

February 17	Shrove Tuesday-Pancake and sausage supper 5-7 p.m.
February 18	Ash Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
February 20	Stations of the Cross 6 p.m. (February 28, March 6, 13, 20, & 27)
March 29	Palm Sunday
TBD	Chrism Mass TBD
April 2	Maundy Thursday Service 7 p.m.
April 3	Good Friday Service 7 p.m.
April 5	Easter Sunday
April 10-12	Spring Diocesan Youth Retreat
May 24	Pentecost
May 31	Grad Sunday
June 14-20	Kids' Camp (Grades 3-9)
TBD	ECW Retreat
July 12-18	Sr. High Mission Week
TBD	Community Soup Kitchen (tentative date) *
July 26	St. Anne's Day Celebration
September 13	Stewardship Ministry Fair
September 20	First Sunday Christian Formation
October 4	St. Francis Blessing of the Animals
November 7	Diocesan Convention - Trinity Episcopal in Fort Wayne
December 6	Advent Dinner
December 20	Advent Lessons & Prayers/Music 8 & 10:15 a.m.
December 24	Christmas Eve Service 7 p.m.



## January 25, 2026





**AGENDA**

- I Welcome, Opening Prayer & Appointment of Clerk and Approval of previous year's Annual Meeting Minutes
- II Conflict Transformation Process
- III Interim Priest-in-Charge & Wardens' Reports
- IV Election of New Vestry Members, Convention Delegate and Alternates & Recognition of Others– Vestry Gifts
- V Stewardship of St. Anne's Financial Resources
- VI Presentations by Leaders of St. Anne's Committees and Ministries to Highlight Their Annual Reports
- VII Presentation of St. Anne's Men's Society
- VIII Presentation by the Episcopal Church Women
- IX Blessing Prayer for St. Anne's New Beginnings

**ST. ANNE'S VESTRY 2026**

Jay Rigdon, Senior Warden  
Bob Hastings, Junior Warden

Gary Proietti, Treasurer  
Pam Hester, Assistant Treasurer

***Through 2026***

Sandra Buchanan  
Cathy Carter  
Ellen Wease

***STAFF***

Joe Czolgosz, Interim Priest-in-Charge  
Carol Bianchini, Parish Administrator  
Bob Jarboe, Director of Music

***Through 2027***

Dan Coons  
Mike Kinsey  
Mercedes Pratt

***Delegates to 2026 Convention***

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***Through 2028 to be elected***

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***Alternates***

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***Thank you to the following Vestry Members who have completed their service.***

Sara Bauman, Miechi Petro & Bruce Shaffner three year terms.

Running for Three Year Vestry Term: Kathy Lee, Tammy Leek and Sonda Schapson

\* We will continue to make adjustments to this working budget in order to reflect Vestry approved changes to expenses and additional/increased Pledge Income for 2026.

My thanks and sincerest appreciation to our Finance Committee members Pam Hester, Jay Rigdon, Bob Hastings, Curt Singrey, Shawn Victa and Larry Brown. Our heartfelt thanks to Carol Bianchini, our Parish Administrator for all these many years and with Best Wishes in her new role at the Diocese of Northern Indiana. And of course, our many thanks to Father Joe Czolgosz.

May you all have a very Safe, Happy and Healthy 2026!



**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Gary Proietti, Treasurer

Good Morning and Happy 2026!

\*In 2025 the St. Anne’s Parish Family increased our budgeted Charitable Giving by over 2 1/2 times! AND…\*Pledge and Plate Income exceeded our budget by over \$30,000!  
Thank you so much for all of your generous support!

**2025 BALANCE SHEET:**

- \* A review of our Balance Sheet shows a combined balance in our bank accounts at Northwest of \$75,531 which is down (\$90,040) from last year’s ending level of \$165,571.
- \* Our Investments held at State Street Global saw a strong continued growth in value for the year of 15.2%.

**2025 BUDGET REPORT:**

- \* Our Budget Report reflects the generosity of our Parish Family with Pledge and Plate Income up almost 13%, at \$30,190.
- \* Outreach Income, your support of our charities and missions of the month and others, came in at \$25,532 and when coupled with the net proceeds of Cheese-ball Sales, shows an amazing Mission, Ministry -Outreach total of \$39,532! That’s +\$12,323/+45% up over our 2024 record level!
- \*Operating Expenses greatly exceeded budgeted levels due to increased spending in Maintenance Building and Grounds in order to repair a leaky foundation area and needed roof repairs, replacements of older/non-functioning HVAC units in addition to normal building repair and maintenance. As our building and its mechanicals continue to age, we will see increasing costs to repair/replace items as they fail. Thanks to Bob Hastings our Jr. Warden for his hard work to minimize costs and work with vendors to affect repairs.
- \* On an annual budget of \$388,246 for Operating Expenses, actual expenses for the year came in at \$426,911 an increase of +\$38,665/+10% for 2025.
- \* With an anticipated 2025 budget shortfall of (\$122,086) the actual shortfall for the year came in at (\$94,993), a reduction of \$27,093/22%.

**2026 OPERATING BUDGET:**

- \* The Finance Committee met in late September to begin planning and writing the 2026 budget and on December 14, voted unanimously to approve the deficit budget which was then presented to the Vestry and approved.

**Interim Priest-in-Charge Report**

By Joseph T. Czolgosz

As I reflect on the past year we have shared, I find myself so grateful for the many ways members of St. Anne’s have embraced the hard-work of discerning where and how God is at work in our midst, and how best each of us is called to act in concert with God’s loving, liberating and life-giving Spirit. Thanks to each of you, members of St. Anne’s for your witness to your Baptismal identity and vocation as disciples of Jesus the Christ of our faith in all your words and deeds through this past year. Allow me to take this forum to enumerate the ways I’ve witnessed your engagement with the challenging yet growing edges of spiritual and relational growth.

In December, 2024, St. Anne’s Vestry and I received the interpretation of the results of the Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) survey. Two outstanding findings caught our attention. The first was the demonstrated level of conflict at play in the relationships and culture of St. Anne’s at the time of the CAT survey. The second was the significant expression of yearning for some kind of ongoing faith learning process for all St. Anne’s members that included all age groups. The Vestry took action to identify and contract with Education for Conflict Resolution in the person of Bob Gross. Bob not only provided individual mediation between individuals but offered a number of small and large group sessions that helped identify sources of conflict among St. Anne’s members. I helped identify and address a priority need for a consistent, verified, timeline of events and actions that precipitated Fr. Ryan Fischer’s resignation from his role as Rector. I also provided important current medical information about the predictable effect of addictive substances on brain function and personal behavior that make addiction a disease, not a “moral” failure on the part of those who are addicted. As a “family of faith” I also provided, based on “family systems theory,” perspectives on accountabilities that we as “family members” to engage different behaviors in responses to the many-layered conflicts that surface among members of St. Anne’s. We took our Lenten season last year as occasion to reflect on and engage new choices in our behaviors related to our relating with one another generatively across differences. Bob Gross offered a three-part series under the theme “Members of One Body” to offer strategies of changed behaviors in regard to understanding and engaging our differences. I’m pleased the Vestry chose to renew our contract with Bob to expand the number of St. Anne’s members who are learning how best to communicate and learn with one another even as we acknowledge our differences. **I invite all St. Anne’s members to consider taking advantage of the programs and opportunities for conflict transformation that Bob and our shared experiences will offer in 2026.**

The Episcopal Diocese of Northern Indiana (EDNIN) provided St. Anne’s a

unique opportunity in the summer and fall for select members of St. Anne's to participate in the National Episcopal Church's Congregational Vitality Assessment (CVA). Six members of St. Anne's took the Assessment. Upon receiving the interpretation of the diocesan level assessment (four other EDNIN churches had a member participate in the assessment) our participating members who received the interpretation of its results, agreed to work with me. Forming a new St. Anne's Committee, functionally referred to St. Anne's Faith Exploration and Formation Committee, we are working to determine how best St. Anne's could use the CVA results and EDNIN's School for Faith and Ministry (SFM) to help revitalize faith exploration and formation for all members of St. Anne's. St. Anne's. Over the last few weeks of our Epiphany season, we anticipate rolling out a program to invite all age groups of St. Anne's members into inter-generational small groups to ground ourselves in the spiritual practices that help us locate God's presence in our world and relationships. We will be asking all St. Anne's members to participate. **Please consider risking trying on this renewal of our faith through the Lenten and post-Easter seasons' program-ming soon to be announced.**

A larger constant of conversation, learning, and frustration throughout 2025, was the ongoing question of re-unification of EDNIN with the Diocese of Indianapolis, from which we were formed at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Lacks of an effective communication process and timely pertinent information during the two prior years of this consideration took their toll. At the November EDNIN Diocesan Convention, delegates voted to withdraw from the then current process with openness to the possibility of engaging another, more effective process in the future. While I am disappointed that the many efforts to share information and interests, and establish genuine, intentional collaboration between the Episcopal Dioceses of Indiana may diminish in the wake of our withdrawal, I have hope that continuing efforts to better define a process to consider reunification will be fruitful. **Please keep this hope in your prayers as well.**

Another constant at St. Anne's over the course of 2025 was the serious investment of time and attention, under the leadership of Julie Kuhn, to our audio-visual challenges in our church sanctuary, Rose Hall, and online, especially with our live-streaming efforts. Complaints about being able to hear me and other worship leaders during our church services, as well as frequent equipment failures at important moments in our worship events, were constant calls to action for the Communication and PR Committee. I'm pleased that with the investment of long-overdue new audio-visual equipment, including more versatile and advanced cameras, microphone, and hearing aids for worshippers, we seem to have put in place what is needed to provide effective communication in-person and online. **Please join me in expressing our gratitude to the many people**

## WORSHIP & LITURGY

Miechi Petro

The Worship and Liturgy Ministry is made up of members and staff of St. Anne's Episcopal Church-Warsaw. Our purpose is to ensure that worship services both adhere to Episcopal tradition and reflect the tone of our faith community. We are committed to the use of The Book of Common Prayer and other supplemental resources such as the Book of Occasional Services. We strive to ensure that all services provide liturgy and music that is biblically based and seasonally appropriate.

### In Worship

We celebrate together what God has done and is doing to create and renew the world. We reset our hearts toward that which is truly Holy amidst a culture cluttered with distractions. We enter sacred time, where we are refreshed in the company of God and one another. God nourishes us through The Liturgy of the Word and The Liturgy of the Eucharist. We affirm our relationship with our Creator through acts of praise, song, thanksgiving and storytelling. We encounter Jesus' body, blood, soul and divinity for our transformation, strengthening us for His service.

### Practices We Manage and Decide

Aesthetic environment in the worship spaces of the sanctuary, narthex, and chapel Liturgical choices for Sundays, Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost, Ordinary Time Liturgical choices for special or additional worship experiences (baptisms, confirmation, Bishop's visitation) Forms for the Prayers of the People, hymn selections.

### How Can We Help/What Skills Do We Need to Participate in the W & L Ministry?

No specific skills are needed but familiarity with The Book of Common Prayer and the liturgical traditions of the Episcopal Church are helpful, as is a desire to continue liturgical excellence, serving God through the work of God's people.

### Additionally in 2026

The W & L committee with Fr. Joe will read through and discuss Enriching Our Worship 1, supplemental liturgical materials prepared by the Standing Liturgical Commission.

Open Mic night was held in November with delicious food and as always, parish family members shared their talents and entertained us all. Who knew that we'd have a singing rubber ducky! December 7, we held our annual Advent Brunch on the Second Sunday of Advent. It's always so nice to take a moment during the busy holiday season to visit with our parish family.



**CHEESEBALLS**

Cathy Carter

This year's Cheeseball Season started off a bit slow and a bit anxious. First, we realized that the walk-in freezer in the basement was not working and would need repaired. Then, we found out the cheese supplier we had used for many years was closing. Yikes! A huge thank you to Bob Hastings for his hard work getting the freezer repaired quickly. Shawn Bianchini graciously offered to order the cheese for us through his suppliers and deliver it to St. Anne's. Thanks to Shawn for relieving my stress on this! I would also like to thank everyone for their patience as we worked through these delays and their willingness to mix and roll every week in order to get all the cheeseballs done in time.

We were still able to have five mixings and rollings which resulted in approximately 5000 cheeseballs. We sold these cheeseballs at Boggs Pit Stop, Hometown Pharmacy, Bargain Barn and through our parishioners. Unfortunately, due to the repair delays, we were only able to attend one craft bazaar this year but sold 670 at Wawasee Middle School. Most of the cheeseballs were sold before Christmas. There are a few left in Rose Hall if anyone still needs some for the Superbowl or to sustain them through the winter months.

All of the proceeds from cheeseball sales go directly to support St. Anne's Outreach Projects. I'm proud of all the great ways this project supports those in need in our community. Thanks again for everyone's hard work in making this a success!

**who have, and who will enable us to worship well together in-person and online.**

While very recent news, Carol Bianchini's choice to accept Bishop Doug Sparks invitation to her to become the next EDNIN Missioner for Administration is recognition of the competence and diligence she has exemplified in all her work and ministry as St. Anne's Administrator. While we will miss her presence and ministry at St. Anne's, members of the Transition Team I've assembled to date, Bob and Cheryl Hastings, Deb Demuth, Carol, and me are taking advantage of Carol's time with us through the end of January to ensure as smooth a transition as possible of the administrative duties Carol has fulfilled to others in our community. **Please continue to hold Carol in your prayers as she grieves her loss of presence and ministry at St. Anne's and begins filling the many demands as Missioner for Administration with EDNIN. Please also hold our Transition Team members in your prayers and patience as we work together to continue the service and ministry Carol has maintained.**

Finally, I want to express my gratitude for and pride in the work of St. Anne's leaders on the Vestry and in its Search Committee for their care-full and faith-full engagement of the work of searching for St. Anne's new rector. The Search Committee has demonstrated competence and diligence in its work to create the needed resources (e.g. Parish Profile and Office of Transition Ministries (OTM) Portfolio/Profile), as well as consistent work and interview processes, to select the best fit candidate for the next St. Anne's Rector. The recent Search Committee announcement of two applicants for this position is fruitful evidence of the Search Committee members' diligence and care in conducting St. Anne's search for the next Rector. **Please continue to join me in this Vestry prayer for a successful completion to our search: "Help us to listen to your Spirit as we discern our choice for our seventh Rector who will live with us, minister alongside us, and know and understand us as we grow together in our mission to serve your people. AMEN!"**

**SR. WARDEN'S REPORT**

Jay Rigdon

2025 has been a year of change for us here at St. Anne's, and 2026 promises to bring us more of the same.

We have been so fortunate to have Father Czolgosz as our interim priest in charge during 2025.

He has been a blessing to us, in his caring and wisdom as reflected in the regular liturgies and homilies, but also in his pastoral care for members of our parish. Father Joe has also modified the conduct of our vestry meetings, which



has brought us all a renewed sense of purpose and community while we work on issues that affect the future of St. Anne's.

The vestry will also be dealing in 2026 with the changes brought on by Carol Bianchini's departure as parish administrator. Carol has been a valuable member of the staff here at St. Anne's for so many years that I know a good number of us cannot visualize operation of the church without her experienced and dedicated involvement. Father Joe has created an administrative team to organize the transition. I am sure several of you will be called on to pitch in as we seek to continue to run the church smoothly and efficiently. Please keep Father Joe and the members of his administrative team in your prayers during the coming months.

2025 brought challenges in both the climate control systems and in our kitchen areas requiring notable capital expenditures. Continued planning for future capital expenditures, primarily involving repair and expected maintenance throughout the church, will be a priority for the vestry in the upcoming years. Our Junior Warden Bob Hastings has been a stalwart in addressing those issues and in planning for future needs.

Finally, as we begin 2026 with active online postings regarding our search for a permanent priest, and as applications begin to work their way through the system towards interviewing and calling that person, I certainly must salute the hard work of the members of our search committee during the last year. Their work will continue in 2026, and in what I am confident will be a successful search process, will bring that person to find a new parish home here at St. Anne's.

Change is frightening, change is inevitable, and change brings opportunity. I am sure that the preceding sentence will prove as true in 2026 as it did in 2025. Thank you to all of you whom have supported the parish and the vestry during this past year, and may God's blessings be on all of us as we face the changes that will occur in 2026.

**JR. WARDEN'S REPORT**

Bob Hastings

This past year was my first year as junior warden responsible for the building and grounds. I would like to thank all the previous junior wardens that provided guidance and support that helped me throughout the year. A special thank you to Carol Bianchini for providing direction, history and vendor contacts. I would also like to thank the vestry for their willingness to hear my concerns and needs, sometimes on short notice, and for their approval for projects that provided replacements and improvements to parts of the church building and grounds.

**RETIRED TIGERS** For almost one year we have been taking food, non food paper products and cleaning supplies, hygiene item and even pet food to the residents of retired Tigers. This has been a godsend for many who were going hungry especially when SNAP benefits were shut off. My dream was to provide each resident with a small Christmas bag and the congregation at St. Anne's responded. We were able to provide each resident a bag with breakfast bars, popcorn, cocoa mix, tea, lip gloss and socks or coin purses along with Christmas cookies and candy. The residents were overjoyed.

This year we will continue with our food deliveries plus we hope to incorporate more events for the residents. I encourage anyone who would like to participate in these events to volunteer. Many of the residents have very little social interaction and feel overlooked by almost everyone. Let's change that narrative together and show our neighbors that they are not forgotten by us.

A million thanks to all who donated in 2025. You are making a huge difference!

**OUTREACH DOLLARS MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Please see the Mission Centered Budget Year 2025 Review in the packet.

**PARISH LIFE**

Carol Bianchini

We always seem to have a lot going on at St. Anne's, 2025 was no different. We began our year with our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 4 serving one another and sharing our pancakes and sausage with the Football Team from Warsaw Community High School. In May, we celebrated the season of Spring with a Snowbird luncheon by inviting those who stayed in and endured Indiana weather and those who went to warmer climates to enjoy the winter weather. Everyone came together for a lovely luncheon and fellowship. In July, we celebrated St. Anne's Day with a carry-in brunch and celebrated our grandparents to pay tribute to St. Anne, Jesus' grandmother.

September was marked by two milestone celebrations. Eleonore Friz celebrated her 100 year birthday with a party in Rose Hall following Holy Eucharist on September 14. Then on September 27, St. Anne's celebrated 75 years of being a parish in Warsaw, Indiana. Former and current clergy were in attendance: Dean Brian Grantz, Bishop Dan Martins, Fr. Ryan Fischer, Fr. Joe Czolgosz, Deacon Marion Carpenter and Bishop Doug Sparks. Unfortunately, Fr. Michael Basden and Pastor Corinne Hodges were unable to attend. We walked through downtown Warsaw and stopped at each location that was an important marker for St. Anne's in our history. A beautiful dinner and celebration followed the pilgrimage through town.

Our share of the proceeds was \$3,091.84. This is our only fundraiser to support our Outreach and other projects. After a lot of discussion between ECW and SAMS members, we have decided that we are going to discontinue having this annual sale. It requires a lot of time commitment and heavy lifting for our members and as we are all getting older, we can no longer sustain this project. We are busy looking at other possible fundraisers to support our ministries. Stay tuned for some of those ideas!

We are looking forward to 2026 being a year of fellowship, continued spiritual growth together, and continuing to do the work that God calls us to do. Just a reminder that all women of St. Anne's are members of ECW. If you have never attended a meeting, I encourage you to join us!

### **FOOD MINISTRY**

Co Chairs” Sandra Buchanan, Kathy Kreicker, Brenda Rigdon & Pam Vosler

**BEACON FOOD PANTRY** celebrated its second year in service on July 22nd! This was an especially busy year for neighbors visiting our pantry when SNAP benefits were halted. Our neighbors were fearful of how they were going to afford food and many told us how appreciative they were and what a blessing our pantry was to their lives. Our parishioners and community members stepped up and helped us keep a steady supply of food available. It was a little like the loaves and fishes story, the more people that visited our pantry, even more food was donated!

**EDGEWOOD SCHOOL LUNCH DEBTS** Another one of our food ministries is paying off school lunch debts at Edgewood Middle School. We adopted them because they are in our neighborhood and the need is so great. We don't want any student embarrassed because their family doesn't have money available to pay for their school lunches.

**HARVEST HOPE GARDEN** Our vegetable garden project was a joy to manage and a blessing to our neighbors again this summer and early fall. We diversified our plant selection this year to add green beans and snap peas, and we increased yields by planting zinnias and marigolds to attract more pollinators, and it really made a difference. Hundreds of pounds of produce were shared via the market baskets beside the Beacon.

A big thank you to everyone who volunteered to help us water, and tend the plants during a difficult weather season. A very cold early June and a drought and high heat index August made life interesting!

We are now studying seed catalogues and books on raised bed gardening to prepare for our next adventure in May!

We continue to have a beautiful, welcoming facility for everyone's spiritual/faith journey.

### **On to some numbers or fun facts from 2025:**

- \* Inventories of major systems were created – Over 500 lights, 9 furnaces, 10 air-conditioners, 4 water heaters. Utilities tracked and trended.
- \* Plumbing- 2 leaky toilets fixed, 2 supply line plumbing repairs made, 11 toilets descaled.
- \* HVAC- 9 thermostats adjusted/programmed, 3 furnaces replaced, 1 air-conditioner replaced, 1 walk-in freezer air-conditioner replaced, heating and cooling of sacristy and choir practice room adjusted.
- \* Lights- 55 lights replaced with LED lights, dusk to dawn exterior LED lighting added to east, west and north sides of the building, new electrical plugs added to the sanctuary wall in Rose Hall.
- \* Playground- equipment cleaned and repaired, playground surface and surround barrier repaired.
- \* Parking lot- Tree branches trimmed, bushes trimmed, sidewalks edged, parking lot weeded and resurfaced and relined.
- \* Building maintenance- sanctuary pew repaired, choir room floor repaired, chapel furniture repaired, small roof leak over Rose Hall repaired, ongoing basement foundation leak repaired, doors adjusted, elevator system checked monthly, fire notification system and fire extinguishers checked, pest control monthly, semi-annual HVAC maintenance completed.
- \* Added deadbolt to mechanical room exterior door.
- \* Kitchen- dishwasher booster heater repaired twice, oven repaired.

### **Established the following:**

- \* Safety and Security Committee - reviews overall safety during church events. Accomplished addition of exterior lighting for overall safety including safety for Beacon food pantry; adjustments to Usher responsibilities including locking front doors during services and not allowing backpacks in the sanctuary during services; added deadbolt to exterior door that needed additional security.
- \* Landscape Outdoor Design Committee – reviews current landscape and discusses opportunities for improvements. A presentation may be provided during the annual meeting describing the effort on a labyrinth design for the east lawn.
- \* Kitchen Improvement Committee – reviews current kitchen usage and discusses opportunities for improvements to aid general use and mission/outreach programs.

**CARE COMMITTEE**

Cheryl Hastings

The Care Committee continues to help parishioners by providing rides to appointments, picking up groceries and prescriptions , checking in on parishioners who are ill or injured, and, as Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEVs), bringing communion to those who can't attend church. In May, we worked with the Hospitality Committee to hold a Sno-Cap / Snowbird luncheon for our senior parishioners. This luncheon was well received and we hope to hold more events like it in 2026. We can always use more LEVs. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Joe.

**COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Julie Kuhn

**C&PR Committee** - Julie Kuhn, Steve Shelby, Dave Baumgartner, Pam Nichols, Sydney Victa, Laurie Victa, Carol Bianchini, Brenda Rigdon, Bob Jarboe, Judy Kinsey

**Communication & PR, Website, Social Media, Video & Sound and Spiritual Gifts**

2025 was a year of accomplishments for our committee.

We created a short video celebrating life at St. Anne's. We filmed, edited and posted this on the home page of the church website. It was a labor of love. Check it out!

The St. Anne's Annual Sale is always a big focus for our committee. Steve Shelby is instrumental in developing a Facebook presence in the Warsaw community, providing a mechanism for early sales, he makes posters announcing our community ministries and Pam Nichols connects with the Times-Union Newspaper to promote our church and our annual sale. Dave Baumgartner works with the radio station to get a little airtime. Working on year-round sales has become more important now that we are looking for options to replace an annual sale. Using social media will factor into this opportunity as we move forward. We did review our social media procedures and rules to make sure they reflect our current needs and expectations.

This has been a monumental year for upgrading our audio/sound, video and live stream equipment. Thank you to the vestry, anonymous donors and Fr. Joe and Carol B. We now have consistently good sound in the sanctuary. Most parishioners can hear the service without any extra support. For those who still

need help hearing, we have assisted listening devices which are small individual receivers accessed via headset. We are ready to accept Bluetooth enhanced hearing aids, which are cutting edge technology.

The livestream part is also very exciting. We have two new wall-mounted cameras which have been set for various views during the service including full church, lectern, altar and sermon/blessing views. The second camera is set for views of the procession from the entrance doors, and the font. Home-viewers will now be able to see baptisms that are held at/in the font! We have improved microphones and now, the choir/instrumentalists can be heard at home.

We have worked to make the system as intuitive as possible and easy to use for the A/V-Livestream volunteers: Sutton Victa, Bailey Stiver, Dave Baumgartner and Julie Kuhn and Scott Bianchini. There will be times that are not perfect or will need refinement. It is an old church with echoey walls, after all, and home equipment may have it's own challenges, but I believe we are in pretty good shape at this time.

In previous reports, I have shared some of the viewing statistics. The main point is we provide access to church services for 4-12 people each Sunday. I think that number may increase as the word gets out that the livestream system is working pretty well. The other point is these videos get views after the service as people look at our webpage and look for recorded services. These numbers easily go to over 100 views.

Speaking of the Website. New information is regularly added and we have updated it to improve the look and function of the website.

The Spiritual Gifts are available on the website both in paper and electronically. You can print out "paper" documents or you can use the links to complete the survey on-line. A goal is to keep paper forms and instructions available in Rose Hall.

**ECW (EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN)**

Cathy Carter

We had another busy year in 2025. We continued to have joint meetings with SAMS on the 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. We enjoyed the fellowship, good food, and discussions on how best to support our friends and neighbors in our community.

In March we donated \$500 to the Priest Discretionary Fund and \$75 toward school food boxes at Edgewood Middle School. In May, we donated \$1000 toward children going to Camp Mack. We also contributed \$100 each month to our Outreach of the month and \$500 toward the Thanksgiving Baskets.

In June we were busy setting up, pricing, and selling items at our Annual Sale.