

College Church Annual Report 2022



Great things He has done!
Great things He will do!

ANNUAL REPORT

June 1, 2021– May 31,2022

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Call to the Annual Congregational Meeting

The College Church, Inc.

58 Pomeroy Terrace, Northampton, MA

June 26, 2022 - 11:00 a.m.

The Annual Congregational Meeting of the College Church, Inc., will be held at 11:00 a.m., on Sunday, June 26, 2022, at 58 Pomeroy Terrace in Northampton, Massachusetts.

The following items will be discussed:

- I. Call to Order and Opening Prayer – Moderator, Ann Chapdelaine
- II. Approve minutes of the June 28, 2021 Annual Congregational Meeting – Moderator
- III. Announce Church Officers for 2022-2023: Treasurer, Clerk, Meeting Moderator – Moderator
- IV. Ratification of the Budget for 2022-2023 – Bill Porter
- V. Nominating Committee Report – Michael Jones
- VI. Ratification of the Nominees for Elder (First Term: Paul Sorrentino) and Deacon (First Term: Wendy Dunphy, Kathy Schmidt).
- VII. Prayer and Closing

All members are expected to attend and vote; all others are invited to attend but may not vote.

Christine A. O'Donnell

Clerk of the Corporation

College Church
Annual Congregational Meeting
June 27, 2021
Outdoor Sanctuary – 11:00 A.M.

M I N U T E S

- I. Beth Huntley opened the meeting with prayer at 11:03 a.m.
- II. Approve Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the June 28, 2020 Annual Congregational Meeting minutes. Having no discussion, the motion was passed.

- III. Officers of the Corporation:

The officers of the corporation for the 2021-2022 fiscal year will be: Bill Porter as Treasurer, Christine O'Donnell as Clerk, and Anne Buescher as meeting moderator.

- IV. Ratification of the Budget for 2021-2022: Bill Porter

Bill shared with us that although giving decreased this past year by \$15,000 from the previous year, the general fund giving was the 2nd highest in the last eight years. This is a wonderful testament to those who support the ministries of College Church. The general fund balance increased due to giving above the budget, as well as spending slightly below the budget.

The elders have decided to post the giving and budget totals in the E- Announcements on a monthly basis instead of a weekly basis beginning this month (June). The first week of each month, the giving summaries for the previous month and year to date summaries will be provided.

David Huntley spoke briefly to explain the 3 areas of growth the elders have been called to invest and grow and the positions they hope to fill targeting those areas. The elders are hopeful that these positions will be filled over the next 3 years. With the addition of these positions, we will see a 12% increase in this years budget.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget as presented. The motion was unanimously.

- V. Nominating Committee Report and Vote: Michael Jones

Michael started by thanking Nancy Young, Ann Satkowski, and Britani Schwaiger for their 6 years of service on the Deacon board.

Nominated for elder: Bill Porter (2nd term) and Pierre Willems (1st term). Nominated for deacon: Tibby Dennis (1st term). Those nominated were asked to leave the sanctuary for discussion. Having no discussion, a motion was made and seconded to ratify the listed elders and deacons for 3 year terms. The motion passed unanimously. The new appointees rejoined us and were prayed over. Michael asked for us to prayerfully consider someone who might fill the vacant spot on the Nominating Committee that was left open with the passing of Mark Fowlkes.

Pastor Bill took a moment to thank some individuals who went above and beyond this past year. A small gift and words of appreciation went to Pam Dissinger, Carol Anderson, Kirk Wassmann, Ken Strong, Darleen & Peter Corbett and Beth Huntley.

Beth Huntley closed the meeting with prayer at 11:30. 82 members were present and a quorum was reached.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine O'Donnell, Clerk of the Corporation

Letter From the Pastor

Dear College Church,

Happy June! I am writing to you from Holy Week. As I sit here, Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday and our 50th Anniversary are still ahead of me. By the time you read this, my Sabbatical will be nearly 2/3 complete.

Thank you so much for the gift of this time to step back from ministry and be refreshed and renewed. Thank you for your many prayers, leading up to and through my Sabbatical. Thank you for the ways you are making my absence possible, by stepping up to serve in many life-giving ways! We, indeed, have been blessed with an incredible team of servant leaders, and a wonderful variety of gifts!

Thank you for being part of this story. Many churches don't make it to their 50th Anniversary. Our longevity is a testimony to God's faithfulness and mercy, but also a testimony to the countless people who have faithfully worshipped, served, prayed, loved, nurtured fellowship, given sacrificially and strived in God's Power to seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness. We've experienced all kinds of seasons, including some painful ones, and many of you made the decision to stick it out, to remain, to be part of the remnant who, through confession, repentance, forgiveness and prayer, made College Church a place to heal and follow Jesus into a new future.

Thank you for being so good to me and my family. Since 2015, you have provided us with a spiritual family in which all four of us feel loved, accepted and able to contribute our gifts. As parents, Beth and I can't thank God enough that our kids love their church, choose to be part of it, and are flourishing as they develop strong, intergenerational ties to the Body of Christ!

Thank you for your perseverance and steadfastness through the past 2+ years. It has not always been easy. Disruption and loss adds a tremendous amount of stress to the system. Through it all, though, you demonstrated the fruit of the spirit in countless ways—exercising patient hope, serving creatively, prioritizing fellowship, maintaining unity and the bond of peace, and faithfully bringing the church to those who have been unable to gather. We are not the same church we were in March 2020. By God's grace, we are a more mature and complete church!

Thank you for the many ways you continue to faithfully plow your time, treasure and talent into the ministry of this church. All over the country, churches are in decline, budgets have been slashed, and staff have been let go. Over the past two years we've launched new ministries, increased our missionary support, seen our giving exceed our expenses, and added staff! The budget contained in this report reflects our intention to add more staff, and to continue to invest in things like leadership development, the arts, children and youth, campus ministry, local and global partnerships and making sure that our facility is able to support our ministries and the over two dozen community organizations we share our campus with throughout the year – including the Cutchins Program and local Refugee Resettlement.

Thank you for following Jesus with integrity and joy, and for sharing your faith with compassion and conviction. Almost every time I'm on campus I meet someone for the first time. When I ask how they ended up here, many of them point to a friend and say, "this person invited me." Thank you for inviting people to get to know Jesus and be part of His household.

Finally, thank you for making my work a joy. Your many prayers and words of encouragement are a gift! Your patience and gentleness with my weaknesses and growth areas are an expression of God's mercy. And you have taught me so much about Jesus and what it means to follow Him and how to love God and love others.

I thank God for you.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bill



Elder Team

Dear College Church family,

Greetings from the elder board. We praise God for His faithfulness and lovingkindness this past year! We are so grateful for the opportunities we have had to gather and celebrate in the Name of Jesus! It has been energizing to see one another's faces, to make a joyful noise together and to recapture many of our traditions and rhythms as a congregation.

It has also been wonderful to meet together, in person, as elders and shepherds, and to resume our elder retreats. What a joy to spend time together, share meals, express our love for each other, encourage and challenge one another and "contend as one" for the advancement of the gospel through College Church.

A significant piece of our work this year has been shepherding the congregation with the help of Betsy Wassmann and Karen Lamoureux, our faithful shepherds. As we build up the Body together, Betsy and Karen continue to be a great blessing to us, the church, as together, we pray for, care for, and disciple those in need.

As a team, we devoted considerable time, prayer, and energy pursuing, and ultimately grieving the loss of, individuals and families that left College Church for other area churches during the pandemic. Our goal was to listen, understand, learn, and bless them. We are grateful that each departing member is actively engaged with a new congregation, and that some are now worshipping alongside family members for the first time or worshipping closer to home.

We've also had the blessing of welcoming many new people to College Church and have enjoyed getting to know them and helping them find their way into community and ministry. It's exciting to see God move in the lives of those who are just beginning to follow Jesus, and others who are returning to Jesus, or to His church. And it's wonderful to have such an active and welcoming congregation to help embrace, include, and disciple our new friends! We're also grateful for a new generation of college students and young adults who have made College Church their home. This is an important part of our legacy, and an important part of our future.

Throughout this report, you will see that we are in growth mode! We are looking forward to hiring new staff in the coming year to help lead, equip, and mobilize us to disciple well, live out the gospel in community and love our neighbors in practical ways. We are excited about new opportunities to expand ministry, encourage young faith, build up the Body and love our neighbors in practical ways—all for the purpose of pursuing our vision of a world renewed, neighborhoods transformed, and people brought to life by the good news of Jesus!

With Joy and Hope,

The Elders

Miguel Cabrera, Chad Huntley, David Huntley (Moderator), Michael Jones, Bill Porter, Pierre Willems, Dave Wintsch and Bill Hodgeman (ex-officio)



Deacon Team

This year we have resumed meeting in person regularly. In our meetings we focus on a time of prayer, after sharing requests for prayer which come to our attention through personal connections, small groups/ministries and through wellbeing checks by phone outreach.

We are welcoming new members to our team this June and wish to express our thanks to the members who served for two terms or six years, Dale Bova and Lisa LaPrade: Jonathan Schwaiger, Beth Huntley, and Bob Goss who each served three-year terms.

We have been richly blessed by generous hearts of our congregational family to provide for those financially struggling with unexpected expenses and job insecurity. Help sometimes goes beyond fiscal aide by offering links to community resources or practical supports like budget management. Requests are submitted to the deacon board and considered by casework team after confidential discussion with person(s) seeking assistance. The discussion helps the team gain understanding about that person(s) current needs and resources and how they can best be helped. The kinds of short-term assistance we have provided this year included meeting medical expenses for vision and hearing for a few uninsured individuals, provided transportation repair to give access to work, covered rents and utility bills and given gift cards for food. Sometimes we have responded to food needs of the extended faith community and those known to church families and friends.

The Helping Hands Team has the task of giving assistance to those in need within our church body. This past year we have provided meals for seven families and transportation when needed. All this would not be possible without those who have volunteered to be on our Helping Hands list. Thank you for your willingness to serve our congregation in this way.

Your servant heart has been such a blessing! As we look forward to the coming year, we will continue to serve you, our church body, as needs arise.

Once again, the Visitation Team had to comply with COVID guidelines which limited our visits. Instead, we sent out many cards to church members and attenders: Get Well., Sympathy, We're Thinking of You, Congratulations on the Birth of Your Child, and Child Dedication. We made periodic calls to check in on the well-being of the people in our congregation. We also performed limited visitations to hospitals, served Communion to those who couldn't attend church due to health issues, delivered fruit baskets and floral arrangements to those whose family members had passed away.

We have been grateful for the generous contributions to the Deacon Fund during this past year. Due to the generosity the deacons initiated rather than waiting for requests to provide grocery items during the Christmas holiday season for families we had been working with and suggestions from the church offices. God's provision demonstrated through His people was a blessing. "Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." Romans 12:13.

We Thank You for this Opportunity to Serve, Your Deacon Team.

Children's Ministry

What a year it has been! With the ever-changing landscape of the pandemic, the CC Kids ministry of College Church has had to be adaptable and flexible!

For summer 2021, we adapted Sunday School by meeting outside and using a curriculum that taught us to appreciate God's creation in our own backyard. A scavenger hunt, giant bubbles, and water fun were enjoyed at the summertime picnics.

Summer was also a busy season of preparation for the return to indoor services. The nursery was given a facelift with new floors and cabinets, fresh paint, and updated furniture. My favorite update was to the "Quiet Room" where we created a home-like space for new babies and their moms. The volunteer team also needed to be re-assembled, and we are currently operating with a team of over 30 volunteers! Our volunteers are the superheroes of CC Kids!

When we returned to indoor services, we made some changes to the class structures to better accommodate fluctuations in classes due to the pandemic. The class divisions are now babies to age 3, prekindergarten through second grade, and third through sixth grade. This has been a great adaptation for both our volunteers and our kids.

With generous donations of time, energy, and resources, we were able to install a new playground this Fall. I am grateful to the many volunteers who had a hand planning, purchasing, and installing the new equipment. The playground has been enjoyed on warm (and cold) days from Fall to Spring and has been a great place for an after-church picnic.

We have also had opportunities to enjoy connecting and reconnecting over the past year. It has been a joy to see the kids enjoying being together again in their Sunday School classes. I think one of the most memorable experiences was the 3rd – 6th grade class making banners to celebrate Easter. The return of Parent Dessert and Discussion allowed parents and caregivers to spend time together sharing challenges and encouraging one another. It was a meaningful time, and we look forward to more of these events soon.

As many of you know, at the end of August I will be stepping out of my role as the Children's Ministry Director. It has been a joy and a blessing to serve the church in this way, and I look forward to continuing to do so in different ways. (My family has no plans of moving from the area or leaving College Church.) I am hopeful that God has just the right person to fill this position, and I am looking forward to serving alongside

whoever that may be and supporting the transition. I look forward to seeing the CC Kids ministry continue in its commitment to help young people become fully devoted followers of Jesus through His church.

With love and thanks,

Deana Willems, Children's
Ministry Director



CC KIDS



Worship Arts & Tech Team

It has been a robust year of ministry serving as the Worship Arts Director of College Church. Glory to God for all the ways that he has sustained us through times that were met with low lows and high highs. Most notably, the return to an in-person option has my heart rejoicing, as we get to hear our voices echoing through the walls of the church and into the heavens. I can only imagine what joyful sounds we will hear in Heaven as we join the angels in song!

Over the course of the year and half I have been here, many talented musicians, enthusiastic volunteers, and countless members have helped to make College Church my home. Within the band, we have begun to figure out one another's rhythms and sounds. Some have noted that the band, despite having rotating members each week, has found a unique but consistent "College Church sound," which speaks to the ways that the musicians are getting to know one another and letting each other display God-given talents in service of our God. I am convinced that the Holy Spirit is orchestrating the band Himself, and I feel honored to be entrusted to coordinate and witness the ways God is working through musical worship!

I have the wonderful opportunity to experience great unity across generations and varied experiences through music, which I find to be a rare gem in these polarizing times. In particular, the team is energized by youth musicians such as Evie Hodgeman and Ty O'Donnell, and guided by seasoned musicians such as Brian O'Donnell and David and Karen Damsky. In line with intergenerational unity, musicians young and old banded together to celebrate 50 years of God's faithfulness to College Church. What a joyful time it was to lift up God's praises all together! We shared many laughs, created a (harmonious) raucous, and got to dance for our King! It was a reminder that indeed, "Never once did we ever walk alone."

In contrast to last year, we have been able to celebrate many major holidays indoors and in person. We eagerly waited for our Savior's birth through Advent, crying "Come O Redeemer Come" each week, and exalted the birth of our King complete with a candlelit "Silent Night." During Holy Week, many people gathered in the wee hours of the morning to devote ourselves to commemorate the passion of Christ, and mourned Jesus' death and darkness during a somber Tenebrae service on Good Friday. Then, we burst forth in joyous praise on Resurrection Sunday, seeing the return of Pastor Bill's harmonica skills and a full, loud band jamming to Bob Dylan's "Saved."

I thank God for all the new opportunities He has given us in 2022. And I also thank God that He has provided a community brimming with brilliance, creativity and willingness to worship Him in every way we can. I cannot wait to continue running this race with you, church family!

Haram Hwang
Worship Arts Director



Youth Ministry

It has been wonderful to return to our regular rhythms with students this year: in particular, sharing meals together, going away on retreat and seeing each other's faces!

We have a wonderful group of students that we thank God for and take great delight in!

Youth ministry is everything a church does to help kids know and follow Jesus and find their place in God's household. So while we set aside times and places where students can be together to experience community and grow in Christ, we also celebrate that our students worship with the multi-generational Body of Christ, and use their gifts to serve in a variety of ministries. Some of our students participate in small groups with people of all ages, apprentice themselves to ministry leaders, spend time with mentors, and serve with others in beautiful ways outside of the church. This past August, five of our students publicly professed their faith in Jesus, including four students who were baptized!

When we do gather with our students, we start with some assumptions about what they need. As leaders, we believe that students need:

Caring adults to offer their un-anxious, undistracted presence

To be known and loved unconditionally

To be seen and to have their strengths and gifts noticed and affirmed

A safe place to process life, ask questions, express doubts and begin articulating their faith

Adult companions who are honest about their own spiritual journeys and vulnerable about the ways they are in need of God's grace

Opportunities to explore what Jesus has to say to their particular questions, longings and concerns

We gather with our students on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month to share a meal, play games, and to be part of a community of people who are learning how to follow Jesus.

We have been blessed this year to share our meals with a variety of small groups and ministry teams. It's been wonderful to see our church family interacting and blessing one another, across the generations.

When we play together, we laugh, blow off steam, use our bodies and cooperate in ways that help us counteract some of the stress and anxiety that we carry with us.

When we "huddle" together in community, we share our highs and lows, weigh in on door-opening questions and talk about who Jesus is and what it means to follow Him.

Last fall, the students identified five values they wanted to characterize our time together:

Listening, Authenticity, Respect, Graciousness, Enjoyment

For most of the year, our high school and middle school students huddled separately. Middle schoolers dove into the gospels to discover what happens when people have meals with Jesus. High schoolers wrestled out loud with some of their biggest questions: how do science and faith fit together? What does the Bible say about depression? What do I do with my doubts?

This spring, we combined together to explore some of the forces that are shaping us, and how the Body of Christ, discernment and the Holy Spirit can help us live deliberate lives that honor God.

What stands out to us, as youth workers, is how skillful our students are becoming at articulating their beliefs and perspectives, while respecting others who might disagree. Even as middle school and high school combined together, there was a rare sweetness as the students met each other with kindness, patience and humility, across the age spectrum. Praise God!

Please pray for our students! Some of them carry big burdens and big responsibilities. Schedules can be full, and stress and anxiety can pile up. Even before the unique challenges of the past two years, it was already hard to be a kid, and to navigate a culture that offers more choices, distractions and demands than stability, acceptance and support.

Despite those challenges, our kids are growing into young men and women who are learning to follow Jesus, serve others and make a difference in the world. It's beautiful to watch!

This summer we're looking forward to a few adventures! Camping at Indian Hollow, a service-learning trip to Camden, NJ and the Theatre Intensive!

Don't miss the opportunities God gives you to be part of our students' cloud of witnesses as they grow. Learn their names, hear their stories, listen to their observations and questions, encourage them, pray for them, and cheer them on!

-The Youth Worker Team

Haram Hwang, Chad Huntley, Sam Hicks, Mac Fowlkes, Bill & Beth Hodgeman



Missions Committee



As I think back over the past year, I recall that the church has heard from many of our supported Gospel Partners. Last Summer Emma Kuipers reported on Bible translation in Chad. In the Fall Dieter and Shelley Schmidt from Japan visited as did Liz Schwaiger and her husband, Suneel, from Pakistan. At our November Missions Sunday Meg Given, Louise Nagler and Tanya Walker each gave us detailed reports about their ministries. (Also, I got to share about my experiences at Russian summer camps.) In January we had a visit from the Ring family. At our 50th anniversary celebration Sunday, a video, “Thank you for being a part of my story”, briefly featured Carolyn (Christenson) Broughton, Pete & Betsy Baglow, April Lynn Couette, Monica Schumann, Dan & Carol Brown, Tanya Walker, Ethan & Amy Ring, and Jimmy & Carrie Payton. It was good to be reminded of the worldwide influence for the Gospel that College Church supports and is a part of.

In June 2022 I, Kirk Wassmann will be leaving the Missions Committee. My involvement with the Missions Committee began 8 years ago as an Elder liaison. I have been a committee member for 5 years, and in recent years have served as the committee chair. It has been a great joy for me to serve, to hear from, and pray for our over 20 gospel partners; to share in their joys and sorrows and struggles and successes. Also, the committee has worked to keep College Church informed about the worldwide mission of the church and how we are a part of it.

I leave the committee in very good hands. The current members have a wealth of missions experience and an infectious enthusiasm for missions. In June two new members will be joining the committee, Nancy Young and Dave Wintsch. Nancy and I became great friends on a short-term missions trip to Ukraine in 2016. If I need to introduce Dave Wintsch to you, then you must be very new to the church. Dave will be leaving the Elders board and joining the mission committee in June.

In His service,

Kirk Wassmann

50th Anniversary of College Church

We were privileged to mark the 50th Anniversary of the founding of College Church during the weekend of April 23-24, 2022. The committee met for a year of planning and prayer, seeking to bring together a time of celebration, a chance to look back and a chance to get excited about the next 50 years.

Highlights included:

Saturday, April 23 - Great is Your Faithfulness (sometimes in spite of ourselves!):

- A singalong in the Fellowship Hall, led by Chris and Jesse Johnson with accompaniment by our own Dr. Don on violin.
- Photo displays highlighting aspects of our church life since 1972.
- Opportunities to welcome former pastors and families in person and via video greetings: there were MacVitties, Showalters, O'Haras, McDowells, Christensons, Brickers, Slacks, Van Yperens, and Hodgemens represented.
- SO MANY who made the trip to be with us again! (Tim and Ros Christenson traveled the farthest - from California).
- A catered buffet attended by over 300 people and a program that included video greetings from Grandma Edith, games, music, memories, and laughter - all emceed by David Wintsch.
- A History & Memory book -- contact the church office if you would like a copy!
- Lots and lots of conversations, hugs, laughter, and reminders about the goodness of God.



Sunday, April 24 - I Know the Plans I Have for You!

- Sunday worship with Tim Christenson offering the pastoral prayer and Bill Hodgeman preaching on the importance of remembering what has been done but looking forward to what God plans to do in our next 50 years.
 - Video greetings from people who formerly attended College Church and who are now serving God throughout the world in various ministries - "You are Part of My Story!"
 - "Enhanced" coffee fellowship time with lots more conversations, hugs, laughter, and memories.
- Informal fellowship time hosted by Dave & Stacy Wintsch at their home in Hadley.

All in all, it was exactly the celebration we had prayed for.

See you at the 75th!

The 50th Anniversary Committee:

Tom O'Donnell

Fran Fern

Deb Lusnia

Cathie McCoy

Dave Wintsch





Nominating Committee

The current Nominating Committee (formed in January of 2021) consists of six members. Michael Jones and Chadwick Huntley are the elder representatives on the committee. Barbara Ruh is the deacon representative. The three members-at-large who make up the rest of the committee are Ron Adams, Cathie McCoy, and Tom O'Donnell. We made some efforts last summer and fall to recruit a seventh member for the committee, but the vacant seat remained unfilled.

Our work for this year began at the end of January, meeting weekly via Zoom. After several weeks of focused prayer and the study of scripture, we reviewed the recommendations we received from the congregation. We have two nominees to put forward for the deacons: Kathy Schmidt and Wendy Dunphy. We have one nominee to put forward for the elders: Paul Sorrentino.

Thus ends our second year as a committee. We are thankful for the time we have had together. We are especially grateful for the trust and support of the congregation: thank you for all your prayers. We are confident that God has heard your prayers and ours, and that the leaders He has raised up for the next season will serve well and faithfully.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Jones on behalf of the Nominating Committee

Elder Nominee: Paul Sorrentino



My name is Paul Sorrentino. I have been married to Karen for 46 years and we have two adult children who grew up in College Church: John (36) and Tim (33). We have five grandchildren.

I was born in Japan but mostly grew up in Rhode Island. We live in South Deerfield.

My coming to faith was a pretty long process. My sister and her husband as well as my high school English teacher and lacrosse coach were strong Christian examples. Woodstock was a significant turning point for me as I realized that this would probably be the high point of my life if I continued in the direction I was going and that did not seem satisfying. Reading through the New Testament. When I heard a clear gospel presentation at Barrington Baptist Church I thought I would be a fool not to become a Christian and prayed to receive

Christ.

I began college less than a month after my conversion. I was fortunate to quickly become involved with the InterVarsity group on campus. In college and since I have had wonderful Christian mentors. My 31 years on InterVarsity staff and my time in seminary were points of growth. My 18 years as Director of Religious & Spiritual Life at Amherst College stretched me in different ways (11 of those years overlapped with my time as InterVarsity staff). In recent years I have focused more on mystery and wonder in my relationship with God. My bout with stage IV cancer helped me to more appreciate the gift of life, family and friends.

My spiritual gifts are mercy, teaching, and administration. Some people say wisdom, but that would make me a wise guy, so I don't know that it is a gift.

I have been a member of College Church for 35 years during which I have been an elder, taught some GROW classes and preached occasionally. I also did my M.Div. internship at College Church.

Presently I am volunteering part-time at a Christian retreat center in New Hampshire, coaching a Little League team, golfing, spending time with grandchildren and meeting with a variety of people on a regular basis. I also stay in touch with many former students. By God's grace and with the Holy Spirit's help, I try to be a winsome witness to our faith. I pray about my relationships and how God might want to use me to say or do something that would draw people closer to Christ.

Deacon Nominee: Kathy Schmidt



My name is Kathy Schmidt. My husband is Chris Schmidt, and we have two grown children – Ellyn (32) & Rob (29). I grew up in Wellesley, MA. Chris and I lived in New Hampshire and Vermont before moving to the Pioneer Valley in 1986. We've lived in our current home in Florence for 32 years.

Growing up, my family were members of a Unitarian church. When Chris and I were married, we began to attend a United Church of Christ (UCC) church in Vermont and in 1989 we became members of a UCC congregation here in Northampton where we raised our children. Though I had been part of a church for many years, it wasn't until I was 44 that God became real to my heart. I was at a crossroads in my career at that time and God used that painful experience to break through to me. I felt led to change fields entirely and to let go of trying to find security in financial management and to trust God instead. What followed was the start of a much deeper journey with God. On my own over the next twelve years or so I prayed, studied scripture, read commentaries, journaled, listened to sermons by podcast, and read books about the Christian life.

In 2017 I began to feel God's call on my heart that this path was not meant to be traveled alone. I needed to find a community where others were also on this wholehearted journey with Jesus. I was led to College Church in 2018, baptized in 2019 and became a member in 2021. Being baptized and becoming a member were both powerful experiences I now treasure. Preparing for each of those steps involved wrestling with parts of God's word which had been challenging for me. But the struggles were totally worth it and each time the result was greater understanding, surrender to, and love for Jesus. I am so grateful both for the CC leaders and members who came along side me as I worked through those times, and for all those who welcomed me as I got accustomed to the church.

I'm still discerning my spiritual gifts, but I do know that I am most joyful and in sync with God when I'm helping others, whether it's with a group or individually. Here at church, I was part of the Circle of Care for our refugee family from 2019 until they moved out of the area this past March. I also assisted with Operation Christmas Child for the past two years. Outside of church, during the first spring and summer of the pandemic, I grocery shopped for some of the older or immunocompromised folks in my neighborhood and volunteered at the Northampton Survival Center. The next fall, I was back in person at my school job working directly with our more vulnerable students. Through our refugee family, my neighbors, people at the Survival Center, and students, I was privileged to get to know others different than myself. I've recently retired and, God willing, would welcome the opportunity serve College Church as a deacon.

Deacon Nominee: Wendy Dunphy



My name is Wendy Dunphy. I was born in Northampton and grew up in Florence. My husband Owen and I have two grown children, Erin and Conor, and are blessed with four delightful grandchildren. We bought our home on Maple Street in Easthampton after Erin was born, where we still live. I first came to College Church in 1982, when we were invited by our neighbors, Jeff and Carole Tannatt. Being young moms, Carole and I had become friends, and as it turned out, Jeff and Owen worked at the same place. Even though my husband and I were both raised in a church, neither one of us had attended for many years. I enjoyed going to church as a youngster, but I had never made a commitment to Christ. By the time Jeff and Carole extended their invitation, I was receptive to the idea of church because of some difficult times and I was searching for peace. They were quick to explain that College Church services

took place in a gym and hoped we wouldn't be put off by that. I wasn't. I don't recall the sermon (sorry, Tim!), but I do recall feeling a great sense of peace and that I was "home" by the end of the service.

Besides learning from the excellent teaching by Dave and Tim, I started voraciously reading the Bible, attending classes that the church offered, and going to Bible studies, the first of which was at Patti and John Woodward's home. By February of 1983, I committed my life to Christ. Not long after, I became a member of College Church, and that summer made a public profession of faith by being baptized by Dave in Ann Sector's pool. Since that first study, I don't think there's been a time when I have not been in one or in a small group. Being in fellowship, either in a study group or on a committee, and studying God's Word with fellow Christians have been the greatest highlights in my walk with Christ, spurring much of the growth I have made.

Since becoming a member, I have put the spiritual gifts that the Lord has given me to use by serving as a Sunday school teacher, in the soup kitchen, on nominating committees, in women's ministry, as a deacon, and at present, facilitating a small group. By the Lord's provision, I was hired for my present job as a legal secretary through a notice in the church bulletin some 40 years ago. The same gifts of administration and mercy that enable me to serve the church allow me to perform my job well. By being a diligent employee and having a listening ear for our clients, I try to represent Christ to the best of my ability. When moved by the Spirit, I've had the opportunity and privilege to share my faith with clients and with others in my spheres of influence.

All of the roles that the Lord has placed me in have challenged me and stretched my faith in some way. I have learned to trust Him for wisdom and guidance as a parent, as a deacon and on committees; to depend on His provision through tough times; to learn from His Word as I study it, share it, and put it into practice, and to acknowledge His sovereignty over all.

Facilities Committee

The Facilities Committee is responsible to the Elders and is guided by the following charge from them.

1. To oversee buildings, land, equipment, and supplies related to them.
2. To oversee maintenance personnel including in – house and contractors hired for jobs.
3. To advise the Elders of condition of the facilities and of needed repairs.
4. To be involved in the making of the facilities budget.

The committee includes Ron Adams, Doug, and Elaine Culver (church custodians), Curtis Edgin, Cody Jones, Bob Lacey, Tim Lamere, Marsha Morris, Ray Niquette, Wayne Popp, and Ken Strong.

In addition to the normal maintenance of our buildings and grounds the following projects and /or activities were accomplished during the past year.

1. Main Building – Completed cabinet and countertop installations in nursery room along with new sink. Installed new motors and variable speed controls on the 4 gym / sanctuary air handling units to make them quieter and more usable during church services. Fellowship Hall- Completed bathroom redecorating with new flooring. Removed carpet and refinished original hardwood flooring.
2. Exterior – Re-piped 2 downspouts from roof gutters directly into the stormwater manhole bypassing the suspected underground blockage which contributed to recent water damage. In building.
3. Surveillance Cameras – Installed both inside and outside to detect unauthorized use of grounds and building when not occupied by College Church.

The following projects are planned for the coming year –

1. Main Building – Roof repairs where leaking.
2. Exterior – Tree removals on south end of building where they have grown too large for the space available. Trim large beach tree in front of Glass House which is becoming a safety issue. Misc. lighting improvements. Repaint parking lot lines where needed.
3. General cleanout of clutter in all 3 buildings.

Future projects that God is leading us to undertake in our service to his church and the community.

1. K House – Continue first floor renovations starting with the bathroom. Chimney removals and complete roofing replacement started with kitchen renovation.
2. Glass House – Roof replacement.
3. Continue to work with the office staff and design team on all building improvements.
4. Continue to systematically maintain or replace our 50+ year old plumbing, heating, and ventilating equipment.
5. Keep up the exterior appearance of our buildings and grounds.

We thank you for your support and encouragement during the past year and as always welcome any suggestions you may have to help us in making our campus safe, comfortable, and attractive for the many ministries which normally take place here.

We thank all who participate in our Spring and Fall Workdays.

In Christian service,
Ken Strong, Chairperson



Beautiful new floors in the Fellowship Hall

Church Clerk

June 1, 2021-May 31, 2022

The following memorial services were held: (2)

David P. McDowell
Robert Paul Watelet

The following marriages were celebrated: (1)

Ryan & Julie McGrath

The following children were dedicated to the Lord: (4)

Jaelynn Molano	Daudi (David) Jacque
Indie Jones	Raelynn Schwaiger

The following people were baptized: (9)

Fiona Kaul Connolly	Suzie McFarlane	Ethel Peterson
MacKenzie Fowlkes	Aziza Menendez	Nicolas Rumrill
Daniel Huntley	Ty O'Donnell	Luc Willems

MEMBERSHIP

Resigned: (17)

Marisol Adames	Mary Camp	Steve & Shirley Pierson
Annette Andrzejczyk	Mark & Janine Domina	Ken & Carol Roberts
Bob Burnett	Bonnie & Ken Hargreaves	Bonnie & Lee Webster
William Buescher	Steve & Aimee O'Sullivan	

Moved to Alumni (4)

Ashley & Jonathan Castillo	Robert Shotwell Christine Davis
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Inactive Members: (7)

Jay Andrzejczk	Robert Kelley	Justin Squires
Jenny Barlow	Pat Lucchesi	
Jana Chicoine	Sarah Oberempt	

New Members: (4)

Samantha Brown	Haram Hwang
Katy Gore	Leann Sebald

Reinstated Members: (2)

Joe & Sarah Pouliot

Active Membership as of 05/31/21: 179

Members Removed: 29

Members Added: 06

Active Membership as of 06/01/22: 156

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine A. O'Donnell
Clerk of the Corporation

Treasurer's Report

This is the Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022, including the giving and expenses of The College Church Inc. for the general fund and restricted funds.

Giving to the General Fund increased significantly this year during the second full year of the pandemic. General Fund giving increased more than \$40 K or 9.5% over the previous year. This is the largest dollar and percentage increases in more than ten years. For all practical purposes the giving and the budget were identical this year; as giving and planned transfers were within \$1,144 of the budget of \$475,841. Weekly general fund giving exceeded \$9,000/week for the first time in ten years. Three of the last four years the general fund giving has increased over the previous year. The Deacons Fund, which is a restricted fund, received contributions exceeding \$8,500; and the deacons fulfilled needs slightly in excess of giving to the fund. There is still a healthy balance in the Deacons Fund from exceptional giving the first year of the pandemic. The Deacons provide numerous services to the church. Giving to all restricted funds exceeded \$1,000 per week for the first time in seven years. All of these giving trends are excellent, which provide increasing opportunities for ministry.

Spending was slightly below budget this year, therefore giving to the budget was able to fund a shortage for the College Church 50th Anniversary Celebration in April 2022. Gifts to the 50th Anniversary Celebration restricted fund covered the vast majority of the expenses for the weekend events. 'Hats Off !' for the work and creativity of the committee & countless volunteers for a wonderful 50th celebration. The offering resumed as an act of worship during Sunday morning the worship service this year as guidelines for Covid-19 were relaxed. Major expenses from the facilities budget were expenses to complete the flood restoration project downstairs, install a surveillance system, and replace the motors of four sanctuary air handlers.

We are grateful to the Lord for His provision, and the believers who support His work at College Church. For the church year as a whole, support for the Lord's work at College Church is encouraging.

Creating a church budget frequently involves tension: personal & church economic reality, and faith in the Lord's provision for ministry. This year's budget is no different. Three line items are increasing this year's budget: regular expenses are increasing due to higher inflation, exploring/seeking additional part-time staff, and repairing a leaking sanctuary roof. The financial need is real. Last year the budget was \$9,038, and this year the proposed budget is \$9,819; slightly more than an 8% increase. The elders are also establishing a restricted Building Fund to receive up to \$20K for roof repairs or other campus projects, if above roof repairs. The additional staff will come on board when the Lord provides qualified candidates, and the repairs to the roof will occur before cold weather arrives. As occurred this past year, there will be monthly updates comparing giving and budget the beginning of each month by E-Announcements and the church bulletin. The greater than 8% budget increase is less than the 12% increase of a year ago.

Church finances involves the talents, experience, and work of many individuals. Foremost, the integrity and wisdom of individuals and committees with spending authority who are prudent in spending. Secondly, two individuals with detailed financial skills: Jan Goss as Financial Recording Secretary and Carol Anderson as bookkeeper. Both exercise skill and knowledge in maintaining College Church giving and spending records. My greatest joy as treasurer is not the numbers of the budget, but working with wonderful individuals as well as seeing the hearts and lives of people impacted and changed by the unconditional love of Jesus. We are a church that seeks 'To Know Christ and Make Him Known'.

Serving Him Together,

Bill Porter, treasurer

COLLEGE CHURCH, INC.
Cash Budget—General Operating Fund
For the year ending May 31, 2023

	Actual Fiscal Year 2021/2022	Budget Fiscal Year 2022/2023
Salary and benefit expenses and transfers		
Staff salaries and benefits	\$ 221,107	\$ 261,664
Transfer to new staff fund	15,728	
	<u>236,835</u>	<u>261,664</u>
Ministry expenses and transfers		
Transfer for Missions Fund support	78,500	79,500
Christian education	3,354	5,100
Youth ministries	1,656	2,140
Leadership development	705	6,000
Transfer to lay leadership fund		372
Church ministries/Spiritual formation	912	1,300
Hospitality and assimilation	7,359	5,110
Worship arts	19,375	9,475
Ministry support	2,378	3,750
	<u>114,239</u>	<u>112,747</u>
Property expenses and transfers		
Transfer for facilities repair and maintenance	45,000	50,000
Environments	701	5,750
Fuel	19,747	18,800
Electricity	14,675	16,000
Insurance	8,403	8,900
Other	15,225	18,725
	<u>103,751</u>	<u>118,175</u>
Office expenses		
Supplies	889	3,400
Telephone and internet	6,679	5,285
Online giving fees	3,528	4,000
Other	4,350	5,328
	<u>15,446</u>	<u>18,013</u>
TOTAL EXPENDED AND TRANSFERRED	<u>\$ 470,271</u>	<u>\$ 510,599</u>
Apply restricted funds to reduce the budget	\$ (6,505)	
TOTAL GIVING NEEDED, per year	<u>\$ 463,766</u>	<u>\$ 510,599</u>
TOTAL GIVING NEEDED, per week	<u>\$ 8,919</u>	<u>\$ 9,819</u>

Establish a Building Fund up to \$20,000 for roof repairs or other facilities projects.

COLLEGE CHURCH, INC.
General Operating Fund Statements
For the years ended May 31, 2022, 2021, and 2020

	Fiscal Year 2021-2022	Fiscal Year 2020-2021	Fiscal Year 2019-2020
SUPPORT and REVENUE			
Gifts and offerings	\$ 459,221	\$ 416,647	\$ 432,587
Other revenue	9,589	11,401	11,216
Total Support and Revenue	468,810	428,048	443,803
EXPENSES and TRANSFERS			
Compensation			
Salaries and benefits	221,107	191,334	195,590
Transfer to new staff fund	15,728		
Transfer to (from) reserve		(7,500)	7,500
Transfer from new staff fund	(6,185)		
	230,650	183,834	203,090
Building occupancy			
Transfer for repairs, maintenance and reserves	45,000	51,000	48,412
Fuel	19,747	14,709	15,637
Electricity	14,675	14,295	13,142
Environments	701	7,614	1,200
Insurance	8,403	9,101	8,917
Other	15,225	10,843	12,952
	103,751	107,562	100,260
Office expenses			
Supplies	889	3,151	2,189
Telephone and internet	6,679	5,090	4,798
Online giving fees	3,528	3,806	2,253
New equipment (non-capital)	823	87	725
Other	3,527	2,622	3,641
	15,446	14,756	13,606
Program expenses			
Christian education and youth ministries	5,010	4,724	6,138
Transfer from scholarship fund	(320)		
Fellowship and program supplies	7,359	1,571	5,295
Church ministries	912	644	1,703
Worship ministries	19,375	4,246	2,805
Transfer to lay leadership fund	25		259
Other	3,058	3,066	8,144
	35,419	14,251	24,344
Transfer for Missions Fund support	78,500	78,500	78,500
Total Expenses and Transfers	463,766	398,903	419,800
NET INCREASE (DECREASE)	5,044	29,145	24,003
FUND BALANCES, Beginning of Year	60,978	31,833	7,830
FUND BALANCES, End of Year	\$ 66,022	\$ 60,978	\$ 31,833

COLLEGE CHURCH, INC.
Statements of Changes in Other Funds
For the year ended May 31, 2022

	Fund Balances	Gifts &	Net Transfers From (To) Other		Capital Addi- tions	Fund Balances
	6/1/2021	Revenue	Funds	Expenses		5/31/2022
RESERVES	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u></u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,000</u>

**DONOR-RESTRICTED AND
CHURCH-DESIGNATED FUNDS**

Missions Fund						
General Fund support	\$6,188		\$78,500	\$76,770)	\$ -	\$7,918
Donor-restricted gifts	<u>100,339</u>	<u>10,433</u>	<u>(567)</u>	<u>(8,871)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>101,334</u>
	106,527	10,433	77,933	(85,641)	-	109,252
Designated Funds	8,303		12,246	(2,459)	-	18,090
Church activity accounts	197		-		-	197
Deacons' Fund	30,238	8,515		(8,637)	-	30,116
Restricted gift funds	<u>13,191</u>	<u>30,268</u>	<u>2,099</u>	<u>(32,106)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,452</u>
	<u>\$158,456</u>	<u>\$49,216</u>	<u>\$92,278</u>	<u>\$(128,843)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$171,107</u>

**LAND, BUILDINGS and EQUIPMENT
FUNDS**

Unexpended						
Unrestricted funds	\$23,341	\$2,512	\$45,000	\$(33,260)	\$(20,378)	\$17,215
Donor-restricted funds	<u>-</u>	<u>3,150</u>	<u></u>	<u>(2,845)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>305</u>
	23,341	5,662	45,000	(36,105)	(20,378)	17,520
Invested in physical plant						
Capital assets	<u>1,485,497</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u></u>	<u>20,378</u>	<u>1,505,875</u>
	<u>\$1,508,838</u>	<u>\$5,662</u>	<u>\$45,000</u>	<u>\$(36,105)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$1,523,395</u>

COLLEGE CHURCH, INC.
Capital Additions
For the year ended May 31, 2022

Capital additions

Sanctuary air handler system	16,600
Surveillance system	3,778

Net capital additions	<hr/>	\$20,378
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