

UNDERSTANDING OUR FINANCE REPORTS

Your pledges and gifts support all St. Thomas ministries.

In 2022, the congregation gave **above and beyond** to support our shared work. 2022 brought a return to more typical church activities. Some expenses increased, but giving increased as well. Thank you!

Other income includes reimbursements by groups using our campus, unpledged giving, transfers from designated funds, and support from our two endowment funds.

Endowment draws for 2022 were 3.5% of the average of the total value of the funds over the past three years. Funds are managed by Truist in their non-profits division. We budgeted a 4% draw for 2023 and will receive that income quarterly.

The increase in **Admin and Payroll** for 2023 reflects a cost of living raise for most staff, increases in health care costs, and the addition of two clergy positions. Most of the cost for one of the clergy positions is from other sources and is reflected in other income.

Expenses for Christian Formation, Parish Life, Evangelism, Flowers, and Music are tallied in the operating account. Income from these programs (special donations, book purchases, activity fees, meals, softball jerseys, etc.) is reflected in other income.

Our **Diocesan pledge** is tallied by the Diocesan Office based on 10% of three prior years of operating income. St. Thomas plays our part in supporting the work of our bishop and staff, diocesan youth ministries, community ministries like CVEM, and Camp Mikell.

The **Outreach budget** is based on 10% of the total of budgeted pledges minus our diocesan pledge. As pledges increase, our Outreach budget increases! **Outreach collections** are additional gifts from St. Thomas members.

The **Designated Account** includes funds held in reserve, the capital reserve fund, special gifts for restricted use, and gifts given for use at the vestry's discretion.

Thank you to all who support the work of St. Thomas!

ST. THOMAS FINANCES 2022-2023

OPERATING ACCOUNT	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Budget
REVENUE			
Contribution Income	621,864.00	648,695.04	679,964.00
Other Income	186,311.00	204,068.22	236,326.00
TOTAL REVENUE	808,175.00	852,763.26	916,290.00
OPERATING ACCOUNT			
EXPENSES			
Admin/Payroll/Benefits	512,531.00	516,338.57	606,788.70
Christian Education	10,195.00	14,438.30	10,750.00
Diocesan Pledge & Exps	62,938.00	63,366.73	66,352.00
Evangelism	4,000.00	4,916.28	4,250.00
Outreach	48,351.00	48,533.18	52,839.30
Parish Life	12,100.00	27,393.08	18,000.00
Properties	107,000.00	114,793.41	112,000.00
Capital Reserve	20,000.00	20,000.00	12,000.00
Stewardship	2,000.00	1,746.27	2,000.00
Music	19,310.00	26,967.86	19,310.00
Worship	9,750.00	14,269.58	12,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	808,175.00	852,763.26	916,290.00

DESIGNATED ACCOUNT	2022 Actual	
Beginning Balance	493,847.58	
Revenue	903,308.20	
Expenses	(910,317.23)	
12/31/22 Cash Balance	486,838.55	
ENDOWMENT ACCOUNTS		
	Jan.1 Balance	Dec.31 Balance
Unrestricted (Wilkins)	2,410,230.18	2,031,316.52
Restricted (Baird)	664,977.77	529,110.55
Outreach Collections		
African Mission	11,094.91	
CVEM	9,362.00	
Rector's Benevolence	2,903.25	
WNN	8,790.00	
Total	32,150.16	

2022 Summary Report



FROM THE RECTOR

2022 was a remarkable year of life and growth for St. Thomas. When the year began, some were still hesitant to gather. By the end of the year, our ministries were thriving - many even more than before!

Some of many accomplishments and highlights from 2022 are outlined here. More are described in the long version of the Annual Report, available on our website. As you read either version, give thanks to God for the work of the Spirit among us.

One of our most lasting accomplishments may be the simple phrase you see above. In 2022, we distilled our purpose and mission as a congregation into a few simple words: LOVE GOD. LOVE EVERY PERSON. LEARN AND SERVE TOGETHER.

This is the St. Thomas Story! Thanks to all who support St. Thomas through your presence, prayers, and gifts. If you are new to St. Thomas, we invite you to learn more about our ministries and join us!

Blessings,
Rev. Grace

LOVE GOD



We gathered indoors in person for worship every Sunday in 2022 – a joy we do not take for granted!



Robust participation in our online worship options continued, and we added the option of participating in worship from the Parish Hall.



Many new acolytes joined the ministry, under the leadership of Wilson Ford, Acolyte Director.



The St. Thomas Choir sang for a week in Ireland and for the December Confirmation Service at the Cathedral of St. Phillip.



Through worship, art activities, and museum visits, we explored the life and faith of fellow-Episcopalian Alma Thomas.



We welcomed two new clergy to our staff – Rev. Roxane Gwyn and Rev. Darius Sudayi.



Episcokids celebrated God's love for everyone at summer VBS – Living into God's Dream.



St. Thommies Youth explored our Baptismal Covenant with a pilgrimage to Washington, DC.



Lay Eucharistic Visitors resumed their ministry of sharing communion with parishioners who are homebound.



St. Thomas went to Happening 76 with 2 youth candidates, 1 team member, & 3 adult chaperones for a weekend of immersion in God's love.



Zoom Evening Prayer continued on Tuesdays at Thursdays at 5:30, bringing the concerns of the day before our loving God.

LOVE EVERY PERSON



We welcomed 44 new members in 2022 and celebrated 14 baptisms.



8 members were Confirmed or Received in December 2022, with more in January 2023.



We gathered again for Wednesday dinners.



St. Thomas showed up for Columbus Pride Festival, sharing God's love for all - and Seth's festive homemade cookies.



Steve Scott sent helpful pamphlets and a kind note to those mourning the loss of spouses, parents, children, or grandchildren.



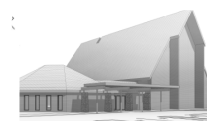
It was a year of fellowship. Foyers resumed. Young adults and young couples groups formed. We sponsored a softball team!



A new church directory (with pictures by Eliza Morrill) helped us put names and faces together.



Thanks to a gift from Judy Harding, and hours of work by the Memorial Committee, the parish hall was renovated.



A strategic planning process, inspired by a gift from Clifford & Bobsie Swift, explored ways to make our campus more accessible and welcoming.



We installed an AED device in the hallway between the chapel and the nave, and several ushers learned how to use it.



With gifts to the *Continuing Faithfulness Capital Fund*, we replaced old roofs and HVAC units, protecting the spaces in which we welcome all!

LEARN & SERVE TOGETHER



Over 70 people joined a Journey Group, exploring *Manna and Mercy: A Brief History of God's Unfolding Promise to Mend the Entire Universe*.



Brewer Elementary School, came off the state list of failing school!! Brewer Reading Buddies resumed. We provided 4 meals and thank you events for teachers.



A Women's lectionary study explored the Bible on Thursdays online and in person.



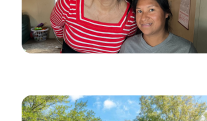
Despite the closure of Boxwood Recreation Center, two Boxwood soccer teams won state tournaments.



Creation Keepers offered a speaker series for Easter season – Stories of Earth Care.



Parents of Boxwood soccer players began learning English with ESL classes led by Martha Mullinax.



Volunteers for St. Thomas workdays maintained and improved our grounds.



WNN Shoppers from St. Thomas helped WNN Food Pantry serve 5,176 households – 2,000 more than in 2021.



Malinda Shamburger became the new Executive Director of CVEM.



Meg Olive-Allison expanded her role to Director of Parish and Community Engagement.