



ANNUAL REPORT

2025



AGENDA

Sunday, February 1, 2026

Call to Order

Appointment of Clerk

Approval of 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes

Presentation of the Rector's Cross

Rector's Report

Senior Warden Report

Junior Warden Report

St. Thomas Playhouse Report with budget

Annual Giving Report for 2025

Presentation and approval of 2026 Budget

Nominating Committee Report

Election of Vestry/Delegates

Design Committee Report

Capital Campaign Report

Doxology and Adjournment

The Rev. M. Jonah Kendall

LeeAnne Linderman

Sylvia Miller

Sara Gorby

Barbara Dwyer and Robert Shuford

Tom Benson

LeeAnne Linderman

The Rev. M. Jonah Kendall

David Lister and Morley Golden

Rebecca Waycott and Janet Schaumberg

Joel Bejot

ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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RECTOR'S REPORT *The Rev. M. Jonah Kendall*

We are told in the Gospel of Matthew that the Sermon on the Mount begins when Jesus, seeing the crowds that have come to see him, decides to go up a mountain, sits down and begins to speak, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

These words capture the heart of what Jesus was all about. The grace of God. The grace of God that not only embraces us no matter our sort or condition, but the grace of God that is ever bringing life out of death.

And so as words of proclamation and promise they bring comfort to our suffering lives and world. We are not alone. We are ok. And all, all shall be well.

Yet, these words also capture God's call to the Church. For by virtue of the grace of God in baptism we become a part of the body of Christ, and we are joined to his mission of grace. You see, that font, which stands as a beacon in the center of our naïve – the center of this church – and therefore the center of our lives together – reminds us that to be a Village Church to be a people that welcomes all with loving arms and in loving service.

And I am so happy to report that we are fulfilling that mission.

Consider these three highlights from this past year:

VISIONING PROCESS

In 2024 we retained Graham Baba to help us develop a masterplan of our building and property. Throughout 2025 countless parishioners met to provide Graham Baba with information necessary to ensure that their design would meet our ministry needs and objectives. Just about every Wednesday our parish hall was filled with a different ministry team. One week the Flower Guild gathered. The next KCDC, followed by Playhouse. And so on and so forth until each program and group was given an opportunity to shape the direction of our work.

And there's a real grace in this that we need to celebrate. For it has been a work of love done by us as a community, and for others as a community. People have trusted the process, and they have felt listened to. And if nothing else were to transpire, what we've done in these gatherings will serve to shape our life here together for years to come. We've heard from each other. We've honored each other. We have come together.

Yet, we can't stop now. For we are living in a day and age when participation in organized religion is at a low, and yet there's so much grace that we can share in the midst of the suffering that is so prevalent in our world. Therefore, it is incumbent upon us to create opportunities for people to come to St. Thomas and experience the love and grace of God in and through our programming – and that means not just how we offer our hands and hearts, but our building as an extension of our hands and hearts. We can't just rely on hanging a sign and offering worship services. As Jesus had to climb a mountain for the crowds to learn of God's grace, so too must we make every effort to reach others.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Given the number of children actively engaged at St. Thomas along with the new families that recently joined our parish, we decided this past July to hire a part-time Sunday School Director. For the past year or so, Kathleen had been faithfully overseeing the Sunday School, but the time had come not only to offer this program more support, but to shift Kathleen's attention, as well as my own, to our youth.

And what a grace-filled decision that was. Right now, we are able to offer two youth programs. One for High School aged youth led by Kathleen, the other for those in Middle School, which I organize and facilitate.

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And what's more the decision to bring on a Sunday School Director created an opportunity for us to hire Mary Jacobs. Mary brings so much experience to this position, as well as passion for teaching and engaging children in faith. Under her leadership, our program has grown, as her presence and passion has created both a warm inviting space for our children, and she has networked well with other parents to invite their participation.

The other sign of God's grace among your children and youth here at St. Thomas is the tremendous growth of our children's choir under the direction of our choir master, Joel Bejot. Right now, Joel has between 10 and 20 kids each Wednesday for rehearsal. And that isn't just a number to hear about and celebrate, but a joy we've had the pleasure of experiencing as they have joined us for worship recently. The network of kids that Joel has been able to bring together reflects both his work, as well as the wonderful work of our Sunday School and Playhouse ministries.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Finally, I want to draw our attention to the new Membership Committee that was formed this past year under the leadership of Richard Waycott, Mardi Shepherd and Dave Luhr. These three parishioners stepped up and stepped forward by establishing a new ministry to welcome and help connect new members to St. Thomas. And they did this on their own.

You want to talk about grace? There's nothing more grace-filled and effective, than ministries that are born not out of the whims of clergy, but the love and generosity of parishioners. And evidence of this can be seen in the incredible talent and depth of the committee they, not Kathleen or I, but that they have assembled. Committee members are Cait Nelson, Katherine Johnson, Duncan Morten, Paul Holle, Jordan Koch, Deb Scully and Diana Horner.

And it's important to raise the success this ministry has already had in gaining the support of others, because at the heart of this committee's work is to foster an intentional spirit of welcome among all the members of our parish. For the grace and love of God isn't a clergy thing, but something present in the hearts and hands of all of us. Folks expect to hear from the clergy. But study after study shows that when parishioners make a point to welcome others it makes all the difference.

It's a wonderful thing to be able to acknowledge and celebrate these things with you. For each endeavor reflects a parish not only proclaiming the grace of God, but making that grace tangibly known in its life of welcome and service. As you read this report, please join me in giving thanks to God for all that we have enjoyed and for the grace of God so present here.

Thanks be to God.



ASSOCIATE RECTOR'S REPORT *The Rev. Kathleen Bean*

*He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?*

Micah 6:8

The Old Testament reading for the day of our Annual Meeting is often cited as the most succinct and clear instruction for our life with God. In a world that often confounds us, it's good to be reminded that God only asks that we remember what is good, and required – "to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." So long as these principles and actions guide and ground us in our common life, we can rest assured that we are doing the work God has given us to do.

In that spirit, we continue to reach out to the community in many ways with food, clothing, hospitality, children's programs, and prayer. Our worship ministries help make St. Thomas truly a sanctuary of peace and beauty so that all may connect with God in their own ways, in regular worship services and sacred life events, such as memorial services and weddings. We could not do it without the partnership of our Altar Guild, Acolytes, Lectors and Flower Guild. The Christmas season stretches all those ministries, and they never fail to come through with grace and kindness. The faithfulness of our volunteers is humbling and inspiring! This is truly a Village Church, inside and out.

It is a joy to serve this community of faith and to partner with such a wonderful, talented staff. A blessed 2026 to us all!



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SENIOR WARDEN ANNUAL REPORT *LeeAnne Linderman*

It is difficult to believe my first year as Senior Warden for St. Thomas is already coming to an end! It has been an extraordinary experience to serve in this role; I have been blessed to get to know so many gifted and committed St. Thomas members.

The staff supporting our parish is uniquely skilled in their roles and perform them with such dedication and heart. Joel Bejot heads up a music ministry that is unequaled to any this cradle-born Episcopalian has experienced! Sara Gorby and Joanna Sattler bring such joy to so many lives- young and not-so-young - in this valley through St. Thomas Playhouse. Brett Moellenberg performs “digital magic” with our website messaging and assures those who cannot worship in person can join our service while they travel or are homebound or in a hospital bed. Mary Jacobs contributes expertise, joy & passion to our Sunday School children and volunteers. And Stefanie Nelson “keeps the wheels on the bus” with every-changing daily activities such as book-keeping, juggling staff calendars, coordinating building repairs, and greeting attendees of the 8:00 worship service each week. What a gift each is to St. Thomas.

In addition, I have observed countless energetic parishioners devote time to volunteering for our many ministries. Our Altar and Flower Guilds, Choirs, KCDC teams, Paper Angels, Sunday School teachers and shepherds, Lectors, Hospitality volunteers, Acolytes, Green Team, Ushers, and committees for Outreach, Welcoming, Stewardship, Columbarium, Design and Architectural and so many others contribute richly to our joint lives here at St. Thomas. Thank you all for what you do.

Finally, guiding our spiritual lives and leading the church so brilliantly are Rev. Jonah Kendall and Rev. Kathleen Bean. They care passionately about each and every one of us here at St. Thomas and, in addition, contribute selflessly to our broader community. What true joy it has been to work more closely with them this past year. I cannot thank them enough for all they have done to support me as Senior Warden and for all they do for St. Thomas.

Thank you for the blessing of serving as your Senior Warden.

JUNIOR WARDEN *Sylvia Miller*

As your Junior Warden I have seen my responsibility to be keeping repairs to only those necessary until we have charted a path forward with a possible renovation. Regardless of my goal, we have had some unexpected but necessary maintenance issues:

- Repair a portion of the heating system for the pavers on the slope leading into our church.
- Mitigate mold in the bathroom off classroom 1.
- Please go to the Design Committee Report for a detailed listing of deferred maintenance which needs to be addressed.

On the positive side we changed our landscaping service. The new company has reduced our costs in this area.

Finally, I again want to remind everyone that the church’s defibrillator is located on the wall leading to the basement. Defibrillators are very easy to use. Verbal instructions are part of the system and the defibrillator will not work if it is not necessary.

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ST THOMAS – 2025 TREASURER’S REPORT *Thomas Benson*

2025 Actual Operating Results

INCOME

Assessable income which includes plate and pledge offerings, unpledged grants, the anonymous grant and transfers from other funds totaled \$931,714 which was \$5,714 above budget. The variance reflects larger than budgeted plate offerings and unpledged grants which more than offset a shortfall in pledge offerings. As a result of the strong overall giving numbers the budgeted transfer from other funds was not needed.

Non-assessable income totaled \$57,605. This amount exceeded the budget by \$2,605 as higher than budgeted interest earned on cash balances and earnings from the church endowment funds more than offset lower than budgeted income from facility use.

It is worth noting that 2025 was the last year of a 20 year pledge made by an anonymous former parishioner. This gift totaled \$43,000 in 2025.

EXPENSES

Total actual expenses of \$989,260 was \$9,240 above budget. Significantly higher than budgeted church operating and program costs were largely offset by savings in compensation costs and better than anticipated results from St Thomas Playhouse.

ST THOMAS PLAYHOUSE (STP)

STP broke even in 2025 and did not need any of the budgeted subsidy from the church of \$21,500. STP benefited from strong enrollment and fundraising results. The STP results include all of the compensation costs for Sara and Joanna and 50% of Brett’s compensation (who splits his time between the church and STP).

BOTTOM LINE

The Church ended the year with a surplus of \$58 in line with the budgeted surplus of \$973.

2026 Budget

INCOME

Total income is budgeted at the same level as actual 2025 income. The 2026 budgeted income reflects higher pledge offerings which are expected to offset the loss of the anonymous grant in 2026.

EXPENSES

Total expenses are also budgeted at the same level as 2025 actual expenses as savings in certain operating expense categories are expected to offset a 3% salary increase for the rectors and church staff and a projected \$14,000 subsidy for STP.

BOTTOM LINE

The overall church budget for 2026 reflects a break-even bottom line.

As Treasurer, I would like to personally thank all of our parishioners for your generous financial support to St. Thomas. Your generosity is the foundation which allows us to employ such talented rectors and church staff and to offer so many important ministries that serve both parishioners and the broader community in the Wood River Valley.



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FUND BALANCES AS OF DECEMBER 2025

	TOTAL
1-Operating	390,212.44
Capital Improvement Fund	106,555.89
Church Expansion Fund	1,260,456.37
Columbarium	34,080.36
Community Outreach Fund	7,742.95
Designated Gifts	0.00
Hedberg Schmidt Discretionary	4,024.00
Total Designated Gifts	4,024.00
Education Fund	11,717.30
Endowment	875,179.21
Families	2,755.60
KCDC	16,018.71
Memorials	32,873.86
Organ	3,309.32
Property Bldg. & Grounds	2,625,608.38
The Bilkey Fund	46,464.74
The Music Fund	5,360.05
THEATRE OUTREACH	8,289.63
Youth Ministry Development-old	6.00
Youth Ministry Fund	20,641.93
TOTAL	\$5,434,717.48

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PROPOSED 2026 BUDGET

	2025 Budget	2025 Actuals 2025 Actuals	2026 Proposed Budget
Income			
4000 · Assessable Income			
4001 · Plate Offerings	\$65,000	\$77,742	\$75,000
4003 · Pledge Offerings	\$716,000	\$674,126	\$765,819
4xxx · Pledge Default (NEW)	\$0	\$0	-\$20,000
4020 · Unpledged Grant	\$85,000	\$136,846	\$110,000
4022 - Anonymous Grant	\$30,000	\$43,000	\$0
4025 - Transfer from Fund(s)	\$24,000		
4027 - Facility Use (assessable)	\$6,000		\$0
Total 4000 · Assessable Income	\$926,000	\$931,714	\$930,819
4500 · Non-Assessable Income			
4522 - Interest Earned rom Operating Account	\$12,000	\$14,178	\$10,000
4521 · Facility Use (non-assessable)	\$15,000	\$11,427	\$15,000
Interest earned from Endowments	\$28,000	\$32,000	\$33,000
4525 · Special Offerings			
Total 4500 · Non-Assessable Income	\$55,000	\$57,605	\$58,000
Total Income	\$981,000	\$989,319	\$988,819
Expenses			
5000 · Expenditures			
Total 5010 · Rector Expenses	\$198,802	\$202,468	\$205,442
Total 5020 · Assistant Clergy Expenses	\$134,033	\$137,846	\$123,833
Total 5030 · Compensation (staff)	\$220,972	\$190,187	\$199,275
5050 · Program Expenses			
5052 · Worship Expenses			
5050b - Altar Supplies	\$2,500	\$3,152	\$3,000
5050c - Altar Flowers	\$500	\$0	\$500
5050d - Musicians	\$500	\$575	\$500
5050e - Vestments	\$200	\$0	\$200
5050f - Production/Outside Contracts	\$500	\$100	\$500
5050L · Legacy Society	\$500	\$0	\$500
5053 · Nursery Care	\$1,600	\$600	\$1,600
5054 · Children's Christian Education	\$1,500	\$1,735	\$1,500
5057 · Hospitality & Fellowship			
5057a - Annual Parish Picnic	\$1,000	\$499	\$1,000
5057b - Receptions	\$500	\$418	\$500
5057c - Coffee Hours	\$1,000	\$3,523	\$2,500
5057d - Annual Meeting Brunch	\$600	\$336	\$600
5057e - Sunday School Brunch	\$0	\$0	\$0
5057f - Name Tags	\$250	\$0	\$250
5059 · Music Supplies/Choir	\$4,050	\$4,563	\$4,050
5060 · New Member Ministry	\$250	\$381	\$750
5062 - Green Team	\$500	\$381	\$500
5063 · Pastoral Care Comm.	\$100	\$0	\$100
5064 · Stephen Ministry	\$0	\$0	\$0
5066 · Family Ministry	\$1,000	\$61	\$1,000
5067 · Supply Organist/Pianist	\$2,000	\$2,988	\$2,500
5069 · Visiting Priests	\$0	\$250	\$0
5070 · Staff/Volunteer Training	\$1,500	\$2,089	\$1,500
5074 · Vestry	\$400	\$1,470	\$1,000
5075 · Stewardship	\$500	\$2,564	\$1,000
5076 · Youth Christian Education	\$1,500	\$1,805	\$1,500
5077 · Adult Christian Education			
Adult Ed classes	\$500	\$0	\$500

	2025 Budget	2025 Actuals 2025 Actuals	2026 Proposed Budget
Edu Education for Ministry (EfM)	\$200	\$225	\$200
Total · Program Expenses	\$23,650	\$27,715	\$27,750
5080 · Church Operating Expenses			
5032 · Audio/Visual System	\$100	\$494	\$500
5034 · Bookkeeping	\$20,000	\$29,796	\$33,000
5035 · Database management	\$1,700	\$1,721	\$1,800
5041 · Cleaning Staff	\$36,000	\$41,376	\$37,000
5051 · Advertising	\$2,500	\$5,798	\$4,250
5055 · Convention Delegates	\$750	\$348	\$500
5061 - Books/educational material	\$200	\$855	\$200
5064 - Professional Account. & Audit	\$2,500	\$4,680	\$4,680
5068 - Subscriptions	\$1,000	\$4,425	\$3,500
5082 · Cleaning Supplies	\$1,000	\$1,802	\$1,800
5083 · Computer/Copier	\$12,000	\$20,404	\$14,000
5084 · Insurance	\$20,000	\$22,790	\$23,000
5085 · Lawn/Garden Care	\$5,500	\$9,865	\$6,500
5086 · Office Supplies	\$4,000	\$8,115	\$8,000
5086a · Kitchen Supplies	\$500	\$726	\$500
5087 · Repairs/Maintenance	\$15,000	\$18,318	\$20,000
5087a · Contracts			
5087b · Repairs			
TOTAL	\$122,750	\$171,513	\$159,230
5089 · Telephone/Internet	\$8,500	\$9,453	\$9,500
5090 · Utilities/Garbage Removal	\$19,500	\$17,450	\$18,500
5092 · Website	\$2,000	\$744	\$750
5093 - Communications	\$2,500	\$4,344	\$3,000
5094 · Snow Removal	\$7,500	\$11,741	\$9,500
5095 Technology	\$2,500	\$381	\$500
5096 · Bank & Merchant Charges	\$2,500	\$6,377	\$6,400
5097 · Postage	\$2,000	\$1,752	\$1,500
6517 - Gifts	\$500	\$62	\$0
Total 5080 · Church Operating Expenses	\$170,250	\$223,816	\$208,880
5099 · Misc. Expenses	\$0		\$0
8000 · Rectory Operating Expenses			
8002 · Lawn Care	\$5,500	\$2,834	\$4,000
8002b - Snow Removal		\$985	\$1,500
8003 · Misc.	\$1,500	\$1,318	\$1,500
8004 · Repairs & Maintenance	\$500	\$2,268	\$2,500
8006 · Utilities	\$6,000	\$7,306	\$7,500
Total 8000 · Rectory Operating Expenses	\$13,500	\$14,711	\$17,000
6510 · Ministry Outside Congregation			
6511 · Diocesan Assessment	\$189,830	\$187,600	\$186,164
6513 - Outreach (STP) Grant	\$21,500	\$0	\$14,000
6515 · Other Outreach	\$1,000		\$500
6516 · Special Offerings			
6523 - Episcopal Relief & Dev.	\$6,482	\$4,917	\$5,956
Total 6510 · Ministry Outside Congregation	\$218,812	\$192,517	\$206,620
Total 5000 · Expenditures	\$980,019	\$989,260	\$988,800
OPERATING INCOME/LOSS	\$979	\$58	\$19



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PROPOSED 2026 ST. THOMAS PLAYHOUSE BUDGET

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Budget
	Income	Income	Income
Administration (Unrestricted Donations & Grants)	\$42,000.00	\$91,977	\$63,000
Program Ad Sales (Other Admin Income)	\$2,500.00	\$4,775	\$4,500
Girlfriend Lunch	\$50,000.00	\$46,608	\$49,000
Children's Theater Tour	\$10,800.00	\$13,000	\$15,052
Company B June	\$57,200.00	\$86,991	\$72,500
SPACC	\$56,300.00	\$54,322	\$61,000
Summer Theater Project	\$17,000.00	\$13,803	\$18,250
Co. B August	\$72,650.00	\$48,216	\$70,790
Family Main Stage	\$42,633.00	\$36,941	\$45,100
Co. B Winterized	\$20,100.00	\$16,275	\$17,000
Other Income		\$26,886	\$7,898
TOTAL INCOME	\$371,183.00	\$439,794	\$424,090
EXPENSES			
	Expenses	Expenses	Expenses
Administrative	\$194,553.00	\$213,819	\$212,875
Girlfriend Lunch	\$17,690.00	\$16,695	\$18,050
Children's Theater Tour	\$12,520.00	\$15,577	\$13,290
Company B June	\$30,900.00	\$32,288	\$34,050
SPACC	\$47,250.00	\$56,758	\$54,975
Summer Theater Project	\$18,450.00	\$19,586	\$19,450
Company B August	\$34,500.00	\$25,835	\$34,400
Family Main Stage	\$39,070.00	\$39,064	\$40,900
Company B Winterized	\$7,500.00	\$12,273	\$10,100
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$402,433.00	\$431,896	\$438,090
NET INCOME/LOSS	-\$31,250.00	\$7,898	-\$14,000.00

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ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN *Barbara Dwyer, Chair and Robert Shuford, Vice-Chair*

The 2026 Stewardship Campaign was a success with the theme of “Unity” as our guide. To date the campaign has surpassed our goal by raising \$765,819 through 172 pledges. Although the total number of pledges is comparable to last year’s campaign, the dollar amount exceeds last year’s total by approximately 6.4%. This year we received 8 new pledges. Pledges are still coming in which will help increase our participation and contribute to our overall theme of “Unity.”



We are grateful for the dedicated help of Jonah Kendall, Kathleen Bean, Stefanie Nelson and the support and guidance from our Senior Warden, LeeAnne Linderman and our Treasurer, Tom Benson, as well as the commitment from the St. Thomas vestry members. We also very much appreciate the faithful assistance of parishioner, Marcia Liebich.

In addition, we would like to thank the parishioners who volunteered to speak and share their personal stories over the course of the campaign at Sunday services – Cait Nielson and Tim Egan – who each spoke so beautifully about what St. Thomas means to them in their lives.

If you have not had time to make your pledge for giving to St. Thomas in 2026, it is never too late! Every gift, no matter the amount, will aid in supporting the work of St. Thomas serving the ever increasing needs in our parish as well as our community. You can pledge online or contact Stefanie in the church office.

With much gratitude and appreciation of the “Unity” of our beloved parish community, we thank you for your support of the 2026 Annual Stewardship Campaign.

ST. THOMAS RESTRICTED ENDOWMENT, UNRESTRICTED ENDOWMENT, AND OPERATING RESERVE ACCOUNT *Roger Gould*

The St Thomas Restricted Endowment and Unrestricted Endowment had an excellent year in 2025. This was the third year in a row with positive returns in the markets due to declining interest rates, a rally in International stocks, and the improvement in the bond markets. Equities continued their gain due to the technology sector and the “magnificent seven”, a group of large cap technology stocks such as NVIDIA Meta, Microsoft, Alphabet, etc.

Total performance for the Restricted Endowment was +14.25% and +14.22 for the Unrestricted portfolio. Both portfolios maintain a mix of 60% Equities and 40% Fixed Income. Our portfolios were impacted positively by our International exposure which makes up 18 % of Equities and the technology sector which makes up 23% of the Equities.

Both portfolios use a combination of Large Cap and Small Cap stocks to provide diversification and risk reduction. There is also a mix of Value and Growth stocks. Domestic stocks represent 68% of the portfolio and various International countries represent 32%. The bond allocation is of high quality with limited maturity risk using U S Treasuries and corporate issues.

The Endowments are structured conservatively and built for the long term. While there are risks in the economy and uncertainty exists, with a long-term perspective and horizon, the portfolios should continue to provide support to the financial position of St Thomas.



MINISTRIES & PROGRAMS

ACOLYTE MINISTRY *Barbara Dwyer*

In 2025, St. Thomas Church was blessed to have a dedicated team of acolyte volunteers including five adults, three teens and two elementary school students. These volunteers participated in the presentation of the worship service by lighting and extinguishing the candles on the altar, leading the procession to the altar at the beginning of each service, assisting the priests with preparing for the Eucharist, and carrying the cross and torches out of the nave at the culmination of the service. Our volunteers assist with worship at both Sunday services each week as well as all of the services throughout Advent and the Easter season. Two of our teens graduated from high school this year and moved on to college in the fall. As such, we are always looking to welcome new volunteers of all ages to the acolyte ministry team. Below is a list of parishioners who have served in this role throughout the year. We thank them all for their dedication to St. Thomas Church and the acolyte ministry.

Tim Eagan	Freya Colvill	Beau Kendall
Carter Hedberg Schmidt	Scout Kendall	Asher Pettit
Connie Hoffman	Aila Pettit	Jane Reynolds

ADULT EDUCATION *Don Liebich & Jima Rice*

Adult Education is an hour-long discussion group at St. Thomas that offers parishioners and guests opportunities for learning, reflection, and meaningful conversation. Following services on most Sundays, we gather to explore scripture, theology, church traditions, and the ways our personal faith shapes our daily lives. Sessions are designed to be engaging and accessible, welcoming both longtime Episcopalians and those who are newer to the tradition.

In addition to seasonal studies and special topics, Adult Education is designed to provide space for thoughtful exploration about faith and practice within St. Thomas and the wider Episcopal Church. These gatherings encourage questions, shared perspectives, and deeper understanding as we grow together in community. We invite all parishioners to join us in this thoughtful gathering.

ALTAR GUILD *Mary Malkmus*

It is the job of the Altar Guild members to attend to all the “behind-the-scenes” tasks that make our church services run smoothly, thus providing a meaningful worship experience for all. We are the priest’s liturgical partner. We work in pairs, preparing the altar for all services, including baptisms and weddings and funerals.

We have a wonderful team of dedicated volunteers: Betsy Ashton, Beverly Boas, Lynne Campion-Waddell, Vickrie Cutler, Lise Holt, Connie McGowan, Carolyn Coiner, Mott Nicol, Elaine Harfst, Mary Ann Syms, Chris Vik, Mary Colhoun, and Karen Robideaux. Thank you ladies!!! We are always looking for new helpers to join us in this meaningful work. If this kind of service to St. Thomas appeals to you, please contact Mary Malkmus (208) 622-3949.

THE ST. THOMAS BOOK CLUB *Sylvia Miller*

The St. Thomas Book Club is open to non-church members and St. Thomas church members. We tend to have mostly female participants though men are always welcome and encouraged to participate. We meet the second Monday of the month from 1:30 to 2:30 pm, September – May. This past year we read:

The Swimmers by Julie Otsuka

The Mighty Red by Louise Erdrich

Angle of Repose by Wallace Stegner

The God of the Woods by Liz Moore

Memorial Days by Geraldine Brooks

My Friends by Frederick Backman

Please contact Sylvia Miller for any questions or to suggest a book to read: 202-255-4236

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CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES (CYF)

Mary Jacobs, Kathleen Bean and Jonah Kendall

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND NURSERY: Kathleen Bean led Children Youth and Family Ministries through August of 2025, when Mary Jacobs was hired to direct our Sunday School and Nursery programs. The Montessori-based Godly Play curriculum continues to be taught in Sunday School, which helps children experience Biblical stories through creative play, reverence and wonder. In September, we hosted a luncheon and training for our dedicated Sunday School Storytellers and Shepherds - Helen Morgus, Art Dahl, Margot Shuford, Cait Nielson, Pat Jorgenson, and new Shepherds Hiliary Critchley and Robert Hammond.

Also in September, we organized a Safe Church training for four new nursery workers and three St. Thomas staff members. The training was taught by Sara Gorby. Since August 2025, the nursery has been fully staffed by our high schoolers. New activity kits were also made to support children and families who wish to attend church services together.

The number of children in Sunday School and the nursery, as well as in our youth groups and Cherub Choir, has increased significantly this past year, which is a wonderful sign of the growth of our parish.

CONFIRMATION AND YOUTH GROUP: We celebrated the confirmations of youth on Sunday, June 8, 2025. Bishop Jos confirmed Abbot Geer, Rivers Hickey, Elise Jacobs, Zeke Koch and Aila Pettitt. In fall of 2025, we were fortunate to be able to establish 2 youth programs that met weekly for instruction, service and fellowship. Kathleen Bean is leading our High School Youth Group, and Jonah Kendall facilitates our Middle School Youth Group. The youth groups consist of members from both the parish and St. Thomas Playhouse. These gatherings run the gamut from an All Hallow's Eve Party, to preparing meals for KCDC, to organizing gifts for the Advocates, to sharing prayer requests and gratitudes. The High School Youth Group is working toward a spiritual pilgrimage in 2027. They continued their yearly fundraiser this September at Wagon Days, with several high schoolers helping with set up, food and drink sales, and clean up.

FAMILY MINISTRIES: Our CYF leadership organized a fun registration event in August, which included an ice cream sundae bar and bounce house, for our Nursery, Sunday School, Youth Group and Cherub Choir programs. They also organized a Dollar Mountain Ski Day, a gathering for Sunday School and Nursery Families on Dollar Patio, and Mom's Wine and Unwind, which was hosted by Cait Nielson. We ended the year by asking four families and their children of all ages to light the Advent candles and do the Advent readings together.



COLUMBARIUM COMMITTEE *Kathleen Bean*

St. Thomas' Columbarium is not only a beloved place of rest for the remains of parishioners but also a welcoming, quiet place for reflection and remembrance. We are grateful to Bev Boas for keeping flowers in the entry, year-round, to welcome visitors who come to pay their respects to loved ones. Great thanks to Garry and Suzie Pearson for hosting the annual Hole in the Wall Gang party in July. It is always a joyous occasion as niche holders cement the bonds of friendship with their "eternal neighbors." Three additional niches were reserved in 2025.

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The Columbarium's location was a topic of discussion in the ongoing design work, and we received helpful feedback from niche holders that led to creative ideas for the Columbarium's placement, should it need to be moved. People overwhelmingly supported a location that retained the peace and serenity of the Trail Creek overlook, and our architects responded with a design that was enthusiastically received. We will continue to seek niche holders' input as our design process moves forward.

COMMUNICATIONS *Brett Moellenberg*

For digital media in 2025, we had: *1,659 unique viewers of our video content | 5,658 total views*

For social media in 2025, we had: *Over 10,000 views between Instagram and Facebook*

For Google insights in 2025, we had:

An average of 500 profile views per month

An average of 100 searches per month

An average of 110 website visits from our profile

All 5 star reviews.

We will look to significantly increase our social media presence into 2026 and beyond.

DESIGN COMMITTEE PROGRESS REPORT

Graham Baba Schematic Phase Completed in July

In July of 2025, Graham Baba Architects completed their contract and delivered the 100% schematic design package to St. Thomas. This package included plans, renderings, and numerous supporting documents that outline our goals for the project and illustrated a concept for the renovations and additions.

Contractor selected for Pricing

Working with our owner's representative, Morley Golden, the design committee contacted seven general contractors, interviewed three, and selected Idaho Mountain Builders (IMB) to do a detailed price estimate for the schematic package.

Fall 2025 Pricing

Morley Golden and Tim Carter and Joe Marx of IMB and a large team of their subcontractors did a deep dive estimating process and analysis of the cost and constructability of the package. Their analysis determined that there were challenges with the proposed roof system for the parish hall, as well as some conflicts with height restrictions, and that the overall cost (even with a simpler roof structure) would be \$19.6 million. That figure also included a full remodel of the lower level of the building, and 3.75 million for needed maintenance and repairs on the main level.

This pricing and analysis of existing conditions at the church also discovered approximately \$3.75 million of needed repairs and maintenance including a new roof and additional insulation and updating the existing heating and ventilation systems and elevator.

Morley Golden and the lead members of the committee explored ways to reduce the cost of the project and determined that with thoughtful reductions and phasing the project, we could meet our \$15 million target.

Design Development Spring 2026

In December, key members of the design committee recommended that a local design firm be selected for the next phases of the project. The Vestry and larger committee agreed and Williams Partners architects will begin work with the committee in January with a goal to present a revised design to the City of Sun Valley by June and start phase one renovation work beginning late summer 2026.

We would like to thank Morley Golden, IMB, and especially all the members of the design committee who have contributed so much of their time to help us achieve the best possible project for St. Thomas. We are excited to share the next versions of the design with all of you in the next few months!

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INSPIRED TO SERVE COMMITTEE REPORT *Rebecca Waycott and Janet Schaumburg*

It has been a busy year for those serving on the Inspired to Serve Committee. The committee is comprised of two primary areas of focus: the Fundraising/Capital Campaign Committee and the Architecture/Design Committee with significant overlap between the two.

Fundraising/Capital Campaign Committee:

At the beginning of 2025, we engaged the consulting firm, Campbell & Co to advise us on the feasibility of attaining the goal of \$15 million to pay for repairs, changes and additions to the St. Thomas campus. After conducting an extensive feasibility study, we were assured that with a lot of hard work, we can achieve this goal over 3 years. Campbell and Company are also working with us on developing a road map on how to achieve our goal.

The \$15 million goal tracks with the estimates for the work to be done. Our contractors, Idaho Mountain Builders, prepared detailed budgets for every part of the project based on initial schematic designs. Construction will take place in 3 phases both to mitigate disruption to the daily running of St Thomas and to allow time for the fundraising to successfully take place.

Pledges made so far amount to \$3.75 million – about one quarter of the goal. Approximately \$1.9 million has been paid to date. All costs incurred so far have been paid for by the capital campaign funds. We are thrilled by the generosity already expressed and thank everyone for their support and enthusiasm for the project. We will be working hard to achieve our final goal.

EFM *Linda Bergerson*

Exploring Faith Matters (EFM) is an ongoing program at St. Thomas, and this past year has been a meaningful time of learning, sharing, and deepening faith. At the encouragement of participants, we use the name adopted by the Australian EFM program, Exploring Faith Matters. This is a four-year program, and this year we have four participants in Year 3 and four participants in Year 1, supported by two mentors trained through the EFM organization based at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. The program explores the Old Testament, New Testament, church history, and theology and other faith traditions, with the heart of EFM being Theological Reflection—connecting what we study with our own lives and faith. No previous study is needed, and if you have questions about faith, this is a welcoming place to explore them. We meet every Thursday afternoon with vacation breaks, and mentors or participants are always glad to answer questions. This year's mentors are Judi Fuller and Linda Bergerson.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS *Ann Taylor*

In the Episcopal tradition, the celebration of the Eucharist is central to our worship service. Eucharistic Ministers play an important and meaningful role by serving the chalice of wine while the priests serve the bread.

Serving as a Eucharistic Minister can be a very fulfilling way to engage more deeply in our services and strengthen your connection with the St. Thomas community.

Getting involved in this special ministry is quite simple; it requires attending a short training session, typically held once or twice a year. Currently, we have a committed group of about 15 ministers, both full- and part-time members, who serve once or twice a month on average.

You are warmly invited to join us in this important ministry. New members are always welcome!



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FLOWER GUILD *Liz Hickey*



The Flower Guild at St. Thomas is a community of flower growers, arrangers, lovers, and masters. This year the flower guild leadership was passed on to Liz Hickey - large shoes to fill after the many years of wonderful leadership by Betsy Ashton.

Every week we arrange flowers for the Sunday services that reflect the season, service or the memory of a loved one. It is something that each one of us on the flower guild enjoys and does with much enthusiasm.

The flower guild operates mostly on generous donations from members of the church, flower guild arrangers and “in memory of” gifts. The two seasons that are the biggest financial strain are Christmas and Easter. We enjoy the greening of the church before Christmas and ALL the poinsettias as well as decorating the cross with all the Lillies for Easter. None of this is an easy task! We could not do it without our talented team and volunteers. I would like to thank the Flower Guild A-Team Volunteers - Carter Hickey, Randy Ashton, Maunsel Hickey and Chuck Coiner! Many Thanks!

As we move forward, the flower guild is in discussions about the need to update some of our well-loved items - particularly the vases we use every day and the way in which they hang from the wall in the chancel as well as the Advent wreath.

Lastly, this year we sadly lost one of our most active members, Mary Colhoun. She will leave a huge hole in our flower family. During our December holiday meeting we decided we wanted to update some of our flower containers in memory of Mary. The holiday tree in the Narthex was generously donated by Mary several years ago and decorated every year since by her. Mary, you will be missed and are loved.

THE GREEN TEAM *Laurie Ahern*



2025 was an engaging year for the Green Team, Care for Creation. We participated in Community events and parish activities. Community events included a booth at the Bike to School and Work Day and highway cleanups in May and October in collaboration with Emmanuel in Hailey. Parish events included hosting a Green Team coffee hour, participating in the Design Committee for the church addition and remodel, and providing Milkweed starts on Mother’s Day. Most recently, we welcomed Eve Preucil, Sustainability Coordinator for the city of Ketchum, to present at our October meeting.

We are excited to begin a yearlong pilot program sponsored by the city of Ketchum to have composting available at St. Thomas. This will be especially useful for KCDC and their weekly cooking teams. As the Design team works to finalize recommendations for our future building, Carolyn and Laurie are actively participating on behalf of the Green Team. This includes providing input and information to help guide the team designing a facility that is as sustainable as possible leading us into the next 100 years of our parish.

We meet quarterly and invite interested members to contact either Carolyn or Laurie for more information.

Go Green!

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HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE *2025 Co-Chairs: John Carreiro and Janet Schaumburg*

*In warm embrace, the welcome shines,
Gathered hearts where kindness aligns.
With open doors and gentle smiles,
They share their love across the aisles.
A table set with care and grace,
Where every soul can find their place.
With hands that serve and hearts so true,
The hospitality committee, just for you.
In laughter, shared, and stories told,
A sense of community, strong and bold.
They weave connections, strong and bright,
A beacon of warmth, a guiding light.*

Join us and share in the joy of offering delicious food and sharing fellowship with friends. We hope you've enjoyed the various functions sponsored by the Hospitality Committee this year including Easter Brunch, The Bishop's Visit, and The Annual Parish Meeting Brunch and partnering with the Membership Committee on a summer pizza party.

We invite you to participate in this ministry by signing up for Coffee Hour throughout the year.

Thank you all, John Carreiro and Janet Schaumburg. Co-Chairs

Sylvia Miller, Sherri Luhr, Laurie Ahern, Ann Scales, Dell-Ann Benson, Connie McGowan, Connie Hoffman

KCDC *Dell-Ann Benson, Helen Morgus, Janet Schaumburg, Karl Johan Uri*

Now in its 6th year, Ketchum Community Dinner Curbside (KCDC) continued to have success serving free take and bake meals every Wednesday, stigma free to anyone who needed a meal. **4,108** meals were distributed to **1,470** households, including **66** who received meals for the first time. Of the total meals, **335** were for children, **2,054** for adults and **1,719** for seniors. The average weekly distribution was **78** meals at an estimated cost of **\$1.97** per meal, (which does not include the costs of all foods donated.). What began as a response to the pandemic in August 2020 has seen us distribute **21,122** meals since then.



Of course, none of this could be done without the help of our 102+ extraordinary volunteer cooks, bakers, bread runners, servers, and liaisons. Many volunteers are members of St. Thomas Church, but many are not, including: Sun Valley Culinary Institute, Church of the Big Wood, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Sun Valley Community School Parents, Sun Valley Pickleball Alliance, The Righteous Brothers, and Mug Club Monday.

Helping to either cover our expenses or keep them low were our major contributors including The Idaho Foodbank, AA Dairy, Church of the Big Wood, Cold Summit, Grocery Outlet-Hailey, Hangar Bread, The Mason Family, and Sun Valley Culinary Institute.

The success of KCDC from the perspectives of meals served, volunteers and contributors, certainly makes St. Thomas A Village Church For All.



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LECTORS *Heather Black*

The lectors at St. Thomas fill a vital and active role in our service ministry. Each week one reader at the 8 AM service and two readers at the 9:30 service lead us through that week's lessons and prayers. In 2025, we had a number of readers "retire" from participating in this way, so if you've ever thought you might like to engage in our services through reading, please reach out to me, Heather Black (heatherblack24@gmail.com), Kathleen Bean or Jonah Kendall. Training is offered so that you will be well prepared to fulfill the responsibilities of lector and feel confident while doing so. Please consider becoming a lector!

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs - Richard Waycott, Mardi Shepard and Dave Luhr

In November 2024, initial discussions were held with clergy, Mardi Shepard, Dave Luhr, and Richard Waycott to discuss the future of St. Thomas membership. Demographics suggested a need to further strengthen all age groups with a particular emphasis on younger parishioners and newcomers. To discern current attitudes, concerns and aspirations, learning sessions were held in February and March 2025 with a diverse group of congregational members representing most age segments. Based on the information collected from these sessions, it was agreed to establish a permanent committee dedicated to focusing on the future of the congregation. The vestry fully supported this effort.

In October 2025, a 10-member Membership Committee (MC) was formed comprised of a cross section of the congregation. The purpose of this committee is to nurture St. Thomas membership by providing relevant programs and services that serve existing congregants and attract new ones. It is hoped that this programming will contribute to mid- and long-term fiscal sustainability.

The Membership Committee met on October 14th, November 11th, and December 9th. Three initiatives have been launched as an outcome of the committee's initial work: a lecture series, St. Thomas Greeters Group, and support for St. Thomas communications. These initiatives and others will be introduced and further developed in 2026.

MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST *Joel Bejot*

Music Director:

In 2025, I planned roughly 60 services of Eucharist, 5 evensong services, a Fat Tuesday celebration, and several weddings and funerals. I was also the Music Director for the June Company B show. Together with Jonah, we have continued the plan to integrate parishioners' favorite hymns, as well as new hymns-of-the-month into our worship services.

Organist:

As always, I played for all the services of St. Thomas where there was music, except a little vacation. I try to encourage full congregational participation in hymn-singing, and I bring my best to the bench.

Choirs and Other Services:

ST. THOMAS ADULT CHOIR: The Adult Choir sings hymns, anthems, and service music at nearly every 9:30 Sunday service roughly Pentecost - Easter. We love having new folks join us. Check us out!

ST. THOMAS EVENSONG CHOIR: The evensong program at St. Thomas continues. It is a small but loyal bunch of folks that love to sing music from this uniquely Anglican tradition. We are observing unique commemorations this year.

On Feb 15, 5:30, we will be observing Absalom Jones, first African American priest in the Episcopal Church.



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HANDBELL CHOIR: The handbell choir meets regularly throughout the year. They ring in church approximately once a month. Consider coming to ring with us!

CHERUB CHOIR: The Cherub Choir is a lovely group of elementary-aged students. We meet weekly through the academic year, and sing in church about once per month. This past winter, we raised money for choir vestments, and this past fall, we have had a great amount of enthusiasm for this group from the community.

TAIZÉ: The Taizé singers sing every week when the service is in session. Would you like to come sing or play an instrument for this service?

Looking Forward:

I plan to continue to encourage young people to sing with us, and find ways for everyone who wants to participate in our music ministry to find a home there. I'll be re-launching the Music Committee to see if the structure of the music ministry is meeting our current needs, with a special focus on our young people's programs. Consider singing or ringing with us! Thank you for your generosity and support.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES *Kathleen Bean*

The Pastoral Ministries here at St. Thomas include The Pastoral Care Team, The Shawl Ministry, and Eucharistic Visitors. The members of these teams faithfully offered daily prayers, meals, cards and comfort to people suffering from illness, loss of a loved one and other troubles, both within and outside the St. Thomas parish community. Dozens of beautifully knitted shawls were blessed and distributed to grateful recipients. Eucharistic Visitors took communion to a few long-time parishioners unable to get to church. And all these efforts were supported by Sabrina Roblin, who is now working at St. Luke's here in the Wood River Valley as a chaplain, and offers prayers and a listening ear to folks in the hospital. The generosity of spirit and devotion of our pastoral care ministers is inspiring and helps make St. Thomas the loving place that it is.

ST. THOMAS PLAYHOUSE *Sara Gorby and Joanna Sattler*

2025 for Playhouse was a year of "endless joy," to quote one of our two Annies. From the Children's Theater Tour's *Charlotte's Web* to *Annie* for the Family Main Stage in September, Playhouse performers delighted theatergoers of all ages in our Valley. It was also a year of smashing records - we had the highest number of summer campers yet, the largest audience yet, and the most money raised yet at the Girlfriend Luncheon.

In February, Playhouse Girlfriends kickstarted our year in Empire State style, previewing *Annie* and remembering 2024's shows at our annual Girlfriend Cabaret Luncheon. Thanks to our many and unfailingly generous donors, we raised a record-setting \$51,000 for the H. Edward Bilkey Memorial Fund, which supports financial assistance for Company B and SPACC campers, tuition-free programs like the Summer Theater Project, and funding for artists, creative teams and musicians from near and far. We were able to award an unprecedented \$42,810 in scholarships, with a quarter of our campers receiving assistance.

April brought the Children's Theater Tour and *Charlotte's Web*, with its messages of being a good friend, serving others, and seeing beauty in kind actions and a loving heart, rather than appearances. The Tour continues to establish our church as a community center for diverse activities and programs. Every year, many children who watch the performances join us at the church for our summer and winter camps.



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In June and August, children from ages 4 through 13 brought *Disney's Moana, Jr.* and *The Music Man, Jr.* to the Sun Valley Community School stage. With 132 campers, *Moana, Jr.* was empowering, vibrant, and full of energy and light. *Music Man, Jr.* allowed our older actors to flex their acting chops with more challenging material, while also keeping our younger campers engaged in the shorter, more accessible version of the classic musical. Many children were so inspired and excited by their participation in these Company B camps that they joined the Cherub choir.



As part of the tuition-free Summer Theater Project, a talented group of mostly middle schoolers performed the hilarious crowd-pleaser *Monty Python's Spamalot: Young@Part* in July. The cast was guided by high school and college mentors. Older teens and young adults played vital roles in our SPACC and Company B camps as well, with high school students serving as interns and college (and beyond) young people working as teachers and even as part of our creative teams. It is so special to see graduates of Company B camps go on to mentor and lead the new generation of campers!

The Family Main Stage production of *Annie* was a smashing success. Two casts of orphans as well as many adults of all ages performed to a packed house each night. We had multiple generations from the same families, with kids and parents sharing the stage. Audience feedback was universally positive!



November brought our second annual Season Announcement party at our (still fairly new) Lewis Street location, Studio 4. The stoke was high and fun was had by all who attended. We can't wait for 2026!

2025 ended for Playhouse just as it began, full of joy and gratitude. Our Company B Winterized campers performed hit songs from Taylor Swift, Ed Sheeran, and Bob Marley to a packed house. We were once again assisted by a staff of fabulous interns and a creative team full of Playhouse alums. We are grateful for them as well as to so many others who help Playhouse make the magic: our engaged and supportive Committee, dedicated volunteers, and the St. Thomas Church staff, Vestry, and parishioners. Curtain up on our upcoming 25th season!

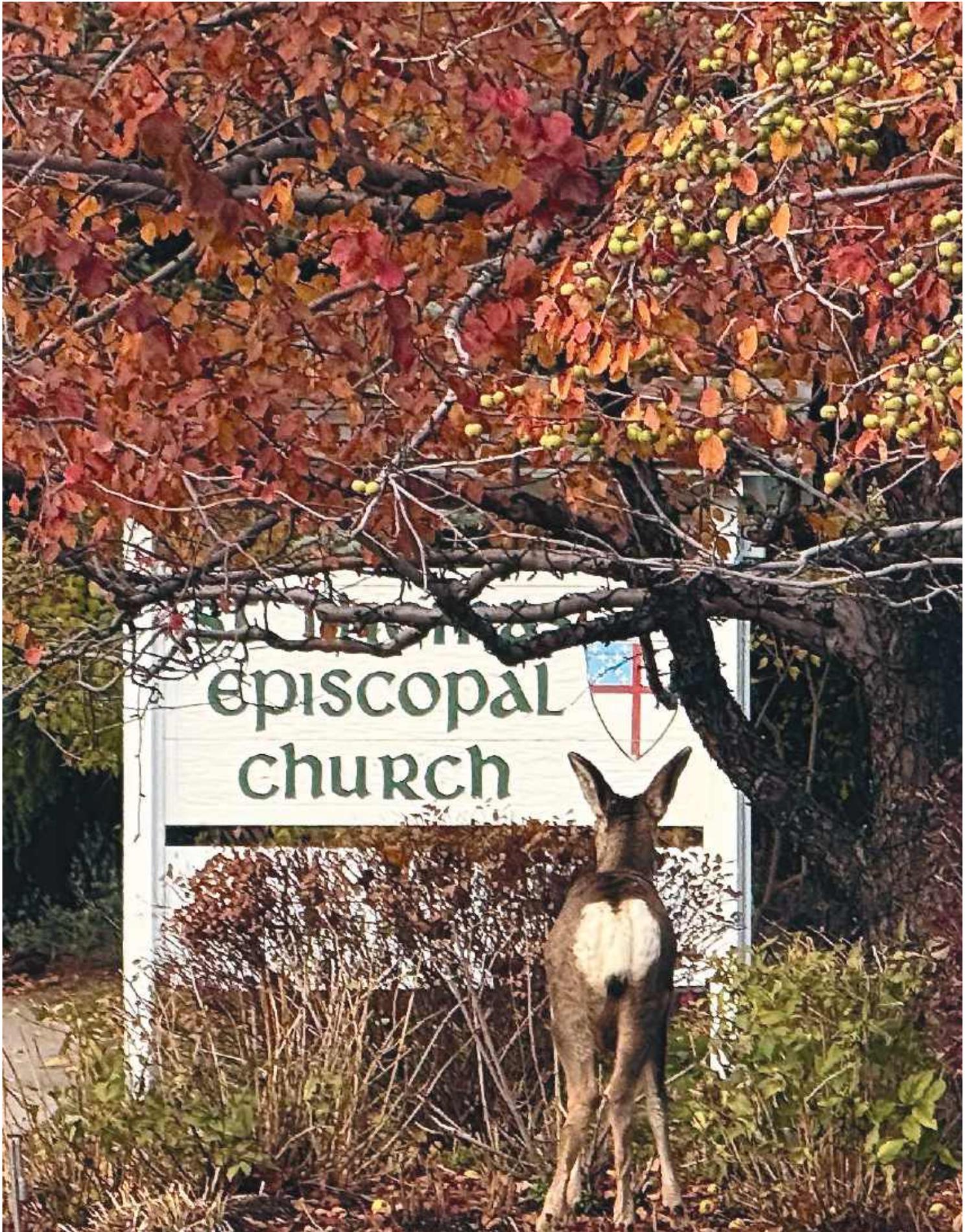
SHAWL COMMITTEE *Pat Jorgensen*

Our shawl ministry has been knitting shawls for St. Thomas Church since the beginning of January 2009. Our shawls are used as gifts to parishioners who are experiencing special needs - including medical procedures, illness, homebound situations, medical recovery, marriage ceremonies, birth of a child, baptism and other needed support.

We meet monthly, and our shawls show God's love and our care. The gratitude of the recipients who receive these shawls is more than one can imagine. We always welcome new knitters, and beginners are welcome. Contact Pat Jorgensen at 208-481-7264 or pj7777@cox.net if any further information is needed.

USHERS *Robert Shuford*

The St. Thomas Usher Team has again been rated Number 1 in the country as the top performing usher team (the committee of one led by me tallied the votes). Current members of the Usher Team are: Karl Uri, Duncan Morton, Clyde Holt, Connie Hoffman, Deborah Scully, Arthur Scully, Walt McKew, Stephen Malkmus, Dave Luhr, John Ashton, Katrina Cord, Jima Rice, Bill Davis and Brad Musbach. Our dedicated and loyal team takes pride with welcoming parishioners and visitors as they enter the church. We also hand out the programs, assist with the collection, count the number in attendance, and count the money at the end of the service. Being an usher is a wonderful and easy way to be part of the service. Your time commitment would be roughly one Sunday every 2 months. We always need more ushers, so please contact Robert Shuford at 404-293-2742 or email at robert@shufordpartners.com





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2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

This past year at St. Thomas was filled with meaningful moments as we walked together through the joys and challenges of life. We welcomed new members into the church through baptism, celebrated love and commitment in marriage, affirmed faith at confirmation, and remembered those who have died. We were especially blessed to have Bishop Jos join us for confirmations on June 8. The lists below reflect these important moments in the life of our congregation over the past year.

BAPTISMS

January 12, 2025	Yonny Brayan Povis
January 12, 2025	Lisha Povis
July 5, 2025	William Taylor Pillsbury
July 15, 2025	Adeline Atkinson
December 14, 2025	Arthur Steven Ransohoff

CONFIRMATIONS

June 8, 2025	Ezekial Edward Koch
June 8, 2025	Elise Aurora Jacobs
June 8, 2025	Aila Quinn Pettit
June 8, 2025	Abbot Miller Greer
June 8, 2025	Telcia Diane Becker
June 8, 2025	Eldon Cornell Richards

MARRIAGES

March 8, 2025	Catherine Schmidt and Aaron Fabish
March 29, 2025	Julia Stoner and Jack Claypool
May 10, 2025	Grace Petro and Colin Waycott
June 13, 2025	Frances McBryde and John Kraynick
July 26, 2025	Alexander Bustillo and Taylor Sheldon
August 2, 2025	Harper Morrison and Curtis Plaskett

BURIALS/MEMORIALS

August 5, 2025	Cornelius "Neal" Ryan	Departed: January 1, 2025
October 25, 2025	William Lander Tooley III	Departed: September 20, 2025
January 4, 2026	Mary Colhoun	Departed: December 8, 2025



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ELLEN SAUNDERS



SUZY ORB



LEEANNE LINDERMAN

GOOD-BYE TO OUR OUTGOING VESTRY MEMBERS

Many thanks to Ellen Sanders, Suzy Orb, and LeeAnne Linderman who have fulfilled their three-year term as vestry members. It has been a pleasure having you on the vestry and each of you played a vital role in shaping the life and ministry of St. Thomas over the past three years.

In her three years on the Vestry, Ellen Sanders served in two different capacities. She was the liaison to our music and worship ministries, as well as the vestry representative to St. Thomas Playhouse for 2 of her 3 years of service. We are grateful for Ellen's love of St. Thomas, the support she provides the youth of our Valley, and for her musical gifts and talents that she so freely share with us.

Suzy Orb was vestry liaison to our pastoral care ministries, as well as a member of the design committee that is currently working with our Architectural Team to develop a schematic design for an improved facility. St. Thomas has benefited from her artistic style and the passion she has for visioning process.

In addition to serving as our Sr. Warden, LeeAnne Linderman was also involved in the finance committee and the leadership team of our visioning process. We are thankful for her knowledge and experience and for the gentle and clear way she exercises her leadership. We are also grateful that she has agreed to continue to Sr. Warden for another year.

2026 DIOCESAN DELEGATION

DIOCESAN CONVENTION DELEGATE CANDIDATES

- Wendy Jacquet
- Mardi Shepard
- Chuck Coiner
- Carolyn Coiner
- Sr. Warden-LeeAnne Linderman
- Jr. Warden-Sylvia Miller

DIOCESAN CONVENTION ALTERNATE DELEGATE CANDIDATES

- Jim Jacquet
- Stefanie Nelson
- Nick Miller
- Richard Waycott

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VESTRY NOMINATIONS



DON LIEBICH

DON is a native of New York and a graduate of the University of Rochester and the Harvard Business School PMD program. He spent his work career with the US Navy Nuclear Submarine service and Sysco Corp. After retiring from Sysco Corp, he engaged in numerous consulting projects in various countries including Russia, Poland, Czech Republic, Ukraine, Indonesia and Venezuela. He has traveled to the Middle East numerous times in the past fifteen years and has been involved with economic development, citizen diplomacy and human rights projects in Jordan, Israel, Palestine, UAE and Iran. Mr. Liebich has conducted seminars and taught courses on Islam, US Middle East foreign policy and Iran. He has written two books on US Middle East policy. Don & his wife Marcia live in Hailey, ID.

LESLIE is grateful for the opportunity to serve the St. Thomas faith community. She wishes to recall for herself the joy of service and to be a part of a community that addresses the needs of its members, as well as the needs of the greater community.

Prior to being confirmed as an Episcopalian in 1993, at St James by the Sea in La Jolla, Leslie's faith background was primarily Lutheran. Her formative years were spent in choir which left an indelible mark for her to always seek worship services where music is special. She was a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on Mercer Island, Wash., for 22 years where she served in many leadership council roles, as well as participation with the choir. She was born and raised in the Imperial Valley of California and her college background includes a BA degree in Communications from Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri where she intended to major in Equestrian Sciences. Leslie's professional and volunteer experiences cover all aspects of nonprofit management. She has been involved with creating, leading, managing and implementing mission, vision and purpose for numerous organizations in a professional capacity as well as board membership.

Leslie and her husband, Geoff, moved to live full-time in Sun Valley in the spring of 2022. They became members of St Thomas at that time and Leslie quickly found her niche in the choir as well as volunteering as Music Librarian for the Music Ministry. Leslie's other volunteer work includes, Wood River Women's Foundation, Advisory Committee of The Space, in Hailey, and a member of Caritas Chorale. She is an avid golfer during the summer months and a certified Ski Instructor during the winter months. When not enjoying the outdoors throughout this majestic valley, she and Geoff enjoy traveling throughout the year and spending time with family - far and wide.



**LESLIE
JIRANEK**

CARTER, a Minnesota native, first visited the Wood River Valley nearly 30 years ago and immediately fell in love with its natural beauty and the distinctive character of Ketchum. After a career in residential and commercial interiors in the Twin Cities, Carter and his husband, Wayne, moved permanently to Ketchum in 2006.

Soon after arriving, Carter became deeply engaged in the local nonprofit community. In 2015, he was named Director of Philanthropy at The Community Library in Ketchum, where he led a successful capital campaign to renovate and renew the Library's 40-year-old building. He also served on the Design Development Task Force for the project. Carter has volunteered at the Sawtooth Botanical Garden and Mountain Humane, and serves on the Ketchum Arts Commission. He holds a B.A. in International Relations from Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota, and is a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE).

In 2009, Carter and Wayne found their spiritual home at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, where they were received into the Episcopal faith, became members of the parish, and were married in 2015. Carter has previously served on the Vestry, attended "Evangelism Bootcamp" at Virginia Theological Seminary, and been a dedicated "utility player," serving as an acolyte, eucharistic minister, and lector. Church and community are core values for Carter. He feels honored and humbled to deepen his service through the Vestry and is eager to help strengthen connections between St. Thomas and the broader community in support of the Church's mission.



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ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION

St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Sun Valley, Idaho

Annual Meeting – Sanctuary • January 26, 2025 - 10:45 a.m.

Jonah called the meeting to order at 10:55 a.m. and offered the opening prayer. Judi Fuller nominated Stefanie Nelson to serve as clerk, and LeeAnne seconded; the motion carried. Jima Rice moved to approve the minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting, and Ruth Jones seconded; the motion carried.

Senior Warden Paul Ahern presented his report and reflected on St. Thomas' strong "collective soul," describing it as bonded by the Holy Spirit and reflected in parish ministries. He noted a desire for more opportunities outside of worship to strengthen community connections and emphasized that future growth will require continued campus development, including improved gathering space and a modern kitchen. Jonah thanked Paul for his faithful service.

Junior Warden Sylvia Miller reported that the roof leaks and needs replacement and reminded the parish that a defibrillator is available at the top of the stairs leading to the boiler room.

Sara Gorby presented the St. Thomas Playhouse (STP) report. Jonah noted STP is an outreach ministry of St. Thomas. Sara reported STP had its most successful year to date, exceeding modest goals and ending the year with an estimated surplus of approximately \$15,000, supported in part by the Root Family Foundation. She noted the church contribution will be \$8,000 rather than \$21,500, and thanked staff and parish leadership for their support. Jonah affirmed the ministry's growth and thanked Sara for her work.

Barbara Dwyer and LeeAnne Linderman presented the annual report and stewardship update under the theme "Walking Together in Love." They reported the campaign goal was to grow participation, with 162 pledging families, including 22 new pledges and 34 increased pledges, with additional pledges still coming in.

Treasurer Tom Benson reported the parish ended 2024 with a surplus due to increased plate offerings, strong unpledged giving, and increased interest income. He provided an update on the capital campaign, noting over \$1,000,000 in cash and additional pledges, and stated no church operating funds have been used to date. He reviewed the 2025 budget, noting staff cost increases and limited discretionary room. After discussion, LeeAnne Linderman moved to approve the 2025 budget, Laurie Ahern seconded, and the motion carried.

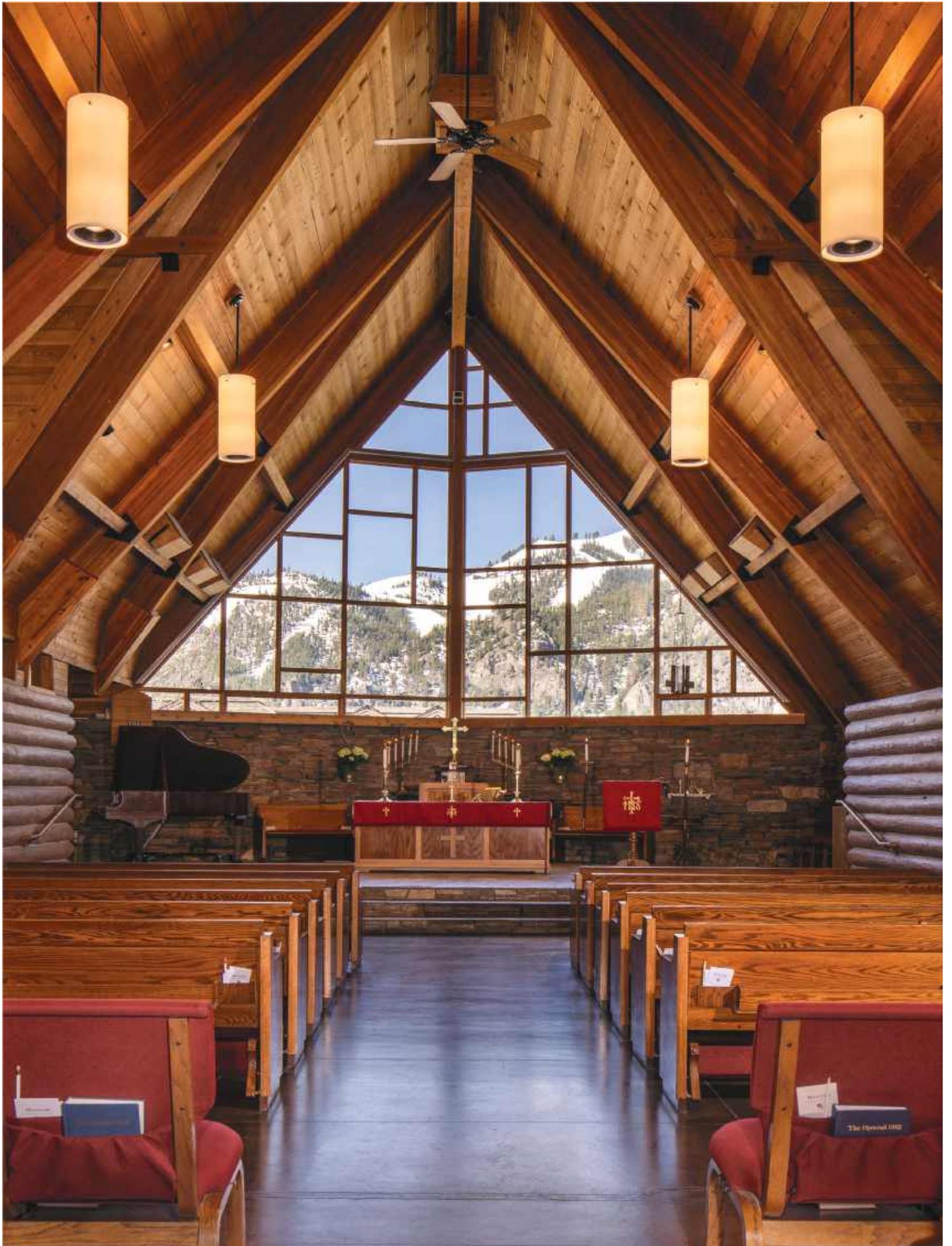
Tom Archie presented the nominating report. The vestry slate of Barbara Dwyer, Robert Shuford, and Richard Waycott was presented with no nominations from the floor; Ellen Sanders moved to elect the slate, Cam Geer seconded, and the motion carried. Diocesan Convention delegates and alternates were presented with no nominations from the floor; Cam moved to approve, Art Dahl seconded, and the motion carried. Jonah thanked the nominating committee for their work.

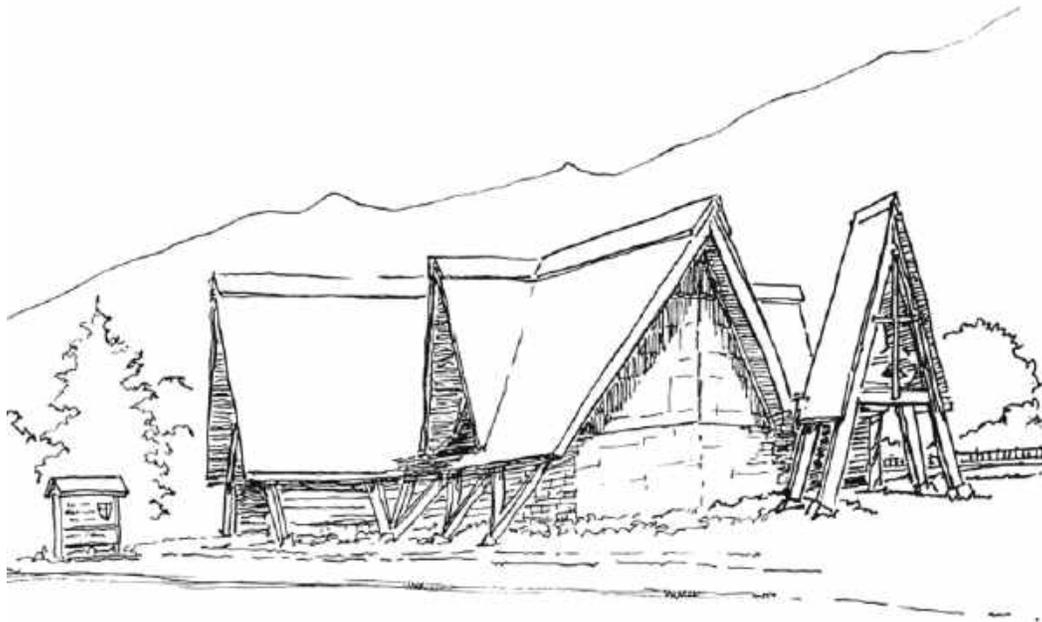
Rebecca Waycott and Dave Lister presented an update on the Visioning Process, noting strong participation, continued listening, and progress with the selected architectural firm), with early schematics expected by spring.

Jonah concluded with remarks about the Rector's Cross, presenting it in absentia to Mary Malkmus.

The meeting concluded with the Doxology, led by Joel Bejot, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:47am.

Respectfully submitted,
Stefanie Nelson, Clerk





Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Jos Tharakan
Rector	The Rev. M. Jonah Kendall
Associate Rector	The Rev. Kathleen Bean
Vestry Officers	LeeAnne Linderman, <i>Senior Warden</i> Sylvia Miller, <i>Junior Warden</i> Tom Benson, <i>Treasurer</i> Stefanie Nelson, <i>Clerk</i>
Additional Vestry Members	Chuck Coiner, Barbara Dwyer, Suzy Orb, Sara Pettit, Ellen Sanders, Robert Shuford, Richard Waycott
Administration	Joel Bejot, <i>Music Director and Organist</i> Stefanie Nelson, <i>Parish Administrator</i> Sara Gorby, <i>Playhouse Artistic Director</i> Brett Moellenberg, <i>Director of Communications</i> Joanna Sattler, <i>Playhouse Director of Finance and Development</i> Mary Jacobs, <i>Sunday School Director</i>

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