



ECA 2022 ANNUAL VESTRY REPORT

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2022 Year in Review

The year 2022 transitioned ECA in many ways. We transitioned out of the disruption and isolation of the pandemic. We transitioned out of the frustration of limited resources on many levels and our ability to connect in the ways to which we are accustomed. We also transitioned financially in many ways. We found that through it all, the theme “More than Enough” proved to be true for ECA.

A look back at our year through the eyes of ministry in the reports below will reveal this common theme. We have abundantly more than we could ever wish for both spiritually and financially. We reached milestones that seemed impossible in the flesh, but with God we know all things are possible. We grew as a parish both with new members and spiritually. We grew financially and were able to pay off the existing mortgage. As we pause to take inventory of our spiritual resources, the strength of our community and our capacity for generosity, we realize that there is now, and always has been, More Than Enough. We are grateful for 2022 and excited and expectant of 2023. Thank you for taking this journey with us!

Fr. Paul, Vestry, and Staff

CLERGY AND STAFF

Bishop of Atlanta – The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright

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Pianist & Choirmaster – Joe Lozier

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Youth Minister – Search in Progress

WARDENS AND VESTRY

Senior Warden/Vestry Liaison to Finance & Stewardship– Jamie Hreha

Junior Warden/ Vestry Liaison to Parish Life Ministry – Scott Hogan

Secretary of Vestry and Liaison to Faith & Spirituality – Robin Keith

Vestry Liaison to Connecting Ministry– Janice Maxwell

Vestry Liaison to Children & Youth Ministry – Molly Norman

Vestry Liaison to Reach Ministries – Nicole File

Vestry Liaison to Buildings & Grounds – John Capawana

Vestry Liaison to Worship – Foster Peterson

Vestry Liaison to Servant Ministries – Cal Beck

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Stewardship and Finance

Respectfully Submitted by Jamie Hreha, Sr. Warden & Vestry Liaison for Stewardship & Finance



The theme for our Stewardship campaign this year was *More Than Enough*. It comes from Luke 16:9, the feeding of the five thousand. The gathered crowd manages to find enough leftovers to take care of the needs of the community. It was a reminder to all of us, by the miracle of faith and the action of Love, there was *more than enough* -- an abundance of leftovers!

Thank you ECA family; we more than exceeded our goal for our campaign! We received 93 pledges totaling \$259,000. Your pledge will allow ECA to sustain our ministry and to serve our neighbors throughout the coming year. Your generosity will allow us to continue our many programs, give our Rector, our Music Director, our Custodian and Parish Communications Coordinator a well-deserved pay raise. This year, we also hope to find a Youth Coordinator. You are truly a blessing.

Financially for 2022, thanks to everyone who continued to donate and keep up their pledges, our cash flow was strong. We are financially stable in these still challenging, post-pandemic times and we have so much to be thankful for with so much uncertainty still in our midst. Our Finance Committee (composed of Sue Tidwell, Pete Hogan, Foster Peterson, Ron Sedgley, Jane Whisler, Wanda Ziembinski, and Robbye Miller) did a wonderful job of managing and controlling our finances during the year. We are starting 2023 in great financial shape because of your generous gifts and incredible support. Thank you again. Together, we find that we are more than enough to continue being the hands and feet of Christ!

As of : <u>31-Dec-22</u>		For 2023		Pledges : 91 85%		Still Outstanding Pledge Info:	
<div>\$234,088</div> <div>Proposed 2023 Pledge Budget</div>	Total \$\$ Pledged to date :	<div>\$252,284</div>		Average	Extended	Past 2022 Pledges Remaining	10
	37%	Increase :	34	\$571	\$19,424	Past Pledge Amts Remaining	\$11,708.00
	7%	New :	6	\$4,110	\$24,660	Each Averaging:	\$ 1,170.80
	10%	Decrease :	9	(\$1,576)	(\$14,180)		
	0%	Lost:	0	\$0	\$0		
Avg. Pledge for 2023 :		\$2,772.35		Net:	\$29,904		
Overall 2023 Avg. Pledge change vs. 2022 Avg. :		\$308.27 12.51%					
				<div>\$263,992</div>			\$11,708.00

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2023 Budget - Final Budget Proposed Dec. 2022

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Accounts	Annual Budget 2022	Total Actual 2022 YTD*	Annual Budget 2023
REVENUES			
Contribution Income			
400100 - Plate Offering	\$5,000.00	\$5,388.00	\$5,000.00
400200 - Pledge Payments	\$234,088.00	\$222,828.71	\$252,284.00
400300 - Non Pledge Payments	\$20,000.00	\$21,062.64	\$20,000.00
Total Contribution Income	\$259,088.00	\$249,279.35 *	\$277,284.00
Other Income			
410650 - Music Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
410800 - Interest Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Other Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Revenue	\$259,088.00	\$249,279.35 *	\$277,284.00
EXPENSES			
Mortgage Expense			
500100 - Loan #700028 Principle	\$13,402.91	\$13,372.54	\$0.00
500200 - Loan #700028 Interest	\$1,250.17	\$1,280.54	\$0.00
Total Mortgage Expense	\$14,653.08	\$14,653.08	\$0.00
Diocese			
500500 - Diocesan Pledge	\$20,834.00	\$20,987.00 *	\$21,443.00
590500 - Diocesan Functions	\$1,000.00	\$480.00	\$1,000.00
Total Diocese	\$21,834.00	\$21,467.00 *	\$22,443.00
"Reach"			
510200 - Yard Sale Income	(\$3,500.00)	\$0.00	(\$3,500.00)
510300 - Outreach Expenses	\$13,000.00	\$8,309.15 *	\$16,000.00
510400 - Inreach	\$1,000.00	\$313.66	\$2,000.00
590100 - Scrip Program Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total "Reach"	\$10,500.00	\$8,622.81	\$14,500.00
Clergy Compensation			
520100 - Clergy Salaries	\$44,735.00 *	\$45,090.36	\$48,441.75
520150 - Rector Housing	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00
520200 - SECA Rector	\$5,671.00	\$5,865.36	\$5,954.89
520250 - Assistant Priest Salary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
520300 - Assistant Priest SECA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
520400 - Mileage & Cell Phone	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
520500 - Rector Medical Insurance	\$3,900.00	\$1,991.40	\$3,900.00
520600 - Rector Pension	\$14,296.00 *	\$14,375.96	\$15,083.40
520601 - Assistant Priest Pension	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
520602 - Assistant Priest Health Ins.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
520603 - Assistant Priest Life Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
520650 - Rector Term Life Insurance	\$238.50	\$238.50	\$238.50
520801 - Associate Priest Housing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Clergy Compensation	\$98,240.50	\$96,961.58	\$103,018.54
Clergy Expense			
520775 - Clergy Cont. Education	\$1,000.00	\$802.71	\$1,000.00
520800 - Supply Clergy Expense	\$7,500.00	\$2,580.00	\$7,500.00
800350 - Rector Sabbatical Fund	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Total Clergy Expense	\$13,500.00	\$3,382.71	\$13,500.00
Worship			
530100 - Music Director	\$18,300.00	\$18,850.00	\$20,000.00
530150 - Outside Musicians	\$1,500.00	\$2,125.00 *	\$2,400.00
530200 - Music Choir Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
530300 - Piano/Organ Maintenance	\$230.00	\$245.00	\$250.00
530400 - Bulletins and Printing	\$200.00	\$218.98	\$200.00
530500 - Spiritual Life & Acolyte	\$1,000.00	\$266.60	\$1,000.00
Total Worship	\$21,230.00	\$21,705.58 *	\$24,100.00

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Accounts	Annual Budget 2022	Total Actual 2022 YTD*	Annual Budget 2023
Altar Guild			
530700 - Altar Expense	\$750.00	\$582.19	\$750.00
530800 - Flowers	\$1,500.00	\$513.99	\$1,500.00
530801 - Flower Income	(\$2,500.00)	(\$1,565.00)	(\$2,500.00)
530900 - Altar Guild Other	\$0.00	(\$140.00)	\$0.00
Total Altar Guild	(\$250.00)	(\$608.82)	(\$250.00)
Evangelism			
540400 - Web Page Expenses	\$200.00	\$239.70	\$250.00
Total Evangelism	\$200.00	\$239.70 *	\$250.00
Office & Admin Expenses			
550100 - Checking Account Service Charge	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
550200 - Parish Administrator Expense	\$16,640.00	\$9,830.00 *	\$17,056.00
550300 - Telephone & Internet Exp.	\$1,200.00	\$1,395.30	\$1,200.00
550400 - Office Expenses - Copier lease	\$5,750.00	\$4,027.91	\$5,750.00
550500 - Postage	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
550700 - General Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
550800 - Equipment Repairs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Office & Adm. Expenses	\$23,790.00	\$15,253.21 *	\$24,206.00
Parish Life			
560300 - Coffee Hour	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
560400 - Parish Life Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$1,053.86	\$1,000.00
560500 - Membership Directory Exp.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
560600 - Stewardship, CDC, Nametags	\$750.00	\$391.64	\$750.00
560700 - Vestry Activities	\$2,000.00	\$1,859.27	\$2,500.00
Total Parish Life	\$3,950.00	\$3,304.77 *	\$4,450.00
Building and Grounds			
570100 - Fire & Liability Insurance	\$7,005.00	\$7,264.00	\$8,000.00
570200 - Propane Gas	\$1,500.00	\$762.81	\$1,500.00
570201 - Garbage & Recycle Exp.	\$1,000.00	\$672.44	\$1,000.00
570202 - Power	\$7,750.00	\$7,203.72	\$7,750.00
570203 - Water	\$1,200.00	\$945.73	\$1,200.00
570300 - Maintenance Exp. Equipment	\$3,500.00	\$485.22	\$4,250.00
570400 - Maintenance Exp. Buildings	\$3,500.00	\$461.17	\$4,250.00
570500 - Custodian	\$5,400.00	\$5,600.00	\$6,000.00
570501 - Cleaning Supplies	\$600.00	\$537.24	\$600.00
570600 - Grounds & Landscape Exp.	\$6,000.00	\$5,345.74	\$7,000.00
570700 - Pest Control	\$2,700.00	\$2,194.00	\$2,700.00
570900 - Room to Grow	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Building and Grounds	\$40,155.00	\$31,472.07 *	\$44,250.00
Christian Education			
580200 - Adult Education Exp.	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
580300 - Youth Christian Ed. Exp.	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
580400 - Nursery Supplies	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
580500 - Nursery Worker Exp.	\$4,410.00	\$4,050.00	\$4,410.00
580600 - Youth Coordinator Compensation	\$4,800.00	\$0.00 *	\$20,000.00
580601 - Youth Expenses	\$1,200.00	\$37.68	\$1,500.00
Total Christian Education	\$11,260.00	\$4,087.68 *	\$26,760.00
Total Expenses	\$259,062.58	\$220,541.37 *	\$277,227.54
Net Total	\$25.42	\$28,737.98 *	\$56.46

Buildings & Grounds

Respectfully Submitted by John Capawana Vestry Liaison to Buildings & Grounds

The Buildings and Grounds Committee meets on the 4th Monday of every month at 7pm in the Activities Building. All are invited to participate! The year 2022 kept us busy as we continued projects and maintenance on our beautiful ECA campus.

In February, the Military Memorial and Flag installation were completed on the ECA property. Yard maintenance included removal of the swing set. Wood was purchased and the rock-climbing wall on the Play set was rebuilt. Plans have been made to replace the playground equipment as well.



The grounds needed a lot of tree work, weeding in the parking lot, and flowerbed maintenance. Thanks to the Garden Gnomes, these were accomplished! A big thank-you to the ECA Garden Gnomes for their tireless work! The Buildings and Grounds ministry continues to provide routine maintenance inside the ECA buildings as well. Another Thank you to our Janitorial service! They have done a wonderful job throughout the year and Pandemic!

We scheduled and hosted several campus clean up days in 2022. Thank you everyone who has come out on these scheduled workdays. Your hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed! We are blessed to have such a beautiful place to worship our Lord, and will continue to serve this parish by maintaining our beautiful ground.

Parish Life

Respectfully submitted by Scott Hogan, Vestry Liaison for Parish Life

Parish Life was a blessing to many in 2022! This ministry exists to encourage and promote a sense of community and life together within ECA. We meet periodically throughout the year with planned social gatherings. We seemed to resume some sense of normalcy in our fellowship and gathering this year after two years of COVID pandemic distancing.

We planned and hosted many activities including a movie night, game nights, weekly Dominoes Game Night on the last Friday of each month, the Cultured Pearls book club (Thanks to Lillian Stanton for facilitating and hosting), the Annual Ladies British Tea, a Back-to-School Ice Cream Social, festive Caroling around the fire pit for Christmas, and more! Unfortunately, the

Men's Fishing Trip was canceled due to a hurricane. We look forward to resuming for 2023.



The pavilion has been a huge blessing for social gatherings. We celebrated in style for the Burning of the Mortgage and the celebrating the marriage of Fr. Paul and Katie! This event was well attended and a very joyous celebration with the Bishop. Our Secret Santa gift exchange was a big hit in 2022 with a lot of fun by all. We look forward to 2023, and the opportunity to continue

cultivating a healthy Parish Life at ECA.

Connecting Ministry

Respectfully submitted by Janice Maxwell, Vestry Liaison for Connecting



The Connecting Ministry exists to connect parishioners at ECA to foster a sense of community for those who are new and existing members. This ministry hosts monthly Food & Fellowship outings, 'Get Acquainted Luncheons' for new individuals and families, and helps to promote the various Parish Life activities such as the book club, game nights, movie nights, concerts and other social activities.

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Connecting Ministry has
keep the online Parish
up to date and available for
This is a great resource,
particularly for new and

existing members.

We assemble and distribute new member folders/ visitor information packets, and send a welcome letter to all visitors. The Vestry and other ECA leaders continue to make calls to those members who haven't returned to worship as we try to keep everyone connected! Emails, texts, cards and flowers have also been sent when deemed appropriate. For more information on how you can come Connect with us, feel free to reach out! All are welcome!



Reach Ministries

Respectfully Submitted by Nicole File, Vestry Liaison for Reach Ministries

Reach is ECA's Outreach and Inreach group. We look for ways to care for parishioners who may have needs, as well as serving both ongoing and urgent needs in the community. We meet at noon on the second Sunday of each month. The committee is co-chaired by Cindy Lippert and Jane Sanders, and the Vestry liaison is Nicole File.

Reach had a very active 2022 year, expanding on some missions and beginning another significant project. We continued our partnership serving homeless neighbors with Shady Grove Baptist Church. We now serve hot dinners once a month to about 2-3 dozen people who live primarily in the wooded areas near I-75 and the Canton Rd. Connector. Guests have told us that they enjoy the fact that we bring food that is different and better quality from what they usually get. They also enjoy spending time with us, and have said that we are one of the few groups who will sit down with them and get to know them, and recognize them on future visits. We feel this is an essential part of our ministry both to them and internally.



We also have expanded our Shady Grove ministry to include takeaway breakfast bags, so people can also have something to eat in the mornings. On occasion, we have included new socks, toiletries, bug spray, and other highly sought-after items. We also passed out sleeping mats through our partnership with Softer Streets. ECA's



young people have started to get involved too. For our Thanksgiving-week meal, young kids decorated the breakfast bags, and older youth helped assemble and serve meals. We have also had non-ECA members contribute or volunteer, with a Brownie troop making 40 gift bags for our December dinner. We feel the inclusion of youth expands the ministry even further, giving our young people real-world, close-up understanding of the people we are serving and allowing them a safe way to interact with people they may not normally come into contact with in their day-to-day lives.

In other food news, our October food drive in honor of Kathy Norris was again a success, with more than 1,800 food items collected. Unfortunately, Ameris Bank has partnered with a larger organization, and did not give us a monetary donation this year based on the amount of food we collected. Nevertheless, Papa's Pantry and Never Alone continue to be blessed by our relationship.

Our big new project this year was sponsoring a refugee family from Ukraine for humanitarian purposes. This allowed them to come to the United States for a period of at least 2 years. Nicole File became the official State



Department sponsor on behalf of ECA for the family. The church approved the expenditure of up to \$35,000 over a two-year period to support the family's transition. Reach helped them secure a lease on a house nearby, and paid for a large security deposit and six months' rent up front, due to the fact that they had no U.S. credit history or income when they arrived.



Members of the parish and the community donated, delivered, and set up an entire 3-bedroom house full of furniture, small appliances, housewares, food, and other essential items as well as a closet full of clothes and numerous toys and school supplies for the family. The involvement and dedication of so many parishioners was spectacular to witness.

We formed an executive subcommittee to make sure all needs are met without overburdening anyone. Transportation, supplies, education, job hunting, paperwork for various benefits, and more are all being addressed by our members as well as a refugee resettlement agency in Atlanta. Others in the community have also rallied, with Heritage Presbyterian Church donating a huge stash of Christmas gifts, a nearby Ukrainian church offering any assistance or social opportunities they would like, and the family's old friends in Gainesville who take them to church there and back every Sunday. We also helped the family apply for and secure benefits including Medicaid and SNAP (food stamp) benefits.

Robin Racoff continued her caregiver support group for those who are providing support for elderly or ill people. A few people meet by Zoom each month to share stories and support, as well as ideas and information for maximizing resources. Robin also arranged for ECA to help pay for an adapted driving van for one of her patients, who suffers from ALS.

Our yard sale this year raised about \$3,000. We followed last year's formula of not pricing items in advance and again asked people to make an offer on whatever they selected. This greatly reduced the work and stress involved in preparations and did not impact our bottom line. We also benefited greatly from Father Paul's position as executor of a family friend's estate. After the estate sale, we received many beautiful items such as fine china, crystal, craft supplies, etc. As usual, everyone had a great time volunteering, shopping, cooking, and eating at the yard sale.



For Thanksgiving and Christmas, we took part in our annual support of Emmaus House, serving at the Grandparents' Dinner and again on Christmas weekend, including delivering toys. This was in addition to a new event we did with Emmaus House, a cookout to honor summer school students and their parents at the end of the session. We also continued our Annual Angel Tree and Thanksgiving Dinner Ministries, helping numerous families pay for holiday meals and get Christmas gifts for their families.



The year wrapped up with a significant honor for ECA, when the Diocese of Atlanta awarded Nicole File the Bishop's Cross for her outreach work. We all look forward to continuing our efforts in 2023, sharing Christ's love with those who need it most.



Faith & Spirituality

Respectfully Submitted by Robin Keith, Vestry Liaison to Faith & Spirituality

The year 2022 has provided the Faith & Spirituality Ministry with wonderful opportunities to come together again as a church. After the challenges we all faced the past 2 years amidst a global pandemic, it was important for us to come together, share our stories and engage in discussions about our faith and spirituality. It's more than just coming to church on Sundays; it's about spending time together, praying for each other, and building relationships so that we can share more about ourselves and recognize the great gifts God provides us every day. At ECA, there are several ways to do just that, and explore your faith and spirituality along the way.



In 2022, we continued to offer options for Christian Education. For those adults looking for a more laid-back setting, we offered a weekly class in between our 8:30am and 10:30am services lead by Ron Allen where we discussed events in our community and around the world, and how we as Christians respond to that. These

types of discussions open our minds and hearts as we hear each other's perspectives and experiences in life. It's an amazing opportunity to learn from each other. For a more formal Christian Education experience, Katie Dunlap continued to lead Education for Ministry (EFM), which offers a four-year learning certificate in theological education. The course is taught within a small group consisting of participants at various stages of the four-year program and is offered at noon on Sundays.

Another opportunity initiated in fall of 2022 was the Bible Challenge. This was a challenge Bliss Petersen decided to take on and she invited anyone else who wanted to accept the challenge to join her. The goal of the challenge is to read the entire bible in one year, with reflections along the way. The Bible Challenge group continues to meet on Sunday in-between services to share about their experiences in the previous week's readings. Anyone can join at any time.

Our newest program in 2022 was Faith, Food and Fellowship, which is a monthly dinner for people to gather, eat and share in fellowship. Faith, Food, and Fellowship meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. Each month had a different food theme including a taco bar, Italian night, Greek fest, and Cheeseburger in Paradise. Along with delicious food, and amazing people, we played games or offered an activity to encourage people to get know each other better. These activities ranged from conversation starters to Jesus BINGO to contributing to the "Prayers and Thanksgivings" jar. But really, just having the opportunity to share a meal with someone you may not have much time to talk to during coffee hour, or someone who attends the opposite service as you. What a blessing! It goes back to building relationships so we can really know each other and support each as we journey through life. Our dinners will resume the third Wednesday in January 2023. All are Welcome!



Children and Youth Ministry

Respectfully submitted by Molly Norman, Vestry Liaison to Children & Youth



The Children and Youth Ministry consists of both Christian Formation (Sunday School) and Youth Group. The ECA Youth Group is for kids 5th grade and up. Junior EYC is for youth 6th – 8th grades. Senior EYC is for youth 9th-12th grades. Children and Youth Christian Formation (Sunday School) began meeting again this year on the first Sunday of each month. This ministry worked hard in 2022 to provide opportunities for families with children to reengage with church after several years of limited activities due to Covid.



In September we held our annual Sunday Sundae Ice Cream Social to kick off youth activities. The following week, Sunday school resumed meeting the first Sunday of the month for all children Pre-K – 8th grade. Typical attendance is 2 – 4 children. We look forward to continuing Sunday school the first weekend of the month through the rest of the school year.

The older youth of the Parish were invited to meet in September to discuss how they want to be involved in youth group moving forward. Many expressed a desire to be involved in community service projects. Through the Group Me app, the older youth and their parents are informed of service opportunities on a monthly basis.

This year's Christmas Pageant included 10 youth participants, two years old to middle school aged, who dressed up and read the story of Jesus's birth.



As participation and engagement increase, we hope to provide more opportunities for our youth to worship and fellowship together. Feel free to reach out to Molly Norman to learn more or talk about how you can get involved!

Servant Ministries

Respectfully Submitted by Calvin Beck, Vestry Liaison for Servant Ministries

Servant Ministries is an umbrella for the following groups: Journeys, Caregivers, Daughter of the King, Cards from the Heart, Meal Preppers, Holly Haulers and Eucharistic Ministers. Together, this ministry ensures that the members of ECA are well cared for as we serve one another in the Lord. The year 2022 presented us with many opportunities to serve one another. Below you will find a list of each ministry, their purpose and information on how to get involved.



- Journeys, is a support group that helps parishioners deal with life events, death, grief, depression and conflict. The Journeys ministry is mentored by Suzie Hart, a professional Social Worker and Journeys meets the second Saturday every month. This year we have had an average of four attendees per meeting.
- Caregivers ministry is a resource that provides to parishioners information from experience, on dealing with the care of family and friends. The Caregivers Ministry is led by Robin Racoff, a professional Caregiver support representative. This ministry meets via a Zoom conference call the second Tuesday, every month, at 7:30 p.m. This year we have had an average of two attendees per meeting.
- The Daughters of the King (DOK) is a service ministry that provides food at Receptions and support for families, which have experienced a death. This ministry is just beginning to refocus from the pandemic impact. The DOK will begin to meet regularly in January, date and times to be decided.
- The Cards from the Heart ministry is the ministry responsible for sending well wishes from ECA, by way of Birthday and Anniversary cards to the ECA parishioners. Currently, Jan Thurman and Jane Sanders are supporting this kind effort. To date, 227 birthday cards have been mailed and 53 anniversary cards.
- The Meal Preppers ministry provides meals to parishioners during times of difficulties or illness, on a as needed basis. Thanks to Brenda Pinkston, Megan Miller and others for preparing and delivering these meals to our ECA friends, in need.
- Holly Haulers is the transportation ministry, giving help where possible to the parishioners that need assistance. Currently, we have 14 people on the ECA communication tree, to help with rides to and from church, doctors' appointments and shopping needs.
- Eucharistic Ministries are the volunteers that assist the Rector during both the Sunday services. Currently we have approximately 12 volunteers, doing the Services but need additional volunteers.

Servant Ministries has stabilized and grown in 2022 since recovering from the pandemic. The ECA Caregivers group has set up a zoom conference call for parishioners. Journeys has a backup mentor, so that meetings can always occur. The Cards from the Heart has expanded to two people. The Holy Haulers are meeting more transportation needs. Together we continue to grow and improve the life and love of others here at ECA!

Worship Ministry

Respectfully submitted by Foster Peterson, Vestry Liaison to Worship

Worship in 2022 continued in person with regular and wonderful contributions from our altar guild, service volunteers, the choir, and our pianist, Joe Lozier. The Worship Committee resumed meeting to help Fr. Paul plan worship services. Highlights of the year include:

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is led by Bliss Peterson and Brenda Pinkston and consists of 4 teams who handle the work of preparing the church for worship. They welcomed Carolyn Gay and Ann Rudy to their ranks in 2022 and held an in-person training/fellowship day on June 13, which included a session on flower arrangement. As a larger project, the Altar Guild is interested in refreshing (cleaning/painting/re-organizing) the sacristy.

Choir / Music

We continue to be blessed with Joe Lozier as our pianist and choirmaster. The choir practices on Thursday evenings at 7:15 pm. The size on Sundays fluctuates somewhat but there are currently 11 members! Our beautiful (both looking and sounding!) grand piano was dedicated on Palm Sunday. There were multiple music offerings during the Holy Week/Easter services including Bliss Peterson singing the Exsultet at the Easter Vigil. On Easter Day, we were introduced to 2 new trumpet players at the 9 and 10:45 am services in addition to Scott Lozier on violin, and Chris Norman (mandolin) sang “Because He Lives” with accompaniment from Joe Lozier (piano) and Foster Peterson (acoustic guitar). The choir prepared and performed several special pieces for the 9 pm Christmas Eve Service, and were joined by guest musicians Scott Lozier (violin), Emily Laminack Wetzel (violin), Charles Laux (cello), and David Wetzel (trumpet).

Worship Services

We continue with 8:30 and 10:30 am services on Sundays. Many thanks to Horace Higgins who live-streams the 8:30 service on our Facebook page. We returned to the full complement of Holy Week and Easter services and the choir returned to processing in/out on Palm Sunday.

We held a special service on October 15 to celebrate 3 wonderful happenings: Fr. Paul and Katie’s marriage, paying off our debt, and a visit from Bishop Rob Wright. We had a packed church (176 people for the service itself) and a full complement of volunteers for this wonderful service.





Episcopal Church of the Annunciation's Video

We held 3 services on Christmas Eve: the Traditional Children's Christmas Pageant at 5 pm followed by Traditional Carols & Holy Eucharist Rite II Service at 7 pm and the Festive Carols & Traditional Rite II Candlelight Service at 9 pm.

We have been more successful as we get further from the pandemic in finding supply clergy for the Sundays where Fr. Paul is away. Supply clergy this year included The Rev. Rebecca Roberts from St. Catherine's, Marietta and Fr. Roger Allen and Fr. Daron Vroon from St. James, Marietta. Foster Peterson conducted Morning Prayer on the Sundays where we did not have a supply priest.

A new form (that is placed on the lectern) was developed to help standardize how the lectors introduce the readings and psalm.

Worship Volunteers

The 8:30 and 10:30 services have a small number of regular volunteers in the service volunteer positions (Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Acolytes (youth and adult), Intercessors, and Vergers). Announcements continue to be made in ECA News, bulletin, and in church for service volunteers. Training for new and returning volunteers has been handled by Foster Peterson and Fr. Paul on an individual basis thus far. Will look to do a larger in-person day for those interested in 2023. Please consider giving of your talents to volunteer in our corporate worship.



Rectors Report

Respectfully Submitted by Rev. Paul McCabe, Rector of ECA

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! The 2022 year may have started off a little slow, but our resiliency came through and we have done many great things. We have had some great accomplishments throughout the year and I am proud to continue to serve as your rector at ECA. These moments with each other help encourage and strengthen us to do the work God has called us to do not only at ECA, but out in the world. Even in unprecedented times, we have a choice to look beyond the messiness of the world and focus on what Good we can do. This continues to be my motivation at ECA and my hope and prayer is that we will remain focused on being the “Church” to one another and in our communities.



I am in my 13th year here at ECA after arriving in March of 2009 and have never looked back concerning what we are called to do. I did look back at our Annual Parish report from 2009 and saw this statement, *“We are called to go out and share God’s love with as many as we can, and I believe, with as much fun as we can, and that is what I intend for ECA to do.”* It is my belief we have done this in the bad and good times and I am thankful I have stuck with that vision. ECA has grown in so many ways and I have challenged us to be more of Christ’s hands and feet in the world, and I also believe we have done so in many incredible ways. One of the biggest challenges we faced was our debt of over \$270,000 and one of my first priorities was for us to tackle that debt. This year we were finally able to do that and we celebrated our accomplishment with Bishop Wright in grand style. This was and is great news, but it also presented us with a new challenge, “What Now?”



These past few years have challenged the “Church” in many ways. Attendance and participation in fellowship activities and worship with one another continues to be questioned in many unexpected ways. We are having to re-evaluate what is really important to us and how we prioritize daily life and our faith. My priorities are to refocus on our fellowship and worship participation with one another and our children and youth programs in ways that fulfill and inspire us. We have seen time and time again that we live out our unofficial motto, *“It’s what we do!”* We not only enjoy many facets of our common life together, but we also enjoy the ministry we do together. Paying off the debt and our successful stewardship campaign was able to help the Vestry place more emphasis in our budget on ministries and programs that motivate us. Our hope with increasing the budget for a youth worker dedicated to activities and programs for our children and youth will be a good spark to reinvigorate participation. We will also be able to focus more attention on our aging structures and needed updates throughout the property.



We are very blessed with “More than Enough” here at ECA and I want to personally thank all members of the parish for your unwavering support both financially and spiritually. I also want to especially thank the Vestry for the incredible and tireless work that continues to take place amidst the unprecedented challenges we have had and continue to face with all that is taking place in the world. I would like to thank our outgoing Vestry members, Jamie Hreha, Sr. Warden, John Capawana, Bldgs and Grounds, and Janice Maxwell, Connecting, for their contributions they have made these past three years. I cannot thank them enough for their dedication and hard work at ECA and especially for Jamie and his incredible servant heart and friendship. Thank you to all for continuing to trust me and our work together as Rector of Annunciation, I am deeply thankful for all your love and support. 2023 will be a better year because that is what we do! To God be the Glory! Fr. Paul+

