



SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY

Chairperson: Jane Culligan

2021 Activity: Due to pandemic restrictions and guidelines, the Advocacy group met only once in 2021. At that time, we adopted a name change from Advocacy to Social Justice Advocacy. During this year, the church building was used as a gathering/work space for Medicare Expansion petition-gathering through Missouri Jobs with Justice.

Anticipated activity for 2022: We will continue to work towards carrying out our Baptismal Covenant call to “strive for justice and peace,” praying for justice and an end to Covid 19. We plan to study other works concerning racial justice during Adult Forum, work with Missouri Jobs with Justice, continue to care for our environment, and to participate in the St. Charles Pride Festival next June if possible.



GREEN THUMB SQUAD

Chairperson: Robert Brown

Members: Robert Brown, Nancy Noel, Jan Peery, Janie Jones, Eleanor McCune, Angela Rose, Susan Perry

Activities in 2021: Through the generous gift of time and talent by a small, but dedicated corps of gardeners, we maintained, rehabilitated, and enhanced the flower beds in the front of the church and parish hall. We endeavored to give a good first impression to visitors, a reminder to all who passed by of the goodness of God, and inspiration to those who enjoy soil under their fingernails.

Anticipated Activities in 2022:

* To find additional recruits to adopt the various beds that currently have no one dedicated to them. We are an aging group and some have dropped out because they are no longer able to devote the sweat and toil the beds sometimes require. As always, we can use volunteers to do simple tasks such as watering during hot spells when God has declined to do it for us.

* To rehabilitate the bed by the doors to the parish hall. The plan for the past several years was to make that bed a haven for pollinators by planting flowers that are attractive to butterflies (especially monarchs) and bees. We have achieved that goal, but in the past year, the bed has taken on the aura of a jungle and we need to seriously consider redoing it with new plantings that still meet our pollinator-friendly requirement, but don't grow so wild and wooly.

- To get serious about repairing the beds that border the parking lot. The stacked bricks have been dislodged, broken, and fallen into disarray. This was originally a Boy Scout Eagle project and that may be a possible route for repair or replacement.

* To rehabilitate the bed beneath the windows of the nursery and musician's office. For too long, this bed has been ignored and the meager shrubbery that was planted long ago has all but disappeared or has been consumed by unwanted growth. The hope is that we can find a donor to help us purchase new shrubbery that is suitable for the shade and is eye-catching--something flowering would be nice.

* And while we find the tasks already in hand often overwhelming and more than we can chew, we might want to expand our realm and look at other areas where plantings of flowers would be a welcome addition to our landscape. It has been suggested, for example, that we plant flowers by the electronic sign at the entrance to the parking lot. It has also been suggested that we join forces with the Memorial Garden Committee to further beautify the beds in the Garden.

* If you are interested in helping us in any way, please let the Rector know or talk to Robert Brown. No gardening ability or experience is necessary.





COMMUNITY GARDEN

Chairpersons: Bill Warren, John Barnard & Betty Bowen

Members: Eleanor McCune, Sarah Horning, Jennifer Bax, Marty Neuman, Barbara Oldin, Barbara Gossow, Vicky Barnard, Nathan Bax, Skip Brownlow, David Bricker, AND, Cheryl Leas from the Methodist Church of the Shepherd who just happened to be passing by one Saturday when we were working in the Garden. We invited her to join us, and she brought six other people with her- YAY! AND, not to forget the young children in the Montessori School who helped to plant bush beans.

Activities in 2021: We tilled the ground, brought in loads of compost to spread in the beds and planted seeds and seedlings of Zucchini, Potatoes, Onions, Broccoli, Cabbage, Butternut Squash, Cucumbers, Pole Beans, Bush Beans, Turnips, Tomatoes, Egg Plant, Okra and Peppers. The rain came and then the long summer of sunshine, and the plants grew and grew and grew. We harvested approximately 1,000 lbs of produce and distributed it all to the following Food Pantries: OASIS, FISH, Powell Terrace, Salvation Army in St Charles and O'Fallon, and Harvester Christian Church. These Food Pantries welcomed every bit of vegetables that we gave them.

Sarah Horning taught us how to plant potatoes above ground, and it worked! With just six pounds of potatoes we were able to harvest approximately 50 lbs with very little digging at all. Sarah, we hope we can do this again next year!

We welcomed with open arms and thankful hearts all the people who helped for the first time this year and we invite you to come back and help us grow another abundant garden next year. Without you all, it would have been very hard for just 2-4 people to do all the work; and it is certainly much more FUN when we have a group of willing hands to help.

We give thanks to Bill Warren for his expertise in planting and reaping and for his faithful dedication to the Community Garden. We also welcomed John Barnard who helped to do a lot of the hard work, mowing, treating the beds for weeds, tilling, and taking care of the weeds in the Labyrinth.



And so

***We give Thanks to God
for the fruit of all creation,
for His gifts to every nation,
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping.***

***The just reward of labor,
in the help we give our neighbors,
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing.
For the harvests of the Spirit,***

***for the good we all inherit,
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
and most of all for the Love that has found us,
Thanks be to God. Hymn 424, .***

Anticipated Activity in 2022: To continue to grow a garden to feed the hungry in St Charles and to have Fun while doing this Ministry, AND we always invite willing hands to help in the Garden.





MEMORIAL GARDEN

Chairpersons: Paula Herman and Betty Bowen

Members: Rick & Jane Lackey, Robert Brown

Willing Helpers: Ted Herman, Eleanor and Betsy McCune, Robert Bowen

Grave Diggers: David Bricker and Robert Ott

Activity in 2021: The Monument Company came out to engrave some new names on the columns and complete the dates of people who died recently. We have also had some new applications for people who wish to be interred in the Garden.



Paula and Betty continued to work on the files in the Church Office to bring everything up to date, including recording deaths in the Church Register, but had to stop due to the Church Building being closed due to the corona virus.

We give thanks to the faithful members of this Committee, and others, who keep the Garden maintained throughout the year, namely Rick and Jane Lackey, Paula and Ted Herman, Bob Brown, Robert Bowen and Eleanor McCune.

There was a pipe leak in the Garden this year which was repaired by Harvestowne Irrigation Company.

As of this writing, only two people were buried in the Memorial Garden this year, Carol (McGrath) Paul and Donna Lynn (Hillis) Solomon.

We say good-bye to Paula Herman who has been on the Committee for the past five years and has Co-chaired the work with me for the past three years. THANK YOU, Paula for your dedication, especially with following up with the Monument Company to make sure they did what we asked of them, and for all your help with the paperwork in the Office, and help cleaning up of the garden twice a year; we will miss you!

We also give big Thanks to David Bricker and Robert Ott who have helped to dig the graves over the past many years. They have now both retired and we are very grateful for all the hard work they did. With that said, we are now looking for some willing hands to help with the grave digging – we do have a post hole digger!!!! We also give thanks to Ted Herman who has helped mark the spot for a grave with his Laser beam, which has been a big help!

We welcome the following new members: Eleanor McCune, Skip Brownlow and JoAnne Harris who have agreed to serve a three-year term to end in January 2025. Bob Brown, Rick and Jane Lackey have agreed to continue on this Committee, and Betty will help with the transition of a new Co-Chairperson.

On All Saints Sunday, November 7, we processed out to the Garden to place our crosses in the ground with the names of our loved Saints who have gone before us.

Anticipated Activities in 2022: To continue to care for the Garden to make it a place of Peaceful Solitude for all.



ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out)

Chairperson: Bob Sundermeyer

Members: All Retired men at Trinity and friends



Activity in 2021: Having dealt with Covid 19 for more than a year of meetings, we began again to meet at J.J.'s on the 8th of May, 2021.

Our average attendance since that date through December has been 14.

Anticipated Activity in 2022: We continue to hope to attract the younger men of the parish to join us.

TRINITY SERVICE TEAM (TST)



The Trinity Service Team is a group of men, women, and teens who do building and grounds care in cooperation with the Junior Warden, Trinity Men's Group, Memorial Garden Committee, and the Green Thumb Squad. TST's work is focused on the grounds, such as trimming shrubs and trees.

Chair person: Jay Lee

Activity in 2021

TST held scheduled NO clean-up green-up events in 2021; however, individuals who have assisted with the TST in the past worked on "the hill" to keep the weeds down and continue to improve the ground-cover. Marty Neuman, John & Vicky Barnard, Angela Rose, and Bill Warren spent many spring and summer hours weeding, trimming, and planting along the south side of the parking lot. In addition, John looked at the trees all around the building and had a company do some much needed trimming to keep limbs off the roof of the church and removing limbs that were in danger of breaking off. Peter Fairchild and Bill Warren removed significant dirt from the triangle bed along the building to the left of the Church doors, where water has damaged the wood beneath those windows, as well as the window frames. Larry Culligan worked to kill the invasive honeysuckle in that triangle bed and at the clean-out points for the sewer pipe on the "front lawn."

Anticipated activity for 2022

Reconvene the team to assess most needed outdoor property issues to plan for the year ahead. Of particular note are

- Trees hitting the tall parking lot lights in the wind, damaging the covers and, without wind, blocking part of the light.
- In the triangle bed, professional trimming for the three Burning Bush shrubs that have become trees, eradicating the honeysuckle and other invasive plants in that bed, and giving the barberry and holly bushes a good, healthy trim.
- Extending the Memorial Garden irrigation system with a drip-system to water the plants in the triangle bed without flooding the bed or spraying water against the windows and the wood along the wall of the Church.

BOY SCOUTS & GIRL SCOUTS AT TRINITY CHURCH

Trinity Church has long sponsored Sea Ship 5001, a Venture Scout Group, formerly an Explorer Post. In recent years, we began to sponsor Boy Scout Troop 763, and in 2020, Cub Scout Pack 763. Girls Scouts also meet at Trinity Church, currently, a Daisy Troop and a Brownie Troop.

Parishioner Liaisons to Trinity Church: #763, Mike Nichols, Crystal Little #5001, Jim Gigliotti; **Daisies**, Jennifer Eisele; **Brownies**, Erin Shetler

Activity in 2021: Troops began in-person meetings, according to Trinity Church and Diocesan guidelines and Scouting Guidelines that were stricter than those of the Church. **The BIG PROJECT FOR Troop 763** may be seen at right. The boys decided to replace our crumbling picnic table with **TWO** sturdy new ones, made by hand. They will be set on pavers in 2022!



TRINITY CHURCH REGATHERING PLAN

Chairperson: Jeff Leitch

2021 Activity: All the guidelines that were recommended last year, in order to guarantee a safe return to our church building, were followed. In late 2021, it became necessary to “revisit” safety and gathering requirements as a result of both rising Covid numbers and the requirements of the building construction.

Anticipated activity for 2022: The team intends to keep monitoring Diocesan guidelines, and working within those guidelines, while, simultaneously working within the framework of building construction and engaging our congregation in safe connections and work.



The Endowment Fund

THE PROGRAM ENDOWMENT (HAYNES) FUND

Purpose of the Fund: The purpose of Program Endowment Fund is to provide grants for projects that enhance the work of the church and increase connections with the wider community.

Examples of past grants include, establishing the parish library, sponsoring author-visits and book reviews; scholarships to attend Camp Phoenix, building the Labyrinth, dinner theater productions by parishioners, now-lost wearable papier-mâché angels; a diocesan-wide Lenten workshop with Barbara Cawthorne Crafton, a writing workshop open the St. Charles community, two parish-wide spiritual retreats, honoraria for speakers, visiting clergy retreat-leaders, musicians, singers,

Chairperson: Jane Fisher

Members: Three persons elected at large in successive years by the Annual Parish Meeting; liaison elected from the Vestry; and, *ex officio*, the Rector and Wardens of the Parish

Activity in 2021: No activities due to Covid-19/Corona Virus

Anticipated activity for 2022: Meet as a Committee; advertise the fund, and invite proposals for any projects that will enhance existing ministries or create new ones.



TEA (TRINITY EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE) FUND

Purpose of TEA Fund: The TEA Fund was created several years ago to assist in small ways with post-high school education or training for parishioners up to age 26. To be eligible, a young person must be an active parishioner at Trinity Church. Persons who have received grants since the fund was established have been acolytes, choir members, lectors, involved in Sunday school service projects and or an outreach effort, such as Share-A-Meal. Applications are available for graduating high school seniors or and others who are involved in post high school training or undergraduate education.

Chairperson: Carolyn Hackman

At-Large Members Carolyn Hackman, Erin Shelter, Rebecca Jones (each elected in successive years by Annual parish Meeting); **Other Members:** Liaison, elected by the Vestry; *ex officio*, Rector, Wardens

Activity in 2021: We were between years for our high school students to graduate; we did not meet in 2021, due to COVID-19.

Anticipated Activity for 2022: Advertise the fund for those who wish to donate, as well as those who wish to apply for a small grant. We will hold a meeting early in the year. We will also be joining forces in terms of oversight for a newly established fund to encourage parishioners over 26—no upper age limit—in their spiritual growth. The **ADULT CHRISTIAN ENRICHMENT FUND, or ACE**, was approved by the Vestry in late 2021. ACE and TEA Funds will share the same three At-Large members, but with one Vestry liaison for the TEA and one for the ACE Fund. Members *ex officio* will still be the Rector and Wardens.

