

Holy Family Episcopal Church

2025 ANNUAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

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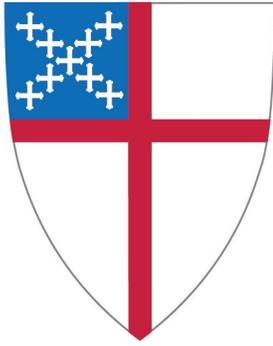
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The 2024 annual report of ministries and financials,
and the 2025 operating budget
for Holy Family Episcopal Church, Half Moon Bay, CA,
a mission of the Episcopal Diocese of California.

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2025 ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, February 23, 2025, 11:45 a.m.

*Held in person and online via Zoom due to COVID-19 Pandemic,
permitted by Sections 11 and 12 of the Canons of the Diocese of California.*

AGENDA

- I. Celebration of Holy Eucharist, 10 A.M.
- II. Vicar Calls Meeting to Order 11:45 A.M.
- III. Recognition of the Last Year's Officers, Bishop's Committee, & Delegates
- IV. Minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting
- V. Nominees (for appointment by Bishop Rios)
 - A. Bishop's Committee Class of 2028
 - B. Delegates & Alternates to the Peninsula Deanery & Diocesan Convention
- VI. Treasurer's Report & Financials
 - A. 2024 Actuals
 - B. 2025 Budget
- VII. Questions & Announcements
- VIII. Adjournment with Prayer & Blessing
- IX. Send off Blair and Martin Schmieg

Opening Prayer (for a Church Convention or Meeting)

From the Book of Common Prayer

Almighty and ever-living God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with us as we take counsel for Holy Family, for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant Let us go forth in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Mission of Holy Family

Holy Family Episcopal Church is an inclusive community, sharing the love of God in Christ.

As a people of faith...

We offer a spiritual home where all are accepted with an open heart.

We encourage spiritual development and growth in people of all ages and faith backgrounds.

We foster the spiritual growth of children, encouraging their active participation in worship.

We honor the Episcopal heritage of inquiry through scripture, tradition, reason, and experience.

We follow the example of Jesus as we serve those in need.

We seek nourishment through the celebration of God's love at the altar, in our homes, in the community, and around the world.

We seek to build relationships with other communities of faith.

We honor the beauty of creation and encourage thoughtful stewardship of the world around us.

Holy Family Episcopal Church

Annual Meeting, February 25, 2024

Minutes

The Holy Eucharist began at 10 a.m. The business meeting was convened with prayer at ????., the Rev. Eric Nefstead, long-term supply priest, celebrant/presider. The meeting packets, containing reports and the 2024 budget, were emailed in advance of the meeting.

Attendance

Attendance: Allan Bolding, Chuck Bybee, Kathe Bybee, Morgan Carkeek, Vivian Costello, Marilyn Dodd, Flo Driscoll, Sara Hayden, Sally McGee, Ken Myers, Beth Myers, Eric Nefstead, Kay Nelson, Petra Patton, Susan Pokorny, Bonnie Ring, Peggy Rothenberg, and Kathy Sussman.

Virtual attendees: Deb Brasher and Deb Hedger.

Minutes (2023 Annual Meeting)

Motion to adopt the minutes of the 2023 annual meeting by Sally McGee, seconded by Kathy Sussman. The motion passed.

Resolution on Nominations

Note: Nominees are elected as a slate and presented to the Bishop for appointment.

Resolved, by the Annual Meeting of Holy Family Episcopal Church, Half Moon Bay, meeting duly convened on Sunday, February 25, 2024, that the following persons be nominated to the Rt. Rev. Marc H. Andrus, bishop of the Diocese of California, for appointment to the Bishop's Committee of Holy Family for a tenure ending with the Annual Meeting 2027 (three years): Chuck Bybee, Vivian Costello, and Charlotte Jones.

Be it further resolved that the following persons be nominated to the bishop for appointment to serve as delegates to the Diocesan Convention and Peninsula Deanery: Sally McGee and Beth Myers; Alternates Vivian Costello, Peggy Rothenberg, and Kathy Sussman.

Motion to adopt Resolution on Nominations by Ken Myers, seconded by Sara Hayden. The motion passed.

Holy Family Episcopal Church Annual Meeting Minutes, February 25, 2024

Treasurer's Report

Vivian Costello reported on the 2023 financials. She announced that we are in good financial condition with both pledges and plate up. We ended the year with approximately \$57,986 in operating funds and \$78,034 in designated funds.

Ken Myers, Finance Committee member, presented the 2024 budget. He reported that our budgets are created with contingencies for fluctuations in pledges. We have \$35,000 for general repairs. He answered many questions, ending with the news that we have a 2024 balanced budget.

Other business

Vivian Costello announced the addition of Morgan Carkeek to the Altar Guild.

Ken Myers announced that we have no applicants yet for vicar; there have been discussions about housing.

Rev. Eric Nefstead announced he would leave in March to return to full-time chaplaincy education work.

Questions were received and entertained. Gratitude was expressed for those who served during the prior year and leaders of various ministries. Outgoing members and officers were thanked.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 12:20p.m.



*Respectfully submitted,
Petra Patton*

Vicar's Report

The Rev. Amber Evans

Dear people of Holy Family,

It has been an absolute delight to join you as vicar as of the first Sunday of Advent 2024, and so this annual report spans a very short period of time. Ken Myers' senior warden's report does a wonderful job covering the rest of the year, and I am grateful for his kind words about me arriving as "the unicorn." I second his sentiment that you all did amazing work to move Holy Family forward, building connections with the preschool, completing maintenance, and nurturing your spiritual life in worship. As Sara Hayden—our junior warden—sometimes says, Holy Family is small but mighty. It is joyful to partner with you and all your energy and passion.



I've spent these first months at Holy Family getting to know people and processes. In terms of worship, I began to familiarize myself with the traditions, style, and sacred space of Holy Family. After hearing that people found juggling two bulletins confusing, we streamlined to a seasonal bulletin. This was also good stewardship of paper and the resource of Sara Hayden's time!

I have heard many suggestions about adjustments we might make to furniture arrangements to create more space and room to move around in our little sanctuary. If we try out suggestions, we will follow an open process of gathering input, experimenting with different arrangements, and then hearing feedback. We certainly won't make any major or permanent decisions without such a process.

I've also learned your experience of deep connection and community via Zoom that began during COVID continues to be valuable. Our community includes people living over the hill, or in Southern California, or as far as Arizona. Even local members who are sick or traveling often attend via Zoom, sometimes making up a third of those joining worship! I appreciate the commitment to including the Zoomers in our worship and have been brainstorming with Ken (as our "tech verger") ways to do this well.

The altar guild, led by Vivian Costello, and LEMs, organized by Beth Myers, are foundational for our worship and they do a wonderful job making sure everything works smoothly and looks beautiful. I also deeply appreciate the music team, with Nina Nelson, Juliet Bolding, and Ken Myers. In a small church like ours, picking familiar and/or easy-to-sing music that is also inspiring and meaningful is important. Boy, I picked a tough Gloria this Epiphany season! We will keep working together to choose music that is accessible and moves our spirits.

As I've gotten to know members of Holy Family more, I hope my preaching is evolving to reflect how the good news touches us, where the spirit is calling us into deeper relationships with God and to courageous action in the world. Preaching is a conversation that connects all of us and the Holy Spirit, and I welcome

Vicar's Report - Continued

your feedback and continuing that conversation outside of worship.

Worship grounds the community life of a church, and we have a wide range of members with different liturgical backgrounds. In true Episcopal fashion, our style must be broad so that the many kinds of piety you bring can all be nourished here. I appreciate that Holy Family is committed to inclusion and a relaxed coastal attitude that makes this possible, and I also welcome your feedback on worship so we can continue listening to the Spirit leading us forward!

I have prioritized getting to know Alexis Aguirre, the director of Holy Family Children's Center, and the teachers. What an amazing team they are! I've also begun to meet parents and learn the children's names. Sally McGee's steadfast nurture of HFCC has been so valuable, and I am happy to accept the torch from her to build upon her good work to strengthen the church/school relationship even more. At my first meeting with the HFCC advisory board, I taught a little Episcopal history and theology, and how it shapes Episcopal schools as inclusive places where spirituality in every tradition can be nurtured. Parents appreciated this background so much that they suggested I repeat the presentation as a video so all the parents could hear. Even the teachers said they learned things from the video! Alexis hosted a coffee for me to meet parents, and this month we began age-appropriate, spiritually inclusive chapel services that we call Wondering Time. We can look forward to connecting with the preschool through outreach opportunities and community events, like a Purim celebration with CJC next month.

Beth Myers and Blair Schmiege have done an amazing job with the Pastoral Care Committee. I love how our community prayers are shared in the weekly email and the prayers of the people. I am also grateful for the many conversations in which you've shared your concerns with me. I hold you all in my daily prayers. I stand ready to support you in whatever pastoral care you may need.

I don't think of myself as a unicorn, but I am very happy that at this particular moment in my life and the life of Holy Family, the Holy Spirit has called us together. It is truly an honor and joy to be your vicar, and I am excited about where we will go together.



Treasurer's Report

Vivian Costello

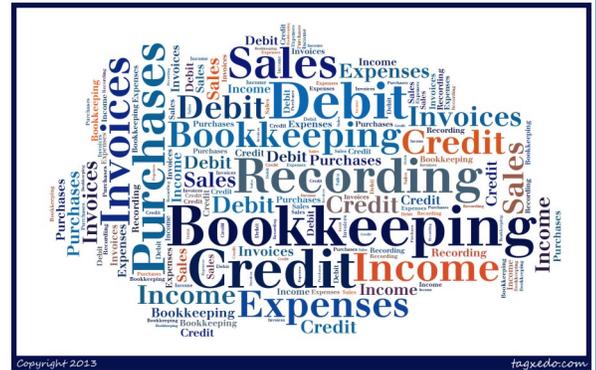
2024 financials overview

Financial Highlights

- Ended the year with approximately \$110.5K in operating funds and \$66.7K in designated funds
- Total income was under target; actuals of \$169.8K compared to budget of \$181.7K. This was primarily due to invoicing between HFEC and HFCC was manually maintained and was not kept current throughout the year.
- Total expenses were also under target: \$121.3K compared to budget of \$168.5K
- We had an excellent Pumpkin Festival fundraiser; overall fundraising income was up \$6.5K from budget
- Pledge fulfillment was down by \$2,400; plate offerings were up by \$17.8K

Overall, HFEC is in good financial condition despite challenges with property repairs, improvements, and issues with bookkeeping services . We have contracted with a new bookkeeping service, which is highly recommended by other churches in our diocese. I look forward to working with the service, establishing more efficient bookkeeping processes and keeping information on all our accounts current.

The proposed 2025 budget will be presented during this meeting.



2023 and 2024 Year End Balance

	Year Ending <u>Dec 31, 24</u>	Year Ending <u>Dec 31, 23</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Checking Account		
Operating Funds	110,513	57,832
Total Designated Funds	66,726	78,188
Checking Account - Other	<u>11,450</u>	<u>4,718</u>
Total Checking Account	188,689	140,738
ASSETS		
Total Current Assets	314,988	263,081
Total Fixed Assets	2,473	2,473
Other Assets		
Property-Land	232,425	232,425
Property-Building	<u>402,000</u>	<u>402,000</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>634,425</u>	<u>634,425</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>951,886</u>	<u>899,979</u>
	Year Ending	Year Ending
	<u>Dec 31, 24</u>	<u>Dec 31, 23</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Total Liabilities	77,557	77,416
Equity		
Building-Net Property	634,425	634,425
Opening Balance Equity	134,070	134,070
Unrestricted Net Assets	52,736	32,762
Net Income	<u>53,098</u>	<u>21,306</u>
Total Equity	<u>874,329</u>	<u>822,563</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>951,886</u>	<u>899,979</u>

2025 Budget

	<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>2025 Budget</u>	Notes
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
General Contributions			
Pledge	75,477	77,500	pledges and estimates remaining of \$4.6K
Contingency	0	(6,200)	8% contingency
Plate	<u>25,383</u>	<u>7,500</u>	
Total General Contributions	100,860	78,800	
Contributions from Ministries toward Common Costs			
HFCC	28,042	43,674	3.2% increase to \$3,639
HFCC Payback of HFEC Loans	8,000	12,000	\$1000 per month (designate Capital)
Total Contributions from Ministries toward Common Costs	<u>36,042</u>	<u>55,674</u>	
Total User Fees	2,637	2,800	
Total Fund Raising-Gross	27,553	21,000	
HFCC Utilities & Grounds	2,766	8,243	HFCC portion of utility
Checking Interest	<u>18</u>	<u>0</u>	
Total Income	<u>169,858</u>	<u>166,517</u>	
Gross Income	169,858	166,517	
Expense			
Total Administrative	9,192	1,648	
Total Essentials	18,862	28,754	
Total Salaries	28,320	80,308	
Total Church Programs	919	1,300	
Total Facilities/Office	42,960	33,700	
Total Worship	9,150	2,200	
Marketing (Evangelism)	705	1,500	
Hospitality	(20)	0	
Total Fundraising expenses	11,296	11,000	
In reach	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
Total Expense	<u>121,384</u>	<u>160,410</u>	
Net Ordinary Income	<u>48,484</u>	<u>6,107</u>	
Net Other Income	<u>4,622</u>		
Net Income	53,106		

Bishop's Committee

Marylin Dodd, Clerk

The Bishop's Committee is the elected governing body of the church. Along with the vicar, the Bishop's Committee comprises elected members from the congregation, representing a diverse set of skills and gifts for leadership. In the Episcopal Church, the Bishop's Committee has responsibility for the "temporal affairs" of the congregation, including the care of our buildings and finances, as well as choosing individuals to fill leadership roles in the congregation, and setting the vision for the congregation. The wardens also take on increased responsibility for the governance of the church's temporal affairs when the vicar is absent.

Current members of the Bishop's Committee are:

Class of 2025: Gloria Clark, Ken Myers, Petra Patton

Class of 2026: Marylin Dodd, Sara Hayden, Julie Van Hoff

Class of 2027: Vivian Costello, Chuck Bybee

The Bishop's Committee met the second Wednesday of the month in 2024. The new committee will establish meeting day and time after the annual meeting. BC meetings are conducted via Zoom; they are open and all are welcome.

Nominations for 2025

The following are nominated as a slate for adoption at the Annual Meeting to be presented as nominees for appointment by our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Austin Rios. Nominations may also be made from the floor during the Annual Meeting.

Bishop's Committee:

Class of 2027: Sally McGee (two year appointment to fill vacant seat)

Class of 2028: Nina Nelson, Susan Pokorny, Peggy Rothenberg (three year appointment)

Deanery and Diocesan Delegates (one-year appointment):

Two Delegates: Sally McGee, Marilyn Dodd

Two Alternates: Peggy Rothenberg, Vivian Costello

Senior Warden's Report - We reach the promised land

Ken Myers, Senior Warden

As I mentioned in my report last year, at times it has felt like we are the Israelites in the desert searching for the promised land as depicted in the Book of Exodus. Transitions between clergy take time, longer than any of us like, but like the Israelites we have finally arrived at the Promised Land, with our new Vicar Amber! As I said last time, unlike the Israelites, we have accomplished a lot during our time in the desert. We haven't built any idols to false Gods or really whined about not having a Vicar. Instead, we've all really stepped up and moved forward.

We've continued to accomplish a lot! We continued our efforts to catch up on more than a decade of deferred maintenance as detailed in a later paragraph. For the first part of the year, we were helped by having a wonderful long-term supply priest, the Rev. Eric Nefstead. His many gifts in preaching, pastoral care, his extensive experience as a chaplain, his love of choral music, and more have been a real gift to us all. After Eric's return to the chaplaincy and chaplain education we were blessed by a rotation of extraordinary supply priests that Sara, our junior warden, orchestrated. Having a wide variety of preachers is truly one of the silver linings of a transition period. We hope to have some of them return to preach when Amber is on vacation.

Like last year and the year before, I'm not going to call out all the names around each of the activities in this report, as I will inevitably miss someone. I really can't think of anyone in the congregation who has not contributed in some significant way in 2024, so I would risk doubling the size of my report by essentially including the entire church directory, if I listed everyone.

Vicar search

As I've mentioned to many of you, we have been looking for a unicorn in a way, a half-time priest who can afford the high costs of the Bay Area and has the skills we need at this point in our history. After a lot of hard work in creating an excellent church information form, we waited and waited some more, and then our unicorn applied! After a period of joint discernment as to who God is leading us to as our next vicar, the Bishop's Committee and the Rev Amber Evans determined that she should be our next vicar, and we unanimously recommended this to Bishop Austin for his approval. She started with the season of Advent, and we couldn't be happier. We continue to discover all of Amber's gifts and how together we can help fulfill God's work on the Coastside.

Repairs and Improvements

Our property has suffered from years of deferred maintenance. Addressing this was a continued focus in 2024. The highlights of the repairs and improvements this year included repairs of the parking lot; new floors in two sections of the barn; phase one of the kitchen remodel; new flooring, paint, and furniture in the office; and more. Chris and Mike Green donated the office furniture, as well as a wonderful roll top desk that has a new home in our sacristy. The roll top desk belonged to Chris' father, the Rev. Douglas Hubert Bell of Christ Church Newburgh in the Diocese of Liverpool. Rev. Bell received his training at the London College of Divinity and then, after several curacies, he became the vicar of Newburgh. His stipend was originally paid by the Earl of Derby.

Senior Warden's Report - Continued

The difference in the state of the property now vs. the beginning of 2023 is dramatic. The kitchen project will be completed early this summer. It took both a lot of time and treasure to accomplish all of this. We should be very proud of the results!

Pumpkin Festival

We had another great Pumpkin Festival this year with great ice cream weather. We again had gross sales of more than \$19,000, but a bit less than last year. Our net profit after expenses were like the previous year: significantly above what we budgeted for. We are conservative in our budgeting as we never know what the weather will be in mid-October. I'm sure some of you remember the rainy Pumpkin Festival we had a few years ago.

We again had a great crew of people from the church, the preschool, CJC, and the community. We also had our new Bishop Austin and his wife Maleah join us on Sunday to help scoop, which was a real treat. They weren't there just for show, they worked a full shift with great enthusiasm! We will work to see if we can get this on their calendar for this year!

This year we did a little too good a job on quantity control for each serving, resulting in some leftover ice cream. We've been looking for good homes for the leftovers and will be adjusting our serving size for the next festival. One of those places was the diocesan convention, where it was served at lunch time. This resulted in rave reviews and some great visibility for Holy Family in front of everyone in the diocese.

CoastPride Multifaith Partners

Holy Family is a founding member of the CoastPride Multifaith Partners Group. After Eric Nefstead's departure the two wardens took over to represent us in this effort. The partners meet monthly and organize quarterly events that are LGBTQ-affirming. We helped staff several events at "Make it Main Street," the monthly Half Moon Bay community gathering, and other events. We also helped after the CoastPride facility was vandalized. We and other faith groups helped by sitting on the porch of the CoastPride Center as a visible presence while some of their youth groups met inside. It gave me an opportunity to learn about some of the fascinating early history of the Methodist Church and John Wesley from Pastor Lisa Warner-Carey from CUMC as we sat together on the porch. We look forward to the continued collaboration with CoastPride in 2025! Our first activity this year was an excellent LGBTQ+ Identities training for local faith groups to learn how we can be more welcoming to that part of our community. We provided pumpkin ice cream for dessert for this event!

Bishop Ordination

Holy Family was well-represented at the ordination of our new bishop in May. Vivian Costello proudly participated in the procession with our wonderful banner. Vivian created some wonderful Holy Family cookies for the bishop candidates visit in 2023 and she created another batch for the ordination, getting another round of wonderful reviews and great publicity for Holy Family!

Joint programs with Coastside Lutheran

This year we continued our joint activities with Coastside Lutheran Church. They again hosted Ash Wednesday observances while they attended our Great Vigil of Easter service and our Blue Christmas

Senior Warden's Report - Continued

service. We enjoyed weekly Lent services at CLC, which were followed by fellowship and meals of wonderful soups and salads. We look forward to more joint activities in 2025!

Holy Family Children's Center

Holy Family Children's Center continues to be our most important outreach program for our community here on the Coastsides. This year we had a change in the director for the preschool, with Alexis Aguirre taking over as our new director. The preschool has been thriving under Alexis's leadership with essentially full enrollment and a great staff of preschool educators.

Sally McGee continued to be the chair of the center's advisory board. She has been instrumental in working with HFCC to address key issues, while maintaining our excellent preschool program. She has also worked to deepen the connection between the children's center and the church. At the beginning of 2025 Sally decided to step down from this role so that she can focus on her discernment of her call to be a deacon.

Challenging times

It's been two years since the tragic events of January 23. In January the community again came together to remember the events of two years ago. Positive change is happening. The housing needs of this precious part of our community are finally starting to be addressed.

The change of administration in Washington will make life challenging for the immigrant population on the coast. Three questions from our baptismal covenant make it very clear on what we are called to do as Episcopalians and as Christians.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

To each we offer the reply loudly: We will with God's help! The recent joint letter from Presiding Bishop Sean W. Rowe and House of Deputies President Julia Ayala Harris re-enforces what we are called to do.

The good news is that the Coastsides continues to be such a caring and unique community that cares about its neighbors. This is part of what makes the Coastsides such a special place.

In Conclusion

I continue to believe we are a Holy Family living into our name. With the coming challenges facing the Coastsides, Holy Family is, and can be even more, part of the solution for our beloved community here on the Coast. Let's continue the journey that God has sent us on. I've had the privilege of being senior warden for another year. The support of all of you at Holy Family has made my job so much easier during this period of transition.



Junior Warden's Report

Sara Hayden

Supply Priests to Permanence

We were so spoiled to have the Rev. Eric Nefstead as our long-term supply priest for about 18 months. This meant a big focus shift to procure a priest for every Sunday after April, when Eric returned to full-time chaplaincy education. The task was daunting at first, but then I found a good rhythm and just about every Sunday went off without a hitch.

I was honored to work with several priests over the past year: Clark Berge, Sally Bing, Mary Ann Johnson, Debbie Low-Skinner, Matt McDermott, and Christine Trainor. Their varied backgrounds brought us wonderfully rich worship experiences.

This year also brought my first experience with morning prayer and we were lucky to have Canon Amy Cook and Martin Schmieg lead those services for us.

I was relieved, though, that the end of the year brought some much-needed stability when Rev. Amber joined us as our new vicar. In the brief time she's been at Holy Family, she has worked side by side with us, whether we were remodeling the office, planning liturgy and selecting hymns, or meeting the parents of our preschoolers. It's like she's always been part of the family.

Sunday Mornings

We are a lively, gregarious family. That's obvious before and after our Sunday morning services. If you see a new face, please extend a warm welcome to them. It's a simple gesture that creates a sense of welcome and can help alleviate anxiety for first-time visitors.

Church Directory

We've been using Instant Church Directory for about two years. It is a great way to find contact information for people in the congregation. And you can place a call or send an email directly from the app. I encourage everyone to add a photo. It really does help people get know each other's names.

Please check your listing for accuracy at members.instantchurchdirectory.com/. Everyone can edit and update their own. If you don't have a listing, please let me know and I'll create an entry for you to edit.

If you need a printed copy of the directory or need help accessing the directory, please email Sara at hayden.sara@gmail.com.

Fundraising

This was the 35th anniversary of the opening of 1590 Cabrillo Highway South for worship and preschool. Our second fundraising dinner since the pandemic featured a Mexican-themed menu, homemade sangria, a candy-filled piñata, and a toasty fire pit to keep us warm.

Other fundraising events throughout the year included the Pumpkin Festival, where we grossed more than \$19,000, just shy of last year's record-breaking \$20,000+. For more on that, please see the senior warden's report. At Christmastime, said senior warden once again offered some of his delicious

Junior Warden's Report - Continued

Sara Hayden

“pandemic vanilla” that he distilled as well as homemade granola, with all proceeds going to Holy Family. Deb Brasher sold her bags and totes at coffee hour, with all proceeds going to the church. And we again collaborated with See's Candies for a Yum-Raising event.

Our fundraising events are limited only by our imagination. If you have an idea, please talk to Vivian Costello or Sara.

Church Cats

Buddy and Lily got their first checkups and rabies vaccines this year. Buddy even got his teeth cleaned! Both kitties are in good general health and seem to love living at Holy Family, where they get lots of attention from HFCC teachers and students during the week and HFEC members on the weekends. You may have noticed they got a new two-story house. They've been reluctant to move in so we have yet to move their old house.

AIDS LifeCycle Ride

We observed our annual tradition of cheering on riders in the AIDS/LifeCycle event on Sunday, June 2. Each year we eagerly await the parade of cyclists along Highway 1, for whom we bang percussion instruments, blow bubbles, and offer shouts of encouragement. Lots of thanks, smiles, waves, and nods show us their appreciation. Four riders took advantage of Communion-to-Go, including one woman who was a former chaplaincy student of the Rev. Eric Nefstead, who was serving as that day's supply priest. The Rev. Gary Brower, rector of Good Shepherd in Centennial, Colorado, participated in this year's event and stopped for a photo-op with Rev. Eric in front of our banner featuring the church's new Pride shield.

The ride's documentary film team stopped to ask why we were all out on a drizzly, dreary morning. Rev. Eric gave a brief explanation of our love for all people and the group recorded a big cheer for the film. The clip was shown Sunday evening at the first overnight stop and was posted on the ride's YouTube channel at the event's conclusion.



The AIDS/LifeCycle covers 545 miles in seven days, beginning in San Francisco and ending in Santa Monica. The 2025 ride will be the last one as it has been declining in participation and funds raised. We will cheer them on one last time on Sunday, June 1, after an early service. Be sure to join us! Many of our Multi Faith Partners plan to be there, including CoastPride.

The People's Warden

In Episcopal churches, the junior warden is known as the “people's warden,” and I thank you, the people of Holy Family, for all of the ways that you have stepped up and collaborated during our extended transition period. We have deepened our sense of welcoming and collaboration that we will continue to hone now that Rev. Amber has joined us. I believe that will keep us closer as a community and family in the years to come.

Holy Family Children's Center Report

Alexis Aguirre, Director

The past year has been a time of significant transition for Holy Family Children's Center. After a decade under the leadership of our former director, this change brought a sense of renewal and energy to our center. However, it also sparked concerns among our community members regarding the direction the center would take. We are pleased to share that, after a period of settling in and working closely with the community, Holy Family Children's Center has turned the page on a new chapter, addressing concerns and building a stronger relationship with our families.

A Year of Rebuilding Trust and Growth

In the early months following the leadership change, we focused on fostering open communication, building trust, and reassuring our community about our commitment to providing quality care and education. As a result, we are excited to report a significant rise in enrollment numbers, reflecting the renewed confidence in our programs and the direction of the center.

Our center continues to offer a strong foundation in early childhood education for children ages 2.5 to 6. This expansion of our age range has allowed us to adapt to the evolving needs of our community, particularly for families seeking programs for younger children. This strategic change positions us as an essential resource for families seeking developmentally appropriate programs for their children, and we are proud of the progress we have made.

Rooted in Mission and Community

As a mission of Holy Family Church, we have remained steadfast in our commitment to not only educate but also serve the broader community. This mission has been at the forefront of this new chapter for the children's center, guiding our actions and decisions as we move forward.

In alignment with our church's vision, Holy Family Church has created community events that have brought together both school families and church members. These events have provided opportunities for connection, fellowship, and shared experiences, strengthening the bond between the school and the church. Moving forward, we are excited to expand on these initiatives in the upcoming year, creating even more opportunities for engagement and collaboration within our community.



A Growing Garden and Environmental Stewardship

In last year's report, we mentioned a generous donation earmarked for the rehabilitation of the children's garden. We are happy to report that the garden is now up and running and it has been a wonderful addition to the center! The children have enjoyed planting and nurturing a variety of crops, including fava beans, Swiss chard, carrots, and much more. Not only has the garden provided valuable hands-on learning experiences for the children, but it also served as a living example of how we can care for and contribute to the environment.

A special moment occurred when a deer was spotted in the garden, enjoying the fruits of the children's labor. This unexpected visitor reinforced the connection between our children, the food they grow, and the natural world around them. It is a perfect example of how our children are not only learning about responsibility and teamwork but also about the impact of our actions on the environment. We are excited to continue cultivating this space for both educational and environmental pur-

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poses in the year ahead.

Exciting New Beginnings

As the year ended, it became clear that the pieces were fitting together to create a beautiful picture for the future of Holy Family Children's Center. The trust, energy, and commitment built throughout the year have laid the foundation for continued success. In an exciting development, the Rev. Amber Evans joined our team, bringing a wealth of experience and passion that promises to further elevate the children's center. This addition is not only thrilling for the church community but also for the children's center, as Amber's leadership will help guide us into an even brighter future.

With Amber's arrival and the addition of a new bookkeeper to our team, we are confident that the future of Holy Family Children's Center is limitless. These new team members bring fresh perspectives and valuable expertise, positioning us for continued growth and success. The future looks incredibly bright, and we are ready to embrace all the opportunities that lie ahead.

Generosity and Holiday Cheer

This year, we were thrilled to receive heartwarming donations from Holy Family church members. Thanks to the generous gifts, the children at Holy Family Children's Center received brand new bikes and scooters, along with helmets, just in time for Christmas. The excitement and joy on the children's faces when they received their gifts was truly magical—creating a holiday experience they'll always remember. For many of them, it was a moment of true wonder, reinforcing the belief that there is indeed a Santa Claus. This act of kindness not only brought joy to our children but also strengthened the spirit of community and generosity that we cherish.



Financial Growth and Looking Ahead to Loan Repayment

As we continue to grow, Holy Family Children's Center is also focused on managing our financial health. We are committed to paying back the loan that has supported the center's development and improvements. With enrollment numbers steadily increasing and a growing waitlist, we are optimistic that we will be able to meet our financial goals sooner rather than later. The children's center has built a robust waitlist, and it continues to grow weekly. Tours are being scheduled regularly, but with the high demand for care, we currently have more families seeking spots than we can accommodate.

This positive enrollment trend is a strong indication of the community's trust in our center and the quality of care we provide. We are dedicated to ensuring that as we grow, we do so sustainably and responsibly, making sure that the needs of all families are met and that we continue to serve our community to the best of our ability.

Looking Forward

As we move into the next year, we are excited about the future of Holy Family Children's Center. Our priority is to continue expanding our programs and services to meet the needs of the families in Half Moon Bay, with an emphasis on younger children and families who may have fewer options for early childhood education. We remain dedicated to providing a high-quality learning environment where children feel supported, valued, and engaged in their growth and development.

One of the biggest goals for the center in the years to come is to replace our current playground structure with an all-inclusive playground, designed specifically to meet the needs of our expanded age

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range. As we now care for younger children, it is crucial that our playground can provide a safe, fun, and accessible environment for all children to play and learn together. This exciting project will be a major focus moving forward, and we will be sharing more details with our Parent Fundraising Board at our next meeting. We are eager to begin this project and look forward to seeing the positive impact it will have on the children and families we serve.



Altar Guild

Vivian Costello

We prepare the sanctuary space for the weekly Holy Eucharist and special worship services. We assist clergy setting out liturgical furnishings and decorations for services, caring for the vestments, linens, and vessels used in these services, and preparing the altar for communion.

During 2024, we purchased a chasuble and stole to complete the white altar vestments we obtained from Holy Innocents, Corte Madera, which closed in 2023. In December, the sacristy was rearranged to house a beautiful roll top desk—a gift from Mike and Chris Green. The desk originally belonged to Chris's father, an Anglican priest in England. Every time I prepare for communion, I feel his presence just as if he were writing his homilies at the desk. The desk's many drawers and cubbies easily store our altar linens and communion supplies.

Many thanks to Lin Bowie for coordinating flowers throughout the year. Your floral arrangements are beautiful and wonderfully coordinated with the seasons and special services!

Altar Guild members are Vivian Costello, Morgan Carkeek, Flo Driscoll, Beth Myers, with honorary member Sara Hayden. We could use additional help. If you would like to explore being part of the Altar Guild Ministry, please contact any one of us.



Flower Guild Report

Lin Bowie

The Flower Guild's role is to provide flower arrangements for church services and holidays, such as Easter and Pentecost. The main "seasons" for flowers are Easter and Pentecost. The seasons of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, and Lent do not typically include flowers, as we have practiced it over the past few years. We typically do special arrangements for Easter and Pentecost.

The Holy Family market badge was renewed for this year. The market has moved. The new location is: 901 16th St., San Francisco, CA 94107. Check in with Lin if you want to borrow the badge. Lin will be happy to accompany you if it is your first time at the market.



Choir

Juliet Bolding

We're bringing the choir back slowly but surely. For now the choir will be singing about once a month. We are so happy to be back! We welcome new voices; contact Juliet if you're interested in joining the choir.



From the "Music Corner"

Nina Nelson

"Rejoice and be glad...sing praise to his Name" the hymn (notes)! Indeed, our songs tell it well, missions at church, this time in the music ministry. My wish is to bring the many beloved traditions that enrich worship, hoping that inspiration, meditation, yea participation, all are deepened! As music can remind us of so much, therein is the task to deliver, for the expectations, contemplation, connectedness, *and* more inspiration!

Certainly, I have the honor to be at the HFEC keyboard, it is hugely enjoyed: this holy family doin' church. Just one more quote, Eddie Guarino gave it: "Where words fail, music speaks."



Stewardship & Pledge Campaign Coordinator

Dan Blick

Stewardship

It's hard to believe that COVID-19 has been with us for nearly five full years! Of course, we, and the nation, are still recovering. Despite all of the uncertainties in our economy and our governance, the sustaining members of Holy Family continue to come through.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our donors, who give so generously. Everything that we do comes from your contributions of your Time, Talent, and Treasure, and we thank you for your steadfast support.

Pledge Campaign

Our recent 2025 pledge campaign resulted in pledges of **\$75,300** from **24 donors**, with another ~\$3,800 anticipated from a few additional donors bringing the total to ~\$79,100.

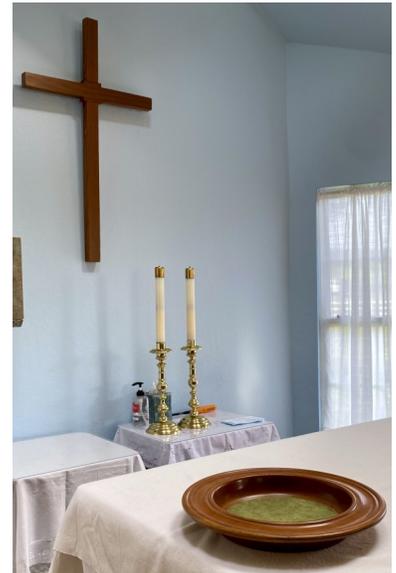
We will continue to invite pledging, be good stewards of the church's finances, and work to keep our budget deficits reasonable or non-existent. Thank you so much for any help you can give this year in pledging and other gifts to make sure we continue providing the services and ministries that nurture our spiritual lives and help us serve our neighbors in love.

For all who have pledged, and all of our supporting donors, I'm truly humbled by your generosity and your commitment to Holy Family. Thank you so much for all that you share and all that you bring to our table.

If you haven't yet made a pledge, or if you can increase your existing pledge, I invite you to fill out our **2025 pledge form** at <https://form.jotform.com/243067657463161>

Contact me (Dan Blick) at stewardship@holyfamilyhmb.org or call/text at 650-302-8512.

Thank you again for your ongoing support of Holy Family!



Peninsula Deanery & Diocesan Convention

Sally McGee

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as a deanery delegate, and 2024 was an amazing year, with a highlight being the ordination and consecration of our new bishop, the Rt. Rev. Austin Rios. This year's delegates were Beth Myers and Sally, as well as Vivian Costello and Kathy Sussman as alternates.

The Peninsula Deanery consists of 17 congregations. Delegates meet on a quarterly basis to share highlights and challenges of individual parish ministries and events, to ask for support when needed, and to establish and monitor goals and objectives for the deanery as a whole. Deanery President Rev. Pamela Stevens has made it her goal to improve communication and a sense of community within the deanery, and each church is welcome to post events on the deanery calendar that is posted on the DioCal website. Rev. Pamela welcomes suggestions for ways we can build community throughout the deanery; Sally will be working with Pamela in 2025 to find ways to facilitate communications between the preschools in our deanery.

At the quarterly deanery meetings, known as convocations, the topics are generally along the following lines: 1) updates from parishes regarding questions and shared experiences in implementing the Vital + Thriving Church Growth Initiative; 2) collaboration with other parishes regarding common goals; 3) diocesan support for clergy and smaller parishes/missions; 4) grant opportunities from available deanery funds; 5) updates regarding the ordination and consecration (May 2024) of our new bishop, the Rt. Rev. Austin Rios, Bishop Austin's "listening sessions" throughout the fall; and 6) sharing information to help delegates prepare for voting on each of the resolutions at the diocesan convention in October.

Sally volunteered for the Nominating Committee in 2024. The committee reviews all applications submitted by candidates for elected positions within the diocese that will be voted upon within our deanery. For example, the Diocesan Standing Committee includes individuals from each deanery, and those representatives are voted on by the deanery.

There are also positions available within the deanery for interested individuals. Recently, there was an opening on the deanery's Grants Committee, and the position has been filled by our own Vicar Amber!

175th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of CA, October 25-26, 2024

The annual diocesan convention is a moving combination of worship and the business of the diocese. There is a pre-convention meeting (online) the night before our full-day meeting on a Saturday. The pre-convention meeting is logistics-oriented and very practical. Saturday, the day of formal business, begins with a spiritual foundation: the service of morning prayer and the bishop's sermon/address. This sets the tone for respectful debates during the day regarding the candidates for diocesan committees and various resolutions. The resolutions before the delegates included:

Addressing Christian Nationalism. This diocese is committed to promoting love, justice, peace, and the dignity of every human being, regardless of race, ethnicity, or orientation, and that this convention unequivocally condemns Christian nationalism as antithetical to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which is based on love. The resolution called for the bishop to appoint a task force to cre-

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ate a tool kit to be made available to all churches within the diocese to promote inclusion and a welcoming environment.

50th Anniversary Triennium of the Ordination of Women and Local Commemorations. This resolution calls for celebration and observance in our diocese of the 50th anniversary of the first women ordained as priests in the Episcopal Church. Further, it calls for specific ordinations to be celebrated, including the ordination of the first Asian-American female priest and first Afro-American female priest and first Afro-American female rector in our diocese, among others.

Diocesan Support for the Association of Episcopal Deacons. This diocese supports the work of our deacons by paying for membership in the Association of Episcopal Deacons for each of their assigned deacons during 2025, by paying membership fees for active and retired deacons resident in our diocese, beginning in FY2026.

Standing with our Haitian Neighbors: A Call to Action and Advocacy. That our diocese stands with Episcopalians in Ohio and with national and local faith leaders to respond with prayer and action to rising threats of violence and harassment to members of the Haitian community. Further, the resolution called for action to be taken by the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church at its meeting in November 2024.

All of the above resolutions were voted upon and passed. If you have questions about any of these resolutions, or other aspects of the annual convention, please let Sally or Beth know. We are happy to speak with you about any of the topics covered within the deanery or at convention.

One last note about convention: Bishop Austin welcomed the offer by Holy Family to serve pumpkin ice cream during lunch at the convention. Beth and Sally (and Vivian and Sara, who came and scooped a LOT of ice cream) got many thanks from convention delegates for the wonderful treat!



Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEV) and Ministers (LEM)

Beth Myers

Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) assist the priest during worship in leading the liturgy and preparing and serving the Eucharist. Participation in this ministry provides a rich opportunity to deepen your personal worship and to learn about the various rituals and traditions we practice as part of our worship. LEMs receive formal training from the diocese, which is followed by meeting with the vicar and the other LEMs to prepare for serving in this ministry at Holy Family. The current LEM ministry team includes Morgan Carkeek, Sally McGee, Beth Myers, Jane Pittsinger, and Blair and Martin Schmiege, with Will Lillie serving as acolyte.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEVs) serve as part of the pastoral ministry of the church. We take communion to those in the congregation who are homebound or in the hospital because of illness or injury. In this way, we are able to include them in the Sunday fellowship at Christ's table, and to assure them that they remain a part of our spiritual community even when they can't be present for Sunday services. Visits include sharing scriptures and announcements from Sunday services, praying together, administering the sacraments, anointing with healing oil, and sharing what is going on within the life of the community. LEVs also communicate any needs that the vicar may need to address at a higher level of pastoral care.

These visits mean a great deal to someone who is feeling physically isolated from the community, and they are equally rewarding for the Eucharistic visitor, because it is about making a connection and deepening relationships with one another. LEVs receive formal training from the diocese and shadow the current LEVs in making home visits. We follow a prepared order of service, so skills in planning liturgy are not required! All that is needed is the ability to be warm and supportive. The current LEV ministry team includes Beth Myers, Jane Pittsinger, and Blair and Martin Schmiege.

We continue to follow COVID safety protocols when visiting those who have compromised health concerns, both in the hospital and in their homes. LEVs will only be asked to respond to a call if and when they feel that it is safe for them to do so and they are able to protect themselves and those requesting the visits.

It is with deep sadness that we say farewell to Blair and Martin. On behalf of Rev. Amber and the LEM team, I want to express deep appreciation for their service and for the many ways in which they have enriched our worship experience at Holy Family!

If you feel called to either of these ministries, please talk with Rev. Amber and Beth Myers. We would love to have you join our team!



Pastoral Care Committee

Blair Schmieg and Beth Myers

In September 2024, under the Rev. Matt McDermott's guidance, the Pastoral Care Committee was established comprising Blair Schmieg, Beth Myers, and Charlotte Jones (no longer a member). We met several times in September and early October to define our mission. The main objective was to ensure that members of the parish would be identified and supported if they were going through a difficult time.

The first thing we did was to establish an email for submitting prayer requests, which is prayer@holyfamilyhmb.com. The advantage of the email is that it reaches all members of the committee at once, as well as our priest. Many members have used this email (along with verbal requests) to request healing and support for themselves and their loved ones. We have sent cards and coordinated the delivery of meals as well as flowers from the Sunday service. In addition, the lay ministers have made home/hospital visits and offered the communion sacrament to those members who were unable to attend church because of illness or surgery.

We want to thank the wardens and the parish community for their efforts to alert us when someone has been away from church so that we can reach out in a mindful way to check on their well-being and offer support as needed. We also work closely with the priest to communicate any concerns or needs that warrant additional support at the clergy level.

Since joining us in December, Rev. Amber has taken Father Matt's place on the committee. With her guidance, the Pastoral Care Committee hopes to expand our outreach and offer even greater support to members of the congregation. We would like to thank Jeri Sullivan for her willingness to participate in sending cards to members who are isolated, and to thank the many members of the congregation (you know who you are!) who offer their time and talent by providing meals, visits/phone calls, errands and/or transportation, often on short notice. Thank you all for your support of this ministry, and please approach us at any time with your suggestions and feedback.

Addendum from Beth: It is with deep sadness that we say farewell to Blair and Martin. On behalf of Rev. Amber and myself, I want to recognize Blair for her thoughtful approach to recognizing and addressing pastoral needs as they arise, as well as identifying other areas in which we might expand our ministry within the congregation. I want to express a deep appreciation for her service in pastoral ministry and to wish both Blair and Martin well as they settle into their new community and their next church home.



Outreach Report

Ken Myers

Backpack Drive

The Backpack Drive, led by Holy Family Episcopal Church, continues to help Coastside children prepare for school every year. This year we helped 463 students with new high-quality backpacks and a large shopping tote filled with school supplies. Our deepening partnership with Coastside Hope continues to pay benefits. Coastside identifies the school children that need our help. We stuffed backpacks using Coastside Hope's warehouse, also using it as a delivery point for the heavy paper products instead of having them shipped to Holy Family and then moved to the warehouse. We continued to use Coastside Hope's offices in El Granada as the distribution point. This will change for 2025's distribution as Coastside Hope has moved to Main Street in Half Moon Bay.



Each child received a new quality backpack, a tote filled to the brim with school supplies, and as many children's books as they wanted, thanks to the Half Moon Bay Library, the Friends of the Library, and the Coastside Mothers Club. It costs about \$60 a child to do this, so we need to raise about \$30,000 each year to run this program. We buy in bulk, so we maximize what each child can receive. A parent trying to duplicate what we do would easily spend twice that amount.

We received a significant grant from the Episcopal Impact Fund as well as a very large grant from the Friends of the Library. We will need to pursue other large sources of funding because the volume of students we help has greatly increased and because of the impact of inflation.

This is truly a community effort, led by Holy Family. Local groups involved include Abundant Grace Coastside Worker, the National Charity League Coastside Chapter, the Half Moon Bay Library, the Friends of the Library, Community Methodist Church, Coastside Lutheran Church, Coastside Jewish Community, the Coastside Women's Club, the Coastside Mothers Club, the Rotary Club, the Lions Club, and other community groups. These groups all contributed funds and people power to help raise funds, purchase school supplies and backpacks, help fill totes with school supplies, and help distribute the backpacks and supplies.

As this year's drive concludes, work on next year's drive begins, as we purchase backpacks and supplies year-round to take advantage of sales. If you look in the outreach barn you will see boxes and boxes of backpacks we've purchased in the past few months for use this year. Grant writing and fundraising to support this effort continues as well.

The Coastside community has supported this effort led by Holy Family since its inception in 1998. Next year will be the 28th year of this community effort!

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Ken Myers

Adopt-a-Family

Holy Family's continuing commitment to making Christmas a joyous time for needy Coastsiders families through Adopt-a-Family was led this year by April Campbell. Our efforts with other Coastsiders provides a good Christmas to needy seniors, families, and children during the holidays. Adopt-a-Family is a great way to get back to the true meaning of the Christmas season. You may have also seen your senior warden dressed in a Santa suit, soliciting families at the Coastsiders Farmers Market to adopt a family or senior for Christmas.

The Holy Family Children's Center is by far our largest and most important outreach project. I'm not going to duplicate what has been included elsewhere in the annual report.

Outreach is a key part of our identity as a congregation, which has a real positive impact on people's lives. I am grateful to all of you that in a time of transition, we are able to maintain and grow our commitment to helping our community. With the challenging political environment, our work will become even more important.

Designated Funds of Holy Family Episcopal Church

Designated and memorial funds help support specific ministries of Holy Family. Donations to any of these funds are welcomed, and may be so designated by making your gift payable to Holy Family, with the fund name in the memo.

Kearney (Reitmann-Grout) Outreach Fund

For Adult Christian Education & Spiritual Formation

Kearney Rietmann-Grout (December 21, 1950 – February 4, 2002) was a member of Holy Family and parent of one of our HFCC alumna, Claire. After her death, a fund was established to place a bench along one of the coastal trails in her memory. That bench is still maintained and provides a beautiful resting spot for those who enjoy our Coastsiders. After the purchase of the bench, the family authorized remaining funds to be set aside in a memorial outreach fund, which has been continued to this day. All donations to our outreach programs, unless otherwise designated, are held in this fund and used to support our monthly produce giveaway, and to supplement other programs like our annual participation in the Coastsiders Adopt-a-Family program with Coastsiders Hope and our annual Coastsiders Backpack Drive.

We continue to look for a good photo of Kearney to include with this page. If you have one, please lend it or send a jpg version to vicar@holyfamilyhmb.org. Thanks!

Joan Kidd Memorial Fund

For Adult Christian Education & Spiritual Formation

Joan Kidd (1936-2014) was a long-time resident of Half Moon Bay, having immigrated from Manchester, England, where she was born, and Canada, where she lived with her husband before moving to California. In earlier years, she was a long-time member of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, and she remained involved there even after becoming a member of Holy Family in later years. She was a leader in both congregations up to the time of her death in July 2014.



As Senior Warden at Holy Family, she led the congregation through a lengthy interim process during its search for a new priest, and she helped to build strong bonds in the formation of a "shared ministry" with Good Shepherd and to solidify an enduring relationship and partnership. Joan was a woman of deep faith and was a member of the Third Order Society of Saint Francis. Within the community, she worked as a dedicated nurse for over 30 years with San Mateo County. Following her retirement, she volunteered with the Ombudsman Program of San Mateo County, and read and assisted in first grade classes at Hatch Elementary School in Half Moon Bay. Joan was a most extraordinary woman. She taught many people lessons of life and faith, and she touched many people's lives. Her impact in the lives she served left this world a better place.

Joan had a passion for the study and passing on of Christian knowledge; she pursued Biblical and theological studies through the Center for Anglican Life and Learning at Church Divinity School of the Pacific. Because Joan taught Bible studies and other adult spiritual formation classes at both Good Shepherd and Holy Family, this Fund is established as a shared ministry of both congregations to support Christian education and spiritual formation for adults, and other discipleship ministries of the church.

2024 Officers and Bishop's Committee of Holy Family Episcopal Church, Half Moon Bay

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2024 Delegates to the Deanery Convocation & Diocesan Convention

Delegates: Sally McGee and Beth Myers

Alternates: Vivian Costello and Kathy Sussman



**Glory to God whose power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church,
and in Christ Jesus for ever. Amen.**

-- Ephesians 3:20-21