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# ANNUAL REPORT 2024



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## Statistics

*Average Sunday Attendance*

**60**

(57 IN 2023)

*Easter*

**105**

(101 IN 2023)

*Christmas*

**112**

(74 IN 2023)

## VESTRY & OFFICERS

Bill Carle, Senior Warden  
 Rich Conn, Junior Warden  
 Jim Gilligan, Treasurer  
 Elaine Marshall, Secretary

Gabe Conn  
 Tim Culver  
 David Henson  
 Mary Liddle  
 Jan Pahlas  
 Lane Vermillion

## CLERGY

The Rev. Jonathan W. Galles  
 Rector

## STAFF

Vaughn Scarcliff  
 Organist and Choirmaster

# ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

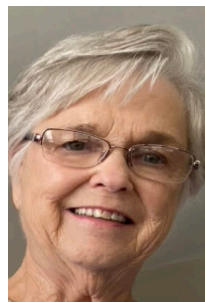
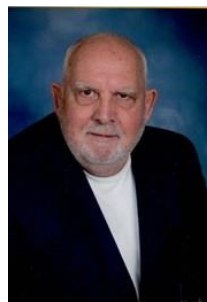
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1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Appointment of Clerk
4. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held February 4, 2024
5. Necrology
6. Election of Vestry members
7. Election of Deanery representatives and delegates to the DWMO Diocesan Convention
8. Rector Report
9. Warden Reports
10. Committee Reports
11. 2025 Stewardship Campaign Report
12. Financial Reports
13. Approval of the 2025 Budget
14. Other Business
15. Adjournment

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## In Memoriam

DONALD G. DRIVER  
ERNEST J. GERLACH  
ROBERT LEROY HATFIELD  
MARJORIE SUZANNE JOHNSON  
JUNE ANNETTE OLSEN  
JUDITH RAMIREZ



**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THEIR SOULS AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE. AMEN.**

# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

## HELD FEBRUARY 4, 2024

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The meeting was called to order by Senior Warden Bill Carle at 11:00 am. Fr. Jonathan Galles, Rector, opened the meeting with a prayer. A quorum, in accordance with the church by-laws (at least one-fourth of the Average Sunday Attendance recorded in the Parochial Report filed for the most recently filed calendar year) was certified. Elaine Marshall was elected Clerk for the meeting.

The minutes from the Annual Meeting held on February 5, 2023, contained in the Annual Report were approved by voice vote following a motion duly made and seconded.

Bill Carle remembered the faithfully departed: Michelle Leitner, Joan Short, Gus Sifuentes, Jr. and Frances Keenon Roser Smither. This was followed by a prayer led by Fr. Jonathan.

Bill Carle announced that Jan Pahlas, Joe Owen and Diane Gerlach are retiring as members of the Vestry. Jan Pahlas and Joe Owen have agreed to serve another term and they, along with Lane Vermillion, were elected to the Vestry by a voice vote following a motion duly made and seconded.

The election of Delegates to the Diocesan Convention and Deanery meetings was the next order of business. Fr. Galles is automatically a delegate, Bill Carle and Jim Gilligan agreed to be delegates, with John Biggs as an alternate. Bill reminded everyone that all meetings are open.

Bill Carle recognized the Vestry, both old and new, and the Convention and Deanery delegates and thanked them for their service. He also thanked Fr. Doug Johnson and Sue, for their faithful service over the last year. He

also thanked the Search Committee for their service during the search for a new rector.

Reports from the Rector, Senior Warden and Junior Warden are included in the Annual Report.

Junior Warden Joe Owen thanked the Parking Lot Angels for the money they have earned as those funds have paid for a lot of the work which has been done over the last year. He announced that the contract with Longbow Construction has been terminated, and we are looking for another company to complete the narthex project. He reminded everyone about the upcoming Dinner Theater events in April, June and September. He announced John Biggs is looking into dates and prices for Monarch and Mavericks games.

Bill Carle recognized all the members whose committee reports are included in the Annual Report.

Treasurer Jim Gilligan reported that the Stewardship Campaign for 2024 resulted in 47 pledging totaling \$172,296.00, and that our financial position is strong. The 2024 budget was approved by voice vote.

There being no further business, Fr. Jonathan offered a closing prayer and the Annual Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

***Elaine Marshall***  
**Secretary**

# RECTOR REPORT

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This last year was my first full year here at Resurrection. Looking back on it, I am so profoundly grateful for each and every one of you. We worshiped. We served. We sought to be disciples. We do the work of Christ.

As this last year began, my main priorities were threefold. First, I wanted to better get to know the congregation. Second, I wanted people to feel pastorally taken care of, and third, I wanted to make sure people were getting opportunities to grow in their faith at Resurrection. To put it another way, I sought to build relationships, care, and depth within our community. Broadly speaking, I believe we have done that.

The thing about the Rector's Report for the Annual Meeting is that it is not really about where we've been - instead it is about where we are going. So where is Resurrection going as a community of faith?

To guide us in this, I'd like us to look to Jesus our example of who we are called to be. Let us consider the three biggest moments from the life of Jesus as it they shaped the church. They are the formal start of Jesus' ministry, the Last Supper, and the Ascension.

As I spoke of in church last week, Jesus' ministry is generally agreed to have begun with his reading of the scroll of Isaiah in Nazareth as seen in Matthew 4:16-20.

"When (Jesus) came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up, He went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was His custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to Him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."



And He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. Then He began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

This passage is often viewed as the summation of Jesus' earthly ministry, proclaiming the year of the Lord's favor. This is the genesis of all Christian outreach and care. As a church, we are called to ask "are we following Jesus in this regard?"

Here at Resurrection, I think we generally are, and I want to give sincere thanks to everyone who serves in our outreach ministries.

The next key moment from Jesus' life comes from the Last Supper, where Christ established the Eucharist, and set the requirement that we continue in the sacrament until his return. He also gave his disciples a new command in John 13:34-35. "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will

know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

In the Last Supper, Jesus establishes the norm of Eucharist and worship, which all that we do revolves around. He also commanded his disciples to love one another. Does Resurrection follow these commands of our Lord to worship and abide in mutual love? While there is always room for growth and improvement, I believe we do.

The final key moment I wish to draw your attention to is Acts 1:8. The last earthly words of Jesus to his disciples were “you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Jesus calls his followers to be witnesses of him, spreading their witness to all the earth. This is the birth of our call to evangelism.

All three of these moments place requirements on the church and each of us as members of this body. The requirement to serve the vulnerable. The requirements of worship, sacrament, and love. The requirement of evangelism. When I reflect on these key aspects of what it means to be church, I am very proud of us as a group. This is a wonderful community. However, when I ask, “where do we go from here?” the answer must be evangelism.

Evangelism makes many in our tradition uncomfortable. We are often very private, and the idea of sharing our faith makes us think of televangelists or people shouting on street corners waving pamphlets at people. That is not us. And that is not what I am calling you to do! But evangelism is not something we can just ignore. There are some hard truths about evangelism we need to face.

First, we are called to evangelism. It is a command of Christ given to his disciples in Acts and one that applies to us as followers today. It is not optional. We are called to be able to share and explain the faith that we have - that God’s love, forgiveness, and salvation

may be known by all.

Second, evangelism is a call not to just maintain the status quo. The philosopher Heraclitus said, “you cannot stand in the same river twice.” Choices of status quo are really illusions. There is no status quo. Our lives are constantly moving along like a river, a thought I think of regularly as I see my daughter grow. To not evangelize is not a choice to stay the same, it is a choice to shrink. While many churches that evangelize are also declining, churches that evangelize generally decline at much slower rates than those who do not. If we want to have people, we need to seek people.

Third, I could be the best priest in the world (I’m not), and my evangelism would have far less potential to grow the church than you. You are the primarily evangelists of the church, and the best evangelism is always relational. This sets the arc of the journey I want us to explore together in the year ahead.

Let us start thinking about what evangelism could look like at Resurrection and in each of our own lives. Why do you go to church? What would you say if asked? Who can you talk to? What could we try? These are the questions I want us to explore together this next year.

This is a wonderful, stable, and peaceful congregation. I may have only been here a little while, but I love all of you deeply. This is a town with a church on many of our street corners. I think we are a hidden gem of this town. I think we can be a spiritual safe harbor for people in turbulent times no matter who they are, and that is a very rare thing. I think there are many people who would find a loving spiritual home here if we could connect with them. That is our work for the year ahead, to begin seeking how we can do that. I can’t promise what that journey will look like or what will come of it, but it is a journey we are called to. We’ll do it together, with God’s help.

***Fr. Jonathan Wesley Galles +***

# SENIOR WARDEN REPORT

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Resurrection had much to celebrate during 2024. Fr. Jonathan Galles spent his first full calendar year with Resurrection. Indoor and outdoor improvements continued at a slow-but-steady pace and our church was blessed with many hard-working volunteers in all walks of parish life.

Construction of our expanded narthex and improved east-entrance continued with a “two steps forward and one step back” pace in 2024. However, the wheelchair lift was installed and the east ramp was rebuilt in the fall. New flooring and lighting added to improved appearance. Please see Jr. Warden Rich Conn's report. Resurrection owes a great debt to Rich along with Les Woodward and their volunteers for their hard work, time and many accomplishments this year.

At our February 4, 2024, Annual Meeting, Lane Vermillion was newly elected to the Vestry while Jan Pahlas and Joe Owen were elected to serve additional 3-year terms. Vestry members completing their 3-year terms in January 2025, include Mary Liddle, Gabe Conn and David Henson. Returning members include Tim Culver, Jim Gilligan and Bill Carle. Rich Conn was elected by the Vestry to serve the remainder of Joe Owens' term when Joe needed to step aside. Rich also agreed to serve as our Jr. Warden. Tim and Kim Culver moved to eastern Missouri in the Fall; Tim's vestry position will be filled at the February 2025 elections. Monthly Vestry meetings were attended both in-person and via Zoom software. Elaine Marshall again served Resurrection in her role as Secretary of the Vestry during 2024.

The 2024 Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of West Missouri was held November 8 and 9. Fr. Jonathan Galles, Bill Carle and Jim Gilligan were Resurrection's delegates. The Convention elected The Very Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux to be the next bishop of DWMO.

Parishioners were saddened to hold funerals in 2024 for beloved members Sue Johnson, Ernie Gerlach, and Judy Ramirez.

Resurrection's finances remained strong in 2024 as parishioners stayed current with their annual pledges and Capital Campaign commitments. Your vestry is thankful for the trust and support of our parish family.

In closing, I would like to express my deep gratitude to Jim Gilligan who, in addition to his duties as parish Treasurer, serves as our communications lead by updating our church website and creating and emailing our weekly newsletter to all parishioners.

Please read the following committee reports for a full description of our ministries and feel free to join in the fun!

*Bill Carle*



# JUNIOR WARDEN REPORT

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The Jr. Warden is often times called the "peoples Warden". This means that I am accessible to the parish and deal with matters concerning the Buildings and Grounds of the church and the Safety and Security of these components. Rest assured, I am willing to listen to your suggestions and will attempt to address each situation as it presents itself.

The duties of the Jr. Warden can be distilled into an action plan with 5 distinct points. First- Obtain the type of circumstance that need to be focused upon and it's implications. Second- Notify the Buildings and Grounds Committee that a request has been made and discuss, if necessary, after assessing the situation. Third- Determine the extent of the problem/ improvement and estimate time and expense to fulfill the activity. Fourth- Visit with the Sr. Warden and if required the Vestry and Rector to obtain necessary acceptance of plan and authorization for implementation. Fifth- Determine who will be involved in completing the work. Supervise and assist in completion of the project. As you might expect some things can be dealt with very expeditiously and others may require a lengthy process. With that in mind please be patient with the progress as it might appear to be slow in completing the suggested project.

The past year has presented a variety of issues for the church to deal with. Obviously the biggest concern is the completion of the Narthex expansion and installation of the lift to facilitate movement between floors for those with mobility issues. After a slow start fraught with many problems light is appearing. The lift has been installed and ready for operation. Certification for authorization to operate was obtained on December 19. The railings and electrical work should be completed soon. The walls and associated areas have been repaired and painted. New flooring has been installed. Exterior repair and window sealing await the attention of a trim carpenter who will be

scheduled in the near future. The concrete ramp to the lower level has been repoured. Due to settling issues the outside ramp to the main entrance has been addressed to provide a smooth and safe path to the doors. Lighting has been altered and improved throughout the church, yielding a more uniform and safe illumination of the various locales of the church. Correction of furnace issues has been addressed. A Fire Marshal's inspection has been completed and it has been determined we have a safe and secure structure. Work continues concerning the installation of security cameras, alarms and lights resulting in a very dependable notification system, thus providing a safe and welcoming environment for the people of Resurrection and our visitors. Grading and seeding of the North expanse of the church grounds and improve the diversion of water around the building to prevent leakage problems is in process.

New projects are unfolding as the days progress. These include, and are not limited to the following. Create and install a new parish notification center located in the Narthex of the church. Improve exterior grounds providing a pleasant and welcoming display for the parishioners and visitors. Duct cleaning to remove construction detritus and pest control measures are anticipated. Installation of a handicapped entryway and safety mats beside the ramp to the lower level. As always feedback is welcome for new ideas concerning the parish and it's grounds.

I want to thank the parish and the Vestry for the appointment to the position of Junior Warden. Also a big thank you to those who assist in completing the many tasks that present themselves toward making this place a worthy place to glorify our Lord and meet the needs of the people of Blue Springs.

*Rich Conn*



# COMMITTEE REPORTS

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## Acolytes

The acolyte ministry at Resurrection is a voluntary program to be involved in the worship service by assisting clergy during Holy Eucharist and other services.

The acolyte team is small but mighty. The team gained 2 new acolytes, James Duell and Bill Noone, however, lost 2 members this year.

The current active participants are Marie, Abbie, James, and Bill. The acolyte team is always looking for individuals to be a part of our worship service. If interested, please contact Lisa Still (Twitty) for more information.

*Lisa Still (Twitty)*

## Altar Guild

The Resurrection Altar Guild is a group of people who prepare the Altar area for Church including Sunday Services, Weddings, and Funerals. They arrange the Altar vestments in appropriate colors of the season, set up communion vessels and keep supplies filled. There is one member dedicated to laundering the linens.

Jan, Janet, Janeece, Judi, Kitty, Paula, Elaine, Diane and Gabe are dedicated to this ministry. They work with partners and have an instruction manual to help with set-up. They work closely with Father Jonathan.

This group needs more members, including men. Anyone of the group would like to show you around and explain what we do. Please contact any of our members for information.

*Gabe Conn*

## Best Choice® Labels

Best Choice® labels collected and redeemed in 2024 earned Resurrection \$60. Thanks to all who clipped and saved the bar code portion of the labels. Every little bit counts.

*Joyce Biggs*

## Book Club

We meet on the fourth Monday of every month. Currently Debbie Carle, Diane Gerlach, Maura Zumwalt and I are the members --- but there's plenty of room for others to join us. We seek a wide variety of topics for the books we read.

The *Personal Librarian* shared the true story of a black lady who, while passing as white, became the librarian for J.P. Morgan. She was the lead person in helping him secure some of the rarest of

books, including many first editions. Often she traveled internationally to accomplish this -- quite an amazing achievement for a woman of that era, much less a black woman.

We learned that when someone thinks they are a complete failure in their chosen career, going back home can provide new challenges which bring forth previously unknown skills as in *Esmerelda Cahill Fails Spectacularly!*

*Stitches in Time* took us into a world of a hex being put on an heirloom quilt. We even spent time in Egypt during a tomb excavation and Christmas in Victorian England.

We read the book *Killers of the Flower Moon* which is a true story upon which a recent movie was based. It's about a sad period of time when the rights of Native Americans in Oklahoma were being terribly abused. It included the development of the FBI to try to stop what was going on.

We welcome any of you who enjoy reading books! We also welcome any recommendations you might have for future books.

**Elaine Marshall**

# Columbarium and Memorial Garden

The Vestry-authorized Columbarium Board consists of five members of the Church. The Senior Warden serves as Chair of the Board while the Rector serves on the Board and appoints the remaining three members (each serving a three-year term). Current members include Fr. Jonathan Galles, Sr Warden Bill Carle, Mary Liddle (term through January 2028), Elaine Gilligan (through January 2026) and John Biggs (through January 2027). Board members held their mandatory annual meeting on November 20, 2024.

The purchase of a Right to Inurnment in the columbarium is priced at \$1,500. It is important to note that all funds received from the sale of Rights to Inurnment are separately accounted for and maintained as a restricted account for Columbarium purposes. Twenty-six of the forty niches have been reserved as of the end of 2024. Parishioners interested in the purchase of a Right to Inurnment should speak with a Board Member.

In 2024, Resurrection held services of inurnment for Sue Johnson, Ernie Gerlach and Judy Ramirez.

The Board also oversees the parish outdoor Memorial Garden. A \$350 Interment Fee includes a memorial service for the in-ground burial of cremains, an engraved nameplate on the Memorial Plaque and maintenance as long as the Memorial Garden exists. Resurrection held no services for the burial of ashes in 2024.

**Bill Carle**

	<b>Columbarium Fund</b>	<b>Memorial Garden Fund</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	\$7,550.00	\$0.00
<b>Expenses</b>	\$686.63	\$0.00
<b>Balance 12/31/2024</b>	<b>\$32,379.30</b>	<b>\$618.00</b>

# Communications

The primary means of communicating with Resurrection’s parishioners and friends is through our website and weekly e-mail.

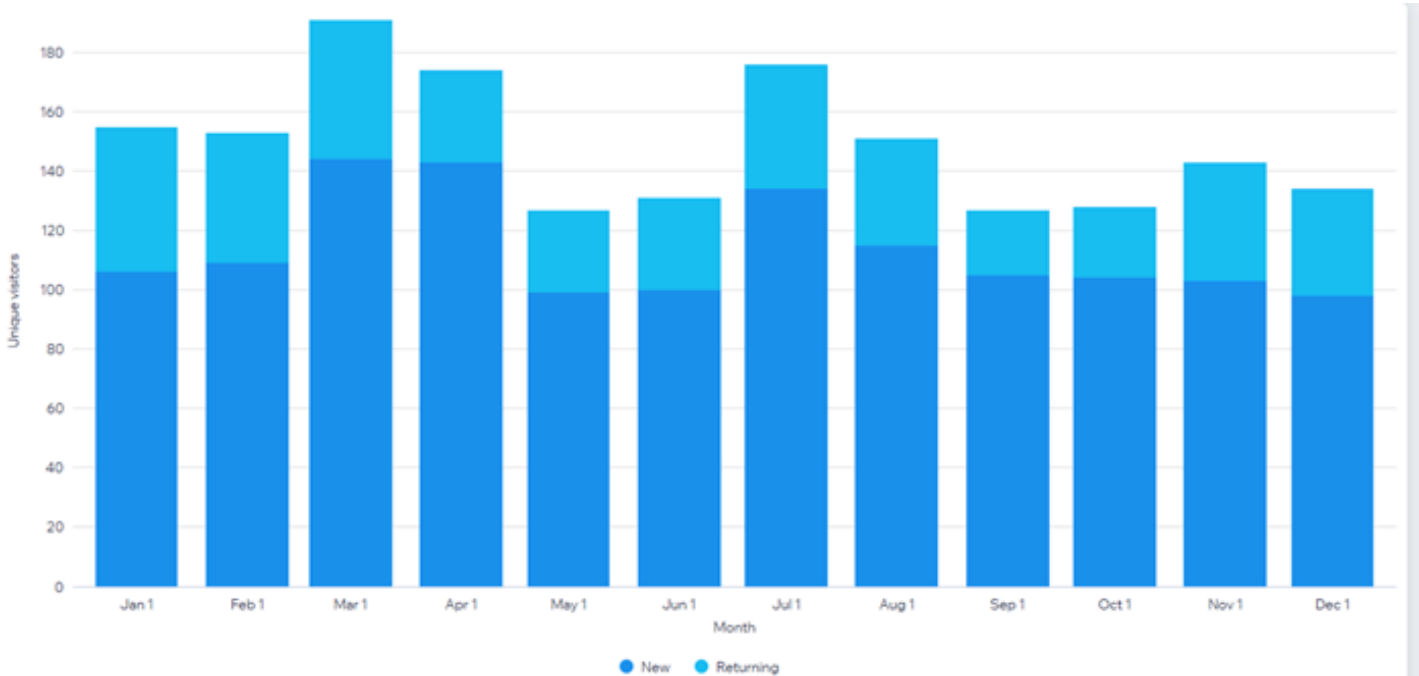
Every week we send an e-mail that details our Sunday services and provides links to the liturgical readings and service bulletin. The e-mail also provides notices and information on current events and programs.

Our website ([www.episcopal-bluesprings.org](http://www.episcopal-bluesprings.org)) is also updated weekly on the home page for upcoming service times and announcements. The website contains a wealth of information including an archive of weekly e-mails, Vestry meeting minutes, financial reports, and the parish calendar. You can also access videos of prior church services. We are planning a refresh to our website in 2025.

Resurrection also maintains a FaceBook page where visitors can quickly view videos of our Sunday 10:30 am service plus see pictures, postings and news. Thanks to Lisa Twitty and Elaine Gilligan for their work to keep our FaceBook page updated!

*Jim Gilligan*

**Number of Unique Visitors each month to Resurrection’s Website in 2024**



# Daughters of the King

Daughters of the King is celebrating the 140th anniversary of its founding by the wife of an Episcopal priest in 1885 in an effort to develop a deeper, more passionate relationship with Christ and His Church. All women confirmed in the Episcopal church can become members. Daughters are united in their call for intercessory prayer, evangelism and service to their rector and parishioners.

We meet on the third Saturday of the month at 10:00 am in the DOK room. We discuss the prayer needs of each Daughter and those for whom she's praying and what services might be needed by our church. We recently did a study on the use of a rosary (yes, there is an Episcopal rosary) and made finger rosaries to lead us through prayers.

Each year we stuff Christmas stockings for the children in the Back Snack program with a cap, gloves, candy, popcorn, hot cocoa mix and a toy. This year we added Easter bags for the kids.

As we have done for several years, we adopted a family from Hillcrest Ministries and provided each family member with their Wish List. This year our family was a mother with two teenaged boys.

To be of service to the Community Services League in their work of supplying food to folks in need, we did a REVERSE Advent Calendar. Reverse means that instead of "getting" something on each day of Advent, we set aside a food item. We had a list of a specific food item for each day. We're gathering those bags now and will be delivering them to CSL to help restock their shelves after the holidays.

Please feel free to speak to any Daughter: Judy Farnsworth, Dixie Flaigle, Diane Gerlach, Beth Henson, Marilyn Owen, Jan Pahlas, Idida Perez, Joan Spease, Brenda Sprofera, Paula White, or me when you have a prayer request for yourself, a family member or friends. Judi Bumpas and Terri Mainard are currently in discernment and will be installed soon. We're always happy to talk about what being a Daughter means to us and could mean to you.

*Elaine Marshall*

# Garden Angels

The Garden Angels are people who don't mind getting their hands dirty. They maintain the gardens around the church. From cleaning the gardens in the spring to watering during the hot weather and prepping for winter. We have a fun and energetic group including Rich and Gabe, Joaquin, Bob and Brenda, Janeece and Alex and Randy.

You will notice we try to plant perennials that are easy to care for, but we also plant flowering annuals from Easter on to add pops of color. We plan to build gardens around the new construction site by putting in hostas and shrubs in front of the windows. It's mostly shade back there. If anyone has suggestions, please let me know.

We can always use people who want to get outside and have fun with your fellow parishioners. Please contact anyone of the group.

*Gabe Conn*

# Greeters and Ushers

Ushers and Greeters are dedicated parishioners who are often the first persons to greet visitors, newcomers and regular parishioners when coming to The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection. Ushers strive to provide a friendly welcome to all entering our church to attend services. Ushers also answer questions, encourage visitors to sign the guest book, distribute worship leaflets, provide a head count of the congregation, bring the sacraments up to the altar, collect the offering, usher parishioners to Holy Communion and tidy the church after the service has ended. Being an usher is not just a meaningful ministry but a wonderful way to meet other parishioners.

The 8:00 a.m. ushers are Bruce Lindemann and Janet Woodward. Our 10:30 a.m. usher group is manned by Jim & Elaine Gilligan, Diane Gerlach, Joe & Marilyn Owen, Brenda Sprofera, Bill Noone, Tom Hinsdale, Lane Vermillion and John & Joyce Biggs.

We would welcome additional members, so if you might have any interest in joining our group. please notify any of the current ushers.

*John Biggs*

# Hospitality

Everyone in the church is welcome to be part of the Hospitality Committee. There are currently fourteen on the Committee, but there's always room for more. In 2024 we hosted a reception after the baptism of Dixie & Steve Flaigle's great-granddaughter; later we prepared receptions for the funerals of Sue Johnson, Ernie Gerlach and Judy Ramirez. Each year we organize a potluck luncheon after the Annual Meeting and host a luncheon following the Bishop's visitation. We also prepare a Lenten dinner for the Blue Springs community as part of our participation in the Blue Springs Ecumenical Lenten services.

*Diane Gerlach and Elaine Marshall*

# Music

The choir of Resurrection leads the congregation in song and liturgy. The choir returned in September with the addition of two singers. One singer who had sung with us before returned to fill an empty position in the soprano section and one singer was added to the bass section of the choir.

The singers who provide voice in our services are Annie Kuzma, Nicole Burkhart, Megan Darley, Darius Sparks, Jude Harb, Roger McDougale, Russell Joy, Gabe and Rich Conn. Also, it is appropriate to mention that our singers are comprised of singers and graduates from the Conservatory of Music UMKC. In addition to singers from UMKC, our choir includes singers that sing with the Kansas City Symphony Chorus. Rounding out the composition of our choir singers are Gabe and Rich Conn. Gabe and Rich have been singing in the choir for over 25 years and are very dedicated singers.

Our choir is not an elite group of singers. You are cordially invited to come and sing in our church choir. We have rehearsal after the 10:30 service on Sundays. There is no weekday practice.

*Vaughn Scarcliff*

# Outreach

Committee Members: Father Jonathan, Pat Carle, Ina Lewis, Brenda and Bob Holbrook, Rich and Gabe Conn, Beth and David Henson, Beverly Hudson, Mary Liddle, Janeece Buckner, Marie Weisbach, Idida and Joaquin Perez.

Necessity Pantry – The pantry continues to serve many in need. The toiletries pantry continues during these times in partnership with Independence Community Services League food pantry. We collect toiletries the third Sunday of each month. Our contributions also help to provide basic necessities to those in need. Marie Weisbach delivers our contributions to the pantry each month and also helps St. Michaels with distribution.

Back Snack – Our Back Snack angels have done an excellent job continuing with this much needed ministry. Currently, we are serving 10 children at Thomas Ultican Elementary on a weekly basis. Many thanks to all those who make this ministry happen. There is someone helping with this ministry Monday through Friday. Special thanks to our Daughters of the King who supplement this ministry during the course of the year.

Community Services League – CSL continues to serve many. Our congregation has been ever present in the calls for assistance including: collection of school supplies and tennis shoes, food items throughout the year, gift donations for the Christmas store, collection of hats, scarves and mittens. Currently, Amanda is our contact at CSL. When we receive a request for help, we get the word out and our parishioners are always generous in their efforts to help.

Blessing Bags – This ministry will resume upon completion of construction. We will provide bags including water, socks, gloves, hats, and food items for delivery to those in need.

Uplift – We now have two cooking crews. We deliver a nourishing meal for 60 on the third Monday of each month. Many thanks to each of you who participate to aide in purchasing food and preparing the meals. Uplift is very grateful!

Hillcrest Ministries – We provide a monetary donation to help with the set up cost of groceries to those who are moving in to one of the apartments. Janeece Buckner, Brenda Holbrook and Marie Weisbach help clean the apartments and assist with groceries and restocking the apartment before someone moves in.

Primero Agua – This ministry of providing “water first” by drilling water wells and providing well maintenance to Honduran communities in need was adopted as an International Outreach of Resurrection in 2023. Dedicated contributions from Resurrection in 2024 totaled \$2,000 and this was matched by the Diocese of West Missouri for \$1,432.12. Many thanks to Jim and Elaine Gilligan for their commitment and dedication to this ministry.

Our congregation is generous in so many ways. Many thanks to each and every one of you!

***Pat Carle and Annie Scott***

# Parish Life

The Parish Life Committee coordinates and schedules the congregation's social and worship activities as well as the use of the church building and grounds. Led by Fr. Jonathan, Bill Carle and Elaine Gilligan, this committee met with the leadership of our various parish ministries in January and July of 2024 to set the church calendar and to improve communication and support of our programs.

A team led by Joe Owen and Diane Gerlach organized several fun activities. Parishioners attended four shows at the New Dinner Theater during 2024. Fr Jonathan lead the Blessing of the Animals service on October 5. John and Joyce Biggs once again hosted the parish bonfire on October 19 and the year ended as it began with a New Year's Eve get-together at the Biggs's home.

The Friends of the Pancake team, consisting of Bill Carle, Rich Conn, Lane Vermillion, Joaquin Perez and Randy Goyer, prepared our First Sunday Breakfasts each month and the Shrove Tuesday dinner. A Ministry Fair was held during the October 6 breakfast.

The 10:30 am services were broadcast online via Facebook and YouTube on a regular basis. Resurrection again joined four local churches to hold the annual Lenten Ecumenical Services and dinners.

Fr. Jonathan led Weekly Bible Study, a “Spirituality and Secular Music” class and an “Episcopal 101” class which focused on the catechism found in the back of the Book of Common Prayer. This group also shared C.S. Lewis' *The Great Divorce*. The “Finding Faith through Fiction” Book Club and the Lunch Bunch group met nearly every month.

A hardy team of parishioners earned significant funds for the church by directing event parking at Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral during 2024. These funds paid for several improvements around our church.

Elaine Gilligan continued her ministry of delivering coffee mugs to the homes of first-time Sunday visitors. Through the efforts of Elaine, Lisa Twitty and Elaine Marshall, a new photo directory was published in early 2024.

***Bill Carle***

# Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Care Committee's purpose is to be present with our fellow parishioners in sickness and in joy, in sorrow or celebration, in crisis or transition. To lift up to God our prayers for anyone in need. To listen and to pray.

We reach out by visiting those who are ill or unable to come to church. We take Holy Communion to the hospital or home. We deliver meals and offer ride assistance if needed. We regularly phone those who are unable to attend church and visit with them.

We have a card ministry that Debbie Carle oversees. She also manages [ECORprayer@att.net](mailto:ECORprayer@att.net) This allows anyone in our church to request prayers for anyone in need. A link is available in the weekly email newsletter and on our website ([www.episcopal-bluesprings.org](http://www.episcopal-bluesprings.org)). You may also request prayers and visits by calling the church office at 816-228-4220.

The members of the Pastoral Care Committee are Janeece Buckner, Debbie Carle, Gabe Conn, Diane Gerlach, Kitty Hampton, Jan Pahlas, Idida Perez, Joan Spease, Marie Weisbach, Paula White, and Janet Woodward.

All members of the congregation who are interested in sharing our purpose are welcome to join this special ministry by contacting Gabe or Janeece.

*Janeece Buckner*

## Worship and Liturgy

The model of what worship should be in our church is laid out in our baptism liturgy on page 304 of the prayer book. How have we promised to worship?

Celebrant:

*Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?*

People:

*I will, with God's help.*

Here at Resurrection, we continue to worship through the apostles teaching and fellowship, the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers.

We are blessed with two services, encapsulating both major streams of our church's liturgical richness, Rite I and Rite II. We continue to stream our Rite II service online. We have people who are willing to add richness to our worship by serving at the altar alongside the celebrant at both services. We have a wonderful volunteer corps of acolytes and eucharistic ministers who add great richness to the worship of our tradition of Christianity, though additional volunteers would certainly be welcome.

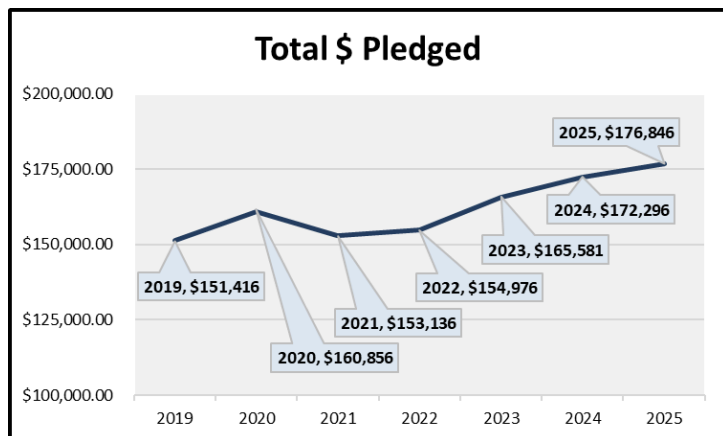
We have continued meeting for discussions of worship semi-annually, both for training and for input. All of these meetings have been fruitful. They have generated suggestions and ideas for how we can continue to provide meaningful worship including how we close the service and what people do at the altar as servers. Worship is alive, and like any living thing it is always in motion. We will continue to tend it, like a plant we garden with love.

Beyond Sunday morning we have continued with regular bible study on Wednesdays, as well as our ongoing adult Christian formation and education class on Thursdays. We have begun ending the class with Compline. And it has been a joy to do. We will continue to seek additional opportunities for reverent and meaningful worship both inside and outside of Sunday morning.

*Fr. Jonathan Galles +*



# 2025 STEWARDSHIP RESULTS

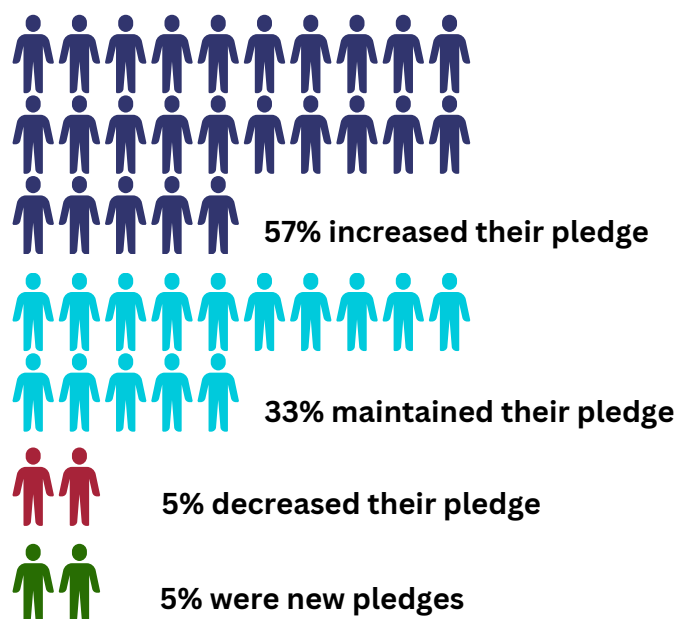



2025 Pledges			
Range	Number	Amount	Average
\$1 - \$999	7	\$2,850	\$407
\$1,000 - \$1,999	8	\$10,960	\$1,370
\$2,000 - \$2,999	6	\$14,396	\$2,399
\$3,000 - \$3,999	4	\$13,220	\$3,305
\$4,000 - \$4,999	6	\$27,520	\$4,587
\$5,000 - \$5,999	2	\$10,500	\$5,250
\$6,000 - \$6,999	3	\$18,500	\$6,167
\$7,000 - \$7,999	1	\$7,200	\$7,200
\$8,000 +	7	\$71,700	\$10,243
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>\$176,846</b>	<b>\$4,019</b>

## \$176,846.00 Pledged

2024 Pledges	\$172,296
Increase in existing Pledges	\$9,790
Decrease in existing Pledges	(\$2,560)
New Pledges	\$13,200
Dropped Pledges	(\$15,880)
<b>2025 Pledges</b>	<b>\$176,846</b>

## 44 Pledging Units



 We lost 5 pledges from 2023

*The Gospel invites us to Walk in Love with our neighbor in their footsteps. As we spread the Good News in our world, we carry the love and support of our congregation and our prayers into our communities. When you share your many gifts with your neighbors, every step is walking in love.*



# FINANCIAL REPORT

## Cash on Hand 12/31/2024

Bank of America Checking Acct	\$ 16,535.35
Bank of America Savings Acct	\$ 15,190.88
Bank of America Rector's Discretionary Fd Acct	\$ 1,522.21
Stifel, Nicolaus Brokerage Acct	\$ 400,563.93
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 433,812.37</b>

## Unrestricted / Restricted

Unrestricted Funds	\$ 253,569.72
Temporarily Restricted Funds	\$ 140,038.39
Permanently Restricted Funds	\$ 40,204.26
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 433,812.37</b>

## Operating Fund Balance

Beginning Balance 1/1/2024	\$ 232,334.77
2024 Net Loss	\$ (18,819.76)
Unrealized Gain on Investments	\$ 37,852.13
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/2024</b>	<b>\$ 251,367.14</b>

## Reconciliation of Unrestricted Funds to Operating Fund Balance

Operating Fund Ending Balance 12/31/2024	\$ 251,367.14
Plus: Accounts Payable and Taxes Payable	\$ 2,202.58
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>\$ 253,569.72</b>

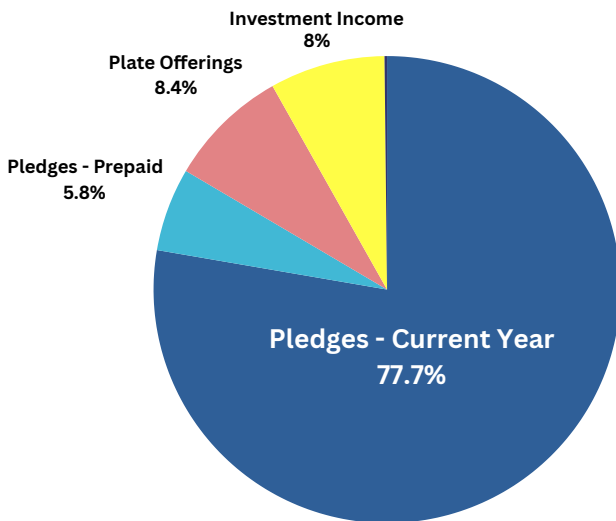
## Temporarily Restricted Fund Balances 12/31/2024

Building Fund	\$ 48,701.15
Memorials and Gifts Fund	\$ 36,075.14
Flower Fund	\$ 12,805.95
Parking G&HT Cathedral	\$ 10,508.96
Events and Fundraisers	\$ 10,061.19
Outreach/Backsnack Fund	\$ 5,639.55
Sunday Breakfast	\$ 4,865.84
Parish Organizations	\$ 4,083.12
Hospitalty (Promotions)	\$ 2,177.38
Restricted Diocesan Grants	\$ 1,874.24
Rector's Discretionary Fund	\$ 1,622.21
Other	\$ 1,623.66
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 140,038.39</b>

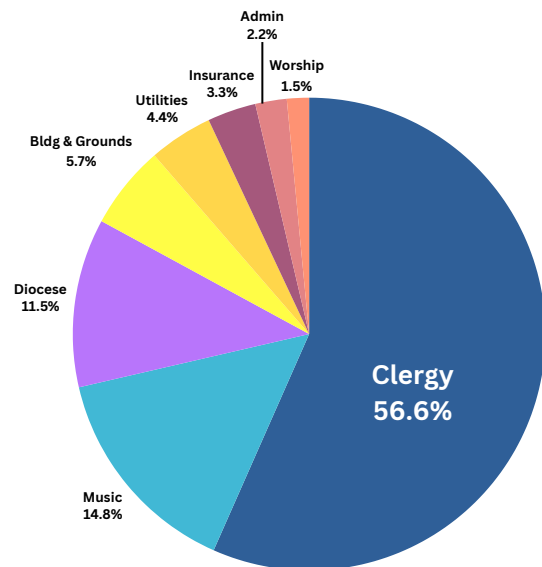
## Permanently Restricted Fund Balances 12/31/2024

Columbarium Fund	\$ 32,379.30
Memorial Garden Fund	\$ 618.00
Endowment / Foundation Fund	\$ 7,206.96
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 40,204.26</b>

## 2024 Revenues



## 2024 Expenses



# FINANCIAL REPORT

	Budget 2024	Actual 2024	Budget 2025
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Loose Offerings	\$20,000	\$15,941	\$20,000
Special Offerings	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
Pledge - current year	\$172,296	\$148,106	\$176,846
Pledge - prior year	\$0	\$0	\$0
Pledge - prepayment	(\$36,510)	\$11,000	(\$11,000)
Dividend Income	\$2,500	\$2,712	\$2,500
Interest Income	\$8,400	\$12,503	\$8,400
Miscellaneous Income	\$200	\$331	\$200
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$168,886</b>	<b>\$190,593</b>	<b>\$198,946</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Rector's Stipend & Housing	\$68,000	\$68,583	\$70,000
Rector's Insurance (Family)	\$35,316	\$35,316	\$36,720
Rector's Pension	\$12,240	\$12,330	\$12,600
Rector's HSA Contribution	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Rector's Continuing Education/Expenses	\$2,300	\$724	\$2,300
Supply Clergy - Stipend & Mileage	\$1,136	\$615	\$1,404
General Office/Supplies/Postage/Copies/Web Site	\$2,392	\$2,166	\$2,517
Building and Grounds	\$9,900	\$11,968	\$9,900
Utilities (electric, gas, water, trash, phone, internet)	\$9,921	\$9,158	\$9,945
Christian Education	\$900	\$432	\$1,850
Diocese of West Missouri	\$24,180	\$24,180	\$28,638
Hospitality & Pastoral Care	\$600	\$550	\$600
Insurance	\$6,650	\$6,959	\$7,500
Altar & Liturgical Supplies	\$1,000	\$1,679	\$1,000
Musicians and Choir	\$10,800	\$15,850	\$18,900
Music Director/Substitute Organist	\$14,897	\$14,771	\$14,897
Music	\$500	\$290	\$500
Finance and Stewardship	\$2,604	\$2,843	\$2,654
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$204,336</b>	<b>\$209,414</b>	<b>\$222,925</b>
<b>Net Cash Flow</b>	<b>(\$35,450)</b>	<b>(\$18,821)</b>	<b>(\$23,979)</b>
			<b>\$11,000</b>
			<b>Adjusted Net Cash Flow</b>
			<b>(\$12,979)</b>