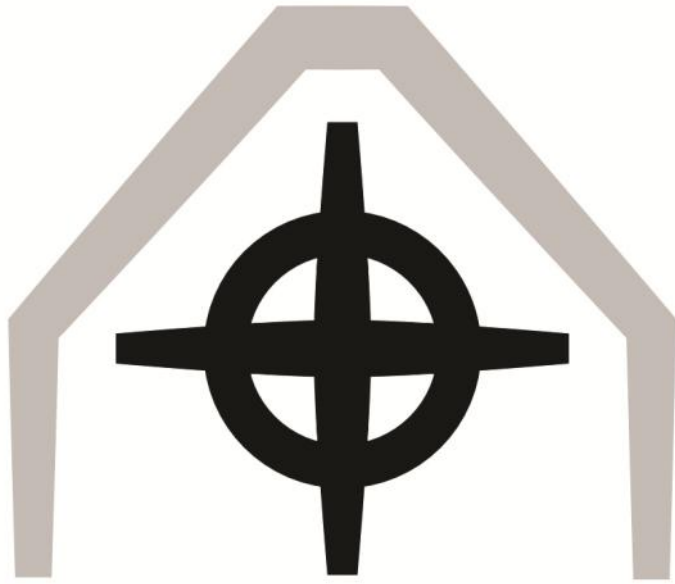




**SAINT
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THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026, 9:30 AM

As a courtesy to others, please silence your cell phone.

We ask your prayers for: Nancy, Steve, Bob, Payson, Sophia, Kim, Anne, Chuck, Eric, Katherine, Larry, Bryan, Greg and family, Natalie, Bill, Jennifer, Evan, Yimaira, Connie, Jamie, Otto, Jim, Beth, Joern, Valerie, Helen, Sherrie, and Candace.

And for those serving in the Armed Forces and Diplomatic Corps of our Country: David Craddock, John Sampson, Brett Griffin, Zachary Falter, and Isabel Steen Falter.

And for those having Birthdays (please see the weekly email).

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer—The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia..

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer—Calvary, Clifton; and St. Andrew's Pickerington.

The Altar Arrangements are given to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of the Holmes Family.

SERVING TODAY - 9/13/26 - 9:30AM

Altar Guild	Cheryl Strine Mary Anna Conley
Reader	Mary Beth Coker Chuck Berry
Ushers	Charlie Campbell Micky Neben
Crucifer/ Chalice	TBD
Book	TBD

SERVING NEXT SUN. - 9/20/26 - 9:30AM

Altar Guild	Paul T. Dana Cunningham Ada Hawrylak
Reader	Teena Baldrige Jill Davis
Ushers	Margaret Sampson Diane Labrie
Crucifer/ Chalice	TBD
Book	TBD

All Hymns are in the Blue 1982 Hymnal or Lift Every Voice & Sing (referred to as LEVAS).

PRELUDE: Prélude Modal

Jean Langlais

PRAYER REQUESTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL: HYMN #410 (**vs. 1 & 2**), Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

Lauda anima

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA, HYMNAL #S280

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: EXODUS 14:9-31

A Reading from Exodus

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE: PSALM 114 (*spoken responsively*)

1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

**2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.**

3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

**4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.**

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?

**6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?**

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

**8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 14:1-12

A Reading from Romans

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

All stand as they are able.

GOSPEL PROCESSION: HYMN #593 (vs. 1 & 2), Lord, Make us Servants of Your Peace

Dickinson College

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:21-350

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
<i>People</i>	Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY

THE REV. JEAN VARGO

All stand as they are able.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Litany of Remembrance for September 11 **A Litany of Remembrance, Penitence and Hope**

We light a candle in remembrance for all those who suffered and died on September 11th in New York, Pennsylvania and at the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia. We light a candle to remember those who still live and who suffer because of the events of that day.

When we remember the stockbrokers, office workers, maintenance workers, bystanders, window-washers and all the others who worked together so valiantly to help each other, we can say together,

We remember great courage.

When we recall the firefighters who rushed upstairs as most everyone else was racing out, we can say together,

We remember selfless service.

When we recall the police officers who stood to protect and defend the people and performed their duties until the towers came crashing down on top of them, we can say together,

We remember selfless sacrifice for the safety of others.

When we recall the thousands of workers, women and men and, old and young, single and married, American-born and those born in countries around the world who did not escape the buildings, we can say together,

We remember the loss of human life.

When we recall those citizens who rushed to help, did all they could to help, we can say together,

We remember and give thanks for dutiful commitment to those in distress.

When we recall the people who stood in line at the nation's blood banks to make living donations from their very bodies, we can say together,

We give thanks for those who live on to pass on life and love.

When we remember the millions of Americans who gave so generously of their life and labor to endow funds to help the survivors and their families recover from their losses, we can say together,

We are grateful for generosity.

Remembrance begins with deep, personal identification. It begins with remembering the affliction of our brothers and sisters, and marking their pain as our own. Remembrance is a sacred moment when we raise up and hold to the light of the eternal moment, the good who have passed.

We light a candle, in penitence, recognizing that we have not done enough to address the sources of anger, hate, dehumanization, rage and indignation that lead to acts of violence.

In our sadness, horror and shock we acknowledge that our own fears turned murderous and we have sought revenge, sometimes against even the innocent.

We confess and regret our own anger and recognize its dangers to our spirits, our health, our community, and others.

In the midst of the aftermath of the events of September 11th, 2001 we have been tempted to seek only our own good, hear only our own truth, acknowledge only our own suffering

We know that peace will come to us and to our children only when the concerns of justice anywhere become the subject of political and social will everywhere, and that no justice leads to no peace.

In striving for national security and domestic peace we run the risk of confusing might for right and participating in the very behaviors we condemn.

Guard and guide our country that in our search for security we may not trample the rights of the innocent nor disregard the rule of law. Let us not confuse leadership within the global community as the voice for the whole community.

Repentance means to turn away from wrong deeds. Repentance means choosing instead deeds which require moral restraint, and are more beneficial to all persons who suffer.

We light a candle to light the way to a better world for our children and our children's children, and all the children of God.

We recall with joy the unity we felt in the outpouring of help, kindness, thoughtful words and deeds from at home and around the world.

We must hold firmly to our unity, borne forward now not of tragedy but of loving kindness.

We place fresh confidence in international organizations and conversations that bring the diverse gifts of the world to the problems of poverty, injustice, terror and strife.

We long for wise policies that forego short term gain for long term stability, justice and peace.

In a year filled with tragedy we dare to hope for an era yet to come in which the slaughter of innocents, greed, the ambitions of power, and cultural, racial and religious bigotries are but memories of a dim and unenlightened past.

God of the ages, before your eyes all empires rise and fall yet you are changeless. Be near us in this age of terror and in these moments of remembrance. Uphold those who work and watch and wait and weep and love. By your Spirit give rise in us to broad sympathy for all the peoples of your earth. Strengthen us to comfort those who mourn and work in large ways and small for those things that make for peace. Bless the people and leaders of this nation and all nations so that warfare, like slavery before it, may become only a historic memory. We pray in the strong name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY MUSIC: HYMN #674 “Forgive our Sins as We Forgive”

Detroit

All stand if able.

HYMN #43, vs. 4

The Eighth Tune

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B, Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS, HYMNAL #S125

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

All kneel if able.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my

Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER, BCP, P.#364

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD, BCP, P. #364

FRACTION ANTHEM, #S154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance
that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with
thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMN: #228 in LEVAS, (vs. 1-3) Go Down, Moses

Spiritual

All stand or kneel as able.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL: HYMN #390, (vs. 1&4) Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *Lobe den Herren*

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Prelude in G Major, BWV 541

J.S. Bach

OTHER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for Bible Listening

Sundays at 10:50 a.m. in the Parish Library

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

(<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84552326439?pwd=05TCyW32UkAdnVdVr1B5LREnmguTr3.1>)

Bible Listening focuses on listening to the voice of God. It is a time to share, and to move from hearing the word of God to acting on it. The scripture from the Sunday lectionary will be utilized.

If you'd like to learn more, please contact Jeff Baldrige or Rev. Jean.

New Worship Service Time - St. Paul's and St. Mark's Wardens met and through thoughtful negotiations, we will offer new worship times. This is due to the needs of the parishes. **New worship times will begin on Sunday, October 11: 9am for St. Paul's and 10:30am for St. Mark's.** If you have an questions or comments, please contact Rev. Vargo

Thank you to everyone who participated in providing special music this summer. There were over 15 volunteers from the congregation who helped out by singing or playing a musical instrument. We appreciate your support of St. Pauls' music ministry. If you'd like to continue to participate, the adult choir and handbell choir is always looking for new members. Please let Cara Whitby know if you have any questions. Her e-mail address is cara@stpauls-dayton.org.

Movie Night, Tuesday, September 22 - WITNESS (1985) stars Harrison Ford, Kelly McGillis and Danny Glover. Good -vs- Bad Thriller, Murder Mystery and Love Story. This movie has been described as one Alfred Hitchcock would be proud to have made. Nominated for 8 Academy Awards and winning two, reviews claim this movie could stand alone on the Cinematography.

Join us for light dinner at 6:00pm, movie at 6:30pm and popcorn throughout.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE/EVENT FOR ST. MARK'S AND ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, October 4 - Outdoor Worship Service & Pet Blessing - 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul's on the greenspace. Please bring a lawn chair and your pets to be blessed!

Financial Executive Summary – June 2026 (1st half of 2026).

Total income including plate and pledge was \$15.4K for the month of June vs budgeted \$28.9K for a <\$13.5K> unfavorable balance.

Expenses for June were \$39.8K actual vs \$41K budgeted for a favorable balance of \$1.2K

Total monthly income for June vs total expenses gave us an unfavorable balance for the month of <\$24.4K>.

Year-to-date income through June is \$142K vs expenses of \$223K for a YTD unfavorable balance of <\$81.8K> for the first half of 2026.

*(Amounts shown are rounded up or down to the nearest \$100)

Executive Summary:

Expenses for the first half of 2026 have remained within budget range in almost all categories. Pledge and plate income have lagged behind during the past 3 months. Sue sent out statements in July with pledge balances still remaining and we have seen an uptick for the month of July. We have also been told a number of significant pledge amounts will be forthcoming early in the 3rd quarter. If all goes well, we should be able to go into the 4th quarter within striking distance of hitting our 2026 budget. Work is already underway on our 2027 budget, along with a 5-year financial projection in conjunction with the crafting our parish profile as part of the search process.

Respectfully submitted

Randy Young / Finance Committee Chair

The Library Refresh is Done! Please feel free to borrow a book! Just sign the paper on the book cart with the date, your name, & book title. Return the book to the book cart when you're finished with it. A huge thank you to Mike Miller for his indispensable help!! Any questions about the library please contact me at 937-286-0689

Jan Campbell

Ongoing Outreach Opportunities

Socks for Everyone! - Since there is a great need for socks for the entire population at St. Vincent de Paul's Homeless Shelter, we would like to include adults in the collection as well as for the children. Add your donations to the box in the Narthex. Questions? Please contact Cathy Fain. Thank you!

Food Bank Donations - Your Efforts Make a Difference! - Please fill yellow donation bags with food (no glass jars please) and personal care items and bring them to church to be blessed and delivered to the Food Bank. Questions? Please contact Diane Labrie. Thank you!

Egg Cartons for the Procter Center - The Procter Center Farm reuses clean dozen-egg cartons. Please place your donated cartons on the table next to the Parish Hall Library.

LIONS Recycle For Sight. . . And St. Paul's Helps! - Do you have old or extra eyeglasses you no longer use? Please bring them to St. Paul's and deposit them in the Lions Club box in the Narthex. Thank you!

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We're glad you're here today! Your presence with us is a blessing. We invite you to participate in worship, say the prayers, sing the songs, and introduce yourself. You'll find a visitor card in the pew back in front of you. We're so excited to meet you.

WORSHIP TIMES

9:30 am - Worship Service with Hymns

Office hours: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday – Thursday

9:00 am - 12:00 pm on Friday

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ST. PAUL'S VESTRY

Class of 2027 - Cheryl Strine, *liaison to Parish Life*

Class of 2028 - Jill Davis, *liaison to Communications and Properties*

Class of 2029 - Cathy Fain, *liaison to Outreach*, Diane Labrie, *liaison to Worship*

Senior Warden (*term expires 2027*)- Chris Brandt

Junior Warden (*term expires 2027*) - Steve Ireland

Secretary of the Vestry - Kathleen Walters

Treasurer - Bob Neben

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