

St. John's Episcopal Church 2025 Annual Report



Mission Statement

St. John's is a Christian community that intentionally gathers to experience God's love through Episcopal worship, education, fellowship, and ministry to the wider community.

77th Annual Meeting Agenda

January 25, 2026

Call to Order, Establishment of Quorum, and Rules of Engagement

Quorum: either 20% of Average Sunday Attendance for six months (54 x 20% = 11);
or twice the number of Vestry members (2 x 9 = 18).

Opening Prayer

Appointment of Clerk

Parochial Statistics

2025 Annual Meeting Minutes – Clerk

Priest in Charge Report

Rev. Susanna DesMarais

Appreciations

- Vestry Membership –
Jeff Bates and Helena Livingston – Vestry terms ending
Bob Dunn –Sr. Warden (appointed by the rector)
- David Dennehy, for all his dedicated work as Property Guru

Warden's Reports

Business Session

Election of Vestry Members

- Pamela Brittain
- Bill Cheney
- Karen Duignan

Diocesan Convention-November 7 & 8, 2026

- Delegates (2) and Alternates (2)

Ministry Reports

- Flower Guild
- Members of St. John's
- Music Ministry
- Office Report
- The Order of the Daughters of the King, St. Margarets Chapter
- Outreach
- Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry
- Property
- Scholarship Committee

Treasurer's Report

- Financial Summary (2025 Year End)
- Presentation of 2026 Budget

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Vestry Meeting: Sunday, February 22, 2025 at 10:30am (following the Sunday liturgy)

Upcoming Special Events:

- "Souper" Bowl Soup/Chili Sale: Sunday, February 8, 2025
- Men of St. John's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: Tuesday, February 17, 2025

Parochial Statistics

- Total Sunday Attendance = 2819 (2024 = 2720)
 - **Average Sunday Attendance = 54 (2024 = 52)**
- Other Services:
 - Baptism (not on Sunday): 40 attending
 - Weddings: 0
 - Funerals/Memorials: 637 attending
 - Morning prayer: 262 attending
- Total Attendance including other services = 3758 (2024 = 4,279)

- Baptisms/Confirmations: 12 baptisms (0 confirmations)

- Home Visits to parishioners = 8 (3-Rev. Susanna, 4-Iris Atkins and Debbie Lothspeich, 1-Roger Haenke)

- Deaths: In 2025 our parish family experienced 6 deaths, 7 funerals and 2 inurnments:
 - Robert Aguilar (1/23/25)
 - Joseph Atkins (2/12/25)
 - Michael Morris (4/17/24)
 - Jon Link (4/21/25)
 - Gloria Marie Attaway (6/13/25)
 - Carole Anne Bracey (11/11/2025)
 - Inurnment: (no funeral or memorial; prayers at graveside)
 - Deborah Milam (11/18/2020)
 - Wilma Hunter (11/25/2025)

Father of all, we pray to you for all those whom we love and see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

St. John's Episcopal Church
76th Annual Meeting- Minutes
Sunday, January 26, 2025

Rev. Roger Haenke called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m.
There were 27 in attendance. Quorum was reached.

Rev. Haenke expressed appreciation to those whose terms on Vestry are ending (Pemela Brittain, Alice Burnham, Diane Gustafson); to Lynn Young (Senior Warden), Jeff Bates (Junior Warden), Bob Dunn (Treasurer) and Diane Gustafson (Clerk) whose terms are ending; to David Dennehy (Property Committee) and Rev. Roger Haenke (Outreach) whose chairmanships are ending; and to the Men of St. John's for all they do for the parish.

The Spirit of St. John's Award was given to Debbie Lothspeich. Tom Brzeczek was awarded the Diocesan Servant Ministry Award in November, and this was honored.

David Dennehy moved, Pamela Brittain seconded approval of last year's Annual Meeting minutes, and the motion passed.

Bob Dunn, outgoing Treasurer, presented the 2024 year-end financial summary and the 2025 budget. If there are any questions, see Bob Dunn after the meeting.

The Rectors' Report, Wardens' Report, and Ministry Reports are in the booklet.

BUSINESS SESSION:

There are three vacancies on Vestry. There are three candidates:

Iris Atkins

Bob Dunn

Bill Gustafson

Jeff Bates moved, Kurth Barnes seconded to elect Iris Atkins, Bob Dunn and Bill Gustafson to the Vestry for three-year terms. The motion passed.

Bill Gustafson moved, Pamela Brittain seconded to elect Jeff Bates and Debbie Lothspeich as our delegates to the Diocesan Convention in November at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, San Diego. The motion passed.

Bill Gustafson moved, Pamela Brittain seconded to elect Lynn Young and Bob Dunn as alternates to the Diocesan Convention. The motion passed.

Rev. Roger Haenke announced that he has appointed Bob Dunn as Senior Warden.

Reverend Roger reflected on this past year. He said this parish is a group of people who love one another. Parishioners live the embodiment of Christ. As a parish, we strive to live the principles Christ espoused. The campus is beautiful. The relationship with ECS is a blessing for us, without which we would be in very challenging times.

He expressed deep appreciation for the blessing of Kathy Weizer who left her estate to St. John's. The Outreach Committee is always seeking ways to do the work Christ calls us to do. The Men of St. John's has done so much for this Parish year after year. Cheryl has blessed us with her gift of music for 50 years. There are so many groups in this church that contribute to who we are and what we do.

Another great opportunity is the sharing of our space which we are exploring with First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego. There is a potential to share their outreach ministry of feeding the needy.

Rev. Roger Haenke spoke about his 2025 goals-

2025 Goals

1. Congregational Growth: In the coming year, through evangelization, I intend to increase membership in the parish by recruiting 5 new families/members.
2. Collaborative Ministry: In the coming year I will collaborate with my interfaith clergy group in Chula Vista to provide 3 interfaith/ecumenical prayer services/community service projects.
3. Evangelization: In the next 12 months, I will continue to reach out to the Latino/Hispanic community by providing at least six celebrations of culture and faith through worship and dinner gatherings (La Misa in English).
4. Formation and Teaching: In the next 12 months, I will offer two educational opportunities to increase the knowledge and faith of the members of the parish.

A general discussion followed, including the time of service. Some parishioners have indicated a desire to return to a 10:00 service instead of 9:00. However, others have said they are happy with the 9:00 start time for our Sunday service.

A need for a list of emergency contacts – this is being compiled and will be stored discreetly where ushers and/or staff can consult it should a need arise.

A new parish directory – Diane and Maria are coordinating this.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Young, *Recorder for this meeting*

Priest-in-Charge Report for 2025

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13:7



St. John's is a community of love, and this love leads us to believe all things, hope all things and endure all things. This past year has been a year of great hope and huge disappointment, and we keep that in mind as we look back at 2025. As I compose this report I feel most keenly the loss of your previous leadership, knowing I can only reflect on part of our year together. And yet, this year has been full of joy also, as we continued in our life as Jesus' disciples doing the work God has given us and also welcoming First Unitarian Universalist Church to our facilities along with their pantry.

First, I must address the change in leadership and what it entailed for both the congregation and myself. As a member of this parish, a pew sitter I like to say, I had just found my way back to St. John's after an assignment across the bridge in Coronado. In August, I was asked to fill in for your previous rector, Roger Haenke, so he could have needed surgery and time to recover, which I was glad to do. As the first events of the posted video occurred (just before the very first Sunday I was filling in) I offered my services to this community and to the diocesan office, willingly I add, and here I still am, in my 6th month with you. What's more, I anticipate being here as your priest in charge until such a time as a new rector is called. Together we have traveled the road of hurt, disappointment and betrayal and you have shown your true grit, your true love for God and each other as we continue to be the church of St. John's. And together we are rebuilding this special place after a tumultuous year. I am deeply grateful for each and everyone of you and your gifts to this parish community. Now onward with our ministry together.

Worship

Our Sunday worship services thankfully continued without a break and with a different priest at the helm, everyone has made the adjustments and accommodations needed. I have found wonderful liturgical ministries along with some rather huge holes in the organization of worship. Special thanks to Cheryl Seppala for her always appropriate worship music and to her gracious guidance of our great choir. She always knows just the right the music to use and the Christmas program showed off some of her wonderful talents. I also must thank the Altar Group (no official group but lots of very helpful hands) specifically Lynn Naranjo, Malia Attaway and Marge Moore for their ever-reliable service to our service! Flowers are always beautiful and many hands are involved with that including Marcia Morris, Judy Butcher and those who come weekly to adorn our sanctuary.

We did have a break in our live streaming due to the loss of Cliff Berkowitz (Roger's husband). After a month of work, we are now back up and running on our usual YouTube channel. Thanks to Jamie Attaway who stepped in and has been the key to our You Tube streaming. He is now joined by Larry Ferguson and David Naranjo, and he's more than willing to train anyone interested in doing this important work.

Since the very beginning of Christian worship, we have always made arrangements for community member who cannot worship with us. The church is much more than the building! Worship also includes our lay eucharistic visitors, Iris Atkins and Debbie Lothspeich who make home and hospital visits to our parishioners, along with myself.

We are in need of a centralizing organization for altar preparation and clean up, normally but not necessarily called an altar guild. We have many of those people already doing the work, but we need to be able to access help and support in a more routine way. This will be one of the things I will try to organize in the year to come.

Worship statistics are now found on the parochial reports page because they are the work of the parish, not just the priest (even though I do preside at them.)

Formation

This year I have been pleased to head up several adult formation events:

1. Becoming Beloved Community during Lent
2. Labyrinth Walk Talk
3. Book of Common Prayer 101
4. Advent offering (supposed to have been the diocesan program but ended up being a combination of things.)

We also have had a special presentation by Rev. Kristin Kuriga on First Unitarian Universalism and what they do here at St. John's.

Heather Wallace continues to provide Sunday School for kids in worship through thick and thin! We are so blessed by her and so very grateful for all she does for our kids. I watched at Christmas as she greeted past Sunday Schoolers now grown and saw the love she had shared with them.

Pastoral Care

I refer back to worship section and to Iris and Debbie who continue to take communion out to homebound parishioners. I have called on people in the hospital and at home during my time here but they do the regular visits. Please see their report and the parochial statistics.

Administration

Due to the circumstances of my call to serve you, I was immediately involved in the administration of this parish with emergency meetings with the Canon to the Ordinary and then with both the Canon and the Bishop. Now things are on a more regular basis and we are finding our way into a new administration together.

We are blessed with a great staff here and frankly I couldn't function without them. Maria Love is the face of our office; she's here four days a week ready to help all of us. Sally Elliott handles all our bookkeeping items and knows all about St. John's after many years here. And this year we were very smart to hire Franco Cremascoli, our building supervisor. Franco is quickly learning all the ins and outs of our property and is caring beautifully for our facilities. And he is a delight to work with, thank you, Franco.

We continue to publish a weekly newsletter sent out electronically and a second weekly email with the links to the worship. In an effort to curb costs, we have moved to a slightly smaller bulletin (legal paper costs much more than standard 8.5 x 11) and continue to publish the whole service with music.

Your vestry is responsible for the running of the church along with your rector or in this case, your priest-in-charge. We continue to meet monthly to ensure the smooth and effective work of the church including paying all our bills and maintaining our financial wellbeing. Robert Dunn has been the senior warden (see his report) through this difficult year and has been a voice of reason and calm. Jeff Bates (see his report) has been the junior warden and has continued to serve the vestry admirably. The vestry will start the search process soon after this meeting and will be looking for people to serve in this important task.

I also meet with several other groups throughout the year on a monthly basis:

- Finance Committee
- ECS/Head Start through McKee Property Services
- First UU
- Outreach
- Property

- MOSJ
- Staff meetings

I must also give thanks to Terry Farrelly who diligently explained the financial state of St. John's to me when I came on board and has been an amazing treasurer to this parish.

2026

This coming year will be a time of reflection followed by action as you search for a permanent priest for St. John's. You will hear all about this in the months to come. I will continue to serve as priest-in-charge and to support this congregation in our work and ministry together. We will be joined at least nominally by the Rev. Don Quinton as he is restored to the Episcopal priesthood on February 21 here at St. John's.

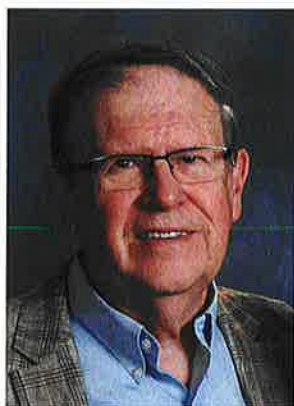
My plans for 2026 include.

- An Altar Team (as mentioned in my worship section)
- Ministry of the Worship-inviting more people to join us in our worship as readers, acolytes, ushers and Eucharistic Ministers.
- A Legacy Team-a group of people who can oversee the formation of a planned giving program here. We all know how important that can be for the life of parish; because of a donation made after death we are relieved of financial disruptions. We need to grow that work and help people understand the importance of making St. John's a beneficiary in their will and/or trust.
- Adult Formation: more educational opportunities for this parish. Lent program already in the planning stages.
- Support the Search committee in any way I can.

May God continue to bless you as you have blessed each other and me. I remain deeply honored to be here in my priestly capacity and as Paul says, I pray every day for you.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Susanna DesMarais

Senior Warden's Report for 2025



2025 was quite a year. Every year has its ups and downs, but our swings were greater than usual.

Of course, there was the sudden, heart-breaking resignation of our popular, well-respected rector, Roger Haenke. Recovery from that has been difficult for many of us. Fortunately, Bishop Susan Brown Snook, Canon Gwyn Lynch, and others at the Diocese immediately came to our aid, providing much needed support. Much gratitude is also owed to the Reverend Susanna DesMarais who quickly stepped in to the position of Interim Priest-In-Charge.

On the upside –

Early in the year, we had a successful Vestry retreat which included Rev Canon Alisyn Thomas as a guest speaker.

Larry & Lucy Ferguson started a summer program for youngsters, and a young adult Emerging Community program. Each seems to have had a successful beginning, and we hope to see them thrive.

The First Universalist Unitarian (FUU) Church of San Diego eventually got their use permit approved by the city, and began holding services in Nale Hall. A little later, they got their weekly food pantry underway, serving 500-600 families each week. To assist with the latter, they welcome volunteers from St. John's.

With a generous contribution in memory of Gloria Attaway, a Youth Ministry Fund was established. With help from FUU, an excellent new sound system was installed in Nale Hall.

The Capital Campaign, into its 3rd and final year, has received donations of nearly 50% of the \$500K goal. These funds paid for new roofing on our church buildings, and for the replacement of a couple of aged HVAC units; the latest in the kitchen area; others need replacement.

Thanks to your continued, generous financial support of St. John's, our recent stewardship campaign received pledges totaling more than anticipated. That helps to keep us on our path to fiscal stability. St. John's continuing outreach programs, such as our support of ECS's Head Start program, were ongoing. Hosting the FUU food pantry has added to St. John's outreach presence in Chula Vista.

For 2026, our most pressing task will be forming a Search Committee, and starting the process of finding a permanent rector. If you have an interest in being a part of that effort, please contact any member of the Vestry.

It has been an honor to serve as your Senior Warden during 2025, and several sincere thank-yous are owed. Firstly, to each member of the St. John's community for your various, ongoing support of St. John's. More specifically, a thank you to each member of the 2025 Vestry: Jeff Bates (Jr. Warden), Lynn Young (Clerk), Iris Atkins, Bill Cheney, David Dennehy, Bill Gustafson, Helena Livingston, and Alejandra Valdez-Ber. To Terry Farrelly who served as Treasurer, and Diane Gustafson for being the Vestry's recording secretary. To St. John's staff members: Franco Cremascoli, Sally Elliott, and Maria Love. And, finally, to Rev. Susanna for all she has done for St. John's over the past months.

Bob Dunn, *Senior Warden*

Junior Warden's Report for 2025



In many ways, 2025 was a year marked by significant changes and developments at St John's Church. The Parish experienced shifts in leadership, improvements to property, the formation of new alliances, community growth, and heartfelt farewells.

There were notable changes in our local Parish leadership throughout the year, reflecting the evolving needs and direction of our church community.

Our property underwent substantial repairs and upgrades. These improvements have positioned us well for the future, ensuring that our facilities can better serve the congregation and community.

We established new partnerships, most notably with the First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego. This alliance has provided financial support and enabled St John's to serve the local community in practical and meaningful ways each week.

We welcomed new members who began attending St John's, contributing to the vibrancy and diversity of our Parish.

During 2025, we had to say goodbye to several beloved parishioners who passed away. Additionally, we bid farewell to Roger and Cliff, both of whom were cherished members of our community.

Throughout these changes, I consistently received feedback and comments from Parish members. There was strong support for our local leadership, including both clergy and lay leaders, as well as suggestions for

further improving our campus and programs. Parishioners also continued to praise the exceptional choral music provided by Cheryl and the choir during liturgy.

On a personal note, I was honored to serve as a delegate at our Fall Diocesan convention. This event allowed me to witness the growing diversity within EDSB and learn about the many outreach programs we are undertaking and supporting.

It has been both a pleasure and an honor to serve as your Junior Warden over the past several years. I encourage any devoted member to consider this experience, as the Vestry plays a crucial role in guiding our Parish through decisions on programs, partnerships, and the careful stewardship of our financial assets. I hope you will consider participating in the future; St John's has a bright and promising future ahead, and it needs the diverse perspectives of all its members to continue growing.

Jeff Bates, *Junior Warden*

2025 Annual Ministry Reports

Flower Guild



The members of the Flower Guild select and arrange the flowers displayed in the church on Sundays and on special occasions. Costs are covered by donations which can be made in thanksgiving, in memory of a loved one, or for a special occasion such as a birthday or an anniversary. The suggested donation is \$40 and there is a sign-up chart in the Narthex.

Volunteers are always welcome, no experience necessary. If you are interested in participating in this important ministry, please see one of our members, Malia Attaway, Judy Butcher, Marcia Morris, or Norma Ojeda. We are grateful for our “behind the scenes” members who graciously help us with decorations, heavy lifting, etc. whenever needed.

Submitted by Marcia Morris

Members of St. John's

In Summer 2025, the Men of St. John's merged with the long-dormant Women of St. John's to form a more inclusive group called Members of St. John's. Funds remaining in the Women's account were added to the Men's funds.

The group meets monthly, usually on the evening of the third Monday of the month, for fellowship and to plan social events and fundraisers. Members take turns chairing the meetings. Hosts for each meeting provide the entrée with other attendees rounding out the menu.



A Taco Fundraiser was held in October with a suggested donation of \$20/person and opportunity drawings.

The Members planned the parish Christmas party/potluck on December 13 and provided the ham and turkey that were served.

In the near future there will be a monthly meeting held after the Sunday service to attract more attendees.

Submitted by Diane Gustafson

Music Ministry



St. John's is never without music thanks to the weekly efforts of St. John's Choir. 2025 was no exception. The choir presented 65 choir anthems, solos and duets in 2026. Fourteen of those were brand new to the choir and required extra effort. Each anthem takes hours of rehearsal time before and after church on Sunday mornings and on most Thursday evenings throughout the year. The choir even practices at home with rehearsal tracks that I custom record for them.

Even though the offertory anthem is their time "in the spotlight", that is not their most important role in worship. Successfully leading the congregational singing of hymns and service music is truly their number one priority. You could help them out by singing along with gusto. It would be even more helpful to join the choir! We welcome new members at any time. We are already starting to prepare music for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Choir attendance varies weekly, just like congregational attendance. Every single choir voice is valuable in producing a full, rich sound.

We continue to be blessed by the beautiful professional soprano voice of Jane Ferguson and by our favorite married musical duo, Maria and Joe Love. Jane is always there to push buttons on our organ (Big Bertha) when I'm away and Maria and Joe often step up to provide a special guitar and flute duet with vocals. It's always a joy to welcome Maria to play flute and organ duets.

How fortunate we are to still have a volunteer choir to sing traditional Episcopal hymns and anthems. Many small churches don't have that gift. And we should all remain ever appreciative of our beautiful sanctuary with outstanding acoustics and instruments.

We are so fortunate to have Rev. Susanna as our fearless leader. We welcome her new ideas and suggestions in all realms, including music.

Your kind comments and helpful suggestions are always welcome. We invite you to sit in the choir pews on a Sunday morning or Thursday rehearsal and learn what fun it can be to make a joyful noise.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Seppala, *Organist/Director of Music*

Office Report

In 2025, the office continued to be responsible for publishing Sunday bulletins, as well as bulletins for special observances and for Celebrations of Life. We also publish weekly announcements in our Enews and are responsible for daily posts on our Instagram and Facebook pages; and we make and print signs, flyers and sign-up sheets for church events.

The office keeps the church calendar updated, coordinating church events with Head Start and First UU events, along with other community events like a 12-step group that meets on Mondays; monthly meetings of the Bonita Vista Garden Club; and hall rentals for quinceañeras, baby showers, birthday parties, and other events.

The office is open from 9-3 Monday through Thursday, and all are welcome to stop in with questions and concerns, or just to say "hi." During heat waves, the office is open to anyone who would like to take advantage of the air conditioning, and our office library is available to anyone who would like to come in and read for an hour or two, or borrow a book to take home.

Submitted by Maria Love

The Order of the Daughters of the King, St. Margaret's Chapter St. John's Episcopal Church

St. Margaret's Chapter of the Order of Daughters of the King has ten members.

We meet in person once a month to review and finalize the prayer list from which each of us prays every day. The list includes prayers for strength and healing, for repose of souls, for military, shut-ins, hospice, and those who have been baptized. There are forms on the Narthex counter for submitting prayer requests to us.

On one Saturday during Lent we set up our cloth labyrinth in Nale Hall and provided brochures to those who came to walk and meditate.

Linda Dennehy, on behalf of the Daughters, knits prayer shawls for the baptisms of children and adults.

Anyone interested in joining our order (a short period of study is required) can contact Lynn Young or Linda Dennehy.

Submitted by Lynn Young



Outreach Ministry

Point Person	Type	Annual Totals
Bob Dunn	Glasses	89
	Sunglasses	29
	Cases	59
	Used Blankets	61
	Towels	66
	Reusable Drinking Bottles	19
Iris Atkins	Calls	85
	Cards Sent	270
	Eucharistic Recipients	4
Maria Love	Bags Groceries	30
Linda Dennehy	New Blankets	277
	Soap Sacks	160
	Gently Used Clothing (bags/boxes)	45
	Toiletries	10
David Dennehy	Toys for Tots	85
	T4T Cash Donations	\$ -
	Thanksgiving Bags	26
	Thanksgiving \$25 Gift Cards	29
	40 days / 40 items bags	92

Most of our Outreach ministries are covered in the spreadsheet above - what has been collected throughout the year and who heads each one.

The Outreach Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month, at 6pm via Zoom. We discuss, plan and organize the different ministries we do with the congregation each year.

We were very successful with our Sow and Grow program with Head Start, our 40 Days and 40 Items Lent collection, Toys for Tots, and our Thanksgiving Blessings in a Bag grocery collection for our Head Start families.

Submitted by David and Linda Dennehy



Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry



Prayers and Squares is an outreach ministry that combines the gift of a hand-tied quilt with the gift of prayer for someone in need of healing. Each square knot represents a prayer offered specifically for the person who receives the quilt. If you already have a quilt, you may request to have it retied if a new situation arises.

We continue to meet on the second Tuesday of each month from 9:30 to 1:30 in Nale Hall. New members are welcome at any time.

As of the end of 2025, 28 prayer quilts have been given to those in need as requested in addition to two quilts that were retied.

Requests for a quilt may be sent to Maria Love, Diane Gustafson

(diangus15@aol.com), or Debbie Lothspeich (dstitcher49@yahoo.com)

Submitted by Debbie Lothspeich

Property Committee

February – Tented/Fumigated entire property for Termites

March – Reconfiguration of kitchen to accommodate commercial freezer for First UU – removed dishwasher and reconfigured plumbing water and drain, also removed non working ice maker

May – Replace the HVAC Unit in the Kitchen in Nale Hall

September – Started new service with Corky's Pest Control

October – Trimmed Giant Palm Tree behind Admin Building, trimmed African Tulip Tree in front of lower shed, removed Pepper Tree in Trash/Dumpster area to allow for building of a cover for the Dumpsters.

November – Repaired Double Doors going out the back of Nale Hall and the Door going out the back of the Kitchen

Franco Cremascoli was hired this year as our Sexton and has since been promoted to Building Supervisor. He is there on a daily basis and I have been turning over all property issues to him to include dealing with ECS Headstart, McKee our School Property Manager and First UU. He has also completed numerous repairs/painting in the church and sacristy. Painted the iron railings in front of the columbarium, repaired and painted the courtyard fountain and repaired and painted two of the statues in the meditation garden. This is in addition to his normal cleaning responsibilities and setting up and breakdown for the numerous meetings that take place in Nale Hall.

Submitted by David Dennehy

Scholarship Committee

The first "Rev. Michael G. Kaehr Scholarship Award" was offered in 2025. The Scholarship Committee was Pamela Brittain, Bill Cheney, Diane Gustafson and Lynn Young.

Application opportunities were announced on our website and in our Enews. No applications were received, so the scholarship was not awarded in 2025.

Applications for the 2026 Scholarship must be received no later than Wednesday, April 22, 2026. The link for the application will be available on the parish website.

Finance Committee

The St. John's Finance Committee members for 2025 were: Bill Cheney, Bob Dunn, Sally Elliott, Terry Farrelly, Gregg King, Marcia Morris, David Naranjo, and Rev. Roger and Rev. Susanna.

During 2025, the Committee met monthly, a few days prior to the Vestry's meeting, to review the previous month's financial reports. The review monitored the financial status of the parish and provided advice to the Vestry relative to St. John's budget and finances. This helped ensure that the church's financial status was sound and able to fully support St. John's staff, campus, and its several ministries.

The 2025 year end financial summary is shown below. The results show an unfavorable balance of -\$18,462. There were two significant expenses that led to this deficit: 1) more than expected tree maintenance, and 2) unexpected termite tenting.

The 2026 budget is shown on the following page. The results project a \$16,737 surplus. This surplus reflects a lower than usual expense for clergy. Our projection for 2026 is that we will have half-time clergy, with no additional clergy benefits. We expect this surplus will not be available in future years as we move to a permanent full time clergy.

During 2025 (year 2 of the capital campaign), we received \$87,152 into the account. As of December 2025, we have \$113,539 remaining in the capital campaign account, which we expect to use on HVAC and other major building projects.

Terry Farrelly, *Treasurer*

Year End Summary

	Year-End Actual	Year-End Budget	Year-End Difference	Comment
Church Revenue	\$189,887	\$159,960	\$29,927	Favorable
Church Expense	\$407,507	\$359,117	\$48,390	Unfavorable
Church Net	-\$217,630	-\$199,157	-\$18,463	Unfavorable
ECS Lease Income	\$211,184			
First U. U. Income	\$16,633			

St. John's 2026 Budget Summary

Account No.	Account Title	
Revenue		
4000	Contributed Income	\$182,017
4200	Other Parish Income	\$3,500
		\$185,517
Expenditures		
5000	Personnel Expenses	\$143,459
6000	Administrative Expenses	\$8,291
6100	Outside Services	\$35,331
6200	Supplies	\$3,072
6300	Communications	\$8,175
6400	Buildings & Grounds	\$31,009
6500	Professional Services	\$13,589
6600	Insurance – Property	\$10,514
6700	Dues & Subscriptions	\$217



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Balance Sheet Comparison

As of December 31, 2025

	TOTAL		
	AS OF DEC 31, 2025	AS OF DEC 31, 2024 (PY)	CHANGE
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Bank Accounts			
1005 NNB - General Checking 5510	44,102.03	18,499.71	25,602.32
1006 NNB MoneyMarket GeneralSavings 7575	10,371.18	17,412.16	-7,040.98
1007 NNB MoneyMarket RestrictedSavings 7567	47,132.95	54,122.67	-6,989.72
1008 NNB Money Market Capital Campaign 6344	113,538.74	41,164.78	72,373.96
Total Bank Accounts	\$215,144.90	\$131,199.32	\$83,945.58
Accounts Receivable			
1200 Accounts Receivable	0.00	23,346.99	-23,346.99
Total Accounts Receivable	\$0.00	\$23,346.99	\$ -23,346.99
Other Current Assets			
1021 Episcopal Church Foundation	1,163,901.84	980,375.90	183,525.94
1022 Quasi Endowment Withdrawals	-5,500.00		-5,500.00
Total 1021 Episcopal Church Foundation	1,158,401.84	980,375.90	178,025.94
1300 Prepaid Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
1320 Other Prepaid Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Total 1300 Prepaid Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
QuickBooks Tax Holding Account	1,387.61		1,387.61
Total Other Current Assets	\$1,160,789.45	\$981,375.90	\$179,413.55
Total Current Assets	\$1,375,934.35	\$1,135,922.21	\$240,012.14
Fixed Assets			
1400 Fixed Assets			
1410 Land	107,000.00	107,000.00	0.00
1412 Donated Property	37,500.00	37,500.00	0.00
1420 Building and Improvements	4,091,471.68	4,078,980.09	12,491.59
1430 Furniture & Fixtures	546,044.98	546,044.98	0.00
1440 Equipment	133,215.10	99,442.59	33,772.51
1450 Computer Equipment & Software	6,941.31	6,928.32	12.99
Total 1400 Fixed Assets	4,922,173.07	4,875,895.98	46,277.09
1495 Accumulated Depreciation	-3,145,816.22	-3,145,816.22	0.00
Total Fixed Assets	\$1,776,356.85	\$1,730,079.76	\$46,277.09
TOTAL ASSETS	\$3,152,291.20	\$2,866,001.97	\$286,289.23



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Balance Sheet Comparison

As of December 31, 2025

	TOTAL		
	AS OF DEC 31, 2025	AS OF DEC 31, 2024 (PY)	CHANGE
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Other Current Liabilities			
2400 Payroll Liabilities	0.04	0.00	0.04
2461 Payroll Taxes CA Income Tax/ State Disability	-200.66	-200.66	0.00
2462 Payroll Taxes CA State Unemployment Tax	-0.01	-0.01	0.00
2463 Payroll Taxes Federal Taxes (941)	-26.20	-26.20	0.00
CA PIT / SDI	316.68	202.81	113.87
CA SUI / ETT	-0.04	0.00	-0.04
Federal Taxes (941/944)	1,299.92	26.18	1,273.74
Payroll Taxes CA PIT / SDI	-47.24	-2.16	-45.08
Total 2400 Payroll Liabilities	1,342.49	-0.04	1,342.53
2600 Deferred Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00
2602 Facilities Rental Deposits	3,300.00	0.00	3,300.00
Total 2600 Deferred Revenue	3,300.00	0.00	3,300.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$4,642.49	\$ -0.04	\$4,642.53
Total Current Liabilities	\$4,642.49	\$ -0.04	\$4,642.53
Long-Term Liabilities			
2900 Loans Payable	571,354.18	682,608.56	-111,254.38
2950 Tenant Deposits	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$596,354.18	\$707,608.56	\$ -111,254.38
Total Liabilities	\$600,996.67	\$707,608.52	\$ -106,611.85
Equity			
3000 Opening Balance Equity	991,732.49	1,128,267.19	-136,534.70
3100 Unrestricted Net Assets	57,876.07	-266,439.29	324,315.36
3110 Unrestricted - Designated			
3112 Men of St. Johns	0.00	2,036.68	-2,036.68
3113 Women of St. Johns	0.00	905.51	-905.51
3114 Members of St. John's Reserve	2,100.31		2,100.31
3116 Property Maintenance	11,569.66	20,493.17	-8,923.51
3117 Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	116,218.04	116,218.04	0.00
Total 3110 Unrestricted - Designated	129,888.01	139,653.40	-9,765.39



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	TOTAL		
	AS OF DEC 31, 2025	AS OF DEC 31, 2024 (PY)	CHANGE
3200 Temp. Restricted Net Assets	-112,726.04	-112,726.04	0.00
3203 Audio & Sound Improvements	5,000.00		5,000.00
3205 Capital Campaign Reserve	147,830.57	23,340.77	124,489.80
3206 Endowment Reserve	899,473.71	896,354.60	3,119.11
3210 Columbarian Endowment	30,010.21	16,435.21	13,575.00
3235 Flower Guild	2,831.59	4,165.41	-1,333.82
3255 Memorials	0.00	0.00	0.00
3260 Misc. Memorials	300.00	100.00	200.00
Total 3255 Memorials	300.00	100.00	200.00
3299 Rector's Discretionary	2,871.84	4,926.84	-2,055.00
Total 3200 Temp. Restricted Net Assets	975,591.88	832,596.79	142,995.09
Net Revenue	396,206.08	324,315.36	71,890.72
Total Equity	\$2,551,294.53	\$2,158,393.45	\$392,901.08
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$3,152,291.20	\$2,866,001.97	\$286,289.23



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January - December 2025

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
Revenue			
4000 Contributed Income		0.00	0.00
4010 Pledges	144,621.45	128,000.00	16,621.45
4020 Plate	13,306.00	13,220.00	86.00
4030 Donations	19,105.85	12,000.00	7,105.85
4031 Donations Flowers	2,960.00	2,710.00	250.00
4055 Rector's Discretionary	2,000.00	480.00	1,520.00
Total 4000 Contributed Income	181,993.30	156,410.00	25,583.30
4200 Other Parish Income		0.00	0.00
4205 Niche Income	6,000.00	250.00	5,750.00
4210 Building Rental	240.00	1,800.00	-1,560.00
4250 Fundraising	1,654.00	1,500.00	154.00
Total 4200 Other Parish Income	7,894.00	3,550.00	4,344.00
Total Revenue	\$189,887.30	\$159,960.00	\$29,927.30
GROSS PROFIT	\$189,887.30	\$159,960.00	\$29,927.30
Expenditures			
5000 Personnel Expenses		0.00	0.00
5100 Salaries & Wages		0.00	0.00
5110 Clergy	25,225.07	9,795.00	15,430.07
5111 Housing Allowance	71,677.70	86,015.00	-14,337.30
Total 5110 Clergy	96,902.77	95,810.00	1,092.77
5120 Staff		0.00	0.00
5121 Staff Wages	71,035.45	71,226.00	-190.55
Total 5120 Staff	71,035.45	71,226.00	-190.55
Total 5100 Salaries & Wages	167,938.22	167,036.00	902.22
5200 Payroll Taxes	7,762.86	6,731.32	1,031.54
5300 Benefits		0.00	0.00
5323 Clergy RSVP	5,840.00	7,008.00	-1,168.00
5360 Clergy Pension	15,422.70	15,020.64	402.06
5365 Clergy Phone Allowance (deleted)		323.13	-323.13
Total 5300 Benefits	21,262.70	22,351.77	-1,089.07
5400 Worker's Compensation	567.93	591.03	-23.10
5500 Supply Clergy	990.00	1,205.41	-215.41
Total 5000 Personnel Expenses	198,521.71	197,915.53	606.18
6000 Administrative Expenses		0.00	0.00
6001 Bank Fees/Credit Card Fees	111.72	178.00	-66.28
6003 Postage	1,104.85	1,013.56	91.29
6007 Taxes, Licenses or Permits	1,019.49	524.21	495.28
6008 Copier Maintenance & Supplies	6,134.03	5,355.53	778.50



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		TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
Total 6000 Administrative Expenses	8,370.09	7,071.30	1,298.79
6100 Outside Services		0.00	0.00
6110 Payroll Services	1,510.00	1,147.00	363.00
6130 Cleaning Service		1,572.50	-1,572.50
6135 HVAC Maintenance & Repairs	2,492.00	5,313.00	-2,821.00
6136 Organ Maintenance & Repairs		370.10	-370.10
6137 Fountain Maintenance	1,105.00	935.00	170.00
6139 Non Contracted Outside Services	20,968.03	10,300.00	10,668.03
Total 6100 Outside Services	26,075.03	19,637.60	6,437.43
6200 Supplies		0.00	0.00
6210 Office Supplies	3,080.91	2,303.13	777.78
6220 Equipment less than \$1,000	639.88	473.86	166.02
Total 6200 Supplies	3,720.79	2,776.99	943.80
6300 Communications		0.00	0.00
6310 Telephone	1,184.82	1,174.37	10.45
6320 Internet	5,049.72	6,171.88	-1,122.16
6325 Livestream	1,683.24	0.00	1,683.24
6330 Website	144.00	144.00	0.00
6340 Advertising		144.83	-144.83
Total 6300 Communications	8,061.78	7,635.08	426.70
6400 Buildings & Grounds		0.00	0.00
6410 Utilities		0.00	0.00
6411 Gas & Electric	7,447.17	7,329.48	117.69
6412 Waste Collection	1,429.15	1,260.67	168.48
6413 Water & Sewer	2,696.99	2,348.53	348.46
Total 6410 Utilities	11,573.31	10,938.68	634.63
6420 Repairs & Maintenance	1,691.16	0.00	1,691.16
6421 Pest Control	42,196.03	2,766.00	39,430.03
6422 Landscaping	2,940.00	1,200.00	1,740.00
6423 Cleaning Supplies	1,079.14	1,016.53	62.61
6424 Security & Monitoring	4,129.91	2,448.52	1,681.39
6425 Fire Inspect/Exting/AED	4,521.31	4,635.19	-113.88
6427 Maintenance Supplies	796.25	917.41	-121.16
Total 6420 Repairs & Maintenance	57,353.80	12,983.65	44,370.15
Total 6400 Buildings & Grounds	68,927.11	23,922.33	45,004.78
6500 Professional Services		0.00	0.00
6510 Accounting & Audit	4,500.00	7,362.50	-2,862.50
6530 Information Technology		0.00	0.00
6531 Information Technology Service	2,343.75	2,770.42	-426.67
6532 Information Technology Supplies		250.00	-250.00



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6533 Software Subscriptions	2,091.25	2,004.97	86.28
Total 6530 Information Technology	4,435.00	5,025.39	-590.39
Total 6500 Professional Services	8,935.00	12,387.89	-3,452.89
6600 Insurance - Property	8,706.15	13,112.93	-4,406.78
6700 Dues & Subscriptions	402.09	525.99	-123.90
7000 Liturgy & Music		0.00	0.00
7010 Supplies	1,890.02	1,192.76	697.26
7020 Organist	28,442.00	27,804.00	638.00
7030 Flowers	3,037.32	3,911.73	-874.41
7040 Music Library	455.59	299.00	156.59
7041 Choir		219.68	-219.68
Total 7000 Liturgy & Music	33,824.93	33,427.17	397.76
7100 Rector's Discretionary Expenses	2,250.00	2,280.00	-30.00
7200 Outreach Expenses	1,740.16	1,513.06	227.10
7400 Common Life Share Pledge	34,898.54	34,771.08	127.46
7500 Stewardship Expenses	27.99		27.99
7600 Conferences & Conventions	545.00	919.84	-374.84
7700 Gifts, Awards, Honorariums	795.43	411.44	383.99
7800 Hospitality/Food Services	1,705.37	809.19	896.18
Total Expenditures	\$407,507.17	\$359,117.42	\$48,389.75
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$ -217,619.87	\$ -199,157.42	\$ -18,462.45
Other Revenue			
8100 Other Non Operating Income		0.00	0.00
8110 Interest Income	1,209.35	0.00	1,209.35
8150 Non Op Restricted Income		0.00	0.00
8154 Members of Saint John's Income	1,850.00		1,850.00
8158 Blessings in a Bag - ECS	350.00	0.00	350.00
8160 Capital Campaign Income	86,585.19	0.00	86,585.19
8166 New Blanket Ministry	160.00	0.00	160.00
8168 Gloria Attaway Youth Memorial	12,250.00		12,250.00
8169 Pastoral Care (Quilts)	2,425.00	0.00	2,425.00
8170 Columbarium Niches Church Portion	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
8171 Vestry Undesignated		0.00	0.00
8179 Michael Morris Memorial	220.00		220.00
Total 8171 Vestry Undesignated	220.00	0.00	220.00
8177 Men of St. John's Income (Inactive)	1,326.37	0.00	1,326.37
8180 Dividends Episcopal Church Foundation	20,538.71	0.00	20,538.71
8182 Realized Gains Episcopal Church Foundation	63,342.80	0.00	63,342.80
8183 Unrealized Gains Episcopal Church Foundation	111,588.01	0.00	111,588.01
8199 Fire Insurance & Donations	1,175.50	0.00	1,175.50



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	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
Total 8150 Non Op Restricted Income	306,811.58	0.00	306,811.58
Total 8100 Other Non Operating Income	308,020.93	0.00	308,020.93
Total Other Revenue	\$308,020.93	\$0.00	\$308,020.93
Other Expenditures			
9000 Other Non Operating Expense		0.00	0.00
9159 New Blanket Ministry	398.14	0.00	398.14
9176 Audio/Sound	455.00	0.00	455.00
9177 Men of St. John's Event Expenses (Inactive)	1,326.37	0.00	1,326.37
9183 Unrealized Losses Episcopal Church Foundation	11,943.58	0.00	11,943.58
9354 Members of Saint John's	924.65		924.65
9360 Pastoral Care Expenses (Quilts)	2,470.00	0.00	2,470.00
9375 Columbarium Engraving & Other Expenses	1,765.80	0.00	1,765.80
Total 9000 Other Non Operating Expense	19,283.54	0.00	19,283.54
Total Other Expenditures	\$19,283.54	\$0.00	\$19,283.54
NET OTHER REVENUE	\$288,737.39	\$0.00	\$288,737.39
NET REVENUE	\$71,117.52	\$ -199,157.42	\$270,274.94

St. John's Episcopal Church

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