

# **St. Anne's Episcopal Church**



**2025  
Annual Report**

# Saint Anne's Episcopal Church

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Annual Parish Meeting  
February 1, 2026

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## Meeting Agenda

Opening Prayer & Welcome (Sr. Warden)  
Senior Warden's Report

Announce Vestry Candidates (Invite Floor Nominations)  
Announce Convention Delegate Candidates  
Distribute ballots/vote/collect

Rector's Report (presented by Sr. Warden)  
Deacon's Report (Rev. Mary Kroohs)  
Music Director's Report (Terry Hicks)

### Treasurer's Report

- 2025 update (Nancy Young)
- 2026 budget (Stan Meiburg)

### Committee Reports (Committee Chairs)

- Stewardship
- Finance
- Pastoral Care
- Formation
- Bread & Blessings
- Outreach
- Building and Grounds

Election results

### Key dates

- New Vestry Onboarding (2/8)
- Vestry Retreat, Valle Crucis (2/20-22)
- Kristopher Norris, Guest Preacher (2/22)

Adjourn to enjoy chili!

# Senior Warden's Report

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On February 15, 2025, I accepted a call to serve as Senior Warden, and on the Thursday, evening leading up to her public announcement on June 1, Ginny called me to express her intention to pursue a new path. So, it's been a weird year. But here we are. First, I would like to have a moment of silent prayer for those who left us this year for their heavenly transition.

Amen.

Second, I would like to thank my fellow vestry members who are completing their service, and those who stepped in mid-term to continue in vacant positions.

I would also like to thank Terry Hicks, along with the musicians and vocalists in his artistic family, for always bringing us spirited and beautiful music. And I would like to thank Nancy, our treasurer for 2025, and Rebecca, our clerk, for their tireless support.

Among the organizational transitions we've managed this year is the retirement of our longtime office manager, Mark, and the introduction of our new Parish Business Manager and Communications Director, Carolyn.

Other transitions include the creation of a comprehensive body of parish policies and, to launch us into the next several years of growth, a fresh and inspiring strategic plan. The vestry has officially accepted these bodies of work for immediate, ongoing study, and ultimate implementation, and we offer our gratitude to Michael Keith and Susan Pleasant and their respective teams for their exhaustive and I'm sure often exhausting efforts.

Church safety and procedural order and clarity, as well as parish welcome, youth formation and generally living into our mission, are top priorities for the upcoming vestry year.

Also, a priority is the search for a new rector. We are grateful for Joani's service as our supply priest, and we are already preparing to interview candidates for our interim rector. That interim will serve until we have a new full-time rector. The next Vestry steps for finding the full-time rector are to form a search committee and create a parish profile that will represent us to interested candidates. The search committee will consist of 3 vestry members and 6 congregation members not on the vestry and will be led by a chair or perhaps co-chairs. Once those actions are completed, we'll be rolling along on our search. From what we hear, the whole process takes 8-12 months.

Meanwhile, we have meals to enjoy, care to offer, worship to share, peace to pass, children to love, and yes, lights and heat to keep running, snow to clear, and before you know it, grass to mow. Bear with us, let's keep working together. As Ginny often reminded us, "God's not done yet."

Thank you,

Thomas Albritton, Senior Warden

St. Anne's Episcopal Church

## Rector's Report

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Blessings and joy to you, my friends, in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Over the past five days, I have been reflecting on this past year together, and I have been filled with so much awe and gratitude. St. Anne's continues to be a beacon of hope and faith in an unsteady world. You all are truly vessels of God's love and care to our neighbors near and far.

2025 started with our Remember Your Baptism class, where we prepared 13 people to be confirmed, received, or reaffirmed in their faith journey later in January when Bp. Sam came to visit. Spending time with folks who are hungry to learn about their faith journey and story is one of the gifts of this vocation.

In February, I offered a workshop on How to Create Your Rule of Life, based on my experience during my sabbatical. This class was well attended, and I pray that it planted seeds within your souls to explore how a rule of life might increase your commitment to studying, praying, and spending time with God.

As the year went on, we continued to explore how a time of sabbatical offered a refreshed sense of mission within St. Anne's. I asked much of this congregation in 2025, and with God's help, we formed an ad hoc Policies and Personnel committee that did the brave and good work of examining our current policies (or ideas of policies) and helped guide the entire parish in thinking deeply about how we operate together in our work and in our ministry. I am grateful to the whole team, especially Susan Pleasant, for coordinating all the conversations and presentations. St. Anne's has a solid foundation to build on as this season of transition rolls out before you.

In addition to the Policies and Personnel Committee, St. Anne's came together to imagine our life together and how that might look through a strategic lens. I am grateful to Michael Keith for heading up the Strategic Plan Committee who have put together a plan for St. Anne's to explore and stretch out in during this time of change and growth. The strategic plan gives us walls to bounce off as we consider what our next chapter as a faith community will look like. I am grateful from the bottom of my heart to the whole strategic planning team for the work you all put into creating this plan.

While St. Anne's was working on our policies, procedures, and strategic planning, we also walked with three people who have felt God's call to ordained ministry. What a gift it is to work with and serve among a community of faith that nurtures the spirit of discernment. One cannot discern their call alone. In accordance with the diocesan procedures and guidelines, 15 people formed three discernment groups, and I am happy to report that each of the candidates will meet with the Commission on Ministry later this year.

This year St. Anne's wrote for two grants with funds provided by the sale of the diocesan house in Raleigh. The forethought and prayerful discernment led our Outreach Committee to write a grant proposal to support the Roddy Roberts School of Rock at Old Town Freedom School, and our Buildings and Grounds Committee to seek funding for a few projects around the campus to help keep our buildings happy and healthy. Both grants were funded for a little over \$72,000.00. My prayer is that St. Anne's will continue to utilize diocesan support to further the work and ministry of this community. Soon, we will hear about a grant that will help offset part of the cost of our mission in going solar. Going Solar helps us live into the mission principle of creation care, and I believe the diocese will see this project as one worthy of financial support. A big thank you to Matt for helping bring these panels to life on our church.

In July, we announced that Mark Biggam would be retiring after 23 years of service as our parish administrator. In the process of his retirement, we hired Carolyn Treglia to join our team as our Parish Manager and Communications Coordinator. Mark did an exceptional job of preparing Carolyn for this new role, and in October, we bid Mark a fond farewell with worship and a celebration. We are grateful that Mark will continue to bless us with his music from time to time in worship. We are also grateful for the vision and mission Carolyn brings to this new role and the way she has already embraced and enhanced the work of our manager.

Friends, Barbie and I are so grateful to each of you for your love, support, and care as we listened and discerned our next call. Being able to talk with you about it and not keep it a secret or hide it from you was a blessing for us, though we understand it may have been a burden for you. We are thankful for the past six months of walking with you all and helping to ensure that the season of transition would not be difficult, but a time of wonder and prayer. We continue to pray for the clergy person who is seeking you, and I hope you all will add a prayer to worship for that person as well.

Barbie and I are also very grateful for the gifts, cards, hugs, laughs, and moments of soulful sharing as we began to live into our next call. With your financial gift, we were able to purchase a grill and plan to offer Grill and Chills in the coming year to get to know our congregation around the table. You have made that possible.

You have also loved us and blessed us, and we leave St. Anne's knowing we are changed for the better. I will forever keep St. Anne's mission statement written on my heart as a way to live into the sweet, sweet spirit out and about in the world we move and live and have our being in.

God bless you all! We love you and miss you and know that God is already at work helping to write your next chapter with you.

In peace,  
Ginny+

# Deacons' Reports

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2025 was a challenging year for so many reasons. It was a season of loss during which some of our beloved parishioners transitioned to eternal life. Grief, in its many forms, was experienced by many in our congregation.

A vast array of emotions were felt as our national leaders made sweeping changes. Our responses to the purging of government departments/agencies/budgets were also varied. The constant in the midst of the chaos was our commitment to live into our Baptismal promises. We were reminded of this each week as we repeated the words of our mission statement: “***Knowing that all things come from God, we seek to manifest the love of Christ through worship, justice, and community.***”

Another source of grief in 2025 was the fact that our rector, Ginny, announced that she was in discernment regarding a new call. Barbie and Ginny’s departure on Jan 11, 2026 marked the official beginning of our community’s period of discernment. However long the discernment process for a new rector will last (and beyond), I am committed to serving as Deacon at St Anne’s. Thankfully, Bishop Sam Rodman has assured us that this is possible.

My areas of ministry at St Anne’s have primarily been serving as the chair of the pastoral care committee and serving with the outreach committee

My areas of ministry outside of the walls of St Anne’s continue to be tutoring at Kid’s Cafe, serving weekly at Maple Springs UMC Food Pantry, and three times a month at Christ’s Beloved Community (CBC) Food Pantry. Cathryn Raines and I serve on the CBC Pantry Committee. Because diapers, wipes, and feminine hygiene products are costly, I continue to ask St Anne’s parishioners to donate these products. I am deeply grateful for those donations and for the many St Anne’s volunteers who have served @ CBC during 2025.

I look forward to growing in faith and service with the St Anne’s community during 2026.

Faithfully,

Mary

# Music Director's Report

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by Terry Hicks REFLECTION

It has been a full and active year in music at St. Anne's. Our choir and cantors have led us in weekly worship with special introits, vibrant and heartfelt hymn singing, psalms that tell our sacred stories, and anthems that deepen the theme of the day. I deeply admire and love the many longtime members of our choir whose commitment to serving is so faithful. Likewise, we are blessed by the depth of gifts our cantors bring to the choir and to our music ministry as a whole.

The choir leads worship approximately forty-four times each year, with cantors serving in an additional twelve services. Beyond our regular liturgies, this year's ministry included several deeply meaningful moments. Our choir sang a collection of Susan Link's favorite hymns in her home during the final weeks of her life and later gathered again to lead music at her funeral in July. We also offered music as we sang our farewells to Molly North, longtime organist at St. Anne's; Doug Bailey, retired clergy; and Bob Gosnell, a devoted parish leader. In addition, we prepared a special program to honor the ministry of our former Rector.

Taken together, this represents nearly fifty liturgies and services in which our choir and cantors offered thoughtful and prayerful leadership in worship throughout the year.

## THANKSGIVING

Beyond the choir, thank you to Martha Murphy, Mark Biggam, Vivian Mayers, Ian Hargis, Sheila Hunter, Jill Crainshaw, Saungra Grogan, Jeffrey Griffin, Leonard Rowe, Julie Meiberg and Kathryn Mayers who always answered "yes" when I called and asked them to play or sing. I also give thanks for Bob Poehling who always steps in as organist whenever I need to be away. Substitutes are very difficult to find and good ones are nearly impossible to find. Bob is a gift to us all in both music and faithful friendship. I am thankful for our current roster of Choral Scholars, Kaitlyne Story, Eve Salzwedel, Theresa Kennedy, John Gorelick and Maddox Harrell. I am also for those who have been with us across the past year.

I am deeply thankful to you, parishioners and friends, for your generous support of the music ministry—through the November 2023 Musicale and through special offerings at Christmas and Easter. Your faithful generosity, along with your words of encouragement, sustains our work, and I hope you feel the fruits of that support each week.

Although we had hoped to hold a musicale last fall, a full calendar made that difficult. During that time, we were blessed by memorial gifts to the Pegg Fund in memory of Susan Link, Pat Poehling, and Molly North. Those gifts allowed us to continue our work through the fall without financial strain, and we are deeply grateful.

## INTITIATIVES

**MUSICALE** I will ask several to join me to set a date and theme for a musicale to build funding. Perhaps this event could be more than a "fundraiser." A music event could fit perfectly with *Invite, Welcome and Connect*. We Invite friends to come for a music event, where they can also experience the welcome to fellowship and learn of the warm spirit that connects us all at St. Anne's. Let's make it more than music. Each One, Reach One!

**CHILDREN in MUSIC** It is important that we see to create a connection for our parish's children to participate in music and worship. I have a few ideas to apply to this goal.

**COMMUNITY EVENT** I would also like to work to create an eclectic outdoor afternoon event for families around the end of summer that might be inviting and meaningful to our neighbors.

## ON THE RADAR

In the years ahead, we will need to consider possible solutions for our organ. Some say it sounds like it needs tuning. Well, it was tuned, again, three days before Christmas. The tuning helped slightly. Repairs/fixes are not possible solutions. One stop is now unusable. We only have 12 total stops. Significant refurbishing would be required and costly. An organ is a vital part of our worship at St. Anne's. We will need to study this issue down the road.

# Finance/Treasurer's Report

## Finance Committee Report for 2026 Annual Meeting

The Finance Committee was fortunate to have new members join this year, which has allowed for new perspectives when analyzing financials. The Committee supported the Interim Treasurer Nancy Young as she transitioned her position to Stan Meiburg at the end of the year.

For a variety of reasons, 2025 was a complicated/unpredictable year in terms of revenue. The Committee, working with the Treasurer has evaluated the impact of that reduced revenue while general operating expenses remain somewhat stable. Staff expenses did increase because of replacing our part-time Parish Administrator with a full-time Parish Manager. Several other accounts generated deficits but those accounts have historically run over budget, and these deficits can be covered through the appropriate use of Reserved or Restricted Funds. After discussion with the Treasurer, adjustments will be made to the 2026 budget to better reflect actual expenditures in those accounts.

The Finance Committee also worked with the Moore Oversight Committee and the Vestry to provide financing that enabled the parish to install a 32.4 kW solar panel array on the campus. We hope this will enable the parish to save about \$2400/year on our electric utility costs.

At the end of the year the Vestry approved transitioning to Realm Financial Software, a web-based software suite specifically designed for churches. The new platform will allow for flexibility in designing reports specific to St. Anne's as well as providing member portals for online giving.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Finance Committee,  
Donna Cowden, Vestry Liaison to Finance

2026 Budget Analysis Account Number and Title Projected 2026 Budget Spreadsheet 27 Original Budget	2025 YTD Expenses as of 12/31/2025	2025 Annual Budget
1/20/2026		
<b>Bread and Blessings</b>		
1-5-54000 - Bread and Blessings	\$2,667.07	\$3,900.00
<b>Buildings and Grounds</b>		
<b>Utilities</b>		
1-5-40100 - Electricity	\$10,792.61	\$10,000.00
1-5-40200 - Water & Sewer	\$2,357.30	\$2,200.00
1-5-40300 - Natural Gas	\$4,844.48	\$5,400.00
Total Utilities	\$17,994.39	\$17,600.00
<b>Building &amp; Grounds</b>		
1-5-41000 - Lawn and Grounds Care	\$9,380.33	\$7,040.00
1-5-41100 - Fire Alarm Fees	\$886.95	\$1,200.00
1-5-41150 - Building Security	\$1,010.29	\$600.00
1-5-41200 - Building Repairs & Maint	\$12,067.86	\$7,493.92
1-5-41250 - Misc. Appliance Purchase	(\$2,522.19)	\$0.00
1-5-41300 - Plumbing	\$706.51	\$500.00
1-5-41400 - Electrical Repair	\$215.00	\$500.00
1-5-41500 - Pest Control	\$340.00	\$500.00
1-5-41600 - Cleaning Supplies	\$835.90	\$600.00
1-5-42000 - HVAC Contract	\$2,265.00	\$4,725.00
Total Building & Grounds	\$25,185.65	\$23,158.92

Total Buildings and Grounds plus Utilities	\$43,180.04	\$40,758.92
Christian Formation		
1-5-53000 - Christian Formation	\$2,219.03	\$1,000.00
1-5-56000 - EYC	\$308.17	\$500.00
Total Christian Formation	\$2,527.20	\$1,500.00
Liturgy		
1-5-51000 - Misc. Worship Expense	\$267.71	\$600.00
1-5-51100 - Altar Guild	\$1,065.14	\$1,284.00
Worship and Parish Life		
1-5-20000 - Music Supplies	\$794.65	0
1-5-52100 - Instrument Maintenance	\$1030.00	\$600.00
1-5-52200 - Guest Artist/Musician	\$3690.00	\$1,500.00
Total Liturgy Committee	\$6,847.50	\$3,984.00
Neighborhood Bridge Building		
1-5-57500 - Welcoming Committee	\$670.17	\$2,192.55
Outreach		
1-5-11000 - Diocesan Asking	\$35,743.08	\$35,743.00
1-5-13000 - Social Ministries-Unrestricted	\$2503.12	\$2,440.00
1-5-14000 - Social Ministries-Restricted	\$415.00	\$0.00
1-5-15100 - Laundry Love	\$125.91	\$0.00
Total Outreach	\$38,787.11	\$38,183.00
Pastoral Care		
1-5-59000 - Pastoral Care Expense	\$73.39	\$300.00
Stewardship		
1-5-58000 - Stewardship Expense	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Technology		
1-5-32100 - Communications Expense	\$4,458.80	\$6,000.00
1-5-32200 - Technology Expenses	\$7,445.06	\$4,000.00
1-5-32300 - Website Maintenance	\$620.34	\$250.00
Total Technology	\$12,524.20	\$10,250.00
Finance (Everything else)		
Personnel		
Clergy Compensation		
Rector Salary and Housing		
1-5-21100 - Rector - Salary	\$36,404.76	\$36,897.81
1-5-21110 - Rector - Housing	\$55,000.08	\$55,000.00
Total Rector Salary and Housing	\$91,404.84	\$91,897.81
Rector Benefits		

1-5-21200 - Rector - Med & Life Insurance	\$23,061.44	\$21,006.13
1-5-21250 - Rector ER HSA	\$500.00	\$500.00
1-5-21300 - Rector - Pension	\$16,548.48	\$16,541.64
1-5-21400 - Rector's Business Expense	\$486.34	\$200.00
1-5-21500 - Rector - Travel Expense	\$0.00	\$200.00
1-5-21700 - Rector - Cont. Ed. Fund	\$111.41	\$1,000.00
<b>Total Rector Benefits</b>	<b>\$40,707.67</b>	<b>\$39,447.77</b>
<b>Interim Rector</b>		
1-5-xxxxx - Interim Rector-Salary		
1-5-xxxxx - Interim Rector-Housing		
1-5-xxxxx - Interim Rector-Travel Exp		
1-5-xxxxx - Interim Rector Pension		
1-5-xxxxx - Interim Rector Life Ins		
1-5-xxxxx - Interim Rector Health Ins		
<b>Total Interim Rector Salary/Benefits</b>		
<b>Other Clergy</b>		
1-5-21710 - Supply Clergy	\$1,357.12	\$1,500.00
<b>Total Other Clergy</b>	<b>\$1,357.12</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
<b>Total Clergy Compensation</b>	<b>\$133,469.63</b>	<b>\$132,845.58</b>
<b>Lay Staff Compensation</b>		
<b>Lay Staff Salaries</b>		
1-5-22100 - Parish Administrator	\$61,515.85	\$39,507.95
1-5-221xx - Severance Package		
1-5-22205 - Choir Director	\$22,960.08	\$23,000.00
1-5-22210 - Supply Organist	\$750.00	\$600.00
1-5-22215 - Choir Interns	\$25,800.00	\$6,000.00
1-5-22300 - Sexton	\$11,040.00	\$11,040.00
1-5-22400 - Nursery Workers	\$3,255.70	\$4,155.00
1-5-22500 - External Payroll Bookkeeper	\$1201.59	\$1,100.00
1-5-22700 - AV Coordinator	\$866.30	\$1,385.48
1-5-22800 - Public Rel./Marketing Coordin	\$1,612.50	\$3,248.00
1-5-22900 - Archives and Records	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Lay Staff Salaries</b>	<b>\$132,002.02</b>	<b>\$90,036.43</b>
<b>Lay Staff Benefits</b>		
1-5-23100 - Lay Staff Pensions	\$4,153.38	\$3,555.72
1-5-23200 - Lay Staff Medical Insurance	\$14,410.69	\$11,258.91
1-5-23250 - Lay Staff ER HSA	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Lay Staff Benefits</b>	<b>\$18,564.07</b>	<b>\$14,814.63</b>
<b>Lay Staff Payroll Tax Expense</b>		
1-5-24000 - Lay Staff FICA Expense	\$7,346.71	\$4,075.39
1-5-25000 - Lay Staff Medicare Expense	\$1,655.15	\$930.83
<b>Total Lay Staff Payroll Tax Expense</b>	<b>\$9,001.86</b>	<b>\$5,006.22</b>
<b>Total Lay Staff Compensation</b>	<b>\$159,567.95</b>	<b>\$109,857.28</b>
<b>Other Personnel Expenses</b>		
1-5-29300 - Background Screening	\$256.49	\$0.00
<b>Total Other Personnel Expenses</b>	<b>\$256.49</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>\$293,294.07</b>	<b>\$242,702.86</b>

Administration (note: less Technology items)		
Office Expenses		
1-5-31000 - Office Supplies	\$3,753.91	\$3,000.00
1-5-31500 - Copy Paper	\$1,323.08	\$500.00
1-5-32400 - Postage	\$700.59	\$800.00
1-5-33100 - Equipment Insurance/Usage	\$0.00	\$100.00
1-5-35000 - Bank Charges	\$510.28	\$500.00
1-5-41900 - Equipment	\$6,519.64	\$5,200.00
Total Office Expenses	\$12,807.50	\$10,100.00
Insurance		
1-5-36000 - Property & Liability Insurance	\$6,386.50	\$6,747.22
1-5-36500 - Worker's Comp Insurance	\$3,058.00	\$845.63
Total Insurance	\$9,444.50	\$7,592.85
Total Administration (less Technology items)	\$22,252.00	\$17,692.85
<b>Worship and Parish Life</b> <b>(excluding amounts allocated to Committees)</b>		
1-5-55000 - Vestry Expenses	\$47.98	\$362.00
1-5-55500 - Convention Expense	\$0.00	\$1,232.00
1-5-57000 - Marketing/Communications	\$0.00	\$252.00
Total Unallocated Worship/Parish Life	\$47.98	\$1,846.00
<b>Rector Search</b>		
1-5-xxxxx - Travel Expenses		
1-5-xxxxx - Reference Checks		
1-5-xxxxx - Parish Profile Publication		
1-5-xxxxx - Advertisement		
1-5-xxxxx - Moving Expenses		
Total Rector Search		
<b>Other Expenses</b>		
1-5-60000 - Sales Tax Paid	-\$110.04	\$700.00
Total Other Expenses	-\$110.04	\$700.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$422,760.69</b>	<b>\$365,510.18</b>

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Bread and Blessings Committee

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### Mission Statement

*The Bread & Blessings Committee provides food and refreshments for the people and community of St. Anne's Church. We support opportunities for parishioners and visitors to connect and commune in an atmosphere of love and mutual respect, whether events have a focus or are just for fun. We work closely with the staff and other committees of our church to assist with activities where hospitality is needed.*

In 2025 the committee lived out its mission of fostering warmth and connection at St. Anne's Church. Committee members include Jose, Carolyn M., Teri, Martha (our liaison with the Vestry), Beverly, Donna, Pat, Anne, Max, JanE, Roddy and Carol.

This year we hosted 52 coffee hours, 7 agape meals facilitated with food provided by the congregation, soup and bread meals served during Lent, coordinated food for 11 special events, including a sendoff and welcoming return from the minister's sabbatical, a Bishop's visit, Pentecost picnic and 4 memorial services.

We have steam-lined kitchen processes with new policies to ensure the kitchen is clean, stocked and running smoothly. We continue to foster a spirit of joy and hospitality to reflect our mission.

Our budget for 2025 was \$4, 250.

# Buildings and Grounds

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Building and Grounds Committee  
2025 Annual Report

2025 was another big year for the B&G Committee. In addition to managing our campus's regular maintenance needs, we also completed several big projects.

Here are 2025 highlights:

- A solar panel system was installed. The project helps St. Anne's reflect the diocese's Creation Care priority.
- The new HVAC system is (finally) in good working order and our building is more comfortable.
- The front yard underwent a renovation that included putting down mulch in the large beds and on bare patches where grass won't grow; digging up and repositioning all the pavers in the labyrinth; power-washing the building; and installing a flower bed in front of the sign at the corner of Fairlawn and Oakland.
- Safety audits were conducted by the Winston Salem Police Department and Church Insurance Group. Tasks to improve safety - like trimming shrubs so that they don't block windows – began immediately and will continue over the course of 2026.
- A large storage room was created so that committees have a dedicated space to stow their items.

2026 will bring even more big improvements! Watch out for B&G announcements on projects and congregation workdays.

We are grateful to everyone who helped us achieve our goals in 2025.

# Outreach

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## ST. ANNE'S OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT 2025

### Committee members (As of December 2025)

Liza Baron

Stuart Brier

Sally Deckard

Alveria Dove-Ali - Co-chair

Julie Dubuisson – Vestry Liaison

Beth Horth – new member

Gina Jarrett

Deacon Mary Kroohs

Stacey Lockard

Sulema Reichel – new member

Jack Payden-Travers

Debbie Walker - Co-chair

Gary Williams – new member

### Honorary Member

Linda Winikoff

### Mission Statement

The Outreach Committee seeks to manifest the Love of Christ through building bridges of equity, equality, justice and community.

The Outreach Committee meets on the **2nd Sunday** of the month, unless otherwise noted. We communicate through a group email, which anyone can join to stay up to date on our activities/events. Committee members partner with local community organizations throughout the calendar year. They include but not limited to the following...**City with Dwellings, Our Lady of Salem Women's Shelter, The Shalom Project Flourish Program, North Carolina Coalition for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, Winston-Salem Freedom Schools, and many more.**

### Activities/Events in 2025

The Outreach Committee began the year by planning and hosting the 7th Annual Freedom School Fundraiser, benefitting the Roddy Roberts Guitar Ministry at Old Town Freedom School. Through community support and generous donations, we raised **over \$5,000 for the Roddy Roberts Guitar Ministry and the Freedom School STEM project.** Our goal for 2026 is to raise \$10,000.

Twice during the year, we served dinner for participants in the **Shalom Project Flourish Program.** Flourish is a one-year financial education and holistic wellness program designed to help women with low income achieve financial self-sufficiency. Flourish is where financial empowerment

meets whole-person wellness. For more details about Flourish check out their website at <https://theshalomprojectnc.org/flourish>.

During the Lenten season, the Outreach Committee hosted an Adult Formation series focusing on Immigration.

In June, we organized St. Anne's participation in the PRIDE Parade. We have supported this fun event since its inception. During the summer, we also provided two meals to the Sunnyside Freedom School. One lunch was a bagged lunch, and one was a hot meal prepared and served on location. We were also able to obtain and donate 500 pairs of Bombas socks and 100 pairs of underwear to The Dwelling for use by unhoused members of our community.

During Advent, the Outreach Committee hosts an Annual Advent Outreach Project. In 2025 our focus was providing pajamas, underwear, snacks and gift cards to the guests at the Our Lady of Salem Women's Shelter housed at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church. We were able to support the Shelter with \$350 worth of gift cards. (This includes \$ donated toward buying gift cards and actual gift cards.) We were able to provide almost 300 sets of Hot Hands, 3 hats, 25 pajama sets, 100 pairs of underwear, 85 pairs of socks, and 37 pairs of gloves. We will also be able to provide To Go Bags for 6 days in January and February. The outpouring of support and generosity was overwhelming. In addition to providing these necessities, we also prepared a meal to serve to the guests.

Each year the Outreach Committee takes the remaining balance in our account/budget for the calendar year and divides it amongst various community organizations as EOY donations. The committee members believe that "every dollar and every dime make a difference." In 2025 we made a monetary donation to the following community organizations:

Our Lady of Salem Women's Shelter - \$400

Second Harvest Food Bank - \$300

Coalition Against the Death Penalty - \$100

### Special Diocesan Grant

During the spring, we submitted a grant request to the Diocese of North Carolina. In June, we received word that our grant of \$50,000 for the Roddy Roberts School of Rock had been approved. The money was used for staff members and supplies for the school, including upgraded guitars and accessories. This money offers the school a chance to increase in size and be run all year, instead of just in the summer. This was a one-time grant and was granted because of the additional support of St. Anne's during our Freedom School Fundraiser. To hear our scholars perform, go to this link: <https://youtube.com/shorts/5ih5at14Uvk?si=P3jLEBkm20VuupR2>

The Outreach Committee gives thanks for the time and dedication of our committee members and welcomes anyone willing to serve our neighbors and friends in the community. Your presence, support and generosity are greatly appreciated. For more details, please contact either Debbie or Alveria via email. ([walkerdl@wfu.edu](mailto:walkerdl@wfu.edu), [missjazzie.doveali@hotmail.com](mailto:missjazzie.doveali@hotmail.com))

Respectfully,

Alveria Dove-Ali and Debbie Walker, Co-Chairs

# Pastoral Care

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## Pastoral Care Report

Committee Members: Deacon Mary Kroohs (chair), Bart Trescott (vestry liaison and member), Cadijia Kormah, Tiffany Parris, Max McIntosh, Martha Murphy, Deacon Ariail Gores, The Rev Chris Payden-Travers, Susanna Macfarlane, Gina Jarrett, Kim Yerino, and Beverly Gosnell.

Eucharistic Visitors: Eucharistic visitors (EVs) take communion to homes/facilities of those unable to attend church. Current EVs include Rebecca Gordon, Bart Trescott, Beverly Gosnell, Max McIntosh, Kim Yerino, The Rev Chris Payden-Travers, Deacon Ariail Gores, Deacon Mary Kroohs

Prayer Chain: Beverly Gosnell oversees prayer chain requests

Prayer Shawls: Carol Strom is the contact person for this ministry. After prayer shawls are created and blessed, they are distributed to people recovering from illness or injury or facing difficult times. If you would like to give someone a blessed shawl, please let one of the pastoral care committee members know.

The pastoral care committee met online during Lent 2025 to research and discuss cognitive impairment and spirituality. Each week, there were lively discussions about how we might better reach out pastorally to those with cognitive impairment and their caregivers.

Throughout the year, pastoral care committee members reach out via texts, emails, phone calls, cards, or visits to parishioners who benefit from the gifts of presence and support. If pastoral concerns arise and you (or someone you know) would benefit from pastoral care attention, please let the monthly pastoral care contact person (listed in the weekly announcements and bulletin) know.

It is our hope to provide uninterrupted pastoral care to those in our parish during this time of transition.

Faithfully,

Mary