

**Annual Parish Meeting, St. Peter & St. Paul, Marietta, Georgia  
Rector's Report**

**Many Thanks** to our new Vestry Members: Chuck Matheson, Kristi Story and Bill Grant. Thanks to retiring vestry members: Leigh Mickalonis, Jonathan Nadybal and Senior Warden Susan Sherrard. Thanks to those who continue to serve on the Vestry: Lisa Doss, Win Halkyard, Anne Wright, Junior Warden Dale Dodson, and Clerk Tom Mimms. We will have a two-year vacancy, which, per our By-Laws, the vestry will elect someone to fill. If you are interested in filling this vacancy, please speak with me or a vestry member.

Many Thanks to our fine staff: Facilities Manager Bob Marks, Financial Administrator Charlene Smith, Parish Administrator Jenny Mancini, Director of Children's Ministry Camie Schade, Youth Minister Brandon Dasinger, Director of Music George Chesnut, and our Associate Rector Elisa Harres.

Thanks to our delegates to the Annual Council of the Diocese of Atlanta which was held Friday and yesterday: Win Halkyard, Billy Harrison, Chuck Matheson, Tom Mimms, and Anne Wright, and Alternates Carl Mickalonis, Susan Chesshire, Lisa Doss, Bobbie Giltner and Susan Sherrard. Council did not make any noteworthy changes, other than establishing a ministry to focus on mental health issues. The Bishop did honor our founding rector, The Rev. Louis Tonsmeire for his faithful service to this Diocese over many decades.

Thanks also to the many who lead ministries in this place, especially those who have led through these hectic COVID years and into our rebuilding. I want to point out Sam Tuttle and Carl Mickalonis who helped keep our youth ministry afloat during our search, and who continue to support Brandon and our teens in their ministry.

**The Year Past**

We hired a new Youth Minister who is a faithful shepherd for a solid group of teenagers. Brandon led our teens on a mission trip to Eastern North Carolina this summer. We hired Jenny Mancini as our Parish Administrator and Charlene Smith as our Financial Administrator. Both come with excellent experience serving in the Episcopal Church, and they've been a blessing to us. We hired a new Nursery Care worker to help Judy and Sue: Suzanna Alexander. It is wonderful to have an excellent staff in place.

After several lean COVID years, we started this fall with two strong children's Sunday School classes and a cohesive group of teens, as well as several adult classes and small groups. I feel a great sense of positive energy with us moving forward. Attendance is up, many, many people were involved in several activities especially in October. Our outreach to the community around us had a great boost from an evening with Larry Nelson last Spring, and with Trunk or Treat this fall. Our outreach to families has been buoyed by those who provided Parent's Night Out and Fire Pit Fridays. Pastoral Care is thriving with Stephen Ministry, Community of Hope chaplains, the Meal Ministry and a new intercessory prayer group.

And we've seen growth in stewardship, slowly bringing us closer toward a balanced budget. Thanks to all those who have pledged for 2024—early numbers look good, but pray for a strong finish! God has blessed us in so many ways, and you all are part of that blessing.

### **The Year Ahead**

We are getting to the point where we are no longer fighting the fires of COVID disruption and its lingering after affects. We still have a lot of ground to gain, but the high stress challenges feel much more under control. There are a few cases where if we're not careful, we could see some burnout. In particular, I want to thank John Clark for his tireless hours managing our sound and streaming services. But let's as a parish take good care of John and step up to help him by being a sound or streaming volunteer for regular services, and our special services such as holidays and funerals. **Strengthening leadership** will be an important part of the year ahead. Mostly, we have leaders established, but we have a thin bench, so to speak. I would urge you all to personally invite people to come along side of you in your ministries, and invite people to try new things. This will keep us healthy for the long term.

One area where I believe we will focus is **growth and deepening of discipleship and connection with families with kids at home**. This was the demographic the most impacted during COVID, and this is the demographic that makes up East Cobb. So we need to think creatively about how we can personally connect with families on the periphery, as well as families from the community that we don't yet know. So we will develop **creative and personal outreach to the community** around us to draw them in.

This will be built on the pursuit of a deeper sense of meaning and purpose *in Christ*. And on Sharing that deeper sense of meaning and purpose *in Christ*. Listen to my sermon today and work to put it into practice: **Listen, Love, Invite, Connect**. We can be part of God's outreach to people who are disconnected and isolated, who would thrive with the love of Jesus.

Finally I would say that as a parish, we are strong and thriving because of you and your faithfulness, your stewardship, your commitment to our Lord. Indeed we are strong and thriving even more so because of God's grace to us, bringing us faithful and talented staff, finances to weather the storm, and faithfulness in an increasingly faithless age.

God bless you this year as you take the next steps on your journey, **growing disciples of Jesus Christ**.

## St Peter & St Paul Annual Meeting – 2023 FINANCE

### Talking Points – Treasurer's Report

- Good morning and welcome to the presentation on the financial well-being of the Parish. I am Chuck Matheson, the Treasurer of St Peter & St Paul.
- I would like to spend a few minutes presenting the most recent Financial Report for the ten months ended October 31, then touch on the status of Stewardship, and will also comment on budget planning for next year, 2024. If you have a question, please raise your hand during the presentation, and there will be time at the end of this for questions.
- Looking at the one-page handout, you will see that total receipts for the first ten months were \$878K and total expenses were \$951K, resulting in the current year's deficit of \$74K. Note that last year this deficit was \$140K.
- Compared to the prior year, receipts have significantly increased, and expenses are actually lower this year. The main driver of lower expenses has been building & grounds. We did end up with a deficit of \$45K in 2022, but the current year should break even or better if giving results in November and December are similar to last year. Pledge and non-pledge revenue was particularly strong in December of 2022.
- We did begin the year with a healthy amount of Operating Cash and reserves from the previous year's surpluses. We started 2022 with \$171K in cash but the level has decreased to \$97K at the end of October. Reserves were not needed to cushion Operations this year. Last year \$75K was moved from reserves to Operations.

- Reserves are still healthy this year, in part due to the forgiveness in 2021 of the \$145K PPP loan which supported 2021 compensation expense resulting in a large surplus for 2021.
- Note the second half of the report showing designated funds. We do have other designated funds, such as a reserve for Capital Replacement available for Vestry discretion, which gives us more security and flexibility.
- Overall, compared to last year, the Church is in somewhat **better than adequate** financial condition. Despite having available reserves, it is difficult to say the condition is **good** because of uncertainty facing us in the last two months. We still have an operating deficit as of October of \$74K. As I did last year, the most important message I can convey this morning is, if you able to complete your 2023 pledge this year, PLEASE do so. We will need all the contributions that are expected to break even for the year 2023.
- I should also mention we received the results of our 2022 External Audit in October with a clean opinion, so thanks to Charlene Smith, our Financial Administrator, who succeeded Davina Kuhn, around mid-year, for her good work. I should also mention that there are openings on the Church Finance Committee. A primary personal goal for next year is to recruit new members with an interest in joining the committee and to increase the frequency of meetings.
- There is again uncertainty for next year. Our Stewardship Campaign has been underway since last month, and results are better than last year. For 2024, we are currently at approximately 90% of the ending pledges for 2023 of \$960K. We are hoping to exceed the 2023 pledges by an amount sufficient to fund ministries, compensation, administration and building & grounds.

The message for today, is please return your pledge envelope for next year or use the St Peter and St Paul website under the Ministry tab then Stewardship and Finance, to enter your pledge on-line.

- Your 2024 pledge is important. We have been developing an optimistic Operating Budget for 2024 despite the financial uncertainty and material inflation. Additional funds are needed next year to support our hard-working clergy and staff, to pay for our building and grounds, to support worship, and to allow for the many and varied ministries which are so important to our Mission of growing disciples of Jesus Christ.
- To conclude, all things are possible with God. I am very pleased with our financial health and future possibilities.
- So please support your church now and in the future.
- Thank you, I will take any address any questions.

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING November 12, 2023

The Rev. Tom Pumphrey called to order the annual parish meeting on November 12, 2023 with prayers. There were approximately 50 people in attendance. He announced that our founding rector, The Rev. Louis Tonsmiere, had received the Bishop's Cross Award at the Annual Council of the Diocese of Atlanta on November 11, 2023. Bishop Rob Wright honors those who have served the diocese with great distinction with the Bishop's Cross Award.

The Clerk of the Vestry, Tom Mimms, announced three candidates, Chuck Matheson, Bill Grant, and Kristi Story, to serve three-year terms on the vestry commencing 2024. After voting, Tom announced that the three candidates had been elected.

The Clerk reported that average weekend attendance was 218 in 2022, but since the end of July, 2023, average weekend attendance had grown to 237, reflecting more energy and involvement. The Saturday 5:30 service averages about 45 people this year which is strong even compared to pre-Covid attendance. The 8:00 AM Sunday service averages about 30. However, since the end of July, the 10:30 service has averaged about 156. Monday Morning Prayer is steady at about 8 persons.

Our baptized membership at the end of 2022 was 787. Unfortunately, this year already, 10 members have passed, and at least 10 households have moved out of the area. In 2022, we welcomed 34 people from 13 households, and so far in 2023, we have welcomed 33 people from 14 households. In 2022, we confirmed or received 11 people and another 4 people in 2023.

The Junior Warden, Dale Dodson, gave the Buildings & Grounds report for 2023. To increase the visibility of the church from the street, several scrubby trees and bushes were removed and the front door was painted red. The leaky windows in the bell tower were repaired. The downstairs hallway was repainted which brightened the hallway. The aging organ required various repairs during the year. The sound system required attention. Various maintenance issues were addressed.

The Treasurer, Chuck Matheson, gave the Treasurer's report. His report is attached. The highlights are the total receipts for the first 10 months of 2023 are

\$877,000. Total expenses are \$951,000 resulting in the current year's deficit of \$74,000, a substantial improvement over last year. Compared to last year, receipts have significantly increased while expenses have gone down.

We started 2022 with \$171,000 in cash, but that amount has decreased to \$97,000 currently. Reserves were still healthy this year, in part due to the forgiveness in 2021 of the \$145,000 PPP loan. Overall, compared to last year, the church is in somewhat better than adequate financial condition. We still have an operating deficit as of October of \$74,000, so it is very important that everyone complete their 2023 pledges by year end.

The results of our external audit in October for fiscal 2022 was a clean opinion. There are openings on the church Finance Committee if you are interested. The Stewardship Campaign for 2024 is progressing well, but is obviously dependent on everyone doing their part.

Susan Sherrard, the Senior Warden, gave her report. She extended thanks to Bp. Don, our clergy, Fr. Tom and Mtr. Elisa, our Director of Music, George Chesnut, our Parish Administrator, Jenny Mancini, our Communications Specialist, Greg Went, our Financial Administrator, Charlene Smith, our Facilities Manager, Bob Marks, our Youth Minister, Brandon Dasinger, and our Director of Children's Ministry, Camie Schade. She reviewed our many service ministries, and expressed her appreciation to all the work done by vestry members and ministry leaders. She complimented Leigh Mickalonis for her work on Firepit Fridays, and Camie Schade for her work on Trunk or Treat this past October.

Fr. Tom delivered his Rector's Report on the parish. In particular, he introduced a new program based upon our mission, "Growing disciples of Jesus Christ," of listening, loving, inviting, and connecting. He thanked the individual members of our church staff, and the church officers and vestry, especially the retiring vestry members: Susan Sherrard, Leigh Mickalonis, and Jonathan Nadybal. He especially commended Susan for her years of faithful service as a vestry member and officer.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded with prayers.

Tom Mimms, Clerk

**Episcopal Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul  
Treasurer's Report Annual Meeting 2023**

**Finance Team Dashboard**

	Monthly Income vs Budget	Monthly Spending vs Budget	Annual Income vs Budget	Year-to-Date Spending vs Budget	Operating Reserves
<b>Notes and Observations:</b>	Monthly income exceeded budget by 22%	October spending was 4.5 % less than budget	Annual income ahead of budget by 8.7%	Annual spending is 3.6% less than budget.	Unrestricted Reserves are: \$297,872 as of 10/31/23
	in October				

	Year To Date as of October		
	2022	2023	2023 - Budget
<u>Operating Fund</u>			
Pledge offerings	\$ 746,641	\$ 765,992	\$ 733,819
Non-pledge and plate giving	62,982	87,003	51,742
Subtotal	809,623	852,995	785,561
Other income	19,005	24,692	22,226
Total receipts	<b>828,628</b>	<b>877,687</b>	<b>807,787</b>
Total expenses	(969,450)	(951,249)	(987,066)
<b>Surplus (Deficit) before UNA</b>	<b>\$ (140,822)</b>	<b>\$ (73,561)</b>	<b>\$ (179,279)</b>
Use of Reserves	75,000	-	80,420
<b>Surplus (Deficit) After Unrest. Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ (65,822)</b>	<b>\$ (73,561)</b>	<b>\$ (98,859)</b>

**Commentary:** Although there is a net deficit from Operations at the end of ten months, results are much better than both the 2023 Budget of results from the same period last year.

**Summary of Other Fund Balances**

	Beg of Yr	Receipts	Year to Date 2023		By Fund
			Adjustments	Expenses	
<u>Designated funds</u>					
Temporary Restricted	\$ 68,357	\$ 370	\$ -	\$ 67,950	\$ 777
SBA Loan - Payroll Protection	0	-	-	-	-
Donor Restricted Gifts	86,943	20,671	571	56,117	50,926
Fundraisers	25,770	39,681	84	46,566	18,801
Misc. Donations	5,301	21	-	10,000	(4,678)
Misc. Designated Donations	135,823	-	-	-	135,823
Capital Replacement Fund	134,865	-	-	21,756	113,109
Restricted for Operating	297,872	-	-	-	297,872
Restricted for Outreach	9,420	5,088	(1,739)	7,440	8,807
Restricted for Worship	233	340	-	-	573
Church Activities & Events	31,121	10,496	1,390	9,632	30,595
Carpenter's Work	20,205	-	-	-	20,205
Designated Funds totals	<u>\$ 815,910</u>	<u>\$ 76,667</u>	<u>\$ 306</u>	<u>\$ 219,461</u>	<u>\$ 672,810</u>
Alms Fund	6,848	3,150	12	2,408	7,578
<b>Grand Total Temporarily Restricted:</b>	\$ 822,758				<u>\$ 680,388</u>
				Per Detail Report:	<u>\$ 680,388</u>
<u>Other Funds Balances End of Month</u>					
Endowment Fund (Permanently Restricted)					\$ 5,132

**Designated Funds Commentary:** Donor Restricted gifts included contributions and expenses for stained glass windows and Memorial Garden perpetual care.