

Grace Episcopal Church 2021 Annual Report



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**Grace Episcopal Church
Annual Meeting
January 30, 2022**

Agenda

Worship and Eucharist

Prayer

Declaration of a Quorum

Election of New Vestry Members

Election of New Convention Delegate & Alternate

Reports

Please read about the many things “our little church with a big heart” was able to accomplish in 2021, in spite of Covid. Because the beginning of the year was not in-person, Ministry Liaisons were not assigned, therefore there are no separate reports for Christian Formation, Outreach, or Parish Life. You can find the work carried out under these Ministries included in the following reports.

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| • Vicar | The Rev. Anne West |
| • Senior Warden | Ann Mingledorff |
| • Treasurer & Stewardship | Linda Robbins |
| • 2021 Close-out & 2022 Budget | Linda Robbins |
| • Junior Warden | Jean Byerly |
| • Worship / Altar Guild / Music | Linda Robbins / Jenny Morris /
Suzanne Pattison / Lenny Grasso |
| • Episcopal Church Women | Jeannie Palin |
| • ECW Treasurer’s Summary | Ann McDaniel |

Adjourn with Prayer

~VICAR'S 2021 ANNUAL REPORT~

I am sure you will all remember the opening line from the book, “A Tale of Two Cities.” “It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.” Well that familiar line has been where my brain has settled every time I have started to write my Annual Report.

We have proven ourselves beyond resilient, as Covid has continued to disrupt so much of life and our gathering as community in the ways we have done in normal times.

The garden and our faithful tenders, Bert and Barbara Nye and Greg Kula, under God’s loving care, brought forth abundance and it was shared all around the community. The weekly ‘*Taste of Unity*’ was a blessing for us as we were able to gather safely outside and check in with neighbors who were feeling the isolation.

Jean Byerly and Betty Moreland started a weekly bike riding session for the neighborhood kids, which not only provided an ingenious way to get the kids outside exercising and experiencing the beauty of the world around them, it ultimately led to a deepening of our relationships with our neighbors, many of whom now come weekly to Church and our rebirthed Sunday School. God has had a loving hand in all these moments.

We adapted to worship on Zoom when the Covid numbers demanded it and we were lucky enough to enjoy an interlude from March to October that almost felt normal.

Grace Church has been so supportive of my need to secure full time employment and allowing me to share in ministry with Piedmont Church. I am grateful. Both Vestries will meet together in February to reflect on how this is working and where we can improve on communication and community. The *Annual Picnic*, which was moved from August to early October, was a day of fellowship and joint worship. We met together with Piedmont Parish on the grounds of Graves Chapel and it was a grand success, one worth repeating.

We celebrated the lives of Bob Tata and Jim Reel, who now sit in the nearer presence of God. We have added some new folks to our community: Melissa Sysling and Harley Boone, Donna Mawyer and her daughters, Autumn, Ocean, Mckenzie, and Reagan, Hailey Tipton, and Izayah.

Thanks to Bert and Barbara Nye, Melissa Sysling, and Donna Mawyer, we have a weekly Sunday School that inspires the children to meet Jesus and to learn the way of Love that is the way of God. We had our first *Children’s Christmas Play* in many years.

HOPE has not started back but we did start “*Thursdays @ Grace*” which gives the neighborhood kids a time to gather for snacks, games, and fun projects when it is too cold to be outside riding bikes.

I continue to be so grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Vicar. I am energized and inspired by your faithful commitment to God and to this community.

With love,
Anne



~SENIOR WARDEN'S 2021 ANNUAL REPORT~

As I reflect on 2021, I am pleased to report that Grace Church is probably healthier now than it has ever been. Under the inspiring leadership of our Vicar, we have developed a number of new ventures while moving into a shared ministry with Piedmont, Madison and passing probably the lowest budget deficit ever. This past year I have been particularly struck by the kindness of this community, both toward each other and to others. When we lose electrical power, “Come to my house to get warm and have a shower” or “I have a four-wheel drive and can come get you to stay with us” or at any time, just “Let’s get together” are frequently heard.

First, as our Vicar needed full-time employment, our yoking with Piedmont to provide Holy Eucharist on alternate weeks at each church, constitutes a new model of service for small churches. While thus giving Vicar Anne full employment, we enjoy the service of Morning Prayer on alternate Sundays, led by our very own and first-ever Vocational Deacon Kathryn Thomas.

Expansion of our music ministry during a difficult year of COVID-19 has been another joy. Our organist Suzanne Pattison and choir director Lenny Grasso have faced tremendous obstacles but have persevered. Due to Covid, many of our masked summer services were held in the parking lot of Feeding Greene. When Covid numbers were high in Greene, we held services on Zoom. Although the choir has been on hiatus this past year, Lenny and Suzanne formed a Bell Choir which provided service music through Advent.

One of our long-term goals, to build a paved parking lot, has made a major step forward. Under Ron Morris’s leadership, the parking lot committee has worked with John Davis, civil engineer, to draw up plans which have been approved by the County Planning Department. The next steps in the process will be to submit the plans to contractors for bids, then to get Vestry approval.

Barbara and Bert Nye, along with Jean Byerly and Greg Kula, have done a magnificent job with our community garden, which provides weekly tastings of our harvest and friendship to our neighbors. The provision of a water line in mid-July and the addition of a new garden shed in early Fall have vastly facilitated their efforts.

Given the relationships formed with our neighbors over the past several years, we have at last been able to restart Sunday School with an average of six children per week. Children attend the first part of the church service and leave the Sanctuary after the Children's Homily. Sunday School teachers are Barbara and Bert Nye, Melissa Sysling, Donna Mawyer, and Carol Schmidt. Colorful welcome bags for small children have been installed on hooks in the narthex at the children’s eye level.



Our Outreach initiative at Christmas focused on our immediate neighbors. Following the early Christmas Eve service, presents to children and Food Lion gift cards to families were distributed at a cocoa and cookies party.

This past year, a Pastoral Care committee was formed which meets quarterly. In addition to keeping up to date on pastoral needs, the freezer at church is now stocked regularly with soups and casseroles that may be shared with anyone in need.

The budget meeting this past December was pretty momentous. Your vestry passed a budget with only a \$1,082 deficit, probably the lowest ever. During our Stewardship Drive, Vicar Anne asked only that each of us increase our pledges. Seventeen people did. How grateful we are to you! It is easier to deal with a challenge when we do it together and you have certainly proven that.

We do not, and must not, rest on our laurels. 2021 has been a fruitful year, so let's now get excited about what we might accomplish with God's grace in 2022. As one of my favorite authors, Oswald Chambers, has said, "The goal of faithfulness is not that we will do work for God, but that He will be free to do His work through us". I would like to thank our Vicar for her leadership, our Parish Administrator Linda Robbins for keeping us in such excellent order, and our Vestry for being such a pleasure to work with. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to work with such a fine team, and most of all, I am grateful to be a part of this wonderful parish of Believers that is Grace, Stanardsville.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Mingledorff
Senior Warden

~TREASURER'S 2021 REPORTS~

As you will see, Grace Church ended the year with a \$7,389.64 **surplus** instead of the projected \$5,703.00 **deficit**. The reason for this is because of a *Payroll Protection Program Loan* of \$14,990.00 that we received to help pay for salaries and utilities during the Covid shutdown. By submitting proof of what we used the monies for and the fact that we used it within the correct time frame, the loan was forgiven and we do not have to pay anything back. This allowed us to use our income to further the wonderful work of Grace Church, even during these unpredictable times.

Moving forward, looking at the 2022 Budget which follows, you will see that the Diocese will be giving Grace Church \$15,000.00 this year in aid through the *Committee on Congregational Missions*. I would like to acknowledge the dedication and determination of the Vestry, not wanting to sacrifice the dreams for Grace Church, in requesting the increased amount of aid. I personally, as Treasurer, would like to thank them for a job well-done!

I have made several notations on the *2021 Closeout Report* and the *2022 Budget Report*. I hope they help in explaining our finances more clearly. Please feel free to contact me and I will gladly answer any questions you may have on them.

~STEWARDSHIP 2021 ANNUAL REPORT~

The following are details from our Stewardship Drive:

- There were 28 pledges totaling \$95,500.00
 - ✓ A loss of 3 pledges from last year, yet.....
 - ✓ An increase of \$4760
- 17 pledges were increased
- The average pledge for 2022 is approximately \$3411
- The median (half above and half below) is \$2700

With this year's Stewardship Drive, parishioners were asked to increase their pledge, no matter how small, because we knew that we had a *hill to climb* financially in 2022. As always, the Grace Church Family members showed their love and dedication for their church. Even though we lost some pledges, our Stewardship figures increased! Grace Church could not carry out God's work in all the many ways it does in this community, if it weren't for the dedicated support of each and every one of you, both financially and with your valuable time. I am so grateful to be a part of this caring and loving congregation.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Robbins
Treasurer

~TREASURER'S 2021 CLOSEOUT REPORT~

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Robbins
Treasurer

OPERATING BUDGET

	Budget 2021	Actual Dec 31, 2021
<u>NET = INCOME – EXPENSES</u>	-\$5,703	\$7,389.64
<u>INCOME</u>	\$110,740	\$106,551.57
Plate, 2021	\$4,500	\$6,734.00
Pledge, 2021	\$90,740	\$85,199.00
Diocese of Va. Aid	\$9,900	\$9,900.00
Interest-Dividend Income (TOF)	\$3,900	\$3,818.57
All Other Income		
Small Steps	\$0	\$0.00
Parish Hall Rental	\$0	\$0.00
Late 2020 Pledges	\$0	\$900.00
Pay Down Deficit ¹	\$1,700	\$0.00
<u>EXPENSES</u>	\$116,443	\$99,161.93
Missionary Outreach		
Diocesan Pledge	\$7,975	\$7,975.00
Regional Pledge	\$450	\$450.00
Vicar's Discretionary Fund	\$200	\$200.00
Local Outreach	\$5,500	\$5,497.70
Clergy		
Vicars Compensation	\$34,448	\$25,964.52
Vicars Benefits	\$10,641	\$10,383.58
Supply Clergy	\$1,000	\$1,050.00
Property: Utilities		
Cleaning	\$3,359	\$2,350.00
Electricity	\$3,500	\$2,478.47
Gas	\$2,200	\$1,979.27
Trash Pickup	\$288	\$216.00
Water	\$450	\$201.92
Property: Maintenance		
Church	\$5,440	\$5,333.45
Grounds	\$1,500	\$1,300.00

	Budget 2021	Actual Dec 31, 2021
Program: Education		
Adult Education	\$250	\$134.95
Children's Christian Education	\$0	\$0.00
Vestry Education	\$0	\$0.00
Vicar/Deacon Continuing Ed	\$500	\$99.00
Program: Worship & Music		
Organ/Piano Maintenance	\$470	\$130.00
Organist	\$8,138	\$7,083.20
Choir Director	\$6,104	\$6,178.35
Worship-Altar Guild	\$500	\$363.42
Program: Stewardship	\$75	\$46.50
Program: Fellowship-Evangelism		
Parish Life	\$525	\$379.44
Program: Other		
Day-by-Day	\$255	\$255.00
Administration		
Insurance	\$5,800	\$5,537.00
Office Supplies	\$500	\$428.90
Office Equipment	\$3,000	\$2,470.25
Telephone	\$2,000	\$1,829.41
Web site ²	\$225	\$732.12
Mileage Reimbursement	\$1,000	\$696.08
Printing & Postage	\$250	\$185.62
Bank & USPS Fees	\$250	\$169.00
Parish Administrator	\$8,400	\$6,300.00
Other Expenses		
Convention Delegates	\$750	\$200.00
Public Relations	\$500	\$563.78

NOTES ON OPERATING BUDGET

¹\$1700.00 returned to Restricted Funds - the Paydown Deficit donation was not needed.

²Unexpected website problem

NOTES ON RESTRICTED FUNDS

¹ Lenten Offering/Feeding Greene, Haiti, Grasso Farm

² Front yard tree

³ Topographic survey for parking lot project, ½ of garden water line installation

⁴ Sunday school

⁵ Sweatshirt sales, "birthday blessings"

⁶ Upgrading sanctuary sound system

⁷ Parishioner's pledge overage designated for "miscellaneous extras which are needed"
(ofc chair, ofc painting, ofc computer, treasurer laptop, nursery attendant)

⁸ Payroll (14,180.07) Utilities (809.93)

⁹ Mustard Seed Grant (2000) shed (4068.01)

¹⁰ Shrine Mont Camp (parishioner), Soccer Camp & car repair (neighbors)

RESTRICTED FUNDS – December 31, 2021

	<u>Starting Balance</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>From Opr. Funds</u>	<u>To Opr. Funds</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<u>PASS-THROUGH</u>	\$1,160.44	\$6,712.80	\$4,355.80	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$3,017.44
Bishop's Visit	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
Gifts	\$130.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$130.00
Outreach Programs ¹	\$32.46	\$2,165.00	\$2,100.00			\$97.46
Pledge, Early 2021	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$500.00	\$0.00
Pledge, Early 2022	\$0.00	\$2,200.00	\$0.00			\$2,200.00
UTO	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
Virginia Episcopalian Payroll Deductions	-\$15.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			-\$15.00
Employee State Tax	\$5.20	\$48.00	\$48.00			\$5.20
Employee SS	\$205.12	\$931.92	\$894.66			\$242.38
Employee Medicare	\$48.50	\$217.98	\$209.24			\$57.24
Employer SS	\$205.66	\$931.92	\$894.66			\$242.92
Employer Medicare	\$48.50	\$217.98	\$209.24			\$57.24
RSVP Contribution	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
<u>IN-HOUSE</u>	\$11,576.60	\$20,850.50	\$27,700.97	\$4,900.00	\$1,700.00	\$7,926.13
Altar Guild	\$134.38	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$134.38
Capital Maintenance						
Additional Property Mtce ²	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$409.62			\$590.38
Capital Maintenance Fund ³	\$3,824.34	\$1,062.50	\$3,885.00			\$1,001.84
Christian Formation ⁴	\$664.40	\$0.00	\$311.06			\$353.34
Deficit Paydown	\$1,700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00
Garden Fund	\$15.01	\$0.00	\$15.01			\$0.00
HOPE	\$152.13	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$152.13
Outreach ⁵	\$0.00	\$264.00	\$0.00			\$264.00
Memorial Fund – Erikson ⁶	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	\$359.97			\$1,040.03
Memorial Fund – Giles	\$425.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$425.00
Memorial Fund – Robbins	\$204.82	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$204.82
Miscellaneous Expenses ⁷	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,303.85	\$3,000.00		\$696.15
Music	\$934.99	\$0.00	\$468.98			\$466.01
Pancake Supper	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00
Payroll Protection Program ⁸	\$0.00	\$14,990.00	\$14,990.00			\$0.00
Poinsettias, Lilies & Flowers	\$570.06	\$200.00	\$293.05			\$477.01
Social Media	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$100.00
Thanksgiving	\$119.58	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$119.58
Unity Garden ⁹	\$1,424.08	\$2,804.00	\$4,228.08			\$0.00
Vicar's Discretionary Fund ¹⁰	\$307.81	\$130.00	\$436.35	\$200.00		\$201.46
<u>TOTAL (PASS-THROUGH & IN-HOUSE)</u>	\$12,737.04	\$27,563.30	\$32,056.77	\$4,900.00	\$2,200.00	\$10,943.57

~2022 OPERATING BUDGET~

At a December 14, 2021 meeting, the Vestry of Grace Episcopal Church voted to adopt the following Operating Budget for 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Robbins
Treasurer

	<u>Budget</u> <u>2021</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2021</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2022</u>
<u>NET = INCOME- EXPENSES</u>	-\$5,703	\$7,390	-\$1,082
<u>INCOME</u>	<u>\$110,740</u>	<u>\$106,552</u>	<u>\$119,600</u>
Plate	\$4,500	\$6,734	\$3,200
Pledge	\$90,740	\$85,199	\$95,500
Diocese of Va. Aid	\$9,900	\$9,900	\$15,000
Interest-Dividend Income (TOF)	\$3,900	\$3,819	\$4,000
All Other Income			
Small Steps	\$0	\$0	\$200
Hall Rental	\$0	\$0	\$0
Late Pledges	\$0	\$900	
Pay Down Deficit ¹	\$1,700	\$0	\$1,700
<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>\$116,443</u>	<u>\$99,162</u>	<u>\$120,682</u>
Missionary Outreach			
Diocesan Pledge	\$7,975	\$7,975	\$8,568
Regional Pledge	\$450	\$450	\$450
Vicar's Discretionary Fund ²	\$200	\$200	-
Theological Education ³	-	-	-
Local Outreach	\$5,500	\$5,498	\$5,500
Clergy			
Vicars Compensation	\$34,448	\$25,965	\$35,139
Vicars Benefits	\$10,641	\$10,384	\$10,915
Supply Clergy	\$1,000	\$1,050	\$400
Property: Utilities			
Cleaning ⁴	\$3,359	\$2,350	-
Electricity	\$3,500	\$2,478	\$3,200
Gas	\$2,200	\$1,979	\$2,200
Trash Pickup	\$288	\$216	\$300
Water	\$450	\$202	\$385
Property: Maintenance			
Church ⁴	\$5,440	\$5,333	\$8,520
Grounds ⁵	\$1,500	\$1,300	\$2,400

	Budget 2021	Actual 2021	Budget 2022
Program: Education			
Adult Education	\$250	\$135	\$250
Children's Christian Education ⁶	\$0	\$0	\$1,800
Vestry Education	\$0	\$0	-
Vicar/Deacon Continuing Ed	\$500	\$99	\$500
Program: Worship & Music			
Choir Director	\$6,104	\$6,178	\$6,226
Organist	\$8,138	\$7,083	\$8,302
Organ/Piano Maintenance	\$470	\$130	\$470
Worship-Altar Guild	\$500	\$363	\$500
Program: Stewardship	\$75	\$47	\$75
Program: Fellowship-Evangelism			
Parish Life	\$525	\$379	\$525
Program: Other			
Day by Day	\$255	\$255	\$255
Administration			
Insurance	\$5,800	\$5,537	\$6,150
Office Supplies	\$500	\$429	\$500
Office Equipment	\$3,000	\$2,470	\$3,000
Telephone	\$2,000	\$1,829	\$2,600
Web site	\$225	\$732	\$234
Mileage Reimbursement	\$1,000	\$696	\$1,000
Printing & Postage	\$250	\$186	\$250
Bank & USPS Fees	\$250	\$169	\$250
Parish Administrator	\$8,400	\$6,300	\$8,568
Other Expenses			
Convention Delegates	\$750	\$200	\$750
Public Relations	\$500	\$564	\$500

¹ Money from Restricted Funds donated to pay-down deficit

² Plate Offering on first Sunday of the month will be donated

³ Plate Offering on Theological Sunday will be donated

⁴ Changed to a cleaning service company – now is included in Property: Maintenance: Church

⁵ Added money to cover bush hogging of back property

⁶ Includes Nursery Attendant

~JUNIOR WARDEN'S 2021 ANNUAL REPORT~

In 2021, our focus was once again more on improving our outdoor space, with larger indoor projects still on hold.



Parishioners and church neighbors joined in caring for the church property on our Blue Jeans Saturdays. We made a huge difference in cleaning the church yard, power washing, spreading loads of chips on the Ford Avenue garden, tackling the basement, and cleaning the kitchen. Work also continued on cleaning the tangled, overgrown patch of ground between the Unity Garden and our neighbor in the Fitzhugh Cottage. The extremely large, invasive privet at the corner of the property was removed, increasing safety and visibility for the Unity Garden driveway. A sneaky Cedar, that seemed to grow into a tree overnight, was removed from the Odd Fellows side of the sanctuary.

We continued sprucing up the Ford Avenue side of the church. Grass was planted for attractive easy maintenance over the bare patches left from the removal of the bushes. The old plexiglass over the stained windows was removed and will be replaced with better quality material which remains clear as it ages. The handicap ramp and handrails and the handrails at the front door were painted. Another project included repair and weatherproofing of the decking and stairs outside the kitchen.

Thanks to a generous donor, we were able to contract with Hamilton Plumbing to run a water line from our meter, at the road near the former Grace House, to the Unity Garden. This was our largest and most-appreciated project. Having water for the garden saves a tremendous amount of time and labor. It also makes it easier to allow the neighborhood children to help with watering. In the future, the water will allow us to have fun water activities in the church yard for the neighborhood. We have a lock on the hydrant to prevent unauthorized use.

A Tupelo (aka Black Gum) tree has been selected for the front yard of Grace Church. The Tupelo is a hardy tree that is native to Virginia. It is an attractive tree, especially in the fall, and is beneficial to pollinators. The tree will be planted in an area where it will not interfere with power lines (above or below ground) and will not block the view of drivers on Ford Avenue. Planting should occur during the next couple of months while the tree is dormant and less likely to suffer from damage during transplanting.

Our beautiful Grace Church wooden sign was hung in time for our Christmas services. The sign had suffered extensive damage and was very difficult to restore. The new hardware used to hang our sign should prevent it from being damaged again during heavy winds.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Byerly
Junior Warden



~WORSHIP 2021 ANNUAL REPORT~

The Worship Ministry at Grace Episcopal Church includes our Music Program, the Altar Guild, Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEM), Readers, and Ushers.

Lay Volunteers

One of my jobs as Parish Administrator is to schedule the Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, and Ushers for our services during the year. During the first half of 2021, the Church building was still shut down because of Covid-19 restrictions. We were having outdoor services when the weather allowed and using Zoom during the cold or inclement weather. Both limited the number of lay volunteers that were needed, or were available, for the service. I never had a problem getting parishioners to serve though.

Once we started regathering in the Sanctuary, I needed to schedule a full “cast” again. Most of my lay volunteers were back, ready to serve! One of my first tasks when we returned, was to renew all the licenses for our LEMs, which had expired during the shut-down. At that time, we also licensed another Lay Preacher. We now have two: Phil Palin and Ron Morris. If you have never heard one or the other, please do yourself a favor and come the next time either one preaches. We are blessed to have them in our Grace Family!

I can never find enough words to thank all these volunteers! They give so much of themselves to help make our services so meaningful. At this time, I need to also thank Vicar Anne West for her wonderful leadership and for being the catalyst who awakens this dedication in each of us with her endless energy, and love.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Robbins
Parish Administrator

Music

In order to compose some thoughtful prose on how 2021 went for us musically here at Grace, we thought it best to look at what we wrote for the 2020 Annual Report. At the end of 2020, we were still congregating on Zoom and making an attempt at having a choir through pushing our technology to its limit. As the year went on, and we were able to get vaccinated, it seemed maybe we were heading towards brighter spots - indeed, we congregated outside and inside in the summer with unrestricted faces and free-flowing song. We made plans to return to regular choir practice, and we were hopeful we could hang up our Zoom hats permanently. Unfortunately, the contagiousness of Delta and Omicron forced us to be flexible time and time again, but we are very good at that now, aren't we?

In the Fall, Lenny consulted with Ham Thomas on a new sound mixer, as our old one stopped working for us in the beginning of 2021. We are very pleased with this purchase, and we are



grateful that Anne and the Vestry were committed to purchasing equipment with the upgraded technology we needed. It has proved invaluable for both in-person services and Zoom services.

Looking ahead to joyful futures: it was a great joy to start Bell Choir this Fall, which is something we have wanted to do for a long time, even before the pandemic. A generous loan of an expanded bell set from Piedmont has allowed us to make new music out of old songs during Advent, and I am excited to continue this into the new year.

Even in hard times, we are blessed to serve the Lord through music in whatever way He sees fit in the moment! I'm looking forward to what 2022 has in store for us at Grace.

Respectfully submitted,
Lenny Grasso & Suzanne Pattison
Co-Music Directors

Altar Guild

I took on the role of Altar Guild Chair mid -year, and the months since have been a mixture of outdoor “parking lot” worship services, virtual worship from the sanctuary or the home using Zoom, and Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist worship in the Sanctuary. The ministry of vesting the altar was not as “busy” in 2021 because of these alternative settings, but the situation required us to communicate and to be flexible. We currently have eleven members and I am very thankful for their participation in the care of our worship space.



In December, we enjoyed an appreciation breakfast hosted by Vicar Anne. Following the meal and fellowship, we had time to discuss and review how we prepare the altar for the two types of services in our monthly pattern, brass polishing requirements, and the use of the aumbry.

The flowers that symbolize the Resurrection and add beauty to the altar can be given by parishioners in honor or memory of a person or something we are thankful for. We now have a poster-sized calendar on the hallway bulletin board for scheduling to donate altar flowers.

Respectfully submitted,
Jenny Morris
Altar Guild Chairperson



~EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN 2021 ANNUAL REPORT~

The Episcopal Church Women of Grace Episcopal Church had another interesting year trying to adapt responsibly to the pandemic. We did not meet as a group very often, but we were able to serve in many ways: helping in the community and our neighborhood, attending ECW Diocesan meetings virtually, and serving God in his church.

- In February, the women of Grace made Valentine cookies to give to essential workers thru-out Greene County.
- On March 6th, the *Diocesan ECW Lenten Quiet Day* was held virtually. The day centered around the theme "From Many One: Conversations across differences."
- The *Diocesan Spring Meeting* was held virtually on Saturday, May 8th.
- The *Fall Diocesan Meeting* was held on October 30th, virtually.
- The ECW donated \$175 to the *Diocesan ECW Gifts and Scholarship Fund* in Memory of Gwenn Erikson, Virginia Fitzhugh, and Dottie Mitchell.
- Some members of the ECW provided breakfast one week and lunch another week for the *YDC Summer Camp* in June.
- The ECW had a bake sale at the Greene County Farmers Market in September. Many women helped by baking, buying, working and donating. This was our only fundraising activity for the year. We made over \$700 which we gave to various organizations.
- Various members of ECW prepared healthy snacks for the *YDC After School Program* from September to November. We were able to provide snacks to the Middle School and the Elementary school on 11 different dates.
- In December, we met at Julie Winlow's for our *Christmas Potluck Party*. Gifts were collected for the boys and girls at Jackson-Feild Home. The women voted to distribute the proceeds from our bake sale to:
 - Viva Voce - \$100
 - ECW Diocesan Gifts and Scholarship Fund - \$100 (in memory of Eleanor Cary)
 - Greene Alliance - \$200
 - Woman's Club Scholarship Fund - \$300
 - Ministerial Association Scholarship Fund - \$300

After the vote, we had a few anonymous donors that made additional gifts to the Ministerial Scholarship Fund. The total amount sent to the Ministerial Association was \$1,000.



This past year has brought many joys and challenges. We find, that in shared service to others and each other, we experience the joy of God among us.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jeannie Palin
 ECW President

Episcopal Church Women (ECW)
Treasurer' Report
Summary for 2021

	Receipts	Expenditures	Balance
Balance as of January 1, 2021			\$482.12
Receipts:			
Donations for Diocese of Virginia Scholarship fund	\$75.00		
Bake sale	\$855.00		
Anonymous donations for the Greene Co. Ministerial Scholarship Fund	\$700.00		
TOTAL RECEIPTS:			\$1,630.00
Expenditures:			
Diocese of Virginia Scholarship fund		\$175.00	
Change for bake sale		\$50.00	
Objectives for 2021:			
Diocese of Virginia, Book of Remembrance (in memory of Eleanor Cary) and Viva Voce fund		\$200.00	
GRACE Alliance		\$200.00	
Women's Club Scholarship fund		\$300.00	
Greene Co. Ministerial Scholarship fund		\$1,000.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:			\$1,925.00
Balance to date:			\$187.12

Respectfully submitted,
Ann McDaniel
ECW Treasurer