

As We look back upon 2021 we have much to be grateful for.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our congregation we were able to make some notable equipment upgrades. Most significantly, we purchased a new acoustic drum set with a 7 piece mic set. We upgraded the most important mic in the church by purchasing a new top of the line headset mic for Pastor Josh. And with the purchase of an additional 24 channel stage box and 150' digital snake we were able to utilize our sanctuary soundboard to run sound for our outdoor worship services. The improvement this made to our outdoor worship services was quite pronounced.

Thanks to a very generous donation from a family in our congregation we were able to purchase two additional 4' x 8' stage pieces. Adding these to the three we already had made it possible for the entire worship band to be on the stage during our outdoor worship services. Several of our band members were most grateful to no longer have to stand in the dew soaked lawn with their electric instruments.

Thanks to the work/coordination of Susan Pike, our worship band was invited to play a worship set at Septemberfest in Mt. Kisco. I am still blown away by the fact that we got to play a set of worship songs in the village square!

I was as equally blown away by how well this was received by the community and event organizers. I expect that we will be invited back in 2022.

As notable as equipment upgrades and playing at septemberfest were, there are two developments from 2021 that I hold as most dear.

The first of these was the addition of Melinda Roc to our band. I honestly find myself at a loss for words in trying to describe what her arrival means to us as a band and to us as a congregation. I am looking forward to seeing her role increase as she grows as a worship leader.

Secondly, at the end of 2021 we began having the youth join us on 5th Sundays. Again, I have a hard time verbally quantifying what their presence during these worship services means to us. I can't wait to see all that God will build from this as we continue to make their involvement on 5th Sundays the standard going forward.

Lastly, I want to inform you that in 2021 I submitted my application to become a licensed worker in the C&MA. I look forward to walking through the licensing process and am eager to see all that God will do as I submit to His calling.

In Christ,

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