This has been my first year as your Junior Warden and in the absence of large scale construction projects as we've had in previous years, my report this year will be a short one.

This year the following projects have been completed:

**Gannon House work**: In May 2022, repair work was completed on the split system (\$993.64 May 19, 2022) and repair a collapsed vent and add coolant to the system (\$3,837.83, May 22) by Rock Hill Mechanical Corporation . In October 2022, Republic Roofing Inc. was hired to install new flashings to the leaking the chimney and replace some deteriorated sheathing (\$2,034.00). In September, the bathtub faucet failed and required a whole-house water shut off until a repair was made. Kirkwood Plumbing made that emergency repair within 24 hours of the report from our tenant, and fixed a leak under the kitchen sink identified by Jacob Volkl (\$794.59, 9/22/22).

## **Church Building work:**

An exciting animal moment in the building in May 2022, a bird in the Vesting Sacristy. Rev. Luke Jernagan heard chirping from behind the electrical box and then saw a feather sticking out. Tyler Schwartz was able to save the bird and eliminate any potential disaster to our wiring. Tyler and Brian Barnhart then conferred, agreeing to use a combination of spray foam and rigid foam board to close off the opening between our interior and exterior until a contractor could come through with a more permanent repair to the exterior hole.

In June 2022, a clogged drain in the third floor HVAC closet led to a back up of water on the floor that began to leak down the second floor. Many thanks to Mark Willingham for his quick action and help to mop up and shop vac the water as well as for bringing in two industrial fans to help dry the carpet upstairs. Thank you to our Director of Operations, Hannah Shanks, for her use of the drain snake to clear the clog. Mr. Rooter was contacted for the final clearance of the clog (\$376.65). Thank you to our wonderful Sexton, Barbara Wallace, for catching and cleaning up after the July 2022 clog in the air conditioner drain in classroom B. Items were moved into the hallway until Mr. Rooter was able to clear the clog (\$376.65) and A-Z Finishes was called out to take a look at the drywall of classroom B. Thankfully, A-Z finishes was able to confirm that no drywall damage occurred, as the leak water did not reach the drywall.

In October, while completing the Gannon house roofing project, Republic Roofing also completed a small repair (\$975) over leaking roof portions above Mitchell Hall and the third floor stairwell.

I would also like to acknowledge some of the multi-year projects for which we have seen completion for this year:

On June 7, 2022 with the dedication performed by Bishop Deon Johnson, our church saw the culmination of a collaboration between artist Cbabi Bayoc and famed stained glass company, Emil Frei & Associates, Inc. that took a total of five years from concept to finish. We look forward to the design and installation of the remaining windows. I encourage all members of our congregation to listen to the June 13, 2022 episode of "St. Louis on the Air" from our local NPR station (90.7 FM) featuring interviews with our Rector, the artist Cbabi and Aaron Frei of Emil Frei Studio and/or the Theology on Tap event from December 6, 2022 with our Rector, Senior Warden Rudy Nickens, and artist Cbabi about our beautiful and inspiring new window titled "Rise Up".

Lastly, I would like to congratulate our leadership on fully realizing our vision of a flexible worship space. We've discovered the joys of the Pray Ground at both the 8:00 and 10:30 services, as well as for our major events, like the Christmas Eve Pageant Service. For worship services, we've learned that the

three quarter round configuration has performed better than the facing setup that was visualized on pre-renovation architectural renderings.

For this upcoming year, the following projects are proposed or will be continued:

There are still outstanding repairs planned for the roof, we will be exploring how to best implement these repairs and seeking bids this year.

In March 2022, we collected a bid for repair of the retaining wall while considering application for the 2022 Church Assistance Endowment Fund Grants (CAEF). We were unable to pull together remaining materials by the April 2022 deadline, but hope to finalize options to address the retaining wall and revisit the CAEF path to help with the partial funding of this project in 2023.

If you've walked up Jackson Ave. towards the entrance of the church, you may have noticed the "slight" lean to the fence that separates the church building from the Gannon House. This year we plan to decide on the fate of this fence, to be repaired or removed.

It has long been a desire of our leadership and congregation to investigate the possibility of solar options to move Holy Communion towards a greener existence. Due to our challenging roofing configuration, three different roofs meeting as one, implementation of solar will need to be well planned and potentially costly. We seek to put together a committee to take up the mantle of exploring these options and costs. As part of the parish-wide discussion of focused projects for our renovation, making changes to our front elevation was one project that fell lower on our list of priorities at the time. We would now like to revisit this project in earnest, collecting and evaluating ideas that will better utilize this space for our church and our neighbors. If this is a project which you would like to be involved in, please speak with Susan Norris.

Lastly, but certainly not least, a major thank you to Michael Salsich and Jacob Volkl for all of their advice, personal time and efforts troubleshooting and fixing several problems with heating and cooling issues that occurred at Gannon House during this past year. We sincerely appreciate your swift response and expertise.



