

The Christ Episcopal Parish Annual Meeting

Murdock Room of the Church Building

11:30 a.m.

February 1, 2026

The meeting started at 11:30 with a welcome by the Rector, Fr. Timothy Carr. He spoke of a plan to give the parishioners hope and a future. This was followed by a group participation in an opening prayer.

Certification of a Quorum

A count was made of the number of pledging units in attendance in the room. There were 55 pledging units. The required number for a quorum was 53. Therefore, a quorum was present.

Emily Correll moved the adoption of a quorum. Nancy Lewin seconded.

The quorum was adopted by a unanimous vote.

Senior Warden Address (Anne Scott)

- She sees a church that shows up.
 - One that shows up with generosity
 - One that shows up with kindness
 - One that shows up with caring
- The vestry and Fr. Tim work together.
- She expresses gratitude to all those who pitch in to help in the efforts in which the church becomes involved.

Rector's Address (Fr. Tim)

- We embark on our fourth century with God.
- We embrace our past but we move forward into the future.
- A historical marker has been installed in Rockville Cemetery to help celebrate our 300th anniversary and to memorialize the site of our first church building, the Chapel of Ease, erected in 1739.
- 2025 was a remarkable year for Christ Episcopal Church.
 - A list of the large number of accomplishments was presented in a slide.
 - Average Sunday attendance grew modestly from 2024 to 2025 from 174 to 182.

- Members of the congregation need to reach out to others and invite them to attend church.

Head of School Report (Nicole Stone)

- The school exists as a mission of the church.
- We teach our children how to navigate the world with academic knowledge and emotional wisdom, guided by Episcopal values and spiritual education.
- The school this year was a *Best of Bethesda* winner in three categories.
- The school is financially stable.

Embracing Our Future (Fr. Tim)

- 57% of our congregation lives in Rockville. The next largest proportion lives in Gaithersburg.
- We need to continue to expand our outreach to others in Montgomery County who may be looking for a church that meets their spiritual needs.

Recognition of Ministry Leaders (Fr. Tim)

- Special thanks were given to Christie Carrico and the Hospitality & Fellowship Committee.
- Special thanks were also given to Nick Buck and the Community Ministries Committee.
- After these items of gratitude, a series of ministry leader introductions followed.

Saturday Luncheon Social (Nick Buck)

- The luncheons will take place on Saturdays from noon to 1:30 for 52 weeks.
- They will consist of a meal and an opportunity for socialization.
- They will be hosted from the Christ Episcopal Church kitchen.
- Multiple organizations from around the city will participate in staffing the function.
- The arrangements and scheduling of these organizations still have to be finalized.
- Parishioners from Christ Episcopal Church will be asked to volunteer from time to time.

Endowment Committee (Dave Scott)

- The funds under the control of this committee are invested in the Diocesan Investment Fund.
- The ending balance on December 31, 2025 for the church's endowment fund was about \$3.8 million. That represented a 3.9% growth over the prior year.

- The amount permitted in 2026 for disbursement from the endowment fund to the church's operating fund is \$159,000.
- There are currently two vacancies on the Endowment Committee. A position on this committee is not heavily time-consuming. If you are interested in serving, contact Dave Scott at dcscott920@gmail.com.

Stewardship (Victor Ban)

- The numbers for 2026 at this point show that we have 163 pledge units for a total of \$589,000 pledged.
- Those numbers put us slightly lower than in 2025 for both categories.
- However, we still expect more 2026 pledges to come in.
- Any parishioners who have not yet pledged for 2026 are strongly encouraged to do so.

Special Acknowledgement (Fr. Tim)

- Fr. Tim wanted to give thanks to Linda Rhodes and Gary Correll for the work they do regularly to input data from Sunday offering collections to make sure that our financial data related to pledges is correct and up to date.

Treasurer's Report (Jeff Grimes)

- Cash on hand at the end of 2025 was \$1.3 million.
- The Net Surplus on the Profit and Loss Statement for 2025 was \$162,000.
- \$25,000 from that Net Surplus will be carried over into the 2026 budget to help with the new year's expenses.
- The 2026 budget was presented to the meeting attendees.

HVAC Committee (Chris Nurse and Melinda Adams)

- The committee began its work by taking an inventory of the system.
- The decision was made to move to a refrigerant-based system.
- The installation of the new air conditioning system will be in the April-May timeframe.

Music Program (Fr. Tim)

- Our current Reuter Organ was installed in 1966.
 - An anonymous donor has given us \$100,000 to improve the organ.
- Robert James has donated \$22,000 so that a Lois James Memorial Harpsichord can be purchased.

Recognition of Retiring Vestry Members (Fr. Tim)

- Emily Correll was recognized for her willingness to always be helpful and to volunteer to almost any task when vestry members were asked to help out.
- Jay Renner was recognized for his constant attention to the needs of the physical plant on the church campus, always going the extra mile to solve problems.

Nominees for the Vestry

- The following five individuals were nominated for the vestry:
 - Melinda Adams, Junior Warden
 - Augusta Ridley
 - Jill Weaver
 - Michael Sparks
 - Seth Oldmixon
- Emily Correll moved affirmation of these five. Victor Ban seconded.
- The five were affirmed by unanimous vote.

Representation at the Diocesan Convention

- Those in attendance were asked to consider Matthew Salter as nominee for Delegate to the Diocesan Convention and Scott Simpson as an Alternate to the Diocesan Convention.
- Augusta Ridley moved that the two names be approved. Christie Carrico seconded.
- The two individuals were approved by a unanimous vote.

Michael Sparks' Parochial Discernment Committee (Fr. Tim)

- Michael aspires to become a priest.
- Formulating a discernment committee is one of the first steps.
- We're looking for volunteers to be on the committee for six months.
- Anne Scott spoke to her positive experience in having been on a discernment committee.

Dean of Central Montgomery County (Fr. Tim)

- Fr. Tim has been asked by the Bishop to become the Dean of Central Montgomery County.
- He will take on this position when he has more time, but the needs of Christ Episcopal Church will always come first.

Fr. Angel Gabriel Roque Ramos (Fr. Tim)

- He is currently at the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas.
- He begins here at Christ Church in Rockville in June, 2026.

- He specializes in families and children.
- Spanish is his first language.

Questions (Fr. Tim)

- What is the job of the Dean of Central Maryland?
 - As our churches become one-priest churches, rather than places with larger staffing as they were in the past, there is a greater need to have someone available who can be a caring person and a sounding board for that single priest.
- Has anyone thought about solar panels for the roof of the church?
 - The church building has a slate roof.
 - (Joe Richardson response): We probably have 30 years left on the current roof. When it needs replacement, that would probably be the right time to consider solar panels.
- What is happening with the parking lot?
 - There is still one more complication with the City of Rockville.
 - We are continuing to push on it.

Adjournment

- Nancy Lewin made a motion to adjourn. Libby Buck seconded.
- There was a unanimous vote to adjourn.
- Adjournment was at 12.45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Hickman

Clerk

Minutes approved unanimously at vestry meeting on March 24, 2026.

Bill Hickman, Clerk

