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## **LISTENING AND GATHERING**

We are a different parish than we were back in March of 2020. We have lost some dear friends. We have deferred First Communion Classes and Youth Confirmations. EfM; Pause, Ponder and Pray; and Sacred Ground all learned how to study together on Zoom. We have prayed together online more than 100 times.

Parish life is slowly returning to Christ Church Parish. We are not yet in a post-COVID place. Our children are not yet eligible for vaccinations and breakthrough infections remain a possibility, but September is coming, and plans are being made.

I am deeply grateful to all who led and participated in our Parish Conversations in June. There was tremendous good-will and energy. People want to see restarting and many expressed their interest in being a part of the effort.

What will we gather? We will gather our community in **Worship**. In September we will go back to the regular cycle of Sunday and weekday prayer. My guess is that there will be a new sense of how important hearing the voices of others is. There was considerable desire expressed to find ways to keep folks connected when we return to two Sunday Services. At the same time, our digital presence will continue on YouTube and at [www.ccpki.org](http://www.ccpki.org)

We will continue our **Outreach** to the community. Distancing has made us better at the process of ordering and distributing food. We will always need new choppers, scrubbers, packers, and distributors. Now we have a better sense of how to share the work.

We will find new ways to **Care** within the parish. Once we see each other regularly, we can get a sense of who is missing and who needs a touch. Hopefully, we can find ways to share meals together and coffee hour and have a chance to chat.

Most importantly, we will begin to build a new and inviting community for **Children, Youth, & Families**. This isn't just about making parents into Sunday School Teachers; but requires many hands to promote fun and faith together.

Re-Opening will not be easy. We will fumble. We will put too much energy in one spot and then have to adjust. Re-opening is

not simply the work of the Vestry or the Staff; it requires each of us to lend our hearts and our hands. Patience will help us stay safe as we strive for new heights.

Please keep listening. Please keep gathering. Together we will share God's love in this community and all around.

Peace,  
**Mark +**

## Communion Under Special Circumstances

Six months ago, Fr. Mark chose to adopt an open policy for picking up Communion Kits at Church for Home Use. This was always intended as a stop-gap solution, particularly because we were closed to public gatherings.

Effective August 15, the Communion Kits will no longer be placed for pick up in the Narthex. They will be available directly from Fr. Mark. Those receiving Communion Under Special Circumstances will be asked to report when and where the Sacrament is to be received.

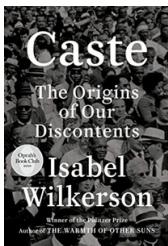
As with every other pandemic-related decision, this is subject to change based on new developments.

### BOOK DISCUSSION

**Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 7 p.m.** by Zoom

You are invited to read ***Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*** by Isabel Wilkerson. Feel free to invite friends to join us.

***Caste*** describes racism in the United States as an aspect of a caste system – a society-wide system of social stratification characterized by notions such as hierarchy, inclusion and exclusion, and purity. .



***Caste*** has been included in several lists of best books of 2020, including the Washington Post, Time, and NPR. [\*\*\*The New York Times\*\*\*](#) described the book as "an instant American classic and almost certainly the keynote nonfiction book of the American century thus far."

## JUNE CONVERSATIONS - LET'S TALK!



Deep gratitude goes out to all the folks who helped to make our June Conversations such a wonderful experience for Christ Church. Every conversation was delightful and special. All participants came in faith and spoke from their hearts about what Christ Church means to them, what they see

for the future, and their ideas about how to reopen our doors and ministries after months of isolation and separation. We connected instantly, and it was a joy to be together again!

From these conversations it was clear that we are very happy with Father Mark's preaching and with the music that Gary and Emily provide, but that we miss our choir! We're pleased with our food-based outreach programs and recognize that expansion might mean partnering with other groups. We agree that pastoral care is very important and training people to assist Father Mark is desirable. We are also in complete agreement that building a children and youth program is critical to our future, and that our future includes online worship and gathering for book and Bible studies. Perhaps because we are well sustained in our worship, we also are friendly, welcoming, and inviting to friends.

After the service on June 25, we gathered in discussion groups to focus on Worship, Care and Community, Outreach, and Children, Youth, and Families. Ideas were exchanged, and conversations will continue.

We all agree that it is critical to develop a Christian Education program for our children, and we are blessed to have well-experienced friends starting to work on that. Strong leadership alone will not result in a strong Christian education program. It will take a church-wide commitment to volunteer, contribute, attend, and do whatever we can to sustain a program to raise our children into strong Christians. It is



important to each and every one of us, and it is totally up to us.

Conversations continue. You are welcome to contact Charlie Mead ([cmead500@gmail.com](mailto:cmead500@gmail.com), 410-829-9081) or Molly Cannon, ([srwarden@ccpki.org](mailto:srwarden@ccpki.org), 410-991-6752) if you would like to participate in future conversations about Worship, Outreach, Care and Community, or Children, Youth, and Families. We would love for you to join us!

## **Tour of Kennard African American Cultural Heritage Center on August 9**



You are invited to join the Sacred Ground group on **Monday, August 9 at 1:30 p.m.** for a guided tour of the Kennard African American Cultural Heritage

Center (KAACHC) at 410 Little Kidwell Avenue in Centreville. KAACHC is home to the *African American History Museum*, which chronicles African American life in both Queen Anne's County and the nation, with an emphasis on the period when Kennard High School operated, 1936-1966. A photo of the school in 1936 appears here.

The school was named for Lucretia Kennard, who was appointed in 1919 as "Supervisor of Colored Schools" in Queen Anne's County. She recruited teachers, developed curricula and set high goals for the schools to achieve.

Kennard also was instrumental in inspiring the community around her to support her cause. Kennard dedicated her life to establishing a black high school.



The museum's exhibits include pictures and artifacts highlighting African America culture in education, occupation, military, business, and civic life during that era. The exhibits also include recorded histories of KHS students, teachers, and local citizens of that era.

If you would like to attend, please email or call Dottie Wilson so that we can tell our guide how many people to expect.

## FIRE ALARM PROCEDURE

On Wednesday, July 14, at 8:33 AM, the fire alarm sounded throughout the church facility. Fortunately, there was no fire. However, in view of actions and responses that morning, it is probably a good idea to review what the proper procedures are in the event of another alarm.

First and most important, when you hear the alarm, CALMLY leave the building by the nearest available exit. When the alarm sounds, the local fire department is automatically notified and will respond as quickly as possible. Wait for the fire department to arrive, and do not re-enter the building. Even if it seems evident to you that there is no fire, there may be something smoldering somewhere that you cannot see (this really happened in 2019). It could be a faulty sensor, but the fire department needs to make that determination so that remedial action can be taken. Re-enter the building only after the fire department has determined that it is safe to do so.



Contact Goldey Vansant **410-827-6220** or [jrwarden@ccpki.org](mailto:jrwarden@ccpki.org)

## CECDS NEWS

CECDS is almost at capacity for the 2021-22 school year! We have 2 spots left in our Nursery program and 1 spot left in the full day Pre-K. The teachers have been working on their classrooms this summer and are excited about the new school year.

Orientation is planned for Thursday, September 2nd in the Sanctuary at 6:30. The first day for Pre-K is Wednesday, September 8th and the first day for Nursery is on Friday, September 10th.

It will be wonderful to have children in our school again.

[cecds@verizon.net](mailto:cecds@verizon.net) 410-643-8248

Lisa Oesterling, Director of CECDS



Christ Episcopal Church Day School

KENT ISLAND'S ORIGINAL PRESCHOOL



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*Kent Island*

# QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

June 30, 2021

## Financial Highlights

Our cash position is strong, thanks to generous giving, PPP loans, and Employee Retention Tax Credit program. Consequently, we have not drawn from our investments, which have appreciated nicely in a healthy market. Our mortgage balance is under \$400,000, and expenses are controlled.

### General Offerings Right on Budget

Halfway through the year, we have collectively contributed 51% of our year's budget for contributions. **Thank you** to all whose generosity has made this possible!

### Investments Appreciate Nicely

Year-to-date, our endowments and investments have appreciated 10%. We have been able to take advantage of a healthy market, because we have not had to draw from our investments to pay operating expenses. Generous giving, the PPP loans, and our recent application for Employee Retention Tax Credit program are all contributing to our strong cash position.

### Accelerated Mortgage Payments Continue

Donations to the Mortgage Fund have allowed us to continue paying an extra \$1,000 per month to mortgage principal.

**Thank you!** Many parishioners made additional contributions toward mortgage principal in the first half, so our mortgage balance is now under \$400,000. We have shaved the balance of our loan by almost \$100,000 since the start of the year.

**Thank you so much!**

### Facility Well Maintained

Thanks to our creative Junior Warden and sharp-penciled finance team, our church and rectory are well-maintained. The many recent visible improvements make it clear to visitors and

newcomers alike that our ample facilities are available to support the community.

## **Soup Group Excels; Community Outreach Expands**

The Soup Group has already contributed 60% of its annual budget. **Thank you** to all who have helped! This dedicated, innovative team continues to make productivity improvements that attract more people every week to its offerings, and they are taking extra steps to help feed hungry children and families in our community.



Repaving of the kitchen driveway and pothole repairs on the perimeter road were completed.



# 2021 FUND PERFORMANCE (as of 6-30-2021)

OPERATING FUND	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance
<b>Revenues</b>			
General Offerings	\$115,600	\$116,712	\$1,112
Building Use	\$12,100	\$9,430	(\$2,670)
Fund Raisers	\$29,250	\$33,833	\$4,583
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,800	\$1,855	\$55
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$158,750</b>	<b>\$161,830</b>	<b>\$3,080</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Personnel	\$111,215	\$99,536	\$11,679
Facilities	\$43,830	\$55,197	(\$11,367)
Parish Life	\$24,425	\$23,714	\$711
Administration	\$18,840	\$17,768	\$1,072
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$198,310</b>	<b>\$196,214</b>	<b>\$2,096</b>
<b>Revenue Minus Expenses (Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$39,560)</b>	<b>(\$34,384)</b>	<b>\$5,176</b>
<b>MORTGAGE FUND</b>			
Offerings	\$45,416	\$104,815	\$59,399
Outstanding Mortgage Loan		\$398,316	
<b>GRACE FUND</b>			
Offerings		\$600	
Grace Fund Balance		\$138,169	

## Financial Statement Notes

**General Offerings** include contributions, plate collections, special offerings and memorial gifts. Some memorial gifts are restricted and may not be used for budgeted expenses.

**Building Use** includes rental of our building facilities and kitchen to Living Water Lutheran Church, Christ Church Episcopal Day School and to individuals and organizations for weddings and special events.

**Fund Raisers** include such events as Plant Sales and Soup Sales.

**Personnel expenses** include the salaries, benefits, educational and travel expenses for our Rector, Minister of Music, Sexton, Nursery staff, and Parish Administrator.

**Facilities** includes all expenses associated with maintaining the "home of our ministries" (including our rectory, the home of our rector), such as utilities, repairs, grass cutting, snow plowing and property/liability insurance.

**Parish Life** includes expenses to support outreach ministries, including programs for the homeless and hungry in our community, as well as our contribution to the Diocese for the work of the Episcopal Church. Our worship programs, including the altar guild and music ministry are also funded here.

# **CHRIST CHURCH OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

## **Serving Those in Need in our Local Community**

### **BACKPACK WEEKEND MEALS FOR KIDS**

We are continuing to provide non-perishable, child-friendly food for children/families for in-school children and at the QACPS meal distribution sites.

Please use the following shopping guidelines. **We are serving 250+ children every week, so your donations of food will be gratefully accepted!** Please drop items at the church.

### **Shopping Priorities**

**BREAKFAST:** Oatmeal Packets

**LUNCH:** Macaroni & Cheese Cups, Chef Boyardee Cups

**FRUIT:** Applesauce Cups/Pouches

**DRINKS:** 100% Juice, Shelf-stable Individual Milk

**SNACKS:** Raisins, Cheese Crackers, Granola Bars, Pretzels

Contact Kathy Sells: 410-490-6042 or [backpacks@ccpki.org](mailto:backpacks@ccpki.org)

Thank you and God Bless You!

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### **GRASONVILLE FOOD PANTRY**

**When you are grocery shopping, don't forget  
Grasonville Food Pantry!**

**Helping feed area families twice weekly**

Please deliver donations of non-perishable items to our shopping cart. If you prefer to provide financial support, please visit our website for online donations, text CCPKI to 73256, or mail your check to CCPKI at 830 Romancoke Rd, Stevensville 21666. Be sure to write **Food Pantry** on the memo line.

For information, contact Juanita Dombkowski 410-310-0139 or [foodpantry@ccpki.org](mailto:foodpantry@ccpki.org).

**Thank you for your donation!**

## Christ Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
1  <b>9:30 Worship Service</b>  Online Worship: <a href="http://ccpki.org">ccpki.org</a>	2  7:00 Cemetery Committee Meeting	3  10:00 Food Pantry Delivery	4  9:30 Exec C 7:30 AA Me
8  <b>9:30 Worship Service</b>  Online Worship: <a href="http://ccpki.org">ccpki.org</a>	9	10  10:00 Food Pantry Delivery	11  8:30 Backpa 9:30 Exec C 7:00 Financi 7:30 AA Me
15  <b>9:30 Worship Service</b>  Online Worship: <a href="http://ccpki.org">ccpki.org</a>	16  6:30 Vestry Meeting	17  10:00 Food Pantry Delivery	18  9:30 Exec C 7:30 AA Me
22  <b>9:30 Worship Service</b>  Online Worship: <a href="http://ccpki.org">ccpki.org</a>	23	24  10:00 Food Pantry Delivery 7:00 "Caste" Book Discussion via Zoom	25  8:30 Backpa 9:30 Exec C 7:30 AA Me
29  <b>9:30 Worship Service</b>  Online Worship: <a href="http://ccpki.org">ccpki.org</a>	30	31  10:00 Food Pantry Delivery	

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Regular Office Hours 9 am—3p

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Clergy Emergencies, contact Father Mark S. Delcuze, Rector ~ 203-240-8884

m Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

## IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICE CHART

	Lectors	Eucharistic Minister	Ushers	Greeters
<b>8/1/2021</b>	Carol McNally		Tom Christensen	
<b>10th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	Sally Lewis	Lois Vanderbok	Bob Seitz	Lois Vanderbok Judy Grandin
<b>Green</b>				
<b>Proper 13B</b>				
<b>8/8/2021</b>	Mike Parker			
<b>11th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	Caroline Aland	Emerson Patti	Leslie Schneider	Charlie Mead a Kathy Sells
<b>Green</b>			Mike Herold	
<b>Proper 14B</b>				
<b>8/15/2021</b>	Keith Fulmer			
<b>12th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	Carole Katrinic	Liza Hamill	Jordan Swonger	Susie Reckord Colleen Minah
<b>Green</b>			Bill Vanderbok	
<b>Proper 15B</b>				
<b>8/22/2021</b>	Maria Jones			
<b>13th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	Betsy Sipes	Jim Lipsner	Eric and Linette Hummel	Caroline and Tim
<b>Green</b>				
<b>Proper 16B</b>				
<b>8/29/2021</b>	Kathy Sells			
<b>14th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	Adele Sadiq	Verna Downey	Bob Rosekrans	Maria Jones a Molly Cannon
<b>Green</b>			Charlie Schwan	
<b>Proper 17B</b>				

		ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE		
	Altar Guild	Reader 1	Reader 2	Eucharistic Ministers
and	DeeDee & Kevin McCracken, Carole Tulip, Gini Wathen	Betsy Sipes	Cathy Smith	Liza Hamill & Jeff Pike
and	Sherry Lissitz, Lois Rys, Dot Deren, Cara Fehrenbacher	Kathy Sells	Dick Sells	Mike Herold & Dick Sells
and	Betsy Sipes, Tom Christensen, Lynne Shand, Patti Snyder	Goldey Vansant	Helen Vansant	Liza Hamill & Charlie Mead
Aland	Sally Lewis, Maria Jones, Eileen Shreve, Anne Tyler	Bob Thompson	Dottie Wilson	Dick Sells & Lois Vanderbok
and	DeeDee & Kevin McCracken, Carole Tulip, Gini Wathen	Tom Christensen	Betsy Sipes	Mike & Ruthanne

## THE RETURN OF OUR MUSIC MINISTRY- MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

I am excited to let you know that we are planning for a full return for our Music Ministry this fall. Highlights include:

- The return of our **Praise Band** beginning on Camp Wright Sunday, 9/12. After Camp Wright Sunday, the Praise Band will continue to lead worship services approximately once a month!
- The return of our **Parish Choir**, beginning on Sunday 9/19. The Parish Choir will lead worship services each week!
- **Special concerts** and events, including a **Broadway Cabaret** (Saturday, 10/16/21 at 7 p.m.), the return of the **Westminster Ringers** (Saturday 12/11/21 at 7 p.m.) and a concert by **Tyler Canonicco**, a phenomenal young organist (Friday 3/25/22 at 7 p.m.). You can get more information about these concerts by visiting the concerts page (under “ministries” then “music”) on our website!

As always, new members are welcome in our Parish Choir and Praise Band. We are working within health guidelines and the recommendations of the CDC and American Choral Directors Association to ensure everyone’s safety, so some parts of our Music Ministry might look a little different this year but our praise will remain the same. Feel free to contact me ([music@ccpki.org](mailto:music@ccpki.org)) if you have any questions or suggestions.

*Gary Van Essen, Minister of Music*

