The Episcopal Church of the Holy Family

2021 Annual Report and Parish Meeting

Sunday, January 23, 2022

***Nominations Report***

*The Vestry has 3 openings at this time; below is a proposed slate of nominees for your consideration:*

***Warren Spahr*** *for a full 3-year term*

***Deborah Miller***  *for a full 3-year term*

***Gary Carraux*** *To complete Jay Callan’s 1 year unexpired term*

All of these parishioners are regular attenders and financial contributors, and we are pleased to submit and endorse their names for election to the Vestry. Thank you for your willingness to serve!

You are also asked to elect two delegates and two alternates to our Diocesan Convention, which will be held in November 2022. The primary duty of the Delegates is to represent Holy Family at the Convention, and at Deanery gatherings, as necessary. The following agreed to serve as alternates. **There are two vacancies for Delegates and two vacancies for Alternate Delegates**

**2021 Priest-in-Charge Report**

**The Rev. Dr. Chris Mason**

Despite the negative effects of Covid-19, Holy Family has managed to continue on with fortitude and strength. Responses we have made in order to follow diocesan and state mandates have been adapted to make worship and fellowship possible. Currently, we monitor the communiques of the diocese and our local state government. Our Church recommends the wearing of masks, but we don’t require it. We also practice social distancing when we gather.

The church has discontinued our Adult Sunday School class for the time being. But we did complete a planned study of apocalyptic literature. There are no plans to restart the class again. Hopefully, we will have a Confirmation class in 2022.

The church installed a video camera and related equipment to continue to video our Sunday church service via You-Tube.

The future looks promising as there is a 90+ housing complex going up just across the street from the church. When the time is right, we hope to seek out new members to the church from this neighborhood.

Finally, I will be retiring as Priest-in-Charge at Holy Family on January 1st, 2022. At some point I will receive permission from Bishop Jose to become a practicing parishioner at Holy Family. In closing, I want to thank each of you for your love and support these past four years.

Faithfully, Fr. Chris Mason+

**2021 Senior Warden Report**

**Gary M. Carraux**

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Change is in the air. We have gone from a mild Fall to a blistery Winter in the matter of days.

As we still battle COVID, we ca n take comfort in our God. God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Serving as Holy Family’s Senior Warden, I can and shall hereby declare that The Episcopal Church of the Holy Family, located in Mills River, NC, is in good order as it relates to the administrative functions of finance and the physical facility. Detailed Reports from the Treasurer and Junior Warden address details respectively.

Under Father Chris’s leadership, this year’s accomplishments for the Church demonstrate the will and determination of the Holy Family congregation.

Holy Family was able to:

1. Continue worship under varying circumstances due to the COVID-19 Pandemic;
2. Continue to utilize a professional audio/visual system in the Church;
3. Establish “Live” worship services via YouTube for community participation;
4. Continue the Holy Family Weekly Newsletter;
5. Continue with Outreach efforts;
6. Continue all ministries and committees’ work;
7. Maintain the Church, Annex and Church Grounds; and
8. Complete said work on time and within budget.

Holy Family is blessed to have a congregation so giving of their time and resources. When you consider Holy Family’s efforts in welcoming new members to our congregation, Outreach (which there are numerous individual efforts), Christian Formation, the Alter Guild, Worship Committee, the Music Ministry along with the Administrative and Finance Teams, it is amazing to see God’s work in action. Holy Family certainly is “a small country Church” with a God blessed attitude.

Despite losing Father Chris, our Priest-In-Charge to retirement in 2021, with the help of Bishop Jose and Canon Augusta we have continued with our search for a new Priest. Hopefully, all our efforts will come to fruition in 2022. We have to embrace change as the one thing that is constant is change.

2022…. With God’s good graces.

Let us thank God for Holy Family and may He bless us with a new Priest – In – Charge.

Respectfully,

Gary M. Carraux

Senior Warden

**2021 Junior Waren Report**

**Stan Phipps**

Prior to reporting on the activities that the Junior Warden was involved in, I want to thank Jay Callan who was involved for the majority of the year as Junior Warden.

The church was reopened for worship service, with repairs and upgrades to the property continuing to take place. The Following are highlights of these activities:

* In the beginning of the year due to the coronavirus, limitations were placed on us by the diocese which required a number of changes involving attendance at worship services and seating arrangements in the church sanctuary. The leadership of Father Chris with the vestry’s support helped to make these changes possible.
* In 2020, the church’s filtration system was installed and is being watched and maintained as needed. This is to ensure that the water we use is contaminate free.
* Due to age, a number of valve upgrades were required in the men’s restroom. Also, the kitchen disposal was replaced.
* Maintained church grounds and children's playground, additional cleanup was needed around the church’s exterior buildings.
* When attendance restrictions were mandated by the diocese due to the coronavirus, Father Chris made the decision to “stream” our Sunday worship services so that those who could not attend in person still had the opportunity to view the service on-line. The “live stream” is a continuing process which has proven to be invaluable.
* The diocese assisted us with a grant to purchase audio/visual equipment that would allow us to provide a high-quality production. Thanks to the diocese for their help and support in this process.
* A special thank-you to Jeff Kelly, Jay Callan and Warren Spahr for their assistance in installing /operating/maintaining our audio-visual equipment.
* Assisted the Altar Guild with maintenance of the sanctuary as required for seasonal worship and;
* Assisted with the maintenance and upkeep of the Memorial Garden.

Respectfully submitted, Stan Phipps, Junior Warden

**2021 Financial Report/Financials**

**Martha Callan**

2021 Financial Report

Holy Family ended 2021 over budget by $5,242, yet in remarkably good financial condition considering the challenges of the COVID pandemic. Holy Family had $104,574 in total income, $109,816 in total expenses, and general available funds at the end of the year of $24,698.

The balance in the Endowment Fund as of December 2021 is $85, 572 and the balance in the Growth Fund is $1,457. Designated Funds include $3,498 in the Building Fund, $1,436 in the Priest Discretionary Fund, and $5,800 in the Memorial Gardens Fund.

Holy Family’s only outstanding liability, not including payroll taxes due in January 2022, is a loan with the Diocese that helped pay for the paving of our parking lot; the current loan balance is $825. (The original loan amount was $5.000.)

Expenses for 2021 included $32,423 for Clergy including Chris Mason’s salary; $19,267 for the Music Ministry including Judy Rhodes’ salary, $20,884 for Building and Grounds, $20,275 for Administration including Jeanne Mason’s salary, and $16,968 for Parish Expenses including Charlotte Garcia’s salary and our $12,000 Diocesan Commitment.

The 2022 Budget has not yet been finalized because of the uncertainty about future expenses for a new priest-in-charge. Gary Carraux, Senior Warden, will finalize the 2022 budget and communicate that to the parish as soon as practicable.

Martha Callan, 2021 Treasurer

**2021 Altar Guild and Worship Committee Report**

**Linda Bregartner**

**ALTAR GUILD**

2021 saw a new set of banners for Pentecost. Many thanks go to Carol Braud, Melissa Bailes and Teresa Kelly for the many hours of creative hard work. Over the next couple of years, we hope to add seasonal hangings for the lecturn.

The current members are Linda Bregartner, Louise Rooney, Cissy Ford, Ann O’Brien and Jeanne Mason. This is a wonderful “behind the curtain” ministry that sees to the setting of the altar each week and caring for the linens and vessels. We are always looking for new members, and experience is not necessary!

**WORSHIP**

2021 was a challenging year for Worship, as it was for all parts of the church. Keeping safety in mind, a system was devised to serve bread and wine in small separate containers individually to recipients at the Eucharist. For Advent, we distributed communion in One Kind.

On Ash Wednesday, an Ashes to Go grab bag was delivered to parishioners who were either home bound or uneasy about venturing out.

**2021 Children’s and Youth Ministry**

**Charlotte Garcia**

This past year has been so wonderful teaching the children of Holy Family about Jesus, the Episcopal Church, and how to be a good and faithful disciple. The children have worked, played, learned, and prayed side by side and I am also so proud of each and every one of them! We had a beautiful baptism in August for our sweet Annabella Garcia. I am so proud of how her light shines for Jesus and she lets everyone know how important her faith is to her.

This year coming up I am noticing the need to add a youth program for our older children, so that is a huge goal I have for Children’s Ministry. I would love to get involved more with the Diocesan youth program and see if we have anyone interested in going to youth events! Besides the addition of the youth program and getting more involved in the Diocese, I’m just excited to keep on teaching and leading our children about the love of the Lord!

I feel the need to thank the congregation for your continued love and support! I am so thankful for the time with your children and that my own children can feel confident in their faith because you all are always so happy to see them. I truly believe that allowing the children to feel comfortable in church is so important to keep our church going in the years to come. Again, I am so thankful and fulfilled in this position. I love these children and am so excited to see our Children’s program grow!

God Bless You All,

Charlotte Garcia

Family and Children’s Coordinator

**2021 Outreach Report**

**Evie Brush**

Finances: The Outreach Budget from the church was $1,000 for the year which has been spent as follows:

* Henderson County Education Foundation for support and recruitment of black teachers- $200
* St. James Church for the La Capilla picnic-$200
* United Way Haywood County for Flood Damage- $500
* St. James Episcopal Church MLK Day-$100
* Total Expenditures- $1000

Ingles Account: There is $666.72 left in the account.

Payments for 2021:

* $1250 for Dream Scholarship
* $1500 Haywood County Flood Relief
* $300 neighbor house fire destruction
* $200 Lucille Means Scholarship minority teachers
* $100 MLK rice and beans
* Total: $3350

2021 total earned from the sale of Ingles Gift cards: $1008 for Outreach

IAM: We have reached our goal of 2000 lbs. and have extra lbs. collected since.

4 members of Holy Family are volunteering to serve lunch once a month at the Rescue Mission in Hendersonville.

Evie Brush, Outreach Secretary

**Birthday and Anniversary Ministry:**

We continue to celebrate everyone’s anniversary, birthday, and graduations, etc. by signing cards on the information table in the hallway. Everyone is encouraged to sign the cards so we can have plenty of greetings from our fellow parishioners.

**2021 Welcome Committee Report**

**Submitted on behalf of Jay Callan**

During 2021 the committee focused on two areas. Through the use of the Henderson County GIS system we were able to zero in on new homeowners in the area, and sent welcome packets to 10 families. The packets included information about Holy Family and other local resources.

In addition, colorful rack cards with contact information about Holy Family were placed in local community resource centers, such as the Chamber of Commerce. The Newcomer Information Cards were revised and are available on the table outside the sanctuary.

The Committee plans to reconvene in 2022 now that the new housing development is well underway across the street.

**2021 Music Ministry Report**

**Judy Rhodes**

Music Report for 2021

Holy Family Church is a singing church. That is something I have been thankful for from the moment I came to this body of Christ. Through our times of isolation, the desire to sing together has never waned. I am thankful for the faithfulness of those who have been willing to practice during this trying time.

As covid has waxed and waned we have gone from singing with masks to spreading out and singing without masks. Perhaps we will need to mask again but the desire to create beauty and lead worship is still strong in our hearts.

We adjusted our rehearsal time to 4:40 on Wednesday afternoons so that some who don’t like to drive after dark would be able to come without a problem. So far that has been a good time.

We are blessed to have some wonderful instrumentalists in our congregation. Jeanne Mason has continued to provide beautiful soothing harp music. Brady and Annie Bullock also were willing to offer cello and guitar pieces for our worship.

The Bullocks have also been tremendous in helping to lead several times when the children of the church have sung songs for us. This was especially appreciated during the Christmas season.

With challenges comes new opportunities. We will continue to grow in our ways of leading worship through music.

Thank you for your faithful participation during these days of changes.

Blessings to all,

Judy

***The Commissioning of the Members of the Vestry***

***(to take place at the January 23, 2022 Vestry Meeting)***

***Celebrant to the Congregation****:* Sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission these persons in the Name of God and of this congregation to a special ministry of servant leadership to which they are called.

***To the Vestry Members:*** You have been called to a ministry of leadership in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

***Members of the Vestry:*** I will, with God’s help.

***Celebrant:*** Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

***Members of the Vestry:*** I will, with God’s help.

***Celebrant:*** Let us pray.

O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage: Enlighten with your grace the Wardens and Members of the Vestry of this congregation, and so rule their minds and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

In the name of God and of this congregation, I commission you as Wardens and Members of the Vestry of this Parish.