



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Dove



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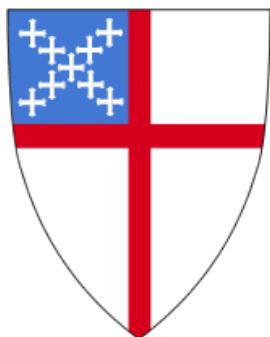
~ FROM THE RECTOR ~

Why do we do what we do? Why do we pray prayers asking for peace, compassion, strength, wisdom, and endurance? Why do we read the scriptures, listening to the tales of God overcoming obstacles, of faith sustaining people, of the healing that is found when people come together in God's name? Why do we sing hymns to bring gratitude and praise to our lips? Why do we listen to sermons talking about gratitude and compassion and community and God's presence? Why do we come to church over and over again? Why do we do religion religiously?

There are, of course, many reasons. But, largely, we do it to be prepared. While I don't believe that "there's gonna be a quiz at your ascension," as the lyric from Godspell says. (By the way, be sure to come watch Godspell with us in the parish hall this Sunday at 2pm!) However, life certainly gives us many tests. And, the better prepared we are for them, the more easily we'll pass them.

Recently, life gave us what would be, for many, an extremely daunting test. The sky was falling as the sprinkler system gave way. As is so often the case in life, the pressure built up until the system could no longer sustain it. And water (and lots of soggy acoustic tile) came rushing down upon us, flooding the very areas that we hold most dear: the places where we worship, have fellowship, and raise our children. This, by all objective measures, should have been a major blow.

But, what was our response? Within moments of learning of the crisis, members of ECOHS were wading through the water, working to limit the impact. As soon as folks were able they came together, eager to help, eager to serve.



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Yours in Gratitude,
Brandon+



Calendar

Weekly Schedule:

Sunday

8:30 am Holy Eucharist

9:30 am Christian Ed—all ages

10:45 am Holy Eucharist and streaming on YouTube

Coffee Hour after each service in the Parish Hall

Monday

12:30 pm AA

5:30 pm Evening EfM

Tuesday

9:30 am Daytime EfM

12:30 pm AA

2:00 pm Theology Studies

Wednesday

9:30 am InStitches

12:00 pm Holy Eucharist

Thursday

10:30 am Bible Study

12:30 pm AA

Friday

10:00 am AA

11:30 am Beloved Sisters-first and third Friday of every month

12:00 pm SASSE-second Friday of every month

Saturday

8:30 am Men's Breakfast - First Saturday of the month.

8:30 am Pantry—Last Saturday of the month.

Christmas Day Building Damage

I think most parishioners are aware that our church building suffered substantial damage from frozen and burst fire sprinkler lines on Christmas evening. We believe that the first sprinkler line break happened shortly after everyone left the building from the Christmas day service. This caused an alarm and the fire department responded and shut off fire suppression water in the vault located in the ground in front of the building. They were unable to notify anyone and taped a note on the front door which I discovered around 6:30 PM that day. At that point, there were additional broken lines and residual water in the system was pouring out of the parish hall ceiling. The fire department was called to the site again and they were able to open valves and drain the systems. In all, there were five breaks in the fire suppression systems. These caused damage to the narthex, nave, chapel, parish hall and preschool.

Special thanks to Dee Rausin, Meg & Kenny Davenport and Fr. Brandon for coming to the church Christmas night to help with getting the standing water up. Many of the vestry and staff folks arrived the next day to start moving items from the affected areas. Our insurance company also quickly got North Metro Mitigation Service involved and we soon had a sea of blowers and dehumidifiers going inside the building. These quick efforts minimized the damage and prevented any mold from forming. Materials and supplies in the preschool were packed up into 332 boxes so we can proceed with floor, wall and ceiling replacement.

We have been able to continue with preschool, worship services, AA meetings and other activities in spite of the damages. We are worshipping for the time being in the old original part of the parish hall where Holy Spirit's first worship services were held back in the 1970's. I anticipate that we should have repairs completed prior to the end of February and be back worshipping in the nave with full use of the parish hall and preschool facilities.

A special task force composed of myself, Beth Jones, Dane Bohnstedt and Bob Hitch are leading the restoration efforts and working with the insurance company and various contractors. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we quickly get the restoration done.

Jay Franklin, Jr. Warden, Building & Grounds Liaison



Water in the nave.



Water coming from the ceiling in the Parish Hall.



Mediation work underway in the Parish Hall



Just a few of the blowers used to dry out our spaces.

Eleventh Annual Women's Prayer Brunch

Saturday, March 04, 2023, from 10 A.M. until Noon

Join us for a morning of Prayer, Music and delicious Food as our Guest Speaker, The Rev. Mary Demmler shares her faith with us.



The Rev. Mary Demmler

We are excited that Mother Mary will be here as she is well known throughout the Diocese as speaker, author and has her own blog, at prayerfulkitchen.blog.

We plan to meet in the parish hall and all ladies of the parish are invited to attend. A Sign- Up Genius will be sent out soon.

Thank you and Blessings to you,

Beth Jones and Joanie Anderton for the Planning Committee



2023 Mission Trip Fundraiser Dinner & Silent Auction



Save the Date
March 11th from 6-9 PM

Tickets go on sale starting February 12th



*Please help support our inter-
generational team that will be
traveling to Honduras from
June 17th to June 24th, 2023*

Joyful January! After a lovely Advent season, we had a wonderful Christmas, showcasing our talented children and youth at the Christmas Eve service! Unfortunately Christmas Day had some unexpected gifts for us, but we as a church pull together and persevere!

Thanks to all who were so patient and understanding when I cancelled the first Sunday School of 2023, but we are back up and running! Continuing our journey through the bible, the stories it tells us and how we live that in our lives. We will take a break from that journey in February, and we will watch the film Selma during the Sunday school lessons, to delve into our country's history and to appreciate the struggles for equality and how they continue to resonate. If you haven't been able to join us yet, this can be a fresh lesson to dive into with us!

On Sunday, January 29th at 2 pm we will be hosting a Godspell sing along! Who doesn't want to watch some hippie clowns spread the Gospel with some really good music, not to mention popcorn and candy? A Sign Up Genius has been shared, but feel free to contact me directly, we want the whole church family to enjoy the day with us!

Stay tuned for more offerings for youth and parishioners, and don't forget the Shrive Tuesday Pancake Supper! Tuesday, February 21st, the youth will come as they are able to help prepare food and decorate, and our evening will begin at 5:45. We may even play a little Bingo, it will be a great fun night before our Lenten season of reflection and repentance.

Shannon David
Youth Minister

As we move towards Lent and our Lenten evenings we will have more opportunities to gather for fellowship. Our Lenten evenings are favorites for our children and adults and our Friday Fun evening last week was a hit as well.

I am including a schedule of some of our upcoming events to put in your calendar and save the date. Lots to look forward to!

Sunday, January 29th - Lesson is on Mark 5:1-12 The Beatitudes, one of our favorites!

Sunday, February 5th - Lesson is on Mark 5:13-20 Let your light shine.
I will be out of town, Mandy Ponder and Michelle Greer will be teaching this Sunday.

Friday, February 10th or 17th TBD - Friday Fun Night 5:30-8:30

Sunday, February 12th - Lesson is on Mark 5: 21-37 Forgiven and Forgiving.
Some Valentines activities planned for today as well.

Sunday, February 19th - Winter Break, No Sunday School

Wednesday, February 22nd - Ash Wednesday

Sunday, February 26th - 1st Sunday of Lent - Jesus into the wilderness.

Lenten evenings which will be on Wednesdays, March 8th, 15th and 22nd
from 5:45 - 7:30 and will include a program for adults upstairs
and a children's program downstairs.

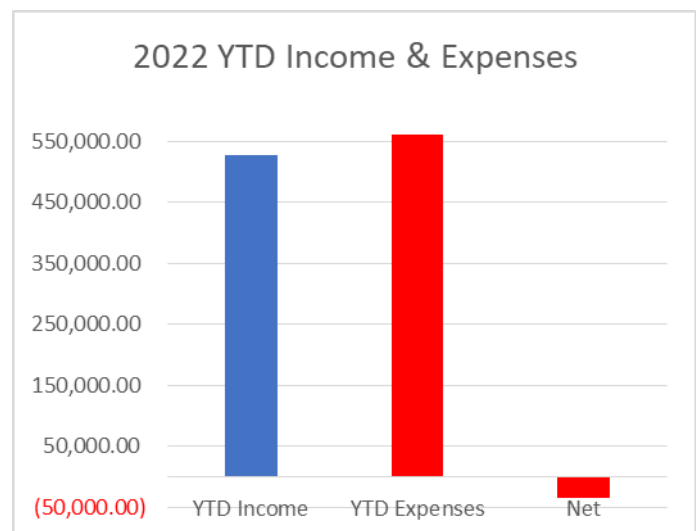
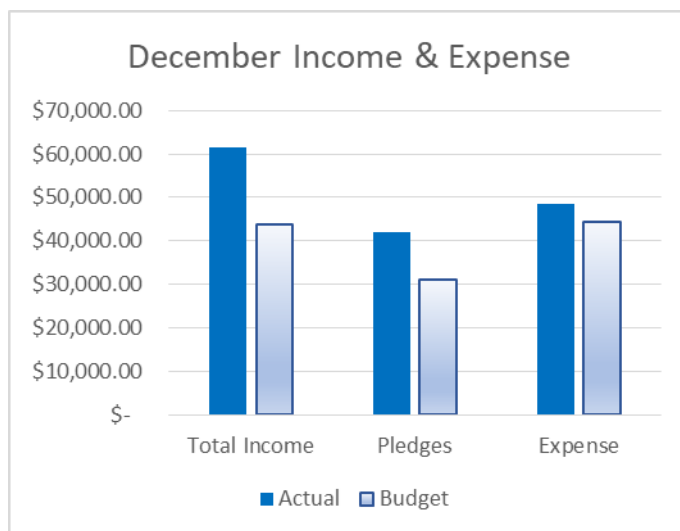
If you have any questions please feel free to reach out.
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Treasurer's Report

December Treasurer's Report

December income was higher than budgeted giving us a \$13K net for the month but did include some pledge prepayment for 2023. Expenses were higher than budgeted primarily due to a double payment to the diocese to complete our pledge for the year. We had budgeted a \$22K deficit for the year but ended with an actual \$33K deficit.

December 2022	Actual	Budget	YTD Income	YTD Expenses	Net
Income	\$ 61,646.48	43,829.17	527,595.64	561,313.12	(33,717.48)
Pledges	\$ 42,086.00	31,000.00			
Expense	\$ 48,555.36	44,417.57			



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Dee Rausin	Evangelism
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Jeri Ellis	Pastoral Care

Catherine Nunziata	Clerk
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