



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EUREKA | CALIFORNIA



# ANNUAL

## Report 2025



"You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others so that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:14, 16).

**Prepared for  
Annual Meeting of the Parish  
February 8, 2026**

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We seek to glorify God, follow Jesus Christ, and serve all people through the power of the Holy Spirit, as a community of companions walking together in the Way of Christ's Love for all.



## Our Core Values

Worship  
Discipleship  
Fellowship  
Outreach  
Hospitality



## Land Acknowledgment

Christ Episcopal Church acknowledges that we gather on the traditional land of the Wiyot people, who are still here, and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the life of the Wiyot Tribe.

# Overview of the Events of the Year

The Christ Church Eureka family, which holds people in prayer from the cradle to the grave, began the year of 2025 with a burial and a baptism: [the Burial of our beloved Daniel Lawrence Hafer](#) and [the Holy Baptism of a joyful Joel Coffey](#), followed by a [Bobby Jo Valentine concert](#) and a special [Shrove Sunday](#) in which we formally welcomed and installed our newest associate priest: [Mother Nancy](#)! During Lent, we marked the 1700th anniversary of the ecumenical Council of Nicaea by studying the [Nicene Creed](#) and then we initiated four cherished souls into the Body of Christ through the sacrament of [Holy Baptism](#) at [the Great Vigil of Easter](#). We commemorated the 250th anniversary of the founding of Trinidad CA with a spectacular Sacred Saunter on [the Feast of the Holy Trinity](#) and then celebrated [the Season of Creation](#) for the first time (and likely not the last), a season that concluded with three [St. Francis](#) Blessing of the Animals services!

We also shared moments of sober, prayerful silence together on the [140th anniversary of Eureka's Chinese Expulsion](#) and said our sad [goodbyes to the adored Powers family](#), whose presence will be missed for many moons to come. We also grieved the heartbreaking loss of long-term lay leader, faithful parishioner and esteemed pillar of the Christ Church community, [Howard W. Gardner](#).

We were blessed with some powerful guest preachers: [the Rev. Mike Kinman](#), [Dr. Paul Blankenship](#), and the [Very Rev. Canon Gary Hall](#); and this year we re-introduced [the Kirkin' o' the Tartans](#), thanks to Beth and Ian Haynes!

Our church campus was significantly enhanced by the professional painting of Erik Jackson's team (thanks to our Junior Warden Heidi Erickson's leadership) and by the addition of a new Sts. M & M courtyard plaque (thanks to Royal), a [Celtic Cross for the Chapel](#) (made by David Tschoepe), and the new [Connie Butler](#) Art Gallery in the Pierson Room. The vestry also made the decision to continue enhancing our campus by installing solar panels on the roof of the education building (with batter storage), a project that we will be learning more about in 2026 (thanks to the Green Team, chaired by Steve Preston).

Our church family continues to be edified by stimulating Sunday forums, monthly Labyrinth Walks, Movie Nights, an incredible Bible Study of the Book of Acts (led by Pastor Karen), our thriving community of Associates of [The Sisters of the Transfiguration](#), our Quilters, our enthusiastic support of the [Betty Kwan Chinn Homeless Foundation](#), our outreach ministries, and all the many other expressions of our life together which flow out of that which is most central to our collective identity: our Sunday morning worship!

Personally, I have been especially encouraged and blessed by the addition of our Wednesday Morning Prayer/Holy Eucharist services (thanks to Mother Nancy), the launching of our YOUTH GROUP (thanks to Youth Minister Robin Cardona!) and the [Thomas Merton Redwoods Chapter](#), the delightful [Spiritual Friendship Retreat](#), and most of all, by my wife's safe return home from her year [teaching at Harvard](#).

Although we have already faced local and global challenges in 2026, we continue to uphold our mission at Christ Church. In January, we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany (with the potent smells of frankincense and myrrh) and on the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, we welcomed Theodore Alex Zheng into the Body of Christ through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. During that service, we light a small candle from the Paschal Candle and hand it to the baptizand, saying, "Receive this candle and know that you are the light of the world. Let your light shine before others so that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." May these words, from Jesus's Sermon on the Mount, encourage and guide us into the future, as we remember our baptismal vows and our mission to glorify God, follow Jesus Christ, and serve all people through the power of the Holy Spirit.

- Fr. Daniel

## Let us welcome the newly baptized.



Left: Joyful Joel Leopoldo Coffey, son of Linnea Hill and Powel Coffey. Baptized on February 2, 2025 – Feast of the Presentation in the Temple.



Left: Holy Baptism is especially appropriate at the Great Vigil of Easter, April 19, 2025. Four candidates were presented for baptism: Cate Arabella Dobson, Daisie Harris, Grace Emma-Lin Maples, and Ryler Machado Maples.

Below: January 11, 2026 – First Sunday after the Epiphany  
The Baptism of our Lord. Theodore Alex Zheng

We receive you into the household  
of God. Confess the faith  
of Christ crucified,  
proclaim his resurrection,  
and share with us in  
his eternal priesthood.

*Book of Common Prayer, Holy Baptism, p. 308*





# **AGENDA**

(as of 01/31/26)

- The Annual Meeting is Convened – Sunday, February 8, 9:30 am
- Announcement of Candidates (*Candidate Questionnaires – Pages 6-7*)
- Further Nominations (*no second required*)
- Motion to Close Nominations
- Voting eligibility\*
- Appointment of Tellers
- Polls are open for one hour/announce end time
- Tellers have ballots if needed.

Please give your completed ballots to the tellers at the end of the morning worship service.

Tellers will be stationed at the back of the nave.

- Holy Eucharist (Homily as Rector's Report)
- Prayer for Parish
- Other Reports
- Video Montage 2025
- Welcome & Celebrating New Staff Members
- Treasurer's Report – Budget for 2026
- Looking Forward Towards 2026
- Comments for the Good of the Parish
- Another Video Montage 2025
- Election Results
- Wardens' Award
- Rector's Recognition Award
- Necrology
- New Baptisms
- Closing Song
- Closing Prayer
- Meeting Adjournment
- Sung Dismissal

**\*Who May Vote?** The Church Constitution, Section 3.1, states: Determination of Members; Voting Members

The members of this Parish shall be people who have received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, whether in this or another Christian Church, whose baptisms have been recorded in this Church, and who meet such other criteria as are prescribed by the Canons of The Episcopal Church and the Diocese. All members sixteen years of age and over shall be considered adult members, provided that, only those members of legal age (i.e. at least 18) who, at the time of any Parish meeting, have been communicants of record and givers of record upon the records and books of this Parish for a minimum of six months and who have received Holy Communion in this Parish a minimum of three times in the preceding year shall be qualified to vote at said meeting. {NC I.17.1 and I.17.2; DC 36.3}

## **VESTRY CANDIDATE | Rich Baker | Candidate Questionnaire**

I started attending Christ Church in 2022 after my friend Chris Hamer invited me to join the congregation. I was raised in the Catholic Church and I've always maintained my faith, but for several years before I joined Christ Church, I was not a regular member of any church. I was immediately impressed by Father Daniel's insightful sermons and also by all the good work that the church does in the community.

To answer the Vestry questions:

### **What attributes or talents will you bring to the Vestry?**

I am a problem solver. I'm able to look at a situation from multiple angles and find ways to make sense out of complex situations. This skill has served me well throughout my life, and I look forward to the opportunity to work with the Vestry to address any new and challenging situations that come up for the church over the coming years. I founded and Humboldt Bay Marathon in 2015 and I have managed this nonprofit organization for the past 11 years, successfully running an annual race, and I have always been an event organizer. I am currently a chief business official for the South Bay school district, so I would be very comfortable addressing any financial issues that may come before the Vestry.

### **What ministries have you participated in within the last two years at Christ Church?**

I was a lay delegate to the diocesan convention in Redding in November 2025 where I met church leaders from across the diocese, and I actively participated in the debate about the resolution to change the apportionment schedule. I have served as an usher and as a coffee hour volunteer. I am currently discussing with Mother Nancy a plan to give a presentation at the adult forum on how my scientific background informs my faith.

### **Which leadership area do you believe you could help grow, expand and be an advocate for?**

I believe that I can provide valuable input to the financial management of the church. I also hope to find new ways to expand our congregation through outreach and community events.

Thank you for considering my interest in serving in the Vestry for Christ Church.



## **VESTRY CANDIDATE | Elizabeth Harper-Lawson | Candidate Questionnaire**

### **What attributes or talents will you bring to the vestry?**

People have commented that I am responsible, dedicated, and curious. As head of a research department, I learned how to find out things, serve clients in a timely manner, and manage a substantial budget. As a caregiver with Visiting Angels, I have learned to listen to our clients to see what they want and desire, not just what I think they need.

I have a passion for the continued thriving of our church, both the Body of Christ, we the people, and our physical properties.



## **What ministries at Christ Church have you participated in over the last two years?**

Even after discussions about “ministry” and helping with what goes into the “Ministry Handbook”, I’m not sure what distinguishes a “ministry” from other church related activities. So, I will list my participation:

Over the last two years I have appreciated being an Acolyte, Eucharistic Minister, Eucharistic Visitor, and Reader. In addition, I’ve enjoyed being on Altar Guild, as well as the Concert Committee, Finance Committee, Labyrinth Committee, Stewardship Committee and contributing to Coffee Hour. It was also my privilege to serve a one year term as Senior Warden.

## **What leadership area do you believe you could grow, expand, or be an advocate for?**

This is such a blessed time for Christ Church. We have the finest of office and music Staff and our dedicated Clergy. Our building looks great on the outside thanks to the new paint, and on the inside thanks to our sexton.

This is a perfect time to assist members in locating ministries that they might like to be involved in as well as encourage community members to find joy and meaning in worshipping with us.

## **VESTRY CANDIDATE | Carrie Moses | Candidate Questionnaire**

My name is Carrie Moses and I have attended Christ Church Eureka for approximately two years. Although I was christened in the Eastern Orthodox Church, I attended Episcopal schools while growing up in New Orleans, LA. After a long spiritual journey that eventually led me back to my Christian roots, I chose Christ Church because of the deeply positive memories of my education in Episcopal schools, and the experiences that helped form my values and identity. From the first Sunday service I attended, I felt a sense of belonging with our beautiful church and faith community.

I am a mother of two teens and a behavioral health clinician. I earned my undergraduate and graduate degrees in psychology at Humboldt State University, and have been in practice for nearly 23 years. I have spent most of my career in public education, serving children with emotional and behavioral disorders. I believe that skills I’ve developed as a professional would positively contribute to the vestry. Specifically, my compassion, patience, dedication, and ability to work with teams with diverse viewpoints to problem-solve and find mutually agreeable outcomes.



I have participated in the food ministry and I’m currently a Eucharistic minister and visitor, reader, and intercessor. I am also an aspirant associate of the Community of the Transfiguration. I am committed to keeping our church going as a vibrant community of companions that live out our faith in ways that reflect Christs’ love for all. I feel especially called to our healing ministry and spiritual care for both parishioners and the community.

## **NOMINEES FOR LAY DELEGATE TO THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION**

**NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF FIVE (5) CONVENTION DELEGATES:** These are important positions that represent our parish in the decision-making Annual Convention of our Diocese. Any voting member of the parish may self-nominate at the Annual Meeting. Christ Church can send five (5) delegates to the convention. Any runners-up will be elected as alternates. This year's Annual Convention will be held online on Saturday, October 24 and the full early registration fee for delegates and alternates can be reimbursed by the church if desired.

**Nominations for Convention Delegates will be accepted from the floor.**



**RICH BAKER**



**ROBIN CARDONA**



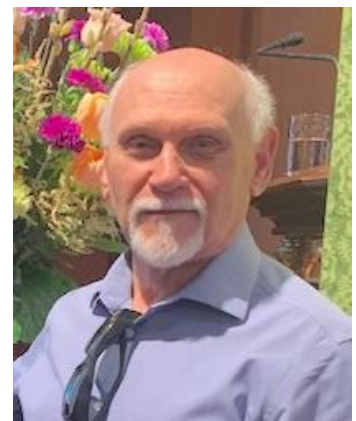
**ANN CARTER**



**ELIZABETH  
HARPER-LAWSON**



**MERRY PHILLIPS**



**STEVE PRESTON**



**SHEENA RUCHE**



## **ANNUAL REPORT – The Rev. Jeri Gray-Reneberg | Associate Rector**

I've now been an official Associate Priest of Christ Church for three years. Whenever I am present, whether as celebrant, preacher, worshipper, educator/facilitator, participant, audience, or member of a small group, I am struck by the heart, vitality, talent, and commitment of this parish. I give thanks for the Holy Spirit's presence which is so tangible. I am grateful for opportunities to serve, and for friendships and collegial relationships. I am grateful especially to Fr. Daniel for inviting me four years ago to become an official part of the clergy of Christ Church, with my unique "Lutherpalian" experiences and love for the line that I have straddled since my ordination and initial ministry in a joint Episcopal-Lutheran congregation so many years ago.



Here is the breakdown of my activities in 2025:

### **Christ Church:**

- Chronicle Articles (with a break in Nov.) and Annual Report Submitted
- Regular Staff Committee and Clergy Meetings
- Clericus (Semper Virens Deanery) Meetings and Gatherings
- Preached on Good Friday, June 1, June 22, and December 14
- Presided on January 12, March 16, May 4, July 13, and November 9
- Acted as Lector on Palm Sunday and at Easter Vigil; read parts for the Passion dramatic readings on Palm Sunday and Good Friday
- Led book discussion on *The Creed* for Lenten soup supper on March 25
- Planned, presided over, and played piano for Blue Christmas service on December 13 (planning to facilitate a Bereavement Group in the near future with Jenny Coleman, retired Social Worker)
- Participated in Lenten Soup Suppers, Maundy Thursday Dinner, Dementia Workshop (The Rev. Perry Polk) on March 15, Life Planning Workshop (Mtr. Nancy) on July 12, Spiritual Friendship Retreat (Fr. Daniel and David Powell) on August 23, and The Blessing of the Animals on the Feast of St. Francis at John and Jenny Coleman's home
- Made a pastoral visit to Ann Carter in hospital in Santa Rosa on May 16
- Attended Clergy Conference at Bishop's Ranch May 13-15, Deanery Convocation October 4, and Diocesan Convention in Redding November 7-8
- Present for burial services for Dan Hafer (January 25) and Howard Gardner (July 19)

### **Other Churches:**

- Preached and Presided at St. Paul's, Crescent City, on March 30, July 6, and November 30
- Attended service at United Congregational Christian Church on March 23 for a farewell reception for a friend
- Attended Wren and Erik's parish, St. Luke's Memorial, in Tacoma, on March 9, September 21 and 28, and December 21, Christmas Eve, and December 28

### **ELCA/Synod Activities:**

- Met with Synod Dean Janet Blair when she visited this area in August
- Visited Dean Janet's church in Santa Rosa in May
- Participated in Redwood Mountain Conference meetings on Zoom
- Visited Lutheran congregations in University Place, Washington, and Fountain Valley, California, while on travels

### Continuing Education:

- Participated in nine online sessions of the Thriving Leadership Formation: The Enneagram in Ministry workshops, sponsored by a Lilly Foundation grant

### Other Activities:

- Participated in Planned Parenthood of Northern California Clergy For Reproductive Freedom meetings
- Participated in February Zoom meeting, and my last in-person meeting (October, after nine years) of the Convocation of California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, California (my Alma Mater) and visited with my mother, sister, Linden, and her boyfriend Mason

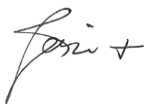
### Personal:

- Participated in local justice-related activities as able
- Made three trips to Tacoma: March (Greta's 1st birthday), September (to care for the dogs and house while they spent time in Finland), and December, for Christmas
- Made two trips to Southern California: May (my niece's wedding), and October
- 36th Wedding Anniversary with Perry on April 22
- 38th Ordination Anniversary on December 13
- Annual MRI (May) and Mammogram (November) at UCSF, nothing remarkable
- Attended online Cancer Survivorship Programs offered by UCSF
- Attended meetings as able of the Daughters of the American Revolution

It is always tempting to think of ourselves, and our parish, as having “arrived,” as being the best leader or member that we are capable of being. Or, on the other hand, to feel as if we should be doing more, giving more of our time, talent, and treasure. Or to be doing so much that we are not the best stewards of God's gifts of life and health. I take comfort in these words of Martin Luther. Maybe they will bless you as well.

“This life, therefore, is not righteousness  
but growth in righteousness,  
not health but healing,  
not being but becoming,  
not rest but exercise.  
We are not yet what we shall be  
but we are growing toward it,  
the process is not yet finished  
but it is going on,  
This is not the end  
but it is the road.  
All does not gleam in glory  
but all is being purified.”

Much love to all of you. Soli Deo Gloria!



The Rev. Jeri Gray-Reneberg







## **ANNUAL REPORT – The Rev. Nancy Streufert, Associate Rector**

On March 2, I was delighted to return to Christ Church as Associate Priest with a ceremony of New Ministry. My last service at St. Alban's where I served as Priest Associate for ten years was the Feast of the Epiphany on Jan 6, 2025. I am filled with gratitude for the welcome from Fr. Daniel and the opportunities that he has provided me to immerse myself back into the congregation where I was raised up and ordained priest on January 31, 2025. Below are listed the elements of the vows of the priestly vocation and how I met my commitments in 2025:



### **Proclaim by Word and Deed the Gospel of Jesus Christ:**

*Associate Priest:* My primary responsibility as Associate Priest is to support the Rector, the Rev. Dr. Daniel London, and to serve the Christ Church congregation. In 2025, my service included:

- ♦ Preaching (20 sermons/homilies including supply and weekday services).
- ♦ Celebrating Eucharist at Sunday services, special weekday services (Ash Wednesday and Feast of the Ascension), and one of the Sacred Saunters at Sequoia Park.
- ♦ Coordinating and officiating Morning Prayer (Daily Office) and celebrating monthly Eucharists and preaching on Wednesday mornings.
- ♦ Officiating Choral Compline services in Advent (alternating with Fr. Daniel).
- ♦ Providing pastoral care and hospital visits to members of the congregation.
- ♦ Serving as Confessor for the sacrament Reconciliation of a Penitent.
- ♦ Blessing of the Animals (with Fr. Daniel and Pastor Jeri) at the Coleman home on October 5.
- ♦ Coordinating and co-facilitating Christian education/formation activities.
- ♦ Serving on the Clergy team, Concert Committee, and Worship/Music Committee.
- ♦ Attending the Mutual Ministry Review June 14 with church leaders and Vestry.

*Supply Priest:* I celebrated Eucharist and preached at the following area Episcopal churches: St. Paul's, Crescent City and St. Francis, Fortuna.

*Funerals:* I officiated at two graveside funeral services: Christopher Earles at the Ferndale Cemetery on April 12 and Ivy Olsen at the Trinidad Cemetery on July 20.

### **Christian Education/Formation/Discipleship:**

- ♦ *Sunday Forum:* I led/facilitated the Advent forum "Heaven's Earthly Life" on the poetry of Wendell Berry.
- ♦ *The Creed:* During the Lenten soup suppers, I participated with my priest colleagues in presenting and facilitating discussion on Luke Timothy Johnson's book *The Creed*.
- ♦ *Lectio Divina:* I led a group of our disciples in the chapel during Advent in this spiritual practice with the Sunday gospel lessons.
- ♦ *Education for Ministry (EfM):* I mentor (administer and facilitate) the Semper Virens Deanery EfM group, a weekly seminar. EfM is taking a break and will resume at some point in the future.
- ♦ *Lent Madness:* I continued to promote this engaging way for our people to learn about the men and women comprising the Church's Calendar of Saints.
- ♦ *The Good Book Club:* I continued to promote and publicize this series developed by The Episcopal Church for studying the Scriptures.

### **For the Good of Community:**

- ♦ *Life Plan/Legacy Workshop:* In collaboration with the Stewardship Committee, I coordinated and facilitated a deanery-wide workshop July 12 on estate planning presented by Episcopal Foundation Board members Tony Yang and Peter Juve and local attorney Judd Patton.



- ♦ *Dementia Workshop*: I coordinated a deanery-wide workshop March 14-15 on Dementia led by the Rev. Perry Polk.

*Other Ministry Activities:*

- ♦ *Clinton Global Initiative*: In this nine-month program sponsored by the Clinton Foundation, I participated with Fr. Daniel and Archdeacon Pam and other Humboldt community faith leaders to raise awareness about and work toward solutions to combat opioid addiction.
- ♦ *Community of the Transfiguration (CT)*: As a CT Associate, I pray regularly for the Sisters, Oblates, and Associates and celebrate Eucharist (alternating with Fr. Daniel and Mother Lesley) at our local monthly CT Associates gatherings. I attended the online Associates Spring Retreat and the Dec 6 Advent Quiet Day promoted and supported by our local CT affiliates.
- ♦ *Choir/Flute*: I sang alto in the choir and played flute occasionally for offertory and communion music. I encouraged collaboration with musicians for the Wednesday morning services.
- ♦ *Concert Committee*: I am a member and co-chair with Steve Cole.
- ♦ *Community Blessings*: I offered the invocation at the annual Trinidad Memorial Ceremony on Memorial Day and the Blessing of the Fleet in Trinidad on Thanksgiving Day.
- ♦ *Betty Chinn Community Christmas Dinner*: I joined volunteers from Christ Church and other faith communities to support Betty in this meaningful outreach event.

Sharing in the Councils of the Church:

As a clergy member in the Diocese of Northern California, I attended in 2025:

- ♦ Diocesan Clergy Conference (May 13-15)
- ♦ Diocesan Convocation (October 4)
- ♦ Diocesan Convention (November 7-8)
- ♦ Deanery clergy working group meetings (periodically)

I serve as:

- ♦ Standing Committee Member, elected at the 2025 Diocesan Convention for a four-year term. The Standing Committee serves as the Bishop's Council of Advice and acts as the ecclesiastical authority (church governance) when a bishop is absent or the office is vacant, handling major decisions like approving bishop elections, overseeing property, and guiding ordinations.
- ♦ Board Member of the Episcopal Foundation of Northern California.
- ♦ Chair of the Resolutions and Memorials Committee of the Diocesan Convention.
- ♦ Chair of the Semper Virens Deanery Regional Discernment Group (RDG) to assist those who are discerning a call to Holy Orders. Our deanery had one discerner in 2025.
- ♦ Title IV Intake Officer for the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California.
- ♦ Member of the Joint Disciplinary Board comprised of lay and clerical members from the dioceses of San Joaquin, Northern California, California, and El Camino Real (resigned in June 2025 to take on the role of Intake Officer).





### Personal Development/Continuing Education:

*Ignatian Spirituality:* I attended two events on Ignatian Spirituality at El Retiro, the Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos: “Introduction to Ignatian Spirituality” in February and a 5-day silent Ignatian Spirituality retreat in September.

*Spirituality of Preaching:* I attended this online retreat March 1 led by the Rev. Brian Rebholtz with my Christ Church clergy colleagues.

*Spiritual Friendship Retreat:* I attended this retreat in the chapel led by Fr. Daniel on August 23.

*St. Teresa of Avila Book Study:* I participated in this discipleship series to study St. Teresa’s book, *The Interior Castle*.

*Thomas Merton Chapter:* I am a member of the Chapter and meet monthly with other disciples in reading together and discussing Merton’s classic *Seeds of Contemplation*.

*Karen Stanley Bible Study:* I joined my fellow disciples on Thursday afternoons in reading together and deep diving into studying and interpreting the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles.

Respectfully submitted,

Mtr. Nancy Streufert

### **DEACON 2025 ANNUAL REPORT - The Rev. Anne Pierson, The Venerable Pam Gossard**

Although Deacon Anne has been unable to attend in person for most of the year, her strong diaconal identity was intact in multiple ways. She has kept in touch and prayed regularly for those needing pastoral care. In addition to attending services online, she has also participated in online diocesan meetings such as convocation and Standing Committee.

The following highlights some of the activities of Archdeacon Pam during 2025.

#### **Outreach**

\*Active member of Christ Church Outreach Committee encouraging, inspiring, and enabling the congregational sharing of time, talent, and treasure

\*Weekly community involvement at the Betty Kwan Chinn Day Center and Betty’s House, the medical respite facility in partnership with St. Joseph Hospital

\*Selected to participate and represent Christ Church in The Clinton Foundation’s Overdose Response Network along with Fr. Daniel and Mtr. Nancy

\*Set up Vestry tour and assisted at the blessing service at Betty’s Bayside Village

\*Assisted with the Blessing of the Animals at Betty’s Bayside Village, Joy Mass, and the Coleman’s Rio Dell home



*Underwear donations for  
Back to School*



*The Vestry at Betty's Bayside Village*



*We welcomed Valerie Markin as donations liaison, picture taken at the Betty Kwan Chinn Day Center*

- \*Camp Living Waters and leading the Christian formation groups (Glade) on the topic of loving your neighbor
- \*Volunteered as an altar monitor at the HAPI 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Humboldt Obon Festival in August
- \*Assembling volunteers for Betty Chinn's annual Community Christmas Dinner at the Municipal Auditorium



*Christ Church volunteers at Betty's Christmas Dinner*



## **Worship, Fellowship, Hospitality, Discipleship**

- \*Participating during the Sunday Worship services as deacon of the word and table
- \*Trained two new and truly wonderful torch bearers, Grace Maples and Ryler Maples
- \*Healing prayer ministry
- \*Active participation in Wednesday Morning Prayer and assisting Mtr. Nancy with Wednesday Eucharists
- \*Active participation with Centering Prayer group that meets in the Chapel
- \*Engaging in Pastoral care in person, on the phone, and at the hospital
- \*Active participation in monthly Staff and Worship meetings
- \*Participated in deanery Demetia Workshop training with Rev. Perry Poke
- \*Singing in the choir and at the Advent Compline services
- \*Active participation in Luke and Acts Bible Studies led by Karen Stanley
- \*Attendance at Vestry meetings (seat and voice) and at the annual Vestry Retreat
- \*Participation at Sacred Saunters
- \*Attendance at monthly Deanery Clericus meetings



*Advent torch bearers*



*The choir at St. Joseph Hospital Christmas tree lighting*

I have the privilege to serve as one of two Archdeacons in The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California with some of the following activities.

- \*Regular online meetings with Bishop Megan Traquair and The Venerable Margaret Grayden
- \*Active participation in monthly diocesan Commission on Ministry meetings
- \*Active member of the Commission on Ministry's Formation Committee
- \*Participating in diocesan in-person Discernment Weekends
- \*Leading series of Zoom monthly Zoom sessions with Transitional Deacons
- \*Facilitating pre-ordination retreats for Transitional and Vocational Deacons
- \*Participation at Ordinations at Trinity Cathedral twice a year
- \*Participating in Association for Episcopal Deacons (AED) and Archdeacon and Directors (A3D) activities and conferences



*Sauntering with the Bishop Megan*



\* Networking with deanery, diocesan, Province VIII, and The Episcopal Church deacons

\* Attendance at the in-person Clergy Conference in May and meetings with diocesan deacons

\* Regular participation in Diocesan Clergy and Leadership Zoom meetings

\* Worship planning and participation at Diocesan Convention

As deacons, our charge and greatest joy continues to be one that is attentive to and supportive of both existing and new ways members of our congregation can reach out to our community fulfilling our mission of glorifying God, following Jesus Christ and serving all people through the power of the Holy Spirit and our vision to be a community of companions walking together in the way of Christ's love for all.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Venerable Pam Gossard

### **A BLOOMING MINISTRY**

To the parishioners who arrange flowers for church altar each week, it's not just a task. It's a gift, of their creative talents and of the beauty of God's world. Many thanks to Alice Rosendahl, Annalee Veach, Gigi Rivinus, Elizabeth Harper Lawson and Thomas Swanger for sharing their creative talents.



## **COMMUNITY OF THE TRANSFIGURATION – Stephanie Schultz, Oblate**

[ctsisters.org](http://ctsisters.org)

contact: Stephanie Schultz, Oblate, CT. 707.498.1058



### **Associates**

Today many people are searching for a way to live out a more meaningful spiritual life in the world. As Associates of the Community of the Transfiguration, men and women, lay and ordained are offered the opportunity to participate in the spiritual life of the Community as a part of their ongoing life in the world.

Associates are committed Christians who create and keep a rule-of-life. The Associates handbook has guidelines to help individuals (one will receive support) as they create a rule.

Associates are an integral part of the Community and share in its ministry of service and prayer. They may always ask for intercession or spiritual guidance from members of the Community and are welcome to visit the Mother House in Cincinnati. Associates also meet locally for spiritual support and community. Associates are part of our extended family throughout the United States and in many parts of the world.

### **Oblates**

Oblates of the Community of the Transfiguration are women and men who, responding to Christ's example and invitation, live out their baptismal covenant by making an offering of self to God through the Community of the Transfiguration.

Each Oblate prayerfully works out an individual way of living a life of self-offering in consultation with the Oblate Director. This self-offering includes a life of prayer and service through the Community. As they live out their religious vocation within their own life, they are witnesses to the love of Christ and their commitment to the Community. Oblates create a rule-of-life based on the guidelines in the Oblate Handbook.

The lives of prayer and ministry of the Oblates creates a community of support between Oblates and Sisters and among themselves. Oblates are asked, if able to spend some time each year at the Mother House. There are Oblates across the country.

This last year, the Associates and Oblate gathered on many occasions for fellowship and spiritual enrichment. They extended this to the Deanery as they hosted their first Advent Quiet Day in December based on the Sisters request to expand their ministry through activities practiced in Cincinnati. The next Lenten Quiet Day will be held on February 28th in Lewis Hall.

For more information, or for first steps in becoming an Associate or Oblate, please contact Stephanie Schultz, Oblate of the Community at 707.498.1058.

**For information on the many ministries of the Sisters visit [ctsisters.org](http://ctsisters.org).**

### **Oblate and Associates of the Community of the Transfiguration**

Oblate - Stephanie Schultz

Associates

Emily Arents, Lin Chase, Kathy Clague, The Venerable Pam Gossard, Elizabeth Harper-Lawson,  
The Rev. Dr. Daniel London, The Rev. Lesley McCloghrie, Betty Moore, The Rev. Anne Pierson,  
The Rev. Nancy Streufert, Nellie Thompson

Candidates - Peg Gardner, Carrie Moses, Jill Maples, Sheena Ruchte



## **SENIOR WARDEN REPORT – Merry Phillips | Senior Warden**

I had a delightful phone conversation with Becky Price-Hall, Senior Warden at St. Alban's in Arcata. We shared what we have learned and discovered over the past year serving as senior wardens and discussed what to include in our respective reports. One thing we agreed on – while there is much to report on regarding activities at our churches, we are not necessarily the people to do that. So, keeping that in mind, I am going to share my personal experience, highlight a few activities, and ask for your help and feedback as we enter the new year.

The question I am asked most often, by parishioners and friends outside of the church, is “what does a senior warden do?” My answer ... “I’m not exactly sure, I’m finding my way.” There is no “job description.” As Christopher Webber states in *The Vestry Handbook* (4<sup>th</sup> rev. ed.), “[F]or the most part, the wardens’ leadership will be more a matter of tradition and chemistry” (p. 7). While I hoped for more guidance initially, I discovered that I was looking in the wrong place for guidance ... so after turning to the Holy Spirit (while still asking lots of questions from those with hands-on experience) I found myself on my own path.

I have learned a lot about Christ Church and its operations and have especially enjoyed talking with and getting to know more of you. I am finding it a privilege and honor to support Fr. Daniel in his work and service to the church. I am discovering my leadership strengths (and weaknesses) and creating my own chemistry.

Webber states that “all will look to [the wardens] as enablers and communicators whose gifts and commitment will make things happen and bring the parish together in support of common goals” (p. 7). “Their ministry will become effective through ... ordinary means ... and, above all, praying daily for the parish and all its members” (p. 7).

- 1) Enable parish leaders, 2) effectively communicate with all, 3) support the shared vision and mission, and core values of the church, and 4) pray daily for the parish and all parishioners – these will be my goals for 2026 as I’m honored to serve another year as Senior Warden.

Taking a broad look back, here are a few highlights that may not show up in the other annual reports:

- Please continue using the Suggestion Box in Lewis Hall. Your suggestions are considered and often have tangible results. The Parking Lot Rummage Sale we held in June was the result of one suggestion.
- A Mutual Ministry Review was held on June 14, facilitated by The Rev. Sara Potter. Vestry and staff members attended. An outcome of the review was a list of needs we identified and ranked.
- The Vestry held a retreat in August – the day combined a morning group study of the book *How we Learn to Be Brave*, by Mariann Budde and a business meeting in the afternoon.
- It was a pleasure to be involved with the “Good Neighbors Day” for the Muni Neighborhood. We met our neighbors and they got to know us through the many friendly faces of volunteers who turned out to help at our table. We were later invited to participate in a new community calendar and website and were able to share our Advent and Christmas services with the larger community for free.

Making and renewing connections with our neighbors was rewarding. We heard that our neighbors find our campus visually appealing and appreciate the efforts we make to maintain our campus and we heard from people who attended a concert and enjoyed the beauty of the sanctuary. And now, some of those folks have joined us for worship.

There are many ways you can stay connected with what is happening at Christ Church. Rather than write about them here, I think I will make it a focus of my next *Chronicle* article. In the meantime, please share with me





what kind of communication you find most effective and/or how we might improve current communications within the parish.

In her 2019 Annual Report, past Senior Warden Jackie Moore shared the following quote which I have remembered and share again now as it seems loving and gentle reminder of the role of a warden:

*"None of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful."* – Mother Teresa

Respectfully submitted,  
Merry Phillips, Senior Warden

## **JUNIOR WARDEN ANNUAL REPORT – Heidi Erickson | Junior Warden**

It was a busy year here at Christ Church Eureka in 2025. Here are just a few of the highlights.

We began with a lot of rain in the late winter/early spring, so there wasn't much outside work that could be done. But once the rain let up, we were on the go. \

First, the 15th St gate had a large metal plate and deadbolt lock added to it for security. Thanks to Bay Tank and Security Lock and Safe for their patient and knowledgeable employees that installed the plate and lock.

Then, the doors on the G St. side of the chapel were replaced by Lindstrom Construction and Redwood Glass. Security Lock & Safe replaced the locks. Security Lock was on our campus a lot this past year.

Shortly after that, the Lewis Hall door was updated to an automatic push button door. It's my hope that it is much easier for our friends with walkers and wheelchairs to come in and out of church now.

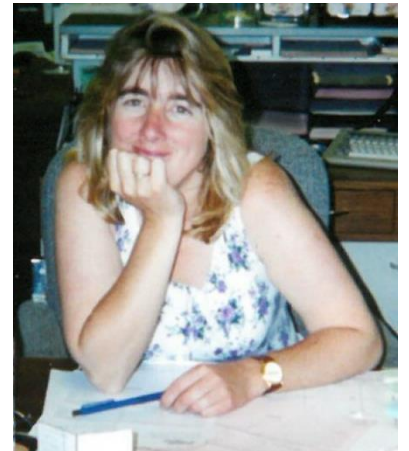
And then the EPIC PAINTING PROJECT OF CHRIST CHURCH started on May 19th. Many thanks to Erik Jackson and his sons Erik, Jr and Jordan. They worked all summer on our chapel, the south side of the Education building, the Saints Martha & Mary courtyard, Lewis Hall, the office/apartment building and finally the main church building itself. The front doors were sanded then painted a nice bright red. In fact, all of our outside doors are now painted a beautiful bright red.

Then Erik, Sr. added his own special touch when he painted the two crosses on the roof of the church building (one on the 15th St. side and one above the H St. side). He also thoughtfully painted the space way above the front doors. He calls it "The 4 Steps to Heaven". That's my favorite.

Erik, Sr. also came back recently and painted the railings on the front of the church and in the courtyard between the office and the church building.

In May we had 2 impromptu workdays working to clear brush and greenery away from the buildings for the painters. Thank you to everyone that helped out during that weekend.

Thank you to our year-round congregational landscapers this year. John and Vickie Patton, and Rene Ross.



In June, Blackout shades were installed in Lewis Hall. And they've already saved many eyes from being "blinded by the light".

Also, this past year, the Transfiguration House (aka The Rectory) was also painted. Thank you to Lyn Klay and Jim Hendry for being my consultants on that project.

I would be remiss if I didn't include mention of the Labyrinth in McCarthy Meadow. The sprinkler system was installed by Dale and Derek Maples, Thank you, guys. And sometime in 2026, the labyrinth should be completed.

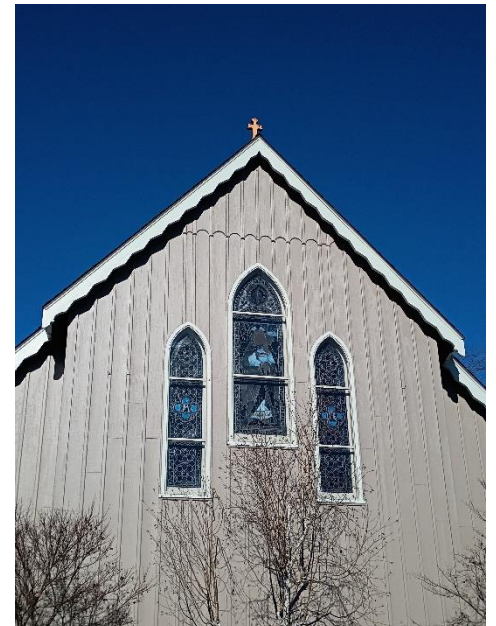
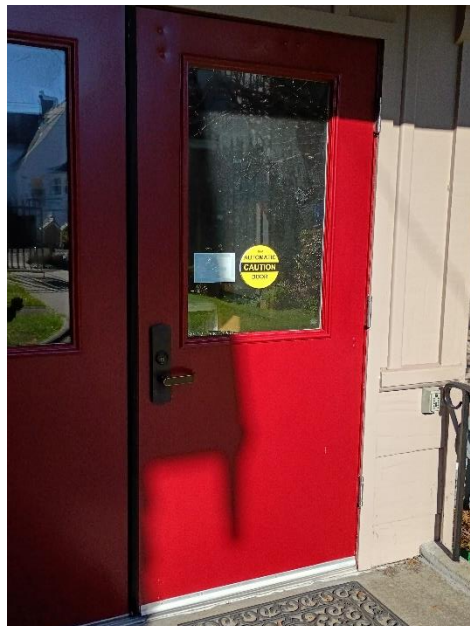
Also, the Green Team has been busy planning for the roof replacement on the Education building and the future home of Solar Panels. Among other projects, of course.

Thank you to everyone who patiently answered my questions. Contacted or met with different contractors in my place. And were gracious with their time and knowledge. I will always appreciate you. It has been my absolute honor to serve as the Junior Warden for such exciting projects last year.

And finally, thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy our movie nights this past year. It was such a treat watching 2 of my favorite movies, 'Field of Dreams' and 'It's a Wonderful Life', with members of my church family. There will be more movie nights in 2026.

With Blessings of love and gratitude,

Heidi Erickson



## **ACOLYTES & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – Royal McCarthy**

When we come together to worship, Acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers (EMs) serve two vital roles. Acolytes mainly assist the celebrant (priest in charge of the worship service) and Deacons in setting up the altar. The Eucharistic Minister is a lay person authorized to administer the chalice. These are important ministries and participation in these important roles help us all to glorify God.

At the 8:00 service, there are an Acolyte and one Eucharistic Minister. Most of the Acolytes that serve at the 8:00 service are also licensed Eucharistic Ministers. The duties of the Acolyte include lighting the candles, receiving the plate offering from the usher and assisting the Celebrant or Deacon with setting up the elements for Holy Eucharist.



At the 10:30 service, the acolyte is the crucifer (Cross Bearer) in addition to lighting the candles, receiving the plate offering and assisting the Celebrant or Deacon. There will be two Eucharistic Ministers at the 10:30 service, one of which could be the Acolyte as well.

I would like to thank all those who are currently serving as Acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers for their dedication and willingness to serve.

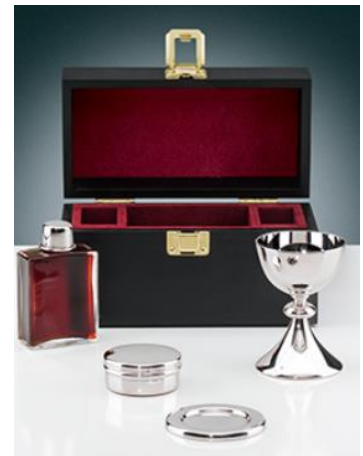
Serving as an Acolyte or a Eucharistic Minister is a deeply spiritual and rewarding experience. If you are interested in more information about these two ministries, please contact Royal McCarthy or John Patton.

Royal McCarthy  
Acolyte / Eucharistic Minister Scheduler

## **EUCHARISTIC VISITING – Elizabeth Harper Lawson**

Eucharistic Visitors are available to take Holy Communion out after Sunday Services to people who are unable to attend because of sickness or mobility difficulties. Whether at home, in the hospital, in an assisted living or care facility, we can bring Communion and the Sunday worship booklet. Healing prayers and anointing with oil are also available. If you would like a visit or know someone who might benefit from a visit, please let us know.

Contact: Elizabeth Harper-Lawson 707 445-1726  
[eaharperlawson@suddenlink.net](mailto:eaharperlawson@suddenlink.net) or the church office 707- 442- 1797  
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## **ALTAR GUILD – Katherine Clague & Thomas Swanger, Co-Directors**

*Almighty and ever-loving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who served as altar guild members to support the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Almighty and ever-loving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who served as altar guild members to support the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

~ Adopted from Prayer 12, *Book of Common Prayer*

The Altar Guild plays a crucial role in the worship life of our community. The guild is responsible for setting the altar for Eucharistic celebrations, assisting with weddings and funerals and caring for Eucharistic vessels, linens, vestments and seasonal accessories. An Altar Guild team meets on Saturday to prepare the church for Sunday services (102 Sunday Eucharists) and handle various duties such as touch-up polishing, filling or replacing candles, marking service books, preparing communion, setting up for baptisms, managing the consecrated reserved elements, changing paraments and linens, washing dishes, and arranging altar flowers. We also plan for liturgical set-up for seasons and feast days like Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, Easter and Pentecost.

We held an Altar Guild meeting on All Saints Day, Saturday, November 1. To begin the meeting, we sat in a circle around the altar to celebrate Holy Eucharist with Fr. Daniel and Deacon Pam. Then we got down to business to discuss the Seasons of Advent and Christmas. We planned a Pizza & Polish Party on November 10. We had 5 members gather to polish many of the Altar items. Members also volunteer to polish the pulpit, Eagle lectern, communion rail, and prayer desks in preparation for Christmas. Our next meeting is planned for February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple (or Candlemas). The guild will review plans for Lent and Easter at the meeting.

The Altar Guild wishes to give special thanks to the following parishioners who shared their talents with the guild during Easter and Christmas seasons – Alice Rosendahl, Annalee Veach, and Gigi Rivinus. We hope you enjoyed their floral talents as much as we did. And one additional thank you to Cynthia Packard for the Christmas star and the handcrafted trumpeting angel flown at our Christmas services.

Members – Kathy Clague (co-director), Julie Cairns, Robin Cardona, Elizabeth Harper Lawson, Beth Haynes, Sheena Ruchte (our newest member), Thomas Swanger (co-director), Barbara Walser. Longtime member, Sara Hines, retired from the guild this past year and we thank her for her years of dedication and service to our group.

The Altar Guild is open to all parishioners of the church and welcomes new members to participate in this meaningful ministry.





## **CHRIST CHURCH CHOIR – David Powell | Choir Director**



## **FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY (COFFEE HOUR) – Lynne Dougherty Bean | Coordinator**

If you enjoy fellowship, food, and Christ Church's 10:30 Coffee Hour, I encourage you to consider helping this ministry by bringing food or helping on the clean-up team. This ministry currently has 25 volunteers with 4 to 6 serving each Sunday. These numbers mean that most of our volunteers serve once per month. We really could use 4 to 5 more volunteers to help keep this ministry going and able to serve our companions who attend our 10:30 service. Last Sunday there were over 100 people attending the 10:30 service. You do not need to be a great cook, and your contributions do not need to be home made-from scratch. Costco and other local grocery stores are a good resource for already prepared salads, crackers and cheese, as well as veggie trays. And clean up is simple. This is a great way to be involved socially and get to know our companions who participate in this ministry. For those who do not feel able to contribute physically, there is a way to contribute financially through Christ Church's Fellowship Fund. If you are interested I would love to talk with you during coffee hour or by phone.

**Lynne Dougherty Bean 707-599-4964.**  
**Coffee Hour Coordinator**

## **CHRIST CHURCH CONCERT COMMITTEE (CCCS) – Merry Phillips**

Members serving on the Christ Church Concert Series committee for 2025 were: Merry Phillips (convener), Grey Brothers, Ann Carter, Steve Cole, Elizabeth Harper-Lawson, Lyn Klay, Doug Moorehead, Nancy Streufert, David Powell and Avery Alexander.

Members of the committee are responsible for activities required to produce a concert, including selection of guest artists, concert planning, publicity, accommodating the guest artists, ushering, and providing receptions that follow the concerts. Members of the Stream Team volunteer for audio-visual support and other parishioners volunteer to help with tasks like ushering. The Office Administrator provides valuable logistical support, and the Sexton helps with set-up and clean-up. As we are fond of saying, "it takes a village" for Christ Church to sponsor and produce a concert event.

### **2025 Concerts:**

- ❖ January 11: Adam Brakel, Concert Organist
- ❖ February 11: Bobby Jo Valentine (folk singer and songwriter)

- ❖ July 27: Sundays at 4 – Three Generations of Organists (Avery Alexander, Doug Moorehead, Merry Phillips)
- ❖ August 24: Sundays at 4 – Dumitrescu Family (Dr. Adrian Dumitrescu (violinist), Jolene Dumitrescu (pianist, and son Quentin (pianist) from Scotia)
- ❖ Sept. 28: Sundays at 4 – Scotia Band
- ❖ December 14: Advent Organ Recital, David Schofield

### **Funding for Concerts:**

Concert attendance continues to be good and door donations steady. Door donations for “Sundays at 4” averaged ca. \$500 per concert. Door donations for major organ concerts average ca. \$12-15 per person (the Suggested Donation is \$20). This does not come close to covering the expenses of concerts with invited guest artists. Fees for concert performers range from \$1500 to \$3,500 and they will keep going up. The Committee has discussed various fundraising activities to help sustain the series. The Church has also shown its commitment to supporting the series by giving \$100 per month to the CCCS.

In addition, concerts are supported with “In Kind” donations from generous committee members and parishioners to cover the costs of concerts and receptions.

### **Committee Housekeeping:**

The committee reviewed and clarified the purpose of CCCS and its relationship to other Christ Church ministries and accomplished the following:

- Developed a new Vision and Mission statement (see below)
- Developed Usher/Greeter Guidelines for Concerts based on usher guidelines for worship services
- Participated in the 2025 Ministry Fair
- Updated the Concert Checklist (assigned tasks for each concert)
- Updated the list of Publicity Venues
- Began using Square card readers to collect donations for concerts.

### **New Vision/Mission Statement for Christ Church Concert Series (CCCS)**

#### **CCCS Vision**

The Christ Church Concert Series celebrates fine music because we believe that such beauty gives Glory to God.

#### **CCCS Mission**

- Support the mission of Christ Episcopal Church
- Nurture an appreciation of the arts
- Connect people through live music
- Showcase the Kegg organ.

#### **CCCS Goals**

- Offer 2-3 concerts per year, at least one to include a major concert organist
- Offer a series of short, informal summer concerts on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the months of June, July, and August to feature local performers and at least one to feature the Kegg organ
- Obtain funding in addition to door proceeds to make the series sustainable.

Christ Church Concert Series committee, 1/21/2025

I want to express my deep appreciation to everyone who has been involved with the CCCS since its inception in 2009. And offer special thanks to members of the CCCS committee who devote their time to planning and presenting concerts. Healthy committees change members and leaders over time and so it is with CCCS.

Heartfelt thanks to long-time member, Lyn Klay, who will be retiring from the committee. She has served on the committee from the beginning and we thank her for all she has done over the years: she has provided flowers and gifts for the performers, put on lovely receptions following the concerts, participated in fundraising activities, served as Treasurer, and has helped promote and put on concerts since the inception of the Concert Series. Thank you, Lyn, for your outstanding dedication and work!!

I am happy to announce that Steve Cole and Nancy Streufert will be serving as co-chairs of the Committee. Steve has been a long-time member of the committee and Nancy has been a past chair and member of the committee. Thank you both for offering your experience and time.

It also has been a pleasure to welcome new members to the committee – thank you Ann Carter, Grey Brothers, and Nancy Streufert. And thank you to our music staff (Avery and David) who also serve on the committee. It has been fulfilling to participate in the concert series and be a part of the ministry of hospitality Christ Church offers through these concerts – I am grateful to have had the opportunity. It was a joy and a privilege. Please consider becoming involved in the Christ Church Concert Series Committee in 2026! CCCS has already begun the year with an outstanding organ concert by Damin Spritzer and there will be more to come!

Submitted by,  
Merry Phillips



Three Generations of Organists



Adam Brakel



The Dumitrescu Family



Dr. David Schofield



## **FOOD FOR PEOPLE | The Food Bank for Humboldt County – Stephanie Johnson**

For years Bev Olson has been making sure our first Sunday of the month non-perishable donations were delivered to our county's food bank.

We all thank you, Bev for your dedication to the Food for People ministry and for inspiring the people of our congregation to reach new donation goals year after year!

Food for People is the main distribution warehouse center for all community food banks across Humboldt County. Their mission is pure and simple, to address causes of hunger and poverty. The majority of community members who access this resource are seniors, children and people living with a disability.

In 2024 Bev delivered 881 lbs of donated food to Food for People! As we entered 2025 the congregation was already mindful of the increased food needs in the community. So she set our doable goal at 1,000 lbs for 2025. She was dedicated and she was right!

In 2025, our congregation donated an incredible total of 1,518 lbs of non-perishable food!

Let's keep up the pace. It's important! We are certain we can reach this goal again and possibly even exceed it!

Thank you all so very much for your support of this ministry. This is an important and a compassionate way of reaching out in our community. We appreciate Peg Gardner and Thomas Swanger who helped us learn about this ministry and Leslie Allen for donating her time and wonderful artistic talent creating the colorful poster next to the food baskets!

Thank you all so very much for your support of this ministry. Please remember to bring what you "can" the first Sunday of each month.

Monetary contributions designated for Food for People may be placed in the offering plate and are also much appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Fran Johnson  
Stephanie Johnson



## **GREEN TEAM**



### **Christ Episcopal Church Green Team 2025 Annual Report February 8, 2026**

***Christ Church Green Team Mission & Vision Statement:*** *In fulfillment of Diocesan Resolution RI-2022, General Convention Resolution A087, and our church mission statement, the Christ Church Green Team promotes care for the earth and its resources as God's gifts for sustaining life. We strive to minimize the environmental footprint of the parish and its people by honoring the land and practicing mindful stewardship of our planet and its resources. As Christ Church Eureka, we seek to provide a carbon neutral presence by the year 2030. (Approved by Vestry)*

The Green Team was formed in March 2023, to guide Christ Church on its path to carbon neutrality. Team members have contributed hundreds of hours to this effort. Green Team members are Fr. Daniel London, Heidi Erickson (Jr. Warden and Facilities Team Leader), Perry Gray-Reneberg, Beth Haynes (Scribe), Ian Haynes (Vestry member), Jim Hendry (former Jr. Warden), Dale Maples, Royal McCarthy (Vestry member), and Steve Preston (Team Chair, Vestry member, and former Sr. Warden).

The Green Team met monthly throughout 2025. In fulfillment of the Vestry-approved Carbon Neutrality Action Plan, the main focus of the year was researching and seeking bids for the installation of a solar panel system combined with battery storage. Long-term projects being planned include replacement of all remaining non-LED lighting with LED lighting (including replacing some fixtures), updating or installing programmable thermostats, the possible upgrading of the electrical heaters in the 70-year-old Thompson education and Zander buildings, ventilation of the main church to remediate the recurring mold problems, and other projects outlined in the Action Plan. Completion of the solar/battery installation is seen as key to implementing much of the rest of the Action Plan.



## **Here Comes the Sun!**



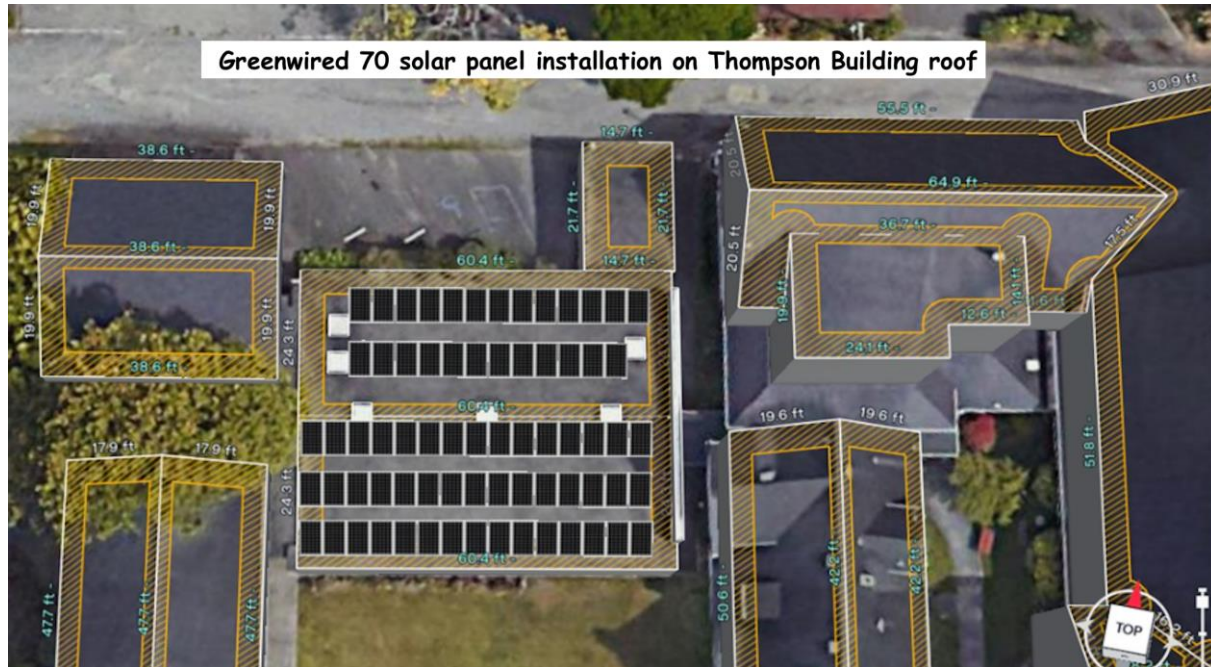
**Next Up: Solar Panels with Battery Storage:** At its October 25th meeting, Vestry spent over an hour discussing, and adopting unanimously, the following motion: “***MOVED that Vestry approve contracting with Greenwired Solar for the installation of the proposed 70 solar panel, 64.48 kWh battery storage system with inverter(s), at the estimated upfront total cost of \$149,120, and that a contract be signed with Greenwired Solar by December 31, 2025, with a 15% downpayment of \$22,368, in order to achieve “Safe Harbor” status under the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act” and Treasury Department regulations.***” The contract was signed and downpayment was made before December 31, 2025. Installation should be completed sometime in mid to late 2026.

**The NET cost will be an estimated \$89,472,** after a generous “manager’s discount” and at least 30% Direct Pay reimbursement from the IRS after the system is in service.

**An Island in the Sun:** The solar panels and battery storage will fully support the current and future electricity needs of the full church campus, providing 138% of our historic electrical usage. **This will reduce or eliminate the cost of buying electricity from the grid, and the church will receive credits/payments for any unused solar-generated electricity that goes back into the grid from our solar panels after the batteries are fully charged.** We will also be able to “island” (be fully powered) during electric grid outages, and be a “resiliency

hub” for the community during extended outages, allowing people to charge devices such as cellphones, laptops, and medical equipment.

Solar with battery storage is seen as key to fulfilling much of the rest of our Carbon Neutrality Action Plan, such as replacing our five gas furnaces and two water heaters with much more efficient heat pump equipment powered by our own solar-generated electricity. This will reduce or eliminate the cost of purchasing natural gas, which is rising even faster than electricity charges, and lower our carbon footprint even more! And state, local, and utility subsidies may be available to help pay for that equipment.



**Funding:** An Ad Hoc Committee has been appointed to research and recommend funding sources to Vestry for financing the upfront costs of the solar/battery installation. This might include self-funding, grant-seeking, loans, a capital campaign, or a combination of these. Again, the IRS Direct Pay Reimbursement will greatly reduce the total net cost. Perry Gray-Reneberg and Steve Preston represent the Green Team on this five-member committee.

**A Note on Roofing of the Thompson Building:** Before solar panel installation, the Thompson Building needs re-roofing. Jr. Warden and Green Team member Heidi Erickson, with the assistance of Green Team member Jim Hendry and Lyn Klay, secured two bids for 30-year-warranted membrane roofing. On November 25th, Vestry approved a bid from Moore’s Roofing and Services for \$48,000, including replacing the six skylights, to be paid from the Pierson Fund. Work is expected to begin in spring 2026, when weather permits. Installation of the solar array and battery system will follow that.

The Green Team continues to provide a “Tip-of-the-Month” article in the *Chronicle* (authored by Beth Haynes), and to do setup and cleanup for 5th Sunday Coffee Hours using non-disposable dishes, implements, and napkins as an incentive to reduce landfill usage. Other projects may be ahead in 2026.

The Creation Care Fund, created by Vestry in 2023 to provide a place for parishioners to make dedicated donations for environmentally related expenses at Christ Church Eureka, has a current balance of \$2,670.00. Donations to this Fund are welcomed and encouraged, writing “Creation Care Fund” in the memo area of your check.

As we identify new Creation Care projects, we will need volunteers to work on those projects. Please contact any Team member to volunteer for future Green Team Projects.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Steven D. Preston  
Green Team Chair



## **LABYRINTH COMMITTEE – Kathryn DeLorme, Veriditas Certified Labyrinth Facilitator**

### **Our Mission**

Our purpose is to provide education about the history of labyrinths and how to use labyrinth walks to engage in prayer and meditation in a bodily way, bringing one's whole being to the faith journey. We offer monthly labyrinth walks to enrich the contemplative life, to find peace, guidance, and insight, and to honor a wide range of life events. We strive to bring our walkers together for mutual reflection and provide activities to creatively express their labyrinth experience. Our goal is to reach all ages with this ancient but ever-sacred form of prayer.

### **Outdoor Labyrinth Progress**

The Labyrinth Committee met monthly January through September. Our regular members are Fr Daniel, Royal McCarthy, Steve Preston, Peg Gardner, and Cynthia Packard. In March we welcomed Dale Maples with his wide range of skills and expertise to the Committee.

We continued to consider our plan for the outdoor labyrinth, decided to consult with a labyrinth designer Lars Howlett, and discussed strategies for fund-raising to cover the cost of the bricks, sand, and other materials for the installation. The lawn preparation is being paid from the Fish Memorial Fund per Vestry.

In March we sent photos, video, site measurements, etc. to Lars Howlett.

We met with him via video on March 21 to ask questions and receive his advice on preparing our site for the labyrinth installation. In April we received the drawing and specific instructions he created for our project.

Preliminary work on the lawn has begun. Royal and Dale will be overseeing the lawn preparation and the labyrinth installation. Dale put in the piping for the sprinkler heads and Royal will be scheduling Mow Man to continue with leveling and seeding in Spring. When the new lawn has grown in, the construction of the labyrinth will begin in late Spring or Summer. A low wall for protection around the Hawthorne tree is in the plan.

We are designing and building our labyrinth much like the one at St. Luke's in Woodland, CA. In order to give people a sense of what our labyrinth will look like, a photo of the Woodland church labyrinth was posted in a window of the Education Building overlooking the lawn.

The poster reads, "***Christ Church Prayer Labyrinth...coming soon!***"

Our monthly meetings will resume in February. We will continue to explore options for fundraising.

### **World Labyrinth Day**

On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, for the second year, we joined with hundreds of churches and organizations to participate in World Labyrinth Day, an annual event to walk the labyrinth for Peace. Walkers in 60 countries walk their labyrinths at their 1:00pm time, creating a wave of peace prayers around the globe. "We Walk as One at 1" is the stated intention for this annual event. Thirty-eight walkers attended our event in 2025.

I gave a PowerPoint presentation to introduce the history and purpose of World Labyrinth Day and we had three labyrinths available for walking (Chapel, Heritage Room, Chancel). Thanks to Cynthia Packard

and Sheena Ruchtie for their care and skill for providing food and art direction. Jenny Harris' Labyrinth Cookies will long be remembered.

We created a **Rainbow Labyrinth** in the Chancel made with long scarves in the color spectrum, loaned by many women. All who walked it reported having especially meaningful experiences. We plan to participate in World Labyrinth Day for a 3<sup>rd</sup> year on May 2nd.

### **Monthly Labyrinth Walks**

In September we began the monthly walks on the third Saturday of each month from 2-5pm. I send the promotional information to North Coast Journal, Humboldt Life, Times-Standard, and Lost Coast Outpost. We have a theme for each month (*Autumn Equinox, Harvest of Blessing, Gratitude is Key, Epiphanies on the Path*) and printed quotes for the theme are in a basket at the entrance of the labyrinth as inspiration for the walk.

The labyrinth is encircled with votive candles (battery), and at the Center of the labyrinth is a basket of candles. Walkers are encouraged to take one, switch it on, carry it on their walk out of the labyrinth, and keep it as a reminder of being a **"Light in the World."**

A spiral-bound **Labyrinth Walk Reflection Journal** is located next to the labyrinth and most walkers pause after their walk to write a few lines about their experience. This journal is capturing the profound feelings and insights gained by the walkers. I set up display tables with books on labyrinths to browse, wooden finger labyrinths, handouts, a donation box, and signup sheet for receiving emails.

In May we had four **Labyrinth Walk** lawn-signs made at Scrapper's Edge and we place them in the ground at H St. corner and on 15<sup>th</sup> directing walkers to Lewis Hall and the Chapel on the day of the walks.

The average number of walkers each month is 20-22.

**Our monthly Labyrinth Walks in the Heritage Room and the Chapel, have drawn people from the Humboldt community who had never previously visited Christ Church Eureka.**

### **Transfiguration Advent Quiet Day**

On December 6<sup>th</sup>, we created a temporary labyrinth in the Heritage Room made from strips of beautiful golden fabric donated by Cynthia Packard. Participants in this Quiet Day felt enriched by having this **Golden Labyrinth** to walk as part of their contemplative retreat.

### **Our Labyrinth Guardians**

The "Labyrinth Guardians" currently are Elizabeth Harper-Lawson, Sheena Ruchtie, Cynthia Packard, Jenny Harris, Steve Preston, Annalee Veatch, and Carrie Moses. They help in setting up and removing the labyrinth, overseeing the refreshments, being available at the art activity tables, and interacting with the flow of walkers who come and go.

Elizabeth is our Guardian in the Chapel to welcome those who want to walk that labyrinth.

Kathy Clague ensures that we have plenty of candles to encircle the labyrinth.

Mike Robnett is always on hand to help with any and all tasks. We could not be offering this ministry without their dedication.

**PLEASE NOTE: We are eager to have new helpers to rotate with the others in creating these meaningful monthly events. Please contact any of us if you'd like to volunteer to be a "Labyrinth Guardian." No previous experience with labyrinths is required!**

### **Labyrinth Quest**

I look forward each month to writing *Labyrinth Quest* for the Chronicle, highlighting the theme for that month's walk, offering guidance on labyrinth walking as prayer or meditation, honoring various life experiences with a walk, short facts about labyrinth history, and information about our Labyrinth Walk events.

Below: Spring Labyrinth Walk, Labyrinth Art Activities, Jill Maples w/ Labyrinth puzzle



Below: Dale Maples, Royal McCarthy, John Patton planning our labyrinth,

Right: Poster of St. Luke's Woodland Labyrinth we are modeling ours after





Below left to right: Basket of Advent quotes to inspire the labyrinth walk. Golden Labyrinth created for Advent Quiet Day. Rainbow Labyrinth in the chancel for World Labyrinth Day Peace Walk,



Below: Walkers on Rainbow Labyrinth.



Below right: Jenny Harris' Labyrinth Cookies



## **LAY MINISTRIES – CALLED TO SERVE – Marty Vega**

During our Lay Ministry Fair in October, our Stewardship Committee was excited to share a special booklet featuring 30 unique Lay Ministries. Some of these are ‘umbrella’ ministries that encompass several areas of service. The booklet provides a brief overview of each ministry as well as contact information for those eager to learn more.

We witnessed a wonderful response at the fair, with many members feeling inspired to sign up for a ministry. We invite you to take a copy of the booklet for yourself. Who knows? With this extra information, you might also hear your own Call to Serve!

### **We do have a few challenges:**

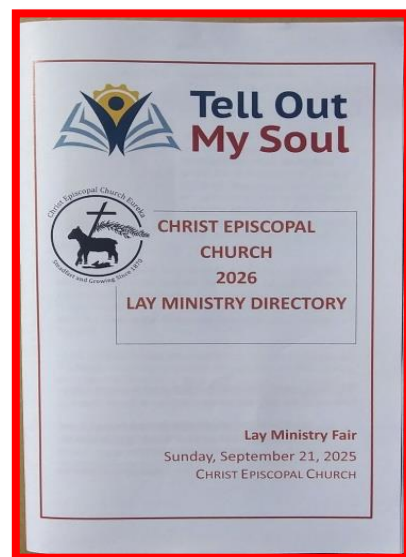
We have some exciting opportunities ahead! All of our ministries are eager to welcome more members. Every single one plays a vital role in supporting our church's mission, enhancing our worship experience, and inspiring outreach efforts. And remember – “many hands make light work!” We're always on the lookout for fresh ideas for new ministries or even just better ways to do things. Getting to know our neighborhood community better could really boost our outreach!

### **And we have rewards:**

On a brighter note, we've also celebrated plenty of wonderful successes! Every new member often brings a wave of creative ideas, unique insights, and a fresh burst of energy. When I chat with our visitors, I absolutely love hearing how much they enjoy worshiping with us and how at home they feel. Plus, it warms my heart to listen to the uplifting stories from our lay ministers about the incredible work they're doing!

Let's keep that enthusiasm flowing!

Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers	Royal McCarthy	→ 707-498-1225
	John Patton	→ 707-498-4536
Altar Guild	Kathy Clague	→ kjc7001@humboldt.edu
Associates & Oblates of the Sisters of the Transfiguration Choir	Stephanie Schultz	→ 707-498-1058
Christ Church Concert Series	David Powell	→ davidbpowell@gmail.com
Coffee Hour 8am	Elizabeth Harper-Lawson	→ eaharperlawson@suddenlink.net
Coffee Hour 10:30am	Peg Gardner	→ 707-443-9627
Contribution Counters	Lynne Bean	→ 707-822-6086
Eucharistic Visitors	Francis Rivinus	→ 805-254-4055
	Elizabeth Harper-Lawson	→ eaharperlawson@suddenlink.net



Green Team	Steven Preston	→ 213-304-3715
Labyrinth Walk	Kathryne Delorme	→ 707-616-1721 or → labyrinthquest@gmx.com
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Prayer Circle	Jannetje Vrieze	→ jvdutchgirl@yahoo.com
Quilters +	Belinda Zander	→ 707-442-4222
Readers and Intercessors	Marty Vega	→ 707-273-8743
Stream Team	Perry Gray-Reneberg	→ perryggr@gmail.com
Ushers and Greeters	Sharon Kalberer	→ 707-630-3100
	Ian Haynes	→ ihaynes66@gmail.com
Welcome Ministry	Belinda Zander	→ 707-442-4222
Youth Group Team	Robin Cardona	→ 707-267-5825 or → robincardona@gmail.com

### **CHRIST CHURCH MUSIC MINISTRY – Avery Alexander | Music Coordinator and Organist**

At the beginning of 2025, we started out with our big organ concert with featured artist Adam Brakel. At the time, I'd only been learning organ for a few months, so it was inspiring to hear Adam play, and talk with him about the organ.

In summer 2025, I had the opportunity to really dive into seriously studying organ. I started taking lessons with Dr. David Schofield. Then, we had our "Three Generations of Organists" concert, with Merry, Doug and I. This was probably one of my favorite parts of 2025. There was something incredibly special about the three of us coming together to perform on an organ concert. In addition to the concert, I also started working on hymn playing. Learning the hymns with the pedals became my favorite part about preparing music for weekly Sunday services. It is so much fun to use all 4 limbs to play music, something I never experienced before with playing piano.

In the fall, we've seen the choir growing leading up to Advent and Christmas. I love to see David bringing more challenging and fun repertoire for the singers. Our Christmas Eve concert was beautiful, thanks to all involved in making it happen. It was a great experience having Choral Compline this year, which is similar to Evensong (2024).

Reflecting on this year, since it's my first full year at Christ Church. I feel more and more like I'm part of a family at this church. It's become easier to balance this job with my other work as I become more familiar with the liturgy and music, and fine tune my practice schedule. The highlight of this year for me was our Christmas Eve service. The word I keep coming back to is alive. I felt so alive during that service. During those sacred moments singing Silent Night in candlelit darkness. I feel blessed beyond measure to be able to lead you in worship each Sunday, and looking forward to the year ahead!

Special thanks to Merry Phillips, Doug Moorehead, David Powell, and David Schofield. Your support and guidance makes our music even greater!

Avery Alexander, Organist/Music Coordinator



## **OUTREACH – Peg Gardner, Archdeacon Pam Gossard, Elizabeth Harper-Lawson | Members**

**OUTREACH – Reaching Out with Helping Hands and Hearts at Christ Church Eureka**  
**“...where we seek to glorify God, follow Jesus Christ, and serve all people**  
**through the power of the Holy Spirit,**  
**as a community of companions walking together**  
**in the way of Christ’s love for all.”**

And the second (commandment) is this, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (*Mark 12:31*)

At Christ Church Eureka we share our time, talent and treasure in many ways. Our Vestry is committed to increasing our outreach to serve our neighbors locally and throughout the wider world.

Sending monthly financial contributions to Food for People, the Betty Chinn Homeless Foundation, and Sandy in Honduras (medical assistance for physical disabilities for children and youth in Honduras).

Collecting non-perishable food donations for those with food insecurity weekly and especially on the first Sunday of the month, which are delivered by Fran and Stephanie Johnson.

Donating fresh produce on the third Sunday of the month for the noon dining program for St. Vincent de Paul, which is delivered by Roni Carlson.

Providing new underwear and socks for Betty Chinn to distribute to homeless and low-income middle and high school students to enable them to fully participate in physical education classes.

Obtaining back-to-school supplies and backpacks for Betty Chinn’s outreach to high school students.

Collecting consumable supplies for kitchen and hygiene use for Camp Living Waters, our Deanery summer camp in Redwood Valley.

Crafting prayer quilts and knitting prayer shawls for parishioners in need of comfort and healing and making fleece throws for children and youth in foster care. Expanding monthly gatherings of Quilters Plus to include knitters, beginning and experienced, with expertise provided by Harry Wells.

Responding with about 30 parishioners to Betty Chinn’s call for volunteers to serve and welcome community members at Betty’s Community Christmas Dinner.

Inviting the community to share in a variety of musical offerings and concerts, including several featuring our Kegg organ.

Continuing to provide and enhance our online presence through streaming services, regular weekly emails, our monthly Chronicle, and social media.

Awarding the Helen Person Memorial Scholarship to graduating senior John Stephen Powers who is a freshman at the University of Alabama.

Supporting Discretionary Funds for our Rector and Deacons to enable them to help individuals with urgent needs.

Providing a meeting place for the monthly meetings of the Humboldt County Foster Parents Association.

There are only some of the many ways Christ Church impacts our neighbors through outreach. What are some of those not listed? So much of what we do can be considered outreach in one form or another. Think about where you fit in. Would you like to do more? Do you have ideas to share? Let us know!

## **SNACKS FOR THE HUNGRY – Elizabeth Harper-Lawson**



Have you noticed a line up of paper bags on the kitchen counter? These paper bags are for those who may need a little something to eat. The bag usually contains crackers, a protein bar, canned or fresh fruit, dessert and a drink. You are welcome to hand these out to people in the proximity of our church who ask for food, or you think might welcome a snack.

The seed money we received for this ministry came from Bishop Megan in summer 2025. Bishop Megan received a donation to her discretionary fund upon the closing of St. John's Episcopal Church, Marysville, in July 2025. St. John's was integral to the community, providing nutritional support for many years. In the spirit of St. John's ministry, it was decided to use the money from Bishop Megan to start our Snacks for the Hungry.

Parishioners can donate to Snacks for the Hungry fund by listing this ministry in the memo field of your check or donation envelope. The donations will ensure that this ministry continues and helps those in need.

Thanks to Roni Carlson for keeping the supply stocked and stocking bags as needed.

## **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE – Steven Preston | Committee Chair**



### **Christ Church Stewardship Committee 2025 Annual Report February 8, 2026**

Stewardship Committee members: Katherine Clague, Peg Gardner (Pledge Secretary), Elizabeth Harper-Lawson, Elizabeth Haynes, Ian Haynes, Jim Hendry, Royal McCarthy, Fr. Daniel London (Rector), Steven Preston (Chair), Annalee Veach

#### **Stewardship:**

Our personal response to God's generosity in the way we share our resources of time, talent, and money. Stewardship reflects our commitment to making God's love known through the realities of human life and our use of all that God has given us. It is also our service to God's world and our care of creation. Parish members are encouraged to make an annual stewardship pledge. This pledge represents their specific Christian commitment to "work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom of God" (BCP, p. 856). (From the Episcopal Church Glossary: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/stewardship/>)

The Stewardship Committee met monthly during 2025, except for February, March, and December. At the January meeting, the committee decided to sponsor three projects in 2025: A Life Planning & Legacy Workshop, set for July 12th; a Lay Ministry Fair, set for Welcome Home Sunday, September 21st; and the 2026 Pledge Campaign to begin in October, using the theme and materials for "Tell Out My Soul," provided free by the diocese from The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS). The committee agreed that overseeing the "Project (Re)Start" bins should be passed to the Outreach Committee.

The Life Planning & Legacy Workshop, set for July 12th, was planned and presented by a committee comprised of Mtr. Nancy Streufert (chair), Elizabeth Harper-Lawson and Ian Haynes. The Life Planning & Legacy

presentations were made without charge by Tony Yang and Peter Juve from the Board of the Episcopal Foundation of Northern California. Judd Patton, Esq. made a presentation without charge on End of Life Legal Issues. Expenses for the catered lunch and gifts for the presenters were paid from the \$1,500 stewardship line in the church budget. The programs were well produced and well received. In the morning session there were 26 attendees and 15 in the afternoon session. The program was very good and had a broader appeal than members of the parish may have anticipated.

The Lay Ministry Fair was chaired by Beth Haynes and Annalee Veach. Lay ministry leaders were asked to submit brief articles describing their lay ministries, and a new booklet was prepared and printed for distribution before, during, and after the fair. On September 21st, Lay Ministry tables were set up in the Heritage Room and the perimeter of Lewis Hall, and were staffed by ministry leaders during the Coffee Hours after both the 8:00 and 10:30 services. There was significant interest at the tables, and several ministries received signups from interested new participants.

The 2026 Pledge Campaign officially began on Sunday, October 5th, with distribution of Pledge Packets for 2025 pledgers at a staffed table with an alphabetized layout, and blank packets for new pledgers. Packets contained letters from the Stewardship Chair, Senior Warden, and Rector, as well as pledge cards and return envelopes. Members of the committee had met to assemble the packets, which were printed by the church office. Elizabeth Harper-Lawson volunteered to arrange the catering of the In-gathering Celebratory Luncheon on November 16th.

People were encouraged to either mail their pledge cards, bring them to the office, or place them in the offering plate at any service. Four parishioner testimonials, on the theme “Tell Out My Soul,” were given during both services on October 12th (Annalee Veach), 19th (Carrie Moses), 26th (Ian Haynes), and November 9th (Steve Preston).

The Pledge In-gathering was Sunday, November 16th, at both services. The special preacher, who also presented a Forum between the services, was The Very Rev. Canon Gary Hall, former Dean of the National Cathedral. After the 10:30 service, a catered celebration luncheon was enjoyed by all. The expenses of the honorarium and the catered luncheon were paid from the stewardship line in the 2025 church budget, which Vestry agreed to increase to \$2,500 on the promise of Stewardship Committee members to underwrite the additional \$1,000 with donations. Total stewardship committee expenses for the event and for the year came in under \$2,500.

As of mid-January 2026, the Pledge Secretary and Treasurer report that there are 87 pledges for 2026, totaling \$350,496. This compares to 85 pledges for 2025, totaling \$351,869.

The Stewardship Committee met on Friday, November 21st to evaluate the pledge campaign and will continue meeting on a regular basis in 2026. The committee will make an initial plan for 2026 stewardship activities at its meeting on Friday, January 23rd.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steven D. Preston  
Stewardship Committee Chair



## **STREAM TEAM – Perry Gray-Reneberg**

### **Our Mission**

The Stream Team serves as the digital bridge between what happens in our historic sanctuary and the places where our parishioners worship with us. As the boundaries of “parish ministry” have recently expanded\*, so must our ministry expand. Our goal for 2026 is to ensure that the faithfulness of our liturgy, the gifts of our music, the truth and power of the Word, and the rich ministries of Christ Church are accessible to every member, regardless of physical proximity or mobility.

### **The Year in Review: 2025 Activities**

This past year has been one of refining our craft and ensuring consistency for our YouTube congregation. Key highlights include:

- **Consistent Coverage:** Successfully broadcast ALL Sunday services, as well as special liturgies for Holy Week, Christmas, and parish milestones.
- **Technical Stewardship:** Maintained and optimized our audio/video hardware to ensure high-quality sound and clear visuals, minimizing disruptions during worship.
- **Global Reach, Local Heart:** Our YouTube channel has become a gathering place for those traveling, those homebound, and new seekers discovering Christ Church for the first time. Our online worshippers are included in the Eucharist and willing to give.

### **Expanding the Circle: Our Digital Parishioners**

We recognize that the "church" is not defined by the four walls of our building. Many who worship with us via YouTube consider Christ Church their spiritual home. Some have expressed a desire to give their own weekly or monthly offerings. This year, we are shifting our focus to more intentionally **serve and count** these members of our community.

To our digital worshippers: **You are not just viewers; you are parishioners.** We want to know you, pray for you, and include you in the life of this congregation.

### **How to Get Involved**

We are looking to grow our team and our ministry in these specific ways:

1. **Digital Ushers:** We need volunteers to monitor the **YouTube chat** during live services—offering greetings, sharing links to the bulletin, and noting prayer requests and counting attendance.
2. **The "Digital Roll":** If you primarily worship with us online, we invite you to formally register as a member of the parish so we can better support your spiritual journey.
3. **More Streamers:** While Heidi, Royal and Paul have predominately ministered to our online worshippers with backups from John, Steve, David and Perry, we all serve in other capacities which sometimes leaves us scrambling for coverage - we'll teach you how to run the audio and/or video stations; just shadow us at 10:30 a.m, Sundays.
4. **A Congregation Camera:** Worship is a corporate act and if our online parishioners only see our clergy and altar, well ... Let's talk about adding a camera facing the congregation.

In 2025, the Stream Team delivered **73 videos** to our YouTube channel.

**2025 Livestream Breakdown by Theme** (views as of Jan. 13, 2025)

<b>Category</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Sunday Morning Worship</b>	<b>51</b>	10:30 AM Holy Eucharist services. (4,448 views)
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>1</b>	(184 views)
<b>Holy Week</b>	<b>2</b>	Good Friday (99 views), the Great Vigil of Easter (74 Views). (Maundy Thursday was in Lewis Hall)
<b>Nativity Worship</b>	<b>1</b>	Christmas Eve (261 views)
<b>Other Major Holy Days</b>	<b>1</b>	Ash Wednesday service. (30 views)
<b>Concert Pieces &amp; Musical Events</b>	<b>9</b>	"The Arts at Christ Church" series, including organ recitals or choral concerts. (746 views)
<b>Funerals &amp; Memorials</b>	<b>2</b>	Commendations of Howard W. Gardner and Daniel Lawrence Hafer (285 views).
<b>Other Ministries</b>	<b>13</b>	Lectures, lessons, songs, service, retreats and retrospectives. (1,907 views)
<b>Total 2025 Videos</b>	<b>73</b>	

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." —  
Matthew 18:20

Respectfully submitted,

**Perry Gray-Reneberg**, Stream Team Coordinator

\*As a parish within the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California (EDNC), Christ Church, Eureka has specific obligations to its online parishioners that are rooted in both national and diocesan governance. Because we already provide a robust livestreaming ministry, your obligations are moving from "experimental" to "canonical."

## Obligations to Online Parishioners

According to the National Canons and the EDNC's recent supplemental guidance, the parish has several key obligations:


- **Recognition of Membership (Canon I.17):** If an online participant is baptized and asks to be "recorded" in your Parish Register, the parish is obligated to treat them as a member. They have the same right to a **Letter of Transfer** as a physical attendee.
- **The Right to "Seat and Voice":** Under the [2022 EDNC Supplemental Rules](#), if approved by vestry, the parish is obligated to provide a way for online members to participate in the **Annual Meeting**. They must be "deemed present in person" if they are connected electronically.
- **Pastoral Care and Formation:** Canonical "faithfulness in corporate worship" is a two-way street. The parish is obligated to provide these members with access to the sacraments (where possible/appropriate), spiritual counsel, and Christian formation (e.g., Zoom-based Bible studies).
- **Data Reporting:** The parish is now required by the National Church to track and report **"Average Weekly Online Participation"** in the annual Parochial Report. This means the parish must have a system to count these individuals.

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Latest

Popular

Oldest




The Rev. Dr. Daniel D. London, Rector

1:35:15

January 18, 2026 | The Second Sunday after Epiphany

115 views • Streamed 4 days ago




The Rev. Dr. Daniel D. London, Rector

1:36:51

January 11, 2026 | The First Sunday after Epiphany: The Baptism of our...


77 views • Streamed 11 days ago



1:37:51

January 4, 2026 | The Second Sunday after Christmas

80 views • Streamed 2 weeks ago



1:32:35

December 28, 2025 | The First Sunday after Christmas

154 views • Streamed 3 weeks ago



## **YOUTH GROUP – Robin Cardona**

Christ Church's new Youth Group was formed this past year (2025) and began meeting in October. Our average youth attendance is 6, but we have had up to 8 or 9 youths at any given meeting. The past few months, we have been focusing on team building and getting to know each other. In the year to come, we hope to focus on service within the church & the community and opportunities for fellowship, spiritual education, and discipleship.

Here are some photos highlighting the last few months of youth group!







Halloween

Hot cocoa after both services



Gathering donations for Betty



Christmas cards created for Alder Bay Assisted Living residents



Chalking the chapel doors for Epiphany



Participating in the Christmas Eve family service



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**Bishop**

<b>Range G (500 &amp; up)</b>		<b>8 Delegates Allowed*</b>				
Trinity Cathedral (Sacramento)	264	264	\$1,626,908	913.71		945.45
Trinity (Folsom)	220	188	\$835,480	539.07		519.74

<b>Range F (335.00 - 499.99)</b>		<b>7 Delegates Allowed</b>				
Incarnation (Santa Rosa)	150	144	\$823,991	489.39		485.50
Grace (Saint Helena)	85	99	\$862,702	523.96	**WAS G	477.35
St. Michael's (Carmichael)	93	113	\$829,824	453.94		466.41
St. John's (Roseville)	181	123	\$613,453	341.28		382.73
St. Martin's (Davis)	114	116	\$571,902	309.99	**WAS E	343.45

<b>Range E (223 - 334.99)</b>		<b>6 Delegates Allowed</b>				
St. John's (Chico)	92	75	\$504,702	295.29		294.10
Emmanuel (Grass Valley)	102	70	\$474,475	253.89		280.24
Faith (Cameron Park)	87	95	\$468,567	316.81		279.78
St. Mary's (Napa)	127	92	\$422,893	312.88		266.20
St. Paul's (Benicia)	89	70	\$416,412	248.60		247.96
St. Luke's (Auburn)	104	89	\$387,572	190.03	**WAS D	242.04
St. Augustine (Rocklin)	83	65	\$405,233	234.93		239.62
St. Stephen's (Sebastopol)	80	52	\$381,906	188.65	**WAS D	223.95

<b>Range D (170 - 222.99)</b>		<b>5 Delegates Allowed</b>				
Christ (Eureka)	112	78	\$338,014	237.34	**WAS E	216.51
St. Paul's (Healdsburg)	81	63	\$347,738	226.11	**WAS E	209.87
Grace (Fairfield)	39	39	\$325,402	122.67	**WAS C	182.20
St. Patrick's (Kenwood)	54	52	\$292,124	166.14	**WAS C	172.56

<b>Range C (120 - 169.99)</b>		<b>4 Delegates Allowed</b>				
All Saints (Sacramento)	53	49	\$286,515	157.65		168.76
Holy Trinity (Nevada City)	88	54	\$262,904	154.14		166.95
All Saints' (Redding)	72	52	\$253,661	175.27	**WAS D	157.83
St. John's (Petaluma)	75	60	\$226,592	179.26	**WAS D	147.05
St. Luke's (Woodland)	56	44	\$221,185	179.87	**WAS D	135.59
St. Alban's (Arcata)	47	44	\$221,274	133.97		133.39
Trinity (Sonoma)	38	40	\$210,717	120.26		124.86

<b>Range B (90 - 119.99)</b>		<b>3 Delegates Allowed</b>				
St. Clement's (Rancho Cordova)	35	29	\$197,180	96.14		114.59
Our Saviour (Placerville)	57	32	\$178,627	111.01		111.56
St. Paul's (Sacramento)	39	33	\$144,986	103.04		90.49

\* = One additional Delegate is allowed for every 100 Congregational Points, in the previous year, above the Diocesan Standard.

\*\* = Change from the prior year.

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<b>Range A (below 90)</b>		<b>3 Delegates Allowed</b>				
Epiphany (Vacaville)	52	32	\$137,291	92.13	**WAS B	89.65
St. George's (Carmichael)	44	27	\$109,486	68.76		72.49
St. Luke's (Calistoga)	50	31	\$103,682	64.56		72.09
St. Michael's (Fort Bragg)	20	23	\$118,145	66.04		69.82
St. Peter's (Red Bluff)	21	17	\$117,139	59.92		68.07
Ascension (Vallejo)	31	42	\$92,604	96.56	**WAS B	64.55
St. James (Lincoln)	33	33	\$76,351	72.32		54.68
St. Stephen's (Colusa)	13	0	\$88,049	36.56		47.27
St. Barnabas (Mount Shasta)	30	22	\$62,687	50.34		44.34
Shepherd by the Sea (Gualala)	24	15	\$64,350	46.35		41.93
St. Mary's (Elk Grove)	26	22	\$58,786	34.47		41.39
St. John's (Marysville)	13	17	\$65,482	36.49		40.24
Trinity (Sutter Creek)	15	15	\$63,297	32.93		39.15
Holy Trinity (Ukiah)	20	19	\$58,091	38.90		38.80
St. Francis (Fortuna)	20	19	\$54,232	44.62		36.87
St. Timothy's (Gridley)	17	14	\$56,319	29.75		35.91
Good Shepherd (Cloverdale)	30	26	\$40,243	33.62		34.12
St. James (Yuba City)	18	17	\$45,727	36.99		31.61
St. Michael's (Anderson)	19	6	\$50,478	29.06		31.49
St. Francis (Willits)	19	22	\$40,306	30.82		30.40
St. Paul's (Crescent City)	20	10	\$39,012	25.38		27.01
Christ (Quincy)	13	16	\$37,525	39.45		26.01
St. John's (Lakeport)	10	15	\$33,673	21.06		23.09
St. Luke's (Galt)	16	15	\$29,611	40.06		22.56
Holy Trinity (Willows)	7	8	\$35,911	20.79		21.71
Grace (Wheatland)	13	6	\$33,861	20.28		21.68
St. Michael's (Alturas)	7	6	\$31,455	19.64		18.98
Good Shepherd (Susanville)	10	7	\$21,226	6.51		14.86
St. Matthew's (Sacramento)	13	11	\$9,989	9.08		10.99
St. Paul's (Oroville)	21	12	\$0	30.78		8.25
St. Andrew's (Corning)	6	0	\$10,645	8.87		6.82
St. Nicholas (Paradise)	6	0	\$0	2.25		1.50

Points are calculated as follows from Parochial Report line items:

Line #1 (pg.2) x 25% +  
Line #1 (pg.4) x 25% +  
Line #6 (pg.5)/1000 x 50%

For example:

Average attendance (#1) = 200 x 25% =	50
# of pledge cards (#1) = 120 x 25% =	30
Operating Exp (#6) = 120,000 =	
120,000/1000 x 50%	60
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>140</b>

Points of 140 reflects Range C

See Article V, Section 5 of the Constitution of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Northern California for guidance on Lay Delegates to Convention.

\* = One additional Delegate is allowed for every 100 Congregational Points, in the previous year, above the Diocesan Standard.

\*\* = Change from the prior year.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS – Francis Rivinus | Treasurer**

### Christ Episcopal Church Notes for General Meeting Activity Statement for 2025

For the year ending December 31, 2025 the General Operating Fund surplus was \$8,965, \$2,039 more than budgeted.

1. General Operating Fund income for the twelve months ending December 31 was \$422,396, \$16,826 more than budgeted.

- Pledge offerings for the 12 months ending on December 31 were \$338,141, \$8,859 less than the \$347,000 pledged. The generosity of many church pledgers who exceeded their pledges contributed to reducing the pledge shortfall.
- Plate and other giving offerings for the 12 months ending on December 31 were \$31,906, \$15,550 more than budgeted.
- Investment income for the 12 months ending on December 31 was \$18,122, \$3,172 more than budgeted.
- Rental income for the 12 months ending on December 31 was \$28,044, \$1,074 more than budgeted.

2. General Operating Fund costs for the 12 months ending on December 31 were \$413,431, \$14,787 less than budgeted.

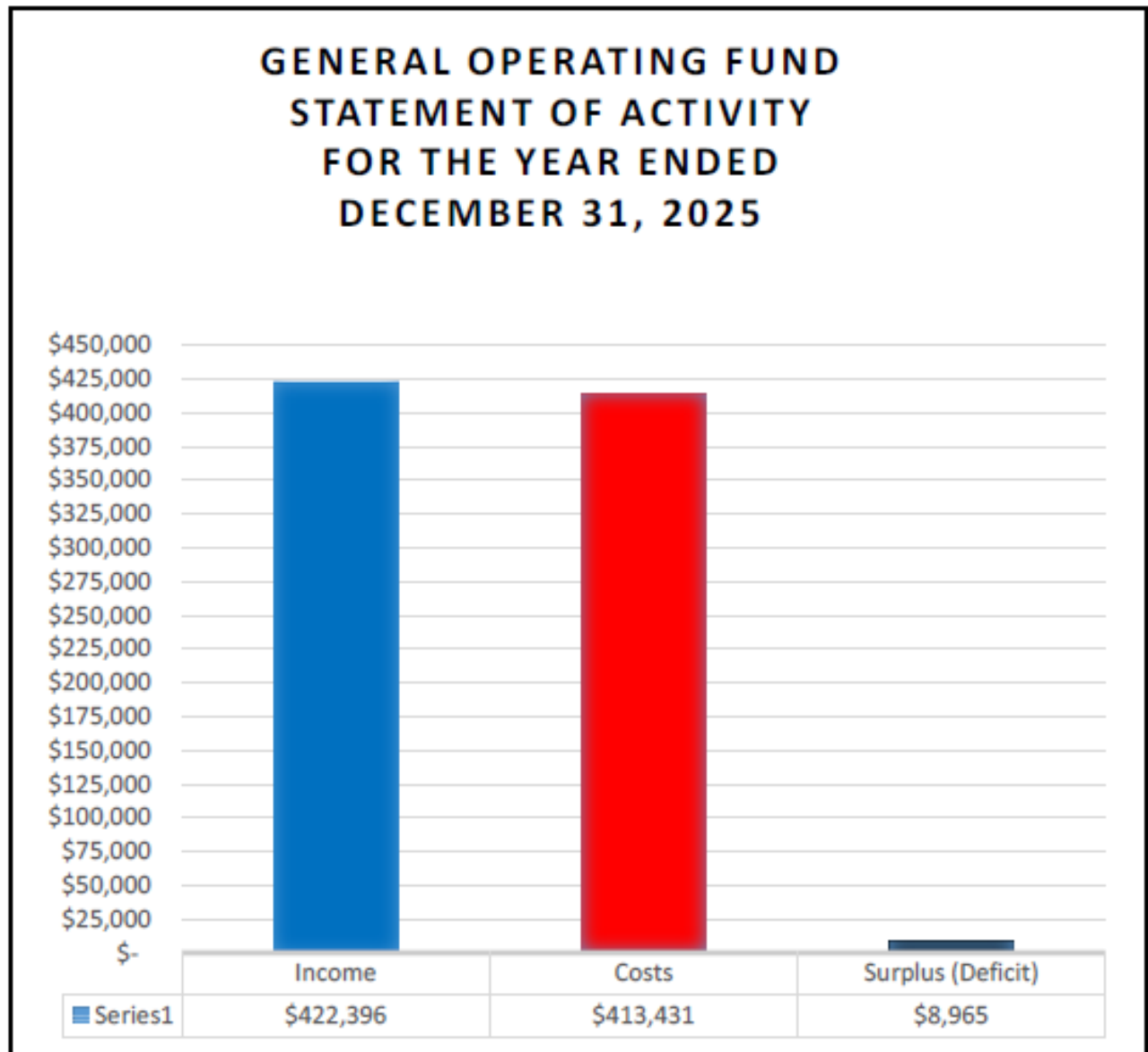
- Personnel costs for the 12 months ending on December 31 were \$209,699, \$4,484 less than budgeted.
- Occupancy costs for the twelve months ending December 31 were \$84,226, \$4,734 less than budgeted.
- Other General operating costs for the twelve months ending December 31 were \$16,781, \$2,219 less than budgeted.
- Capital Expenditures for the 12 months ending on December 31 were \$25,359. \$22,362 of this figure was used to provide the 15% deposit for the church solar system.
- Outreach costs for the 12 months ending on December 31 were \$14,079, \$90 less than budgeted. The Outreach costs figure include Offerings to Betty Chinn and others who received substantial designated offerings from parishioners.
- The Music Ministry costs for the 12 months ending on December 31 were \$10,683, \$4,033 more than budgeted. The organ has received tuning and other maintenance/repair in the amount of over \$7,500.
- Hospitality costs for the 12 months ending on December 31 were \$517, \$983 less than budgeted.
- Adult education & Children's Ministry costs for the 12 months ending on December 31 were \$2,475, \$525 less than budgeted.
- Altar Supplies' costs for the 12 months ending on December 31 were \$1,404, \$472 more than budgeted.



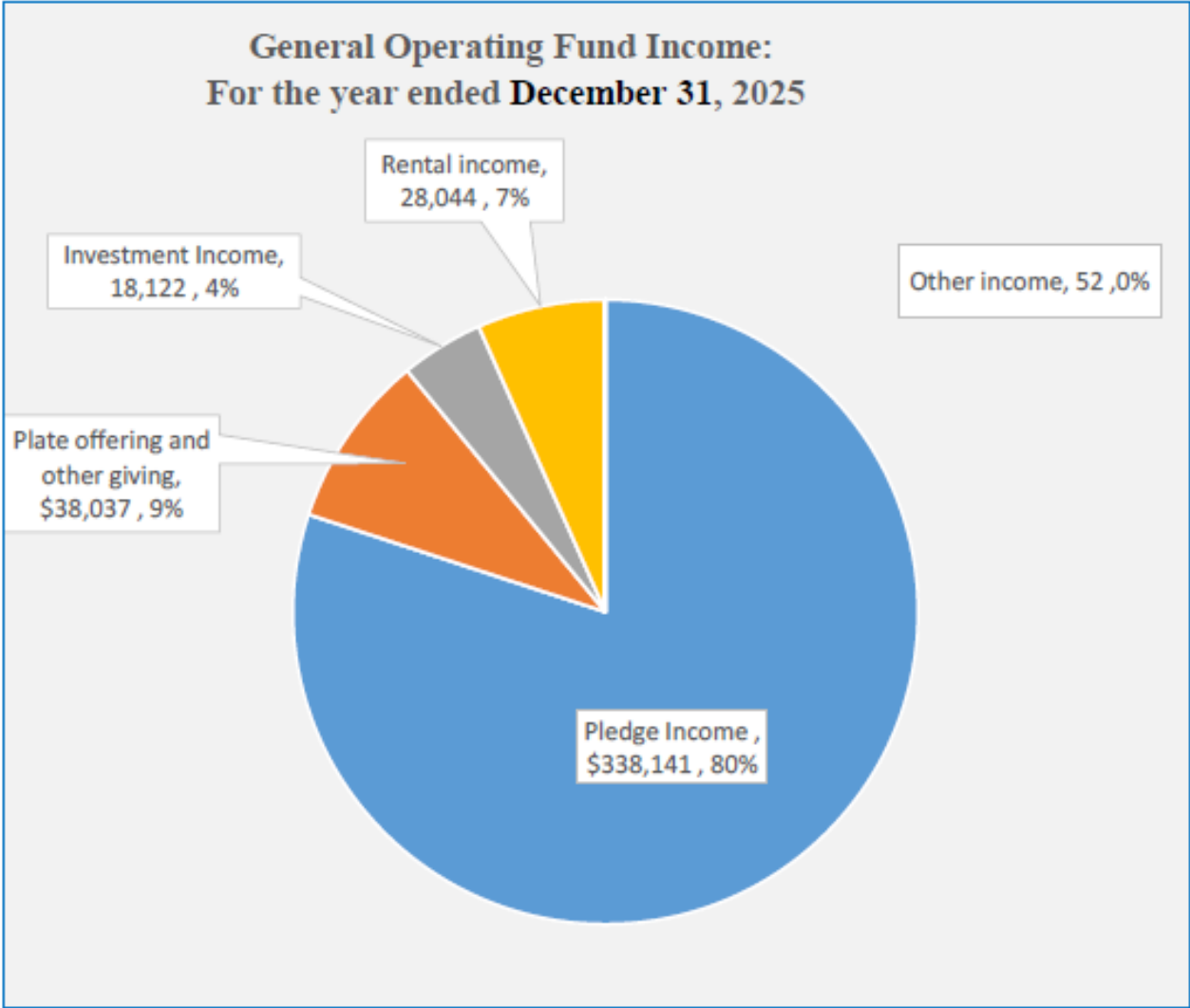
General Operating Fund  
Statement of Activity  
For the year ended December 31, 2025

	2025 Actual	Budget year to Date	Favorable (Unfavorable) Variance
Pledge Income	338,141	347,000	(8,859)
Plate offering and other giving	31,906	15,550	16,356
Donor Restricted Giving	6,131	1,000	5,131
Total giving income	370,047	363,550	6,497
Investment Income	18,122	14,950	3,172
Rental income	28,044	26,970	1,074
Other income	52	50	2
Total general operating fund income	422,396	405,570	16,826
Diocesan Apportionment	48,209	50,000	1,791
Personnel Costs	209,699	214,183	4,484
Occupancy costs	84,226	88,960	4,734
Other general operating costs	16,781	19,000	2,219
Capital Expenditures	25,359	-	(25,359)
Worship ministry	-	250	250
Outreach	14,079	14,169	90
Music Ministry	10,683	6,650	(4,033)
Hospitality	517	1,500	983
Adult education & Children Ministry	2,475	3,000	525
Altar Supplies Expense	1,404	932	(472)
Total general operating fund costs	413,431	398,644	(14,787)
General Operating Fund surplus (deficit)	8,965	6,926	2,039
General Operating Fund Balance January 1, 2025	102,227		
General Operating Fund Balance December 31, 2025	111,192		

General Operating Fund  
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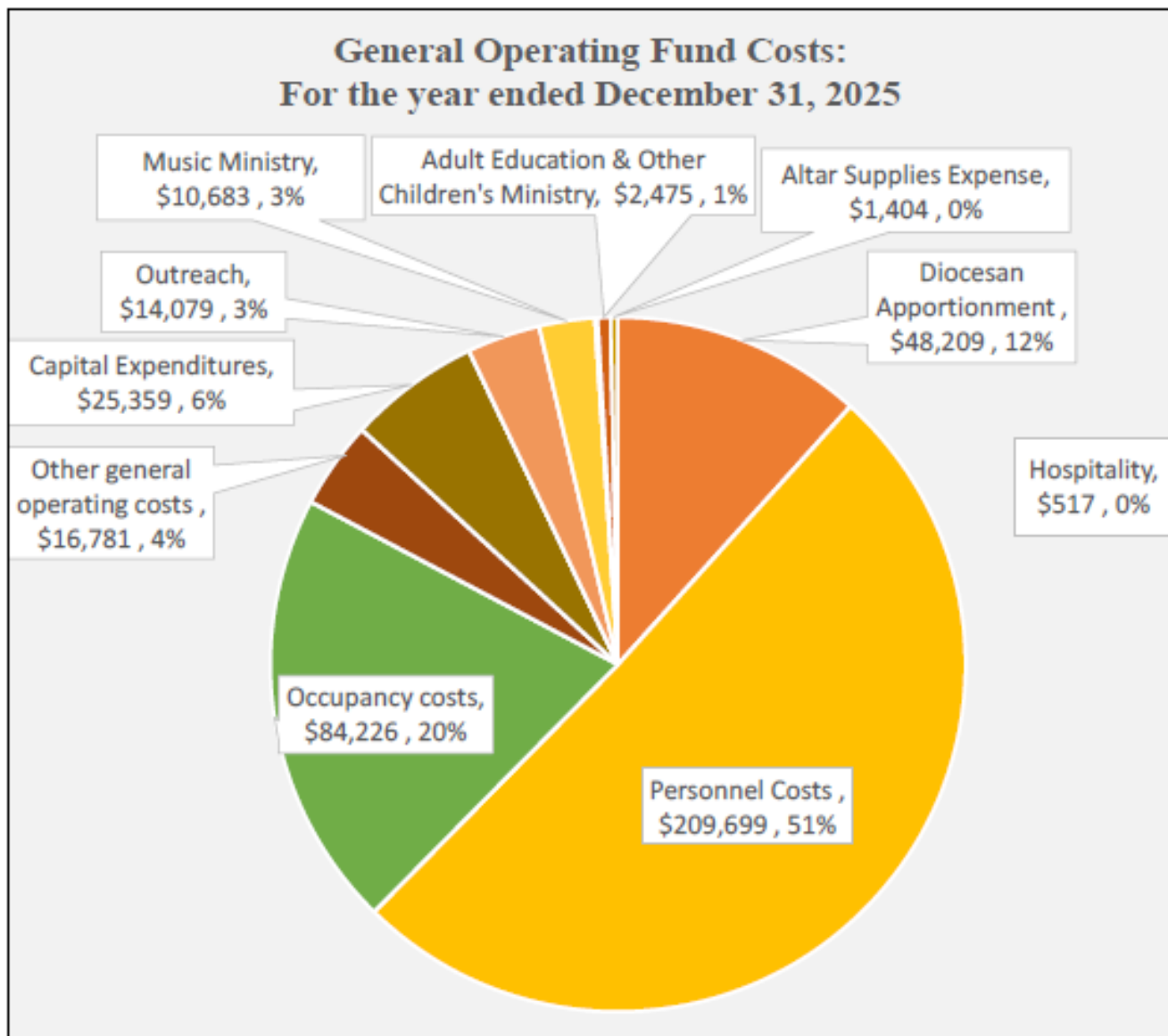


General Operating Fund  
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Christ Episcopal Church Statement of Financial Position  
For the year ended December 31, 2025

	December 31, 2025	December 31, 2024
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash	\$ 39,879	101,959
Savings	11,199	17,368
Redwood Capital Bank Discretionary funds	5,068	2,695
Prepaid insurance	-	671
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>56,147</b>	<b>122,476</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Pledges paid in advance	2,100	31,500
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>31,500</b>
<b>Net current assets</b>	<b>54,047</b>	<b>90,976</b>
Episcopal Diocese of Northern California investment funds (1)	1,112,183	1,037,691
Morgan Stanley Money Market Fund	10,000	-
<b>Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	<b>1,176,230</b>	<b>1,128,667</b>
 Transfiguration House	 221,645	 221,645
Mortgage note payable	154,374	166,659
<b>Book Value of Transfiguration House</b>	<b>67,271</b>	<b>54,986</b>
 <b>Net Assets</b>	 <b>1,243,500</b>	 <b>1,183,653</b>

(1) Value as of December 31, 2025

Christ Episcopal Church Statement of Financial Position  
For the year ended December 31, 2025

<b>Funds</b>		
<b>Unrestricted/Undesignated</b>		
General Operating Fund	111,192	102,210
Memorial Fund	16,367	16,192
Robert & Jeanne Fish Memorial Fund	-	2,891
Christ Church Money Market Fund Balance	17,505	-
Christ Church Fund A (1)	644,552	623,169
Pierson Fund (1)	194,907	174,364
Morgan Stanley Money Market Fund Balance	10,000	-
Total available Funds	994,524	918,826
<b>Unrestricted/Designated</b>		
Labyrinth Fund	2,843	1,079
Saints Martha and Mary Mission	59	1,401
Church Campus Maintenance & Repair Fund	4,158	47,163
Rector's Sabbatical leave	14,546	8,546
Deacons' Sabbatical leave	5,000	5,000
Joy Mass ECS grant	-	863
Creation Care Fund	2,670	1,910
Hosting	1,870	2,345
Youth Group	1,347	996
Thomas Merton Group Fund	90	-
Chapel Musical Instruments	1,595	1,595
Total Unrestricted/Designated	34,178	70,698
<b>Donor Restricted Funds</b>		
Food for the Homeless Fund Balance	177	-
Wish List Designated Fund Balance	3,379	-
Food for Fellowship Balance	313	-
Altar Guild	4,621	4,705
Helen Person Scholarship Fund	11,740	12,240
Foster Children's program	-	3,750
Christ Church Concert Series	11,382	11,388
Music and Arts Camp Ministry	10,142	6,435
Total Donor Restricted Funds	41,754	38,518
Endowment Fund (1)	167,976	153,887
<b>Discretionary funds</b>		
Rector's discretionary fund	2,983	771
Archdeacon's discretionary fund	636	475
Deacon's discretionary fund	1,449	1,449
Total discretionary funds	5,068	2,695
Total Fund Balances	\$ 1,243,500	1,183,653

(1) Value as of December 31, 2025



All Active funds except General Operating Fund  
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**Wish List Designated Fund Balance Composition**

Balance January 1, 2025	\$ -
Year to Date Donations matched with Expenditures	9,401
Year to Date Expenditures	(9,401)
 <b>Designated Balances in Fund</b>	
Balance Adult Education & Dementia Workshop	\$ 197
Balance Stream Team Howard Gardner's Memorial	\$ 50
Designated Howard Gardner Memory	\$ 40
Sales Revenue from Jumble Sale (2025-09-06)	\$ 772
Marriage Deposit Sheena Ruchtie	\$ 500
Marriage Deposit Shefler-Eddisford	\$ 500
Offerings from Purchase of New Seeds of Contemplation Books	\$ 40
Designated Betty Chinn	\$ 280
Designated Rector Bonus	\$ 400
Designated Music Director Bonus	\$ 300
Designated Choir Director Bonus	\$ 300
Balance December 31, 2025	<u>\$ 3,379</u>

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**Church Campus Maintenance & Repair Fund**

Balance January 1, 2025	\$	47,163
<b>INCOME YEAR TO DATE</b>		
Birthday offerings (CC Maint & Rpr)	\$	1,658
Church Campus Mnt & Repair (Other Income)	\$	14,087
Investment income (Church Campus Maint Fund)	\$	5,565
Transfer from General Op Fnd (CC Maint & Rpr)	\$	18,400
Pierson Fund Income (CC Maint & Rpr)	\$	899
Transfer from Money Market Investment Fund	\$	30,000
<b>Total Income Year to Date</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>70,608</b>
<b>EXPENSES YEAR TO DATE</b>		
CC Mnt & Rpr Major Building Maintenance Expense	\$	(104,933)
Painting & Repairing Church & Chapel Buildings	87,300	
Door Repair & Replacement on G St and 15th St	13,584	
Gate Security Modifications	749	
Repair and Painting of Courtyard doors and windows	2,050	
Additional work exterior classroom wall at labyrinth side	1,250	
CC Mnt Furniture & Equip Maintenance Expense	\$	-
CC Mnt & Rpr Equipment Maintenance Expense	\$	(986)
Modifying Lock Cover Plate on 15th St. Gate so it will latch closed	853	
Rekeying Gate Lock	133	
CC Mnt & Rpr Other Expense	\$	(108)
CC Rectory Repair & Maintenance Expenses	\$	(7,587)
Repair and Repaint Transfiguration House Front Porch	2,030	
Painting Porch on Transfiguration House	2,000	
Materials and Labor for Painting South and East Sides of Rectory	3,557	
<b>Total Expenses Year to Date</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(113,614)</b>
<b>Balance December 31, 2025</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,158</b>

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**Altar Guild Fund**

Balance January 1, 2025	\$ 4,705
Offerings/Other Income	2,972
Expenses	(3,056)
Balance December 31, 2025	<u>\$ 4,621</u>

**Christ Church Concert Series**

Balance January 1, 2025	\$ 11,388
Donations	4,665
Expenses	(4,672)
Balance December 31, 2025	<u>\$ 11,382</u>

**Rector's Sabbatical Leave Fund**

Balance January 1, 2025	\$ 8,546
Donations	6,000
Expenses	-
Balance December 31, 2025	<u>\$ 14,546</u>

**Joy Mass ECS grant Balance**

Balance January 1, 2025	\$ 351
Offerings/Other Income	-
Expenses Transfer Balance to Youth Group Fund Balance	(351)
Balance December 31, 2025	<u>\$ -</u>

**Youth Group Fund Balance**

Balance January 1, 2025	\$ 996
Offerings/Other Income Transfer from Joy Mass	351
Expenses	-
Balance December 31, 2025	<u>\$ 1,347</u>

**Foster Children Program Balance**

Balance January 1, 2025	\$ 3,750
Offerings/Other Income	-
Expenses Transfer Foster Children Program Balance to Music & Arts Ministry	(3,750)
Balance December 31, 2025	<u>\$ -</u>

**Music and Arts Ministry**

Balance January 1, 2025	\$ 6,435
Offerings/Other Income Transfer from Foster Children Fund	3,750
Expenses	(43)
Balance December 31, 2025	<u>\$ 10,142</u>



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**Helen Person Scholarship Fund Balance**

Balance January 1, 2025	\$ 11,340
Offerings/Other Income	400
Expenses	-
Balance December 31, 2025	<u>\$ 11,740</u>

**Thomas Merton Group Fund Balance**

Balance January 1, 2025	\$ -
Offerings/Other Income	90
Expenses	-
Balance December 31, 2025	<u>\$ 90</u>

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**Rector's Discretionary Fund**

Balance January 1, 2025	\$ 771
Net Donations	4,717
Net Expended	(2,505)
Balance December 31, 2025	<u>\$ 2,983</u>

**Archdeacon's Discretionary Fund**

Balance January 1, 2025	\$ 475
Net Donations	861
Net Expended	(700)
Balance December 31, 2025	<u>\$ 636</u>

**Deacon's Discretionary Fund**

Balance January 1, 2025	\$ 1,449
Net Donations	-
Net Expended	-
Balance December 31, 2025	<u>\$ 1,449</u>

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**Christ Church Money Market Fund (Diocese)**

Balance (Investment Fund) January 1, 2025	\$ 54,926
Unrealized Gains and (losses)	\$ 2,579
Deposits/(Withdrawals)	\$ (40,000)
Balance December 31, 2025	<u>\$ 17,505</u>

**Church Fund A**

Balance (Investment Fund) January 1, 2025	\$ 641,262
Unrealized Gains and (losses)	\$ 3,290
Balance December 31, 2025	<u>\$ 644,552</u>

**Pierson Fund**

Balance January 1, 2025	179,122
Unrealized Gains and (losses)	15,785
Balance December 31, 2025	<u>194,907</u>

**Endowment Fund**

Balance January 1, 2025	153,887
Unrealized Gains and (losses)	14,089
Balance December 31, 2025	<u>167,976</u>

**Christ Church Money Market Fund (Morgan Stanley)**

Balance (Investment Fund) January 1, 2025	\$ -
Unrealized Gains and (losses)	\$ -
Deposits/(Withdrawals)	\$ 10,000
Balance December 31, 2025	<u>\$ 10,000</u>



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<b>FUND BALANCES WITH NO ACTIVITY</b>
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Creation Care Fund \$2,670
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Robert & Jeanne Fish Memorial Fund \$0
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Food for Fellowship Fund Balance \$313
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Hosting Fund Balance \$1,870
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Chapel Musical Instruments \$1,595
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Deacons' Sabbatical Leave Fund Balance Fund \$5,000
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Sts. Martha & Mary Mission Fund \$59
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Memorial Fund \$16,367
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Labyrinth Fund Fund \$2,843
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Christ Episcopal Church  
General Operating Fund  
Notes on 2026 Budget

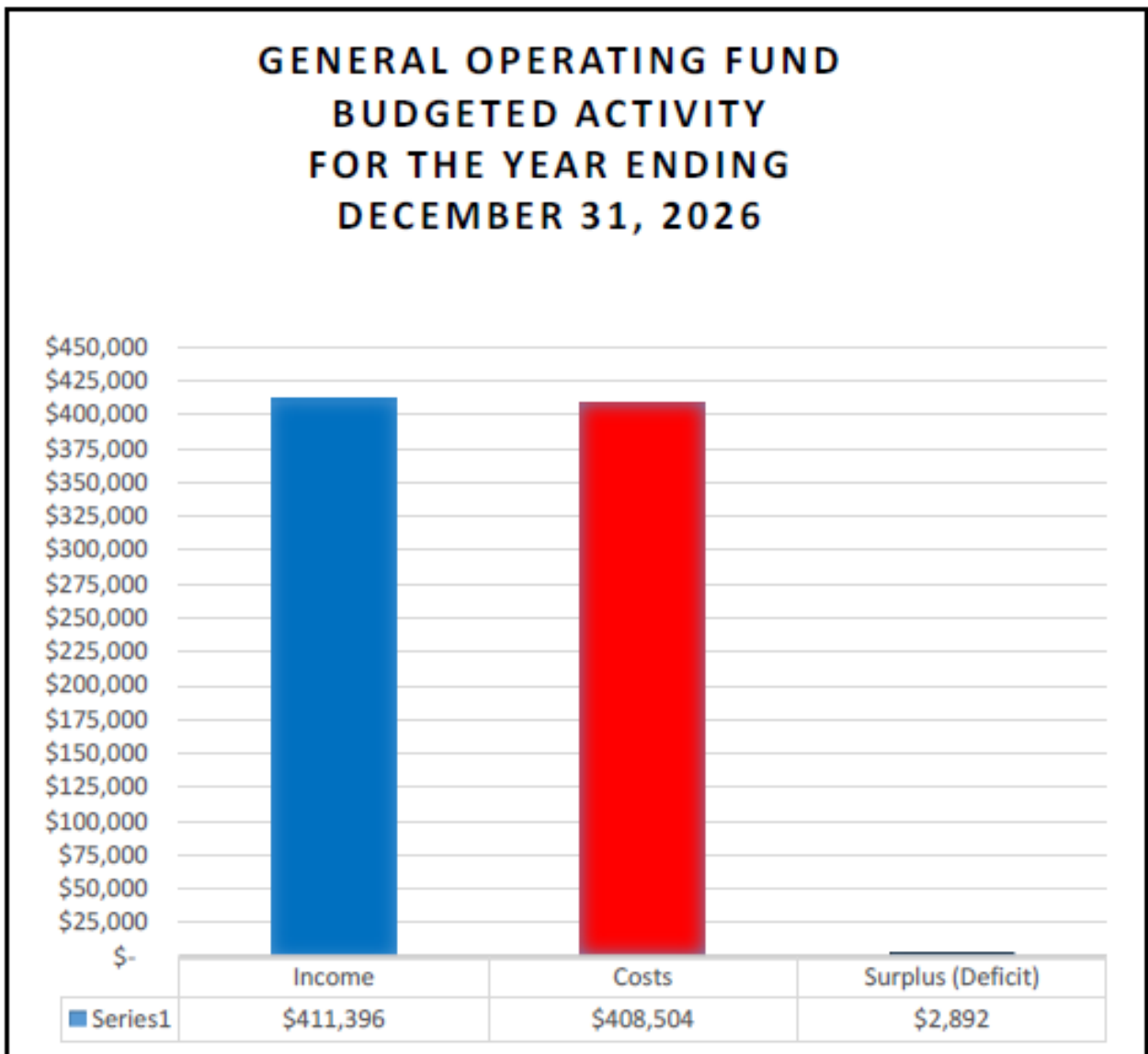
1. The projections forecast a small surplus for 2026 of \$2,892.
2. Pledge income is based on pledges received as of 1/15/26.
3. The Vestry approved the COLA increase of 2.7% recommended by the Diocese for all employees.
4. Some budgets have been adjusted to reflect actual, necessary, expenditures in 2025. These changes were only made after review and concurrence by the finance committee and the vestry.
5. Efforts to make changes which reduced PG&E electricity consumption have had a positive effect and resulted in the church being able to avoid increasing the utilities budget for 2026 despite significant increases on both electricity and gas imposed throughout 2025.

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Budgeted Activity Statement  
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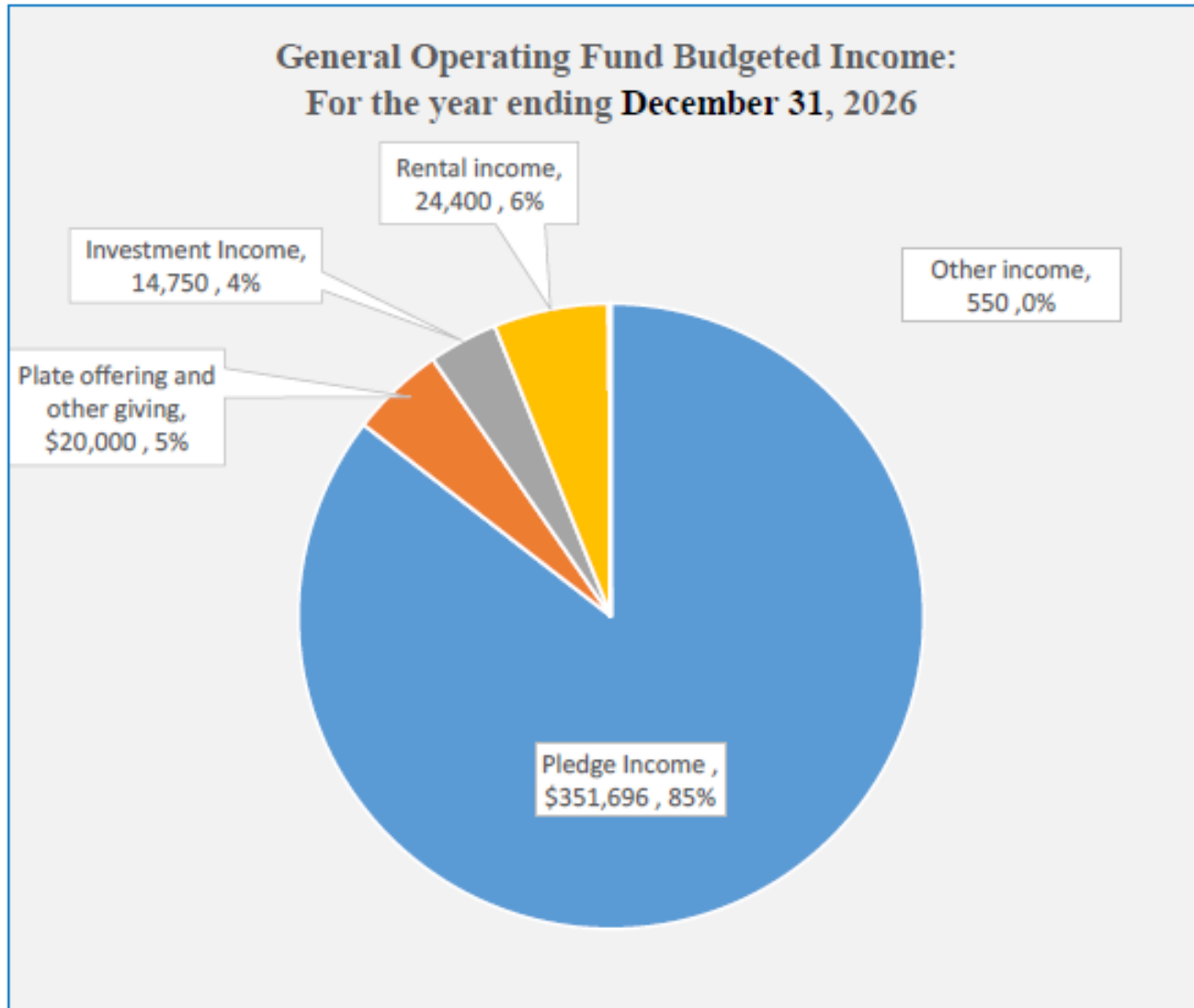
	2026 Budget
Pledge Income	351,696
Plate offering and other giving	20,000
<b>Projected Giving Income</b>	<b>371,696</b>
Investment Income	14,750
Rental income	24,400
Other income	550
<b>Projected Other Income</b>	<b>39,700</b>
<b><u>Total Projected Operating Fund Income</u></b>	<b>411,396</b>
Diocesan Apportionment	50,000
Personnel Costs	229,554
Occupancy costs	81,200
Other general operating costs	24,450
Capital Expenditures	-
Worship Ministry	-
Outreach	4,400
Music Ministry	12,400
Hospitality	1,500
Adult Education & Other Children's Ministry	3,500
Altar Supplies Expense	1,500
<b><u>Total Projected Operating Fund Expenses</u></b>	<b>408,504</b>
<b>Projected General Operating Fund Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>2,892</b>



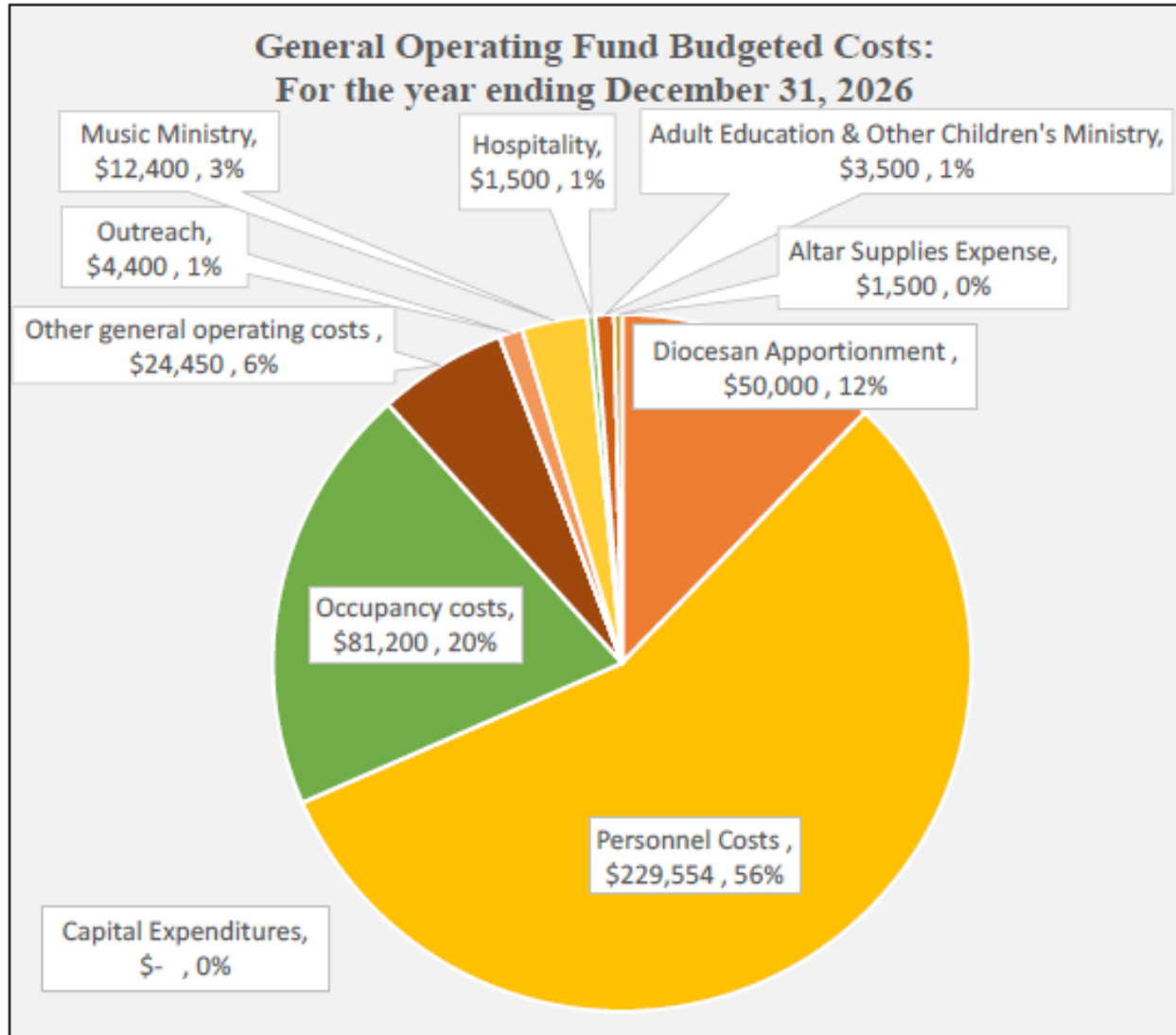
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# THE NECROLOGY

Carol Johnson Holland

May 13, 1937 - July 29, 2025

The Rev. Dr. Susan Armstrong

May 23, 1941 - January 4, 2026

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## HOLY BAPTISMS

*February 2, 2025 – Feast of the Presentation in the Temple*

**Joel Leopoldo Coffey**

*April 19, 2025 – The Great Vigil of Easter*

**Cate Arabella Dobson**

**Daisie Harris**

**Grace Emma-Lin Maples**

**Ryler Machado Maples**

*January 11, 2026 – First Sunday after the Epiphany*

*The Baptism of our Lord*



**Theodore Alex Zheng**

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *these* your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace.

Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 308*





The Right Reverend Megan M. Traquair  
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THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA



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