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The Vestry

Senior Warden:	Jane Cooley	Members-at- Large
Junior Warden:	Bill Masters	Chinenye Anako
Clerk:	Diane Plein	Carmen Borda
Treasurer:	Richard Camp	Marva Martinez
		Maria Salgado
		Mike Soock
		Dick Young

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St. Christopher's 2026 Annual Meeting Agenda

Agenda de la Reunión Anual 2026 de San Cristóbal

1. Call to Order & Opening Prayer
Llamado al orden y oración de apertura
2. Declaration of Quorum
Declaración de quorum
3. Prayer for the Faithfully Departed
Oración por los fieles difuntos
4. Presentation of the 2026 Budget
Presentación del Presupuesto 2026
5. Ministry/Committee Reports
Informes del Ministerio/Comité
6. Questions & Discussion
Preguntas y discusión
7. Vestry Updates
8. Closing Prayer
Oración de clausura

**ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH MINUTES
ANNUAL MEETING
Sunday, February 2, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER: – 10:00 a.m.

Fr. Gerardo gave the opening prayer. He stated we have been together one year, and we have an exciting year ahead already. Challenges will be turned into opportunities to grow and bring people together. Every day is in God's hands so continue to pray for us all.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM AND CHANGES TO ST. CHRISTOPHER'S BY-LAWS:

Sr. Warden Beth Mayhew announced we have a quorum to continue the meeting. She then explained the changes to the following By-Laws:

ARTICLE IV – Annual Parish Meeting;

Section 2 Quorum currently states: **Fifty** persons entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all Parish meetings.

Change: **Forty** persons entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all Parish meetings.

ARTICLE V – Composition of the Vestry

Section 10 currently states: The Vestry, at its first meeting after the Annual Parish Meeting, shall elect a Parish Treasurer who **shall be** a qualified elector of the Parish.

Change: The Vestry at its first meeting after the Annual Parish Meeting shall elect a Parish Treasurer who **may be** a qualified elector of the Parish.

A motion was made and seconded to approve both article changes. A majority passed the motion with one dissent.

PRESENTATION OF THE TREASURER AND CLERK: Fr. Gerardo presented Diane Plein as the Clerk of the Vestry and Richard Camp as the Treasurer for 2025.

THE 2024 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS AND 2025 BUDGET PRESENTATION:

Richard Camp, the Treasurer, explained that we have other sources of income that are not shown in this budget; and asked the congregation for questions. The main question asked was if we are taking money from the endowment for this budget.

Beth explained we have not yet had to do so but we may during the coming year. There is a policy in place for how much can be used. We are still in the process of adjusting the 2025 budget as more figures are coming in but will be making it final soon. Richard is our official Treasurer, and we no longer have an outside bookkeeper. We are also due for an audit review so the numbers will be in order. Members can ask any Vestry member or Richard

questions at any time.

RECOGNITION AND THANKS OF VESTRY MEMBERS: Fr. Gerardo presented certificates of thanks to departing Vestry members Jane Cooley, James Barnette, and Kelly Thomas.

PRESENTATION AND ELECTION OF VESTRY CANDIDATES AND DIOCESAN CONVENTION DELEGATES:

Senior Warden Beth Mayhew presented Marva Martinez, Carmen Borda, and Chinenye Anako for election to the Vestry. A motion was made and seconded to elect all three candidates by acclamation. The vote was unanimous.

Bill Masters was presented to the congregation for election to Junior Warden. A motion was made and seconded, and the motion to elect Bill was passed by unanimous vote.

Convention Delegates were not commissioned at this time but will be appointed by October before the convention is held. There will also be alternative delegates chosen.

CALL TO ADJOURN THE ANNUAL MEETING: Beth Mayhew asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was moved and seconded and the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Plein

Diane Plein, Clerk of the Vestry

2025 Finance Report

Recent Finance Events

- 01/18/26 2026 budget passed by vestry
- 01/19/26 Richard Camp resigned as treasurer and bookkeeper
- 01/21/26 Mona Guarino elected Treasurer by email vestry vote
- 01/23/26 New bookkeeper engaged and began to work

2025 Account Balances as of 12/31/25

Banking - Chase

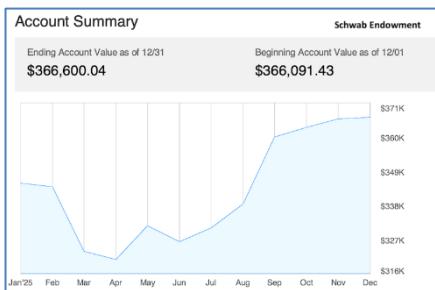
Operating Checking	8,445
Savings.....	1,002
Total	9,447

Clergy Discretionary (restricted)..... 980

Investing – Schwab (managed by Beacon Pointe) - Restricted

Schwab Restricted Total 106,681

Endowment 366,091



Around 58,000 should be available from endowment earning to reimburse prior paid capital expenses since 2019 (last endowment withdrawal) under the Endowment Policy.

The endowment is a balanced portfolio and has continued to be well managed by Beacon Pointe, our wealth managers. There have been no withdrawals since 2021's last capital withdrawal and has grown from 297,024 at the end of 2021 to 366,091 at the end of 2025.



Restricted

The Restricted Fund is also a balanced portfolio but managed for a shorter time horizon than the endowment. In 2025, the Rector Search Fund was liquidated to the support operations, as foreseen at its inception.

1610 Schwab - Restricted 3508 101,365.77

1611 Operating Funds.....	10,651.59
1612 Schwab - Blackburn Fund.....	46,352.20
1613 Schwab - Memorial Fund	15,583.59
1614 Schwab - Columbarium.....	25,104.88
1616 Schwab - Building Fund.....	3,673.51
1618 Schwab - Search Fund	0.00

The 2026 Budget as Passed by Vestry 1/18/26

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Budget
Total Income	147,287	165,725	
Total Expense	255,933	266,412	280,655
Net (Deficit)	-108,646	-100,688	-93,055
Revenue / Income			
4000 Contributions			
4011 Identified Givers	142,287	113,103	161,300
4012 Plate Offerings	2,000	3,609	3,600
4013 Non-Pledge Giving	0	40,516	0
4020 Other Offerings	0	0	0
Total 4000 Contributions	144,287	157,228	164,900
4030 Other Income			
4031 Misc Income	0	0	0
4033 Bookstore	3,000	2,858	3,000
4034 Boutique	0	3,439	0
4035 Bargains Galore	0	0	19,200
4040 Facility Usage	0	2,200	500
Total 4030 Other Income	3,000	8,497	22,700
Total Revenue	147,287	165,725	187,600
Expenditures			
5000 Mission Share	22,308	34,379	31,704
5100 Personnel			
5107 Clergy Housing/Stipend	80,000	80,000	80,000
5109 Clergy Health Ins	33,000	34,404	35,652
5111 Clergy Pension	14,400	9,420	14,400
5112 Clergy Continuing Ed	1,500	255	1,500
5113 Clergy Pro Exp	2,850	7,374	8,430
5151 Choir Director & Organi	17,000	16,800	17,000
5152 Sexton	14,000	13,312	14,000
5153 Church Admin	16,700	15,702	16,700
5154 Other Lay	120	0	0
5155 Payroll Taxes	5,000	3,505	3,600
5160 Direct Deposit Fees	170	133	0
5165 Supply Clergy	1,000	1,109	1,200
5170 Worker's Comp Ins	625	631	630
Total 5100 Personnel	186,365	182,643	193,112

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual		2026 Budget
5200 Program Expenses				
5205 Music	400	167		400
5210 Worship	800	875		800
5215 Hospitality	300	-927		300
5220 Education	400	99		200
5225 Children's Education	0	137		200
5230 Flowers	0	340		500
Total 5200 Program Expenses	1,900	691		2,400
5600 Buildings & Grounds				
5605 Repairs & Maintenance	3,000	3,709		500
5607 Janitorial Supplies	100	490		500
5610 Landscaping Service	250	0		0
5615 Contract Services	2,800	300		4,000
5620 Utilities				
5621 Electricity	6,000	5,064		5,100
5622 Water	1,530	2,152		2,000
5623 Telecom	6,600	7,534		7,200
5624 Gas	500	485		485
5625 Trash Service	340	324		324
Total 5620 Utilities	14,970	15,559		15,109
5630 Insurance Build/Liab	16,000	16,706		17,541
Total 5600 Buildings & Ground	37,120	36,764		37,650
5700 Admin				
5705 Office Supplies	700	400		1,000
5710 Software Subscriptions	2,490	4,732		3,203
5715 Office Equipment	3,200	3,745		3,300
5720 Stewardship	500	465		535
5725 Advertising	500	0		0
5730 Merchant Fees	300	487		500
5735 Accounting Services	300	0		6,500
5740 Diocesan Convention	150	780		500
5750 Miscellaneous Expense	100	1,327		250
Total 5700 Admin	8,240	11,936		15,788
Total Expenditures	255,933	266,412		280,655

In Memory of Those Who Died in 2025

These are the names of people who died in 2025 and are recorded in St. Christopher's Parish record. Please remember them in your prayers as well as their families who continue to grieve their loss. If you know anyone whose name should be recorded in St. Christopher's Register, please contact the office.

Karolena Cardella

Susan Barnette

Jo Anne Hansen

Ruth Jones

Let us pray...Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us with your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. BCP p. 831

Rector's Report

Rector's Report:

The Rev. Father Gerardo+ Brambila

My Fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Greetings, and blessings.

Today we are meeting a New Year, and a new beginning and today we look into the future of this 2026 with great confidence, knowing that we are blessed by the Lord, all the time, especially while we work together in our common ministries, following Jesus' path and work. Last year was full of blessings, challenges, and surprises, but strengthened by the Lord, we were able to come a long way. We welcomed some families in our midst, most of them at our second service.

St. Christopher's is more visible to our community and neighborhood through the events like the Annual Bazaar, fiestas, fundraisers, and sacramental services provided by the clergy and laity leadership in our church. We proudly baptized twenty-seven individuals of all ages. We celebrated three Quinceañeras and one wedding in our Sanctuary, we held one funeral and we had many celebrations throughout the year, not only at church, but in our surrounding community too.

We, as a Pastoral Care team, have taken communion to our homebound parishioners. We have visited several siblings in Christ in hospitals, and hospices. We also continue our Christian formation classes. With catechesis for children in our second service, plus three different bible studies, led by the clergy and the leadership of our church.

We continue trying to share our church premises to provide income to our general operating budget. We need to keep working as one team, caring, and helping each other. We are telling our neighbors that we are here for them and open for worship and to help build our surrounding community. This will be another tool to evangelize and attract as many people as we can in our neighborhood.

I have been attending all sorts of meetings, trying to have a presence and good relationships on behalf of St. Christopher's. Every church has its own set of challenges, and no one can deny that during the past year, our finances were well tested. The departure of some parishioners, by moving away, being relocated, or searching for a better job, or finding their way home in heaven was a blow to our plate, pledges, and cast a burden over our church administration.

Despite this, we continued to push forward. Our church is a mighty and amazing place, and our energy is boundless, because it is fueled by God's love. We continue to make great strides in the areas of faith, spirituality, finance and fundraisers and our work will be blessed by many

parishioners, friends, neighbors, and benefactors, both private and corporate. We have much to be thankful and proud of, and it is through our common achievements that we must build this coming year.

In this year 2026 we, for sure, need to be cautious, we must avoid unnecessary expenses and faith distractions this year and always because that can sap our energies and divert our attention from the important work and ministry that must be done. The uncertainty of the world economy is one such distraction. I promise to work tirelessly on your behalf to ensure that any financial crisis at our beloved church family is soon resolved, so that we can continue to prosper and grow, but obviously I am going to need your help to achieve our common goal.

As we enter upon this New Year, let us prepare ourselves for new challenges. Let us not be intimidated by them for we are a strong church, and I have faith in that strength and in our capacity to rise to the occasion and triumph over adversity. I implore all parishioners to remain strong and resolute despite any setbacks. We must applaud our successes and capitalize on the rich pool of treasure, time, and talent that God has placed in our hands to achieve what has been entrusted to us.

I have full confidence in the people of St. Christopher's to confront the challenges ahead with the good sense we have displayed throughout our more than 60 years as a place of worship. There are difficult problems and hard choices during these spare times, but there are always opportunities to be hopeful and thankful as well.

Let us move forward with energy and enthusiasm, being ever mindful of the fact that our church is a holy land of hope and promise, and a strong community of faith. I pledge to lead and serve you into the future and stand shoulder to shoulder with you as we continue to make St. Christopher's the greatest multicultural and bilingual Episcopal Church here in Sun city, Arizona.

From the bottom of my heart Thank you! God bless all and each one of you.

Fr. Gerardo+ Brambila
Rector.

Senior Warden Report

2025 Vestry Report

Jane Cooley, Senior Warden

Some significant activities during 2025 at St. Christopher's:1

1. Bargains Galore had a very successful 2025, having record setting sales to support outreach and St. Christopher's operating expenses
2. Sparkle and Shine Boutique was also a successful fund raising event with lots of new vendors participating.
3. Bible studies are held in the parish hall on Mondays. Everyone is welcome.
4. Zoom Bible studies are available on Wednesdays for anyone who is unable to join Sunday services in person.
5. Wednesday healing and worship services were held occasionally in the chapel, and Bible studies/discussions were held in the parish hall most Wednesdays.
6. 2025 audit data collection has begun.
7. Blessing of the animals was observed.
8. Eucharist and visitations were offered on a weekly basis to parishioners who were home bound or hospitalized.
9. Lenten studies with light lunch were held in the parish hall.
10. Mariachis and dancers came for Nuestra Senora La Santisma Virgen de Guadalupe.
11. Out-dated office computers were replaced due to security concerns.

Junior Warden Report

2025 Junior Warden Report

Bill Masters

We had a fairly quiet year for major expenses. With fifteen air conditioning units on campus, we only had two units that needed repairs and none that needed replaced. Miracles do happen! We did have to replace the hot water heater in the sacristy. Everything else was regular maintenance.

I would like to give a special thank you to Dick Young, Mike Soock, and Bill Lynn for their support. It really made my job easy. Last, but definitely not least, a special thanks to Arturo for all his dedication in keeping the campus spic and span.

Worship Ministries

2025 Altar Guild Annual Report

Beth Mayhew & Betty Roddy, Co-Directors

Our main activities are preparing the church altar for our Sunday services and the chapel altar for Wednesday communion and healing services. We've also prepared for baptisms, memorial services, and occasional weddings. On December 14th, our regular service included a special celebration for the Virgin of Guadalupe (feast day is December 12).

For those unable to attend church we've provided portable communion boxes used by Lay Eucharist Visitors. We're also grateful to our generous donors of Sanctuary and votive candles. Flowers were also given in memory of family and friends at Easter and Christmas, making our altar colorful.

Many thanks to each of our dedicated volunteers for all you do: Janet Cairo, Marva Martinez, Beth Mayhew, and Betty Roddy. Special thanks to Patty Emanuelson for all her timely assistance and to Mary Nemkerekyan, owner of Flower Shop Etc., for providing beautiful arrangements of fresh flowers for our altar. If you would like to learn more about our ministry or join us, please feel free to speak with any of us. We'd love to have you!

2025 Reporte Anual del Gremio del Altar

Nuestras actividades principales son preparer el altar de la iglesia para las misas dominicales y el altar de la capilla para las misas los miércoles. También preparamos para los bautismos, servicios conmemorativos y bodas. El 14 de diciembre la misa incluyó una celebración especial en honor de la Virgen de Guadalupe (su día festivo es el 12 de diciembre).

Para aquellos que no pueden asistir a la iglesia, ofrecemos cajas de comunión portátiles utilizadas por los visitantes laicos de la Eucaristía. También estamos agradecidos por los generosos donantes de las velas del santuario y las votivas. Las flores donadas en memoria de familiares y amigos en la Pascua y Navidad añadieron muchos colores vivos al altar.

Muchas gracias a cada una de nuestras voluntarias por todo lo que hacen: Janet Cairo, Marva Martinez, Beth Mayhew, y Betty Roddy. También un agradecimiento particular a Patty Emanuelson por su ayuda y a Mary Nemkerekyan, propietaria de Flower Shop Etc, por los hermosos arreglos de flores frescas para el altar. Si desea obtener más información sobre nuestro ministerio o unirse a nosotros, hable con una de nosotras. ¡Nos encantaría incluirle!

Jesus came to serve others, not to be served – Mark 10: 45

The Altar Servers goal is to do so with love, loyalty, and faithfulness. Our Altar Servers are present for weekly services and any additional services, including Wednesday Prayer Service, Funerals and Weddings. It is my honor and privilege to serve and lead this Ministry.

My heartfelt thanks to our faithful and ever-present Altar Servers, Ms. Betty Roddy, Mr. Al Franco, and Ms. Judi Soock. In September we welcomed Connor Abel to our Ministry and very happy to have him with us. Ms. Maria Maciel, from our Hispanic Congregation, assists on the Altar during the Sunday Spanish Mass and Bilingual Services.

Many thanks to you all for all you do to enrich the worship experience of our congregation.

We welcome any parishioners who are willing to serve on the Altar for Services. You are required to have been Baptized and Confirmed and be at least 16 years of age.

If you would like to participate in Reading Prayers of the People, you are welcome. We provide training and welcome all. Please contact Fr.Gerardo or me for further information.

“Many hands make work light”

Patty Emanuelson
Verger

Our worship is filled with Scripture from beginning to end. Our readers, or Lectors, are an important part communicating the Old and New Testament Lessons as part of our service.

The Readers read the lessons assigned for the day. There are two Lectors appointed for each Service. One Lector reads the Old Testament (1st Reading) and leads the congregation in reciting the appointed Psalm: The other Lector reads the New Testament Epistle. (2nd Reading)

We have an excellent group of volunteer readers in this Ministry. Many thanks go to Al Franco, Bonnie Franco, Beth Mayhew, Dick Young, Marva Martinez, Judi Soock,, Lisa Wolford, and Diane Plein. I also want to thank the Hispanic Congregation readers who read at the Spanish Service and participate in the Bilingual Services: Bernabe Aguirre, Maria Salgado, Carmen Borda, Ray Borda, Elvira Vasquez, and Paulina Lopez.

If you would like to read and share the Scripture Lessons with our congregation, please contact Fr. Gerardo or me for further information and instructions.

Patty Emanuelson
Verger

Verger Ministry 2025

Patty Emanuelson, Verger

A Verger in the Episcopal Church is a lay minister who helps the clergy with worship services. The Verger works under the direction of their Rector, Vicar or Priest-in-Charge. Much of the Verger's role is done behind the scenes.

I have been the Verger at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church since 2018. Prior to that I was the Verger at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, and I have been a member of The Verger's Guild of the Episcopal Church for 16 years.

I serve at the weekly services, Weddings, Memorial Services and, as needed or requested, for other services at other Episcopal Churches.

Every Wednesday I lead the Morning Prayer Service on Zoom. We meet for a service and Reflection. There are usually 5-7 people in attendance weekly.

I prepare the Altar Servers and Lectionary Readers Schedule monthly.

In October, I had the privilege to attend the 65th Arizona Diocesan Convention. I had never attended the Convention and found it very informative.

I find the Verger Ministry very rewarding, and it is a privilege to serve as your Verger.

Blessings,
Patty Emanuelson
Verger

Music Ministry

Don Palm

The St Christopher's Choir provided another season of good music for our congregation in 2025. We may be small in number but are big in sound. We thank choir members Bill Lynn and Diane Plein for adding banjo and guitar accompaniment several times to enhance our choral anthems.

We need to grow the choir in all sections so if interested, see Don Palm after the 9:30 am service on Sunday.

Christopher Singers

Diane Plein

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
Psalm 98:4

Christopher Singers is a sing-along outreach ministry which visited two Benevilla adult care centers, one in Sun City and the other in Surprise each month. Members Diane Plein, Bill Lynn, and Kathryn Young play the banjo, guitar, and flute, respectively. They were assisted by Janice Crane, Barbara Kimball, and Kathryn Frantz, who announced songs and helped people find the pages in the song sheets that are provided to everybody. We welcome anyone who would like to participate in this fun ministry, whether you are a church member or just a friend.

Formation Ministries

Bible Study

Our Bible Study continues to meet on Monday mornings at 10:00 AM in the parish hall. In 2025 we had several women join the group, which has added a new perspective to the discussions. Thank you to all who keep this special ministry going. On the first and third Mondays we assemble a half hour earlier to make twenty-four sack lunches for the local Salvation Army office to distribute to the needy. The men continue to meet on the fourth Thursday of each month for a prayer breakfast and Morning Prayer at 8:00 AM in a local restaurant. If you would like to check out the Bible Study to see if it might be for you, contact Dorothy Anako, Bill Lynn, Bill Masters, Mike Rowe, Frank Schlichting, Mike or Judy Soock, or Dick Young.

There is a Bible Study with Father Gerardo during Wednesday morning's mass at 10:00 a.m.

Children's Ministry

In 2025 Children's Christian Education met during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship service. Ms. Ashleigh Johnson led the program. The children meet during the sermon time for approximately 20-25 minutes when the day's lessons are discussed. If you have or know of children who would benefit from Christian teaching, they are invited and welcome at St. Christopher's.

Regular and Special Worship Services

Sunday Eucharist:	52 English and 52 Spanish
Wednesday Eucharist:	56 (includes Ash Wednesday and Stations of the Cross services)
Baptisms:	27
Burials:	1
Weddings:	1
Quinceñearas"	2

Fund Raising Ministries

Bargains Galore and Bookstore

Bill & Carol Masters

In 2025 Bargains took in \$23,712! This year we had the help from Jack Fulmer, who is an Estate salesperson. He is generous with donating very good leftovers from each of his sales. We also made new friends from both the church and customers. Lynn Viano Webb joined us after she and her husband moved to Sun City from California. Lynn loves St. Christophers. She donates those yummy oranges! Karen Masterson loves to work on Tuesdays and is always moving things around and straightening everything! Also new is Jeanne Batten, who has joined St. Christophers. She helps Bill tag the new clothes.

We appreciate all of our loyal workers! And the parishioners who keep the store stocked with new items every week. THANK YOU!

St. Christopher's Sparkle & Shine Christmas Boutique & Bake Sale

Barbara Jackson

The 2025 Sparkle & Shine Boutique, which was held October 24-26, is in our rear-view mirror. Our final count of vendors was fifteen independent vendors plus our St Christopher's tables. Items for sale included handmade crafts and baked goods as well as our delicious hamburger and hot dog lunches. The atmosphere was fun and festive with our vendors interacting with each other and our customers, and the crafts they brought were beautiful. This event was successful because of the support and hard work by our Church family. Thank you.

Outreach Ministries

Food Bank

Bill Lynn

Food insecurity is always a challenge in every big city and ours is no different. Food is collected and delivered to local food banks monthly after being blessed during regular worship services. There's a basket in the Narthex where donations can be placed. Maybe the next time you go shopping, grab a couple of cans of vegies or fruit or canned meat—maybe pasta and sauce—to share with the less fortunate.

Code Red Project

The Code Red Project is a long-standing outreach of St. Christopher's that supports the Phoenix Rescue Mission in its project to supply bottled water to the homeless and destitute in downtown Phoenix during the hottest parts of the year. We used to collect bottled water and then transport it to the Mission, but in the past three years we have collected only funds to buy water and given a check to the Mission regularly. As a pass-through outreach ministry, all funds collected are given directly to the Mission and are not subject to any administrative charges or diocesan assessments. In 2025, we contributed \$669 for this vital ministry.

Creation Care Ministries

Creation Care Ministry Report

Bill Lynn

Bill Lynn continues helping with this Ministry at St Christopher's. He is involved in the recycling of aluminum cans, plastic, paper, and glass. He also assists with monitoring the solar system and occasionally cleans the panels. Additionally, he recycles books, cd's, and records from the bookstore. If anyone has suggestions on how we at St Christopher's can increase our commitment to the environment here and elsewhere, please talk to him or contact him through the office.

Administrative Ministry Reports

St. Christopher's Columbarium

All current data is now stored on the church office computer and maintained by collaboration between committee members and the Administrative Assistant.

The current numbers are as follows. Our Columbarium contains 180 niches, 125 are currently occupied, twelve are paid in full and reserved for future use, and forty-three remain available. Each niche costs \$600 and includes interment, maintenance, and all future needs at no additional cost.

If you have any questions concerning this Ministry please contact the office.

Hospitality.

Coffee Hour is held between our two services each Sunday morning. We welcome parishioners to stay after the first service and come early to participate before the second service. It's a relaxed and friendly way to get to know our many wonderful parishioners plus the food homemade or purchased is always phenomenal. We appreciate and would like to thank those who have provided goodies and helped with cleanup. We need and would appreciate more volunteers to serve and/or provide food for coffee hour. Please prayerfully consider providing food and/or helping. Detailed instructions to assist any volunteers are attached to front of refrigerator on bright orange paper. It really isn't that difficult! We are available to provide Memorial or Celebration luncheons/functions in the Parish Hall. Check with office or Fr. Gerardo, or any of us for information Leona Lindvall and Sue Schlichting.

Vestry Updates



Patty Emanuelson--Originally from Pennsylvania, I moved to Arizona in 1971. I am a retired RN with a varied nursing background. I came to St. Christopher's as a 'pair' when Don Palm came as the Minister of Music and I accompanied him as the Verger in 2018.

I serve at Sunday services as well as weddings, memorial services, and other services as needed. Previously, I attended and was a Verger at St. Andrew's in Glendale. I have been a Member of the Verger's Guild of the Episcopal Church for 16 years.

I currently lead the Wednesday Morning Prayer Services on Zoom and prepare the Lectionary Readers and Altar Servers Schedule monthly. In 2021, I co-chaired the Re-opening Team after the Pandemic to safely return us to in-person worship.

Fr. Gerardo has asked me to serve as Sr. Warden, and I am honored. I look forward to serving our church community and supporting our Mission and Vision.



Mona Guarino--My name is Mona Guarino. I first attended St Christopher's in December 1997. I became very involved in 2011 while still living bicoastally between AZ and Washington DC. I served first on the Budget Review Committee under Fr Glen Jenks and later worked with Fr Peter Fabre to revive the dissolved Finance Committee and then chaired it until I left in 2022 to join All Saint's on Central in Phoenix where I worship and serve on the Finance Committee. While at St Christopher's

I have served as a lay delegate to the diocesan convention several times. I am certified in nonprofit management by the Diocese of Arizona. Raised Roman Catholic, I was received into the Episcopal Church at the Washington National Cathedral in 2005 where I was an active member at Christ Church where I created and co-chaired the Communications Committee, served on both the Stewardship and Property Committees, participated in the "Can We Grow?" effort, a diocese-led program; and served on Vestry. My professional background includes technology, strategic planning, communications, and marketing.

Fr. Gerardo has asked me to serve as Treasurer, authorized by the Vestry on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, and I am honored. I look forward to serving the church community and supporting the Mission and Vision of St. Christopher's, Sun City.