



SAINT MICHAEL'S CHURCH
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Charleston, South Carolina

2025 ANNUAL REPORT
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2025 Annual Meeting: Agenda

Annual Meeting *in the Church & on Livestream* 10:00 am

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome!**
- 2. Prayer**
- 3. Vision, Mission, and our Strategic Plan**
- 4. Leadership Elections and Budget**
- 5. Gratitude**

**Morning Prayer
11:00 am**

**Lunch in the Churchyard for all!
12:00 pm**

2025 Annual Meeting: Minutes of 2024 Annual Meeting

Minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting for St. Michael's Church

Sunday, May 19, 2024

In person with simultaneous live stream

The 2024 Annual Meeting for St. Michael's Church was called to order at 10:00 am, by The Rev. Al Zadig, Rector. The Rev. Zadig laid out the agenda for the meeting, the main topics being Prayer and Practicalities, Vision and Mission Progress, Leadership and Finance and Gratitude. The Rev. Zadig opened the meeting in prayer.

Prayers: The Rev. Zadig prayed for the following people as named.

Baptized

Noah Zion Zachary Thornley
Elliotte Louise Owen
Hattie James Lee
Emanuel Wiley Dans
Hudson Doar Rogers
Bruce Benjamin Urman
Lavinia Huguenin Howell
Jack Lewis Mason
Eliza Simmons Strange
Joel Drogomir
Henry Carter Tichy
John Philip McMahon III
Winston Gaines Brown
Tommy Gilmore Lowder
Griffin Andrew Michalek
Noah Alfred Watford
Barbara Byrd Stevenson
John Alexander Dent

Confirmands, Received and New Members

John Charles Fitzgerald
Nathaneal Edward George
William Leroy Howard III
Harriet Turner Kelley
Maxine Walker McLeod Miller
Charlotte Anne Philbeck
Thomas Elliott Weil
Sarah Hodgson Weil
Hartlynn Grace Yue Yue Thornley
Isabella Dasash Mulu Thornley
Isabella Julie Marie Thornley
Malachi Tyler Thornley
Ronald Venning Thornley
Sophia Nellie Thornley
Taliaferro Rice Fain
Rita Laurene Crothers
William Clark Crothers
Meredith Alexander Jacobs
James Dylan Murray
Nicole Elizabeth Sicilia
Meredith Bryant Thomason
Anthony Gene Watson
Nancy Gayle Hanes
Paul William Bryant
Shelia Annette Watson
Alias Baldasarra Michael
Paul Herman Michael
William Graham
Christine Graham
Shelia Annette Watson
Alias Baldasarra Michael
Paul Herman Michael
Elizabeth deRosset Parker
Doddington
Seth Wilson Clark
Laura Leigh Graves Clark
Jane Ellen Clark
Kathleen Mae Clark
William George Clark
Kenneth Barker
Nancy Barker

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Blessings for the Marriages

Maggie Keene Martin	Robert James Montgomery
Lindsey Hannah Regeis	John Chandler Rice
Julia Ann Walker	Michael Wesley Barnhart
Nicole Elizabeth Sicilia	Michael Gregory Manesiotis III
Margaret Mary O'Shaughnessy	William Rhett Howell

For Those Who Have Died

The Rev. Richard Irvine Heyward Belser
James Kristian Falk
Samuel Edward Howerth
David Therrell Lawson, Jr.
Lisa Middleton LeMacks
Curtis Lee Prince
Virginia (Jennie) Reynolds
Jeanne deSaussure Smith
Ina Solveig Zadig
Julian Wayne "Jay" Unger
Robert Means Prioleau

Practicalities

The Rev. Zadig appointed the following officers for the meeting:

Secretary: Tim Driver
Parliamentarian: Wade Logan
Chief Teller: Trish McGuinn

Wade Logan, Parliamentarian for the meeting, confirmed that a quorum was present.

The Rev. Zadig thanked Trish McGuinn for preparing the annual report. He mentioned that in addition to the printed copies distributed over the past week the annual report is also available online as well as having been sent by e-blast. The Rev. Zadig called attention to the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held May 21, 2023. A motion was made by Mrs. Waring and was seconded by Wade Logan and approved unanimously.

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Vision and Mission Progress:

The Rev. Zadig stressed that our vision is to transform hearts through Jesus Christ in:

Our Homes

Our Holy City

The Hurting Coast

And The Hungering World!

He presented examples of tangible ways the Strategic Plan adopted two years ago by the vestry is being implemented.

1) Building back the children choir with leadership from Matthew and Melanie Wilkinson and Ann Hood.

The children's choir gave a short performance.

2) Establishing a family discipleship track on Super Wednesday nights. Skyler Mace gave a testimony.

3) Training up in scripture. Ellis Frampton gave an amazing two minute review of the Bible.

4) Making all we do family friendly. Mitch Watford spoke about Super Wednesday activities, the Sunday morning parenting course, the Day of Healing Prayer, the GIC celebration, the upcoming mission trip to Rise Church in Portland, Maine and the Parish Retreat planned in September.

5) Alpha - Samantha Najarian spoke about her experiences in the most recent Alpha course and how the course had impacted her life.

6) Leadership Pipeline - Rev. Zadig briefly described the K-2 scripture study for men and cited several examples of people taking on leadership positions within the church.

7) 1751 Legacy Society - Logan Bryan introduced and briefly explained this key initiative to help secure St. Michael's financial future through estate planning.

Leadership and Finance:

Leadership

The Rev. Al Zadig introduced Laura Gruber, Senior Warden and Chair of the Nominating Committee for Vestry.

Election of new members and delegates.

Senior Warden Laura Gruber introduced the voting for vestry members by first explaining that the vestry is the nine-member board of lay leaders and chief ambassadors of the mission and vision of St. Michael's Church, leading in holiness, ambassadors for mission and fiduciary stewards of the Parish for all matters related to finances and property. It is akin to a board of directors with a mission of servant hood.

The Senior Warden is the Chair and the Junior Warden is the Junior Chair of the Board. There are 11 members- 9 and then 2 wardens. She explained the three basic requirements found in St. Michael's Church's By-Laws to vote. One must be at least 17 years old and, for the year preceding the annual meeting and be regular in worship at St. Michael's and have a record in the Church's office of regularly providing financial support to St. Michael's.

Mrs. Gruber then described the function of diocesan delegates and alternates. They are elected by plurality. The 4 who receive the most votes will be the delegates and the next four will be the alternates. Their term will run through the next election.

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Mrs. Gruber then listed the current vestry members and thanked the four outgoing members - Logan Bryan, Tim Driver, Heidi Ravenel and Mikell Scarborough.

Mrs. Gruber then announced the slate for wardens and new vestry members as put forth by the nominating committee.

Wardens

Reeves Howard - Junior Warden

Hal Frampton V - Senior Warden

Vestry Members

Reiley Jacobs

Caroline Riley

Anne Schaffer

Pat McKinney

Mrs. Gruber announced the nominees for the delegates to the Diocesan Convention.

Logan Bryan

Tim Driver

Hal Frampton

Joe Goode III

Laura Gruber

Reeves Howard

Mikell Scarborough

Park (Peach) Smith

Vote

Voting commenced and ballots were collected.

Financial Report

Rev. Zadig then introduced Gary DiCamillo who presented his report as Treasurer.

Mr. DiCamillo said that for the sixth consecutive year St Michael's completed the year with a balanced budget.

Operations Income was \$2.31 million (+2.6% vs. year ago)

Expenses were \$2.19 million (+4.7% vs. year ago)

Mr. DiCamillo reported the Mission financial summary for 2023. Mission outreach totaled \$337,163. General Mission Fund \$172,279.

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Designated Gift Funds \$164,884

Mr DiCamillo reported the Restricted Account had cash inflows of \$605,995 in 2023 and expenditures of \$533,673, mostly for capital expenditures (approximately \$400,000) and repayment of Diocesan legal debt (\$105,000).

Mr. DiCamillo reported St. Michael's Trust (endowment) has a balance of \$2,746,452 at year end.

Mr. DiCamillo concluded by thanking all parishioners for their gifts of time talent and treasure.

Gratitude

Rev. Zadig thanked outgoing vestry members Logan Bryan, Tim Driver, Heidi Ravenel and Mikell Scarborough, presenting each with a bible.

Rev. Zadig thanked Dale Frampton for decades of service on the alter and flower guilds. He thanked Rev. Ted McNabb who is retiring (again) and will continue on staff in a volunteer capacity. Rev. Zadig thanked Pam Smith for her service. He recognized and thanked Trish McGuinn for her many contributions during her six years on staff.

Rev. Zadig thanked Laura Waring for her service as Senior Warden. Sr. Warden Laura Gruber reported that the election results would be announced by e-blast later in the day.

Rev. Zadig reminded those in attendance of the picnic lunch after the 11:00 am service.

The Rev. Al Zadig asked Hal Frampton to offer prayer.

A motion to adjourn the 2024 Annual Meeting was made by Gary DiCamillo. The motion was seconded by Wade Logan and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim J. Driver
Recording Secretary

2025 Annual Meeting: Rector's Report

2025 Annual Report The Rev. Alfred T.K. Zadig, Jr.

Greetings in the name of Jesus and His Easter Resurrection! I have to admit I come to you on an Easter high. Certainly every Easter is magnificent at St. Michael's, between the flowers, the music, the Word, and wonderful family reunions! This year was extra special, yes our 274th Easter, but with music that has never been better, flowers never brighter with record attendance! People filled up the overflow spaces to the point that our prayer ministry had nowhere to pray, and so they were re-directed to the vestibules. I also come to you from the continued momentum of our winter preaching series: "Church on Fire." Intentionally praying for continued revival, renewal, growth and blessings.



In 2022, your vestry of St. Michael's Church voted unanimously to adopt a five year strategic plan, that covering four parts of life in Jesus together...

Those 4 parts include...1) Ministry to Children and Family 2) Growing the parish, 3) Securing our financial future and 4) Evaluating our campus and providing facilities for growth. Your Strategic planning task force includes as our Chair Dr. Lee Cox, with members including Dr. Jerry Reves, Heidi Ravenel, Susan Waring, Laura Gruber and Hal Frampton, IV.

This year we have seen very exciting progress and victories specifically in children and family through the power of the Holy Spirit, let me tell you about some of those victories!

- Dee Goehring is leading a team that has been doing outstanding ministry in these last 12 months... specifically by helping make everything we do in St. Michael's Inter-Generational, from our Global Impact Celebration GIC, to the way in which Super Wednesdays are being put together. For the first time in many years, we also hosted a regional Family Conference in partnership with the Visionary Family ministries.
- One of the keys of our strategic plan is to help train up parents to be the primary teachers of faith and teach a Christian worldview on the issues of our day. To that end, all winter and spring Dee and Allen have led a group called: What do you Say When? I've personally been a part of that group this term and it has been rather electrifying. The conversations have been extraordinary and all I can think is, I wish we had offered this course 10 years ago!
- We continue with our commitment to something many churches have abandoned, and that is a robust ministry of Sunday School. We can feel the momentum swinging mightily as this was the first year in many years that we have had an abundance of volunteer teachers, praise God! Of course, one of the keys of Sunday School is Confirmation, we greatly increased the number of confirmands this year, but it's not just about the numbers, but the quality of teaching to the children and their parents. Again, Dee and Allen Goehring were front and center leading this course this year, with Youth Director McKenna Bailey as the apprentice to teach it next year.
- Knowing all we do is for the sake of mission, several mission trips arose in alignment with our mission task force, specifically a mission trip to our Hurting Coast partner in Maine, The Rev. Dan Wolfe at Rise Church in Portland. Elizabeth and I had the privilege of taking part in a portion of that trip. To see our children joined in mission with elders was thrilling. Also this year, we resumed our partnerships with Operation Christmas Child in Charlotte, NC and with the LAMB Institute in Honduras, by sending teams on mission there.

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- Another focus this year has been on fun ministry evenings serving as an easy place for people to come and engage. To that end events like Jazz in the Churchyard, and after Easter parties have been a wonderful way to engage those not here yet!
- We also made a pivot with our long nearly 30 year history with the Alpha Course (our first step to membership). This course over dinner was moved to Monday evenings (from Wednesdays) and it has thrived in that location. The Rev. Greg Smith led that movement to a place of solid fruit.
- We also established a six week Sunday course for Newcomers, called "I Like Mike" that meets at 10am every Sunday. It meets on a loop all year long and people can attend at any time. Many thanks to Michael Barnhart who produced the videos and Shelley and Mike Walker and Susannah Hubbell for facilitating on Sundays!
- This year also saw the re-formation of two important ministries. First our Young Adults Group. The Rev. Greg Smith initiated this ministry on Tuesday nights, discipling them and journeying with these young adults. Second, the return of our Parish Retreat! Under the leadership of Megan Lee, we had intended on going to Epworth by the Sea on St. Simons Island in Florida, but God had other plans. Hurricane Helene interrupted everything, and we made another major pivot and relocated the retreat to Mt. Pleasant.
- There was also a great deal happening with our Stewardship Task Force on helping to secure our financial future. Two bits of very good news year. First, we created and grew the 1751 Legacy Society on planned giving. It is a movement to have every St. Michaelite, upon their death to give 10% of their estate to the church for future ministry. As one of our team members said, "It is the last tithe we can give." I praise God for this key ministry that will help grow future generations. Secondly, we celebrated this year and 8% growth in our annual stewardship (tithing) campaign. Praise God!
- Regarding our Strategic Plan we spent a great deal of time evaluating our own facilities for growth while looking for ways to expand. In addition to studying our space, and having feelers out for more property, most tangibly we introduced a new process for Sunday parking. We now reserve our church parking lot to the youngest and eldest among us. Youngest, meaning families with small children and baby equipment and elders meaning those with difficulty walking. It is a work in progress!

Leadership

As we know, it always comes down to leadership. Dee has built a wonderful staff team through the Children and Family Task Force. In addition to our wonderful Youth Director McKenna, we added Kristen Arrington as a part time assistant in the children's ministry arena and what a difference McKenna and Kristen are making!

I'm also beyond thrilled at the addition of our new Curate (Deacon/Priest in training) the Rev. Aaron Schnupp. In addition to being our Curate, Aaron's other big focus is in the family ministry, specifically helping to disciple young fathers, and he is one! Aaron and his wife Emma have a sweet toddler named Liliias!

In addition to The Rev. Aaron Schnupp who will be ordained to the priesthood this coming July, we also welcomed a deacon, the Rev. Dr. Martha Toney. Martha is coordinating our Healing Prayer and Pastoral Care ministries and doing an amazing job! Martha spent most of her life as an opera singer, and the Lord brought her to us!

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As we look to next year, we have much to do together! One of the fundamental things the Strategic Planning Task Force is up to is revamping and sharpening our task forces to include term limits for our chairs and adding more collaboration to our recruiting.

Regarding families, we want to continue to proactively and strategically make sure everything we do is friendly to the generations. This includes taking the average age down in our healing prayer ministry, as well as making the Day of Healing Prayer and Global Impact Celebration truly and fully intergenerational.

We will continue to discern how we can use our facilities (parish hall and Sunday School Classrooms) during the week from Monday through Friday. What is God saying to us, what is the best use of what God has given to us? This is a long process and ideas are being formulated for the fall that would serve our homeschool families.

In that spirit of proactivity, we also want to empower this 2025 confirmation class to reset and reboot our ministry of confirmation. We have a terrific team of young leaders who we want to see as mentors to those in grades below them. This is our chance!

As we seek to grow the parish, the big push is to make clear the path of discipleship at St. Michael's, I-e, what happens after the Alpha Course? How can we make small groups more accessible? Clarity brings growth and once we begin the fall, there will be a path set that will be crystal clear.

As we seek to secure our financial future, our goal is to increase annual giving from 8-10%. This is a Biblical concept as your vestry is committed to the fact that every penny that comes into St. Michael's is itself tithed outside of it to the diocese.

At the end of the day, and as I approach my 18th year as your Rector, please know as your shepherd, in speaking for your vestry and staff, we continue to lead through the Holy Spirit from our knees. Leading from our knees in that we are never just calling it in. Leading this church is highest privilege and demands that we lead from a servants heart which we prayerfully aim to do!

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Personally, 2025 was a banner year for the Zadig family. Our first born Wimberly Rose got married! Yes on August 3, 2024, Wimberly married Reid Foster Darby from Mt Pleasant, where they now reside. My father who was 92 at the time officiated the marriage held here at St. Michael's Church, assisted by the new Archbishop of the Anglican Church in North America, the Most. Rev. Steve Wood (who is also Rector of St. Andrews Church, Mt. Pleasant where Reid grew up). I was both father of the bride and preacher on this extraordinary night. It is also a year my wife and I celebrate our 30th year of marriage and the blessing and challenge of being empty nesters! Yes, our youngest son Hudson entered the University of South Carolina in Columbia as a freshman. Hudson is joined there by his older brother Christian who is finishing his second year of law school at USC. So these days, it's my bride, the family dog and me!

This next year is shaping up to be the best yet, stay tuned and engage more than you ever have!

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The Rev. Gregory M. Smith
Associate for Evangelism & Connections

We started off the Fall by moving Alpha to **Monday nights**, and the results have been wonderful—**more than 60 people** have participated, making this our highest attendance since before COVID. Week after week, we see people encountering the Holy Spirit, growing in faith, and asking real questions about Jesus and His ways.

We also journeyed through powerful sermon series this year—**Daniel, Church on Fire, and Revelation (Songs of the Lamb)**—each one deepening our understanding of God’s Word and calling us to live with boldness and hope. Over 100 people engaged with the Bible study guides for each series in small groups or personal study. And a new joy this year: **20 parishioners helped write our Advent Devotional Book**—a beautiful expression of shared faith and reflection.

We even added a new celebration to our calendar: a **Jazz in the Churchyard event for Shrove Tuesday**, complete with a **Dixieland Band and pancakes!** It was an unforgettable evening of music, joy, and hospitality—a reminder that Christian community is meant to be vibrant and joy-filled.

From party to prayer, from music to ministry, the options abound for connecting with Jesus and one another.

Thank you for the joy of serving this amazing parish!

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The Rev. Aaron Schnupp
Curate

Since entering my role on January 5, 2025, I have had much to learn. A significant part of my time has been spent understanding the church’s history, procedures, and developing new skills for the work I have been called to do. To that end, I have engaged in many one-on-one meetings with fathers in the church, building relationships and gaining insight into their perspectives on fathers’ ministry at St. Michael’s. Locations for these meetings have included Second State Coffee, Ellis Creek Fish Camp, Hometeam BBQ, and the Yacht Club. I have overall been encouraged by fathers’ willingness to be vulnerable and desire for their kids to be raised knowing Christ.

A major focus of my initial curacy training has been on baptism and weddings, as both provide natural opportunities to connect with young families. I have assisted AI with one wedding and have had two baptism covenant meetings so far. I have also undergone Prepare/Enrich training and am shadowing AI in providing premarital counseling for a few couples.

In early March, I launched two dads’ groups that explore Scripture passages particularly relevant to fatherhood. When enough people were present they went well, but group size and consistency struggled under the busyness of people’s lives, especially since these started midyear. The one that met on Sunday nights during the same time that the youth group met was the better attended of the two, as it fit into an already existing time slot.

My wife Emma and I attended Alpha, which was a good opportunity to meet families who are not yet fully involved in the church. We also functioned as table leaders depending on the attendance for the night. Lastly, I have had a few opportunities to use my musical gifts at church events including a GIC worship night, a Deanery meeting, and the Alpha retreat.

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ANNUAL REPORT

Matthew Wilkinson

Director of Music

The last year has been an eventful one for the music ministry at St. Michael's. We resurrected the St. Michael's concert series the year before last with two Bach cantatas during Advent and the John Henry Maunder From Olivet to Calvary for Good Friday, 2024, and continued the series with several events in the 2024-2025 season. Ann Caldwell performed in November for a Jazz in the Churchyard Event, immediately following an All Saint's Day Festival Eucharist held in the Church. In December we saw the children's choir and adult choir perform with an orchestra, performing Gerald Finzi's In Terra Pax, as well as Vaughn William's Fantasia on Christmas Carols. Another Jazz in the Churchyard was held on Fat Tuesday with the Kyle Lane Dixieland Band, coordinated with the Family Ministry Pancake Dinner. The same Dixie band performed at the Easter Sunrise service at the battery. In March we also had a contemplative service of Sacred Minimalist Repertoire, including work by Pärt, Gorecki and Vasks, with a pre-concert talk beforehand.

Holy Week was particularly special this year. The increase in attendance in the adult choir as well as the bolstering with intern support allowed us to sing works that would have previously been too difficult (for example, Duruflé's Ubi Caritas on Maundy Thursday). Good Friday followed with the 12pm Stations of the Cross, 3pm Good Friday Liturgy with chamber choir, and 6:30pm Meditation on the 7 Last Words, where the choir performed a variety of choral arrangements, including Howell's Like as the Hart, and Bairstow's Lamentations. Easter Sunday was full of joy with the inclusion of the 9am band alongside the 11am choir and the Holy City Brass Quintet.

Children's choir has continued throughout the year on Super Wednesdays, and performed both in the Winter and the Spring. The adult choir has gained new members, with additional basses, sopranos and altos joining the choir. We pray for Doreen Hendley, a faithful choir member, who is still recuperating from a fall this past winter.

The 9am band has been exceptionally faithful, with Nik Holum, Ryan Griffin, Eileen Williams, and Martha Dougherty present almost every Sunday. We are also grateful for the support of Joe Good, Kayla Moog, Ross Scarborough and Ted McNabb who have also contributed greatly to that service.

We have continued to introduce new hymns and songs, such as Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured, My Shepherd will Supply My Need, Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above, His Mercy is More, Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery, Out of Sorrows Deep I call, Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me, etc. This year, there was also significant work done on the piano, with a full regulation and shaving of the hammers being executed to improve the quality of the timbre.

We are excited for the coming year: continuing to grow the adult and children's choirs, introducing new songs, and worshipping our Lord!

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Discipleship Task Force 2025 Annual Report

The Discipleship Task Force (DTF) encourages life-long engagement with scripture and community while developing a pattern of Christ-like living.

The current members of the DTF are Rev. Bill Hyer, Rev. Greg Smith, Caroline Riley (Vestry), Pam and George Klein, Bill and Rilla Crothers, Shelley Walker and Susan DiCamillo.

We support the value of scripture-based teaching, and act as a recommending body for sermon series, including fall 2024's series on Daniel.

The DTF is active in the Wednesday Evening programming. Fall 2024 extended the sermon series with the study of Daniel on Wednesdays using a study guide and discussion in small groups around dinner tables. In the Winter/Spring of 2025, the Wednesday evening discussions were based on the "Church on Fire" sermon series as well as the Lord's Prayer.

During December 2024, the DTF compiled and Greg Smith published a collection of Advent devotionals that had been composed by parishioners. We appreciate the time and insights that were shared in those pages.

On January 11, 2025, the DTF arranged a special half-day presentation by Carlos Campo who is the CEO of the Museum of the Bible in Washington DC. He also spoke during Sunday School the next day. We hope to designate a date in June 2025 for St. Michaelites to gather in DC for a special tour of the museum.

On March 25, 2025, Bishop Chip Edgar came to St. Michael's to discuss one of his favorite books, *The Abolition of Man*. We hope to engage him again in the future to discuss other books.

The DTF also tracks Alpha participation and opportunities that people have at St. Michael's once they complete that series.

Finally, we encourage the formation and continuation of small groups of many kinds, both at the church and in homes.

Submitted by

Susan DiCamillo, Chair

Congregational Care Task Force 2025 Annual Report

I. CARE STATEMENT OVERVIEW

The Ministry and Vision of CARE at St. Michaels was born out of answered prayer to the prayer request: "LORD, how do extraordinary acts of CARE become all but "ordinary" throughout the daily life and ministry of all the members in our Church Family? It starts with ONE CARING ACT at a time.

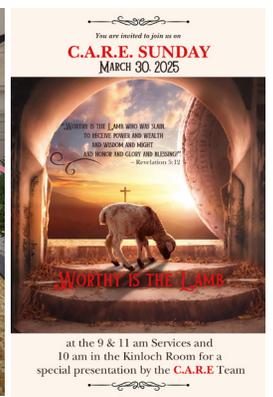
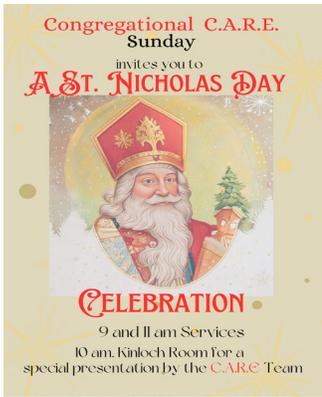
II. REPORT SUMMARY

Ministry Members: Martha Toney, Richard McElroy, Betty Schaffer, David Reese, Christen Reese, Pam Smith, Jim Smith, Meme Asserson, Kit Coker, Rilla Crothers, Christian Hayes, Donna Henry, Belinda Hodgson, Lois Kelly, Kate Marjenhoff, Julie Molony, Larry Molony, Reba Mueller, Sanna Prause, David Richardson, Marty Richardson, Ashley Watford

Two Primary Ministry Growth Markers

1. Increased participation from St. Michael's Church Congregation and call to Servanthood with the Congregational CARE Ministry
2. CARE Sundays - Greater Awareness/Understanding about the CARE Ministry and Christ's mandate to "love and serve one another as Christ loves us.

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III. COMMUNICATION & CARE OUTREACH SERVICES

1. **PASTORAL CARE** – [Lead Shepherd and Director of Pastoral CARE Ministry – Deacon Martha Toney]

2. **SCRIBES FOR CHRIST** [lead Shepherd Betty Schaffer]– Ministry of Communication with members who are ill, have lost a loved one, not always able to attend Church, or may just need special attention. (get well, sympathy, thinking of you, cards of encouragement and numerous other occasions.

- (200 cards) went to Veterans at the VA Hospital. One member mentioned receiving a Valentine from “St. Michael’s CARE Team” when he had an appointment at the VA, and that he was proud to be part of a church with this ministry.
- Another member shared that when she lost a loved one, a card from the CARE Team was sitting on her sister’s beside table.
- There have been several instances when the cards meant more to the family than to the person intended.
- (59) calls made to check on members in addition to cards sent out by team.

***Important Note: Our biggest challenge is being able to get the addresses for the cards through Realm. Please be sure that you have subscribed to this app.

(806 total - PERSONAL CARDS AND NOTES SENT OUT)

3. **COOKS FOR CHRIST** [Lead Shepherd, Julie Molony} – Cooks for Christ continues to support our church family members during times of joy, like the birth of a child, times of illness, surgery or hospitalization and times of grief, when a loved one dies. Thank you to the team members who have helped with meals: Betty Schaffer, Julie Molony, David and Marty Richardson, Christian Hayes, Susannah Hubbell, Liz Lipscomb, Linda Soutter, Ella Richardson, Meme Asserson, and Dan Polan.

(OVER 30 MEALS DELIVERED – MANY DELIVERED BUT NOT RECORDED)

4. **LAMBS MINISTRY** – [Lead Shepherds, David & Marty Richardson - A lamb (small stuffed toy lamb) packaged beautifully and sent/ delivered to children and/ or adults with longer illnesses to remind them that The Sweet Lamb of God is always with them and by His sacrifice and His stripes that He endured on the cross for us, we are healed.

(15) lambs delivered to individual parish members with CARE CARD and Message (10 lambs) given out during CARE Sunday service for volunteer Sunday School teachers /March 30 with theme -Worthy is the Lamb



5. **OUTREACH MINISTRY** – (Lead Shepherds – David & Christen Reese and Pam & Jim Smith) – A critical response ministry dedicated to evaluate spontaneous CARE needs and the action required from our CARE TF that would involve few or many members at any designated time over the course of a year.

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IV. A CARE TEAM INVITATION FOR YOU

If you feel empowered by the presence of the Holy Spirit to use your gifts and talents to bless others in our St. Michael's Church Family through the overflow of love in your heart for Jesus Christ, please call the church office or (TEXT: David Richardson, To: 843-860-5124, Subject: Congregational CARE).

Mustard Seed Ministry - Annual Report

Our Mustard Seed Ministry Team estimates that there have been more than 750 ministry blessing encounters this year. These encounters of blessing on a Saturday morning involve families, couples, singles and, groups of people from all over the world from every race, gender, religious denomination, and language...and I believe that is a conservative estimate. We know this because we start out with a minimum 500 Mustard Seed gospel packets to give away, and they are gone before the end of the year. Many who come and go take only the little Mustard Seed Gifts (and not the full packets) that we provide as a remembrance of their blessing encounter at St. Michael's Church. What we believe God wants us to share with you in this report besides the quantitative impact of the Mustard Seed Ministry, is an actual example of the fruit from this ministry. Below is a report from Pam and George Klein and Julie Thornton with their description of such a Mustard Seed Ministry encounter that happened Saturday, April 12, 2025. We hope this story will bless you as we have been blessed by this encounter.

Mustard Seed Ministry Encounter

By: Pam and George Klein & Julie Thornton

Our two hours were finished, it was 1:00 pm and time to close the doors on a busy Saturday of Mustard Seed ministry. I closed the big doors but left a crack open as we had a few visitors still in the church and churchyard that would have to exit before we left for the day. It had been a full two hours with people from many places in the US and probably places outside of the U.S. as well. A man stuck his head hesitatingly through the crack and had an earnest look on his face. He asked if his mother could come in and see the church, explaining she was from China and had never been in a Christian Church in the US and wished for this very much. As he was so earnest in his request I said yes, of course, do show her in. She was a tiny lady, showing the wear and tear of many years, she was bent over, but had a radiant smile. It turned out to have been her grandson who made the request for entrance, a young man dressed very handsomely, a Chinese man of perhaps 25-30 years. His grandmother spoke no English but looked around very interestedly as she entered the church. Her grandson explained that his grandmother was a Christian from what must have been a rural area of China. He explained that he was not a Christian, but his grandmother had a small church she met with of what sounded like maybe 10 believers. They did not have a church building, apparently meeting in each other's homes, although we didn't have long enough conversation to learn much detail of this. Julie Thornton joined me, and we brought her into the sanctuary, and she was overjoyed as she looked around. It appears she had never been in a Church building and was over-joyed to be there. I shared some details of our church, and her grandson translated for her. I explained that this was a Mustard Seed Ministry and that the mustard seed is small, but Jesus described that the kingdom of God started out very small, but it would grow into something large just as a mustard seed would grow into a large shrub, I gesticulated with my arms the size I imagined a mustard shrub would grow into. As the grandson translated about the mustard seed her eyes grew wider and she nodded in agreement, she totally knew the parable of Jesus and her face glowed. I explained that we like to pray for our visitors and could I pray a blessing for her. When her grandson explained this, she immediately pointed to her back and asked for prayer. We agreed immediately to pray for her back, and I trust she received relief from the pain that had caused her bent over condition. She gave me her name, but I couldn't really understand or remember it, nor the place in China where she is from, but the delight in meeting this dear sister in the Lord was a wonderful blessing. I asked her grandson when she had become a Christian and he spoke to her and told me that it was in 1995 or 1998, and it was through one of her several sisters and a prayer of healing that had occurred apparently for her or one of her sisters. About this event she spoke excitedly she burst out with a word that I had no trouble interpreting, she said "Hallelujah" which I repeated back to her with a smile of recognition and joy on my face. She reported that she had been traveling for three months in the U.S. and had been asking to see a church which for some reason had never occurred.

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This was why her grandson had been wanting to grant his grandmother's wish, and which was why he persisted and opened the almost totally closed door. As they were leaving, they asked if they could take a picture of the sanctuary which I assured was fine and she wanted her picture with the background of the altar behind her. Of course, I agreed, and they asked me to stand beside her for the picture. What an honor to have been included in the picture of this dear saint whose wish to see inside of a U.S. church was granted. That evening, I continued to pray for the healing of her back that she requested and for her grandson who I have continued to pray for his coming to faith in Jesus. How fortunate we hadn't yet locked the door, and I hadn't been too exhausted after a flood of earlier visitors to grant the request of this charming sister in the Lord. What a joy to serve in this ministry. We have room for more volunteers, and who knows who you might meet? What a loss it would have been to have not come to Mustard Seed that morning, or to have had them cross in front of the church 10 minutes later.

CAN I GET A WITNESS FOR GOD'S GLORY

"A Dare to Share" Ministry at St. Michael's

A True Story of God's Will Be Done

It was April, about a year ago, roughly two weeks from her 98th birthday when I heard Audrey Buck's voice on my cell phone as I walked across the Roper Hospital parking garage say: **"Are you the person at St. Michael's asking people to share their Witness for God's Glory."** I responded, "Yes I am". Then Audrey asked me something I would never forget: **"May I share my Story of Faith"?**

Earlier this year I got another phone call from Audrey to tell me that she had found a little booklet that her Husband, Lee Buck (now deceased), had written called, "Dare to Share" about why everyone should be willing to give their personal testimony and how to do it. Lee, in the prime of his career life, gave up a high-paying position and he and Audrey together traveled the world to share the gospel message together as evangelists. Audrey told me on the phone that day that God had told her to give it to me to use for the audio podcast ministry at St. Michael's. It was Lee's last sentence in the booklet that affirmed that God meant the name of Lee's booklet to be formally linked with St. Michael's Can I Get a Witness for God's Glory:

*"Together, let's "Dare to Share" in the power of the Holy Spirit,
And, together, we'll win the world for Christ!*

ANNUAL MINISTRY UPDATE

Currently (14) of our Church Family and Members of our Leadership Team shared their witness and faith journey through our audio podcast with many more to come.

Kara Wilson has made a beautiful landing page in our St. Michael's website under CARE for these testimonies called: ST MICHAEL'S HALL OF FAITH, you can access it directly with this link:

<https://stmichaelschurch.net/hall-of-faith>

You will be blessed immensely to take a few quiet moments of your day to VISIT THE SITE to listen how through the power of the Holy Spirit Jesus transformed the lives of many of your brothers and sisters in Christ in our Church Family. Please text or call David Richardson 843-860-5124 with subject CARE if you, too, would like to share your personal journey of Faith with our Church Family.

David Richardson

St. Michael's

Can I Get a Witness for God's Glory – Dare to Share Ministry

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Family, Children, And Youth Ministry & Task Force 2024-2025

Dee Goehring, Director of Family Ministry, Task Force Staff Representative

Kristin Arrington, Family Ministry Assistant

McKenna Bailey, Youth Ministry Leader

Mitchell Watford, Vestry Representative

Eileen Williams, Task Force Chair

The Family, Children, and Youth Ministries continued to grow in 2024 – 2025. The calendar was full of events that helped families build the foundations of a Christian home!

New Family Ministry Staff: We kicked off the season with a new Youth Ministry Leader, McKenna! Born and raised in California, she attended The Citadel in 2020 while she received her Bachelor of Science degree and played soccer. After graduating in 2023, she obtained her master's in ministry at Anderson University. McKenna first felt the call into ministry when she got involved with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at The Citadel. She recently married on March 9th to Isaiah Bailey, who also works in full time ministry as an Area Representative for FCA on The Citadel campus. She assumed the reigns from Will and Caitlin who she was familiar with through the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. We are so thankful and excited for what McKenna has done so far and will continue to do!

Vacation Bible School: In June, St. Michael's hosted VBS for ages preschool through 5th grade. The children enjoyed a week of "cruising" around crafts, games, creating different foods, fellowship, and learning more about Jesus. Many of our parents, grandparents, youth, and parishioners volunteered during the week and the children made new friends through this partnership! Thank you to all the volunteers! The 2025 VBS is scheduled for June 9-12 with a Carnival theme centered around Matthew 11:28.

Children's Sunday School: Children's Sunday School continues to thrive! What a blessing to have such dedicated teachers and assistants volunteer each Sunday to help teach our young about the Lord, we are so thankful for them! The children have been following "The Biggest Story" curriculum, which consists of scripture lesson and engaging application activities.

Youth Sunday School: The youth have continued to work through the Word, continuing with Exodus this past Fall. We are now walking through a "Biblical Worldview" study. Our hope is that with this study, students will begin to see the world through the lens of God's Word, not through the cultural fads of the day. Students are learning how to interpret the world through the grand biblical narrative of creation, fall, redemption, restoration. As they discover what it means to live according to God's greater story, we pray that they will see that His narrative offers more hope, joy, peace, and security than any their cultural milieu ever could.

Parents Sunday School: The parents Sunday School continues to grow and apply biblical lessons to parenting life. Led faithfully by Laura Gruber and Hal Frampton, the class continues to be a blessing. Following the Gospel Project Curriculum, the Sunday school leaders tweak the discussion to parenting challenges and applications. This group has supported each other through the year and surely will continue as we grow!

Children's Church: We continue to offer Children's Church for children up to 5th grade to gather in the Kinloch Room for a Child-Centered sermon led by the Clergy Team. The kids have been able to get to know their clergy better and participate in a mini sermon tailored to their developmental stage. We are so thankful for the Clergy and Staff that make this opportunity happen!

Baptisms: Held on the 3rd Sunday of each month, with Baptism Prep class on the 1st Thursday of each month. We celebrated 10 baptisms this year.

First Communion: First communion had a fall and spring session, with a class held the day prior. Two children received their First Communion this past Fall and 7 children received their First Communion this spring.

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Parents Night Out: Two wonderful nights over the summer and Christmastime allowed children to gather for a movie, crafts, dinner, and fellowship, as their parents enjoyed a date night in the city. The next Parent's Night Out is scheduled for August 8th.

Lemonade for Missions: The lemonade stand continues to support our Mission Partners on Meeting Street or the Loggia on Mission Sunday. There will be an upcoming Lemonade for Missions in June.

Operation Christmas Child: Another year of participating with OCC is complete! Families "filled boxes" online or took boxes home to fill with needed supplies, clothing, and toys for children in need. McKenna and the youth traveled to the packing headquarters in Charlotte, NC.

Advent Wreath Workshop: On Thanksgiving Sunday, we continued the tradition as families gathered in the Kinloch room to create beautiful advent wreaths. Families, volunteers, and staff filled the room while assembling their wreaths and enjoying each other's fellowship.

Christmas Pageant: Annalee Ruff led the pack as our amazing pageant director! The children and the amazing volunteers brought the story of Jesus' Birth to life on December 15. What a wonderful Christmas Tradition to share with others! Thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped make the pageant a success!

Confirmation: Beginning in September, the students participated in a 12-week course on Sunday evenings. The confirmands learned about the importance of being involved in our church, serving, and being the body.



They sign up for areas where they felt called to serve and gave the list to the team coordinators of those areas (security, greeters, readers, acolytes, missions, etc.). Many are already plugged in and starting to serve in the following areas as greeters, security team, acolytes, readers, crucifers, flower guild, missions, nursery and children's ministry. These confirmands, and all youth, are the future of our church and we are so thrilled to get them more involved!

The course ended in January and was led by Dee & Allen Goehring, Linda Soutter, and assisted by McKenna Bailey. As a special

celebration in March, Father Al led the confirmands in a Steeple Tour. The annual Confirmation Retreat was graciously hosted in April by the Soutters and Confirmation is scheduled for May 11th. Eighteen youth will be confirmed, along with their youth leader McKenna Bailey.

Easter/Egg Hunt: Over 1600 eggs were hidden and found by members and visitors in our churchyard on Easter Sunday! Children traded in their eggs for special prizes at color stations as they heard the resurrection story through scripture. Thank you to the volunteers helped make this time of fellowship a memorable celebration!

Youth Group: Sunday evening youth group continues to grow! On Sunday nights at SMC, youth can be found enjoying dinner, fellowship, games, and growing further in the Word. Small groups take a deeper dive into our "Biblical Worldview" study, allowing students to grow deeper into their understanding of God and their relationship to Him & their peers. Last summer, we held a couple special events at Colonial Lake where the students played games, enjoyed food, and fellowshiped.

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Special events like Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, where youth and parents prepared a pancake meal for the parishioners and guests, helped to develop relationships between youth and the whole church body. This year, they served hundreds of pancakes!

Thank you to our families for all your support by providing Sunday Night Dinners, serving as Sunday School and Youth group helpers, and faithfully bringing your students every week to grow in their faith! We are growing and are excited to welcome more youth in the upcoming year!

Youth Mission: Last summer, a group of St. Michaelites traveled to Honduras to scope out the opportunity for a potential 2025 mission trip with the Lamb Institute. While there are some age restrictions, we are continuing to pursue that option for the upcoming summer.

Noah's Nursery & Gospel Corner: Our nursery is growing with two nursery rooms, the Infant Nursery (6 weeks to 23 months) and the Gospel Corner (2-4 years). The wonderful nursery staff take turns caring for the youngest St. Michaelites each Sunday morning, Wednesday evening, and during other special events.

Super Wednesdays:

Children: On Wednesdays before dinner, the children have been participating in Catechism. They learn how to walk with Jesus, love the Bible, pray to God, fellowship with others, and tell the world. After dinner, the children learn Biblical Character Qualities, play Bible Bingo & Trivia, make cards for shut-ins, go on prayer walks, and learn about being an image bearer.

Youth: The youth have an extended time for fellowship and games. We have been walking through a "Books of the Bible" series where we have been learning a summary and overview of each book in the Bible to get a better understanding of God's word.

Family Discipleship: After dinner, we enjoyed fellowship and learning together as families in Christ. Families spent time growing together as they delved into a study titled, "What Do I Say When...? A Parent's Guide to Navigating Cultural Chaos for Children & Teens."

Anglicans for Life: The chapter continues to raise awareness that God, not man, is the creator of human life and must be protected from conception to natural death. From hosting a baby shower to support the work of Lowcountry Pregnancy Center to hosting a Diaper Drive, Anglicans for Life continues to serve with passion.

What a year! We will end for the summer with a Family Lowcountry Boil and then move into our summer schedule with lots of opportunities for families to enjoy fellowship and learning together. We invite more families to join us in Fellowship Events, Mission Events, and VBS!

Family Task Force Members: Martha Dougherty, Tim Driver, Krissy and Jordon Hoort, Reeves Howard, Katherine McElroy, Kara Wilson

Anglicans For Life: Duval Acker/, Ashley Watford (co-chairs), Charlie Barnes, Susan Burnett, Eliza Doddington, Christian Hayes, Rebecca Kukulka, Skyler Mace

Operation Christmas Child: Duval Acker/ Susan Prescott (co-chairs), Angela Cease, Reba Mueller, Julie Thornton

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Deacon of Pastoral Care and Healing Prayer Ministries Annual Report

The Rev. Dr. Martha Toney

PRAYER AND HEALING MINISTRY

- It is significant to note that a large part of the healthy pastoral care ministry at St. Michaels is lay driven. There is broad ownership of the call to “love one another in the power of the Holy Spirit.” There is a steady rhythm in both praying for one another and directly praying with one another. We are deeply invested in the ministry of healing prayer. To that end:
- Healing Prayer Ministry continues to be a foundational ministry at St. Michaels. There are Trained Prayer Ministers who are scheduled each week for the 9am and 11am worship services. Jeanine Branham had been coordinating the scheduling of Sunday Prayer Ministry through the end of 2024. In 2025 Laura Stojanov is coordinating a new Sign up Genius for scheduling Sunday Prayer Ministers. Pam Smith continues to coordinate the prayer requests that go out to the Prayer Ministers and Intercessors. About 50 prayer ministers are praying daily and there are anywhere from 40 – 60 names on the list at a time. Betty Schaffer from CARE is sharing her long term prayer request list with the prayer ministers.
- In September, 38 prayer Ministers and Intercessors attended a “fireside chat” with Deacon Martha and Bill Hyer. Healed and Healing, Going Forward was the theme with Jean Corbett teaching and renewing the prayer ministers. They met again in December with the focus on the “Upper Room” from Church on Fire, with worship and prayer led by Michelle Hyer.
- Beginning with Fall 2024 Super Wednesdays SHP Christian Healing Ministries Level I course was offered and included the family ministry group. About 48 St. Michaelites were introduced/refreshed in Christian Healing Ministry. 12 of those chose to continue training following the Church on Fire, Super Wednesdays 2025. 4 of those participants have expressed an interest in training to become Healing Prayer Ministers.
- DOHP: With a small team of seasoned prayer ministers, we hosted our 62nd Day of Healing Prayer in March 2025. By attendance it was extremely successful, with approximately 140 participants. Acton Beard was our guest speaker and led a team of 40 prayer ministers speaking on dealing with Brokenness and Anxiety through the power of the Holy Spirit. The participants had 1 opportunity for private prayer in the morning, with “Soaking Prayer” in the afternoon, and were invited to burn a family genogram, to represent leaving those wounds at the foot of the cross. Of the 66 evaluations returned, almost all of them were resoundingly positive. The seasoned Prayer Ministers are vital to the success of the Day of Healing Prayer.
- The Eucharistic Visitation Ministry was revitalized. George Thompson has been in administration with Deacon Martha. 7 parishioners were licensed LEM’s, with the Diocese. A system of reporting was established. The LEM’s regularly visit and bring the Sacrament those homebound or in care facilities. There is room for this ministry to expand.
- The Rev. Dr. Martha Toney, provides clerical oversight and offers collaboration, guidance, and support as needed and is directly involved in support of our Day Of Healing Prayer.
- Deacon Martha is also a direct extension of the Rector’s attention to pastoral care needs that are best handled by clergy: certain hospital visits, counseling, crisis response, etc..

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Worship Task Force Annual Report May 2024 to May 2025

The Worship Task Force continued many of its tasks assigned to members from the previous year. Several exciting new developments are creating a path forward for the overall strategic plan of Saint Michael's. Here are some of the accomplishments and strategies of the Worship Task Force.

At the beginning of the summer, we established captains for the 9 a.m. service. Once captains were in place, we formed family teams to help run each 9 a.m. service. We provided training for acolytes, ushers, and greeters. Special thanks to Greg Smith for helping to train and organize the teams. A constant challenge for the task force is optimizing the faithful fulfillment of the many volunteer roles each worship service involves such as flowers, altar service, music, readers, acolytes, greeters, security and ushers. Improving each of the three Sunday services is a constant task.

A praise service was established on one Friday per month, and Robert and Ruth Bonelli have continued to organize and pursue the growth of this praise service. Each service is filled with praise and love of the Holy Spirit. We are praying for exponential growth of this holy service and have added live music to enhance the Holy Spirit of the service.

The altar guild, represented by Christen Reese on the task force, has continued its excellent work of procuring, prepping, and repairing the cruets and chalices for each service.

Lee Mikell, as church administrator, has replaced Trish McGuinn whose remarkable contributions are missed on the task force. Lee has been an efficient and effective communicator has helped maintain and organize goals presented by our group. He has been an excellent resource for communication and facilitation of needs based on any criteria. The task force closely monitors the Sunday attendance in person on-line with monthly reports and year-to-date updates, presented expertly by Lee.

The Worship Task Force has updated wedding fees to a more modern standard in the church arena of downtown Charleston and will continue to update them as necessary.

During the Christmas and Easter seasons, the Worship Task Force, especially Bob Bonelli and Greg Smith, helped organize and recruit people to serve in different services throughout the season.

Another great addition from Bob Bonelli and Lee Mikell was the parking permit for the church lot. The organization and management of this newly structured process is increasingly helpful for people who need parking. It continues to be a success and a much-needed solution to the difficulties of downtown parking.

The worship task force continues to evaluate the need and possible makeup of a Sunday evening vesper service.

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St. Michael's Church Security and Safety Task Force Annual Report April 2025

Our mission is to provide a practically safe environment for our clergy, employees, volunteers, parishioners & visitors to worship God in an open and welcoming church.

Our intent is to identify and discourage dangerous, disruptive, or illegal activities, as well as safety issues on church grounds. We achieve this through frequent training, observation and teamwork. We employ passive safeguards and active identification and intervention when necessary. One of our goals is to maintain an inconspicuous presence so that all who come to Saint Michael's feel welcome.

The Security and Safety Task Force also serves as the church's duty experts on physical security matters. We have published and updated an Emergency Action Plan to address several potential threats and how to best respond. We work closely with other ministries on security matters. Most recently the team assumed responsibility for safety at the Sunrise Easter service at The Battery.

Our members are carefully selected and invited to join the team for their maturity, experience, demeanor, and integrity. We strive to be masters of our environment – knowing the grounds and the people - in ways that hired security could never achieve.

Since our inception, after the Mother Emanuel Church murders in June 2015, the team has delved into a broad spectrum of safety & security training. We have used recommendations & experiences of other churches as well as law enforcement agencies to guide our actions. Safety Ministry activities and training remain on-going and include safety inspections, emergency medical needs, communications, video surveillance, confrontation de-escalation, and use-of-force tactics. The team trains when possible with city, county, state & federal agencies to stay abreast of current experiences, threats & methods of addressing various potential challenges. Much of our team's approach revolves around studying the human condition and learning to identify clusters of indicators to identify potential trouble early, then apply effective techniques to diffuse or nullify any trouble. We have also partnered our training with other places of worship and helped others establish quality safety ministries. Training includes on & off-site drills. Our Task Force meets, trains, and communicates regularly and frequently.

Building & Grounds Task Force Annual Report

May 2024 - April 2025

Thomas Mathewes succeeded long time B&G Task Force Chair Chappy McKay. Other members of the task force are Chappy McKay and Sam Furr, with Jack Steele as Vestry liaison. Sexton Arthur Bailey retired, and has been succeeded by Charcey Priester. Angela Stanley continues as facilities manager.

In May 2024, the main 10-ton HVAC and associated air handling unit servicing the Belser Bldg. was replaced at a total cost of \$28,525. Condensation and HVAC issues affecting the Hewitt Bldg. were addressed in March/April 2025 by replacing the two, older 5-ton HVAC and associated air handling units, replacing the deteriorated duct work in the attic, sealing the attic, installing a dehumidifier, venting the upstairs bathroom to the outside and remediating asbestos insulation found on one of the pipes, at a total cost of \$85,000. Also in March/April 2025, the asbestos previously found in the Hewitt Bldg. crawl space was remediated, involving removal of contaminated soil and encapsulating the crawl space. In the process, a broken sewer pipe was discovered and replaced. In addition, new sump pumps were installed and the crawl space access door replaced. The total cost was \$75,000.

For 2025 capital repairs, the Church received \$119,588 from the Trust. All of those funds, and more, were used to address the Hewitt Bldg. HVAC/condensation and crawl space asbestos remediation and sump pump replacement. Other needed, non-emergency repairs, have been deferred until funds are available to proceed.

Thomas Mathewes, Task Force Chair
Jack Steele, Vestry Liaison

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Mission Task Force Annual Report 2025

Dear St. Michael's, Friends and Mission Partners,

Christen and I are honored to step into the position serving as the chairs for your Mission Task Force at St. Michael's Church. We are so excited to work with this incredible MTF team in our three areas of mission: Holy City, Hurting Coast and Hungering World. The Mission Task Force and St. Michael's Church have done an incredible job meeting the needs of a growing church community and developing great relationships while spreading the Gospel message.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and in Samaria, and to the farthest parts of the earth." Acts 1:8.

We are so excited to be able to tell you about the MTF's work with the mission partners through a video that was first played during this year's GIC banquet.

Here is the link: https://youtu.be/ZmiXneDgWM0?si=ks0QzC_VQjfsxJp7

Mission work and the financial support of mission are such an incredible part of the DNA of this congregation. The future of mission in our church depends upon our ability to engage the next generation.

Mary Mac and Cooper Wilson, our leaders of the GIC 2026 Mission Conference, will be part of this opportunity to have young families engage in mission. Naturally, the young families of St. Michael's Church are the future generation for mission.

We feel blessed to be a part of incredible work done by Jean and Johnnie Corbett. We are so grateful for the foundation that Jean and Johnnie have provided us as well as this congregation. Mission has been set on a strong course under their leadership and guidance, and Christen and I are excited to lead with their blessing and the support of the MTF.

We invite you to learn more about mission through these MTF updates. If you'd like to learn more about mission, please email us at missions@stmichaelschurch.com or call us directly 843-853-0436 and 843-998-4273.

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

Jeremiah 29:11 ESV

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Stewardship Task Force 2025 Annual Report

In alignment with the St. Michael's Church Strategic Plan adopted December 15, 2022 the Stewardship Task Force is focusing on the strategies identified in the plan to secure the financial future of the church. The goal is building the financial structures to provide capital funds for necessary projects and ongoing long-term interest-based revenue. The plan also includes the goal of annual increases in financial support for operations.

St. Michael's Church 1751 Legacy Society

In Spring 2024 the St. Michael's Church 1751 Legacy Society was created to celebrate all those who have included St. Michael's Church in their estate plans through a bequest, estate gift arrangement or endowment gift. The society is growing and will always accept new members. Please contact Lee Mikell (843) 860-0397 or Logan Bryan (843) 251-8645 for more details on how to become a founding member before Pentecost 2025.

Campaign Feasibility Study

The Strategic Plan includes a strategy to explore the potential for a capital campaign to fund specific facility acquisitions or upgrades. The Stewardship Task Force along with other task forces are working to identify needed facility improvements and other urgent projects. St. Michael's is partnering with Greater Missions to conduct a study into the feasibility of a campaign to coincide with the 275th anniversary of the parish.

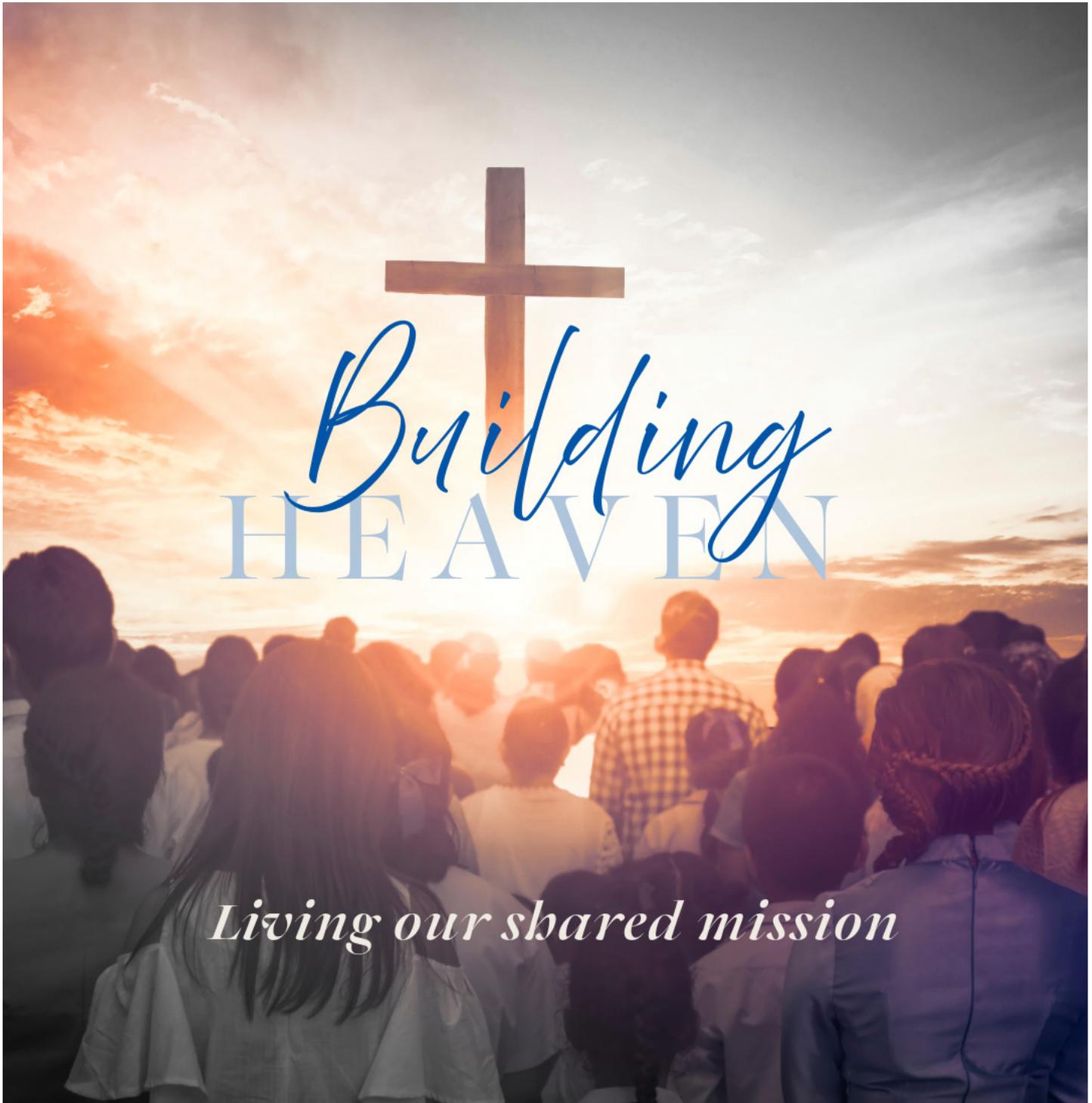
Annual Stewardship Renewal

The Stewardship Task Force acknowledges that all gifts come from God and that it is our responsibility to be faithful stewards of God's resources. The annual stewardship renewal allows us to reflect on God's generosity to us and through us to help St. Michael's Church transform lives in this world and build heaven. The annual stewardship renewal, conducted in the fall, is the primary source of funding for the Strategic Plan and St. Michael's operating budget. The Stewardship Task Force is thankful that the generosity of our parishioners allows St. Michael's to maintain and operate our beautiful and historic campus as well as provide worship programs to our parishioners and visitors.

Logan Bryan
Chair – Stewardship Task Force

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2024/2025 Stewardship Campaign



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Treasurer's Report

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St. Michael's Church employs four different funds to support the church's operating, missionary, and capital needs:

1. The Operating fund supports St. Michael's ministries, including Children and Youth, Music, Events and Outreach (such as Wednesday evening, Sunday fellowship, Alpha, and Congregational Care), Prayer Ministry and Altar/Flower/Wedding Guilds. The Operating fund also pays for clergy and staff salaries and benefits, facilities and maintenance expenses, insurance and administrative costs. St. Michael's contributes approximately 10% of all operating stewardship contributions to the Diocese of South Carolina as our annual Diocesan Pledge. In fiscal year 2024, ending December 31, total operating revenue was \$2,429,568 consisting of \$1,324,339 of Tithing Pledges, \$961,823 on Non Pledge contributions and \$143,406 of other revenue (including plate, fellowship donations and event donations). The 2024 revenue was 10% higher than 2023 revenue and exceeded budget by 8%. Operating expenses in 2024 totaled \$2,297,122, about 1% higher than budget and 6% higher than 2023. Highest expenses include Staff payroll of \$967,816, Clergy payroll of \$347,860, Insurance \$258,394 and Facilities/Maintenance costs of \$187,189. We achieved an operating surplus of \$132,446 and was the seventh consecutive year of delivering a balanced budget.
2. The Missions funds consist of two parts: Designated Gifts, which are contributions targeted to specific missions in the Holy City, Hurting Coast and Hungering World totaling \$165,830 in 2024 as well as undesignated (mostly through the GIC) missions contributions recommended by the Missions Task Force and approved by the Vestry of \$107,672. Total 2024 Missions gifts were \$273,502, or approximately 10% of the total stewardship plus missions contributions to St. Michael's in 2024. Missions gifts approved by the Vestry include Holy City support for Charleston Classical School, Low Country Pregnancy Center, Hope Scholars Academy and St. Alban's/Citadel fellowship. Gifts to the Hurting Coast include RISE Church in Portland, ME, Anglican Leadership Institute, Dandelion Art Ministry and New Wineskins missions. Finally, Hungering World gifts include Anglican Church of West Bengal (India), Ethiopia Anglican Relief, Burundi Antioch Convention, and Honduras LAMB Institute. Designated Missions gifts include Water Missions International, Disaster Relief in North Carolina, Samaritans Purse, Ukraine War Relief, Sudan, and two Kenya missions.
3. Capital needs of St. Michael's Church are funded by a separate account named Vestry Restricted. It is funded by a yearly contribution from the St. Michael's Trust of approximately \$120,000 plus a transfer from the Operating account of \$50,000. In 2024, we replaced an air conditioning unit, refurbished the Hewitt Building, repaired two roofs, and replaced several kitchen appliances, among many other capital needs. Total Restricted spending in 2024 was nearly \$300,000, including about \$45,000 for Churchyard improvements and maintenance covered by the Columbarium Fund, which is a separate part of the Vestry Restricted account.
4. A fourth fund, the St. Michael's Trust, is administered by Trustees separate from the Vestry. The Trust ended 2024 with \$3,058,604 in its accounts, an increase of 11.3% versus the January 1 opening balance of \$2,746,452. The increase was due to good portfolio performance coupled with contributions to the Trust (mostly memorial gifts). In summary, St. Michael's Church remains in sound financial condition. We have a balanced operating budget, a strong cash position on the balance sheet and no outstanding debt.

Gary DiCamillo
Treasurer

St. Michael's Annual Meeting Presentation

Treasurer's Report

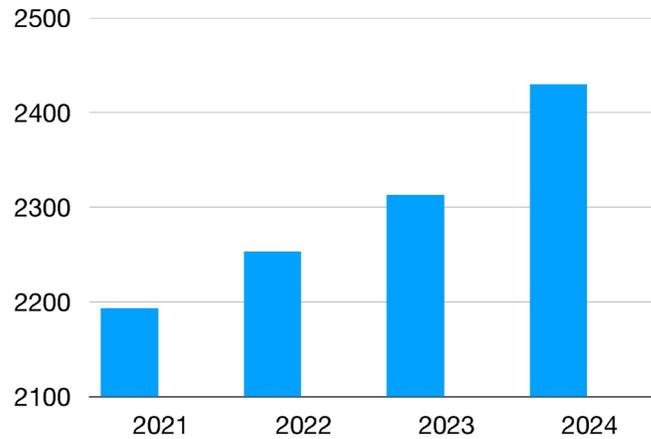
Gary DiCamillo May 18, 2025

Four Main Financial Funds

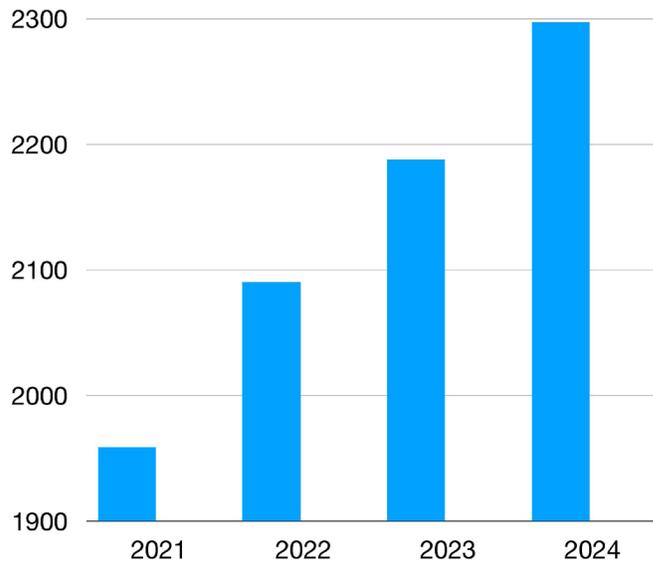
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- Vestry Restricted
- St. Michael's Trust

2025 Annual Meeting: Financial Report

Income Trends: 2021-2024

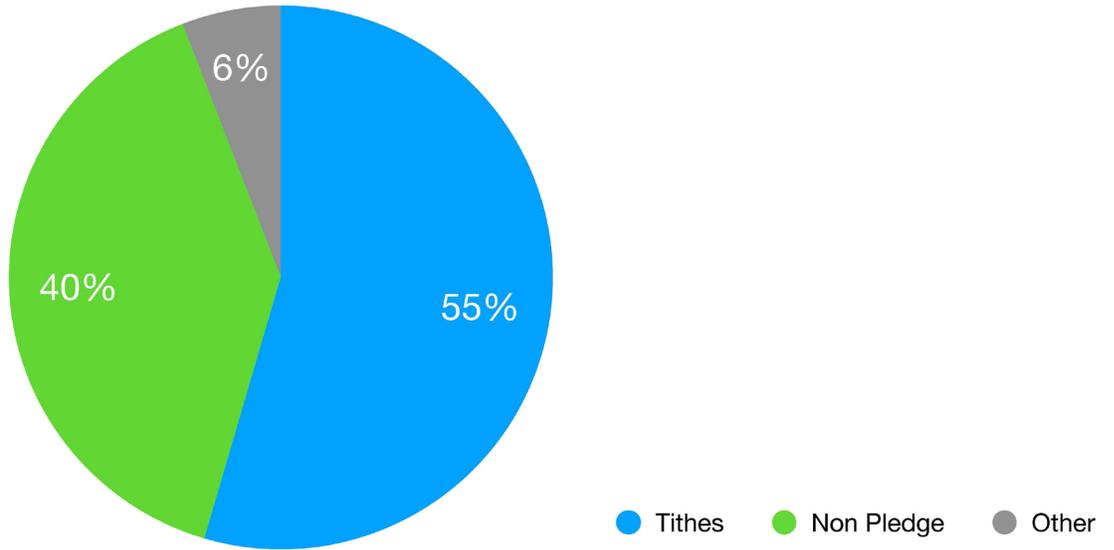


Expense Trends: 2021-2024

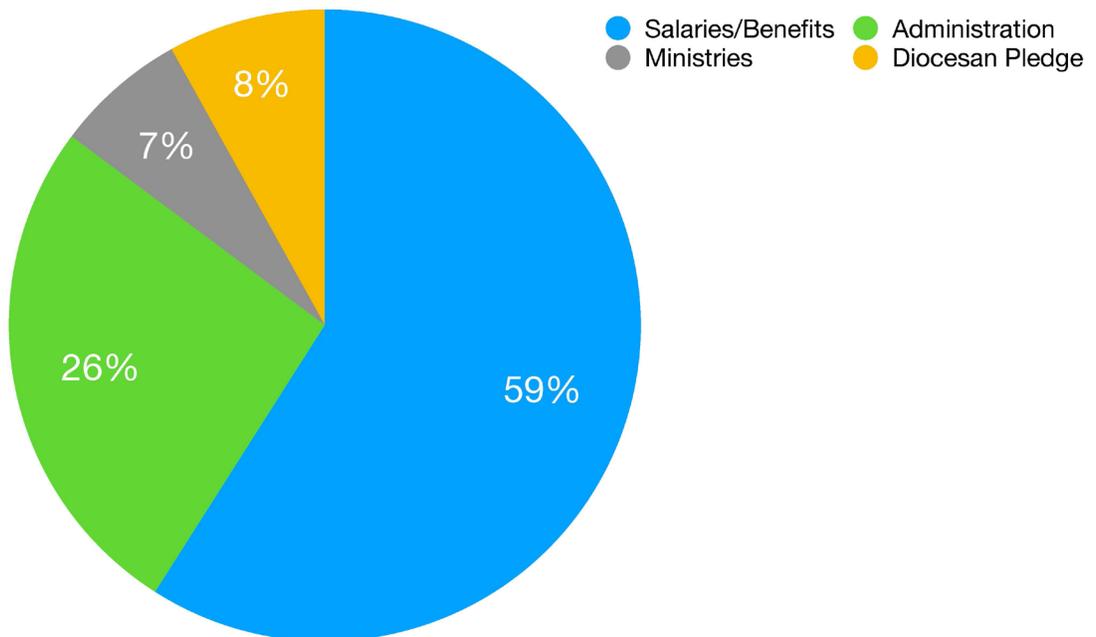


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2024 Income Sources - \$2.4M



2024 Expenses - Total \$2.3M



2024 Missions Report

Total Gifts Made: \$273,502

- General Missions Fund \$107,672
 - Charleston Classical School
 - Low Country Pregnancy Center
 - Hope Scholars Academy
 - RISE Church (Portland)
 - LAMB Institute
- Designated Gift Funds \$165,830
 - Water Missions International
 - Disaster Relief in North Carolina
 - Ukraine War Relief
 - Kenya missions

Restricted Account

- Cash inflows of \$190,000 in 2024
- Expenditures of approximately \$290,000
 - Repair Air Conditioning
 - Hewitt Building Improvements
 - New Appliances for Kitchen
 - Rectory Repairs

St. Michael's Trust

- Administered by appointed Trustees
- Ended 2024 with \$3,058,604, +11.3% vs. 2023 year end
- Transferred \$120,000 to Restricted Account for Capital Improvements

Financial Summary - FY 2024

- Balanced Budget - 7th year in a row
- Operations Income - \$2.43 million (+10% vs. year ago)
- Expenses - \$2.3 million (+6% vs. year ago)
- Missions Gifts - \$273,502 (10% of total contributions)
- Restricted Spending (mostly capital expenditures) - \$290,000
- Trust (endowment) Fund - \$3.059 million at year end

VESTRY CANDIDATES 2025

Jennifer Polon

Jennifer Polon is native to South Carolina. She moved to Charleston for Nursing school in 2000. She met Dan Polon and they courted often at the evening service at St. Michael's. The Polon's have two children, Maddelle and Adam ages 17 and 15. Jennifer has served throughout the years at coffee hour, shawl guild and the Security team. Jennifer has been a cardiac nurse for 22 years at Roper Hospital. On her days off, she enjoys cooking, hiking, gardening and tending to her chickens.



Clayton Taylor



I'm Clayton Taylor, and you may know me from my time ushering in the balcony at St. Michael's, where my mother Dorothy "Dottie Teeter" attends with me. I was born in Gordonsville, Virginia, and spent my early years in Orange, VA before moving to New Orleans for 13 years while I attended school. I graduated from the University of Kentucky with a BBA in Marketing and a minor in Communications. After college, I lived briefly in Charlotte and Columbia,

eventually settling in Mt. Pleasant in the spring of 1989. I'm married to Elizabeth Brooks Taylor, originally from New Orleans, and we have a wonderful daughter, Grace, who is currently a junior at Ashley Hall. My church journey began at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Orange, VA where my family has deep roots. I found my way to St. Michael's after being invited to attend Alpha in 2000, and I've been a member ever since, serving as an usher for over a decade. A few experiences that have strengthened my faith include my long-standing membership in the Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant—where I've served for 31 years, including a life-changing water missions trip to Ecuador—and the challenges and joys surrounding the birth of our daughter Grace, who is truly a blessing. Additionally, I've been part of a Tuesday morning men's group for over 15 years. The Rotary motto, "service above self," resonates with me, and I would be honored to serve as a vestry member at St. Michael's.

John McElroy

John McElroy was born in Wilson, NC, and raised in Raleigh. His early years were shaped by a love for athletics, time at the beach, and a strong relationship with his church family at Christ Episcopal Church. After graduating from Wofford College in 2005, John moved to Charleston and began attending St. Michael's alongside his brother, Richard McElroy, who currently serves on the vestry. Over the years, John has participated in Alpha, small groups, The Gate (young adults ministry), and served as an usher at the 6 pm service. John's career began in



the real estate development industry, but has been working in real estate technology since 2010. In 2016, John met his wife, Alex Creason, a Columbia, SC native. They were married at St. Michael's in 2018 and are now the proud parents of two daughters, Capers (5) and Charlotte (2). As a family, they enjoy time outdoors—beaches, boats, bikes, and parks, but most of all, love spending time with family and friends. St. Michael's has been foundational in John's journey as a Christian, a husband, and a father. He is honored to be considered

for vestry service and is committed to supporting the mission and spiritual growth of the church community that has played such a meaningful role in his life.

CONVENTION DELEGATE CANDIDATES 2025

Jack Steele



I was born and raised in Statesville, NC. I attended Davidson College (Economics, BA) and Vanderbilt University School of Law, where I was the Associate Editor of

the Law Review. I served 8 years in the US Army Reserve. I worked in business litigation for law firms in Winston-Salem and Charlotte, NC. Prior to moving to Charleston, I attended several churches in NC and in Bluffton, SC, where I volunteered as a Sunday School class leader, outreach volunteer, and on the finance committee. My wife Melanie and I began attending St. Michael's in 2019. In that time, I have served as the John's Island PODZ host, been a reader at the 11 am service, and am active in the Mustard Seed Ministry. I enjoy competition sporting clays shooting and showing greyhounds at American Kennel Club shows.

Richard McElroy

I was born and raised in Raleigh, NC, and was a member of Christ Episcopal Church. After finishing school, I moved to Charleston in 2005, engaged to my now wife Katherine,

and took a job in real estate development. We would marry in the fall of that year and quickly found a home at St. Michaels in the 6:00 service, which as we both admit, unequivocally brought us back to church. In our effort to fully reengage, we became deeply involved with ALPHA, which led us into a cherished Life Group, and eventually into leadership roles in The Gate and Financial Peace. Katherine and I have three children, Mac, Gray and Eve. We enjoy spending as much time as we can on the water and traveling together as a family. After a short career in real estate, I began working for Marsh in 2008, in the commercial insurance industry where I remain employed today.



Chris Sosnowski



My life at St. Michael's began longer ago than I want to believe - suffice to say I was about 6 years old at the time! I attended Sunday School religiously, so to speak, sang in the children's choir, and served as an acolyte and crucifer. I enjoyed being a member of youth groups and weekend retreats for young people. As an adult, I have gone through Cursillo and been on team several times, attended Alpha and other programs, served as usher and now am on the Safety Team. When, as a teenager, I was given a choice, I turned away from regular church attendance, and grappled with questions of faith. Having children brought my attendance up, as I wanted my daughters to experience church so that they could make educated decisions of their own. Eventually, I had a lightning strike experience at a Men's Conference at Camp St. Christopher, and have been walking with my Savior ever since! All good things that have happened to me since came from that moment. My faith since has sustained me through the worst events in my life. If called to serve, I will do so gladly and with a whole heart to protect the sanctity of the man-written but God-inspired truth of the Bible.

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Mikell Scarborough

St. Michael's Member since 1993, Usher Chairman (1995-2007), Lay Eucharistic Minister since 2006, Vestry Member, 1998-2001, Senior Warden, 2016-2018, Alpha, Financial

Peace University, Cursillo #139, Cursillo #151 Team Member, Kanuga Parish Weekend coordinator with Mary in 2010, Small Group Member, Men's Ski Trip, VBS Mission Trip with Ross to Dominican Republic in 2007, Participant in St. Michael's Christmas Pageant. Married to Mary LeMacks Scarborough since 1986, Three Children: Ross, Elizabeth & Thomas, Charleston County Master in Equity since 2003.

Joe Good, III

Joe Good, III is a native Charlestonian and long-time member of St. Michael's church. Joe serves as the acting solicitor for the church. A practicing attorney in Mt. Pleasant, Joe is



married to Dr. Elizabeth Good who teaches high school history at the Porter-Gaud School. Aside from his solo practice, Joe is a part-time public defender both in Berkeley County and on the Isle of Palms. Recently, Joe was awarded the lawyer-scientist designation by the American Chemical Society. The Goods have two children, Joe IV and Caroline. In his spare time, Joe enjoys playing golf, playing the drums both in contemporary church services and with friends, and spending time with his family.

Laura Gruber

A cradle member of St. Michael's since 1970, I enjoyed the unique perspective of seeing our Sunday School, Children's Choir, and Youth Group as both participant and parent. Robert and I are the proud parents of Laura, Cecilia, and Axel. It was my privilege to serve on the vestry as Junior Warden and Senior Warden, Communications Task Force Chairman, and member of the Strategic Planning Task Force. I have also served as Team Captain for the 10:30 Chapel Service, LEM, Adult Sunday School Teacher, and Confirmation class assistant. I have attended the last two (virtual) diocesan conventions as delegate.



Hal Frampton, IV

I am blessed to have grown up at St. Michael's and to continue worshipping there today. Growing up, I attended Sunday School, acolyted, sung in the children's choir, participated in EYC,

and went on a mission trip to Honduras after my senior year in high school. Since moving back to Charleston in 2008, I have served as Alpha coordinator and on the Alpha team, as director of the 6:00 p.m. service teams, and on a discernment committee for an individual heading to seminary. I am a member of a life group that began during the Alpha course in the Spring of 2009, and I have participated in Beta, the parenting course, and an Alpha leadership conference in Texas. Perhaps my most rewarding involvement to date has been helping to start the 9:00 a.m. service. I served on the Vestry from 2015 to 2020, as Secretary of the Vestry from 2016 to 2020, and as Chair of the Family Ministry Task Force from 2018 to 2020. My wife, Ashley, and I have four children.

Reeves Howard

I am the 5th generation of my family to belong to St. Michael's. Even though we didn't live here until I was 12 years old, my mother made it clear that this was always my home. This church has been the only constant in my life. I was baptized and confirmed here. Billy and I were married at St. Michael's in 2005. We have two children, Liam and Samantha who were both baptized here. Although I was raised going to church and participating in church community, I did not have a personal relationship with Christ until after the loss of my sister in 1999. God used this painful experience to reveal himself to me. I attend church regularly, read Scripture, pray daily, and seek to glorify God. I feel called to minister to people who have lost their faith, been hurt by people in the church, and those who are not personally connected to Christ. I do this primarily through my counseling practice, but also in my interaction with family and friends. We teach our children about Christ daily and practice our faith as a family. I help teach Sunday school. In the past, I have volunteered during VBS, been a Bell Ringer, and an usher. I would like to see the St. Michael's children's program grow. I am excited about the programs in place, and look forward to supporting its growth. I want St. Michael's to become even more a place of peace, community, and fellowship, where members all feel connected to and supported by one another.



**VESTRY
2024-2025**

Hal Frampton, IV
Senior Warden

Reeves Howard
Junior Warden

2022-2025
Jack Steel

Richard McElroy
Chris Sosnowski

2023-2026
Robert Burnett
Mitch Wafford
Reiley Jacobs
(2024-2026)

2024-2027
Pat McKinney
Caroline Riley
Anne Schaffer

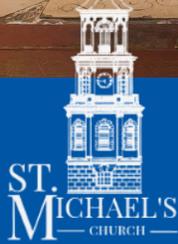


St. Michael's



Parish Retreat
2024

A large group of people, including men, women, and children, are posing on a wooden staircase outdoors. The scene is set against a backdrop of greenery. The text "St. Michael's" is at the top, and "Parish Retreat 2024" is at the bottom, both in white text on a blue background. A faint blue outline of a church tower is visible on the left side of the blue background.



St. Michael's Church *Confirmation Sunday 2025*



2025 St. Michael's Leadership Team

CLERGY

The Rev. Alfred T. K. Zadig, Jr., *Rector*
The Rev. Gregory M. Smith, *Associate for Evangelism & Connections*
The Rev. Aaron Schnupp, *Curate*
The Rev. Dr. Martha Toney, *Deacon for Pastoral Care & Healing Ministries*
The Rev. Bill Hyer, *Associate for Mission & Discipleship
and Scholar in Residence**
The Rev. Edward T. McNabb, Jr., *Michaelmas Institute*
The Rev. Dr. Tabitha Wang, *Volunteer Clergy*

STAFF

McKenna Bailey, *Youth Ministry Leader*
Jeanine Branham, *Care Coordinator*
Dee Goehring, *Director of Family Ministry*
Ann Hood, *Assistant Director of Music*
Ruthie Killen, *Receptionist/Communications Assistant*
Lee Mikell, *Parish Administrator*
Charcey Priester, *Sexton*
Angela Stanley, *Facilities Manager*
Susan Waring, *Executive Assistant to the Rector*
Matthew Wilkinson, *Director of Music*
Kara Wilson, *Director of Communications*
Kristen Arrington, *Family Ministry Assistant**
Michael Barnhart, *Director of Broadcasting**
Marla Cavallaro, *Bookkeeper**
CJ Cantwell, *Volunteer Captain of Tower Bells**
Collin Cope, *Volunteer Young Adults Coordinator**
Dale Frampton, *Volunteer Chair of Floor Guild**
Christen Reese, *Volunteer Chair of Altar Guild**
Pam Smith, *Volunteer Prayer Coordinator**

**part time*

VESTRY

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Robert Burnett, Reiley Jacobs, Mitch Watford
Pat McKinney, Caroline Riley, Anne Schaffer

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