

# TIDINGS



August 2024

Newsletter of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church Danville, CA

You will see a broad overview of this Fall in this Tidings. We are back in business! And I am really looking forward to the seasons ahead. I have noticed that in my prayers and sermons I am feeling the call that I felt before I was in seminary.

*Philippians 1:27-2:4 Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel*

Striving side by side is really at the root of why I love being a clergyperson. Every high note I can recall involves working in groups, side-by-side in common purpose and call. Fall has a lot of fun, a lot of work, and a lot of parties and stuff where we are all in this together. The song that best sums Fall to me is by Ben Lee, and it is extremely countercultural to the every-one-for-themselves vibe that has taken hold of our current moment in our larger communities.

## Lyrics (not all)

Woke up this morning  
I suddenly realized  
We're all in this together

I started smiling  
'Cause you were smiling  
And we're all in this  
together

I'm made of atoms  
You're made of atoms  
And we're all in this  
together

And long division  
Just doesn't matter  
'Cause we're all in this  
together, yeah

I saw you walking  
In the city  
We're all in this together

...  
Every twelve seconds  
Someone remembers  
That we're all in this  
together

In the kitchen  
Of your rent-control  
apartment  
We're all in this together

...  
I know you think about  
jumping ship before it  
sinks  
But we are all in this  
together

Ask a scientist  
It's quantum physics  
We are all in this together  
And on the subway  
We feel like strangers  
But we're all in this  
together

...  
I saw you crying  
I started crying  
'Cause we're all in this  
together

And then religion  
It's a big decision  
But we're all in this  
together, yeah



### **The video of the song**

We're All In This Together (Ben Lee) Music Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HwD-fb7n4k>

See you soon, Todd

## **FALL OVERVIEW**

*For more information on these events, keep flipping through this edition of the Tidings and watch for the weekly Thursday email.*

### **Trivia & Hotdog Party**

August 30 Friday, 5pm

### **Wednesday Bible Study**

is back - on zoom, 12pm

### **Choir Rehearsals resume**

September 3 Wednesday

*Rehearsals return to Thursdays on 9/12*

### **Diocesan Listening Sessions**

with Bishop Rios

September 5, 6:30pm

St. Stephens Orinda (Thursday)

October 3, 6:30pm

Zoom (Thursday)

### **Welcome Home / Ice Cream Social**

September 8 Sunday

**ONE** service at 10am

### **Diocesan Youth resumes**

September 15 Sunday, 1pm

### **Deanery Meeting**

September 19 Thursday, 6:30pm

(Zoom)

### **Men's Lunch**

September 21 Saturday, 12pm

(Parish Hall)

### **Stewardship begins**

September 29 Sunday

### **Movie Night**

October 4 Friday, 6pm

4th - 8th graders

(Youth Room/PH -- Inside Out 2)

### **League of Women Voters**

October 6 Sunday

(Church and livestream)

### **St. Francis & Pet Blessing**

October 6 Sunday, 2pm

(Patio)

### **Tarantula Hike**

October 13 Sunday, 5pm

(Mitchell Canyon)

### **Covenant Sunday & Lunch**

October 20 Sunday

**ONE** service at 10am

Lunch served after church

### **Diocesan Convention**

October 25-26 Friday / Saturday

(Grace Cathedral)

### **Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing**

October 27 Sunday, 2pm

(Parish Hall)

**All Saints' Sunday**

November 3, Sunday  
Necrology at both services

**HiCap Presentation**

(Health Insurance Advocacy Program)  
November 3, Sunday

**Advent Begins!**

December 1 Sunday

**Christmas Box Packing**

December 7 Saturday  
(Parish Hall or offsite)

**St. Nicholas and photos**

December 8 Sunday

**Rector's Open House**

December 8 Sunday  
(Rectory)

**Teddy Bear Tea**

December 14 Saturday  
(Grace House)

**Christmas Eve Schedule**

December 24 (**3pm** and **7pm**) - (NEW)  
Tuesday

**Christmas Day Schedule**

December 25 (10am)  
Wednesday

First up! Sign up NOW for the Trivia & Hotdog Party on the patio! It's TOMORROW night!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/triviahotdogparty#/>



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## Season of Creation 2024



### TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION



#### To Hope and Act with Creation

As we continue in the Season after Pentecost, the longest season of the Christian calendar, our children are joining the annual ecumenical Christian celebration of responding to God's creation in our Sunday Children's Liturgy time.

During September, until we celebrate St. Francis Day, October 6th, we will bring forward scripture that points us toward praise, prayer and action on "this fragile earth, our island home" (BCP 370).

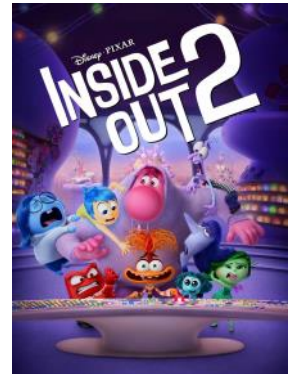
We may even grow a plant!

Join us for this season of celebration and the gratitude for harvest and all living things.

# YOUTH MINISTRY

## Inside Out 2 Movie Night Friday, October 4 6 - 8pm

We would like to invite all 4th - 8th graders for pizza, foosball, and movie. Maybe your 5th grader is too sophisticated for Inside Out 2, but this is the most complex and interesting "kids" movie they will watch in a long time. Meet in the Youth Room in Parish Hall.



## Diocesan Youth Group Sunday, September 15th

1 - 3 pm

Church of the Resurrection (COR)

We're back. If your youth wants to meet at COR, they can drive or be dropped off at: 399 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. [www.resurrectionph.org](http://www.resurrectionph.org). Pastor Todd can take 6 youth with him, but please let him know. They would meet at St. Timothy's at 12:30pm and return to St. Timothy's by 3:30pm. Mark your calendars for the 3rd Sundays of the month!

# UNDER CONSTRUCTION

School has started. I do not have a new backpack or a new pair of shoes or even a new binder. I know school has started because of the traffic. Cars, buses, electric scooters, bikes, parents



with strollers, and children are all going places--crossing roads, parking lots, parks, and bike lanes. In a couple more weeks the traffic will even out again, into a schooltime flow—that is until the first big rain. All this would be easier for me, if it were not for construction. Out of nowhere, on a local street appears a faulty water main, work under the road, paving, highway or bridge

repair and an orange cone of warning. Crowding into single lanes, keeping my temper when a flashy red car cuts ahead of me, and then another car, is not a Sunday or Monday morning prayer.

How do we take the irritations in our lives, or any time of stop and go stress and remember that all moments are Holy and God is in our midst?



We are already attentive—we are driving. For me, it was suddenly remembering, and “seeing” the people working alongside of me—literally beside my car—holding stop signs, shovels and large vents leading under the road. All that equipment and people working to improve the roads on which I travel and journey to another place. I am watching change and improvement before my eyes, even when I travel beside the massive truck scraping the road and hear gravel kicked up by my tires.

I am under construction; we are all under construction and changing, opening our hearts and minds, and physical being (even while sitting in a car waiting) toward the self that God knows. Hopefully we are becoming more compassionate, better travel companions, and able to find gratitude even in an orange cone of warning. A deep breath transforms words of annoyance to a prayer for the people around me and for the fragility of the things I think of as having permanence like the tar. Road that carries our groceries to the store, me to church and a package to my neighbor’s doorstep are being attended to according to plans I do not know.

Today I breath deeply at the stop sign, not drifting away to think of other things, but trying to be present. A rose and the honeybee easily engender my gratitude; watching a hummingbird as it pauses nearly motionless before it dips for a drink of water fills me with praise. Today too, I will pay attention to stopped traffic, orange cones and children holding phones and crossing the street and whisper words of thanks.

*“Be still, and know that I am God” — in all of heaven and on earth Psalm 46:10a*

Susan+

# 27th ANNUAL FRUITS OF THE HARVEST

***The stars at night, are big and bright....  
deep in the heart of Outreach.***

## **27<sup>th</sup> Annual FRUITS OF THE HARVEST (FOTH)**

**Fundraiser for all Outreach Ministries and Events**

Our big event on August 17<sup>th</sup> was a big, fast, loud Western night with a huge posse of cowboys and cowgirls in a sea of plaid. The pictures show how much fun we had including the line dancing. Many of the photos you see here will be for sale (honor system) in the parish hall after services on the next 2 Sundays, Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> and Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>.

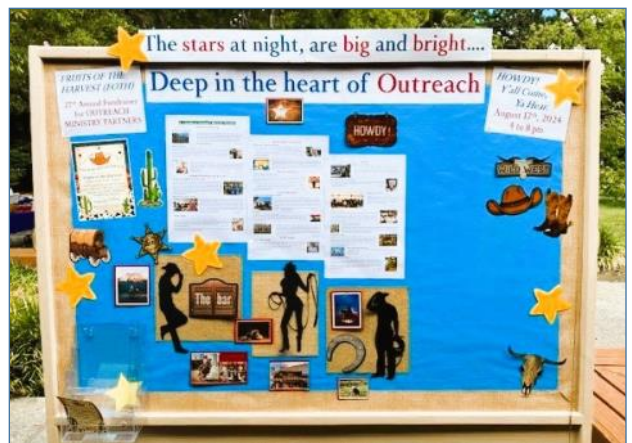
**THANK YOU ALL for all your very generous monetary donations, silent auction items, gift cards and certificates, the Wall of Wine bottles, and wine for the bar.**

**We now have a ball park figure of what we netted at the event: \$53,000!!**

We are very happy with that. The Fund-A-Need raised over \$13,000. This will help us send grants to the Outreach Ministry partners that we have been talking about. In October, after reviewing the grant requests, the Outreach committee will meet to determine the grants that will go to each of these Outreach organizations. The church budget Outreach allocation of \$15,000 is added to this amount with any rollover and donations to determine the final amount given to beneficiaries.

Note: St. Timothy's also supports three organizations with an additional budgeted allocation of \$3,000 to reach out for the health of the church: Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Interfaith Council of CCC, and the School for Deacons.

Our fifth Outreach video inspired our tag line which was **"The stars at night, are big and bright,....deep in the heart of Outreach"** (with apologies to Texas.) Many thanks to Carolyn Bried who created the video that featured client success stories from all our Outreach Ministry partners and events as our **STARS** for FOTH. We wanted you to know where all the funds you donated are going and what impact this has on so many lives that these organizations are helping. All of our past four Outreach videos have had great responses from you, but this one has had the greatest reaction from so many of you. It touched all our hearts. The video will be posted on a link on the *Fruits of the Harvest* part of the Outreach menu on our church website at [Sainttimothysdanville.org](http://Sainttimothysdanville.org).



The video with **STARS** led to the star decorations for the big night, and especially on the back wall of the parish hall of big yellow stars with pictures of clients, their success story, and the organization that gave them the helping hand. Thank you to Izzy Kim, 15, who made all the stars with the pictures, stories and organizations. They will be in the parish hall for another two Sundays.



Our **special guest speaker** for the night was Leslie Gleason, Executive Director of Trinity Center at St. Paul's Commons in Walnut Creek. WE have supported Trinity Center since its founding twelve years ago. It is a day shelter that provides homeless individuals with essential safety net services. They advocate for those seeking housing financial stability and wellness. They provide two meals a day five days a week, showers, laundry, clothing, mail and telephone, case management and referrals to services. We are looking for a liaison to represent them on St. Timothy's Outreach Committee. Each of our Outreach ministries must have a liaison from our parish to be eligible for a grant. If this is a ministry that you would like to be involved with, and to find out areas where you might have an interest or a talent you could share with them, please do not hesitate to contact Steve Mason to find out more about this very rewarding organization. Perhaps a planned tour of the beautiful facility would also be a good step.

**VOLUNTEERS:** This event would not have happened without Sally Shea Potts and Kimberly Bryant. Sally is in charge of entering all the data into our event software so that we record attendees, all donations of silent auction items, gift cards, tickets sold, funds received, and printing of all signage and name badges, headed the Fund-A-Need, registration, organized items, so much more, and getting things ready before I knew I needed it. It's a huge job. Kimberly organized all the auction items, along with Alison Hill, and produced all the descriptions and bid sheets, the event booklet, all registration materials, weekly announcements, fixing my graphics and announcements, etc. and so much more, all in the week after she dropped her daughter off at first year of college. She's creative and a tech wonder.



**Bank of the West:** Our head banker, John Geraci, and his loyal band of bankers, Sally Shea Potts, Cathy Hager, John Hager, and runner, Thomas Hager, are all hard workers. Claire Murphy was selling raffle and bar tickets, and Patty Pray was working the corks table for the Wall of Wine. The bank people have been doing this for years and we owe them

**Saloon:** The head honcho, Mike Brown, managed the bar superbly along with Catherine Brown, Russ Novy, Claire Murphy, Dave Kutrosky, and Vanessa Taylor. Isabel Brown was a pro at the non-alcoholic bar. Both bars were set up by Mike and ran very smoothly. The Browns are all wonderful to work with.



**Food:** Tania Hansen De Young did an amazing job of handling all the food with delicious appetizers, and a great buffet of Kinders BBQ meats, mac n cheese, baked beans, vegan dish, salads, rolls, and oversaw food preparers and servers for the night. We were so glad to have



Judy Kerns back, one of our wonderful dessert masters from past years, aided by Bruce Kerns. The dessert was a beautifully presented Berry Crisp topped with whipped cream and a cowboy boot cookie...so clever and delicious. Food preparers were Helen Coleman, Zoe Gil, Sandy Brown, Carolyn Clough, Marcha Dowling, Jacque Chiavini, Jan Mahoney, Cathy Wickboldt, Walter Wickboldt, and Ursula Schilling. Volunteer Lunch on Friday was provided and prepared by Rena Waterson – delicious chicken salad croissants, and salad, and on Saturday, Dick Firth provided pizzas for the crowd. Thank you everyone!!!

## Wall of Wine:

Carleen Carns did a great job of managing the W.O.W. and setting up the display with bottles of wine in burlap bags and numbered tags. We had a record number of bottles donated and sold that night. We sold 40 bottles and made \$1,000 for the cause.



**Set Up Volunteers:** This is going to be a huge list.

I couldn't believe how many signed up or just showed up to help! We even started setting up early by having a centerpiece day on Thursday, but so many more people showed up that we just started putting up the decorations planned for the next day. We were way ahead and it made life easier. Here's a special shout out to several people who went above and beyond: John Hager helped get the market lights to work, the sound for the event, heavy lifting and much more; Helen Coleman for helping with the tablecloth count and the ceiling decorations, and putting up the barn siding wallcoverings, and working in the kitchen; Kathleen Murphy who ironed a gazillion bandanas, and she and Claire Murphy who helped everywhere...they are an indispensable duo; Kathy Wills who hand painted those fun and perfect for the event cactus canvas banners, and put up the big star display on the back wall,

helped with cleanup, and much more; John Geraci who helped put up the saloon sign, created the pre-check form, headed the bank and is reconciling all the statements...it was all fantastic help. Sometimes the jobs got done so quickly and there were no more sitting jobs which got frustrating.

Centerpieces of yellow sunflowers in tin buckets were made by Sandy Varco, Alison Hill, Shelly Wells, Sandy Brown, Patti Farris and Carleen Carns.



All these volunteers helped put all aspects of the event together over the three days and they are so appreciated.

**Thank you for all you did everywhere:**

Meg Lindly, Carleen Carns, Kathleen Murphy, Claire Murphy, Alison Hill, Kathy Wills, Charlie Wills, Sally Shea Potts, Kimberly Bryant, Patty Pray, Wendy Brainerd, Mike Brown, Teresa Rajaratnam and Jayanth Diwakar, Nancy Rude, Marcha Dowling, Lauren mason, Ade Adekunle and IJ, Cathy Wickboldt, Walter Wickboldt, Dave Kutrosky, Stephen O'Neil, and Jim Coleman, our terrific photographer! Also, thank you for all those who helped put everything back that night and on Sunday. My sincere apologies if I left anyone out.

These set up days are the most fun for me. To see everyone come out and work hard to make the parish hall change into whatever the theme is that year and to do it all with laughter. Getting to know each other better is the best part, even though we all go home tired and then come back the next day for more. We all seem to have the shared goal of doing something together that is going to make a fun party, but we're doing it because it is something meaningful that will help our brothers and sister have a better life. There is a great sense of community.

**A special thank you to Pastor Todd Bryant and Pastor Susan Geissler O'Neil for all your help and support in putting this Fruits of the Harvest together.**









# DIOCESAN STRATEGIC VISION PROCESS



## **Discerning God's Future for the Diocese of California: Strategic Vision Process Gets Underway**

Last year, the Executive Council of the Diocese of California established a Strategic Vision Committee (SVC) to foster long-term planning for adaptive change in response to the challenges and opportunities facing our Diocese.

The SVC is working collaboratively with Bishop Austin to co-create a strategic vision plan. This work invites the active participation of the wider diocesan community as we prayerfully and joyfully discern God's promised and preferred future for our Diocese.

We are all in this together, and your involvement is essential to our success.

Strategic Vision Process FAQ: [diocal.org/strategic-vision-process/](https://diocal.org/strategic-vision-process/)  
Strategic Vision Committee: [diocal.org/strategic-vision-committee/](https://diocal.org/strategic-vision-committee/)

### **Upcoming Listening Sessions**

**Thursday, September 4**, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.; [St. Stephen's, Orinda](#)  
**Tuesday, September 10**, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.; [Online Zoom Meeting](#)  
**Saturday, September 14**, Noon – 2:00 p.m.; [Nativity, San Rafael](#)  
**Monday, September 16**, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.; [St. Ambrose, Foster City](#)  
**Thursday, September 25 – 27**, Clergy Retreat\*; [The Bishop's Ranch](#)

Spanish interpretation will be available at all meetings, and written materials from each session will be translated into Spanish, Mandarin, Tagalog, and Tongan.

We will present initial learnings from our Listening Sessions at this year's Diocesan Convention on October 25 and 26.

## CAN YOU HELP?



Would you like to do "something" to help but don't know what you can do? Can you wash and fold towels? Can you make sets out of mismatched towels? Like to peruse Nextdoor or garage sales for donated items? Our 85 year old towel volunteer retired after 25 years and we thought a team of 2-3 people could make light the work; maybe one to wash, one to collect donations, and one to deliver towels to Walnut Creek? You decide. Or one to do it all!

**St. Paul's** makes up our kitchen kit team, **Danville LDS** comprises our bedding team, and **St. Perpetua** makes up our cleaning kits. Come on St. Tim's!

Contact Tania Hanson-De Young at [taniahd@comcast.net](mailto:taniahd@comcast.net) or 925-876-0433 to learn more.

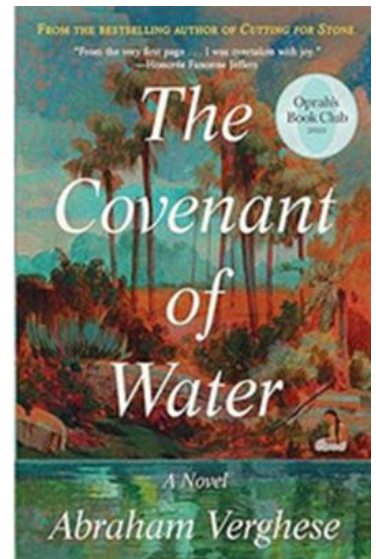
## SEPTEMBER BOOK GROUP

You are invited to join the members of the St Timothy's Book Group on **Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:15** am to discuss "**The Covenant of Water**" by Abraham Verghese, the author of "**Cutting for Stone**".

Spanning the years 1900 to 1977, *The Covenant of Water* is set in Kerala, on South India's Malabar Coast, and follows three generations of a family that suffers a peculiar affliction: in every generation, at least one person dies by drowning—and in Kerala, water is everywhere. At the turn of the century, a twelve-year-old girl from Kerala's long-existing Christian community, grieving the death of her father, is sent by boat to her wedding, where she will meet her forty-year-old husband for the first time. From this unforgettable new beginning, the young girl—and future matriarch, known as Big Ammachi—will witness unthinkable changes over the span of her extraordinary life, full of joy and triumph as well as hardship and loss, her faith and love the only constants.

A shimmering evocation of a bygone India and of the passage of time itself, *The Covenant of Water* is a hymn to progress in medicine and to human understanding, and a humbling testament to the difficulties undergone by past generations for the sake of those alive today.

Questions: Contact Sally P at [sallyspotts@gmail.com](mailto:sallyspotts@gmail.com).



# HiCap PRESENTATION



**November 3rd**

11:30-1:00

offered by New Episcopal Women (“NEW”)

HiCap or the Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program provides non-sponsored information about Supplemental Medicare Insurance programs. They cover health insurance, managed care programs and prescription drug programs. These are often known as Medicare Part B, Part C and Part D supplemental coverage. If you are over 65 or approaching your 65<sup>th</sup> birthday in the next year or two, you should consider learning about their services. Choices made in your health insurance during this period can have a lasting impact on later coverage and costs.

Their services are free and unbiased.

One-on-one assistance is available from registered health insurance counselors. Sponsored self-interested counselors may offer you a “free lunch” but you can wind up paying for it in excess fees and inferior coverage.

***October 15 – December 7 is Open Enrollment for Medicare.***

You can also change Medicare plans in the month preceding your birthday (which, depending on the time of year, can cause you to forfeit your deductible year-to-date contributions if changing providers).

Please join us in our efforts to be well informed and to secure sources of reliable, unbiased, and fact-based information.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Lisa Guevara Perry  
[Lisa@PMCAPP.com](mailto:Lisa@PMCAPP.com).

## NEED PRAYER?

Do you or a loved one have an issue that needs prayers? Our prayer team is a group of dedicated pray-ers who would be honored to pray for you. We never discuss your requests with you or with anyone else, but we will pray seriously for as long as your issue needs.

Please send your request to our prayer team at: [prayers@sainttimothysdanville.org](mailto:prayers@sainttimothysdanville.org)

If you have any questions, please contact Patti F or Helen C.

# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS PRESENTATION



**October 6<sup>th</sup>**

**11:30-1:00**

*Offered by New Episcopal Women ("NEW")*

The League of Women Voters will join us again to give a nonpartisan overview of ballot measures.

They do NOT endorse candidates. They DO explore the complexities, funding and facts behind measures on the ballot. They are a grassroots organization promoting: ways to make democracy work; criminal justice reform; housing and homelessness reform; and climate change and sustainability issues.

To quote Jefferson's 1789 letter to Richard Price, "... wherever the people are well informed they can be trusted with their own government; that whenever things get so far wrong as to attract their notice, they may be relied on to set them to rights."

Please join us in our efforts to be well informed and to secure sources of reliable and fact-based information.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Lisa Guevara Perry  
[Lisa@PMCAPP.com](mailto:Lisa@PMCAPP.com).

## EVENING DOCENT LED TARANTULA HIKE

**Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 – 7:00 PM

Location: Mitchell Canyon Visitor Center, Mount Diablo State Park  
(96 Mitchell Canyon Road, Clayton)

Join Todd, and Wally De Young, our resident naturalist and park docent, for a walk & talk about the gentle giants of the mountain, tarantulas. We will go exploring for plant & animal life as well as arachnids, and other critters. The walk is about 2 + miles with a little elevation gain. Slow to moderate pace with nature stops along the way. Dress in layered clothing, wear sturdy foot ware, and bring liquids and a flashlight.



Recommended for age 6 years and up. Fee: \$6 per vehicle, \$5 for seniors. Self-pay & exact change only at entrance to the Park by the stop sign or pay on the California State Park Yodel app.

***Space is limited so RSVP soon to [wallacedeyoung@comcast.net](mailto:wallacedeyoung@comcast.net)***

# TREASURER'S REPORT

August 21, 2024

## Financial Summary for July YTD, 2024

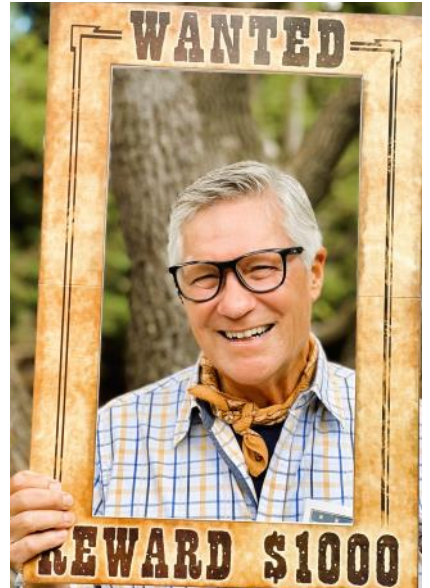
	Actual	Budget
Total Income	\$480,415	\$428,284
Total Expenses	<u>\$486,960</u>	<u>\$503,637</u>
Net Operating Income	(\$6,545)	(\$75,353)

### Comments

- Although our income for the first seven months of the year is negative, we are ahead of plan by almost \$69,000.
- July income picked up from June, and was actually almost \$2,000 ahead of the month's plan.
- The Balance Sheet shows Unrestricted Net Assets of \$582,553 as of July 31, an increase of over \$9,000 as compared to June.

## ENJOY MORE PHOTOS!







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