

The Mustard Seed

May 2022

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***Christ Church –
where we gather to
worship, pray, sing,
and share so
together we may
serve our
community and the
world.***



Budget Box May, 2022

Christ Church's financial position at the end of the first quarter was right in line with budgeted expectations. We finished March with a slight positive total for year to date. This bottom line at this point in the year is nicely positive based on the expectation of our approved challenge budget for 2022. We have gifts totaling \$1487.00 towards our pledge to the Diocese; \$796.00 towards Our Little Roses and have paid our annual sponsorship fee to sponsor Katerine; and have \$476.00 for Ray's Back Door Ministry to support their assistance for the homeless in Lancaster.

As we go forward, I encourage us all to continue to support Christ Church with our time, our talents, and our treasures. In this vein, I want to possibly enlighten us to a relatively new way to gift to your favorite charities (Christ Church -hint, hint) with funds from your qualified tax deferred savings plans. Many of us are reaching ages where distributions from these plans, IRA's, 401k's 403b's, etc., are available to us without penalty as well as reaching ages where we must start taking distributions from these plans.

As we made tax deferred contributions to these plans during our working years and avoided the taxes on those contributions, good old Uncle Sam will require taxes to be paid on any distributions you take directly from these plans. A way to avoid these taxes and to make your charitable contributions is with a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). You can instruct your investment organization to make direct payments to your charitable choice and those contributions count toward your Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) and are not taxed. Some of Christ Church's parishioners are already using this method of contributing.

This is a little complicated to fully explain, but I have attached a link to a Fidelity article that does a better job - <https://www.fidelity.com/learning-center/personal-finance/retirement/qcds-the-basics>

If you are interested in this contribution method, please contact your investment organization or financial advisor.

As always, I am honored to be your treasurer and assist in shepherding our gifts to further the mission of Christ Church.

Chris Smith
Treasurer





MUSIC NOTES

On the first Sunday of May and the 3rd Sunday of Easter, we will begin singing the triumphant hymn, Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! We will continue to sing this hymn on the 4th and 5th Sundays of Easter. The words to this hymn were written by Cyril A. Alington (1892-1955), head master of Eton College in England. Later he became the Dean of Durham Cathedral and, at one time, was chaplain to King George VI, father of Queen Elizabeth II.

Hymns on the theme of the resurrection and life everlasting appeared in considerable numbers following the world wars.

Incidentally, these words were set to the German tune, Gelobt sei Gott, written by Melchior Vulpius (1560?-1616). Vulpius was a prolific composer of the Renaissance (1400-1600)/Baroque (1600-1750) eras writing most of his music for Lutheran services. He was the first composer to use the rhythm of the Italian baletto (dance-like songs) in his hymns. Hymn 205 is a prime example of this uplifting rhythm.

If you have the 1982 Hymnal at home (and you should have since hymns provide wonderful devotional material), read the words to hymn 205 to familiarize yourself with it making it easier to sing.

This hymn has been altered in two ways. A fifth verse was added by Norman Mealy(1923-1987) an American church musician, Episcopal priest and professor. And the first words were changed from “Good Christian men” to “Good Christians all.”

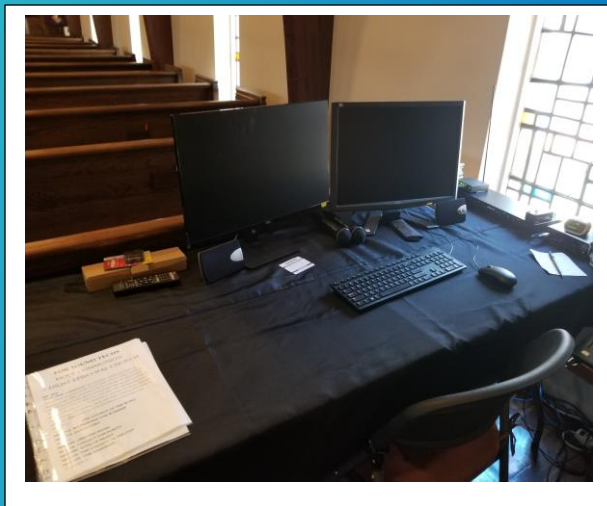
SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG! Isaiah 42:10
Dana Lee Walters

Volunteers Requested

If you can open a web browser and send an email, you have all of the skills needed to help with the weekly Facebook Live video crew. It really is that easy! We are looking for volunteers to help with the weekly broadcast. A set of step-by-step instructions is on the desk for you to follow to make it really easy. Whoever steps up to volunteer, I will provide training on how to do it and will sit there with you every week until you are comfortable performing the checklist on your own. Once you are comfortable, we can work out a schedule and even if only a couple of people offer to help you would only have to do it once a month. Please consider volunteering. If you are unsure, just sit by me any Sunday for a preview of what you would be doing.

Thank you in advance! - Jeff Bixby

Contact me at (803)804-7677 or by email: bixbys@gmail.com





May Birthdays

May 12th – Judy Stephens



May Flowers

May 1st – Barbara Gibson
 May 8th – Miller & Tric Deaton
 May 15th – Mike & Kathy Sistare
 May 22nd – Mike & Kathy Sistare
 May 29th – Aubrey & Joan Crawford

May Anniversaries

May 19th – Kip & Cindy Carter



Fr. Emanuel is available for conversation regarding matters of faith and life in the office Monday thru Thursday mornings and at other times and places by appointment.

He may be reached via the following:

The Rev. Phil Emanuel
 PhilEmanuel@comporium.net
 843-325-3362.

Private Confession: Anyone who may wish to make a private confession contact Father Emanuel privately at PhilEmanuel@comporium.net or 843-325-3362.

**The office will be closed
Monday, May 30th.**

MAY/JUNE PARTICIPANTS

DATE	PRIEST/ OFFICIANT	PARISH MUSICIAN	E M RITE II	ACOLYTE/ CRUCIFER	USHERS	TELLERS	VPOD	ALTAR GUILD	LECTOR
Sunday, May 1, 2022	Phil Emanuel	Dana Lee Walters	Chris Smith	Mary Bemis	Mike Sistare & Jake Wilson	Robert Horton & Philip McGuirt	Philip McGuirt	Robert Horton	Kathy Sistare
Sunday, May 8, 2022	Phil Emanuel	Dana Lee Walters	Merrio Morton	Mary Bemis	Mike Sistare & Jake Wilson	Caroline Oliver & Joann Speiser	Joann Speiser	Robert Horton	Ernest Jenkins
Sunday, May 15, 2022	Phil Emanuel	Dana Lee Walters	Linda Baker	Mary Bemis	Mike Sistare & Jake Wilson	Drew Clarke & Miller Deaton	Drew Clarke	Robert Horton	Elizabeth Caldwell
Sunday, May 22, 2022	Phil Emanuel	Dana Lee Walters	Chris Smith	Mary Bemis	Mike Sistare & Jake Wilson	Pam Giardiello & Robert Horton	Pam Giardiello	Robert Horton	Caroline Oliver
Sunday, May 29, 2022	Phil Emanuel	Dana Lee Walters	Robert Horton	Mary Bemis	Mike Sistare & Jake Wilson	Philip McGuirt & Caroline Oliver	Philip McGuirt	Robert Horton	Mary Bemis
Sunday, June 5, 2022	Phil Emanuel	Dana Lee Walters	Linda Baker	Mary Bemis	Mike Sistare & Jake Wilson	Joann Speiser & Drew Clarke	Joann Speiser	Bart & Caroline Oliver	Kathy Sistare
Sunday, June 12, 2022	Phil Emanuel	Dana Lee Walters	Chris Smith	Mary Bemis	Mike Sistare & Jake Wilson	Miller Deaton & Pam Giardiello	Miller Deaton	Bart & Caroline Oliver	Ernest Jenkins
Sunday, June 19, 2022	Phil Emanuel	Dana Lee Walters	Robert Horton	Mary Bemis	Mike Sistare & Jake Wilson	Robert Horton & Philip McGuirt	Robert Horton	Bart & Caroline Oliver	Elizabeth Caldwell
Sunday, June 26, 2022	Phil Emanuel	Dana Lee Walters	Linda Baker	Mary Bemis	Mike Sistare & Jake Wilson	Caroline Oliver & Joann Speiser	Caroline Oliver	Bart & Caroline Oliver	Caroline Oliver

**All worship participants please make your presence known before service to
Father Emanuel.**



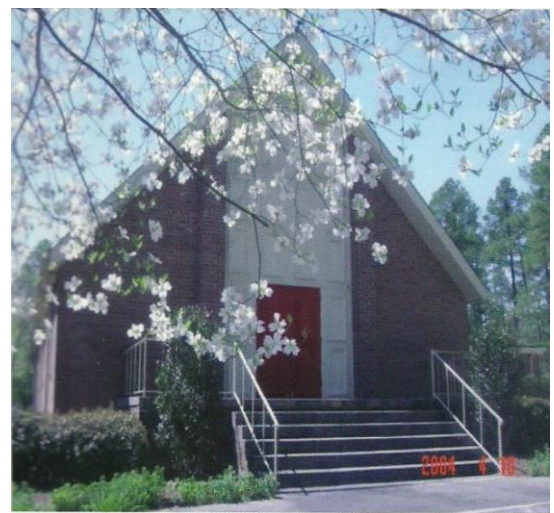
Including March gifts, the following are our outreach account balances:

Our Little Roses \$797.40

Ray's Backdoor Ministry \$476.00

Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina \$1487.00.

**Sunday service
will be held at
10:30 a.m. on
Facebook Live,
broadcast on 107.5
FM on your radio,
and in person.**



Forward Day by Day for May/June/July are at both entrances and in the red mailbox at the side entrance. You are welcome to pick up a copy at your convenience.



Support Christ Episcopal Church when you shop at Amazon.com and use this link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/57-0722281>. Thanks to everyone who “Amazon Smiles” for Christ Church.

Please contact the church office if you would like a printed copy of the sermon.

*Vestry Meetings will be held
Sunday, May 1st and Sunday May 22nd
following the 10:30 a.m. service.*

Lancaster County Council on Aging

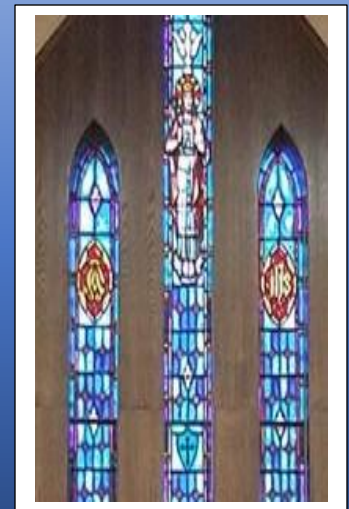
LCCA has resumed its meals for seniors as well as all of their health and well-being offerings at their facility. There is a pressing need for volunteers in the office and to help deliver meals to homebound persons in our community. Speakers and those with skills to share are encouraged to offer to God one or more hours per week in this work of love. Please contact Kylie Craig, Director of LCCA at 803-285-6956 ext. 3 to volunteer. Training is included.

Fr. Emanuel+

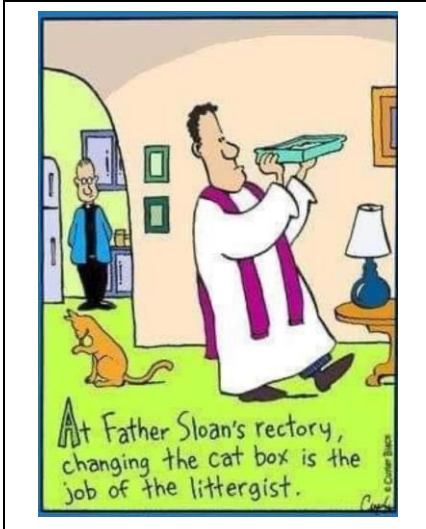
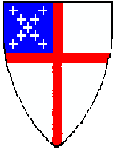


A Message for those joining worship via Facebook:

During the time the congregation is going to and from the Altar, the video will show the image of our stained-glass window to honor the privacy of those receiving Communion. Afterwards, the usual video angle of the congregation will be resumed to the conclusion of the Service.



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Miscellany

Choir Rehearsals

10:00 am – Sunday mornings

7:00 pm – Wednesdays

In Person Sunday Service Times

10:30 am – Rite II
(Facebook Live/107.5 FM)

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Susan Bowers, Ben Robertson*, Alan Hedricks, Bill Moorner, Ira Bell*, Sherry Stalvey, Gene Alexander*, Brent Burgin, Kevin Jaillette, Helen, Andy Caudill, Chaylen Kuklinski, Sandra Caldwell, Nita Brown, Randy Horton, Susanne Horton, Nancy Wilson, Brenda Sutton, Betty Sue Taylor, Kip Carter*, Dixie Roberts, Hayes Robinson, Richard Knight, Joan Bixby*, Aubrey Crawford*, Tric Deaton*, Joel, Father Bill Walters, John Riemann*, Eddie, Joan Crawford*, John Port, Todd Knight, Michelle Knight, Libby Woodruff, Earl Adams, Cindy Williams, Wayne Moore, Miller Deaton*, Davis Marscio

