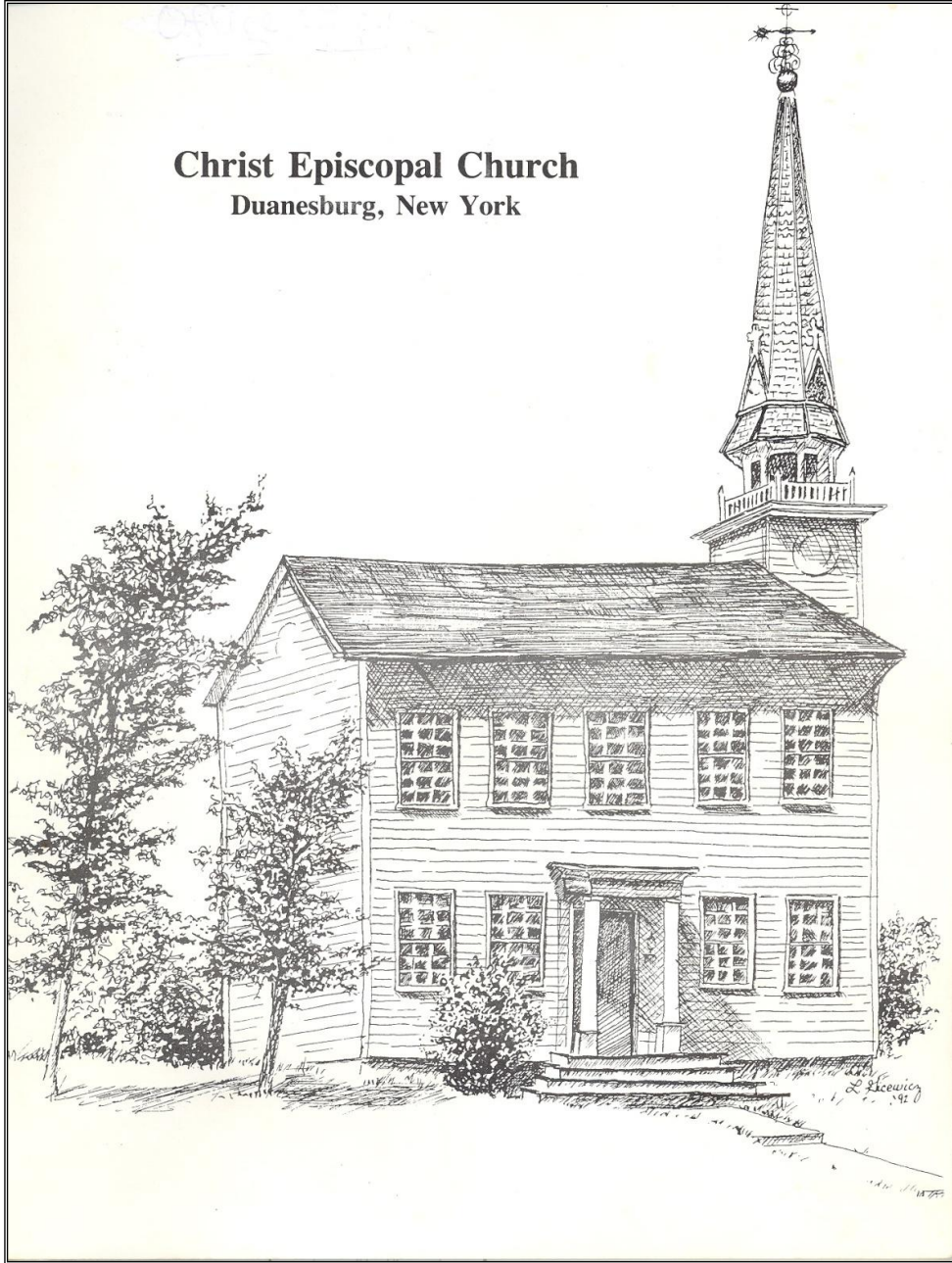


**Christ Episcopal Church**  
Duanesburg, New York



**2026 Annual Meeting  
&  
2025 Annual Reports**

# **CHRIST CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA**

**February 1, 2026**

**Call to Order**

**Opening Prayer**

**Appoint Clerk(s) - Motion**

**Approve the Minutes of the 2025 Annual Meeting - Motion**

**Nominations for Vestry**

Vestry Member - **Motion**

Nora Barker

Clerk to Vestry - **Motion**

Nancy Palluti

Treasurer - **Motion**

Bruce Bonacquist

**Commissioning Vestry Members**

**Reports**

Buildings and Grounds

Ladies Auxiliary

Treasurer

Rector

**Other Business**

**Closing Prayer**

**Adjournment - Motion**

**CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, DUANESBURG**  
**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 26, 2025**

**Call to Order:** At 11:43am Fr. Alistair Morrison called the meeting to order followed by an opening prayer.

**Appoint Clerks:** Fr. Alistair called for a motion to appointment Sandra Weiler and Deacon Debbie Beach as Clerks.

Phil Sayles made the motion to appoint Sandra Weiler and Deacon Debbie Beach as Clerks, with a second by Andrea Salisbury.

**Approve the Minutes from the 2024 Annual Meeting:** As there were no corrections and questions, Fr. Alistair called for a motion to approve the minutes as written.

John Weiler made a motion to accept the Minutes from the 2024 Annual Meeting as written with a second by Heidi Bonacquest. As there was no further discussion a voice vote was taken. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Nominations for Vestry:**

Fr. Alistair thanked Nancy Palluti for serving on the for two consecutive 3-year terms. He also thanked Chris White for accepting the nomination to fill the vacant position, along with those nominated for re-election. As there were no other nominations from the floor, a motion was made.

The slate for Vestry members is as follows:

- Phil Sayles (re-election)
- Judy Breitenstein (re-election)
- Heather MacDougall (re-election)
- Chris White

Kathleen Sweeney made a motion to elect the slate of nominees as written with a second by Nancy Palluti. As there was no further discussion a voice vote was taken. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Wardens:** Fr. Alistair thanked Phil Sayles for his time as Senior Warden and being a “listening ear”. As there were no other nominations from the floor, a motion was made.

The slate of nominees for Wardens is as follows:

- Cindy Creasy (Junior Warden)
- Steve Schrade (Senior Warden)

John Weiler made a motion to elect the slate of nominees as written with a second by Phil Sayles. As there was no further discussion a voice vote was taken. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Clerk to the Vestry:** Fr. Alistair reported Jane Weyers has accepted the nomination for Clerk of the Vestry. As there were no other nominations from the floor, a motion was made.

Nora Barker made a motion to appoint Jane Weyers as Clerk of the Vestry with a second by Jenna Sayles. As there was no further discussion a voice vote was taken. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Treasurer:** Fr. Alistair reported Greg Harkenrider has accepted the nomination as Treasurer. As there were no other nominations from the floor, a motion was made.

Sherry Schrade made a motion to appoint Greg Harkenrider as Treasurer with a second from Jenna Sayles. As there was no further discussion a voice vote was taken. The motion was passed unanimously.

Fr. Alistair then commissioned the Vestry.

**Reports (included in the 2024 Annual Report):**

**Building and Grounds:** Fr. Alistair thanked Judy Breitenstein, Andrea Salisbury and Steve Schrade for the work they have done to maintain the church, parish hall, rectory and grounds.

**Ladies Auxiliary:** Elizabeth Iseman, Treasurer, reviewed her report. She thanked Cindy Creasy, the Rummage Sale Coordinator, for all the work she does. Due to the restoration project the sales may not be held in 2025. The funds raised are used for outreach and Beaver Cross Summer Camp scholarships.

**Treasurer:** Greg Harkenrider provided an overview of the finances. The revenue increased by 5.4% and the expenses increased by 9.3%.

**Rector:** Fr. Alistair reported the 2025 budget plan is developed and voted on by the Vestry each year. He then reported VMJR will be the contractor for the restoration and it is planned we will move into the Parish Hall in March. Steve Schrade, Judy Breitenstein, Andrea Salisbury, Phil Sayles and Fr. Alistair will develop a moving and set up plan. There is a shortfall of about \$100,000 in the restoration fund and will continue to our fundraising efforts.

**Other Business:**

**Foyers:** Heather MacDougall explained what Foyers is and will put out a sign up sheet.

**Closing Prayer:** As there was no other business to be discussed, Fr. Alistair said a closing prayer followed by a request for a motion to adjourn.

Heather MacDougall made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:35pm with a second by Steve Ash. As there was no further discussion a voice vote was taken. The motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Deacon Debbie Beach

Sandra Weiler

Clerks for the Annual Meeting

## **2025 Buildings & Grounds Annual Report**

- ❖ Purchase of calcium chloride for ice management
- ❖ Oversee mowing of church grounds
- ❖ Spring Clean Up, Modified Fall Clean Up
- ❖ Manage winter plowing, sanding & sidewalk shoveling
- ❖ Back field mowed by Steve Ash
- ❖ Lower driveway monitored
- ❖ Heat thermostat management, Church and Parish Hall
- ❖ Annual Town of Duanesburg Fire Inspection
- ❖ Annual inspection and certification of all fire extinguishers in both buildings
- ❖ Rectory inspection, resulting in a new refrigerator being purchased and installed.  
Old one was removed.
- ❖ Tree trimming & removal

Respectfully submitted,

Andi Salisbury, Judith Breitenstein and Steve Schrade

## Ladies Auxiliary 2025 Annual Financial Report

<b><u>Income Total</u></b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b><u>Expenses Total</u></b>	<b>2325.00</b>
Holiday Outreach	1000.00
Samaritan's Purse S&H	250.00
Other outreach	800.00
Beaver Cross camperships	275.00

As you all know, we were unable to have any Rummage Sales this year. Luckily, we had savings from previous years and were able to provide needed outreach. We had a summer outing to Maple on the Lake, where everyone ordered and paid for their own meal and drinks. We also were able to assist with Beaver Cross camper fees for summer camp. Cindy tells me that we will be able to have our usual Rummage Sales this year and get back on track.

Parish and local outreach is our primary goal. Feel free to speak to me or Linda MacDougall about any outreach that you would like us to consider, or any fundraising ideas.

12/31/25 Checking Account Balance:   \$1,144.47  
12/31/24 Savings Account Balance:   \$4,965.22

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elizabeth Iseman, Treasurer

## 2025 Treasurer's Report

<b>Christ Church Episcopal</b>			
<b>Statement of Financial Position</b>			
<b>As of December 31, 2025</b>			
<b>ASSETS</b>			
	Current		
	Bank Accounts		
	10000 Checking		
		10010 Operating Fund	\$6,499.38
		10025 General Outreach	0.00
		<b>Total 10000 Checking</b>	<b>\$6,499.38</b>
		10089 PayPal Account	<b>0.00</b>
		10090 Clergy Discretionary Checking	<b>\$30.15</b>
		10150 Historic Renovation Fund	
		1015001 Historic Renovation Checking	\$707,380.53
		1015002 Historic Renovation CDs	103,509.18
		<b>Total 10150 Historic Renovation Fund</b>	<b>\$810,889.71</b>
		10200 Savings	
		10210 Building & Memorial	
		1021001 Building Other	0.00
		10210005 Memorial Contributions	225.00
		Total 10210 Building & Memorial	225.00
		10215 Long-Term Maintenance	3,645.59
		1021550 Rectory Rent & Security Deposit	19,756.81
		Total 10215 Long-Term Maintenance	23,402.40
		10218 Designated Savings	
		1021812 Education	100.00
		1021830 Nativity Pageant	217.17
		1021850 Outreach	48.68
		1021875 Thayer Sanctuary	3,639.99
		Total 10218 Designated Savings	4,005.84
		10220 Operating Savings	7,468.63
		<b>Total 10200 Savings</b>	<b>\$35,101.87</b>
		<b>10222 Savings Money Mkt</b>	<b>25,763.28</b>
		<b>10223 Rectory CD</b>	<b>26,457.02</b>
		<b>10225 Preservation Trust</b>	<b>694.96</b>
		<b>10230 Youth &amp; Acolyte Savings</b>	<b>951.81</b>
		<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$906,388.18</b>

<b>Christ Church Episcopal</b>			
<b>Statement of Financial Position</b>			
<b>As of December 31, 2025</b>			
	Other Current Assets		
	12700	Undeposited Funds	0.00
	12950	Prepaid Oil	1,398.50
	13000 Investments		
	13001	ADIT	0.00
	13005	Community Loan Fund	10,000.00
	13010	FAM Equity Fund	12,356.39
	13015	FAM Value Fund	171,778.49
	13020	Oakmark Fund	\$66,440.28
	13025	Schwab Cash	18,796.83
	13035	Trustco	18,681.16
	13040	Vanguard 500 - A	40,792.44
	13045	Vanguard 500 - B	25,140.06
	<b>Total 13000 Investments</b>		<b>363,985.65</b>
	<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>		<b>\$365,384.15</b>
	<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>\$1,271,772.33</b>
	Fixed Assets		
	15000 Real Property		
	15010	Church Building	597,300.00
	15020	Parish Hall	233,000.00
	15030	Rectory	143,100.00
	15040	Shed Building	73,400.00
	<b>Total Real Property</b>		<b>\$1,046,800.00</b>
	16000 Furniture, Fixtures, Contents		
	16010	Church Contents	87,603.31
	16020	Parish Hall Contents	34,877.74
	16030	Rectory Contents	5,100.00
	16040	Shed Contents	2,000.00
	<b>Total Furniture, Fixtures, Contents</b>		<b>\$129,581.05</b>
	<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		<b>1,176,381.05</b>
	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>\$2,448,153.38</b>

<b>Christ Church Episcopal</b>			
<b>Statement of Financial Position</b>			
<b>As of December 31, 2025</b>			
Liabilities			
	25000 Security Deposit		1,650.00
	NYS Dept. of Taxation & Finance Payable		0.00
	Out of Scope Agency Payable		0.00
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>\$1,650.00</b>
Equity			
	30000 Opening Balance Equity		0.00
	30500 Net Assets Begin Cal Year		1,702,382.79
	30700 Designated Donation Funds		
	30710 Church Restoration Fund		810,889.71
	30712 Education Fund		100.00
	30715 Memorial Funds Other		225.00
	30730 Nativity Fund		217.17
	30750 Outreach Fund		48.68
	30775 Thayer Sanctuary Fund		3,639.99
	<b>Total 30700 Designated Donation Funds</b>		<b>\$815,120.55</b>
	30900 Clergy Discretionary Funds		30.15
	32000 Restricted Asset		1,398.50
	39000 Current Year Unrealized Gain/Loss - Investment		-100,953.30
	39500 Accumulated Prior Years Unrealized Gain/Loss		76,898.18
	39600 Net Change in Church Ops Svcs		-50,000.00
	Net Revenue Cal YTD		1,626.52
	<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>\$2,446,503.39</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>			<b>\$2,448,153.39</b>

**Christ Church Episcopal  
Statement of Income Expense**

		Jan-Dec 2024	Jan-Dec 2025	Pct. Change
<b>REVENUE</b>				
41700	Offerings, Plate	\$3,057.76	\$3,610.00	
41800	Offerings, Pledges	89,925.63	90,452.13	
43010	Parish Hall Rent	1,425.00	1,385.00	
43020	Rectory Rent	13,800.00	13,798.00	
44000	Interest	17.56	10.92	
45020	Community Loan Fund Interest	175.00	175.48	
45030	CD Interest	2,966.15	2,055.27	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$111,367.10</b>	<b>\$111,486.80</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
<b>OUTLAYS</b>				
60000	Assessment from Diocese	\$10,599.52	\$10,827.58	
60150	Church Maintenance/Rpr	2,415.00	1,463.00	
60155	Parish Hall Maint/Rpr	2,634.20	3,652.84	
60160	Rectory Maint/Rpr	0.00	0.00	
60200	Bldgs - Major Repair	4,707.32	0.00	
60510	Clergy Health Ins & Pension	5,562.60	5,784.48	
60515	Clergy SECA	2,363.85	2,458.40	
60520	Clergy Stipend	30,900.00	32,136.00	
60530	Employment Insurance	220.76	220.64	
60540	Employment Taxes	1,078.65	1,065.46	
60550	Organist Salary	13,200.00	13,728.00	
60570	Clergy Supplies	0.00	0.00	
60575	Travel/Mileage	2,268.36	1,518.01	
60700	Bank Fees	167.28	32.00	
61000	Grounds Maintenance	4,973.63	9,120.00	
62000	Property Liability Insurance	4,842.00	5,046.00	
63000	Liturgical	927.88	1,246.71	
63500	Office Supplies	639.28	549.62	
63600	Clergy Expenses	1,260.00	100.00	
63700	Organist Expenses	900.00	200.00	
64000	Outreach	4,907.35	7,868.54	
64500	Parish Life	864.70	634.18	
64600	Payroll Service Fee	453.73	451.25	
64700	Professional Services	500.00	0.00	
64800	Publicity	178.00	75.00	
64900	Religious Education	570.89	524.00	
65000	Taxes Land and School	159.23	93.77	
65500	Telephone/Internet	1,499.76	1,919.76	
65700	Electricity	1,561.64	2,085.13	
65800	Heating Oil	5,974.65	6,197.25	
66100	Communications Equipment	499.57	49.67	
66200	Equipment - Major Appliances	0.00	812.99	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$106,829.85</b>	<b>\$109,860.28</b>	<b>2.8%</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>				
		<b>\$4,537.25</b>	<b>\$1,626.52</b>	

<b>CALENDAR YEAR-TO-DATE CHANGE IN REVENUE &amp; OUTLAYS</b>			
	Jan-Dec 2024	Jan-Dec 2025	Pct. Change
<b>REVENUE</b>	\$111,367.10	\$111,486.80	0.1%
<b>OUTLAYS</b>	\$106,829.85	\$109,860.28	2.8%
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	\$4,537.25	\$1,626.52	
<b>YTD CHANGE IN ACCOUNT BALANCES</b>			
	<u>12/31/24</u>	<u>12/31/25</u>	<u>Change</u>
<b>Operations CD</b>	\$52,614.68	\$25,763.28	
<b>Operations Checking</b>	\$18,073.03	\$6,499.38	
<b>Long-term Maint CD</b>	\$25,559.00	\$26,457.02	
<b>Operations Savings</b>	\$46,102.71	\$35,101.87	
<b>Subtotal</b>	\$142,349.42	\$93,821.55	-\$48,527.87
<b>Restoration CDs</b>	\$534,758.86	\$103,509.18	
<b>Restoration Checking</b>	\$122,483.07	\$707,380.53	
<b>Subtotal</b>	\$657,241.93	\$810,889.71	\$153,647.78
<b>Acolyte Savings</b>	\$951.57	\$951.81	
<b>Preservation Trust</b>	\$694.72	\$694.96	
<b>Clergy Discretionary</b>	\$26.52	\$30.15	
<b>NBT/Schwab CD Subtot</b>	\$801,264.16	\$906,388.18	\$105,124.02
<b>PayPal</b>	\$3,333.00	\$0.00	-\$3,333.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	\$804,597.16	\$906,388.18	\$101,791.02

	<b>YTD CHANGE IN INVESTMENTS</b>		
	<u>12/31/24</u>	<u>11/30/25</u>	<u>Change</u>
<b>Community Loan Fund</b>	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	
<b>FAM Equity Fund</b>	\$59,861.13	\$12,356.39	
<b>FAM Value Fund</b>	\$163,730.94	\$171,778.49	
<b>Oakmark Fund</b>	\$62,555.86	\$66,440.28	
<b>Schwab Cash/Mny Mkt</b>	\$16,235.57	\$18,796.83	
<b>General Electric</b>	\$18,936.77	\$0.00	
<b>GE Health Care</b>	\$2,900.33	\$0.00	
<b>GE Vernova</b>	\$9,210.04	\$0.00	
<b>Trustco</b>	\$15,056.12	\$18,681.16	
<b>Vanguard 500 - A</b>	\$65,392.77	\$40,792.44	
<b>Vanguard 500 - B</b>	\$40,301.06	\$25,140.06	
<b>WABTEC</b>	\$758.36	\$0.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$464,938.95	\$363,985.65	-21.7%

**CHRIST CHURCH 2026 BUDGET**

<b>REVENUE</b>		Budgeted 2025	Actual 2025	Budgeted 2026
41700	Offerings, Plate	\$3,100	\$3,610	\$3,600
41800	Offerings, Pledges	92,500	90,452	\$90,500
43010	Parish Hall Rent	1,425	1,385	1,385
43020	Rectory Rent	13,800	13,798	\$13,800
44000	Interest	15	11	15
45020	Community Loan Fund Interest	175	175	175
45030	CD Interest	2,660	2,055	1,575
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$113,675</b>	<b>\$111,486</b>	<b>\$111,050</b>
<b>OUTLAYS</b>				
60000	Assessment from Diocese	\$10,850	\$10,828	\$11,504
60150	Church Maintenance/Rpr	3,300	1,463	3,600
60155	Parish Hall Maint/Rpr	3,400	3,653	3,800
60160	Rectory Maint/Rpr	0	0	0
60200	Bldgs - Major Repair	14,000	0	11,000
60510	Clergy Health Ins & Pension	5,785	5,784	6,016
60515	Clergy SECA	2,458	2,458	2,556
60520	Clergy Stipend	32,136	32,136	33,421
60530	Employment Insurance	221	221	221
60540	Employment Taxes	1,119	1,065	1,092
60550	Organist Salary	13,728	13,728	14,277
60570	Clergy Supplies	0	0	0
60575	Travel/Mileage	2,268	1,518	2,100
60700	Bank Fees	167	32	32
61000	Grounds Maintenance	5,100	9,120	5,100
62000	Property Liability Insurance	5,200	5,046	5,300
63000	Liturgical	928	1,247	\$1,250
63500	Office Supplies	250	550	550
63600	Clergy Expenses	400	100	400
63700	Organist Expenses	900	200	0
64000	Outreach	4,900	7,869	4,900
64500	Parish Life	800	634	800
64600	Payroll Service Fee	454	451	451
64700	Professional Services	0	0	0
64800	Publicity	200	75	200
64900	Religious Education	200	524	200
65000	Taxes Land and School	100	94	100
65500	Telephone/Internet	1,500	1,920	1,620
65700	Electricity	1,600	2,085	2,308
65800	Heating Oil	6,200	6,197	6,400
66100	Communications Equipment	0	50	0
66200	Major Appliances	0	813	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$118,165</b>	<b>\$109,861</b>	<b>\$119,200</b>
<b>PROJECTED SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>				<b>(\$8,150)</b>

### OPTIMISTIC RESTORATION BUDGET ESTIMATE

		12/31/2025			
		<u>Actual Life-to-Date</u>	<u>Future Estimate</u>	<u>Total</u>	
<b>REVENUE</b>					
	Donations	\$544,400	\$1,300	\$545,700	
	Grants	143,000	0	143,000	
	Investments/Svgs	400,000	0	400,000	
	Interest	<u>21,200</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>22,200</u>	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,108,600</b>	<b>\$2,300</b>	<b>\$1,110,900</b>	
<b>SPENDING</b>					
	Fund Raise Consult	\$11,420	\$0	\$11,420	
	Administration/Misc	7,700	0	7,700	
	Drainage	12,000	0	12,000	
	Architect	87,700	26,800	114,500	12 percent of Const bid + Chg Orders
	Construction Bid	173,700	685,800	859,500	Full bid amount less ramp savings
	Change Orders	0	94,500	94,500	11 percent of bid amt
	Clerk of Works	1,200	700	1,900	Mileage only
	NASCO	<u>5,100</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,100</u>	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$298,820</b>	<b>\$807,800</b>	<b>\$1,106,620</b>	
<b>SURPLUS</b>				\$4,280	

## 2025 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

				Pct. Change
	2023	2024	2025	2024 to 2025
<b>REVENUE</b>	\$105,708.23	\$111,367.10	\$111,486.80	0.1%
<b>OUTLAYS</b>	\$97,306.28	\$106,829.85	\$109,860.28	2.8%
<b>SURPLUS</b>	\$8,401.95	\$4,537.25	\$1,626.52	

## Rector's 2025 Annual Report

### **Restoration Project**

In April we signed a contract with VMJR Construction for the restoration of the church and work commenced on site in May. Little did we know how much additional rot we would find in the supporting structure. We also did not expect to find asbestos in the window putty, but we kept going. The result is a wonderful testimony not only to everyone who donated to the project, the planning by the architect, the skill of the contractor, but also to God's faithfulness to his church in providing all we needed to carry out the project. I would like to thank all the donors, the Fundraising Committee, the Restoration Building Committee, the Vestry, the architects and contractor for all the hard work they put into making the restoration a success.



### **Gratitude**

At Christ Church we continue to be blessed with a faithful and enthusiastic congregation who work hard, often unnoticed, to ensure God's Kingdom advances and thrives in Duaneburg. There are many people to thank for their time and service over the past year. Deacon Debbie is always first on my list for her dedicated service to us all as she lives out her calling as deacon, and I am again personally thankful for her encouragement and help over the past year.

During the restoration project we spent 32 Sundays in the Parish Hall. It was wonderful to have such a comfortable facility so close at hand for our worship services. With all of the extra work that the move involved I say a big thank you to the Altar Guild for setting up the Eucharist each week. Thanks also to Sharon Mircle for scheduling the acolytes, readers and greeters for our Sunday Services and to Kath Ash for preparing the Weekly Bulletins. Thanks go to Steve Schrade for choosing the hymns we sing each week and to Colleen, our organist, for leading our praise and to the choir who enhanced our worship experience at our Christmas and Easter celebrations. Thank you also to the tellers, acolytes, readers and Coffee Hour providers.

Thank you to Karen Harkenrider for her card writing ministry over the past few years. Karen stepped down at the end of the year, and we are grateful to Sherry Schrade for stepping in to take over this important ministry. Finally, but not least, thanks to Amy Walsh for editing and issuing The Messenger, along with the regular contributors: John, Steve, Camille and Deacon Debbie.

### Parish Life

During 2025 we celebrated three baptisms: Cody Patrick Nilsen, son of Brandon and Stacey, Jackson (Jack) Robert Metch, son of Jake and Mary Kate and Colton Jay Moller, son of Wyatt and Jodi. We also rejoiced on the baptism of Makysm James Breitenstein, son of Carl and Erica, who was baptized at the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Watervilet. The Women’s Bible Study Group continued to grow in strength under the guidance and leadership of Heidi and Nancy. We held Mid-week Communion Services with lunch in April, July and November, and 30 members of the parish went Caroling in December to Judson Meadows Assisted Living Community. Sadly, during the year we lost Dorothy Smith who passed away in July.

### Congregational Events

Notable congregational events that happened during the year included the following:

- Epiphany Pageant (January)
- Twelfth Night Gathering (January)
- Volunteering at the Regional Food Bank (January, May & August)
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (February)
- Raising the Crosses on Good Friday (April)
- Morning of Prayer (April)
- Restoration Project starts (May)
- Parish Picnic (June)
- Floating Classroom Trip to Lake George (July)
- Ladies Luncheon at Maple on the Lake (August)
- Restoration Runners at the first Annual Carlisle Color Run (August)
- Blessings of the Animals (October)
- Holy Hike, Vroman’s Nose (October)
- Operation Christmas Child (November)
- We return to Church (December)
- Food Drive to support Our Lady of Fatima Food Pantry (December)
- David, The Movie (December)
- Christmas Caroling at Judson Meadows Assisted Living Community, Glenville (December)
- Lessons and Carols (December)



Restoration Runners

Thank you to everyone who helped with the organization of our social and outreach events.

## **Organizations**

Joyful Journey (Sunday School) and the work among the young people continued during the year. As well as Bible lessons the young people and their families went on scientific boat rides, hikes and made crafts in the Parish Hall. I am thankful for the continued commitment of Heather and Nora and Deacon Debbie for their work with Joyful Journey, and to John and Sandra for their help with young people.

Due to the restoration work being carried out on the church it was not possible to hold the Ladies Auxiliary biannual Rummage Sales. We look forward to them returning in 2026. A big thank you goes to the Ladies Auxiliary who continue to sponsor Beaver Cross scholarships and give generously to the outreach of the church.

## **Vestry**

We are blessed at Christ Church to have a committed and unified Vestry. Thank you to the members who served on the various committees, in particular the Buildings and Grounds Committee as it continued to maintain and care for the property. Over the past year I have appreciated the support and advice of both Senior and Junior Wardens, Steve Schrade and Cindy Creasy. Thanks also to Nancy Palluti, Secretary to Vestry, for faithfully taking the minutes of the monthly meetings. Finally, thank you to Greg Harkenrider for his admirable work as church treasurer over the past two years. Greg is stepping down as treasurer and will be greatly missed.

## **Postulants to the Sacred Orders of Deacons**

During the year both John Weiler and Heidi Bonacquist were accepted as postulants to Holy Orders. They have started deacon school, and if all goes according to plan, they will be ordained in 2027. We continue to pray for God's guidance and blessing on John and Heidi as they pursue their callings.

## **Looking Forward**

We have, with God's help, accomplished much in 2025, but we also look forward with anticipation to 2026. Bishop Jeremiah will be visiting us in March; we are holding a Celebration Weekend on May 16-17, which will include an open house on the Saturday, and a Historic Re-enactment Service on the Sunday; this year we will be hosting the Baccalaureate Service; and there is the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Three of our parishioners are planning to go on Medical Mission trips in 2026, Kath Ash and Carol Gregg are heading to the Dominican Republic in February and April Kosier is going to Kenya later in the year.

We have much at Christ Church to be thankful for!

Blessings,

Fr. Alistair  
January 2026