

Annual
Meeting
and Report
2026

To Excel In
Love

Christ Centered • **Community** Focused • **Future** Driven





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Annual Meeting Agenda

Opening Matters

Call to Order and Welcome

The Rev'd Andrew Van Culin, *Rector*
Presiding Officer, and Chair of the Vestry

Appointment of the Secretary

The Rev'd Andrew Van Culin, *Rector*

Approval of Minutes: 2025 Annual Meeting

The Rev'd Andrew Van Culin, *Rector*

The Vestry Election

Ms. Amie Sweeney, *Senior Warden*

Acknowledgment of Written Reports

The Rev'd Andrew Van Culin, *Rector*

To Excel in Love:

*Christ Centered, Community Focused,
Future Driven*

Celebrating our Ministry

Ms. Amie Sweeney, *Senior Warden*

Sustaining Our Vision

Mr. Richard Best, *Treasurer*

Pursuing our Mission: *Rector's Address*

The Rev'd Andrew Van Culin, *Rector*

Closing Matters

Appreciations

Ms. Amie Sweeney, *Senior Warden*
The Rev'd Andrew Van Culin, *Rector*

Closing Remarks and Prayer

The Rev'd Andrew Van Culin, *Rector*

Adjournment

Christ Church Vestry

Officers

The Rev'd Andrew Van Culin, *Rector and Chair*
Amie Sweeney, *Sr. Warden*
Ned Johnson, *Jr. Warden*
Richard Best, *Treasurer*
Lisa Baruah, *Secretary*

Class of 2026

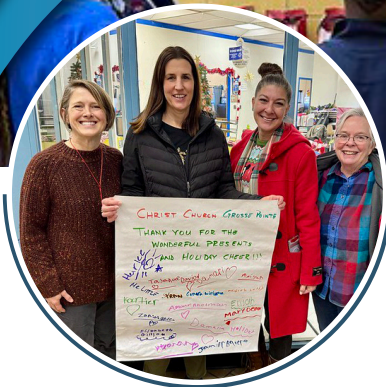
Lisa Baruah
Anton Hall
Blair Osborn
Amie Sweeney
Sarah Teachey

Class of 2027

Eric Ash
Betsy Creedon
Ian Jones
Michael Marsh
Rema Waugh

Class of 2028

Len Azzaro
Sarah Clark
Michael DeFillip
Ned Johnson
Tracy Magee



Our Mission

*The mission of Christ Church is to bring God and people together
to know and live the good news of Jesus Christ.*

The Christ Church Vision Statement

A beacon of God's love, Christ Church Grosse Pointe is a welcoming, compassionate and inclusive community overflowing with activity seven days a week. People of all ages and all walks of life flock to this Christian center and become involved in its life, finding themselves spiritually nourished, educationally enriched, and empowered to serve as they live the Gospel joyfully. Christ Church embraces growth, serving the needs of today's and tomorrow's generations while maintaining the glories of its Anglican worship and traditions.



Rector's Message

Dearest Friends,

It's easy to take for granted the things that seem ordinary or become reliably consistent in our lives. It happens all the time – the generosity of a teacher who has committed herself to raising up our children, the reliability of a warm home and nourishing meal around the family table, the old friend who shows up every week for a game of tennis or euchre.

And yet, these reliably ordinary elements of life are among the richest and most rewarding, in part for the stability they bring and the commitment and care they reveal. And yet, in their ordinariness these remarkable gifts all-too-often fade from our minds and the gratitude of our hearts.

No doubt this happens here in this shared home of ours! We gather together with simple regularity to sing old songs and repeat old prayers, and to see again many of the “same old friends” – and yet, in spite of this ordinariness, Christ Church is anything but ordinary.

In this home of ours gathers a remarkable community. Consider this: around this holy table of God gathers DAR members, grandchildren of the Civil War, Native American women, and naturalized citizens. Couples who have been married for decades, newlyweds, and seventy-year-old couples finding new love again; athletes and accountants, actors and sci-fi lovers; historians and engineers, singers and librarians; straight couples and gay couples, single men and single women, and individuals wondering where they fit in this whole world of acronyms and identities. Here, around this holy table, we have Republicans and Democrats and Independents all asking the same questions – how do we make this world better together?

Such a community is anything but ordinary in spite of its reliability! In a world that is pushing us apart, this holy table draws us together. In a world that stokes our fear, this remarkable community kindles our curiosity and compassion. In a world that generates despair, our ancient prayers and songs inspire our faith, our hope, and our love.

Such a community is no accident. The pages that follow relate the countless “things” that we do which, taken together, mold us into the remarkable household of God! At the heart of it all, and beyond all the “programs” and “things” that we do, lies the wonderful gift that we share — the blessed and beloved community of Christ, a genuine community of friendship and hope for the world.

As we gather for our Annual Meeting, I am filled again with immense gratitude for the community that we are and for this remarkable gift which we offer together to the world!

I cannot thank you enough for your friendship. I cannot thank you enough for the gift that you are to me and to my family. I cannot thank you enough for the community we are together in Christ.

With profound gratitude and great hope,

The Rev'd Andrew Van Culin, *Rector*



Senior Warden's Letter

Dear Friends,

To Excel in Love is almost fully implemented this year. Its reach can be felt throughout our community. The changes to our staff, worship and programming are now part of the fabric of our lives.

- Our Sunday School program continues to grow and improve. Lisa Brown's and her staff's quest to have a Christian Education program on par with our Music Program is getting closer to fruition.
- Thursday Nights continue to flourish. We had a wonderful problem with the Thursday Book Club during the Fall: there were so many people we had trouble finding space to hold us all. In fact, Mtr. Maureen had to use a microphone so we could all hear her.
- Fr. Drew has 13 confirmands preparing for Bishop Bonnie's visit on June 14. Interacting with, teaching, and learning from these young adults is one of Drew's true joys. Mtr. Maureen is also leading a group of adults that will be confirmed this Spring.
- Our commitment to Carstens Academy has grown again this year, which in turn has had an even greater impact on the children and the community the school touches.
- We are preparing to kick off the Capital Campaign for the Music Program. Under Mark Higbie's leadership it is sure to be a success. Be on the lookout for more information this Spring for its launch as we honor and remember Fred DeHaven.
- The Saint John's Bible – well, the Gospels and Acts – are in the building and integrated into our weekly worship. Docent training was in December for about 25 parishioners who are now ready to help others understand the care and level of detail that went into the creation of the Saint John's Bible and the publication of the reproductions that circulate around the globe. Mtr. Maureen is creating formation programs incorporating this glorious piece of art throughout 2026.
- Plans for our new Preschool are coming along. There is a Development Committee in place that meets monthly to help the staff navigate everything involved with creating and opening our new school. We are in the process of hiring a Montessori Director to work alongside the current Daycare Director.

Thanks to the generosity of our parish family, the tangible results of To Excel in Love are bringing Christ Church into the 21st century, while remaining steeped in tradition. This is all happening as we begin to prepare for our centennial celebration in 2030.

I'd like to thank Fr. Drew, Mtr. Maureen, the CCGP staff, and you, my Christ Church family, for making my three years as your Senior Warden more rewarding than I can profess. I am thrilled with everything happening within our community and am looking forward to participating from the "other side." See you in the pews!

Gratefully,



Vestry Candidates



Becca Anderson



Deborah Champion



Jim Kastner



Brendan Walsh



Cheryl Wesen

Voting Requirements

Who is eligible to vote?

Any adult (16 years or older) communicant who has been a Communicant in Good Standing in this parish for not less than six (6) months shall be eligible to vote at all Parish Meetings [Bylaws 2.2].

Who is a Communicant in Good Standing?

A Communicant in Good Standing is any baptized member who, during the preceding year, has been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God. [Bylaws 2.1.4]

Voting Instructions

Voting for membership of the Vestry shall be by voice, by show of hands, or by written or electronic ballot, or other means as the Wardens of the Vestry may direct.



Planning for our Future

Parish Life

- ☑ Appoint an Associate for Parish Life and Community Engagement [2022]
- ☑ Appoint a Member Engagement Coordinator [2022]
- ☑ Develop a ministry of connection & support for empty-nesters [2023]
- ☑ Improve ministry of welcome and connection for new members [2024]
- ☑ Develop grief support ministry [2024]
- ☐ Develop a ministry of health and wellness

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

- ☑ Appoint Associate for Children, Youth and Family Ministries [2023]
- ☑ Appoint Church School Coordinator [2024]
- ☑ Recruit and develop a team of youth ministers and catechists [2024]
- ☑ Develop a comprehensive children and youth ministry program for children and families
- ☐ Develop and nurture formation and community for college students

Christian Formation for Adults

- ☑ Explore opportunities to expand and enrich our knowledge of God's grace and our call as Christian disciples [2023]
- ☑ Conduct Renewal Works inventory of our corporate spiritual life. [2022, 2025]
 - » Develop a comprehensive formation path utilizing the Renewal Works models: *exploring, growing, deepening, and centered*
- ☑ Restore the Sweeny Lecture Series

Worship and Music

- ☑ Develop a part-time position for Audio/Video production [2021]
- ☑ Expand the position of Assistant Organist to full-time [2024]
 - » Restore 11:15 Choral Mass [*seasonal as of 2023*]

Outreach and Community Engagement

- ☑ [Appoint an Associate for Parish Life and Community Engagement]
- ☑ Expand our ministry partnership with Carstens Academy and SOAR Detroit [2024]
- ☑ Develop *Christ Church Commons* – a collaborative incubator for local entrepreneurs using CCGP kitchen [2024]
 - » Explore opportunities to enrich and expand Early Childhood Education at Christ Church
- ☐ Explore the development of a literacy program to support Grosse Pointe students

Buildings and Grounds

- ☑ Appoint part-time Facilities Manager [2023]
 - » Tackle significant deferred projects (cf p. 21)

Stewardship and Administration

- ☑ Appoint Rector's Verger to support internal and external programs and events [2024]
- ☑ Undertake a Capital Campaign and expand development efforts to grow financial support for our ministries [2024]
- ☑ Expand graphic design and production development for external marketing [2024]
 - » Expand administrative support for stewardship
 - » Explore a directed campaign to sustain our Music Ministry



Calendar of Events

February

- 2 Candlemas
- 7 Lakeshore Chamber Singers Concert
- 8 Crossroads Sunday
- 17 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- 18 Ash Wednesday, 7 am, Noon, and 7 pm

March

- 29 Palm Sunday Liturgy
- 29 Concert: St. John Passion, 4 pm
- 30-31 Holy Eucharist, 7 pm

April

- 2 Tenebrae, 7 pm

Triduum and Easter Day

- 2 Maundy Thursday, 7 pm
- 3 Good Friday, Noon, 7 pm
- 4 Easter Wreath Workshop
- 4 The Great Vigil of Easter, 7 pm
- 5 Easter Day, 7 am, 9 am, 11:15 am
- Easter Egg Hunt 10:15 am
- 19 Easter Lessons and Carols, 4 pm
- 26 Crossroads Sunday

May

- 2 Chorale Concert
- 14 The Feast of the Ascension
- All Parish Dinner
- 17 Valediction of Choristers
- 22 Strawberry Shortcake Prep
- 24 Pentecost

June

- 14 Confirmation
- 21 Summer Starters Begins
- 25 Summer Barbecue

July

- 23 Summer Barbecue

August

- 2 The Feast of the Transfiguration
- Baptism Sunday
- 20 Summer Barbecue
- 24-28 Choir Camp

September

- 13 Fall Homecoming Festival and Blessing of Backpacks
- 17 Thursdays at Christ Church resume
- 26 Hymnathon

October

- 4 Blessing of the Animals

November

- 1 All Saints Sunday
- All Souls' Requiem Mass, 4 pm
- 8 Crossroads Sunday
- 15 Chorale Concert, 4 pm
- 22 Christ the King Sunday
- 29 Advent Wreath Workshop
- 29 The First Sunday of Advent
- Advent Procession, 4 pm

December

- 11 Gifts and Greens, Parish Christmas Party
- 13 Christmas Concert, 4 pm

Christmas

- 20 Christmas Lessons and Carols, 4:30 pm
- 24 Christmas Eve
- Creche Procession, 4 pm
- Choral Eucharist, 8 pm
- Choral Eucharist w/incense, 11 pm
- 25 Christmas Day Service, 10 am





Christ Centered

Christ Church's high quality worship and music services draw me toward a closer walk with God.

— Jim Kastner

Last year, our community thrived through a multitude of enriching experiences, with numerous worship services and concerts.

Throughout the year, the combined efforts of our dedicated choir and clergy ensured that every soul – whether a longtime member or a newcomer—felt the embrace of God through the harmonious marriage of music, hallowed words, and sacred actions.

Following the Sunday morning service, our fellowship deepened in the Undercroft during the *Rector's Forum*. These gatherings, explored various topics, including a preview of our year-long Saint John's Bible experience, providing intellectual and spiritual nourishment.

Mtr. Maureen Martin and a team of lay leaders offered Living with Grief, a 4-week encounter with grief for people who are mourning the loss of someone they love. Each class is centered in prayer, scripture, and story. The class is offered in the spring and fall.



Sunday worship is like medicine for my soul.

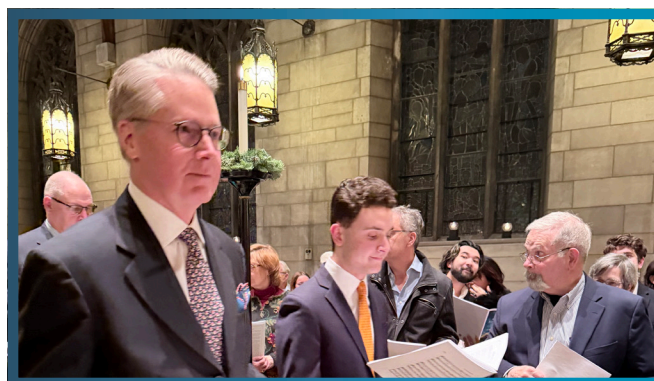
— Lisa Vallee Smith

Last spring, Thursday night formation programming for adults saw Mtr. Maureen Martin and Fr. Drew Van Culin lead a large weekly conversation on Jim Wallis' book *False White Gospel*, in preparation for his in-person appearance at our Sweeny Lecture, this February 20-22. Mtr. Maureen offered a class on *Liturgy of the Ordinary* by Tish Harrison Warren in the fall.



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Community Focused

CCGP is uniquely positioned with strong traditions and openness to inclusion...providing stability during a time of high change and transition in the world.

— Becca Anderson

We proudly maintain our collaboration with *Crossroads of Michigan*, demonstrating our commitment to community service. In February, and November, a dedicated team of volunteers prepared and served meals at their soup kitchen. The atmosphere is vibrant with the rhythmic sounds of vegetable chopping, sandwich assembly, and the refreshing pour of lemonade, creating a welcoming experience for Crossroads' guests. During the sunny Sundays of summer our children came together to pack 25 wholesome *Summer Starter Baskets* – providing over 2100 meals and embodying our real love for our neighbor.

Our partnership with *Rebuilding Together Southeast Michigan* continues, exemplified by the dedicated members of CCGP who invest a day in transformative outdoor work, including painting and weeding, at a home in the Jefferson Chalmers neighborhood.

Our music community joins the efforts each year through *Soaring Sounds in a Sacred Space*. The harmonious chords of the *Christ Church Chorale*, comprising over 70 members, resounded as they performed masterpieces like Mozart's *Requiem* and Haydn's *Harmoniemesse*, under the expert guidance of Music Director Scott Hanoian.



I treasure how closely connected our community is, and I love watching our congregation grow and diversify.

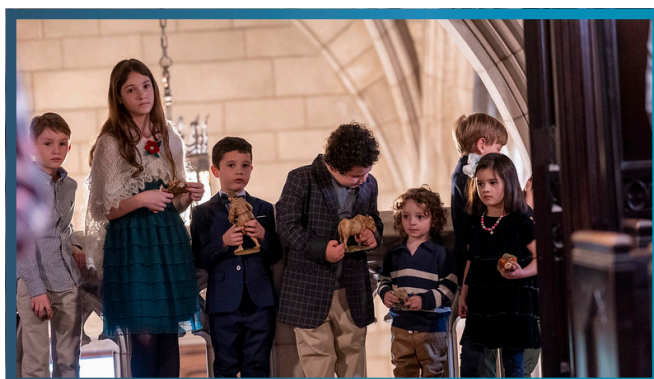
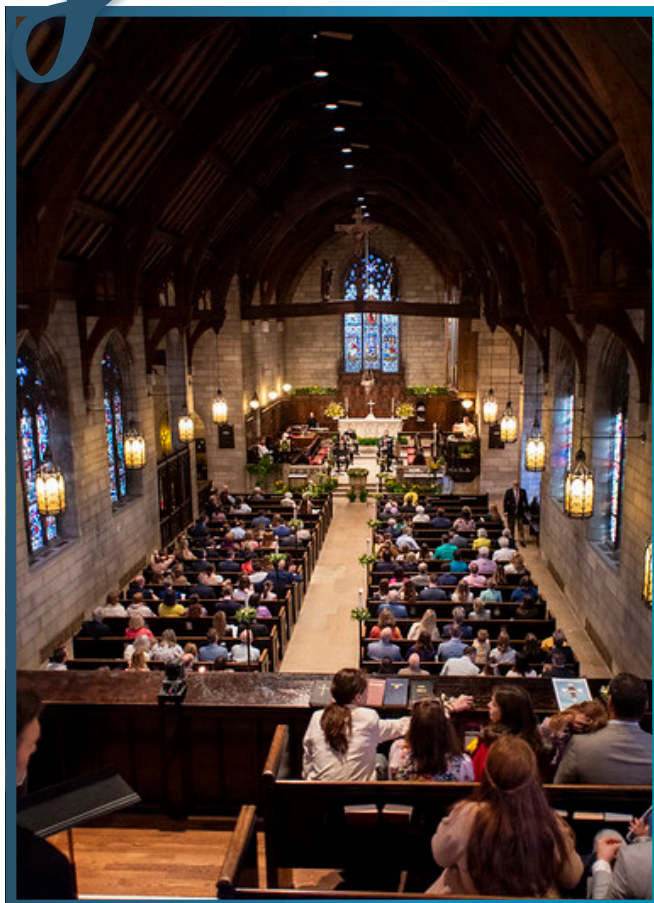
— Deb Champion

In the fall, we resumed our commitment to the *Carstens Literacy Initiative*. Dedicated volunteers offer 2 to 4 hours a week of one-on-one tutoring to 2nd and 3rd graders at Carstens Academy, building their core skill in reading and offering them a friendly companion in their school day routine.

As the year ended, our community rallied for meaningful causes with our *Christmas Gift Project*. This effort extends warmth and joy, supplying warm winter clothing and toys for the children at Carstens, and spa baskets for formerly trafficked women at Sanctum House. Through your generosity we responded to a family with 15 children in need after a fire destroyed their home a week before Christmas.



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Future Driven

I love the fact that we are expanding and enriching opportunities for our youth. That's been a wish of mine for a long time.

— Cheryl Wesen

Our Children, Youth, and Family (CYF) ministry continues to expand. In addition to our Atrium Faith Formation programs for 3 – 6 year olds, and our youth gatherings for middle and high schoolers, 2025-2026 will include confirmation preparation led by Fr. Drew. One Big World Justice & Peace Youth Team for 6th – 12th graders saw a successful launch with a strong presence at GP Pride, a screening of the movie “Kiss the Ground” and a hugely successful World Hunger Awareness meal. Two members of our parish are training to become Level 1 CGS (Catechises of the Good Shepherd) Catechists, strengthening our foundation for expanded Early Education offerings.

Spring and fall brought our new member and baptism retreats. This two-day program allowed participants to continue their own faith journey while taking on the crucial role of guiding our youngest members on their faith journeys. In 2025 we baptized six children, marking moments of spiritual initiation and community celebration.



It brings me great joy to now see my three children participating in the same program and singing in the choir.

— Brendan Walsh

Soaring harmonies rang through the halls again, as a class of novices eagerly embarked on a journey to join the *Christ Church Choir*. We currently have six novices working toward installation into the choir. The vibrancy of our musical community continues to grow, nurturing a spirit of inclusion and shared devotion to the art of choral expression.

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2025 by the Numbers

6	Concerts Held
75	Adult Education Classes
576	Public Worship Services
53	.....	PDO Students
1000+	.....	Crossroads Meals Served
2100+	.....	Summer Starter Breakfasts
100+	.....	Animals Blessed
45	.....	CYF Volunteers



2025 by the Numbers

Choir Rehearsals	170
Formation Leaders	27
Hymns Sung	277
Funerals	12
Baptisms	6
CYF Hours Spent on Atriums ..	934
Novice Choristers	6
Thursday @ CCGP Meals	1000



Enriching our Families

Children, Youth, and Families

Growing and enriching our ministries to Children, Youth, and Families remains a priority in the coming year. Under the leadership of Lisa Brown we will continue to develop our three atria for *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* as well as to train and develop new catechists to lead our children and youth deeper in their knowledge of and relationship with God and the world. Similarly, Ms. Brown will continue to build our burgeoning One Big World (youth service and justice ministry) program to help our middle school and high school youth apply their faith to the world about them.

Early Childhood Education

Following the closure of the Co-op Nursery at Christ Church in 2021, we have been earnestly exploring ways to support community families and children in the area of early childhood education. Building on our current Parent's Day Out program, we are hoping to offer a newly established Montessori program for children ages 3 – 5 this fall. Utilizing the remarkable space provided in the Education Wing, we look to expand our daily care for 33 children today to a total of 66 children over the coming years.

Deepening our Faith

Robust and Transcendent Worship

Maintaining a robust and transcendent worship experience remains central to our community life. From the quiet of Thursday evening to the simplicity of Sunday at 8 am, to the glory of our principal Sunday service (at 9 am), and the contemplative beauty of Evensong, we are committed to offering a breadth of worship opportunities marked by quiet contemplation and transcendent music.

Transforming Adult Formation

As a community of disciples, we are committed to nurturing and deepening our personal and corporate understanding of God's presence and activity in our lives and in our world. Under Mtr. Maureen's leadership, we will continue to offer earnest conversations of faith and society at the Rector's Forum, extended classes as part of Thursdays at Christ Church, and timely presentations as part of the re-established Sweeny Lecture Series.



Sustaining our Ministry

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To Excel in Love Endowment Campaign

We continue to receive gifts to fulfill pledges made as part of the *To Excel in Love* Endowment Campaign. To date we have received a remarkable \$2.5m in gifts toward an even-more-remarkable-commitment of \$3.65m in pledges! Additionally, our community has indicated another \$2.8m in planned gifts to come. We cannot thank YOU enough for your generous care for Christ Church!

The Journey of Generosity – Annual Giving at Christ Church

The foundation of our ministry is sustained by the annual support of our members. In 2026, we are looking to grow annual support to \$1.04m. Of course, this begins with our individual commitment to support the ministry of Christ here at Christ Church. This year, our Journey of Generosity will focus on four components of Christian giving:

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| » First Fruits Giving Commitment | Giving as a priority not an afterthought
Make a pledge |
| » Proportional Giving Commitment | Intentional and proportional to our wealth and capacity; Equal sacrifice for all
Know your percentage |
| » Sacrificial Giving Commitment | Generosity that reflects the sacrificial heart of Christ
Grow your gift by 1% of your annual income |
| » Christ-Centered Giving Commitment | Nurturing the generous life in others
Maintain your tithe and nurture the generosity of others |

Planned Giving

Among the greatest gifts we can give to our children (and grandchildren!) is to sustain the life of Christ Church for generations to come. Joining the Christ Church Legacy Society by including Christ Church in your estate plans ensures that our Endowments grow and our ministries are sustained.

Music Endowment Growth

The coming year will see a renewed focus on growing our Music Endowment from families and community members with a passion for the Christ Church Choir and the preservation of the choral arts in our society.



Community Norms

The Christ Church

Welcome

We welcome all whether they are new to our congregation or are from other ministries or faiths.

You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. (Deuteronomy 10: 19)

Respect Others

We speak our own ideas and make our observations in ways that respect other peoples' needs, beliefs and feelings. We treat everyone in the same manner that we wish to be treated ourselves.

Do unto others as you would have them do to you. (Luke 6:31)

Seek and See the Good

We seek and see the good in others and take a positive approach in our common life and ministry. We avoid negativity. Seek Christ in all people.

Listen

We listen to understand what is on the minds and hearts of the people around us. We do not express our own thoughts without understanding what is important to others.

Listen ... and be attentive, that you may gain insight. (Proverbs 4: 1)

*At
all times, we
are committed to
being a
Safe Church for
all.*

Direct Communication

We speak honestly, directly and supportively to others. When there is a conflict (we are human!) we go to the person involved, not others.

Well meant are the wounds a friend inflicts, but profuse are the kisses of an enemy. (Proverbs 27:6)

Use Appropriate Language

We use language that honors the other person. We are clear and supportive in our expression.

Rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. (Proverbs 12: 18)

Avoid Judging Others

We are not judgmental.

Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. (Matthew 7:1)

Prayerful in Attitude and Word

We participate in the activities and prayers which sustain our life together.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. (Acts 2:42)

Staff and Volunteers

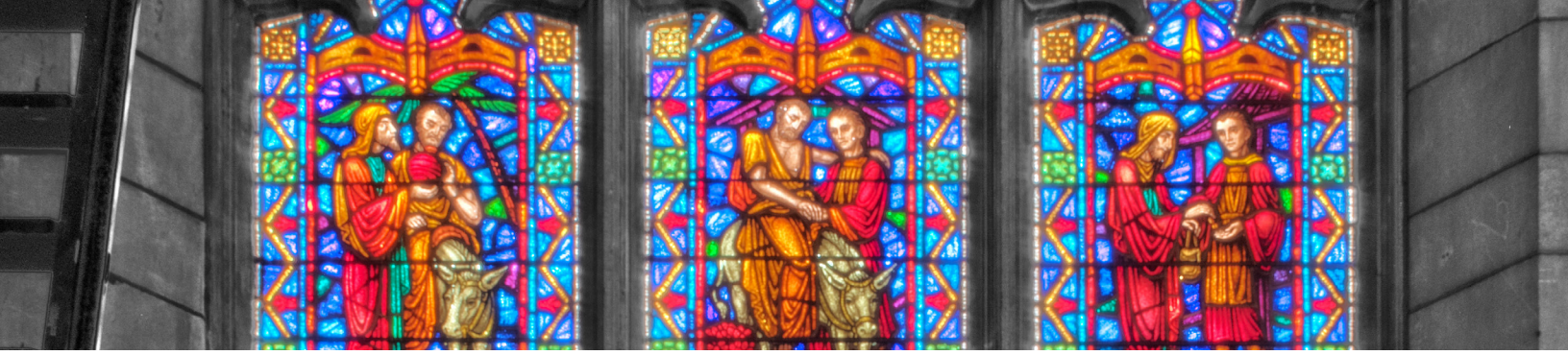
We maintain mutual respect between staff and volunteers, respecting the unique responsibilities and gifts that we provide.

Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. (Romans 12: 10)

Confidentiality

We respect the confidences that have been entrusted to us.

...one who is trustworthy in spirit keeps a confidence. (Proverbs 11 :13)



Sustaining Our Ministry

Journey of Generosity



Stewardship 2025: Journey of Generosity

	2022	2023	2024	2025
Contributions	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual
Unrestricted Contributions ¹	826K	913K	939K	896K
Restricted Contributions ²	127K	77K	119K	138K
Total Contributions	\$954K	\$990K	\$1.06M	\$1.03M
Contributing Households				
Unrestricted Gifts	261	260	236	243
Restricted Gifts	262	208	242	289
Total Contributing Households ³	386	344	345	410

Not including permanently restricted gifts or bequests to the Christ Church Endowments

Pledging Families

[129 Families | \$796,868 Received]

Community Foundation For Buffalo
The Lynn & Paul Alandt Foundation
Dr. & Mrs. Anthony Alcantara
Mr. & Mrs. Dave Anderson
Ms. Lynn Anslow
Mr. Joel Anyim
Mrs. Barbara Arrigo
Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Arroyo
Dr. & Dr. Eric Ash
Mr. & Mrs. Len Azzaro
Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Bachand
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Bamford
Ms. Martha Bangs
Ms. Kate Barnwell
Mr. & Mrs. Sandy Baruah
Dr. Richard Baumgarten &
Dr. Cheryl Wesen
Mr. & Mrs. John Benson
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Best
Ms. Antoinette Book
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Bowe
Dr. Jerry Brackett & Ms. Karen
Kienbaum
Mr. & Mrs. Kip Brown
Ms. Libby Candler &
Mr. Daniel Hughes
Mr. & Mrs. David Chaklos
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Chesterton
Ms. Sarah Clark
Ms. Lauren Clune
Mr. & Mrs. William Collison
Mrs. Betsy Creedon
Mr. Henry Darlington

Mr. Michael DeFillipi &
Mr. David Gerdis
Mr. & Mrs. George Detwiler
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Dirkse
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Durand
Mr. & Dr. Herman Edwards
The Estate of Edward Evans, III
Mr. Steven Fehniger
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Ferrara
The Estate of Eleanor &
Edsel Ford Fund
The Estate of Edith &
Benson Ford Fund
Martha F. Ford Fund
Mrs. Shirley Fortune
Mrs. Hadley French
Mr. David Gaskin
Mrs. Carol Gove
Mr. Anton & Dr. Betsy Hall
Scott & Meredith Hanoian
Mrs. Elizabeth Hardwick
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Harley
Mr. Mark Higbie &
Mrs. Gretchen Knoell
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Hubbard
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Huebner
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Hurley
Ms. Terri Lyn Huston
Ms. Lynnette Iannace
Mrs. Cheryl Johns
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Johnson
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Johnson, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Ian Jones

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Mr. & Mrs. Terrance Lynch
Mr. & Mrs. Edwin MacKethan, III
Mr. Brian & Dr. Lisa MacLean
Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Magee
Ms. Mary (Gwen) Mann
Dr. Michael Marsh
Mr. David & The Rev'd Maureen Martin
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Mason
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Mathews
Ms. Nadine Mathis
Mrs. Margaret Maycock
Mr. & Mrs. John McCormick
Mrs. Helen McKnight
Mrs. Lucinda McMahon
Mr. & Mrs. James McMillan, II
Mrs. Nancy Nicholson
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Niscoromni
Mr. & Mrs. Blair Osborn
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Partridge
Jill Pollock
Mr. & Mrs. Tedmund Pryor
Mr. James Quinlan &
Ms. Margaret Loomis

Thank You!

*Thank you to all who support the ministry of Christ Church
and help us to spread the Good News of God's Love!*

Mr. & Mrs. David Redfield
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Reich
Mrs. Nancy Renick
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Reuther, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Brendan Ross
Charles & Catherine Ruifrok
Mr. & Mrs. Gregg Russell
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Mrs. Lisa Vallee Smith
Mr. John Snyder
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Mr. & Mrs. Frank Stellingwerf

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Timothy & Elizabeth Wood
Mr. John Woodhouse &
Ms. Susan Vercruysse

Contributing Families [102 Families | \$91,197 Received]

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Adams
Mr. Eric Allen
Mr. Jeffrey Backhurst
Mr. Jeffrey Bauer
Monique Beels
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Bollozos
Miss Terry Book
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Brown
Mr. Jason Bucholz & Mr. Lee Kirtley
Mr. & Mrs. Zach Carr
Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Colman
Ms. Cheryl Colman
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Cowan
Mr. & Mrs. John Daly, III
Brooke & Jerry Darby
Michael David & Lauren Mitchell
Mrs. Erika Davis
Ms. Diane De Santis
Mr. & Mrs. Jon Deimel
Mr. Edwin Dyer
Dr. Ann & Mr. Ken Eatherly
Mrs. Emmajeane Evans
Mr. & Mrs. Geoffrey Everham
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Fehniger
Mr. & Mrs. James Fitzgerald
Dr. R. Michael Flores &
Mr. Michael Fournier
Ms. Catherine Fought
Carol Fraser
Ms. Kathryn French
Mrs. Judith Gaffrey
Mr. John Gillooly & Mrs. Ebony Duff
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hall
Chase & Megan Henderson
Mrs. Martha Henkel

The Rev'd Gwendolyn Hetler
Lisa & Joseph Himle
Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Irby
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Jacques
Mr. & Mrs. Marc Jerabek
Olivia & Peter Jerabek
Mr. & Mrs. James Kaler
Ms. Barbara Kennedy
Mr. John King
Christian Kirby & Shawn Johnson
Mrs. Judith Kling
Mrs. Margaret Lally
Mr. & Mrs. David Larkin
Susan Larsen
Mr. & Mrs. William Leonard, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Russ Licavoli
Jaclyn & Jacob Lynn
Mr. & Mrs. Scott MacGriff
Justin Maitland Urso & Carolyn Urso
Mrs. Josephine Malecek
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Mansfield
Mr. W. Mara & Mrs. Maureen Finnigan-
Mara
Dean McPhail
Michigan Marine Terminal, Inc.
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Minetola
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Moellering
Mr. John Noel
Dr. Patricia O'Brien
Mr. & Mrs. David Perez
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Platt
Mrs. Annie Rahm
Gloria Rhodes
Mr. & Mrs. Jason Richards
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ridder

Kathy Robb
Mr. Bruce Rockwell
Mr. & Mrs. Burton Rudolph
Dr. & Mrs. Jack Schneider
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Schuetze
Ms. Penelope Slough
Mrs. Nancy Smith
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Solterisch
The Rev'd & Mrs. Paul Spann
Dana Standish
Ronald & Kay Stefanski
Mrs. Mary Steiner
Mr. & Mrs. John Stout
Ms. Kimberly Sutton
Thomas & Danielle Szafranski
Everardo & Melissa Tapia
Mr. Charles Tasin & Mr. Gerald Cannon
David & Molly Tindall
Mr. Edward Turner
Mr. & Mrs. Jud Utley
Mr. & Mrs. John Van Osdol
Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Varas
Mr. Jeffrey von Schwarz
Mr. & Mrs. Sean von Schwarz
Mrs. Salome Walton
Ms. Diane Ward
Mr. & Mrs. JR Watkins
Mr. & Mrs. Harrison West
Mr. & Mrs. Edward White
Mrs. Gretchen White
Mathew & Michele Wilmoth
Yvonne & Timothy Winston
Larry Wolf
Mr. Donald Wray, Jr. &
Dr. Arlene Rozzelle



Balance Sheet

In thousands

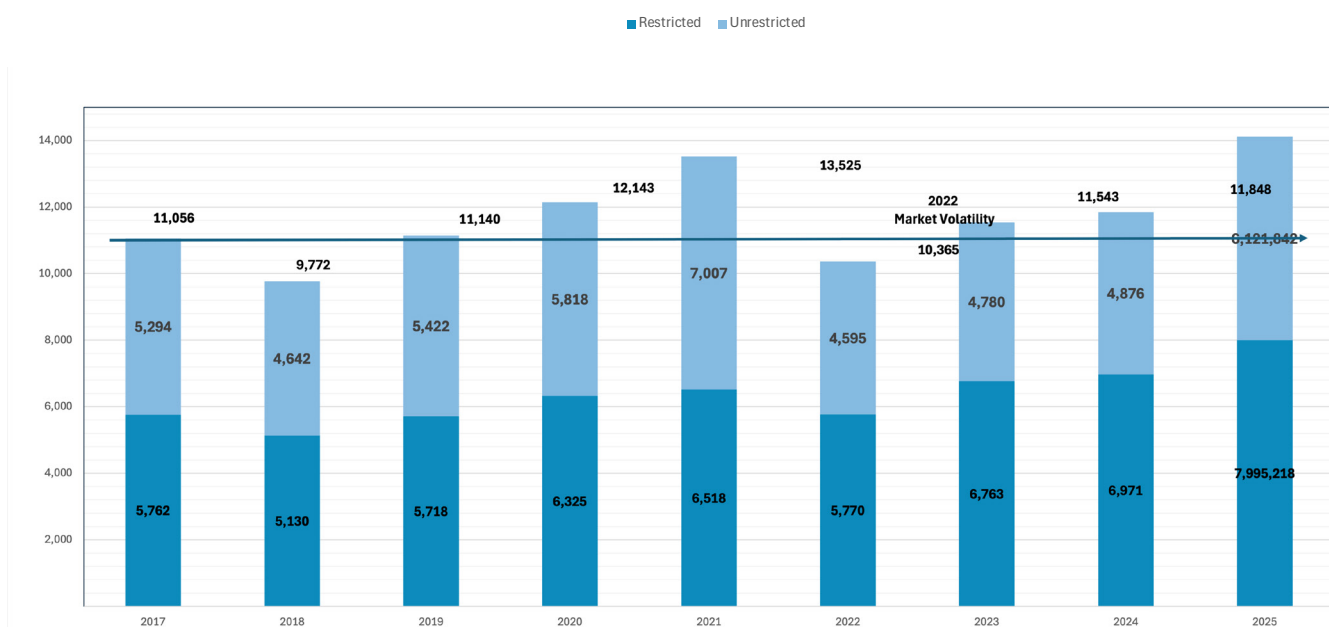
	2022 Audited	2023 Reviewed	2024 Unaudited	2025 Unaudited
Current Assets				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	588	617 ¹	744 ²	481
Investments	10,563	11,637	12,310	14,593
Total Assets	\$11,151	\$12,254	\$13,055	\$15,074
Current Liabilities				
Unrestricted Investments	5,088	5,629	5,950	6,911
Restricted Investments	6,008	6,570	7,050	8,082
Interfund Copier Loan	-	-	-	-
Obligation/payroll withholdings	55	55	55	81
Total Liabilities	\$11,151	\$12,254	\$13,055	\$15,074
Fixed Assets				
Property and Equipment	17,743	17,938	17,828	17,828
Total Assets and Liabilities	\$28,894	\$30,192	\$30,883	\$32,902

¹ 2023 Cash includes 260k of Endowment Campaign Funds of 260k [transferred to Investment Fund in 2024]

² 2024 Cash includes 292k [to be transferred to Investment Fund in 2025]



Endowment Funds [2017–2025]



Total Investments [in thousands]

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Beginning Balance	11,683	12,894	10,370	11,550	12,151
Year Ending Balance	12,894	10,370	11,550	12,157	14,420
Annual Return [Gains (Losses) net of fees]	13%	(18%)	14%	10%	19%



Temporarily Restricted Fund Balances

as of December 31, 2025

Time Restricted Gifts	2,599	Flower Guild	751
All Saints	14,171	Gifts & Greens	29,101
Altar Guild	24,533	Summer Starters	3,600
Music Program	44,634	Sweeny Lecture Series	77,728
Christian Education	2,438	William Rand Furnishings	12,125
Conservation Trust	204,713	Youth	1,965
Rector's Discretionary Fund	17,484		

Endowment Fund Balances

\$13,958,465 as of December 31, 2025

Columbarium	367,392	Opportunity Resource Fund	30,000
Conservation Trust	4,359,937	Original Endowment	4,351,925
Christian Education	662,095	Outreach	746,751
Crossroads	4,802	Rose Garden	47,475
Curl Tutag Endowment	156,086	Sweeny Lecture Series	112,747
DeHaven Music	2,760,585	Valk Flowers	200,272
Mack Fund	158,400		



The Christ Church Legacy Society as of 31 December 2025

Kathy Anslow[†]
Ms. Martha Bangs
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Beadle^{††}
Mr. & Mrs. Brad Blaine
E. Baumgarten[†]
Ms. Lynn Bloy[†]
Ms. Frances Book[†]
Ms. Constance Thomson Browning[†]
Ms. Libby Candler &
 Mr. Daniel Hughes
Mr. Gaylord[†] & Mrs. Betsy Creedon
Mr. William Cudlip[†]
Ms. Mary Louise Drennen[†]
Mr. Graham Douglas[†]
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Ferrara
Mr. Benson & Mrs. Edith Ford^{††}
Mr. Edsel & Mrs. Eleanor Ford^{††}
Mr. William Ford[†]
Mr. William Herbert[†]
Mr. Basil Johnson[†]
Mr. David & Mrs. Heather Jones^{††}

Mr. & Mrs. Garland Knight
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Labadie
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lorenger
Mr. Wilber & Mrs. Lois Mack^{††}
Dr. Michael Marsh
Mrs. Lucinda McMahon
Mr. George[†] &
 Mrs. Nancy Nicholson
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Payne
Ms. Gail Phillips[†]
Mr. William Rand[†]
Mr. & Mrs. David Redfield
Ms. Marilyn Shay[†]
Ms. Helen Santiz
Mr. Jeffrey Smith &
 Ms. Lisa Vallee-Smith
Mr. John Snyder
Mr. & Mrs. George Sutton
Ms. Amie Sweeney & Family

Mr. Donald II[†] &
 Mrs. Margaret[†] Sweeny
Mr. Robert H. Tannihill[†]
Mr. & Mrs. David Tobbe
Mr. & Mrs. Allan Torp
Ms. Judith Trapp[†]
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Trost
Ms. Nola (Curl) Tutag[†]
Mr. Robert Valk[†]
Mr. Robert G. &
 Mrs. Virginia Vallee^{††}
The Rev'd & Mrs. Andrew Van Culin
Mr. & Mrs. John Van Osdol
Ms. Sally J. Wagner[†]
Ms. Margaret Watkins[†]
Ms. Karyn Weir
Mr. John &
 Mrs. Peggy[†] Woodhouse
Ms. Helen Young[†]

[†]Deceased

*Please help us build a historical legacy list of past givers!
If you know of a bequest received that is not listed please let us know!*

The Christ Church Legacy Society

Confirmation of Legacy Commitment

Over the years, legacy gifts from members and friends of Christ Church have provided a strong financial foundation to the ministries we enjoy through the Christ Church Endowment Fund, ensuring that these same ministries will be sustained for generations to come.

If you have included Christ Church in your estate plans, we thank you for your generosity and ask that you provide the information below. This record will help us to fulfill your wishes and to honor you as a member of the *The Christ Church Legacy Society*, which recognizes our members and friends who have provided for Christ Church through their estate plans.

☐ I/we are pleased to include Christ Church in our Estate Plans

Christ Church recognizes that this is a record of intent and not a legally binding document.

Printed Name(s)

Mailing Address

Email

Phone

Type of Gift (select all that apply)

☐ Will or Trust

☐ Life Insurance Policy

☐ Real Property Asset(s)

☐ Charitable Gift Annuity

☐ Charitable Remainder Unitrust

☐ Other Beneficiary Designation

Please include a copy of any documents that name Christ Church Grosse Pointe as a beneficiary.

Estimated Value of Gift

The current estimated value of my/our gift is \$_____.

Gift Purpose

☐ I/We would like this gift to be used for purposes determined by Church leadership.

☐ I/We would like this gift to be made to the *Christ Church Endowment Fund*.

☐ I/We would like to discuss a restricted gift.

Recognitions

☐ For recognition purposes, my/our names should appear as:

☐ Please do not include my/our name in any lists referencing the *The Christ Church Legacy Society*.

Confirmations

Signature

Date

Signature

Date



Christ Church Financial Statements

Values in thousands

ACTUALS

BUDGET

	2023	2024	2025
Revenue			
Pledges, Contributions, and Grants	913	888	892
Unrestricted Funds Used	1,207	1,038	1,171
Programs and Services | Other Income	282	281	495
Total Contributions and Funding	\$2,402	\$2,206	2,557
SBA Payroll Protection Fund			
Member Giving Shortfall (Funded from Reserves)	223	494	482
Total Revenue	\$2,625	\$2,700	\$3,040
Expense			
Compensation and Benefits	1,022	1,244	1,500
General Expenses/Insurances	856	770	879
Travel, Meals, and Lodging	96	257	250
Professional Services/Communications	614	425	411
Total Expense	\$2,588	\$2,695	\$3,039
Net Revenue Less Expense	\$37	\$ 5	\$1

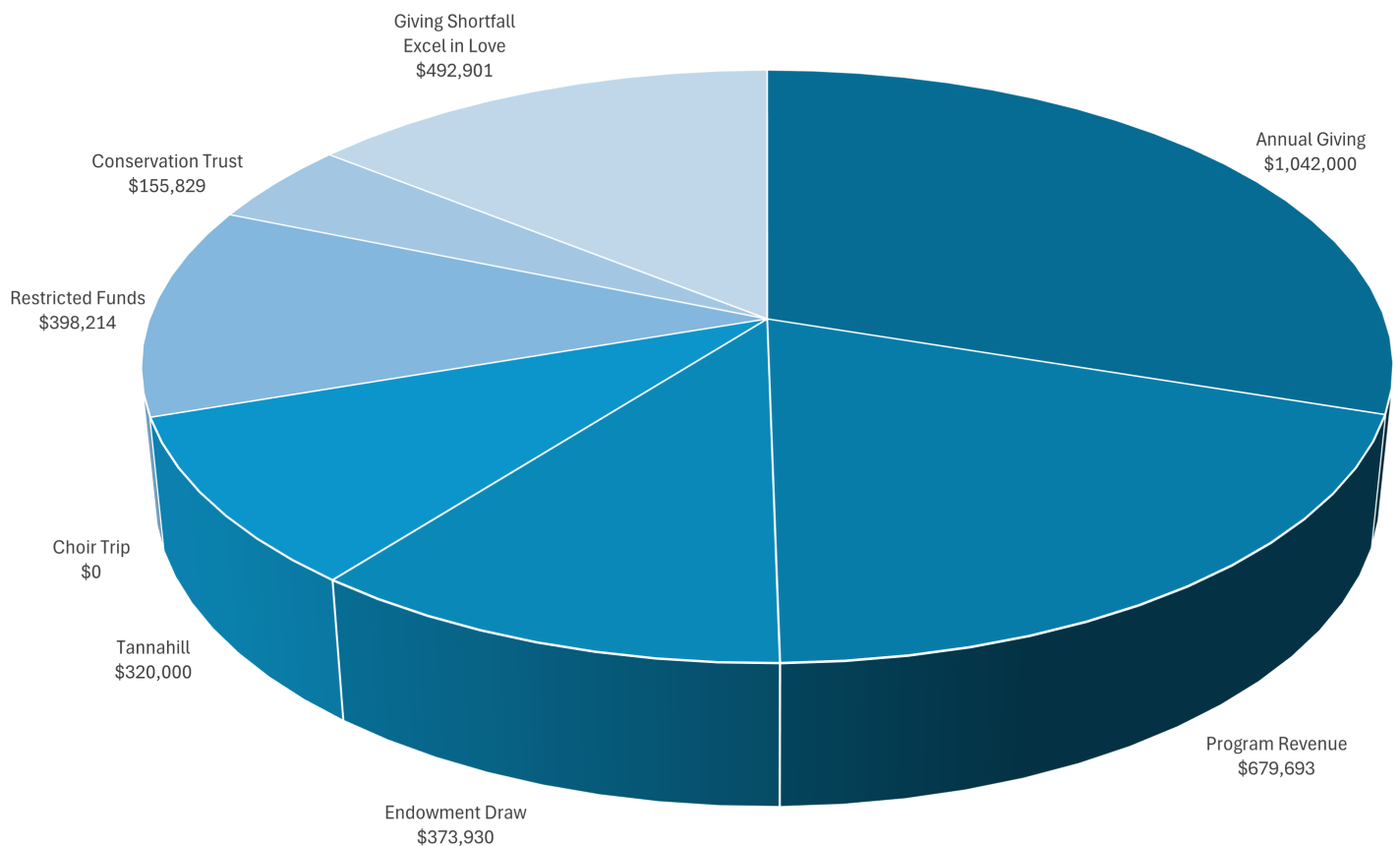
2025	2026
1,030	1,042
1,153	1,259
479	680
\$2,662	\$2,981
	-
580	485
\$3,242	\$3,466
1,644	1,947
893	1,002
338	146
367	371
\$3,242	\$3,466
-	-

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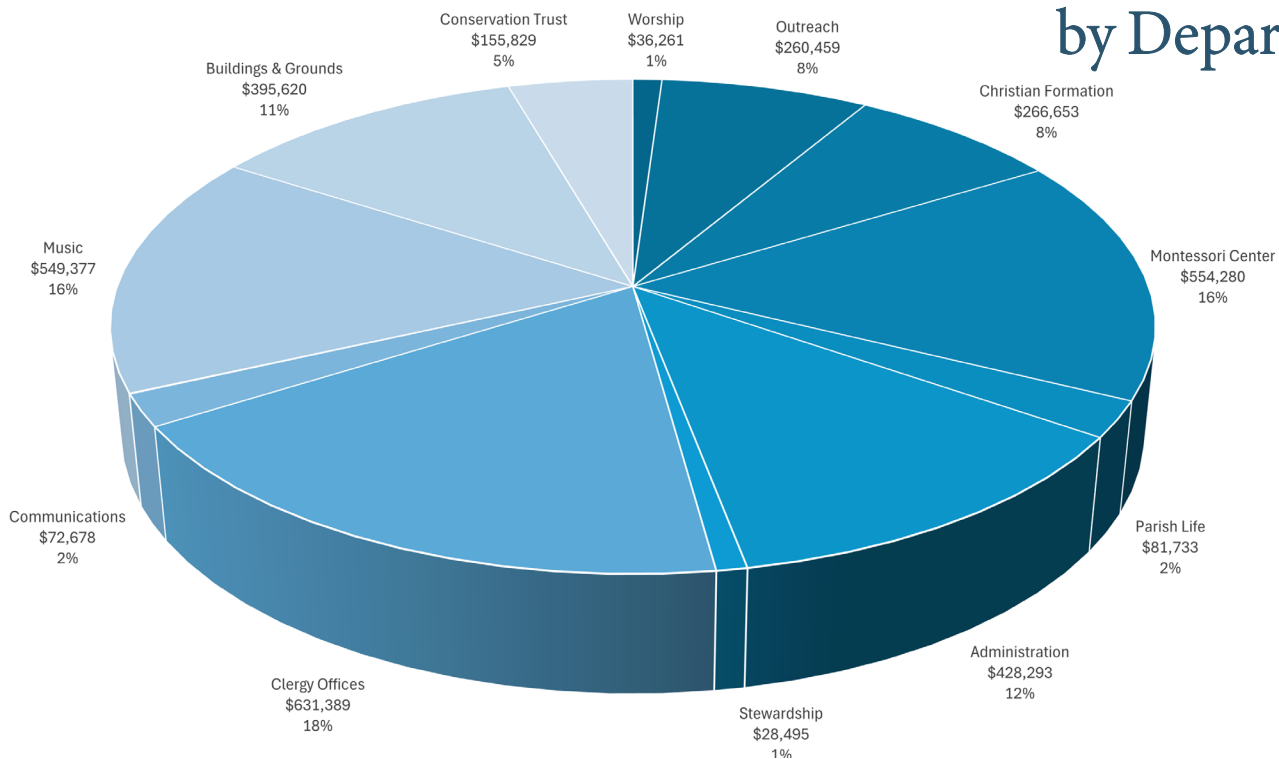
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2026 Budget Revenue

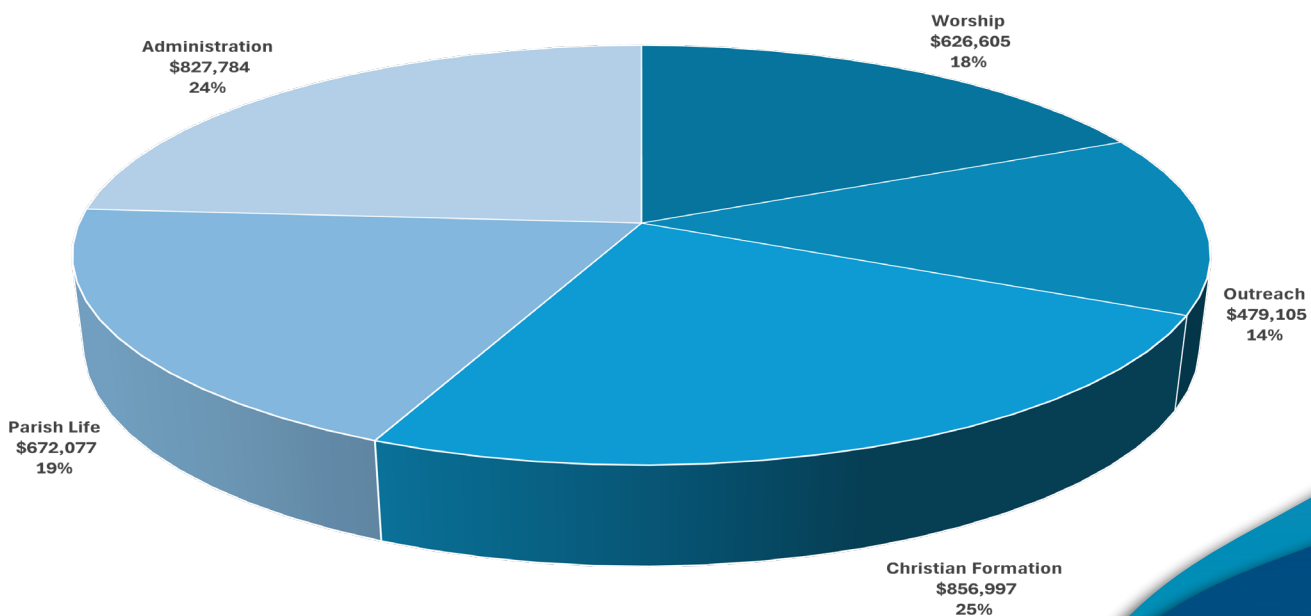
\$3,242 (*in thousands*)



2026 Budget Expense by Department



by Ministry Area

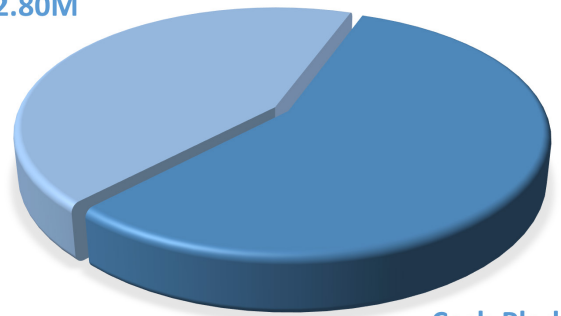


To Excel In Love

To Excel in Love Capital Campaign

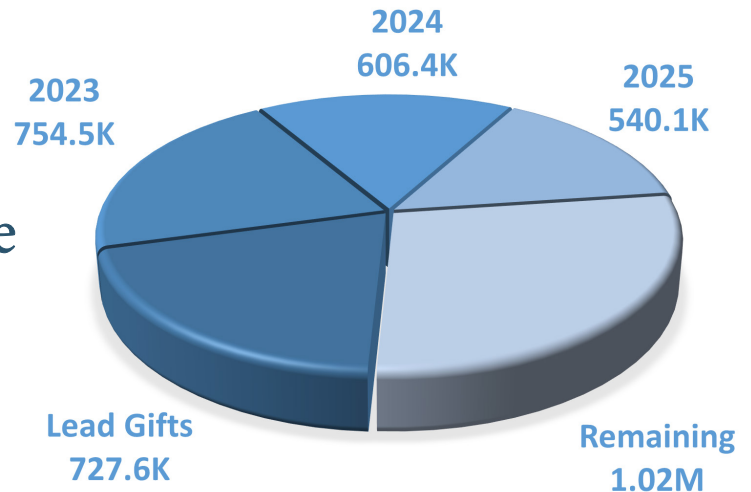
Total Pledged \$6.45M

Legacy Pledges
2.80M

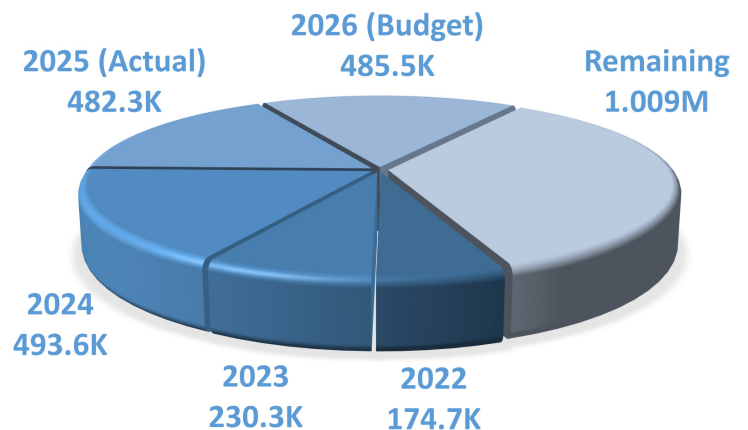


Cash Pledges
3.65M

Cash Gifts Received to Date



Supplemental Draw Spend
Approved TEIL Investment \$2.875M



To Excel In Love Supporters

[97 Families | \$6,420,000 Pledged]

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Ackerman
 Mr. & Mrs. Dave Anderson
 Mr. Joel Anyim
 Mrs. Barbara Arrigo
 Dr. & Dr. Eric Ash
 Mr. & Mrs. Len Azzaro
 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Bamford
 Mr. & Mrs. Sandy Baruah
 Dr. Richard Baumgarten &
 Dr. Cheryl Wesen
 Ms. Rebecca Beard
 Mr. & Mrs. Dominic Bennett
 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Best
 Mr. Bruce Birgbauer
 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Bowe
 Dr. Jerry Brackett &
 Ms. Karen Kienbaum
 Ms. Libby Candler &
 Mr. Daniel Hughes
 Mr. & Mrs. David Chaklos
 Ms. Deborah Champion
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 The Rev. Edward Cobden, Jr.
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 Mr. David Gaskin
 Mr. John Gillooly & Mrs. Ebony Duff
 Mr. Anton & Dr. Betsy Hall
 Scott and Meredith Hanoian

The Rev'd Gwendolyn Hetler
 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Hix
 Mr. & Mrs. Henry Hubbard
 Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Hurley
 Ms. Lynnette Iannace
 Mr. & Mrs. Edward Johnson, Jr
 Mr. & Mrs. Ian Jones
 Mr. & Ms. James Kastner
 Mr. Robert Kingscott &
 Mrs. Susan Mara
 Mr. & Ms. Garland Knight, III
 Mr. & The Rev'd Dr. Ross Kogel
 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Labadie
 Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lorenger
 Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Magee
 Ms. Mary (Gwen) Mann
 Dr. Harold Marsh
 Mr. David &
 The Rev'd Maureen Martin
 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Mathews
 Mrs. Margaret Maycock
 Mr. Jackson Merrill &
 Ms. Allison McClain Merrill
 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Nealssohn
 Mrs. Nancy Nicholson
 Dr. & Mrs. Peter Nickles
 Mr. & Mrs. Frank Niscornomi
 Northern Trust
 Mr. & Mrs. Blair Osborn
 Mr. & Mrs. Brian Peabody
 The Rt. Rev'd Bonnie Perry
 Mr. & Mrs. David Redfield
 Mr. & Mrs. Brendan Ross
 Mr. & Mrs. Gregg Russell

Dr. & Mrs. Jack Schneider
 Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Semple
 Mr. Jeffrey Smith &
 Mrs. Lisa Vallee Smith
 Ms. & Mr. Carol Smith
 Mr. Christian Smith
 Mr. Gerard Smith
 Smith Family Foundation
 Cathy Snedeker
 Mr. & Mrs. Frank Stellingwerf
 Mr. & Mrs. George Sutton
 Ms. Amie Sweeney
 Ms. Sarah Teachey
 Mr. & Mrs. David Tobbe
 Mr. & Mrs. Allan Torp
 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Trost
 Mr. Edward Turner
 Mr. & Mrs. Jud Utley
 The Estate of Robert Vallee
 The Rev'd Samuel Van Culin
 The Rev'd & Mrs. Andrew Van Culin
 Mr. & Mrs. John Van Osdol
 Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Varas
 Mrs. Charlene Vickers
 Mr. Jeffrey von Schwarz
 Mrs. Beverly Walsh
 Brendan & Kelly Walsh
 Ms. Diane Ward
 Adam and Rema Waugh
 Ms. Karyn Weir
 Ms. Kathy Williams
 Mrs. Margaret Woodford



Buildings and Grounds

Tim Wood,
Associate for Finance and Administration

Chair: Michael Labadie

Members: Anton Hall, Jim Kastner, Mark Lorenger,
Amie Sweeney, Tim Whims, Gretchen White.

Purpose

To review the comprehensive annual repair and maintenance needs for all Christ Church properties, and to recommend necessary capital improvement and additions.

Ministries

Conservation Trust Projects, Columbarium,
Virginia Brush Ford Rose Garden

2025 Highlights

Church Campus & Education Wing

- » Undercroft Carpet Replacement & Labyrinth
- » Carillon Refurbishment, Cleaning and Screening
- » Assisted Listening System (Nave & Undercroft)
- » Classroom Painting (B117, B113 & B116)
- » Countertop Refinishing (B116 & B117)
- » Copier Replacement (Production & Mailroom)

Residences

- » Neff Certificate of Occupancy Repairs: Drywall, Plaster Repairs, Painting, Screens, Smoke Alarms, Light Fixtures, House Numbers, etc. Electrical Repairs and Improvements, Concrete Driveway (5 slabs)
- » Rectory Basement waterproofing & restoration, including Insulation, drywall, electrical upgrades, painting & flooring

2026 Priorities

[Under consideration by the Buildings & Grounds Committee]

Church Campus & Education Wing

- » Nave Cork Floor Restoration
- » Outside Woodwork: Miller Hall
- » Kitchen Flooring restoration
- » New Carpeting Education Wing & Offices
- » Countertop Refinishing
- » Classroom Painting

Residences

- » Rectory Boiler Replacement
- » Neff Certificate of Occupancy Repairs
- » Neff Foundation Repairs
- » Neff Bathroom Remodel

Acknowledgements and Thank You

We want to thank all of our volunteers!



Minutes of the 2025 Annual Meeting

January 26, 2025

Fr. Drew called the meeting to order at 10:47 a.m. noting that a minimum of fifty (50) members were present constituting a quorum for the meeting.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Fr. Drew opened with prayer and thanked all who helped make the annual meeting happen, Jessica for all her ministry and care for Christ Church, and, more importantly, his greatest gift and friend.

Appointment of Secretary

Fr. Drew sappointed Lisa Baruah secretary of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Annual Meeting 2024

Minutes and the whole annual report were shared. A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of these minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting. Both motions were approved.

Nominating Committee Report and The Election of Vestry

Ms. Amie Sweeney, Senior Warden, provided the Nominating Committee Report. (Email rectoroffice@christchurchgp.org for a print or electronic copy of Ms. Sweeney's remarks.)

Ms. Sweeney thanked the Nominating Committee and introduced the nominees for the 2028 Vestry Class: Len Azzaro, Sarah Clark, Michael DeFillipi, Ned Johnson and Tracy Magee.

As per the Bylaws, Ms. Sweeney called for the election of the Vestry by voice affirmation. The voice vote affirmed the slate as presented.

Recognition of Written Reports

Fr. Drew recognized the written reports in the annual report and thanked all involved in the various ministries of Christ Church.

To Excel in Love: Celebrating our Mission

Ms. Amie Sweeney, Senior Warden, offered the Senior Warden's address titled "We Are On Our Way" reflecting on the success of To Excel in Love Phase 1 and the projects it made possible.

Treasurer Report

Richard Best, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report.

Rector's Address

Fr. Drew, *Rector*, offered his Rector's address.

Appreciations

Amie Sweeney thanked the outgoing vestry for their leadership.

Father Drew then recognized exemplary service by retiring Associate of Administration and Finance, Diane Ward who is retiring after 10 years of faithful service. Father Drew then proceeded to acknowledge two parish members: Gregg Russell and Eric Ash.

Adjournment of Meeting and Closing Prayer

Fr. Drew adjourned the meeting with a prayer.

Submitted by

Doris H Walker
Executive Asst. to the Rector

Approved by:

Lisa Baruah
Secretary

*Bringing God and people together
to know and live the good news of
Jesus Christ.*

