

## St. Boniface Church Annual Meeting ~ Sunday, January 30, 2022 11:30 am

*This meeting will stream uninterrupted and immediately after the 10:00 service on Boxcast, Facebook and Zoom. If you are at home and want to participate in voting, you must be signed into Zoom – meeting ID: 845 2701 4446 / password: 910987*

- Welcome and Opening Prayer
  - Call to Order
  - Leadership Recognition
  - Senior Warden Report
  - The Election – Vestry Class of 2024
  - Rector Report
  - Closing Prayer and Adjournment
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*Other reports and information:*

### **Jr. Warden's Report – Rooney Mereness**



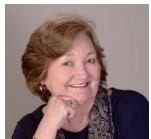
St. Boniface Church's campus requires continual maintenance and upkeep. This became very evident following the pandemic shut down, and we had to catch up on projects in 2021 that were postponed. The new landscape company continues to do a great job at maintaining the grounds and vegetation. HVAC systems and roofs have been replaced - a second a/c unit for the Healing Mission was installed, and new roof for the Parish Hall/Library/Choir Gallery building was also added. The

St. Francis Room sustained water damage from a leak in the coffee dispenser. The carpeting was replaced as a claim covered by insurance.

We continue to address the flooding in the parking lot, aka "Lake Boniface." We have contacted the county and the FDOT looking for solutions, yet no results have transpired from these inquiries. Consequently, we are engaging with an engineer to work with us to create a solution. Another issue that has arisen is the Columbarium wall next to the parking lot. We are talking to engineers as to how best to proceed, and will have various contractors give us bids for repairs.

Projects for 2022 include reroofing the Parish Office building, and replacing carpet in the Library, Parish Hall, and Music Office. Another active project is new lighting in the church. Current incandescent bulbs will be replaced with LED lights, as well as aging controllers. A "wish list" project is refurbishment of the Parish Hall. Plans have been drafted to include new cabinets, window shutters, painting, a kitchen makeover, and possibly a rest room (where the storage is now located). As you can see, we have a lot on our plate this year and we will make the effort to accomplish them all!

### **Treasurer's Report – Suzanne Barksdale**

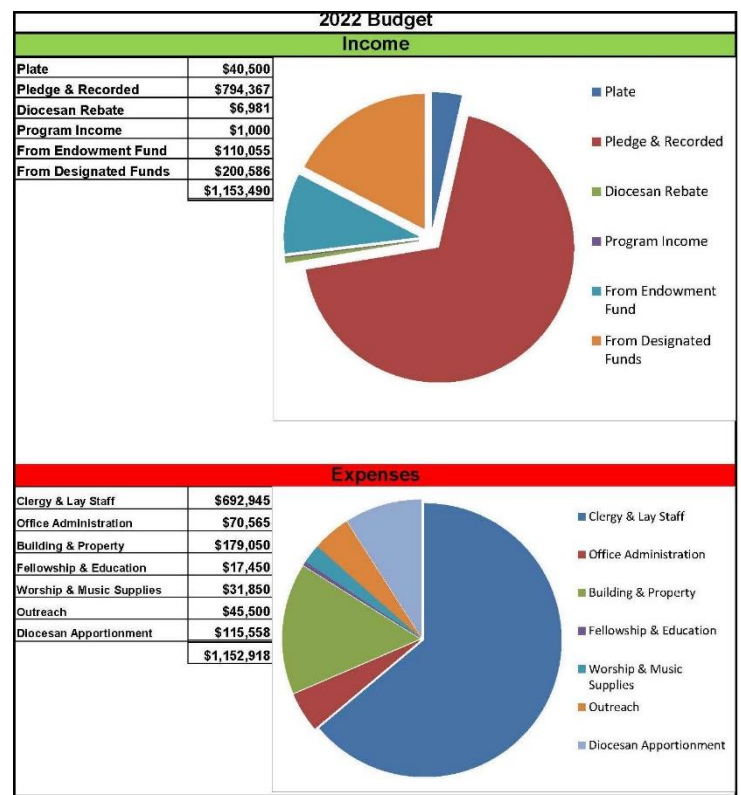
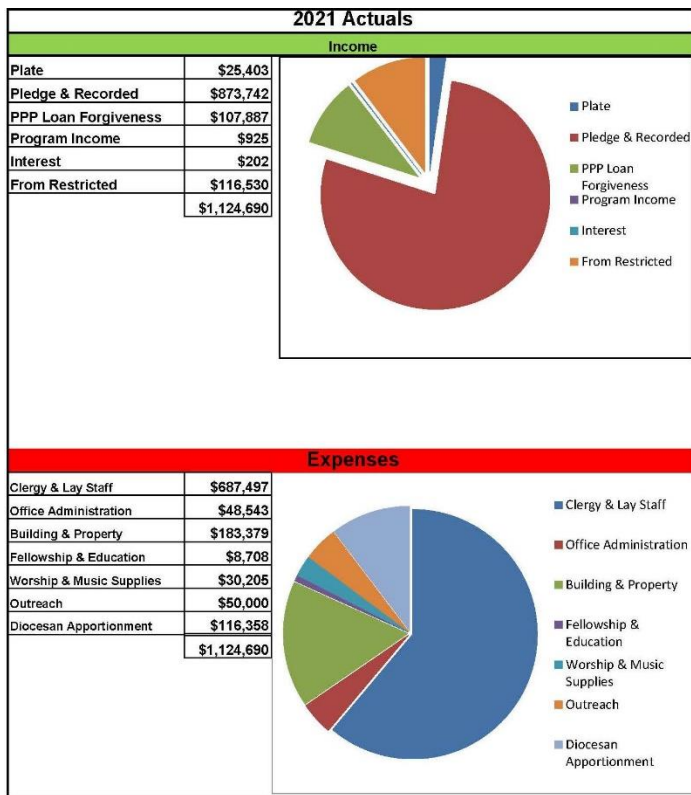


This past year, 2021, presented us with blessings, challenges, and opportunities. We have much to be thankful for and that is evidenced by the generous gifts beyond our pledges to ERD, gifts to departing staff and the "pounding" for new clergy. A few highlights of our accomplishments this year include consolidating our banking relationships reducing fees and providing better services. We have developed a Capital Expenditure Forecasting process to assure needed and scheduled maintenance occurs on a timely basis as well as planning for renovations and improvements.

We began 2021 with an approved budget of \$1,204,647. We ended the year with 93% of projected income and 97% of our pledged anticipated income. Our expenses were below budget at 94% and we ended the year with a positive \$31,647. However, this was possible by the Paycheck Protection Program forgiveness of debt of \$107,887.08. This is a one time non recurring entry to income. Knowing this “gift” will not be repeated in the coming year I commend our Gratitude Commission for their year around commitment to Stewardship in 2022.

The 2022 budget includes a 5.9% COLA for our staff. At the time of this writing, 2022 pledges total \$747,367 with a goal of \$848,000. We have \$30,000 in new pledges and 44% have increased their pledges. However, we have lost pledge dollars due to death, relocation or other life events. Our support and commitment to St. Boniface is imperative.

I am sure, you, like me, find St. Boniface Church to be your spiritual home. May we continue to be faithful stewards of all we have been given and all we have come to know and love here to assure our spiritual journey continues to be enriched.



## Investment Committee Report – Ellyn McColgan, chair



The Investment Committee oversees the management of the invested Funds of St. Boniface Church (the “Fund”). The Fund is managed by BMO Private Bank. The members of the Investment Committee are Ellyn McColgan, Chair, John Buszin, Peter Dadzis, Ronald Henderson and Michael Fischer.

The Fund began the 2021 year with \$3,382,591 and ended the year with \$3,570,444, an increase of 5.5%. The Endowment portion of the Fund began the year with \$2,428,509 and ended the year with \$2,588,653, an increase of 6.6%. The remainder of the Fund consists of Vestry-directed funds and other restricted accounts. During 2021, the Endowment provided \$84,071 for general expenses of the church, and \$8,336 for Outreach for a total of \$92,407, an increase of 18.4% over 2020. There was one addition to the Fund in the amount of \$25,000. Overall investment performance net of fees was 10.8%. Performance exceeded the benchmark in Fixed Income but lagged in the Equity categories.

The committee expects to be able to meet the cash needs budgeted by the Vestry for 2022.

## From Deacon Elisa Hansen



The Rev. Deacon Elisa Hansen has continued her diaconal work with St. Boniface Church during this past year, although she has not yet been able to return in person to worship services during the two years of the pandemic. Following the advice of a physician, she has had to take precautions to keep a distance from others and avoid groups of people. For this reason, she has not returned to St. Boniface in person. Although not attending services, she maintains connection with the parish and serves as best she can without being physically present.

Deacon Elisa leads the parish's weekly Pastoral Care meetings via Zoom and stays in contact with a number of parishioners by phone or email. As part of her pastoral ministry, Elisa is responsible for sending out books designed to minister to those experiencing grief in their lives because of the loss of a loved one.

One of the very important aspects of the diaconal vocation is the call to serve those within the community outside of the Church who are oppressed and vulnerable. So Elisa is in contact with the Sarasota School Board's social workers connecting the families of children in need to the St. Boniface's discretionary fund. The families who have been granted funds from our parish are those who have not been able to be helped through other funding means or organizations within the county. Plus, as a representative of St. Boniface, Deacon Elisa is a member of the Board of Directors of Family Promise of Sarasota-Manatee, a non-profit organization that works to help families with children avoid homelessness.

## Grants & Outreach

In 2021, the St. Boniface Grants & Outreach committee honored twelve grant recipients, providing help for children, the homeless, abused women, immigrant children without parents, the hungry, mentally challenged men and women experiencing homelessness, and last, but not least, providing solar lights for families in Tanzania.

Contributions from the Rector-to-Designate Fund made it possible for us to approve additional grants last year to Visible Men Academy (educational opportunities for elementary aged at-risk youth) and Episcopal Relief & Development.

And with the outpouring of generosity of personal donations from the congregation to ERD and All Faiths Food Bank, this brings the grand total of our outreach dollars to almost \$111,000.00 given in 2021.

### Outreach Grants

5,000.00 Habitat for Humanity  
4,000.00 Resurrection House  
9,450.00 Second Heart Homes  
4,000.00 Take Stock In Children  
4,000.00 Lutheran Services FL - Dream Center  
5,000.00 SPARCC  
3,000.00 Children's Guardian Fund  
5,000.00 Family Promise of Sarasota - Francis House  
5,000.00 Meals on Wheels  
2,000.00 Solar Circle  
5,000.00 All Faiths Food Bank  
\$51,450.00

ERD 7,500.00 (US Disaster Relief - Discretionary Aid)  
2,500.00 (US Disaster Relief – Rector-to-Designate)  
6,895.00 (US Disaster Relief - parishioner donations)  
1,800.00 (Haiti Relief - parishioner donations)  
226.37 (general - parishioner donations)  
\$18,921.37

All Faiths Food Bank	9,000.00	S.U.R.E. (operating fund)
1,370.00 (Thanksgiving offerings)	10,492.43	Street Ministry (general donations)
<u>2,090.00</u> (parishioner donations)	5,000.00	Visible Men Academy (Rector-to-Designate)
\$3,460.00		

Discretionary Fund	
10,414.00 (benevolence aid assistance)	
500.00 (Lutheran Services FL - Dream Center)	

St. Nick Market proceeds	
1,744.77	Second Heart Homes

**Total \$110,982.57**

## **Migration Ministry**

Launching a ministry in the middle of a pandemic is not easy. “With God’s help” has become our mantra.

In 2020, we laid the groundwork. The team created a vision and set a goal with objectives and projected outcomes. We identified a space on campus to house a refugee family or asylum seeker. With the generosity of the congregation, we were able furnish this space.

In 2021, the team identified Lutheran Services of Florida (LSF), a federally recognized resettlement organization in Sarasota as a partner. LSF introduced us to a mother from Cuba and her young child who needed assistance in assimilating into the Sarasota community. The mother had all the necessary documentation required for temporary refugee status, and the child, having been born in the United States, is a U.S. citizen.

The Migration Ministry Team executed a lease agreement with the asylum seeker that detailed the level of our support and the necessary time to address the needs of our “guests.” Since the beginning of October, the mother has:

- Obtained a driver’s license
- Found a vehicle on her own she is purchasing (without aid from St. Boniface, LSF has provided the tags for the car and six months insurance)
- Is living in a safe, clean space, allowing her to more closely bond with her daughter, and obtain much-needed healthcare for her
- Participating in ESL classes provided (at no cost) by members of the ministry team.
- Obtained employment
- Enrolled her daughter is in an accredited childcare program partially funded by the state (DCF) and a scholarship by St. Paul’s Lutheran Church

The child is doing extremely well in school and is thriving. The Migration Ministry team will continue to support both mother and child with the ultimate goal of self-sufficiency and a move towards more permanent housing. While there are ups and downs associated with ministry, we will continue to follow God’s command to love our neighbor. *St. Boniface Church Migration Ministry Team, Randy Thomas and Deborah Caby, Co-chairs*

The Gratitude Commission and Vestry extend deep appreciation for the responses to-date to the Giving Campaign for 2022. We are \$747,367 toward our goal of \$848,844, needed to support our parish worship and ministries, and our community outreach (*pledges received as of January 27, 2022*).

Jane & Jim Aguillard	Robert & Amy Ferrell	& Mary Swanton	John & Alice Reid
James & Brenda Albus	Br John Brendan Filkins	Herb & Meg Larrabee	R. Glen Ridgeway
Cas Anderson	& Lea Ellwood-Filkins	Marion Larsen	Grace Riker
Denise & John Ayre	Richard & Claire Fink	John & Laura Leeming, II	Jay & Judith Rock
Philip Baker	William & Carolyn Firth	Charles & Lorraine	Lou Salamone
Suzanne Barksdale	Mike Fischer	Livingston	Richard & Cynthia Sand
Janet Barley	Marjorie Floyd	D'Arlene Llewellyn	Nancy Scanlon
William Bauman	Brian & Barbara	Frederick & Denise Mann	Susan Schober
John Berteau	Ford-Coates	Carol Marcus-Epperley	Ron & Holley Schroeder
& Stacy Scott Berteau	Don & Pam Foster	Marita Marsh	Annarita Scott
Thomas Bisker	Roxanne Fox	Wendy Marshall	Nikki Seger
& Richard Swastek	Douglas & Helen Francis	Joe Master	& Jennifer Rangel
Robert F. Bole, Jr	Charles Frith	Ernie Matijasic	Paul Settle
Gwen & Robert Bottoms	Robin Gage	Ellyn McColgan	Ronald Shafer
Carlisle & Doriel Boyce	Cope & Anne Garrett	Ralph McGimpsey	David & Paula Sherwood
Mary Jane Brantley	Dyson Gay	Jill McKinlay	Wolfgang & Betsy
Vincent Brennan	Ann Gentry	Jamie & Meg McLane	Shindlebower
& Betsie Danner	Robert & Sondra Goodman	Leslie McLean	Bob & Charlotte Simpson
Jean Brown	Jonathan & Mary Gordon	Connie McManus	Martha Helen Smith
Robert & Dorothea Brown	Elizabeth Gray	Ken & JoAnn McManus	Donna Beck Smith
Amy Buckingham	Anna Green	Louise & Richard Meade	Richard & Amanda Smoot
John Buszin	Bob & Suzanne Gregory	Rooney & Connie	Cynthia Smyth
John & Charlotte Calhoun	Bob Griffiths	Merecess	Zerbe Sodervick
Patricia Carrier	& David Eichlin	Fred & Molly Moffat	John & Barry Starr
Joanna Cleary	Carla Guarascio	Anne Moffitt	Judith Stickler
Donna Conyers	& Tom Kortendick	Carolyn Montgomery	Dan & Joan
Sharon Cook	Cynthia Guiles	Anne Moore	Stoutenborough
Catherine Cooper	James & Nancy Guyer	Pamela Moore	Wesley & Nancy
John I. Cooper	Margery Hafner	Craig & Diane Moran	Stukenberg
Mary Jane Cooper	Jeffrey Hamblin	Ralph Morey	Jane Swabb
Ted & Judy Copland	Elisa Hansen	Deborah & Emile Mouhot	Thomas Swartz
Frank & Anita Countryman	Charles & Ann Hardcastle	Anthony & Ann Munson	Melliss Swenson
Rita & Peter Dadzis	Liz Harper	Paul & Donna Nicholson	Bob & Maria Thacker
Karen & Steve Dakan	Donald & Deborah Harvey	Caroline Notestine	Randy & Charlotte Thomas
Page & Beverly Dame	Kathleen Hayes	Christopher & Priscilla	Linda & Bill Tiffan
Harry & Peg Davant	Peter & Katie Hayes	Nugent	Pauline Tod
Diane Davidson	Betty Hazard	Catherine Oglesby	Becky Trotsky
Dwight Davis	Ronald & Mimi Henderson	Anne Overbeck	Allan & Tina Tyler
Elizabeth Deane	Wilson & Penny Hendry	Judy Papalia	Gisela Vaughan
John Dickie	Robert Hesse	Steve & Jeanie Parker	Jennifer Weinstein
Bonnie Doell	Rea & Jan Hinch	Beverly Parker	Paul & Cyndee White
Chuck Dorsey	Bill & Ginny Hitchcock	Douglas & Jenifer Parker	Remle Willett
Barbara Driscoll	Betsy Hooper	J. Michael Pate	Darrell & Diane Williams
Ray Droege	Erskine & Mary Jo Hopkins	Larry Patton	Anthony Winer
Ann Durell	Phil Hubbell	Lisa Paxson	Bill & Cathy Winkler
Gary Eastlund	Janet Huff	Ross & Louise Pearson	Lou Woellner
& Lynn Kerber	Martha Huie	Jonathan Percival	Lisa & Thomas Wolf
Bruce Eberlin	Reginald Irvine	& Evaleon Hill	Bill Wood
David Evans	& Alan Marlor	Richard Pereira	Bob Woody
& Nancy Conrad-Evans	Allen & Mary Ivey	Charles Pettengill	Cecile Wooster
Margo Evans	Katherine Johnson	Beverly Peyser	Lynn Wright
Edith Everly	Mark & Linda Johnston	Audrey Pinney	John & Susan Zwakman
Herman Ezzell	Merrill Kaegi	Michael Piovane	
Reid Farrell, Jr	Ronald Kar	& Rita Valenti-Piovane	
Wayne & Trish Farrell	Lionel Kaufman	Jesse Poston & Bill Couch	
Gene Fellin	Charles Kelley	Wendy Prell	
Evelyn Ferguson	Michael Kozubek	Joel Pye	



## St. Boniface Vestry Class of 2024 Nominees



**Phil Baker** is a native of Dallas, Texas, and he attended Texas Tech and UT Arlington (BBA with dual majors - economics and marketing). Phil spent approximately 40 years in the commercial real estate industry in Dallas and the surrounding suburbs. He founded and sold two commercial real estate brokerage firms before retiring in 2015. He relocated to Sarasota in late 2015 and now resides in Lakewood Ranch. Phil has served on the St. Boniface vestry (2018-2020) and has been active in many other ministries and community outreach (2018 and 2019 Annual Appeal, Prepare the Way, Family Promise, Rise Against Hunger, Greeter, Motown Christmas, and Black Nativity), Equality Florida (Steering Committee), CAN Community Health (past Board Member), West Coast Black Theatre Troupe (Producing Sponsor), and Art Center Sarasota (Board Member). Phil has a daughter and son-in-law who live in Dallas.



**Larry Patton** was born in Shawnee Oklahoma, educated in its public schools and is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma (BA,1965, LLB, 1967). He lived and practiced law in Oklahoma City from 1967 until his retirement at the end of 2014. Larry served as the United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma in the Carter administration (1978-1981). He was also a certified arbitrator and mediator in his private practice, which focused on small business law, litigation, bankruptcy and aviation transactions. Larry served the Oklahoma Tax Commission as its Senior Assistant General Counsel (2005-2014). He held leadership positions in both professional and social organizations throughout his time in Oklahoma City. Although brought up a Southern Baptist, Larry became an Episcopalian during college and has been an active communicant ever since. He served on the vestry at St. John's Episcopal Church, as well as its Senior Warden and Board Chairman of its parochial school. Since joining St. Boniface Church, Larry has served on the Grants & Outreach Committee, as its GAIN contact, and as a reader and server. Larry has served on the St. Boniface vestry from 2019 – 2021, and is renewing for a second term. Larry is a performing member of Sarasota's symphonic chorus, Key Chorale, and a Board member, former Development Chair, and its current President. He was also a performing member of the Venice Chorale, and a former board member and Secretary. Larry completed Nonprofit Board Leadership training at the Gulf Coast Community Foundation in 2018.



**Holley Schroeder**, and her husband, Ron, have been congregants at St Boniface Church for 20 years. Holley has been active on the Grants and Outreach committee, 18 years as a Resurrection House volunteer, a eucharistic visitor, three years of Education for Ministry, long-time Foyers committee member, Center for Spiritual Transformation ministry, the Contemplative Prayer group, the Sunday Discussion Group, and most recently as a greeter with Ron. Holley's upbringing is Roman Catholic, including four years of the Summa Theologica and college level philosophy at Newton College of the Sacred Heart, now a part of Boston College. Subsequently, she spent a decade as a young professional in NYC doing marketing & business research and corporate planning. She met and married Ron, the ceremony concelebrated by Roman Catholic and Episcopal priests at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church. With parenthood, they moved to Chappaqua, NY, and were immediately invited by neighbors to a Congregational church service, which they attended regularly. The experience gave Holley a broader appreciation of Christian community and outreach, and with a retirement move to Sarasota in 2001, St. Boniface became her return to a eucharistic community with significant outreach opportunities. Holley looks forward to the coming years of church service using the experience gained from many years of diverse community board participation.



**Donna Beck Smith** is originally from St. Louis, MO. She and her husband, Hunt, moved to Lakewood Ranch full-time 11 years ago. Donna became an Episcopalian at St. Boniface Church in April 2019. She has been an active member having served on the Grants and Outreach Committee and currently on the Strategic Planning Committee. Donna has also participated in the St. Nicholas Fair, S.U.R.E., Rise Against Hunger, and as a Sunday reader and greeter. Prior to joining St. Boniface Church, Donna served on the finance committee of a local Roman Catholic parish, instrumental in establishing its food pantry, as well as working at Bethesda House food pantry, catering to AIDS victims. Currently, she mentors a "DREAMer" via Unidos Now, a recipient organization of a St. Boniface grant. When in St. Louis, Donna was on the board of local children's hospital for 25 years, an educational institution for six years, and Catholic Charities for six years. She hopes that, "through the Holy Spirit, past experiences and talents will be beneficial to maintaining and enhancing the mission of the St. Boniface community."

## BONIFACE CORNERSTONE SOCIETY

*The Boniface Cornerstone Society honors parishioners who have created legacies, through their wills or other planned gift, that establish the cornerstones of a vibrant and vital parish nurturing future generations.*

Anonymous (12)

Denise and John Ayre

Jean H. and Joseph E. Brown

Patricia Chapman

Judy and Ted Copland

Betsie M. Danner

*Sam Dickson*

Bonnie Smith Doell

Bruce N. Eberlin and Chuck F. Kelley

The Rev. Reid D. Farrell, Jr

and Dale Willard

The Rev. Wayne and Patricia Farrell

Charles and Evelyn Ferguson

Chuck Frith

A. Cope Garrett

Henry R. Griffiths and David Eichlin

Liz Harper

Peter and Katie Hayes

Kathleen Z. Hayes

Joanne Heiland

Robert Hesse

Martha Huie

Reginald A. Irvine, Jr.

and Alan J. Marlor

Thomas Kearney

*Charles R. Lewis*

The Rev. Ernie Matijasic

Gerald M. McCullough

and John H. Long-McCullough

The Rev. William D. McLean

and Leslie Slater McLean

Rooney & Connie Mereness

Anne Moffitt

Anne E. Moore

Chris & Prill Nugent

Larry Patton

Rick Pereira

Jesse L. Poston

and William W Couch III

Grace Riker

Barbara Roth-Donaldson

Richard and Cynthia Sand

Jane Swabb

Melliss Kenworthy Swenson

Mildred J. Truscott

Rosemarie Wheeler

Margaret and Frank Wickham

*Sandra Wilbur*

Earl and Carol Wise

*Boniface Cornerstone Society members' names are published only with their consent and are otherwise noted as anonymous. The above list includes current parishioners (recently deceased in italics)*