

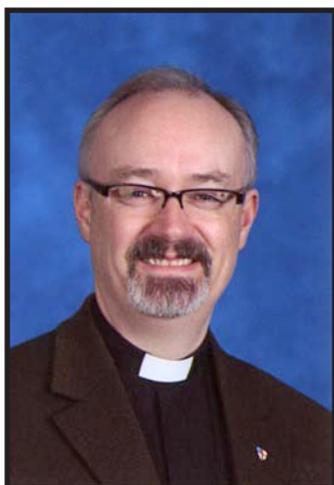
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From The Clergy



Dear ones,

You may have noticed the tag line that I introduced into our bulletins, emails and other communications a few months ago: **Inclusive + Traditional + Progressive**

I really appreciate the feedback that some of you have given me, the consensus is

that people like it, that it sums up who we are and what we are trying to be as a church community. We are **Inclusive** because we try to welcome everyone who comes through the doors of our church or works with us in the local community. We take as our lead Jesus' words to us, "love your neighbor as yourselves." ([Matthew 19:19](#) [Matthew 22:39](#) [Mark 12:31](#) [Luke 10:27](#) [Romans 13:9](#) etc.). Being inclusive is a key value for us because we understand that everyone is a beloved child of God, made in God's image and should be treated as such. This kind of welcome is not always easy, but you know that. The second word in the tag line is **Traditional**. We are rooted in the ancient traditions of the Universal, Catholic Church: the liturgy, the order of ministry – lay people, deacons, priest and bishops - and our faith is grounded in the Nicene and Apostle's Creeds. We look to the theology of the past to guide us into the future. So, we are **Inclusive** and **Traditional** but we are also **Progressive**. What does progressive mean in this context? I think that being progressive means that we are open to new sights from the world around us – in science, technology, art, politics, literature, philosophy, culture and so on. An example might be that most Episcopalians believe that God created the Universe and that the

Theory of Evolution is not incompatible with this belief. That's just one for-instance.

So, we are **Inclusive + Traditional + Progressive**. But are we, really? This is my take on who we are and what we are trying to become, our identity as a Christian community of faith, but I really want to hear what you think. To help with this I plan over the next few months to provide some opportunities (easy ones!) for you to think about the question of identity and to share your thoughts and insights. I am not completely sure how I am going to do this yet, but watch this space!

Finally... thank you for being who you are – open, curious and committed to our life together as a community. What we do and who we are we can only do together and I thank God every day for your willingness to be a part of Good Samaritan.

With prayer, Simon+

Treasurers Report

Summary through December 2016

Narrative

1. Income:
 - a) 2016 pledges: \$339,100. Pledge contributions for 2016: \$334,373.
 - b) Endowment income was less than expected.
 - c) Contributions from regular givers were \$9,600 below budget.
 - d) All other income categories were at budget.
2. Expenses:
 - a) Property expenses were \$3,900 below budget.
 - b) Vestry Ministry expenses were \$4,600 below budget. Multiple categories with little spent for bus rental.
 - c) All other expense categories were at budget.
3. Summary: We ended 2016 with a deficit of \$35,707. From a cash flow perspective, the defi-

cit was funded by the \$20,000 surplus in 2015 and \$20,000 from savings.

4. Capital improvements (paid from Capital Campaign contributions, Foundation accounts, memorial gifts and solar panel income.)
 - a) Blinds in Education Wing: \$2,238.
 - b) Fascia board replacement and painting: \$4,400.
 - c) Organ blower repair: \$2,719.
 - a) Simpson Hall renovation: \$92,593 funded, in part, by a memorial gift of \$24,000.
5. General notes for 2016:
 - a) Foundation contributions: \$85,681, which included \$2,682 in endowed pledges for operations from the Cornerstone Fund and \$57,291 in principal and earnings from the organ fund.
 - b) Contributions to the Foundation's Cornerstone Fund for Operations of \$6,800 to be

matched by a donor.

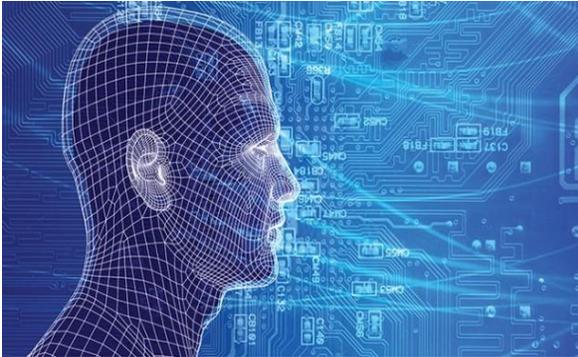
- c) Outreach contributions from individual donors totaled \$11,985.
- d) Outreach donations from the church: \$2,400 each to Pastoral Counseling Center, We Care and Holy Ground Episcopal Campus Ministry and \$1,600 to Samaritan Village.
- e) Solar panel income: \$6,794 less \$260 for repairs.
- f) Organ fund balance: \$98,923 (\$37,990 from individual contributions and \$60,933 from the Foundation.)
- g) Good Sam School closing carryover balance of \$9,743 transferred to savings.
- h) Unrestricted savings balance of \$134,126.
- i) Holy Ground Episcopal Campus Ministry 2016 financial summary available in a separate report.

Please direct questions to John Shea, Treasurer, John.Shea54@gmail.com, 541 754-6832

| | December | December | 2016 | 2016 | Annual |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Actual | Budget | Actual | Budget | Budget |
| Income | | | | | |
| Pledges | 28,580 | 26,083 | 334,373 | 339,100 | 339,100 |
| Other pledge related income | 0 | 0 | 15,825 | 18,961 | 18,961 |
| All other DPA income | 5,675 | 8,729 | 32,714 | 42,850 | 42,850 |
| Non-DPA income | 495 | 1,100 | 9,017 | 8,400 | 8,400 |
| Total Income | 34,750 | 35,912 | 391,930 | 409,311 | 409,311 |
| Expenses | | | | | |
| Diocesan Assessment | 4,641 | 4,641 | 55,692 | 55,692 | 55,692 |
| Personnel | 21,440 | 21,352 | 261,144 | 261,613 | 261,613 |
| Administration - Operations | 4,755 | 4,885 | 59,369 | 60,230 | 60,230 |
| Property | 4,304 | 3,489 | 32,788 | 36,703 | 36,703 |
| Vestry Ministries | 1,556 | 901 | 7,054 | 11,614 | 11,614 |
| Outreach from Operations | 2,933 | 2,933 | 11,200 | 11,200 | 11,200 |
| Other Expenses | 78 | 46 | 390 | 550 | 550 |
| Total Expenses | 39,706 | 38,247 | 427,637 | 437,601 | 437,601 |
| Net | -4,956 | -2,335 | -35,707 | -28,290 | -28,290 |

A COURSE ON HUMAN CONSCIOUSNESS

February 1st, 8th, 15th, & 22nd, 6:30 – 8:00 PM



We know that there are as many neurons in your brain as there are stars in our galaxy or galaxies in the universe, and that the number of synapses between them is comparable to the number of all the leaves on all the trees in the Amazon rain forest. Scientists can tell us what part of our brain is thinking at any given moment.

And yet, consciousness itself eludes rational scientific explanation.

As the psalmist pointed out, we are fearfully and wonderfully made. But if we insist on hard-nosed scientific explanations, then the phenomenon of consciousness is inexplicable. If we cannot explain consciousness, what option is there but to deny its existence? In fact, there *are* other options. Join Dr. Al Stetz for this four-part series in which we explore some of them.

Location:

Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan

333 NW 35th Street Corvallis, Oregon 97330

For years Al Stetz taught a course in OSU's Honors College about issues that relate religion and science, including the nature of human consciousness. His past teaching includes a course in religion and science called "Warthogs and Boa Constrictors," and another course modestly titled, "Life, the Universe, and Everything."



This seminar is open to the public. No admission will be charged, but freewill offerings are appreciated.

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Music Notes

Dear Parishioners,

I am very grateful for our music program here at Good Samaritan. Looking back, I am proud of the dedication and hard work of the many people that contribute to our music program. I wish to especially thank our Good Samaritan Staff, the volunteer participants in our music program, and our generous financial contributors who all make this ministry not only possible but excellent.

2016 has granted us great opportunities to explore many types of music. I was honored to premier the *Mass of the Good Samaritan* this past Easter, and I am grateful to the adult choir, the hand bell ensemble, and Dr. Nancy Dunn for working so hard to present the new mass (these folks have made me a very proud, and very fortunate conductor/composer!) We just finished the holiday season with a beautiful Christmas service; I am so impressed with our choir for tackling the challenging music of the renaissance (polyphony gives a choir a LOT to keep track of!). Finally, I am very glad for the reinstitution of our contemporary worship service. I am privileged to play some guitar/bass with the contemporary ensemble at the beginning of the services. It is a great joy in my week to rehearse with the group under Trudy Jones' leadership, and the contemporary music is a great lift to my spirits, and challenges me in new ways!

I have been especially impressed with the work of Nancy Dunn and Sarah Massie on the pipe organ. The more I learn about the instrument, the better I appreciate the artistry and hard-work these organists contribute to our services. As you already know, we have formed an organ committee with the intention of executing some well-needed repairs to our Casavant organ. Over the decades, the pipes and bellows have experienced major wear-and-tear, and it is time for us to propagate the great investment that our parishioners made for us in the 1960s. We are blessed with the leadership of Craig Massie, Nancy Dunn, and the whole committee to supervise this project. We rely on the pipe organ every week for congregational singing (and so much more), and I am grateful that our parish is dedicated to being a good steward to the instrument.

Did you know we have a self-sustaining con-

cert series that hosts 10 concerts every year free of charge to the community? Of course you did! Our Sundays@3 Concert Series is a great strength of our parish, and we have an excellent committee with excellent ideas for performances. Truly, each one of our concerts in the recent past and upcoming are unique, and the series as a whole offers a breadth of styles of music (from Bach to Bluegrass). We are very fortunate to have such a program at our church, and I am very grateful to the committee, reception coordinators, and many financial contributors.

I am anticipating excellent music upcoming this year; we are already preparing for Easter, at which the adult choir and instrumentalists will present J. S. Bach's *Christ lag in Todesbanden* (BWV 4) – a sacred cantata written for Easter Day of 1707 (Johann would've been about 22 years old). The work will feature SATB Chorus, Strings, and Continuo). For Christmas next year... who knows? Maybe it'll be time to do some of Handel's *Messiah*...

Finally, I encourage you to participate in our music here at Good Samaritan! All three of our ensembles (Contemporary, Hand Bells, and Adult Choir) would love your participation and support. No musical background? We'll teach you! That's right, church ensembles are a great way to serve the Lord, participate in a wonderful social circle, and practice one's musicianship all at the same time. Pretty sweet deal! Send me an email or give me a call if you're interested.

moursundjames@gmail.com

(541) 223-1758

Blessings on your New Year,

James Moursund, Director of Music

Vestry and Committee Reports

Your Vestry Personnel 2016

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| Paul VanDevelder | Senior Warden |
| Bill Smoker | Outreach |
| | Committee Chair, |
| | Rex Cole |

Refugee Welcome Kits Delivered

The household items collected for refugees at the Church of the Good Samaritan in October were

delivered by parishioners directly to the homes of refugees in Portland during three trips – occurring in November, December, and January. These were amazing visits. Working in partnership with Sponsors Organized to Assist Refugees (SOAR), a program of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, we adapted the contents of our Welcome Kits to the needs of specific families. The seven families who received Welcome Kits were from Iraq (4 families), Moldova, Nepal, and Somalia. Each family was starting life in our country in a small subsidized run-down apartment furnished with only a few donated items, some fears, and a lot of hope. There was no question that they needed the Welcome Kits we offered, nor was there any question of their thankfulness. So on their behalf, thank you to everyone who donated a household item or signed the Welcome card. It made a difference.

The newly arrived refugees often spoke no English, and we were alone on these deliveries without a translator. Our visits were brief, but personal. We felt overwhelmed seeing the challenges they faced. Nevertheless, we did our best to convey your love and welcome to these brave but vulnerable people. This was an extremely meaningful experience to those who got to make the deliveries, and one we wish all our parishioners could have experienced. As a substitute we will be publishing descriptions of each of our visits in the Sunday church bulletin over a several week period, in January and February (and otherwise available by request to the Outreach Committee via church office).

Looking ahead, the Outreach Committee and the people who made the deliveries are hoping we can come together as a church community and do it again. There is definitely a need. More importantly, there is a sense of God's presence with us in this work. And so we will be having another sign-up for contributions to Refugee Welcome Kits on February 12th and 19th, with collection of the items at church on February 26th.

Longer term, the Outreach Committee is determining how Good Samaritan might help welcome a new refugee family to Corvallis later this year, in cooperation with other volunteers in the local group, Welcoming Immigrants to Oregon (WITO).

Women's Cold Weather Shelter - Room at the Inn.

The Church of the Good Samaritan is providing volunteers for the Women's cold weather shelter from February 5 -11. As of this writing we still need volunteers to help serve the 12-15 homeless women that rely on the shelter each night. The shelter, "Room at the Inn", is located at the First United Methodist Church. Two volunteers work 6:15 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. to check in guests, visit, and supervise. One volunteer sleeps overnight at the shelter (11:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.). Others drop off snacks, or help prepare food at the shelter (Wed 5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.). If you could volunteer please contact Rex or Cindy Cole (541) 753-6713.

February Designated Offering

The Vina Moses Center and FISH have been helping people in need for many years: they are the recipients of the February Designated Offering.

The Vina Moses Center began with homemaker Vina Moses' concern for families having a hard time following World War I. Donated clothing and household items were given to people in need and she continued to help throughout the depression and World War II, until her death in 1971.

Since that time Vina Moses Center has provided clothing for adults and children, infant layettes, clothing for job applicants, survival kits for homeless and household items for families whose homes have been destroyed.

In late summer, a school program outfits 800 or more children with new shoes, socks, underwear and school supplies. For Christmas the Center coordinates gifts (Giving Trees) and food baskets for more than a thousand families.

FISH of Benton County was organized in 1970 to provide help to low income families in times of financial crisis, when no other resources were available. The financial assistance most often is for rent, utilities, prescriptions, transportation, medical care and work-related supplies. Volunteers answer the FISH phone, assess needs, and VM Center processes the requests. If a request is approved, a check is delivered to the vendor, as FISH never provides cash to its clients.

Both FISH and the Vina Moses Center provide vital help to thousands of people in our community who are in need. Please give prayerful consideration to making a donation to these charities during February.

—Outreach & Social Justice Committee

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| Keith Gelbrich | Spiritual Nurture Committee Chair, Cammie Bella |
| Ruth Burns | Parish Life Committee Chair, Michele Justice |
| Harry Burrige | Buildings and Grounds Committee Chair, John Magee |
| Robert Lovelady | At Large |
| Ric Bergey | Finance Committee Chair, John Shea |
| Mike Propst | Worship Committee Chair, Simon Justice |
| Stephanie Wohlwend | Music Committee Chair, James Moursund |
| Beverley Beckley | Environmental Ministries Committee Chair, Bill Becker |
| | Campus Ministry Committee Chair, Linda Gelbrich |
| Michelle Millar | Judy Burrige Stewardship Committee Chair, |
| Pat Boyce | Children and Family Committee Chair, Mo. Abigail |

ECW News

We are having a Valentine potluck luncheon on Tuesday, February 14th, at noon in Simpson Hall. We invite everyone to bring old Valentines, autograph books, or diaries to share. Please join us. Any questions can be directed to Helen Dickason. (541) 753-5348.

Happenings

Health Care Reform Update

On Sunday, January 15 several of us Good Samaritan members participated in rallies in support of Health Care for All. In both Corvallis and Albany there were sidewalk demonstrations with sign-carrying folks rallying to the cause of Health Care for All. Linda Galbrich, Carol Scharfer, Patricia Wickman, and Edie Orner all were seen in front of the Benton County Courthouse beginning at 12 noon. Signs carrying messages like “Don’t touch my Medicare” or “Leave my Medicaid alone,” or “Health Care is a Human Right,” or “The ACA Saved my life!” were all in evidence. Sometime after 1:00 p.m., Carol, Patricia and Edie left the Corvallis group of 200 +/- and drove to Albany to boost the ranks of Albany folks numbering about 60+/- on the sidewalks near the Linn County Courthouse FROM 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Contact any of these 4 folks to find out what you might do to help strengthen the movement toward Universal Health Care, publicly funded, privately delivered which attempts to follow in the footsteps of Jesus as he healed the sick.

—Ede Orner

EGGS – Hard Boiled and Cold

It has been quite a winter, 25 degrees and brittle sunshine as I compose this piece. And many of my friends on the left feel even colder at the prospect of a new administration in Washington, DC. Indeed, I hear comments from my friends that can be viewed only as apocalyptic. And how should they, and all of us, respond to their sense of impending doom?

My response is simple: Step up to the plate; do what you can. If you are vitally concerned about a possible de-funding of Planned Parenthood, for example, perhaps you should consider donating some of your dollars to that organization.

Since the concern of this column is care for God’s Creation, let me again encourage you to support organizations such as The Nature Conservancy, which has a global outreach in protecting and preserving endangered habitat. Locally, consider Greenbelt Land Trust; you may have walked Chip Ross Park and Fitton Green. And I have mentioned

Save the Redwoods League on many occasions; the coast redwoods and sequoias are truly manifestations of God's creativity and grace.

Okay, you have heard those suggestions before; let me add a few more. The Environmental Defense Fund engages in litigation of all sorts, protecting both endangered habitat and endangered species. There are significant "support groups" for specific locations; examples range from the Yellowstone Park Foundation to the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy. Is there a particular corner of God's Creation that is dear to your heart? If so, find out what you can do to protect or support it.

Consider groups such as the National Audubon Society, which engage in educational and political activity in support of habitat. Audubon has local chapters, of course, in whose activities you may become involved. Use the internet. Find an organization in which you have confidence and which is doing something in which you believe. And then support their efforts.

If you cannot afford to support such organizations financially, can you do so by donating some of your time, whether it be in trail-building, stuffing envelopes, posting flyers or writing letters? If you are unable to provide either financial or physical assistance, your prayers are always welcome.

As it is written: "Happy are those whose hearts do not condemn them, and who have not given up hope." (Ecclesiasticus 14:2)

—Bill Becker

View From The Village

The recent cold snap was not something we, as older folks, really wanted to experience. I bet that if you were to peek in most of our apartments at the village, you will see a few lap blankets that are used often. Even though our heat pumps work well, our ageing bodies do not usually tolerate the cold as efficiently as when we were younger and more active.

This is one of many reasons why we enjoy having a hot lunch at noon. Even on sandwich days (Wednesday and Saturday), our Chefs Raul, Angie, and Kelsey work hard to make sure we have at least one hot food item with the meal. The menus are well coordinated and the menu rotation is generally about

six weeks, but Raul often adds new recipes for us to try. The soups are homemade, as are the hot entrees and the Sunday lunch, which includes dessert. Someone once said that he was the only Hispanic chef they knew of who could do great French cuisine! We have dining room servers who are friendly and competent. They are quick to remember names and the likes and dislikes of the residents.

If a resident is not feeling well or has a scheduled conflict with lunch, the kitchen staff is happy to fix up a tray to be delivered or left in the refrigerator in the dining room. Also each week, bowls of apples or bananas are put out in the dining room for residents to take home for a snack.

Last, but not least, lunch is the perfect time for many to catch up with neighbors they do not see regularly. It is where we learn how others are doing and where we learn more about each person's story. For some it is the only social connection of the day. A bonus is that each Tuesday our Chaplain Peggy Bernhard stops by for lunch and conversation and makes a point to visit at every table.

Our dining room is a busy and sometimes noisy place at 11:30 p.m. each day.

See you at the Village!

—Marian Ely, Samaritan Village

Other Activities

Library Listings February, 2017

It's not too late to resolve to visit our Parish Library - maybe once a month at least? We do have interesting, thoughtful and helpful books - depending on your desires of the moment. Give us a try! Here are some recent additions to our collection -

TALKING ABOUT GOD IS DANGEROUS - by Tatiana Goricheva — "Tatiana Goricheva, a brilliant Russian student living in Leningrad, became an Orthodox Christian. She was involved in one of the two major seminars in Russia studying theology and member of a feminist movement which ran an underground newspaper. Then the KGB caught up with her and she was allowed to go into exile in the West, first in Vienna and later in Paris. - This is her own story."

GILEAD - by Marilynne Robinson — the author returns “with a story about fathers and sons and the spiritual battles that still rage in America’s heart. In the luminous and unforgettable voice of Congregationalist minister, John Ames, GILEAD reveals the human condition and ‘manages to convey the miracle of existence itself.’” —”GILEAD is a refuge for readers longing for that increasingly rare work of fiction, one that explores big ideas while telling a good story...Remarkable.”

THEN SINGS MY SOUL Book 2 - 150 of the World’s Greatest Hymn Stories - by Robert J. Morgan — The author “delves beyond the songwriter’s inspiration and explains the real life events, the tribulations and triumphs and the fascinating details that led to these classic songs of praise.” If you have a favorite hymn, whether or not it is in our Episcopal Hymnal, you may find its story here. Music and lyrics are included.

NINE PARTS OF DESIRE - The Hidden World of Islamic Women - by Geraldine Brooks — “Geraldine Brooks has spent six years covering the Middle East through wars, insurrections, and volatile upheaval of resurgent fundamentalism. Yet, for her, headline events have been only the backdrop to a less obvious but more enduring drama: the daily life of Muslim women...Brooks illustrates how a feminism of sorts has flowered under the forbidding shroud of the chador - and how male pride and power have warped the original message of a once-liberating faith.”

WISDOM FOUND - Stories of Women Transfigured by Faith - edited by Lindsay Hardin Freeman — This book “brings you into the company of forty spirited women who share their reflections on everyday challenges and their responses to life’s most profound joys and deepest sorrows...this collection of stories and meditations, poems and prayers is honest and real. Here you will find echoes of your own experiences, told sometimes in shouts and often in whispers but always in voices luminous with faith and wisdom.”

—and a couple of books for children? Or maybe not — THE ACTION BIBLE - God’s Redemptive Story — “includes over 200 fast-paced narratives in chronological order” with “attention-holding illustrations marked by rich coloring, dramatic shading and lighting, bold and energetic designs, and

emotionally charged figures” by “internationally recognized artist Sergio Cariello” who has worked for Marvel and DC Comics and attended the Joe Kubert School of Cartoon and Graphic Art as well as the Word of Life Bible Institute. You have to see this book to believe it! — and the other – THE SPY ON NOAH’S ARK - and Other Bible Stories from the Inside Out - by Lindsay Hardin Freeman — a collection of stories re-told from an unusual perspective “Bible stories take on new life with this collection of eye-witness accounts from surprise sources: a dove, a lion, a stallion, and more. Using the ancient art of storytelling, this book will delight children and those who encourage them to grow in faith, including parents, grandparents, godparents, and church leaders.”

And four new amazing books with amazing illustrations - “NATIONAL GEOGROGRAPHIC GEOGRAPHY OF RELIGION - Where God Lives, Where Pilgrims Walk” — “THE HAND OF GOD - Thoughts and Images Reflecting the Spirit of the Universe” — “REFLECTIONS ON THE NATURE OF GOD” — “INSIDE THE MIND OF GOD - Images and Words of Inner Space.” Plan to spend a bit of time in the Library, enjoying, meditating, absorbing, reflecting on these beautiful presentations.

—BROWSE—BORROW—BRING BACK—

—Edie Orner, Parish librarian

Pictures from the Past Month



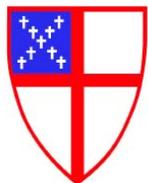


Childrens Christmas Pageant

Sundays@3 Concert
Bob Brudvig
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| Priest Assisting | *The Rev. Alvin P. Lafon |
| Priest Assisting | *The Rev. Tom Stevenson |
| Rector Emeritus | *The Rev. William R. McCarthy |

The Officers of the Parish

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| Senior Warden | Paul VanDevelder |
| Junior Warden | Harry Burridge |
| Clerk of the Vestry | Andrew Moursund |
| Treasurer | John Shea |
| Assistant Treasurer | Ric Bergey |

The Parish Staff

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| Director of Music | James Moursund |
| Organist | Dr. Nancy Dunn |
| Contemporary Music | Trudy Jones |
| Bell Choir Director | *Stephanie Wohlwend |
| Office Manager | Laura Pfeifer |
| Part-time Custodian | Jenna Hart |
| Youth Minister-Sunday School | The Rev. Abigail Buckley |
| Sunday School Leader | Ella Jones |
| Pastoral Care | *Pat Wohlwend |
| Licensed Lay Preacher | *Cammie Bella |
| Scholars in Residence | Dr. Denise Greaves |
| | Dr. Sheldon Greaves |
| | Robin Powel |
| | Bob Jarvis |
| | *David Francis |

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