



*The*  
*Envoy*

*Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the  
Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, in glory everlasting.*

*January 2025*

## Financial Report

Giving envelopes are not being ordered this year, as we have many boxes left from last year! If you would like a box for your giving, please see your Sunday greeter and request.

2024 Pledge Statements showing year-to-date through December 18 were sent via email, or mailed (only if an email address is not on file). If you require an updated year-end, please contact me.

Dollars can be applied to your 2024 Pledge if received by January 19. Just indicate 'last year' and drop in offering plate or mail to office.

For purposes of having the Vestry approve the 2025 Budget, the 2024 Stewardship campaign is over (however, it's never too late to hand in a pledge card). Fifty-three (53) pledge cards were received, with a total of \$124,718 being pledged against a proposed budget of \$175,461.

If additional pledges are not forthcoming, a negative Budget will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

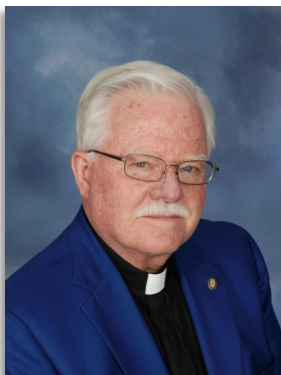
*Did you know?* Birthday offerings (yes you can give yourself a present) are deposited in the designated building & grounds fund; and 10% of any Bequest (in Memory of) dollars received will be deposited in our endowment fund; 90% is used in our operating budget.

The financial team is seeking Members who would like to be part of the team who counts weekly, and assists with financial tasks including filing and audit preparation. If this sounds like YOU, please see Pamela McManus or me.

HAVE A HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR.

Faithfully,

*Berry Ludwig*, Treasurer



Over the past several months It has become apparent that we have faced a lack of the congregation offering to read the liturgical lessons. This lack of readers means that the clergy, prior to the start of the service, has to seek readers. We need more members of the congregation to volunteer. If any of you would like to become a reader, I would appreciate it if you would contact Jennifer in the office at 727-321-5086 or myself at 727-515-4879. I am more than happy to give volunteers the training required by the Diocese.

In His Service,

*Fr. Richard Earle*



## Outreach Update

Our December toy drive was a wonderful success - **93 toys and games** of all shapes and sizes were donated to The Christmas Toy Project in St. Petersburg.

A big ***THANK YOU*** to all who participated in brightening the Christmas of disadvantaged children in our community!



## Annual Meeting 2025

Sunday, February 9th  
After the 10am Service

During the meeting the 2025 budget will be presented and candidates both for vestry and diocesan convention will be elected.

### **Vestry needs *YOU!***

**Would you like to be on the Vestry? Or would you like to nominate a member who you think would be a good representative? Please contact the office or speak to any of our vestry about adding your name to the ballot.**



## Wednesday Bible Study

Starting January 8th, our study will focus on the book "Revelation for Everyone" by N.T. Wright.

Please come join us,  
all are welcome!  
10:30am in the Parish Hall

# REVELATION

FOR EVERYONE

## CONGRATULATIONS

to John Yancey,  
the winner of the  
Christmas Star quilt.

A grand total of  
\$434.00 was raised.

**Thank you** to our  
generous and talented  
Quilters for a wonderful  
Christmas outreach.

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# Thrift Shop

Wed. - Fri. 10a - 2p  
Sat. 10a - 1p

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Small Electronics  
Magazines  
Underclothes  
DVD'S, CD'S  
Small Appliances  
Knick Knacks  
Shoes  
Kitchen Items  
Household goods  
Lamps & Artwork  
Puzzles  
Jewelry  
Crafts  
Linens

## Saint of the Month



**Harriet Bedell**, missionary and friend to the Seminole Indians of Florida, was born in Buffalo, New York on March 19, 1875. She was trained as a schoolteacher but was inspired several years later by an Episcopalian missionary who spoke at her church describing the many needs of missionary work. In 1906 she applied to, and was accepted by, the New York Training School for Deaconesses, where her one-year course of study included instruction in religious matters, missions, teaching, hygiene, and hospital nursing. Following her

training she was sent as a missionary-teacher to the Cheyenne Indians at Whirlwind Mission in Oklahoma. Bedell's duties at the Whirlwind Mission were many. She cared for the sick and the poor, organized social services for the tribe, performed the duties of the rector in his absence, and provided education for the women and children. She provided religious instruction, hoping to win the confidence of the Indians and convert them to Christianity. Because of her experience in both teaching and working with Indians, in 1916 an Episcopal bishop requested that she consider an assignment in a remote area of Alaska. Saddened by the prospect of leaving Oklahoma, she nevertheless accepted her new assignment in Stevens Village, Alaska. While there, in 1922 she was finally made a deaconess in the church, instilling in her a new and profound dedication to her vocation. The mission at Stevens Village was moved to Tanana so that a boarding school funded by church members' contributions could be established for the children who could not travel in the bad winter weather. However, by 1931, funds were so scarce that Deaconess Bedell traveled to New York to plea for more contributions. Because of the Great Depression, there was little available money, and although the church paid off the school's existing debt, there was little reason for Bedell to return to Alaska. Through speaking engagements following her service in Alaska, Bedell was invited to visit a Seminole Indian reservation in southern Florida. Appalled by their living conditions, she began her campaign to improve the quality of life among the Mikasuki-Seminole Indians by living and working with them, not merely teaching them. She sought to revive the doll making and basket weaving skills which had become nearly extinct. She encouraged the incorporation of the intricate patchwork designs made by Indian women into articles of clothing for both women and men. Sales from the arts and crafts store at Blades Cross Mission helped to provide improved income for the Mikasuki-Seminoles. Bedell emphasized health and education rather than religious conversion in her work with the Seminoles; their spiritual and physical comfort was more important to her than religious conversion, and her work and friendship with the Seminoles of Florida reflected those values.

# Prayers for Healing

## **Shut-ins:**

Dante & Rosanna Balzano, Sybil Mulhauser,  
Shirley Johnson

## **Members in Need of Healing:**

The Matta Family, Shirley Bonney, Lisa Youla,  
Ken Von der Heiden, Emily Matthews, Alice Smith,  
Eileen Prins, Edith Racine, Jim Frishe, Susan Burnett,  
Susan Austin, Ray Lamberson, Dante Balzano

## **Healing for Friends & Family:**

Sharon, Johnny B., Cliff, Bill & Dottie, Jimmy, Laura,  
Kit W., Randy W., Melissa D., Darrell Blackston, Bill Falin,  
Janet Depanoli, Diana, Sandra Schlage,  
Judy Prins Franke, Sharon Stoll, Stephen Prins,  
Meg Nolin, Mary Ellen Racine, Jim McKiernan,  
Michael Perry, Leo Perry, Scott, Kelly, Michael Norris,  
Melissa Cercone, Ellie White, Debbie Reeves,  
Sean Shannon, Mary Ebert, Martha Salas, Lisa Goodin,  
Gerry, Carol Murphy, Brian Hickcox, Katie Grayson,  
Heidi Myers, Nancy Fick, Eric Ramsey, John,  
Dawn Cantrill, Donald Higgens, Pat, Jack Tyler,  
Cory Maddox, Connie Rutter, Evelyn Hill, Bill S.,  
Beth Russ, Kellianne Meinhart, Jan Meinhart, Chris M.,  
Linda G., Doris Bishop, Janet D., Mike B., Robert Shaw,  
Michelle Johnson, Frederick Kirwin, Susan Elias,  
Steve Norris, Debra Phillips, Kenneth Norris,  
Dede Hacking, Carol Notarianni, Les Shull, Billy Reeves,  
Curtis, Linda, David, Bennett, Pierce, Rosemary McLean,  
Bella, Maria Paysan, Holly P., Tiffany Leigh, Erica Byrne,  
Josie Rose, Brenda Grismer, Kylie Cunningham,  
Elena Gibson, Evelyn Pinckney, Martha Vaules, Mike,  
Carol Bennett, Kyle & Jenna Flynn and Family,  
Dave S., Vicky Bueller, Pam & Terry Noble, Tyler,  
Jay Weisburg, and all those  
affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton

If you would like someone added to the prayer list, please call or  
email the office: 727-321-5086 / officestvin@gmail.com

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to  
your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

1 Gloria R. Lebron  
6 Maria Mata  
6 Malia Westergaard  
6 Shirley Johnson  
13 Susan Austin  
14 Ray Lamberson  
19 Edith Racine  
28 Matthew Pye



*Happy  
Anniversary*

13 Don & Nancy Mullikin



## *Men's Group Breakfast*

**Saturday, January 4th,  
8am-9:30am ~ Parish Hall**

**All Men of the Parish are invited  
to attend as well as cook.  
Sign-up in the Narthex.**

St. Vincent's Episcopal Church  
**January 2025**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> New Year's Day No Bible Study Today <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>4</b> 8am Men's Breakfast
<b>5</b> Holy Eucharist: 10am Rite II 12:30pm Spanish	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 5:30pm Girl Scouts	<b>8</b> 10:30am Bible Study	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Holy Eucharist: 10am Rite II 12:30pm Spanish	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10:30am Bible Study  6pm Evening Social	<b>16</b> 6:30pm Vestry Meeting	<b>17</b>  <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Holy Eucharist: 10am Rite II 12:30pm Spanish	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 5:30pm Girl Scouts	<b>22</b> 10:30am Bible Study	<b>23</b> Envoy Submission Deadline	<b>24</b>  <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Holy Eucharist: 10am Rite II 12:30pm Spanish	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 10:30am Bible Study	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  <i>Office Closed</i>	





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