

Members include Laurie Ahern, Linda Bergerson, Pat Davies, Suzie King, Mary Malkmus, Susie Orb, Richard Waycott, and Sandra Willingham, and we would love to have some new members!

Communications/Media

by Brett Moellenberg

St. Thomas continued offering expanded digital media through filmed services, featured videos and interactive website integrations, such as surveys and sign-ups.

Over the course of the year, St. Thomas had 7,400 views on its videos, with 2,300 unique viewers. The weekly services averaged 33 views per Sunday.

St. Thomas Playhouse also archived every production from 2022 for private viewing. Thank you for interacting with St. Thomas online!



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Children's Ministry by The Rev. Jonah Kendall

Sunday School has been a delight this past year. We are blessed with an incredible group of dedicated Sunday School teachers, and it's been wonderful to see our Sunday School bouncing back to life after the disruption of the last few years. We have a number of new families involved and attendance has become more consistent.

The curriculum we use is called "Godly Play". It allows adults and children to take a journey into the mystery of God. Whether there is one child or ten, the key is that the learning is done together, not as teachers and students but as fellow human beings. Time is spent listening for God in the stories, the voices of those present, and the silences as everyone wonders about the stories.

In addition, the children spend time each Sunday reflecting on that day's lesson through the use of a journal. These journals provide each child with an opportunity to draw a picture or write a few thoughts about the lesson meant to them. This has become a favorite part of class each week.

Highlights of this past year include:

- ♦ Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Talent Show: While this was not a Sunday School offering, it was a pleasure to see so many of our families and children in attendance. With the burying of the "Alleluia" banner along with the joy of the Talent show it was a wonderful way to begin Lent and prepare for the Easter season.
- ♦ Easter Sunday: Once again, this was an incredible celebration marked by a huge number of children and joyful flowering of the cross. Each child also received a special Easter bag filled with treats.
- ♦ Grand Days of Summer: This summer we once again offered our "Grand Days of Summer." These Summer Sunday offerings provide an opportunity for our children to gather with adults from the parish to learn about a special topic that included hospitality, stamp collecting, fishing and storytelling.
A special thank you to all our Grands: Margot and Robert Shuford, Jeanne Casselle, Jayne Reynolds, Joellen Collins, Lise and Clyde Holt, Mardi Shepherd, Art Dahl, Helen Morgus, Janet Schaumberg, and Betsy Ashton.
- ♦ On Sunday, September 11th we held our Sunday school kick-off and registration party on the lawn of the Church. We had a jump house, barbeque and a large number of families and children.
- ♦ Sunday School Lessons: This past year we brought back a number of popular biblical stories and Sunday school lessons. These included The Exodus, Noah and the Flood, the prophet Jonah, Holy Baptism, the Epiphany and Jesus the Good Shepherd.
- ♦ We also had several worship events that celebrated our children. In September we had our "Blessing of the Backpacks." In October we had our "St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals." In December we had an "Up Front Sunday" that featured a visit from St. Nicholas.

Finally, I would like to thank our wonderful Sunday school leaders who invest an incredible amount of time, energy and love in supporting the children of the parish. Thank you, Helen Morgus, Art Dahl, Courtney Loving and Margot Shuford.

I also want to thank our Sunday School Shepherds that assisted our Sunday School Teachers – Gretchen Boe, Lisa Leach, Ashley Musbach, Jill Hitchin, and Ward Loving.

We are looking forward to more learning and fun for 2023! Personally, I am excited to see the children ministries program grow and I look forward to the journey with each child and family.





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Community Outreach Committee

by Tom Archie

The St. Thomas Outreach Team evaluates needs that arise in our valley, whether or how to respond to them, and ways to collaborate with other local organizations in service to our community. In 2021, St Thomas parishioners participated in a survey asking their priorities for our church. Widespread sentiment expressed in the responses were the hope that St. Thomas would grow our connection with and support of the valley's Latino/a community as well as addressing the topic of workforce housing.

During 2022, the Latino/a Outreach Task Force supported and empowered our Hispanic neighbors through events and engagement. Since this is not something that St. Thomas can accomplish alone, we collaborate with other community organizations including The Community Table/La Mesa Comunitaria, Neighbors Helping Neighbors, St. Luke's Community Health, The Alliance for Idaho, Blaine County School District, the Community School, and the Community Library's Goldmine.

2022 events included a bilingual Epiphany service, Father's Day gathering, winter clothing drive, and hosting an information dinner to help new immigrants coordinate with Wood River Valley nonprofit service organizations. The larger faith community has begun to come together in order to aid in this effort, including the Catholic, Jewish, Life Church, Lutheran and LDS communities.

The St. Thomas Workforce Housing Task Force raised \$16,000 in support of two projects: 1) landscaping for 4 homes in the Quigley Farms subdivision in partnership with St. Luke's Hospital and ARCH Community Housing Trust and 2) assistance to 6 families displaced by the restoration of J & J Trailer Park in collaboration with the Blaine County Charitable Fund.

In response to the tragic fire at the Limelight apartment complex, St. Thomas parishioners purchased gift cards to support displaced tenants, distributing them via partnership with the City of Ketchum.

In addition to these efforts, details of St. Thomas Episcopal Church's scope of outreach also includes St. Thomas Playhouse, KCDC (Ketchum Community Dinners Curbside), Children Youth and Families, and the Green Team. We thank all those at St. Thomas who have supported our efforts so generously.



Flower Guild

by Betsy Ashton

The Flower Guild provides altar arrangements every Sunday and provides special displays at Easter and Christmas. We also provide altar arrangements for memorials, weddings, funerals, confirmations and any special occasion. We appreciate having dedications for the weekly altar arrangements. Our talented volunteers arrange on Saturday and are responsible for taking down the arrangements when necessary during the week.

We appreciate and rely on the generous and thoughtful contributions to the Flower Fund from parishioners for the weekly arrangements and special occasions.

Our wonderful team of dedicated volunteers includes: Laurie Ahern, Carolyn Coiner, Mary Colhoun, Christina Culver, Vickie Cutler, Pat Davies, Liz Hickey, Katherine Johnson, Page Klune, Lisa Leach, Mary Malkmus, Mott Nicol, Becky Smith, Chris Vik, Sandra Willingham, and Sheila Witmer. And our Junior Flower Guild: Abbot Geer, Ida Belle Gorby, Rivers Hickey, and Scout Kendall. New members are always welcome! If you or anyone you know has questions or would like to join the Flower Guild, please contact me at betsy.ashton@gmail.com or 208-309-5092.



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Eucharistic Ministers

by Ann Taylor

In the Episcopal tradition, the celebration of the Eucharist during communion is at the heart of our worship service. And, vital to the communion service is the role of the Eucharistic Minister.

Serving as a Eucharistic Minister is a very meaningful and rewarding way to participate more fully in our services and to connect with our St. Thomas community.

At present, we have a dedicated group of about twenty ministers, both full time and part time members, who participate in serving the wine at our weekly communion services. Becoming involved in this special ministry is not difficult, requiring only that you attend a brief training session, which is usually given once or twice a year.

Please consider joining us in our important ministry. We always welcome new members!

Hospitality Committee

by Dell-Ann Benson & Janet Schaumburg

The 2021/2022 Hospitality Committee hosted some very special occasions. Bishop Brian's going away, Bishop Jos's welcome, the reintroduction of the Church Annual Picnic, and the Annual Meeting reception, as well as a Special Celebration for ten Confirmands.

As co-chairs, we are so grateful to our team members,

Shirley Tallackson	Suzie Pearson	Walt McKew
Sylvia Miller	Sherri Luhr	Laurie Ahern
	Laine Hubbard	

for bringing their time and talent in the kitchen, making every event a special one.

Special thanks to all the individuals who have hosted a coffee hour after the Sunday morning services. These social gatherings are a fabric of our fellowship and are a joyful time together.

Additionally a big shout out to Judi Fuller who ensured there were coffee and goodies on many a Sunday morning.

We are sure the next year will bring even more great times together and we can't wait to share them with all of you!

KCDC

by Helen Morgus, Janet Schaumburg,
Liz Hickey, Dell-Ann Benson

Ketchum Community Dinner Curbside (KCDC) is a free take-and-bake meal, handed out at the sidewalk on Sun Valley Road every Wednesday. Volunteers, many of whom are not members of St. Thomas, set up, hand out, keep a log and tidy up, regardless of weather or daylight. On average, 75 meals are given out, some weeks as many as 100. On January 11th of this year, we hit a new record of 123.

In 2022 over 4000 meals were provided to anyone who wanted them, no questions asked. Participants are people of all ages, languages, professional status and means. Many are Good Samaritans, taking multiple meals to people who need them - families, the elderly, people still at work at distribution time.

Imagine churning out 100 meals in our little kitchen, and packaging them up in the downstairs hallway. If you happen to be in the building, that's what you'll see volunteer teams doing, weekly. To round out the meals, Hangar Bread donates rolls and volunteers provide desserts.

The cost is very low, many weeks below \$2 per meal. The Idaho Food Bank provides many of the supplies we need, especially meat, and we supplement this with purchases of vegetables and other staples from Atkinson's and other grocers.

This ministry operates outside of the St. Thomas budget. A grant from the Limelight Community Foundation this year covered the cost of containers and outdoor equipment, and KCDC enjoyed generous community support from individuals and funding organizations, including 100 Men Who Care, to help pay for the food.

KCDC is a loving community: participants, volunteers and supporters. It is an extension of St. Thomas, a village church for all.





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Music Ministry

by Joel Bejot

Music Director:

In 2022, I planned roughly 75 Eucharistic services, 6 evensong services, a Fat Tuesday celebration, and several weddings and funerals. I also was the Music Director for the June Company B show. I have continued to work on encouraging representation in the music program through music written by women and BIPOC folks. If you would like to write a hymn text, I'd love to set it to music!

Organist:

As always, I played for all the services of St. Thomas where there was music, except a little vacation. I always try to encourage full congregational participation in hymn-singing, and I always try to bring my best to the bench.

Choirs and Other Services

St. Thomas Adult Choir:

The Adult Choir sings hymns, anthems, and service music at nearly every 9:30 Sunday service roughly Pentecost - Easter. We have had a couple new folks join us recently, including one person who has become the choir librarian! I'm so happy to have her help pulling, organizing, and filing choir music.

St. Thomas Evensong Choir:

The evensong program at St. Thomas has resumed. It is a small but loyal bunch of folks that love to sing music from this uniquely Anglican tradition.

Handbell Choir:

The handbell choir keeps finding new folks to come ring with us. We almost have folks to ring all of our bells! Last November, the bell choir visited Emmanuel in Hailey. Since a few of their folks ring with us, we wanted to return the favor by playing for them.

Taizé:

The Taizé singers are singing every week when the service is in session. Would you like to come sing or play an instrument for this service?

Looking Forward:

As the pandemic winds down, I'm very happy to have had a much more "normal" year. The virus disrupted church-goers nationwide, and I'm happy folks are back. I'm always looking for more singers! Are you someone who would like to sing with us? Thank you again for your generosity and support of me and my family.

Music Director Chorister Program

Choristers:

I'm sure you have noticed young folks coming to sing for St. Thomas occasionally through the fall. After years of trying, I finally have a good number of kids coming to church to sing with us! A few years ago, I divided the children into two groups - older and younger kids. Then, the pandemic happened, and the children's program was totally quiet for a while. Last year, after some initial excitement, interest waned as parents chose winter sports for their children.

This year, the younger group has taken off, and even grown since the holidays! In the first rehearsal back after Christmas break, we had 15 children sing with us! I have asked for a little help from the parents to keep everyone safe and focused, and I hope that effort proves successful. I am honored and thrilled that so many children have found their way into the music program.

NAGS - "No Agenda Group"

by Robert Shuford

The NAGS had another outstanding year in 2022. The goal of this St. Thomas Men's Group is for men in our parish get to know each other with NO agenda. We meet every other month

and go to places that are of interest to the group.

Some of our activities last year was a tour of the Sun Valley Culinary Institute, lunch at Senior Connection, dinner at Village Station in Sun Valley, assisting with the Pancake Supper, and hikes around the valley. Please come and join us for our next fun event and meet some of your other fellow men parishioners. To learn more about NAGS, contact Robert Shuford at 404-293-2742 .



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Pastoral Care Team

by Maryanne Whitcomb

The Pastoral Care Team continued to conduct meetings on the third Tuesday of each month, with a combination of in-person meetings in the Fireside Room and gathering via Zoom technology. Reverend Kathleen Bean is the official liaison to the team and regularly attends the meetings and assists and guides follow-up activities/actions.

THE PASTORAL CARE MISSION – REMAINS THE FOCUS OF THE PASTORAL CARE WORK GOING FORWARD

“The St. Thomas Pastoral Care Team, under the guidance and direction of clergy, offers spiritual support for those who are in need within the congregation. The team membership includes laypersons within the church who feel personally called to offer and provide loving, confidential Christ-centered care in countless ways.”

The team serves St. Thomas parishioners, their families and friends through the ministry of daily prayer. Notes of encouragement, phone calls, occasional local transportation, simple errands and meals are elements of the team’s outreach. The team also maintains a current Parish Prayer List for those who express a need for prayers, either for themselves or another person. The list is updated quarterly by PC members calling the contact person for each of those on the list. Follow-up reports are then relayed to the Parish Administrator to record those changes.

Current members of the Pastoral Care Team are: Jeanne Cassell, Pat Jorgensen, Marcia Liebich, Marylyn Pauley, Elaine Phillips, Sabrina Roblin, Patty Sloan and Maryanne Whitcomb. A warm welcome is also extended to Nancy M. Penrose, who will be joining the team in January 2023. At this time, the PC group welcomes future interest in serving in this manner to either of our clergy, Kathleen Bean or Jonah Kendall.

The Pastoral Care team looks forward in the coming year to occasionally referring people to other caring ministries at St. Thomas such as Eucharistic Visitors, Shawl Ministry, or to the St. Thomas clergy. Parishioners wanting to alert the team to a need for pastoral care are encouraged to contact any person on the team directly, or Maryanne Whitcomb at mjwoyster@msn.com. And, in closing, as always will be the case, referrals can be made directly to clergy or any of the St. Thomas staff.

Stephen Ministry

by Sabrina Roblin

MISSION: To train and supervise lay caregivers to provide Christian care to those hurting, troubled or in need.

VISION: We serve as Christ to one another by offering quality on-going care to members of St. Thomas Church and others in need in the community

HISTORY: The first group of Stephen Ministers was trained and commissioned in 2018 and have been serving parishioners since then.

THE YEAR 2022: Although the trained Stephen Ministers and Leaders value the skills they learned and continue to use them in their lives, with friends and family, there were no requests in 2022 to match Stephen Ministry care givers with care receivers. Stephen Ministry has been quietly held in the background through quarterly group meetings in case a need arose.

THE TEAM:

Leaders (also trained as Stephen Ministers): Sabrina Roblin, Marcia Liebich, and Maryanne Whitcomb

Ministers: Margie Gould, Don Liebich, Marcia Liebich, and Rebecca Waycott



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St. Thomas Playhouse

by Sara Gorby, Joanne Sattler

What a banner year for St. Thomas Playhouse and so much to celebrate!

Joanna Sattler was hired for the position of Finance and Development Director. She is a wonderful addition to the St. Thomas Staff and an incredible asset to Playhouse. She jumped in with both feet updating the database, getting up to speed on our systems, engaging with church staff, committee, and donors, and facilitating the Girlfriend Luncheon.

Our Annual Girlfriend Luncheon Fundraiser kicked off the 2022 season. There was incredible energy around being in person at the Limelight Hotel. Playhouse artists dazzled our guest with performances.

2022 was a big success for Playhouse financially! We kicked off the year with an extremely successful Girlfriend lunch, which allowed our Tuition Assistance Committee to award an unprecedented \$27,700 to deserving Company B and SPACC campers. We also received multiple donations in connection with our summer shows, while also exceeding all expectations for tuition numbers for all three Company B camps. The increased income allowed Playhouse to increase compensation for instructors, interns, and artists for the first time in many years, while also softening the blow of recent inflation. With help from our new donor management database, we were able to reach out to over 600 potential donors for our Year End Appeal, which to date has generated nearly \$30,000, well in excess of our target.



The Family Main Stage was in June at a time we have never done before. We produced "Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" which was postponed from September of 2022 due to the mask mandate being reinstated. A cast of 23, creative team of 7, and 3 crew told the story of a boy whose dreams came true to the delight of audiences over five performances. 2023 Family Main Stage will be back in the September time slot.

Registration for Company B and SPACC camps opened in early April. In a matter of days, we had exceeded pre-COVID numbers for Co. B, and SPACC

rebounded nicely after 2 years off. The productions were "DreamWorks Madagascar, Jr." (Co. B June) and "Matilda, Jr." (Co. B August). The theme of SPACC was "Planet Earth: Our Home".

The overall experiences and joy that was shared between interns, campers, teachers, and the audience was truly a highlight.

In July, Summer Theater Project's production of "Little Women, the Musical" took place at the Spot Blackbox Theater. The intimate space made you feel that you were in the March family living room. 14 young people, 2 young adult mentors and a creative team of 4 brought the Civil War era drama to life to sold out audiences for 5 performances. Many laughs and many tears. Summer Theater Project is a tuition free, pre-professional training production for high school teens and young adults.



With so much to celebrate artistically, it is a bonus that St. Thomas Playhouse balanced its budget the first time in 21 years. Thank you to St. Thomas Church for your continued support, both financially and spiritually. To the St. Thomas Playhouse Committee for their deep and meaningful engagement. Especially to Jonah and Calista for their unfaltering commitment and advocacy for this significant theater outreach ministry.



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Youth Ministries

by Sara Gorby

The youth of St. Thomas are incredibly active in our community, at school and with many organizations. I am always so proud of their dedication and passion. Middle School and High School youth were active throughout the year in worship, fellowship, and community service through St. Thomas Church. We have 5 high school youth serving as nursery care attendants as well.

WORSHIP

Youth served as acolytes, lectors, intercessors, and greeters at the Up-Front services that happen in February, May, September & December. This is a great opportunity to learn what it means to a contributing member of the parish.

Young people burned palms from the previous year Palm Sunday with a special liturgy that were then used on Ash Wednesday. Holy Week and Easter were beautiful with young people serving in many roles and all Flowering the Cross on Easter morning.

May 8, we had the Celebration of Rites of Passage service. This a time for us to honor the transitions in faith formation. We also honored graduating high school seniors, Logan Lindstrom and Saba Grossman.

November 6, we welcomed Bishop Jos and 6 young people were confirmed, Hanna Bailey, Maeve Bailey, Eavan Brown, Scout Kendall, Kiki Pate, Walker Pate, Keeley Strine, Graysen Strine and Marina Wigdale. This was the culmination of a 10-week fall teen confirmation class that also included Freya Colvill lead by Jonah, Sara, and Kathleen.

Christmas Eve is always special at St. Thomas. Children and youth participated in the 2:00 and 4:00 services in the Nativity Pageant as characters and narrators. We also had young people share their gifts through music with Joel and the choirs.

FELLOWSHIP

There was a mix of "High School Hangs" and Family Ministry gatherings that rounded out our time connecting with one another. February Shrove Tuesday Talent Show and Pancake Supper was so much fun and we even buried the "Alleluias". March, we had a snowshoe adventure at Galena. In April we a BBQ and charades right. October took us the Loving's backyard for brisket and s'mores. October 30, we had a Pirate Eucharist on the Labyrinth followed by Trunk-or-Treat. In November Jonah and Liz had a giddy group of middle school and high school youth at the Sun Valley Bowling Alley for loads of fun. It has been a blessing to be back together in person and able to gather for activities.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Youth served the larger community by volunteering to cook, package meals and serve with KCDC on the 1st Wednesday of each month October-May. While cooking anywhere from 75-100 meals, we spent time together catching up and listening to great music! Serving is always very humbling. To interact with our community in a meaningful way allows us to deepen our spiritual gift of service.

Young people also helped assemble Thanksgiving Baskets for 6 families in our valley. Thank you to Alison Burpee for delivering to the Advocates.

SPECIAL THANK YOU!

We count on so many people to make the experience of our young people one they carry beyond their time at St. Thomas. Thank you: Liz Hickey, Maunsel Hickey, Page Klune, Courtney Loving, Ward Loving, Cait Nielsen, Sara Pettit, Alison Burpee, Amy Geer, Cam Geer, Matt Gorby, and the Tenolds, for sharing their time and talents with our young people. And for those special youth who "man" the nursery on Sunday mornings: Freya Colvill, Ida Belle Gorby, Carter Hickey, Lizzie Loving, and Scout Kendall.



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"All things come of Thee, O Lord; and of Thine own have we given Thee."



1 Chronicles 29:14

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Newcomers

by Margot Shuford

In 2022 we began to explore looking at Newcomers to St Thomas through the lens of the Episcopal ministry called "Invite, Welcome, Connect".

We are striving to create various ways to *INVITE* people to St. Thomas. We hosted the Newcomers Dinner in September for approximately nine new members and a dozen "old" members; hopefully, this is becoming an annual event. It is a wonderful way to *WELCOME* new folks to St. Thomas.

The entire parish has helped to *CONNECT* new members to the church community. It has been exciting to see new members actively participate in the many different ministries of the church.

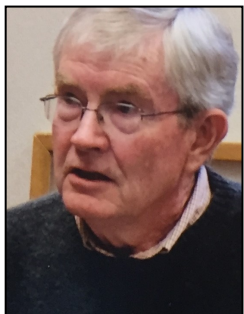
Finally, we began a new ministry called "Breaking Bread Together", small groups of parishioners gathering throughout the year in homes to share a meal and be in community with one another. Five groups of about 7-8 parishioners each have been formed and are enjoying connecting with each other.

More new and exiting things to come in 2023!

Good-bye to Outgoing Vestry Members



Laurie Ahern



Art Dahl



Heather Black

Many thanks to Laurie and Art who have fulfilled their three-year term as vestry members. And our thanks also to Heather Black to stepped in to complete the term of Helen Morgus.

Art, an experienced vestry member, brought insights and questions that were helpful in keeping the vestry on point while exploring new ideas for ministry. Thank you, Art.

Laurie served not only as a vestry member, but completed the last two years serving as Junior

Warden whose focus in on the upkeep and maintenance of the church buildings, grounds, and rectory. She performed these duties with diligence, thoughtfulness, and persistence. Laurie, you have left St. Thomas in much better shape than when you joined the vestry. Thank you, Laurie.

Heather is also a seasoned vestry member (and former Senior Warden!) who brought her skills and abilities to the Stewardship Committee. Thank you, Heather.

Nominations for 2023 Diocesan Convention Delegation

Each year, the Idaho Diocese of the Episcopal Church holds a convention; this year the convention will be held November 10-12, 2023, in Burley, Idaho.

The nominees for delegates to Convention are: Laurie Ahern
Liz Hickey

Joel Bejot
Nick Miller

Linda Bergerson
Sylvia Miller

The nominees for alternate delegates to Convention are:

Barbara Dwyer
Ruth Jones

Walt McKew
Sabrina Roblin

In addition, the Rector, Senior Warden and Junior Warden serve as non-elected delegates.



ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION



AGENDA

Sunday, January 29, 2023

Call to Order	The Rev. M. Jonah Kendall
Appointment of Clerk	
Approval of Minutes - 2022	Judi Fuller
Sr. Warden Report	Rebecca Waycott
Junior Warden Report	(written only)
Annual Giving for 2023 Report	David and Sherri Luhr
Playhouse Report with budget	Sara Gorby
Presentation and Approval of 2023 budgets	Tom Benson
Nominating Committee Report	Art Dahl
Election of Vestry/Delegates	The Rev. M. Jonah Kendall
Rector's Report	The Rev. M. Jonah Kendall
Presentation of the Rector's Cross	The Rev. M. Jonah Kendall
Doxology and Adjournment	Joel Bejot

Nominations to the Vestry (2023-2026)



Clyde Holt - Clyde and wife Lise have attended St. Thomas seasonally for a decade, becoming full time Ketchum residents and church members in 2021. Clyde is an attorney continuing to practice remotely for several North Carolina clients. Clyde serves as a St. Thomas reader on Sunday mornings and enjoys helping with KCDC. Clyde's civic and non-profit work has included service as an SPCA director, heading a community library board, serving as director of a community college system, work as director of a regional merchants association, and serving as legal advisor for numerous cities and towns.

Lee Anne Linderman - LeeAnne is a lifetime Episcopalian who joined St. Thomas in 2018 after retiring early from a career as a banking executive in Salt Lake City and moved full-time to Ketchum with her husband Chris. While at St. James Episcopal Church in Utah, LeeAnne served on the vestry. She served on the St. Thomas Rector Search Committee and, as an early-riser, attends the 8AM service. LeeAnne is an active volunteer who is currently on the board of the Wood River Women's Foundation and in a leadership role for the International Women's Forum based in Washington, DC.



Ellen Sanders - After moving from northern California in 2016 to Blaine County, Ellen Sanders has been worshipping at St Thomas. She has been a member of the Sun Valley Music Festival cello section since 1992 and it only took her 25 years to find a way to stay here full time. Ellen teaches music at Wood River Middle School and is the String Department Chair for the SVMF Education Department. Ellen enjoys traveling, hiking, biking, and nordic skiing.

MINUTES

St. Thomas Episcopal Church - Sun Valley, Idaho
Annual Meeting – Parish Hall/online - January 30, 2022 - 10:45 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Rev. Jonah Kendal at 10:45 a.m. welcoming the people who were attending in person and those on the Zoom meeting format. He offered an opening pray to start the meeting.

Brett Moellenberg explained the protocol for online voting and submitting questions.

Judi Fuller was appointed Clerk for the Annual Meeting.

Wendy Jaquet moved and Jima Rice seconded that the minutes from the 2021 Annual Meeting be approved as written. The motion passed.

Rebecca Waycott, Senior Warden, reported that the church was in fine shape, financially and with the clergy and staff. She also:

- ◆ Thanked all the ministry leaders for their leadership and expansion of new ministries and programs,
- ◆ Introduced the new Legacy Society and passed out brochures
- ◆ Updated the congregation on our collaboration with The Community School and St. Luke's in providing free estate planning services through Thompson and Associates. Already two families are engaged in this process.
- ◆ Thanked the outgoing vestry members for their service.

Laurie Ahern, Junior Warden for the past year, shared his written report and thanked the vestry for the opportunity to serve.

Jonah presented the report from Janet Schaumburg, co-chair of the Stewardship Committee, on the Annual Giving Campaign. Not only has the congregation honored its pledges in the past year, the Annual Giving Campaign for 2022 has accumulated over \$632,000 in pledges.

Brett Moellenberg, retiring Managing Director of St. Thomas Playhouse, thanks St. Thomas for their faith in him. He will continue with the church as the Communications Director, a half-time position. This past year was the best year, financially, and the contribution from the church to balance Playhouse budget was the lowest ever. All programs returned this past year except for the Children's Touring Theater, the Family Mainstage production, and SPAAC, the week-long camp at Camp Perkins. Brett introduced the new Artistic Director of Playhouse, Sara Gorby.

Sara continued the Playhouse report by recapping the past season's productions and introducing Joanna Sattler, the new Finance and Development Director for Playhouse.

Tom Benson, Treasurer, recapped the year's financial activity. Details of his report can be found in the Annual Report. In brief, he pointed out that with the assistance of the PPP loans from the government, the deficit incurred during the past two years has been covered and St. Thomas is on good financial standing. He presented the proposed 2022 budget for the church operating costs which assumes the church will remain in normal operating mode. Art Dahl moved and Suzy Orb seconded a motion to accept the budget as presented. The motion passed.

Tom Benson, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the nominated slates:

Vestry Nominees: Tom Archie, Cam Geer, Suzy Orb

Wendy Jaquet moved and Laurie Ahern seconded that this slate be approved as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

Convention Delegates and Alternates

Delegates: Alison Burpee, Joel Bejot, Don Liebich, Marcia Liebich, Mary Malkmus, Helen Morgus

Alternates: Art Dahl, Bobbie Dahl, Beverly Boas, Gretchen Boe

Wendy Jaquet moved and Jima Rice seconded a motion that the slate be approved as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

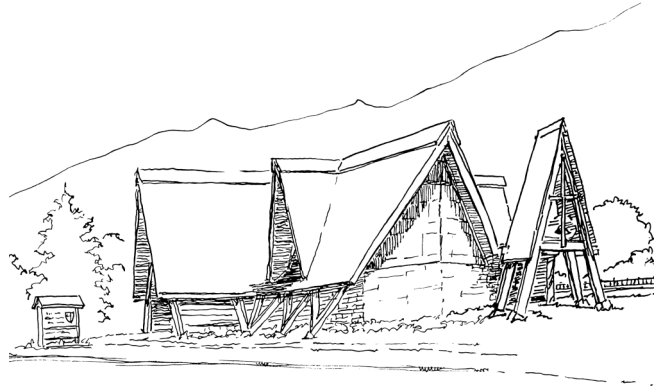
As Rector, Jonah reported that it is a great sign of spiritual health to see where the church is. Details of his report can be found in his written report.

The Rector's Cross was presented to Calista Carter for her service to the church and community.

All stood for a closing prayer led by Jonah and the meeting be adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judi Fuller, Clerk

St. Thomas Episcopal Church



Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Jos Tharakan
Rector	The Very Rev. M. Jonah Kendall
Associate Rector	The Rev. Kathleen Bean
Vestry Officers	Rebecca Waycott, Senior Warden Laurie Ahern, Junior Warden Tom Benson, Treasurer Judi Fuller, Clerk
Additional Vestry Members	Tom Archie, Art Dahl, Heather Black Paul Holle, Suzy Orb, Janet Schaumburg, Margot Shuford
Administration	Joel Bejot, Music Director and Organist Judi Fuller, Parish Administrator Sara Gorby, Playhouse Artistic Director and Youth Director Brett Moellenberg, Communications Coordinator Joanna Sattler, Playhouse Director of Finance and Development

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