

Rector's Article

Happy Advent everyone,
All that we do in the month of December can be a little overwhelming and confusing. Here is my best attempt to give you a "menu" of the wonderful things in store. Much of what is inside can give you more details. I hope you are having a wonderful December with a schosh less stress, and a tad more peace.

Merry Advent and Holy Christmas to all of you. Todd

Advent Week 2	Dec 7 Saturday	Advent Week 3	Dec 10 Tuesday	Advent Week 4	Dec 22 Sunday	Christmas Day Wednesday	Dec 25 Christmas Day
	Selfies with Santa 3-5pm –Drop in Scouts Christmas Tree Pick up		Offsite gift wrapping for Shelter Inc. at 9am		Advent Sunday School continues @ 10am in Parish Hall Vestry nominations close.		One Service at 10am No Nursery Merry Christmas!
Advent Week 2	Dec 8 Sunday	Advent Week 3	Dec 14 Saturday	Christmas Eve Tuesday	Dec 24 Christmas Eve!	Epiphany Sunday	The Epiphany Jan 5
	Advent Sunday School in Parish Hall @ 10am St. Nicholas at 10am Get some delicious gingerbread cookies too!		Christmas Concert - Festival of Chamber Choirs @ 7pm		Help after church for liturgical art!		Regular Sunday Morning Schedule
	Youth arrive at Crayon Initiative @ 1pm		Dec 15 Sunday		3pm Pageant and communion		First Sunday 5pm Worship in Church
	Adult and Teen Nativity Making Project @ 6:30pm		Santa Lucia Coffee Hour, after 8:30 and 10:00 worship		5pm Christmas music and narration with communion		Annual Meeting
	Share the Warmth starts		Advent Sunday School Parish Hall @ 10am		8pm Choral communion		
Poinsettia Donations through Dec 16						Annual Meeting Jan 26	
Bike Donations continue to Dec 8						Annual Meeting follows worship	
						Happy New Year	

Selfies with Santa Saturday, December 7th 3-5pm

Bring your little one or your teen and family for a selfie with Santa! We are creating Christmas in Grace House and invite you to take a serious or fun picture—all dressed up or not! We will e-mail you your pictures and you can use them for family or friends—cards or memories. Invite a friend and laugh together! Then, join our elves to decorate a cookie and for a small craft.

Want to be a helping elf? Speak to Pastor Todd or Pastor Susan!

Children's Worship Bulletins

Did you know we have 2 children's bulletins for ages 3-6 and 7+ every week? They are lectionary based and contain puzzles, matching and "what's different" kinds of questions. (Even some of our adults love them!) They are in the narthex and in the Worship corner set aside for children on the left as you walk into the church.

Children's Liturgy

Sunday school for our older Elementary School aged children continues in our new classroom in the Parish Hall during Advent, the month of December. We have planned special activities and projects for learning more about the dramatic Scriptures stories that bring us to the birth of Jesus.

Come for fellowship and a snack at 9:30 during coffee hour and then at 10:00 we will gather in the classroom. At the Peace we will join parents for worship—processing into church with our younger children from Children's Liturgy. Questions? sgeissleroneil@sainttimothysdanville.org

Christmas Story

We are planning our Christmas Pageant for the 3:00 Christmas Eve Service—Would you like a part?



Noah's Ark Pre-school 2020 - 2021 New Student - Parish Member Registration January 6-10,2020

Please pick-up an enrollment form in the preschool office between 9 and 12 noon, Monday through Friday or download from the church website, www.sainttimothysdanville.org, Noah's Ark link. Return completed form to the preschool office by noon on Friday, January 10. If you would like to do a tour, please call the preschool at 362-8565. Tours are done on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:00

LITURGICAL ART FOR THE SEASONS 2019



ADVENT – CANDLE BANNERS

Advent is a time of preparation, reflection and waiting for what is to come. The Advent wreath is a special part of this season, and the candle lighting each Sunday helps to mark the time until Christmas. As Pastor Susan explained at the Children’s Time last Sunday, the four candles represent hope, peace, joy, and love. The four sets of banners hanging on the side pillars of the church represent the four candles on the wreath, and the entire congregation symbolizes the living greenery and becomes the Advent wreath.

This piece was created in 2008 by a large group of volunteers who helped cut out the fabric pieces. It has been embellished more over time and it is one of Kathy Will’s and my favorites. The colors are of the season...purples, blues, and pinks. The fabrics were fused with heat and glued onto a background fabric, and materials were added to create a collage with different textures. We used a contrast of shiny and dull fabrics for interest. Texture patterns were hand-drawn on some areas to keep the look from being too flat. The two big banners on either side of the cross have accents of hand-made lacey paper sprayed gold, and gold foil paper has been added.

Many symbolic elements have been repeated in the hangings. There are sets of three which represent the Holy Trinity. Look for the mosaic tiles. There are strong vertical strokes which symbolize power descending from above or in the opposite direction. Look for twelve squares that represent the apostles. We even included flames of gold on candle shapes. The wavy blocks of color remind me of an abstract landscape with land and water. We hope that you will come away with your own interpretations and feelings as you look at the artwork.

EPIPHANY - “WHAT STAR IS THIS”

“The guiding star above is bright; within them shines a clearer light, and leads them on with power benign to seek the Giver of the sign.” These words from the song inspired the creation of this star.

On Christmas you will see the familiar glittering giant star hanging high above the altar. This is an explosion of light guiding the way to what signifies the birth of Jesus and what He symbolizes for us. Although it has been hung for many Christmases, each year more is added to make it sparkle even brighter. I learned long ago that mere silver glitter dies at such a distance and it takes small mirrors to catch the light and dazzle the eye. It gives me feelings of joy, power, and strength.

We have to thank Charlie Wills and Dick Firth, and many other great helpers for installing these works. Kathy Wills and I love hearing your comments on what the liturgical art means to you and hope it adds to your worship at Saint Timothy’s.

Leslie Firth and Kathy Wills

Stewardship for Advent and Christmas

Stewardship Update

Thank you to those of you who have completed your pledge information for 2020! The Stewardship Committee is gratified for the positive response its received from so many of you. We continue to work to follow-up with those who we haven't yet connected with to develop a solid enough income projection for the Vestry to prepare the Church's budget for 2020.

Although we have received a significant number of new pledges during 2019 and they are continuing through 2020, the loss of a number of pledges through relocations, retirements and passing have reduced our pledge base—impacting the total income we are currently able to project. We have a significant year over year increase in pledged income, but have not fully made up for the current year shrinkage.

We will continue to work to confirm our projections and will provide a Parish-wide update in the next several weeks. It may be that we need to reconsider some of our program and other commitments for 2020. The momentum, growth and commitments the church has experienced over the past two years has been significant, but we may be facing some 'growing pains' for the 2020 year.

More to come in the next several weeks.

St. Timothy's Stewardship Committee

Many of us cherish everything about the Christmas season -- except those incessant advertisements telling us to buy this and by that. We ask, "Where's Jesus in all this commercialism?"

This is the right question. Though it asks us to examine every aspect of our lives, stewardship particularly challenges us to question the role money plays in our personal lives and our culture.

Christmas presents are wonderful expressions of love that makes both giver and recipient feel good. At the same time, we want to be wary of advertising's lure to make us overspend, or to think that the cost of our gift is proportionate to our love.

Most of all, we need to be sure that the main point of our Christmas is not the gifts *we give*, but the gift *we receive* from God – Jesus. Here are some ideas:

- Challenge yourself to spend less for presents this year. Set a budget and stick to it.
- Attend worship regularly in Advent and Christmas.
- Give some handmade presents: A scarf or hat, a photo album, a batch of fudge, a card, a poem.
- Prayerfully read Advent daily devotions (Richard Rohr's *Preparing for Christmas* is amazing!).
- Give your time: a concert together, a shared meal, a day at a museum, a walk in the woods
- Use an Advent calendar to help you remember all that God has given you.
- Give service: wash a loved one's car, help clean the garage, paint a room, babysit for an evening.
- Play Christmas music that has religious themes (More "Silent Night," less "Frosty the Snowman.")
- Instead of buying a present, make a donation to a charitable organization in honor of your loved one (or check out ELCA Good Gifts!).
- Make a generous year-end contribution to your congregation.

Our thoughtful practices for Advent and Christmas not only make for good stewardship of our time, talents, relationships and money, they also help us to draw near to Our Lord and experience God's greatest gift to us.

Adopt-a-Family-Bike Program

Adopt a Family Bikes is entering its 17th year thanks to the support of St. Timothy's. Started at St. Timothy's in 2002, this has become a program that involves individuals and business from throughout the community. 276 bikes were distributed in 2017.

You can be part of this impactful outreach ministry by either donating a *gently* used bike, or helping out in the repair shop. This is an Outreach ministry where children can participate with adult supervision.

Bikes accepted thru Dec. 8th at 2440 Camino Ramon Suite 100 in San Ramon

The lobby is locked so drive to the back of the building (West side) and look for the Fedex and P.O. Boxes, suite 100 is behind them. Hours 10-4 Saturdays and Sundays. A donation of \$15 per bike is requested to defray the costs of helmets, parts, locks, and delivery.

Volunteers need not be bike mechanics. If you can wipe down a bike, that is up on a table, with **409** then we need you! Mechanics welcome too! Volunteers are needed through Christmas at the same times and location. The suite is heated. Yes, children with adult supervision are welcome.

Bike recipients include, but are not limited to: Options Recovery, Trinity Center, San Ramon Valley Unified School District, Mt. Diablo Unified School District, Youth Homes, Students Rising Above, and SFSU Guardian Program.

"Like" us on Facebook. Check us out at www.adoptfamilybikes.org. Email adoptfamilybikes@gmail.com or contact Tania Hanson-De Young taniahd@comcast.net or Rand Mahoney.



Options Recovery Center

St. Timothy's has been supporting Options Recovery Services for almost 20 years. As a recipient from Fruits Of The Harvest, St. Timothy's has been given another opportunity to directly help someone who has fought and won her sobriety!



Meet Maryann, age 61 and a 2018 Option's graduate to a clean and sober life. Like most Options Graduates she is starting over from scratch. Maryann has a business background has stayed on to work for Options as an Assistant to Kim Chavez, Women's Program Coordinator and the Children's Protective Services contracts for Options.

Maryann's wish list:

Queen size bed

Small sofa (no more that 6 ft long)

6 drawer dresser...low

Mirror

Desk

Chair

Cabinet on wheels for the kitchen to hold a microwave

If you have or know anyone who has any of the above to donate, please call or email me. All donations will be picked up.

Thank you,

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SHARE THE WARMTH SOCK DRIVE

Starts Dec. 8th to January 12th. Collection boxes are at the elevator in Grace House, and under the table at the Parish Hall entry. Contact: Leslie Firth, lesliefirth@comcast.net



SHELTER, INC – GOD’S HANDS PROJECT

Christmas Gift Wrapping Party



Tuesday, Dec. 10th 9:00 to 1:00

Help us wrap gifts for **SHELTER, Inc.**'s Adopt-A Family Christmas clients. We have four spaces available to take part in this event. Supplies will be provided, but they can always use gift tags, boxes, tape, ribbon, etc. Please bring scissors and tape, and we encourage wearing Santa hats or Santa's helper head gear. Please sign up on the **flyer at the Red Rolling God's Hands Bulletin Board in the parish hall** or contact: Leslie Firth, leslifirth@comcast.net, 925.683.7868, and leave a message. We can carpool to Shelter, Inc. in Pleasant Hill off Willow Pass Road, if you wish. This is a fun and gratifying project, and we get to see what Shelter, Inc. is all about.

Shelter, Inc. is passionate about preventing homelessness, providing services which lead to self-sustainability, and decreasing the number of homeless families by placing them in housing each day. As one of the leading homeless service providers in the Bay Area, they were able to help 1,000 children and 1,500 adults last year – but only because of your help with this life-saving work.

This fall SHELTER, Inc. was able to open three homes to veterans facing homelessness with a new program called **Shelters of Hope**. Funded by the Veteran Administration (VA), the Shelters of Hope program supports veterans by providing short-term or service intensive housing along with comprehensive, veteran-centered case management.

Saint Timothy's has been supporting Shelter, Inc. for over 28 years and recently awarded them a grant for \$5,000 raised at our annual fundraiser, the Fruits of the Harvest.

Coffee Hour Hosts: Needed and Thank You!

We offer coffee hour and fellowship between the 8:30 and 10am services and often after the 10am service. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to host coffee and fellowship. We always need more help! Here are the dates that still need to be filled:

December 22, 29
January 5, 12, 19



To sign up and find more details, go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4cacac23a64-coffee>

Saint Nicholas Cookies

We are looking for bakers to help make these wonderful cookies. This is a great St Timothy's tradition. No experience necessary. We will make them Friday December 6th at 9 am. They will be handed out Sunday December 8th. Please contact Marie-Claire MacDougall (925) 699-0176 or mcmac112@gmail.com

Trinity Center News Fall/Winter 2019

Trinity Center in cooperation with St John Vianney Catholic Church Walnut Creek initiated a SafeParking program on October 7 2019. Members living in their cars will have a safe place to sleep at night. Members will also receive help completing applications for short and long term housing as well help with homeless court and access to health care.

A used car is needed for one of our members living outside at the church to provide for entry to the program. Contact Todd McCarl SPP Program coordinator 925-895-5243 or toddmc@trinitycenterwc.org if you have a car you would like to donate.

Evening Program to Begin December

Over the past several years volunteers have helped Trinity Center keep members safe, warm and dry in our evening program at the Walnut Creek National Guard Armory. From December through March the program provides members with a hot meal and shelter. Many volunteers are needed to keep this program going,

Please contact Pam McGrath Trinity Center Evening 925-457-4678 to volunteer or go to <https://trinitycenterwc.org/winter-evening-program20182019/> for more information.

Trinity Center's new home

St Paul's Commons will be open for business in December / January with the new residents moving in during December and Trinity Center moving in in January, that is the schedule at this time. To see the new St Paul's Commons please go to <https://YouTube.be/vQdaS6xXH7I>



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AIDS isn't over...
but it could be.

Mobile Clinic Program Turns 10!

The GAIA Elizabeth Taylor Mobile Health Clinics were launched in rural Malawi ten years ago this month with foundational support from The Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation (ETAF). The program was inspired by the successful deployment of mobile units to provide care to people living with HIV in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. After that success, Dame Elizabeth Taylor wondered why the same approach couldn't be utilized to improve access for people in remote Sub-Saharan Africa. She asked, "If the people can't get to the clinics, why can't we bring the healthcare to the people!" With her support, and careful planning by GAIA U.S. and Malawi staff, the mobile health clinics were born.

The initial approach – that is still employed today – was to embed HIV testing and care among other basic healthcare services to avoid stigma. From two clinics launched in 2008 to seven clinics making 35 stops each week in 2018, we now have served more than 1.5 million clients and have seen a decrease in HIV-positive test results from 23% to 7% in those 10 years. Meanwhile, we have contributed to improved health in Malawi, where annual AIDS-related deaths have decreased by 65%, from 47,000 in 2008 to 17,000 in 2017 and life expectancy has increased from 54 to more than 63 years.

As the epidemic has evolved, so too has GAIA's focus. Using the mobile clinic model, we are aiming to achieve UNAIDS' HIV treatment targets where we work -- 90% of people living with HIV know their status; 90% of those are on treatment; and 90% of those are virally suppressed, or noninfectious, a strategy to break the AIDS epidemic. In 2014, the UNAIDS Program Coordinating Board in Geneva commended the GAIA Elizabeth Taylor Mobile Clinics as a potential model for serving rural high-risk populations and achieving 90-90-90 by 2020. Last year, the UNAIDS Fast Track Team visited our mobile clinics to further learn from the model. Recently, a UNAIDS report identified gaps in testing and treatment as a primary barrier to achieving these targets. GAIA's mobile health clinics will continue to nimbly adapt at the forefront of ending the AIDS epidemic in rural, remote hotspots where we work.

[Watch our short video](#) to learn more about how our mobile health clinics work to end AIDS!

Todd Schafer, *Executive Director*

Deanery Minutes



Deanery Minutes
The Episcopal Church - Diocese of California
Contra Costa Deanery
President: Jim Wiant
Vice President: Rev. Todd Bryant
Secretary: Carol Richardson
Treasurer: Ken Jessup

November 14, 2019 – Grace, Martinez

DRAFT Minutes

Opening Prayer - Rev. Deb White. 6:30 pm

Call to Order and Roll Call - Jim Wiant/Carol Richardson. Quorum reached.

Motion to approve minutes of June 2019 meeting as written. Second. Approved.

Motion to approve minutes of September 2019 meeting as written. Seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's Report and Grant Awards - Ken Jessup

Current total \$1700.00. Discussion: Executive Council retreat cost will need to be paid in Jan 2020. Motion: \$1K grant to Interfaith Council for Warm Winter Nights. Seconded. Discussion regarding how Warm Winter Nights uses funds. Motion Approved.

Executive Council Report - Jim Wiant

Brief telephonic meeting last Tues (Nov 12 2019) with Bishop Marc. Jim suggested that the Deanery take a good look at elections and appointments. Jim will get talking points to Secretary for distribution.

Discussion of Diocesan Convention

- Representative from Contra Costa is going to General Convention.
- Resolutions are on line now. There were discrepancies in voting due to some ballots not scanning correctly. Standing Committee is following Diocesan rules and doing recount on Dec 2, 2019.
- Board of Trustees at Grace Cathedral considering ways to put a hospitality kiosk of some type back in the space previously occupied by Peets Coffee.

Ron Hermanson – Project W Racial Reconciliation

Ron read a request from Warren Wong on behalf of the Presiding Bishop and the House of Deputies. Secretary to distribute copy.

Election of Officers

- Vice President (Lay). Rev. Jane Stratford nominated Stephen Siptroth. Seconded. Nomination approved.
- Treasurer Barbara Brooks – self nominated. Seconded. Nomination approved.
- Secretary. Jim Wiant nominated Carol Richardson. Seconded. Nomination approved.
- Committee on Nominations – Yearly commitment with a 3 year limit. Clergy and Lay. Discussion: Rev. Deb White: recommends that committee of nominations do due diligence on nominations. These are very important positions. Canonically, the committee is required to actively solicit nominations. Currently meets once a year in person and one more time by phone as the convention approaches.

- Lay: Stephen Siptroth nominated by Rev. Jane Stratford. Seconded. Nomination approved.
- Clergy: Walter Ramsey - self nominated Seconded Nomination approved.

Executive Council – Lay

Jim rotating off Council. Discussion: Monthly meeting at Grace Cathedral. Three year term. EC member does not have to be a deanery member. Council votes on mission and parish status of churches, leases, and other items related to property. It is important to have someone elected tonight in order to have that person attend the retreat in Jan 2020.

- Nomination: Marge Leeds nominated by Rev. Deb White. Seconded. Nomination approved.

Dates and locations for 2020 Deanery meetings

Quarterly meeting on the third Thursday of the month. Convention is Oct 23.

Mar 19 St. Anna's, Antioch

Jun 18 St. Paul's, Walnut Creek

Sep 17 St. Stephen's, Orinda

Nov 19 Resurrection, Pleasant Hill (tentative depending on 2020 Warm Winter Nights calendar)

Events around the Deanery

- St. Paul's Commons. Not yet ready for a social gathering this December.
- Deanery Guide – Secretary to send as a draft, collect input, then distribute as a final.
- Concert at St. Paul's, Walnut Creek featuring Jerome Lenk. Date is Nov 23 7 pm. Link http://stpaulswc.org/wordpress/?page_id=6181. Emily Hopkins will send flyer to secretary to be distributed.
- Lessons and Carols, Dec 15 7 pm at St. Paul's, Walnut Creek.
- Thanksgiving Day - Grace, Martinez providing free dinner at church. All are welcome. A simple rsvp would be appreciated if bringing a group. Phone: (925) 228-6574. Church email info@gracechurchmtz.org
- Grace, Martinez. Emily Hopkins is the special guest at 11:00 am presenting on Environmental Ministry.
- Diana Clark encouraged people from the Contra Costa churches to go to Bishop's Ranch for Generations Camp. Bishop's Ranch is beginning to struggle financially and it is important to support offered activities. <https://www.bishopsranch.org/events/camps/>
- Resurrection has a new Rector: Liz Tichenor starts on Sunday Nov 17. Deacon Barb Dawson ending tenure on Jan 5.
- St. Tim's hosting Christmas Festival of Chamber Choirs – Dec 14 7 pm <https://www.sainttimothysdanville.org/>

Closing Prayer - Todd Bryant. Motion to adjourn, seconded, and approved. 8:19 pm

Upcoming Meetings:

Mar 19 St. Anna's, Antioch

Jun 18 St. Paul's, Walnut Creek

Sep 17 St. Stephen's, Orinda

Nov 19 Resurrection, Pleasant Hill (*tentative location depending on 2020 Warm Winter Nights calendar*)

Representatives to Executive Council:

Rev. Jane Stratford, Jim Wiant

Department of Congregational Development -

Open (Clergy).

Sherrie Hidalgo (Lay)

Racial Reconciliation: Our Next Steps

Project W will be a one-year program for all the congregations in the Diocese of California to take our next steps on addressing our work towards racial reconciliation. We will be asking each member to participate (6) six-sessions and a 5-day pilgrimage next summer. There will be 4 pre- and 2 post-pilgrimage meetings or webinars.

Lead Group: GC Deputation with Warren Wong, GC Lay Deputy & Executive Council member at wjwstjames@gmail.com.

Partners: Peace, Justice & Hunger Commission, East Bay Chapter of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship and the local chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians.

Explanation:

Last month, I joined the 38 members of Executive Council from October 18-21 for a [Pilgrimage](#) to Montgomery, Alabama along with Presiding Bishop Curry and President of the House of Deputies Rev. Gay Jennings. I visited the Rosa Parks Museum & Bus Stop, Civil Rights Memorial, and Dexter Avenue Baptist Church.

Council and Church Center staff devoted the next two days for meetings and visiting the [Legacy Museum and National Memorial for Peace & Justice](#). (Here is the link to a [Living Church article](#)) On Sunday morning, the Council worshipped at [St. John's](#) Episcopal Church where the Bishop Curry preached and presided. As we shared our personal journeys, my response was to challenge my diocese and congregations to work towards Racial Reconciliation. This is my reason for proposing Project W.

FAQ's

1. What is Project W?

It will be 2020 program that will entail about 6 meetings with a combination of in -person and webinar formats. It will entail reading some resources materials, conversations, storytelling, and sharing. The center piece of our work will be a pilgrimage to Birmingham, Montgomery, Selma and Haynesville (Jonathan Daniels Pilgrimage) in Alabama. in the summer of 2020.

It's been titled Project W since it calls for us to be:

-Willingness to be open, listen, share, be truthful, and be vulnerable;

-Walk this a path together through storytelling, understanding, and exploration around the issues of systemic racism;

-Witness each participant will be experiencing an array of emotions since much of what you will see and absorb will be powerful. The challenge for us as a faith community is for us to be gracious and prayerful. We will have a group chaplain and have liturgical programs throughout.

2. Who can participate and when will the first meeting take place?

We will be asking each congregation to select 1 adult and 1 young adult (25 or younger) will to commit to this project for 2020. The goal is to select leaders who can share this experience among their congregations afterward.

We are announcing this during this in November 2019, so the clergy and lay leaders can discern the ideal candidates by their annual meetings in January – February 2020. The first meeting will be at the end of March 2020.

3. What is the anticipated cost, and will stipends be available?

Pricing will range from \$2,500 (land only) to \$3,000 in/out of Birmingham, AL. We will be looking into church grants to assist in underwriting this project. Monetary donations, airline miles, and other gifts are welcome.

4. Why are we doing this and what is our goal?

The diocese formed a Racial Reconciliation Task Force which conducted a two-year study (2010-12) and produced its [report](#). We have been committed to Dismantling Racism training and Beloved Community programs. As the second pillar of Presiding Bishop’s call for Racial Reconciliation, the work around my pilgrimage provided a new lens in how I understood systemic racism.

Treasurer’s Report – November 20, 2019

Financial Highlights

Pledge income of \$608,416 was based on 144 pledges. An additional 13 pledges were received after the budget was approved, for a total of 157 pledges and \$642,626.

As of 10/31

- 45 families have paid their pledges in full for a total of \$249,557.
- 9 families (down from 11 last month) have not yet made any payments on their pledges of \$23,020. It appears that we may only receive about \$10,520 of this amount.
- Adjusted or lost pledges of -\$8,470 and questionable pledges of \$9,000.

2019 budget vs actual results, through the end of October, are:

Budget	Actual	Difference	
Pledge Income	\$507,013	\$516,642	\$ 9,629
Other Income	\$105,772	\$ 65,907	\$(39,865)
Expenses	\$635,925	\$611,820	\$ 24,105

Income – Pledge Income difference due to:

Pledges with no payments through October \$(23,020) under budget.

Adjusted or lost pledges \$(7,058) under budget .

Offset by pledges received after the budget was approved.

Other Income difference due to:

Contributing income was \$41,817 under and estimated it will be about \$50,000 under budget for the year.

Expenses – Operating expense difference is the sum of several small over and under budget items, with main ones being:

Personnel expenses \$11,150 under budget.

Altar Guild expenses \$706 under budget.

Christian formation expenses \$1,254 under budget.

Children & Youth Ministry expenses \$1,443 under budget.

Fellowship expenses \$2,517 under budget.

Administrative expenses \$(251) over budget.

Facilities expenses \$(1,094) over budget.

Contingency expenses \$8,680 under budget.

Neal Matsunaga

Vestry Meeting Highlights – November 2019

The vestry met in Grace House on Wednesday, November 20, at 6:30 pm.

MOTIONS:

- Approved minutes of the October meeting, 2 documents summarizing the e-votes on the Outreach Grants and the Parish Hall sound system project, the treasurer's report and documentation and the submitted commission reports.
- Approved the additional funds required for the roof work on the breezeway and the parish hall.

OTHER TOPICS DISCUSSED:

- Draft budget – currently there is a deficit of \$50,000. Not all the expected 2020 pledges have been received. See the treasurer's report for details.
- Liz Haughey, the bookkeeper resigned effective November 21. Subsequent to the vestry meeting, Neal Matsunaga interviewed and found a replacement bookkeeper, Steve Zimmerman, who will start on December 2. In the interim, Ken Anderson, a current member of the Finance Committee will be writing the necessary checks for expenditures.
- A proposal for a parish garden has been referred to the Property Committee
- A proposal for a bicycle station has been referred to the Property Committee
- Pastor Todd and his family will be on vacation from December 26 through January 5, 2020
- The parish office will be closed starting on Christmas Eve, December 24 through New Year's Day, January 1.
- Annual Meeting will be in the sanctuary after the 10:00 am service on Sunday, January 26, 2020
- Annual Report deadline for submitting material to Sally Shea Potts is Friday, January 17, 2020.

Parish members are welcome to attend Vestry meetings. The next meeting is on Wednesday, December 18, 2019. The minutes of the vestry meeting will be filed in the Parish Office after they are approved by the Vestry.

Submitted by Sally Shea Potts, Vestry Clerk

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