

# **St. Columba's Episcopal Church**

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on January 31, 2021

**The Very Rev. Canon Gregory B. Larkin**

# **O U R M I S S I O N**

*To Be Partners with Christ in a Caring and Inclusive Community*

**Seeking to Know Christ and to Make Christ Known Through:**

**Loving God and responding to God's presence in each other**



**Enhancing spiritual growth for people of all ages within the Episcopal context of scripture, reason, tradition, and worship**



**Fostering a healing and caring community within the parish and beyond**



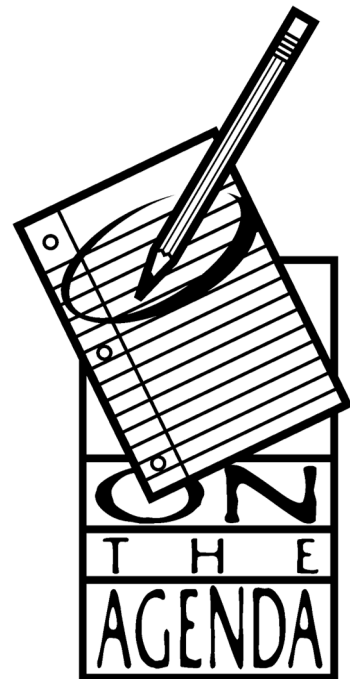
**Promoting progressive, challenging, and vital ministries**



**Striving for justice and peace among all peoples**



- 1. Opening Prayers**
- 2. Motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the 2020 Annual Parish Meeting**
- 3. Special Recognition**
  - School Board Members
  - Retiring Vestry Members
  - Introduce Senior Warden for 2021
- 4. Convention Election**
  - Election of Delegates for Diocesan Convention
    - Delegates: Teri Helton and Nancy Larkin
    - Alternates: Gail Hill, Maurice Hill, Bob Waite, Gwen Waite
- 5. Vestry Election**
  - Present Vestry Nominees
- 6. Presentation of Reports**
- 7. Budget**
  - Review of the Budget
- 8. Special Acknowledgements**
- 9. Other Business**
- 10. Adjourn with Closing Prayer**



***The Vestry will meet via Zoom for a brief organizational meeting.***

## Rector's Report

We began 2020 in the usual way—blissfully unaware of the pandemic that would engulf us and our programs and ministries. We celebrated our annual Epiphany Party in a new way, having a special Coffee Hour on Twelfth Night (January 5). Our Annual Meeting and Brunch took place as we conducted the usual business of the parish. We welcomed Bishop Taylor on Candlemas (February 2) for a special service, and we all tucked into pancakes in support of our Boy Scout Troop on Scout Sunday. We took pictures for a new photo directory. We gathered with our friends at Mount Cross for Ash Wednesday services and prepared to settle in for a holy Lent.



Then the world changed—little did we know we would be spending the rest of the year in a different form of Lent, giving up many of the things we love and hold dear. What to do about worship and being together quickly became our theme. And before we could implement our procedures for “safe worship” —boom—we were closed and had to find new ways to gather to worship our God of love.

Initially we thought “this will only be for a few weeks—we’ll be back for Easter.” How little we knew then. So, we brought a taste of our Celtic Contemplative Prayer to “primetime” as, thanks to the technical wizardry of Cliff Aggen and Tim Helton, our prayer leaders—Carol Browning, Paul Amendt, Robin Nicholls, and I—gathered in separate rooms and homes via Zoom and presented the service on Facebook. New words like “livestream” entered our vocabulary as we all learned how to go to church in our pajamas on our computers. As the “safe at home” orders continued, we looked for continuing opportunities for worship and, in May, began joining Mount Cross Lutheran for joint services, from Mount Cross livestreamed to both congregations. Our Contemplative services of Celtic Contemplative Prayer and Taizé Prayer also became digital, moving to appear on Facebook.

As we moved into summer, the In-person Worship Task Force was hard at work preparing to hold an in-person service at the beginning of August. Yet, as the number of cases rose, the Governor’s directive shelved these plans and it was back to livestream, but with a new twist. We started small, with an I-phone and a tripod, but soon, thanks to a grant from the Endowment Fund and the gifts of some generous givers, we began to purchase cameras and other equipment so that we could host our own livestream from our beloved church. And before you knew it, we had gone from a church that couldn’t figure out how to put the Sunday sermon on the webpage to having three cameras, a computer, and all the equipment to broadcast the Sunday service. In November, we were able to gather twice for in-person worship outside on the patio, for All Saints Sunday and for Thanksgiving Sunday. One of the side benefits of this livestream technology is that we have people who do not live in Camarillo watch our services and join in worship with us.

While all this was going on, our Treasurer, Gail Hill, and the Vestry were trying to figure out how to keep us afloat financially. Without regular church services, how would people pay their pledges? Would people be able to pay their pledges? And if not, then what do we do? Thanks to their great work, we managed to keep our heads above water, even when the preschool had to shut down and we lost 20% of our income. Through Gail’s efforts, we were able to qualify for a Payroll Protection Loan from the Federal Government that saw us through some lean times. She is now working with the bank for us to qualify to have the loan forgiven as a grant.

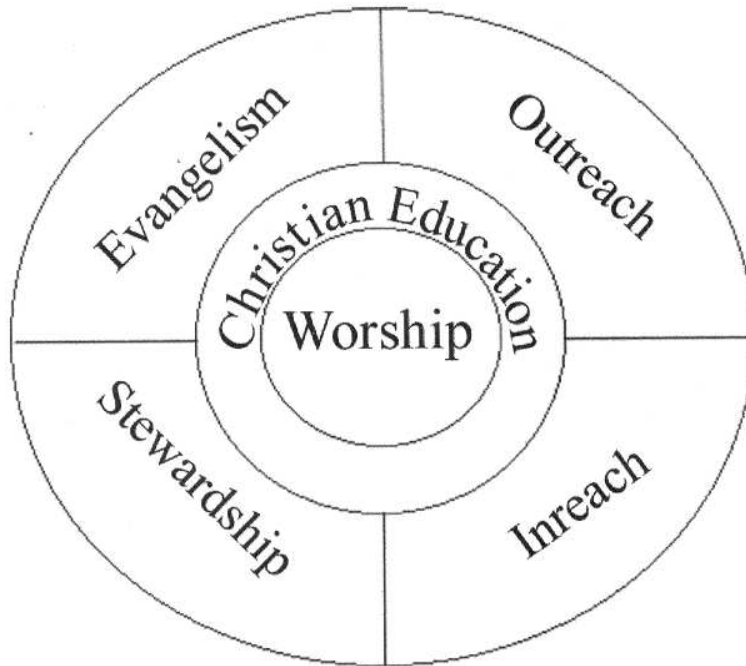
But we weren't out of the woods yet; we lost all of our planned fundraisers (the BBQ and Faire) and donations from the groups that use our parish hall. Thanks to some belt tightening, a Christmas Candy fundraiser, and the extremely generous gifts so many of you gave at the end of the year, we were able to end the year "in the black" and not have to use any of our reserves. But we are not out of the woods yet; as you will see, our 2021 budget relies heavily on these reserves at the moment, as well as fundraisers and the generosity of our members.

But through it all, mission and ministry DID happen. We were able to care for our campus as we replaced the parish hall roof, thanks to a gift from the Endowment Fund, an insurance payment, and the gifts of many of you. We were able to patch the stucco on our buildings, and do other campus-related repair projects. Project Hope continued to feed those in need as we worked to assist those who were affected by the pandemic and needed food. In the fall, we applied for and received a grant from HUD through the City to expand our food offerings—more on that in the coming months. Our education programs also moved online as we began to meet together via Zoom. We finished our Lent book study on Zoom and then began to find other resources. We spent time with Celtic Scholar John Philip Newell in a time of meditation, prayer, and discussion called "Wisdom in the Pandemic." We studied racism as we read the book *Waking Up White*. And we joined together with Mount Cross in the Upper Room Zoom—a midweek pause for 15 minutes of reflection and prayer.

During the year, we have not been able to welcome people into our midst as we have not been able to meet together for worship.

As we look back over 2020, we can see it was a year like no other, and yet, through it all, we have persevered—we have been faithful to our call and faithful to one another. In the year to come, as we return to a new normal, may we continue to be the church God calls us to be.

*Faithfully submitted by Fr. Greg Larkin*



### **Six Spheres of Ministry**

We, at St. Columba's, respond to Jesus' call to action through our **Six Spheres of Ministry**. The ministry of St. Columba's is broken into four main categories: Evangelism, Outreach, Inreach, and Stewardship. Through these Spheres, we reach out to the sick, the friendless and the needy, as well as our own Parish family. These are upheld and supported by our Christian Education that gives us the skills and training we need to undertake these ministries. At the core of all we do is our Worship, which equips us to hear God's call and to respond as servants of all. And it is around these six spheres that this Book of Reports is laid out.

## REPORTS IN ORDER OF MINISTRY SPHERES



### † Acolyte Guild †



Four members of the guild served regularly at the start of the year. Eucharistic Ministers assisted at all services.

Once the situation regarding the pandemic was realized in March, no acolytes served at any online services.

Once the situation approaches normal, our parish will once again have numerous opportunities to serve our Lord and fellow members; being an acolyte is one of the most rewarding. We look forward to sharing this ministry with others in the near future.

*Submitted by Clifford Aggen*

### † Altar Flower Guild †



Our Flower Guild consists of people serving once per month to choose, buy, and arrange flowers for Sundays on the High Altar and at the columbarium. Occasionally, we fill requests for arrangements on the Mary Chapel Altar as well. During Lent this year, two large green plants were placed on the High Altar instead of flowers. Due to the pandemic beginning in March, the green plants were taken away when services were not being offered in the main church. When we started livestreaming services in the fall, the same green plants were returned to the church. At Thanksgiving, our service was on the patio, as only outdoor services were allowed. Sarah and Joe Wigert provided the beautiful fall display of gourds, pumpkins, and fall produce around the altar there. At Christmas, Flower Power Florist supplied the flowers for arrangements at the High Altar. A pedestal arrangement was designed and prepared by Nancy Miller.

Our dedicated members this year were Fran Cogswell, Gail DeWolfe, Marjo Gardner, Diana Hoslett, Ann Luthringer, Norma McQuade, Nancy Miller, Julie Silvertrust, and Gail Zehmer.

We seek people experienced in floral arranging to fill empty spots vacated by Julie Silvertrust, who moved to Nebraska in June, and for Diana Hoslett, who has retired from the Guild. We thank them for their dedicated service.

*Submitted by Marjo Gardner*

## † Altar Guild †



The Altar Guild continues to help to prepare the church for worship and clean-up following the service even in this time of pandemic. The members of the Guild include: Gail Hill, Beverly Pearson, Gail DeWolfe, Fran Cogswell, Sarah Wigert, Mary Steppes-Cole, Barbara Amick, and Nancy Miller. We continue to be grateful to their work throughout the years.

In this time of livestream worship, we are grateful for the assistance of Nancy Miller and Beverly Pearson who work to take care of preparing the altar and vessels. Thank you, too, to Barbara Amick who assisted with decorating the church for Christmas. Special thanks to Fran Cogswell and Gail DeWolfe for their work taking care of our outdoor services in November, and to Sarah Wigert for the amazing Thanksgiving decorations for our Thanksgiving Sunday service.

This past year, the Altar Guild was saddened to lose Directress Julie Silvertrust following her move to Nebraska. The guild joined the parish in wishing Julie well at a special Zoom Coffee Hour and by contributing to a gift to thank her for all her efforts.

We are also very thankful for the members of the flower committee whose lovely arrangements enhance our worship.

*Submitted by Fr. Greg Larkin for the Altar Guild*

## † Columbarium Committee †



The columbarium has a total of 87 niches contracted for. All have been paid in full with certificates of ownership issued. To date, fifty-two parishioners have been inurned in the columbarium.

The columbarium fund started the year with \$40,003.78. As of the end of 2020, the balance stands at \$39,971.60. The difference is due to the cost of engraving for one name plate.

Historically, burial inside the church was once reserved to honor noteworthy clerics and nobles. Now it is possible to grant this blessing to all God's children to "dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Liturgically, it sets aside a place for remembrance and love for the departed. At \$900, the cost of a niche is modest compared to a burial plot and is ecologically sound. Anyone interested in purchasing a niche in St. Columba's columbarium should contact Jerry Gillespie at (805) 482-9405.

*Submitted by Jerry Gillespie*



## † Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors † † Storytellers †



**Eucharistic Ministers**—formerly called Lay Eucharistic Ministers and still often referred to as LEMs—are licensed by the diocese in which they serve after training at the direction of the Rector of their congregation. Licenses are renewed annually, and certain training must be repeated periodically to retain a license to serve. They assist at the Eucharist by leading the Prayers of the People and by administering the chalice (well, before the pandemic, at least!).

During the COVID-19 pandemic, our Eucharistic Ministers have assisted by serving as Lectors and by leading the prayers at our online services.

Currently licensed Eucharistic Ministers at St. Columba's are Paul Amendt, Lorelee Brown, Mike Brown, Maria Fernandez, Margie Hanley, Teri Helton, Tim Helton, Julian Hoyle, Nancy Larkin, Nancy Miller, Tom Pani, Mary Steppes-Cole, and Bob Waite.



**Lectors** are those who read the Lessons in our services, whether in person or recorded and viewed online. Many of our Lectors have been unable to serve throughout much of 2020 during the pandemic due to age and/or health conditions; we thank them for their service when and as they are able and look forward to when we can all safely meet together for worship again.

Our Lectors are Paul Amendt, Marjo Gardner, Margie Hanley, Michella Harp, Maurice Hill, Julian Hoyle, Nancy Larkin, Diane Off, Beverly Pearson, John Pearson, and Mary Steppes-Cole. We will miss Julie Silvertrust, who moved to Nebraska in June 2020, to be closer to her children and grandchildren, and John Dannenbaum, who moved to New Jersey in December.



### **Biblical Storytelling**

**Storytellers** learn the passage of Scripture for one of the Lessons and present it to the congregation without the barrier of being behind the lectern or of reading the passage. Generally, it is done simply, without any attempt at drama – but anyone who has been privileged to see and hear Paul Amendt present the Old Testament lesson of Moses and the burning bush can tell you that occasionally some theatricality can turn a familiar Lesson into a memorable one! Initial training was done by the Rev. Dina Ferguson, Episcopal priest and past president of the Network of Biblical Storytellers, back in 2013; the group has gotten smaller over the years, but we would welcome those who feel called to this form of scriptural presentation and Bible study to take the training and join us! Or to take the training and simply use this as an intense method of Bible study – for it is that and more, as the learning process helps to peel away the layers of the text in an entirely different way.

Current Storytellers are Paul Amendt, Nancy Larkin, and Nancy Miller.

*Submitted by Nancy Larkin*

## † The Labyrinth †



Although no in-person services are being held at this time, the labyrinth is available for any of those who would like to walk it during daylight hours.

Recently, Jeanette Barcroft has been spending many hours weeding and taming the labyrinth garden area, and we have begun planting a section of succulents. Paul Amendt planted some new stone pine trees, and he has replanted the oak tree that he nursed back to health after bunnies gnawed it down to nearly nothing! Ann Luthringer has donated some bareroot bald cypress trees, which should be planted after they've gotten established. Work still to be done includes adding a permanent fire pit (the metal one we used for Stories Around the Campfire finally died, after serving us well for two years) and an herb garden.

The Labyrinth Group currently consists of Nancy Larkin, Paul Amendt, Jeanette Barcroft, and Fr. Greg Larkin. Julie Russell has needed to pull back from this ministry for now, but we thank her for her service over the past several years, especially in getting the succulent area started.

*Submitted by Nancy Larkin*

## † Music Department †



While this past year has been a time of thought, appreciation, and ponderance of what is to come, we all have been graced with the continuance of music as expressed by many of your thanks to St. Columba's and everyone that has contributed their many talents. It is with gratitude that I can say we can still talk to each other during Zoom meetings but it also gives us time to realize the many blessings we have and can look forward to what is to come in the future. It was with heavy heart that we could not celebrate in person and sing together during the holidays but were graced with some beautiful music from some of our favorite singers and musicians from our church. I will say I'm looking forward to coming back to regular service with the choir and sharing music in person. This also gives me time to put thought into a special summer parish concert for everyone to enjoy. My prayers are with all of you to stay healthy and see you soon.

*Submitted by Brett Hanley, Music Director*

## † Ushers Report †



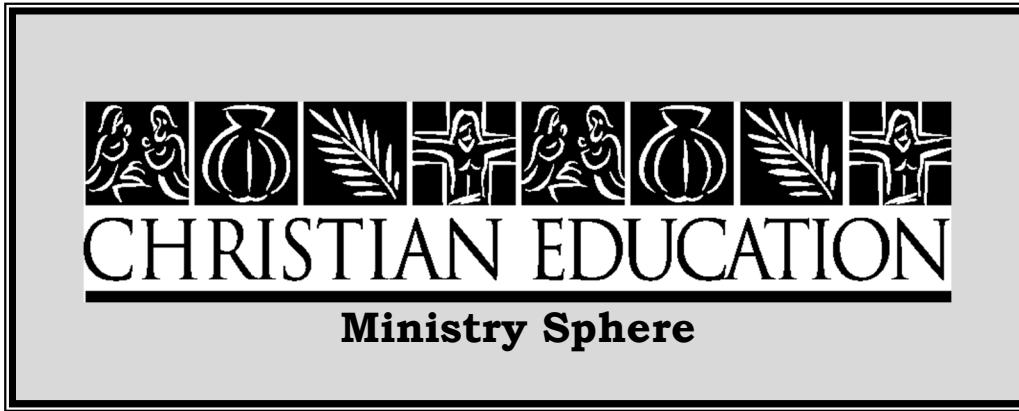
Ushers are usually the first people that guests and possible new parishioners meet when they attend any St. Columba's service. Their greetings and help are important first impressions. We have a great core of seven Ushers for the 8:00 a.m. service and nine more for the 10:15 a.m. service.

Unfortunately, with COVID, our need for Ushers has been greatly restricted for most of 2020. We will have needs for some replacements when the conditions allow for our uses again. There is no special training required to be an Usher. All it takes is being a warm and helpful individual. Anyone in the congregation can be one, or just help out when we are shorthanded. Just ask any of the following Ushers, whom I sincerely thank for their dedication to this vital church ministry:

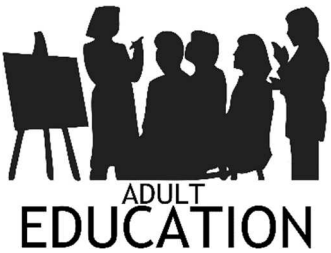
George & Betty Anderson, John Dannenbaum, Marjo Gardner, Ron & Martha O'Haver, Jim Cecil, Marty Cervo, Maurice & Gail Hill, John & Beverly Pearson, Richard Stone, and Barbara Amick.

*Submitted by John Kromka, Head Usher*





## ✧ Adult Education ✧



Our Adult Education efforts have been largely conducted on Zoom as we have met for book and other discussions. Prior to the pandemic, the **Adult Forum** studied the “History of the Bible in English,” and how the Bible came to be and how to study it. We then moved on to begin “Lent Madness” and continued through our time of safe-at-home until Harriet Tubman was awarded the Golden Halo.

During Lent, the **Book Group** began a study of Adam Hamilton’s *Final Words from the Cross*, which was finished up over Zoom later in the year. We spent time with Celtic Scholar John Philip Newell in a time of meditation, prayer, and discussion called “Wisdom in the Pandemic.” We also studied racism and the part we play as we read the book *Waking Up White*. In the coming year, we look forward to reading Bishop Michael Curry’s *Walk in Love*.

*Submitted by Fr. Greg Larkin*

## ✧ Children’s Learning Center ✧



The staff, School Board, and I have continued our mission to make St. Columba’s Center Camarillo’s premier Christian-based program. We are once again a part of the National Association of Episcopal Schools.

This year, has looked completely different from our previous years.

This year we finished our school remodel. The Butterfly room was repainted, given new floors, new lights, fans, a new sink with storage, and had the popcorn ceiling removed. We had high hopes to design an outdoor classroom as the year went on. Then in March most of our lives changed; I would say forever. From March-July the school closed its doors as we educated ourselves and kept the families and staff as safe as possible. In July, we reopened our doors and made things as normal as possible for our families.

Due to the pandemic we have had to modify just about everything. We have added new sinks, modified our schedules, read, read some more, and then re-read some more, class sizes are smaller, and there were no social events with the church or the families. That did not stop us as we reinvented our program for what our community needed.

All of our major social events this year were well attended by staff and the children only. All events were two days so every child could be included, no matter their schedule. Trunk-or-Treat was once again a huge success for all; it was followed by Halloween class parties. Rather than parents setting up cars and staying, we set up parking spots and children went trick-or-treating with just their classmates. This year we once again had our very own pumpkin patch and it continues to be a huge success! We were able to celebrate the Harvest Festival/Pumpkin Patch for two weeks and the children were able to participate in so many fun class events. The Thanksgiving Feast was very different but it was so much fun as well. Rather than community food, every child was able to pick a Happy Meal!!! We still had a fun feast in each classroom. The Christmas Program was so special. Although we did not fill the church, the children dressed up and sang their hearts out – outside! The program was recorded and sent out to our parents. So many families were able to send it to family and friends that they have not seen throughout this pandemic. Our summer camp was once again a hit, especially because we were finally able to reopen our doors!

CLC is in a much different financial position. Although our enrollment has continued to stay full for the 2019-20 school year, we are recovering from being closed, pandemic cost and much lower ratios required by the state at this time. 2019-2020 school year ended with CLC using a little over \$10,000 from our operating reserve.

The school began to provide a monthly attendance fee to the Church, as well as contributions towards the telephone, Xerox, utilities, supplies, and gardener bills in September. (From May-August the school did not contribute fees)

This year the teachers have continued to go above and beyond to rebuild the program during a pandemic. Their dedication and sacrifice to St. Columba's Preschool is like nothing I have ever seen. They continue to smile and make St. Columba's Preschool the very best for families to send their children and grandchildren to during such uncertain time.

Tristen Henderson served as our 2020 parent representative. She was huge support for parents and myself.

Going into the 2021 school year, we currently have 58 children enrolled, numerous children on our waitlist and many families needing/wanting more days.

I want to thank all of the School Board Members for their knowledge, patience, support and dedication over the past year– I could not have done my job without all of you!

*Submitted by Rebecca Mendoza-Martinez, Director*

## ✧ Children's Ministries ✧

*The goal of the Children's Ministries Programs at St. Columba's is to involve adults and children in a common religious experience in which the primary values of childhood are predominate, especially those of simplicity, contemplation and joy.*

*"Catechesis" is formation in the Christian faith through interpersonal relationship under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.*



In the year 2020, when COVID-19 restrictions took over most of our lives, the St. Columba's goal of "catechesis" as its primary means of children's formation became an incredible challenge.

The beginning of the year in the St. Columba Atria began with children of Level II age only so there was only one Level II Atrium Session which met once a week. And as in the past, Fr. Greg Larkin continued to share weekly Level I presentations with classes from the St. Columba's preschool until March. As the year continued, parish family events such as the Easter Egg Hunt and Pumpkin Carving, and the accompanying potlucks were all postponed.

In January, our weekly Level II sessions focused on the *History of the Kingdom / Reign of God and The Bible*. Late in January and February, our sessions began to focus on a work known as *The History of the Kingdom of God and The Books of The Bible*. This work is an exploration of how the Bible was written, by whom, and what the Bible tells us about our relationship with God and Jesus and the three moments in Salvation History: Creation, Redemption and The Parousia and our part in this history.

Based on the Montessori philosophy of education, the *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* is divided into three levels of three-year cycles that correspond to the planes of development of children. Throughout the three cycles, the child is presented with the essentials of the faith in increasing detail and sophistication. Celebrations or paraliturgies (Advent, Epiphany, Liturgy of the Light, and Pentecost) are held in the Atria throughout the liturgical year. In the St. Columba's Atria, the catechists are guides and the children are invited to reflect on the concepts presented with materials and then respond rather than having religious information "told to them" or "poured into" their heads. Because of this, not meeting together with the materials makes the work very difficult.

Beginning in mid-March, our meeting together was put on hold; therefore, we could not proceed with atrium sessions as planned. Throughout March, April, and May, I kept in touch with my atrium children and their parents through texts and emails, sending liturgically appropriate at-home materials for At-Home Church whenever possible. In June, we participated in the parish Drive-By Send-Off for the Cheathams, saying our goodbyes to Colden and Caden, whom we miss. With their departure, there is one participating member of the Level II atrium. Starting in June, with the restrictions reduced, we started to meet about once a month until September. In September, we set up an agreement to meet every week, either by video or in person for presentations, whichever is most appropriate. We have continued with these sessions into the new year.

What 2021 will bring, we don't really know. We are willing to explore and reflect upon whatever it is as such is the Kingdom of God and our place in it.

*Submitted by Wendie M. Roberts, Director of Family Ministries*

## ✧ Daughters of the King ✧



**The Order of the Daughters of the King** (DOK) is an international order of the Episcopal Church, with headquarters in Woodstock, Georgia. It has chapters throughout the Americas, Europe, Africa, and the Middle East (there is even one in *Jerusalem!*). We here in Camarillo are known as the St. Columba's Chapter, Province VIII.

The St. Columba's Chapter was **started almost 36 years ago** in April 1985, with a threefold mission of **Prayer, Service, and the Spread of Christ's Kingdom**. We meet once a month, usually the first Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon in the parish hall. As a group of Christian women, we strive to be a caring, nurturing, and loving group, offering support to each other in Christ's love. Prayer is the foundation of our service, and we endeavor to serve our parish, diocese, and clergy through prayer—as well as supporting each other through the sharing of prayer requests for parish members, family, and friends.

Unfortunately, we last got together in March of last year!!! The rest of this **2020—The Year of the Corona Virus**, we have not been meeting. Even when some of the social restrictions were eased a bit, we did not meet, since all of us are in the “most vulnerable” age group. Then, of course, cases in California spiked, and restrictions tightened anew. We (like everyone else) hope to see the end of COVID in 2021 and a return to our regular meeting schedule as soon as possible.

Once it is safe again for us to gather, we would very much like to welcome new members or visitors to our small but lively DOK group. The meetings are open to all women in the parish. Please join us some 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to Noon in the parish hall.

*Submitted by Nancy Miller*





### ‡ Arts & Crafts ‡



No sessions have been offered since February due to the COVID restrictions. The date for returning to gathering of the craft members is on hold until we are able to gather once again in the parish hall.

*Submitted by Ann Luthringer*

### ‡ Health Ministries/Parish Nurses ‡



The Health Ministry Program of St. Columba's Episcopal Church is composed of nurses and congregants. The Health Ministry is centered on a holistic approach to achieving wellness in mind, body, and spirit. To that end, we will teach and provide resources, as well as comfort and encourage members of our congregation in an inclusive relationship. We demonstrated this in 2020 by having a successful

Tea with education that focused on whole-person health. Then the pandemic hit, but the team has continued to give support through caring phone calls and carefully provided shopping as needed. We will continue to support our church family and congregation through education and safe ways of personal contact and caring.

*Submitted by Teri Helton, RN*

### ‡ Lunch Bunch ‡



St. Columba's Lunch Bunch met in January and February 2020, with 18-20 in attendance each time. We enjoyed fellowship with one another and lunch, prepared by Michele Hauser and hosted by Steve Hauser. Lunch Bunch had able, and appreciated, clean-up help from Nancy Larkin, Gwen Waite, and Ann Luthringer.

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, Lunch Bunch went on hiatus until it is safe to gather once more. Stay safe, everyone!

*Submitted by Michele Hauser, Lunch Bunch Hostess*



## ‡ Memorial Ministry ‡



One event was provided for the family and friends of Mary Justice in February. Although there have been several deaths of our fellow parishioners, no event to celebrate their lives with family and friends has been planned nor scheduled in keeping with the COVID restrictions at this time. Planning for celebration of the life of our loved ones depends upon the current status of COVID but will be again offered as desired.

*Submitted by Ann Luthringer*

## ‡ Prayer Group ‡



The Prayer Group prays for those on the parish prayer list, as well as for other needs from time to time. Each person prays on their own schedule, in whatever format feels best for them. Office Manager Carol Browning notifies us by email of new prayer requests, and we update our prayer lists from the Sunday bulletin or This Week online.

We welcome any who would like to commit to joining us in prayer!

*Submitted by Nancy Larkin, Nancy Hey, and Beverly Aggen*

## ‡ Wine Fest ‡



As a result of restrictions required due to the pandemic, Wine Fest 2020 was not held. We look forward to a time in 2021 when we can once again resume in-person activities.

*Submitted by Maurice Hill*





## ▣ Food Ministries ▣

### **Project Hope at St. Columba's** **A SuperPantry Collaborating with Food Share, Inc**



The Emergency Need Pantry and the Project Hope Pantry for Seniors and Families are both parts of the food ministries at St Columba's. All food ministries at St. Columba's receive donations in funds and food items from our parish members, Food Share, Inc., neighboring churches, and friends in the community. We are a partner in the Food Share Network and Feeding America. We continue to stand ready **to serve** those who come to us in need of assistance.

The manner of operation for the food ministries has changed dramatically since the pandemic hit in full force. The number of emergency drop-in requests for food and other assistance has approached zero. We stand ready to help but just about all of our assistance is now given out through regular Project Hope programs. We do not turn anyone away. We always accept food and PPE donations; those have been our lifeblood during this difficult time.

Project Hope continues to provide supplemental food to seniors and families who are food insecure. Project Hope provides food in the morning and afternoon on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month. Food is also delivered to seniors who do not have transportation.

In many areas of Ventura County there was a very significant increased need for food assistance—per a *Ventura County Star* article on January 12, 2021, the need increased by 130%+. During 2020, we did not experience a growth in demand; in fact, we saw a decrease in demand year over year. We distributed food to 665 family and senior households providing food assistance for 1243 people. 11,187 meals were provided; these meals consisted of staples, canned and dried food, bread, produce, and, as available, fresh and frozen protein items. We served 853 seniors (60+ years of age), 217 adults (18–59 years of age), and 173 children (birth–17 years of age).

Project Hope food ministries was able to continue to function during the pandemic while many of our fellow food assistance programs in Camarillo had to shut their doors. This was all because of our great volunteers. While several of our regular volunteers had to step away from the programs because of personal health risks, new volunteers from St. Columba's and Mount Cross Lutheran stepped in to support the mission. Special thanks to those who have kept Project Hope alive and have made sure that it supports the community:

- Bag/account layout, food inventory set-up and bagging moved from Thursday mornings to Wednesdays as the parish hall became available with no meetings being held. Those working that part of the ministries have been: George Anderson, Gail Hill, Maurice Hill, and Doug Miller,

- Thursday morning inventory management for Food Share delivery: George Anderson and Doug Miller.
- Thursday morning final bag assemblers and deliverers to clients in their cars: Lorelee Brown, Peter Johnson, Bethany Larkin, Fr. Greg Larkin, Judith Laurentowski, and Doug Miller.
- The Thursday Morning delivery crew for seniors without transportation: LoraLee Brown, Judith Laurentowski, and Tony Slade
- The Thursday afternoon/evening distributors: Cliff Aggen and Fr. Greg Larkin;

Special thanks for super support given to:

- The Boy Scouts of Troop 262 for their annual food drive with the food being given to Food Share, Inc. This was luckily completed just before the pandemic lockdown.
- The congregations of local churches for food and monetary donations: Trinity Presbyterian, Mount Cross Lutheran, Peace Lutheran, and Camarillo United Methodist.
- The Pleasant Valley Lions Club for their monetary gift to help with our Thanksgiving and Christmas distributions.
- The CROP Walk and individual monetary donors.
- Members of the community for their monetary donations.
- Food Share, Inc. for most of the food that we distributed.

For Thanksgiving and Christmas, we gave roasted and then frozen chickens to our seniors and smaller families and turkeys to our large families. At Christmas, we gave gift cards to seniors and families that were provided by St. Columba's Food Ministries Funds. Great appreciation to Maurice and Gail Hill who put in much extra effort to make that happen.

*Submitted by Clifford Aggen*

### **Introducing St. Columba's Pantry**

St. Columba's Church received a grant from the City of Camarillo and the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The grant is for \$25,000 and will be used to provide food, fruit, vegetables, PPE, and other items to seniors and low-income families impacted by Covid-19. We plan to offer these groceries to clients on the Thursdays when we don't distribute food via Project Hope. We have named the program "St. Columba's Pantry." The program will last about one year.

*Submitted by Maurice Hill*

## ▣ Heaven's Helpers ▣



Heaven's Helpers

Due to the COVID pandemic, Heaven's Helpers has been suspended. We look forward to the time when we may once again work together assisting members of our parish family. While we have not been able to formally work together, the spirit of Heaven's Helpers continues every time we reach out a hand to help in whatever way we can.

*Submitted by Kelly Privitt*

## ▣ Boy Scouts of America Troop 262 ▣



Scouting = Outings - Challenges of 2020

Troop 262 is starting 2021 with 30 Scouts and 25 active adults with the hopes of getting back to an important part of Scouting, The Outings!

2020 saw us forced to cancel most events from the High Adventure crews (8 scouts & 3 Adults) planned trip to Philmont in August (rescheduled for 2022), and our annual Summer Camp this year was canceled. Usually, about 70% of our Scouts participate and use the camp as a time to complete merit badges and grow as Scouts and a troop.

With that, we have had a number of Scouts not renew for 2021, which has brought us from 50-plus Scouts to the current 30. The Scouts have been using Zoom online meetings instead of in-person meetings to bridge the gap. The core Scouts are actively pursuing merit badges and advancing ranks as best as possible with online tools, all the while praying to get back to live in-person meetings.

With that, this has been a tough year in scouting for Troop 262, and we look forward to putting back the Outing in Scouting!!

*Submitted by Larry Pender, Committee Chair, Troop 262*

## ▣ Stcolumbaca.com and Electronic Communications ▣



Since August 18, 2006, the St. Columba's website has undergone many changes. On that date, *This Week at St. Columba's* began its life, with a weekly publication of events in the parish as well as from the wider church. The number of our email subscribers has increased considerably since our beginning.

In 2017, we rebuilt the entire website with a new hosting service. It is now more streamlined and much easier to edit and maintain. We can also add almost unlimited pages. Our website has continued to evolve to meet the changing needs of the community and the changing world with respect to the COVID pandemic. Because of the pandemic, St. Columba's, as with all houses of worship, has not been able to meet in person for worship. That has given our website a new mission—namely, to livestream our services. We realize this is not the way in which any of us would prefer for worship. We would most like to be with our fellow members in our beautiful sanctuary space. Unfortunately, due to the ease of transmission of this virus,

we cannot safely be together. Thankfully, with the features of the Facebook platform, we can livestream services or pre-record them. We are also using a channel on YouTube for replaying services, sermons, or other recorded events. While this is an inconvenience, it does have advantages. I have noticed that former members who moved away from us years ago have found us on Facebook, and left comments in which they have thanked us for our presence on the internet. We even have had “drop-in” viewer/worshippers from as far away as the United Kingdom. Through the magic of the internet, we can attend various services or events from the diocese or from the national church.

I would like to thank those who have been the techno-wizards that make the livestreamed and recorded services possible: Tim Helton, Cliff Aggen, and Nancy Miller. My job is to grab the links from their videos and post them on our webpage, along with links to the service bulletins that Carol Browning so lovingly creates. Thanks to Maurice Hill, who edits the video of Fr. Greg Larkin’s sermons, which get posted to our website along with the text of the sermons.

Our coffee hours after the services have morphed into fellowship time shared together via Zoom. Thank you to Maurice and Gail Hill for hosting!

We are making every effort to make certain everyone is “in the know” by sending the weekly e-news *This Week at St. Columba’s* and Constant Contact emails from our parish office manager, Carol Browning. If you are not receiving our emails, or if you know of anyone who would like to be included, please send an email with contact information to [office.manager@stcolumbaca.com](mailto:office.manager@stcolumbaca.com).

I invite each of you to take time and tour our website. Besides links to find our services, we have information posted about the church, the staff, parish calendar, Fr. Greg’s recent sermons, parish history, our ministries, vestry, how to donate, and much more. Some of the information I have posted needs to be revisited for revision, and I invite feedback so I can update what we have posted on our website. I welcome photos! If you have photos of events, email them to me and I will get them posted (within reason). In all matters, I try to keep our website up to date.

*Submitted by Bob Waite*  
Editor, *This Week at St. Columba’s*  
Webmaster, <https://stcolumbaca.com>



## ‡ Annual Pledge Campaign and Endowment Fund ‡



The Stewardship Committee plans and carries out the stewardship program for time, talent, and treasure for St. Columba's. Since we were significantly challenged by the restrictions imposed by the pandemic, many activities were eliminated or curtailed. However, the committee thanks all those in the parish who did contribute their time, talent and treasure during 2020. The pledge campaign began October 4 this year. The theme of the pledge campaign was *Faith-Filled Generosity*. This year, *Treasure of El Corazon*, a Stewardship Skit written by Father Greg, was performed and live-streamed at the Sunday service on November 8. As of January 25, 2021, we received 54 pledges for 2021 for a total of \$214,771. This represents an average of \$4,018 per pledge; the *total* amount is considerably less than 2020. The pledge numbers are current as of the date of submission of this report. New pledges continue to be submitted throughout January.

The 2020 Stewardship Committee members were Fr. Greg Larkin, Nancy Miller, and Maurice Hill (Vestry rep). We met virtually by Zoom. Sarah Monroe-Allen was the Financial Secretary in 2020 and also served as Parish Pledge Secretary. The Stewardship Committee always welcomes new members.

## ‡ Endowment Fund ‡

St. Columba's Endowment Fund Committee was established by the Vestry in 2005. The purpose of the Committee is to form and implement a Planned Giving Program for St. Columba's. The 2020 committee members were Fr. Greg Larkin, Gail Hill, Jim Cecil, Tim Helton, Nancy Miller, Doug Miller, Maurice Hill, and Cliff Aggen. Jim Cecil retired from the Committee after serving 15 years—mostly as Treasurer. Many thanks go to Jim's commitment to the Committee over this period—we would not have such a strong Endowment Fund today without Jim's dedicated involvement and financial expertise. Doug Miller was selected to fill Jim's position. Gail Hill is the current Treasurer and is an *ex officio* member of the Committee.

All funds in the Endowment Fund are tracked in St. Columba's monthly financial report and presented to the Vestry monthly. The monies in the Endowment Fund are held in an account through the Los Angeles Episcopal Diocese with the "Diocesan Investment Trust" (DIT), investments in a Vanguard exchange traded fund (ETF), a Vanguard bond fund, and in a Vanguard Federal Money Market Fund at Vanguard Group (website: <https://www.vanguard.com/>). We also hold money in a Bank of America Money Market account.

The Endowment Fund has money invested in the Long-Term Diversified (LTD) Fund of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles Diocesan Investment Trust (DIT). The DIT continues to use Wilshire Associates, a Los Angeles firm, as its investment advisor. The balance for the LTD fund on 12/31/2020 was \$302,965.54. No new deposits were made to the LTD in 2020—continuing the Endowment Committee’s policy of depositing all new money to the Vanguard account. The goal of the policy is to achieve a better return and to further diversify our investments.

The Endowment Fund Committee also invests money in the Vanguard Total Stock Market Exchange Traded Fund (symbol VTI) and Vanguard Intermediate Term Bond (symbol BIV) using a dollar-cost-averaging method of investment. These investments provide further diversification of a portion of our funds as we strive to achieve the long-term objectives of the Endowment Fund. Cash is held in a Vanguard Federal Money Market Fund (MM Fund). As of 12/31/2020, the Endowment Fund held a total of \$180,483.15 with Vanguard. This includes \$151,841.38 in VTI, \$13,289.89 in BIV, and \$15,351.88 in the MM Fund. On December 31, 2020, the Endowment Fund also held \$9,269.97 in the church’s Bank of America savings account.

In 2020, the Endowment Fund received \$2,000 from the estate of a parishioner. Additionally, we received \$28.80 in dividends and \$4.91 in savings account interest. We withdrew \$30,000 from the Fund in January 2020. The \$30K represented a grant from the Endowment Fund to the church. The grant was combined over three years—the grants were: 2018: \$9,000.00; 2019: \$10,000.00; and 2020: \$11,000.00. The money was used to help pay for the new roof for the parish hall, office, and narthex.

The grand total amount of the Endowment Fund as of November 30, 2020 was \$492,718.66. This includes the Long Term Diversified Diocesan Fund, the Vanguard investments, Vanguard money market funds, and the Bank of America savings account funds. We still earned 7.2% over last year’s grand total even though we withdrew \$30,000 for grants to pay off the new roof.

The purpose of the Endowment Fund is to make funds available for ministries and other activities in the future, pursuant to the enabling resolution and Plan of Operation. In 2015, the Committee developed a policy to notify the Vestry every 4<sup>th</sup> quarter concerning funds available for expenditure for the upcoming year. In 2020, the Committee recommended an Endowment Fund Grant of \$16,000. Such grants are made from the Endowment Fund without invading the original principal—the total amount originally donated. The grant money comes from the money earned from our investments. The policy of the committee is to make available from 3-5 percent (of the average balance for the previous three years) or less each year.

Due to the pandemic, the Endowment Committee did not host the Thank-You Event or an Iona Society Celebration. We look forward to a time when we can meet in person again.

We are all happy to celebrate our *Iona Society* members: Paul & Gail Amendt, Nancy & Ed Miller, George & Betty Anderson, Ted & Vicky Daniel, Ann Radzienda, Harry\* & Marguerite\* Daubert, Steve & Michele Hauser, Jim & Mona Cecil, Nancy Hey, Jerry & Sally Gillespie, Tim & Teri Helton, Maurice & Gail Hill, Caroline Lescher, John & Beverly Pearson, Chuck & Susan Andrews, Terry & Gail DeWolfe, Cliff & Bev Aggen, Bill\* & Maxine\* Himstreet, Norm & Carrie\* Loughlin, George\* & Ann Luthringer, Greg\* & Lucia\* Mazza, Mary\* Madden, Norma

McQuade, Tom\* & Ann\* Rosser, Bob & Gwen Waite, Joe & Sarah Wigert, Margaret Sommers\*, and Margie Miller (husband Dave). Betty\* Angle became a member of the Iona Society with a gift from her estate. We now have a total of 53 Iona Society members (including the deceased\* and two anonymous).

In 2021, the Endowment Fund Committee will be actively searching for a new member to replace the member (Cliff Aggen) who rotates off the committee in June due to term limits. Please consider joining us in 2021 and share the gifts that God has so graciously given you! We ask you to pray about this—we need your help! Feel free to speak with anyone on either committee if you have questions, ideas to share, comments, or would like to participate. For more information concerning Planned Giving, go to St. Columba's website: [www.stcolumbaca.com/](http://www.stcolumbaca.com/).

*Submitted by Maurice Hill*

### ‡ **Building & Grounds** ‡



**Building & Grounds**

Although we have been physically distanced due to the COVID-19 pandemic for most of this year, we are grateful to have been able to worship, study, and enjoy fellowship, albeit in new and challenging ways. We have also been able to continue in our quest to be good stewards of our buildings and grounds.

The winds in the fall of 2019 resulted in irreparable damage to the parish hall/office building roof, and the flat roof over the narthex was deteriorating due to weather, sun, and age. Both roofs were replaced. Stucco repairs were made in several areas. A leak in the gas line going into the north side of the church was repaired. The huge pepper tree was removed from the patio area, various Italian cypress trees were removed or trimmed, and other trees around the campus were trimmed. Cliff Aggen continues to manage day-to-day maintenance.

Thank you to the many parishioners who have contributed much time and energy to help keep St. Columba's beautiful. Our annual Dance of the Thorns took place in January, but semi-annual work parties and Monday Morning Work Crew have had to be suspended. A parishioner built and installed a new door for the east side of the parish hall. Bill Brown has stayed busy with various painting jobs around the campus and helping with projects for the Children's Learning Center. Nancy Miller refurbished the frames on the Stations of the Cross. Julian Hoyle and his daughter regularly deadhead the roses. Jeanette Barcroft has maintained the area around the Labyrinth.

The Buildings & Grounds Committee remains committed to maintaining and improving the physical environment here; and while we find ourselves still in distance mode, there are plans for projects in 2021. Thanks be to God!

*Submitted by Susan Doswell*



## ‡ CROP Walk ‡



Our 2020 CROP Walk was a success, especially in feeding the hungry hordes at the end. We raised something under \$20,000 (but I can't find an exact final figure—will try to have it soon). We are now at the stage of planning an activity for this March, but we have not yet had a meeting. Keep watching in bulletins and the *Celtic Courier* for information. Thanks again to the walkers and workers for all their efforts in 2020.

*Submitted by John Pearson*

## ‡ Recycling ‡



In 2020, the Recycling fund made \$649.87. Thanks to all the loyal donors for bringing in your recyclables. A special thanks to John Dannenbaum for his help in taking items to Camarillo Recycling, Inc.

Please remember that we receive NO money for 100% JUICE plastic containers, WINE bottles, ordinary glass jars, and tin cans. Please put those types of items in your home recycling trash can.

Remember, if an item does not have a California Recycle Refund amount printed on it, then the fund gets nothing for it.

It helps to drain all liquids from the containers before turning them in. If the cap to thin water bottles is taken off and replaced after crushing it down with your hands, it saves room and we can get more containers in a bag.

Thank you all again, and especially John Dannenbaum, for taking items to the Recycling Center.

*Submitted by John Kromka*

## ‡ Senior Warden's Report ‡



As I think back over the past 2 years (2019-2020) as Senior Warden, my mind can only focus on 2020. And, also, the horrible events of January 6, 2021, in our nation's capital. If the pandemic weren't enough, we got an insurrection thrown in. I think we're all suffering from PTSD, social and spiritual isolation, financial disruption for some, and more. But we have so much to be thankful for—thank God for our faith, our love for each other, and our church! St. Columba's Church in Camarillo. And thank God for Fr. Greg, our parish family, and our Vestry. Thank God for our Treasurer. Our Sexton. Our Parish Office Manager. Our Financial Secretary. Our Preschool Director and teachers. Our Music Director. Our Live-streaming Crew. Thank God for Project Hope and our volunteers. Thank God for Mount Cross Lutheran who we teamed with at the beginning of the pandemic and again in January 2021. Thank God for our Diocese—our two Bishops each spent time with our Parish in 2020—Bishop John in January (in-person) and Bishop Diane in the fall (via Zoom for our Stewardship Lunch). Thank God for the people in the Diocese who helped us with applying for the PPP loan.

*We survived 2020.* We grew spiritually—through weekly live-streamed services (thank you, Cliff Aggen, Tim Helton, Nancy Miller, and Bob Waite); book clubs; contact between our Vestry and parishioners; and personal prayer. We got a new roof over the parish hall, office, and narthex; significant stucco repair of our buildings; repair of a gas leak; a beautiful new door for our parish hall; and the refinished Stations of the Cross by Nancy Miller. Bob Waite worked tirelessly to keep our website updated with the live-streams, weekly bulletins, sermons, activities, and more. Together, with God’s help, we will survive and thrive in 2021. Aside from the virus, we have other challenges: continued maintenance of our aging campus buildings and property; building our parish membership with new folks; growing our time, talent, and treasure; planning and enjoying getting together again for in person worship and fellowship. Returning together to Dodger Stadium for Episcopal Night in the fall.

I thank all parishioners for everything **you’ve** done—we’ve received so much spiritual support and financial support from so many of you. I thank Fr. Greg for shepherding our Vestry and parish through the wilderness of the pandemic.

I will pray for the 2021 Vestry and know they will continue to be the light for our parish. And, Gail and I will continue to pray for our parish. May all of our sails be filled by hope and our efforts this year sail under the banner of Christ and his infinite light.

*Submitted by Maurice Hill, Senior Warden*





## ‡ The Threshold Project ‡



The Threshold Project was yet another casualty of the COVID pandemic. It is hard to invite people to join us for worship when we are not able to gather in person ourselves. One of the things that we have seen in this time of “safer at home” is a rise in loneliness and isolation and a great longing to be with others. Fortunately, one of the things St. Columba’s does well is community and companionship, and we look forward to reviving the Threshold Project with new energy and vitality in the coming months as we strive to offer that community to our parish family and the people in our midst. The members of the Threshold Project are currently Bill Brown, John Dannenbaum (who has returned to New Jersey for a season), and Fr. Greg. If you would like to share in the joy of spreading community and inviting people to be a part of St. Columba’s, please speak to Fr Greg.

*Respectfully submitted by Fr. Greg Larkin*



## St. Columba's Treasurer's Report



We have some very generous parishioners! Unlike the trend during the year, the parish ended 2020 in the black, with income greater than expenses. We were able to include the Paycheck Protection Program loan as a grant (unencumbered income) as we are completing the forgiveness process with Bank of America and the Small Business Administration. In 2021, we will be able to cover our projected expenses by using all the excess income from previous years. However, we are not able to give the Diocese the 12% of our income toward the Mission Share Fund that we normally pledge; we'll be giving about  $\frac{1}{2}$  that amount.

We are unable to give our staff any increase in pay in 2021, in spite of their extra hard work during the pandemic. The Children's Learning Center (CLC) income is greatly reduced since they have about  $\frac{1}{2}$  the number of children—but all of the expenses—all due to the pandemic. Based on this, the budget has been constructed with no income expected from the CLC, other than some reimbursement for utilities, as they are able. Normally we receive about \$30,000 from the CLC plus utilities reimbursement.

The pandemic has been a huge challenge for the parish budget. The PPP loan/grant of \$15,376 was a godsend. We'll apply for any other grants that are available. Those of you who were able really helped with excess donations. We wouldn't have survived 2020 and won't get through 2021 without each of you. If we receive extra income from the CLC, other grants or pledges, we will ensure we make the most fiscally responsible and yet generous decisions of where to spend the funds.

We did provide some alternate ways for people to pay their pledges through PayPal, now readily available on our website. We'll also explore how to utilize some of the other technologies available through the bank and other sources to improve the administration and the donation capability of the parish.

I wish to thank the Budget & Finance Committee for helping with the work: Cliff Aggen, Bev & John Pearson, Doug Miller, and our Financial Secretary, Sarah Monroe-Allen. I thank each and every one of you for your generous donations to enable St. Columba's to continue its mission as an Episcopal parish and a member of the Camarillo community.

*Submitted by Gail Hill, Treasurer*

# St. Columba's Financial Data for 2020 and Budget for 2021

	2020 Actual	2021 Budget
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>		
<b>SALARIES AND PERSONNEL</b>		
Rector	\$89,656.00	\$89,656
Director of Family Ministry	\$5,024.28	\$2,065
Office Manager	\$13,342.32	\$13,290
Music Director	\$24,802.00	\$24,802
Financial Secretary	\$3,625.75	\$3,839
Honoraria/Subs	\$0.00	\$0
FICA	\$3,302.39	\$3,366
Clergy Pension Premium	\$15,457.92	\$16,138
Education, Conference - Travel	\$0.00	\$100
Medical Insurance	\$22,594.57	\$18,504
Disability and Salary Cont. Insurance	\$950.57	\$978
Life Insurance	\$188.50	\$174
Workers Comp Insurance	\$587.48	\$590
<i>Subtotal Salaries and Personnel</i>	<b>\$179,531.78</b>	<b>\$173,501</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT</b>		
Advertising	\$1,257.28	\$1,200
Computer Support	\$2,958.05	\$600
Insurance (Prop, Liability, Work Comp)	\$29,068.50	\$27,905
Liturgical Supplies	\$269.86	\$200
Office Expenses	\$7,788.33	\$7,500
Postage	\$1,187.25	\$1,200
Telephone	\$4,033.76	\$4,100
Utilities	\$14,983.20	\$15,000
Yearly Financial Audit	\$0.00	\$50
<i>Subtotal Administrative Expenses</i>	<b>\$61,546.23</b>	<b>\$57,755</b>
<b>PROGRAMS AND OUTREACH</b>		
Christian Education - Adult	\$375.40	\$250
Christian Education - Church school	\$32.80	\$50
Iona Worship Services	\$2,430.46	\$2,625
Evangelism	\$160.00	\$200
Daughters of the King	\$0.00	\$0
Youth	\$0.00	\$0
Health Ministry	\$0.00	\$0
Deanery Assessment	\$0.00	\$170
Mission Share Fund (Diocesan)	\$28,584.70	\$14,000
Music Department	\$1,904.63	\$2,000
Rector's Discretionary Fund	\$398.26	\$400
Rector's Incidental Expenses	\$168.68	\$200
Stewardship	\$199.74	\$250

	2020 Actual	2021 Budget
Endowment	\$0.00	\$100
Theological Education Institutions	\$500.00	\$500
<b><i>Subtotal Programs and Outreach</i></b>	<b>\$34,754.67</b>	<b>\$20,745</b>

**PROPERTY SUPPORT**

Audio/Visual Support	\$20.15	\$400
Janitor	\$7,850.00	\$8,600
Janitorial Supplies	\$1,510.49	\$500
Kitchen Supplies	\$30.71	\$600
<b><i>Subtotal Property Support</i></b>	<b>\$9,411.35</b>	<b>\$10,100</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$285,244.03</b>	<b>\$262,101</b>

**RECEIPTS:**

PLATE OFFERINGS	\$8,948.00	\$8,000
PLATE OFFERINGS (Contemplative Services)	\$550.00	\$500
PLEDGES, Regular	\$243,729.00	\$203,423
PLEDGES, Prepaid	\$13,125.00	\$9,500
PARISH HALL AND OTHER	\$2,028.00	\$3,001
Special Gifts	\$0.00	\$0
Learning Center Attendee Fee	\$9,060.00	\$0
Parish Fund Raising Events	\$2,032.80	\$3,000
Script Program	\$318.94	\$290
INTEREST OFFSET	\$39.03	\$40
2012 Carryover	\$0.00	\$5,476
2013 Carryover		\$9,633
2016 Carryover		\$2,281
2019 Carryover		\$7,014
2020 Carryover		\$9,944
PPP Loan Proceeds	\$15,357.00	\$0
<b>TOTAL (General Parish Use)</b>	<b>\$295,187.77</b>	<b>\$262,101</b>

**OPERATING BUDGET BALANCE:**

<b>Income minus expenditures</b>	<b>\$9,943.74</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Income as a percentage of expenses</b>	<b>103.49%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**SPECIAL PURPOSES - NON-BUDGETED INCOME:**

Parish Events	\$342.00	
Outreach Fund	\$649.87	
Outside Organizations	\$806.00	
ERD	\$806.00	\$3,000
Memorials / Tributes	\$1,800.00	
Endowment Fund	\$59,966.02	
Other Designated Funds	\$78,697.55	

	2020 Actual	2021 Budget
Special Gifts	\$14,900.00	
Interest Earned	\$43.94	
Prepaid Pledges	\$13,125.00	\$9,500
	<b>\$170,330.38</b>	
<b>PREVIOUSLY COUNTED RECEIPTS AND ADJUSTMENTS - 2020 Prepaid Pledges, 2020 Interest Earned</b>	-\$13,168.94	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS - All Sources</b>	<b><u>\$452,349.21</u></b>	

***YEAR END FINANCIAL STATUS***

	<b>BALANCE (Year End)</b>
<b>SPECIAL FUNDS:</b>	
Endowment Fund (DIT), Endowment Fund (Vanguard), Endowment Funds in Money Market.	<b>\$492,718.66</b>
<b>BANK and Other FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS:</b>	
Checking (General Parish Expenses)	\$9,943.74
Checking (Special Purposes/Money Market)	\$109,879.34
Total In Checking Accounts Year End	<b>\$119,823.08</b>
Money Market - Bank of America	\$109,879.34
Diocesan Investment Trust Fund - Endowment	\$302,965.54
Vanguard Funds - Endowment	\$180,483.15
Total Savings/Money Market and Endowment	<b>\$593,328.03</b>

## Vestry Candidates 2021

**Carlos Barraza:** is a retired pediatrician and a previous member of the Vestry. He is a long-time member of the 8:00 congregation. For many years, Carlos has served as the parish liaison to our Boy Scout Troop. He has also worked on the District level, training adult and youth leaders. He is always ready to serve behind the scenes and to assist with our buildings and grounds. Carlos very generously shares his medical knowledge to help ensure the safety of our members and those who use our facilities. Carlos is married to Jill and has three adult children.

**Loralee Brown:** is serving her first term on the Vestry. She will join the Vestry midyear upon the completion of her Master of Music Degree from Cal State Northridge. Loralee's passions are the cello and cooking, both of which she shares generously with the members of St. Columba's. Loralee and her cello are often found at the 10:15 service or at one of our special services, assisting with the music. She has also been the kitchen coordinator for the BBQ the past couple of years and has prepared meals for the Annual Meeting brunch and other gatherings. She also works with Project Hope on Thursday mornings, distributing food to those in need. Loralee is married to Mike and has two young adult children.

**Susan Doswell:** has previously served on the Vestry and as Senior Warden. Susan currently chairs the Building & Grounds Committee and was instrumental in the recent parish hall restroom remodel. She serves on the Children's Learning Center Board, is also a member of the Daughters of the King and part of the Knitting Group, and is a past chair of the Threshold Committee. Susan and husband Gene are happy grandparents, playing an active role in the lives of their three grandchildren. Susan hopes to bring to the Vestry her faith growth and perspective.

**Teri Helton:** serves as a Eucharistic Minister and is a Faith Community Nurse. She has also co-facilitated two grief groups at St. Columba's. Teri has served on the Vestry previously and as the Coffee Hour Coordinator. She also serves as a Delegate or Alternate to Diocesan Convention.

Teri has a passion for faith-based health care and is working to bring that reality to others. She is a retired nurse and is the Chair of the Ventura County Coalition for Compassionate Care, which promotes education about end-of-life planning. She is co-chair of the Ventura County Interfaith Community, helping to build dialogue and understanding between multiple faiths. Teri is actively involved with community organizations that address the needs of the older population and volunteers for Ventura CAREGIVERS—Volunteers Assisting the Elderly—working to promote Health Ministries in faith communities throughout Ventura County, similar to the one she continues to be involved with at St. Columba's.