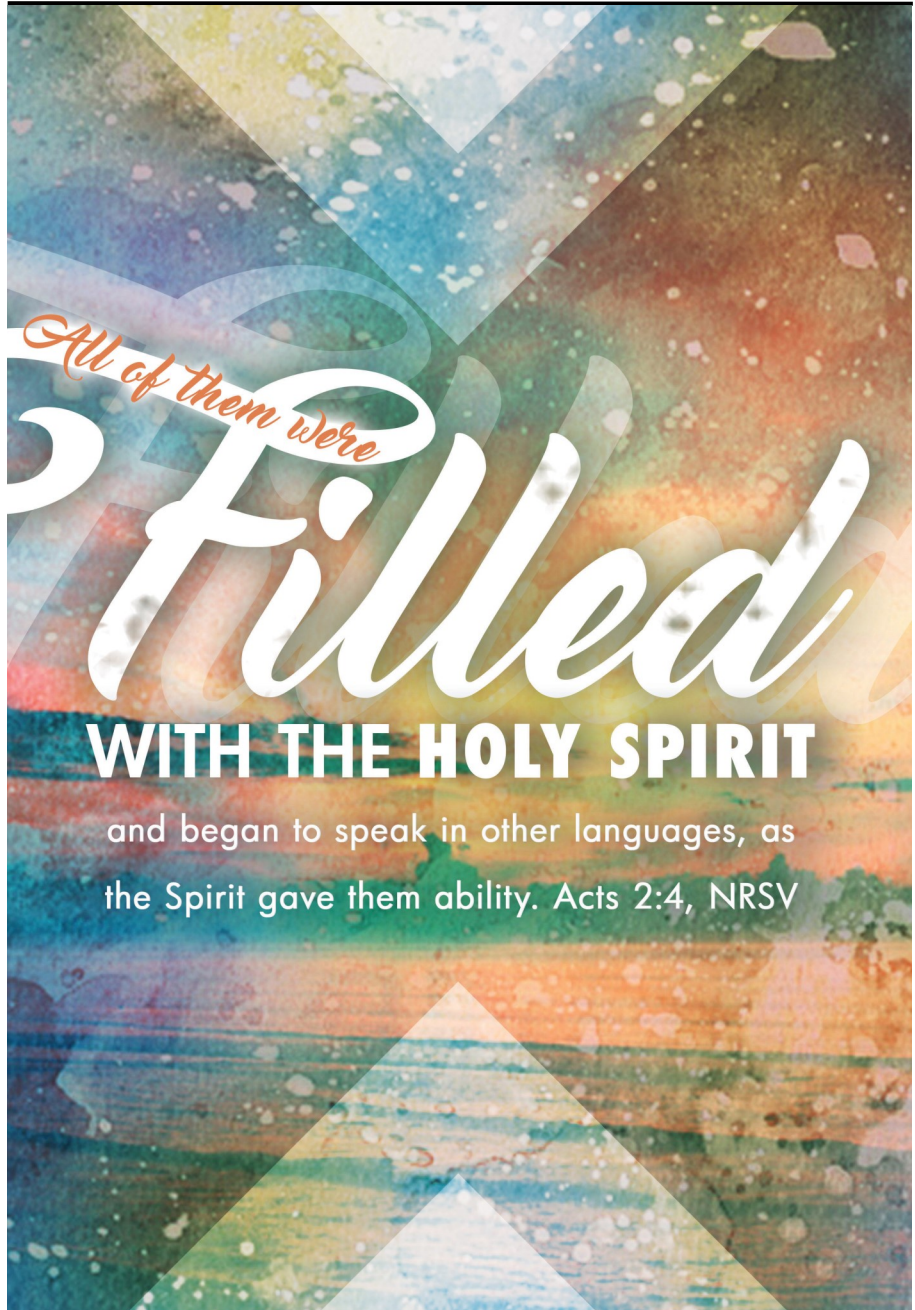




CHRIST ^{THE} KING
ANGELICAN CHURCH

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All of them were

Filled

WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

and began to speak in other languages, as
the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4, NRSV



Rector's Message

by The Rev. Samuel Makuach

“I *am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11).*” Hallelujah, Christ Is Risen! The Lord Is Risen, Hallelujah!

My beloved Christ the King family, I prayerfully hope you and your family had a great Lenten season, and Holy Week leading up to Resurrection Sunday.

Amen. I know my family and I have been strengthened by the Lord. Personally, I have been impacted by everything we did together. I hope you were too. Before Jesus made the statement, “I am the Good Shepherd,” He also said, “I am the Door of the Sheep” (John 10:7). That could mean more things, but what is significant here is the combination of Door and Shepherd.

These two words mean security. The work of the door and shepherd is to protect, to guide, and

to guard. This means that the dangers are kept away. What a great assurance from the Lord. You see, when we operate together in the security of the Lord and with His empowerment, we are unstoppable.

The month of April has been all about Jesus making that assurance known to His disciples by showing himself and performing many wonders to strengthen them. The Lord did not leave any doubt in their mind about who He is and that He had Risen from the dead. In addition, the Lord was preparing the disciples to welcome and to receive the Holy Spirit who was yet to come, teaching them how to be prayer warriors, making them disciple makers, and equipping them to be sent out into the world to make disciples of all nations.

The month of May is also full of memorable things for us to look forward to. For example, we will celebrate the following events.

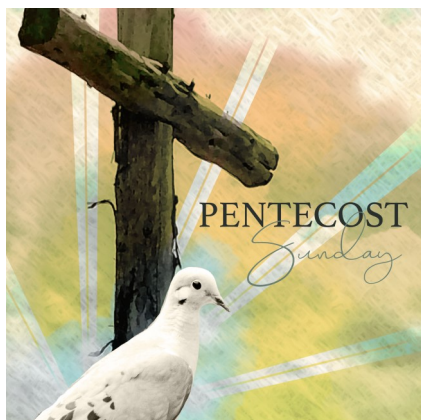


1. The sixth Sunday of Easter is **Rogation Sunday**, a solemn supplication ceremony of the church. We as a church celebrate this invocation and pray to God to help purify us as we anticipate and wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Rogation was an ancient church festival that beseeched blessing for a community and for its sustenance. The word "rogation" itself comes from the Latin verb *rogare*, meaning "to ask." The Book of Common Prayer states, "Rogation Days are the three days preceding Ascension Day, especially devoted to asking for God's blessing on agriculture and industry." We the church will beseech God for protection from calamities and other matters which might befall us, and pray to guide our summer ministries.

2. On May 9th, we celebrate the **Ascension Day** of the Lord Je-

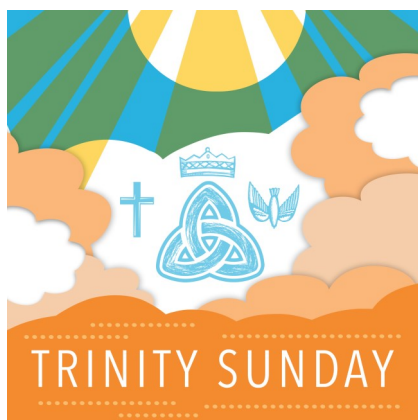
sus Christ. On this day, the Lord was lifted up to heaven in front of His followers. They were amazed and shocked as they could not stop staring into heaven. The angels had to speak to them in Acts 1:11, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." This was a new and exciting thing for the disciples to witness as they saw the Lord ascending up to heaven. This was a new day, and a fresh beginning for the disciples.

3. **Pentecost Sunday** was a surprising event for all involved (including the disciples and the crowds). Though the disciples were anticipating the Holy Spirit, they did not know what it would be like. The experience was thrilling, empowering, and thought provoking. It was the birth of new



ministry, a new boldness of faith, and a new mission for the disciples to make disciples of all nations. All were full of awe, "... they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, 'Are these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear each of us in his own native language? ... we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.' ... all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' (Acts 2:6-13)"

4. **Trinity Sunday** is when the church worshiped, praised, and celebrated God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. As we allow the Holy Spirit to reside in us, we are born again, we are saved, and we as children profess and proclaim Eternal



Life, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)"

My beloved Christ the King, let us in due diligence go forth with God's mission to make disciples of all nations. I am asking you to remain praying with me and supporting the following ministries: a new sign and cross be put on the top of our church (to draw all people to him), a new master cooler for our worship space, coordinated successful prayer in the community between our church and other pastors, an outside community evensong service, more people signed up for confirmation classes, a young families support group on zoom, summer children's activities, and Men's & Women's Bible Studies.

I am also inviting and encouraging your contributions (ideas and/or commitments to lead new ministries in our church) as the Lord leads you. Let us not sell ourselves short, instead, let us be open to the Holy Spirit using and compelling us as we put our trust in the Lord to help us with anything we put our mind to achieve. Let us put the Lord to the test and see if he will not move the mountains on our behalf. After all, He is the one who said, “And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need (Malachi 3:10).” Amen.

May you join me in prayer by praying this:

Lord God, you are perfectly faithful in everything you do.

You show your faithfulness to me in caring for me, protecting me, and providing for my needs. Forgive me for the times I question you, grumble about my circumstances, or turn my back on you. I want to be like Moses and trust you even when I'm feeling unsure and my confidence is shaky. Show me one small way I can trust you today. I want to declare your faithfulness with certainty to those around me so they will put their faith and trust in you. Show me who I can encourage today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Your brother and servant of Jesus Christ,

Fr. Samuel Ater Ë Makuach +
CTKAC Rector



**Men's Bible Study
& Lunch**

Friday, May 10 & 24

12 pm - Flex Fridays

Casey's Restaurant

Adventures with Deacon Debby



The Rev. Debby Buffum

Matthew 27:1-26

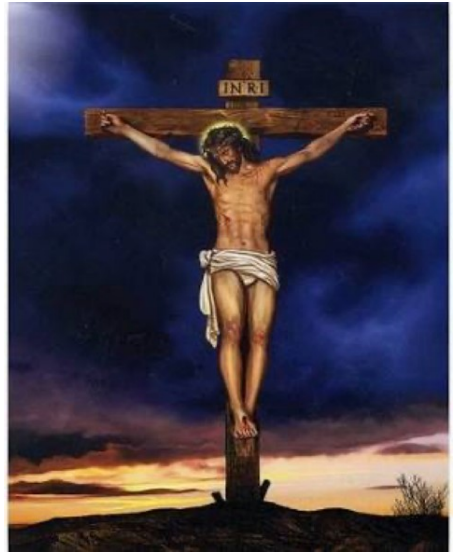
Our Gospel tells us that the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. Hearing Jesus speak and seeing the miracles he performed drew people, many people, from all walks of life to follow him. The Pharisees wanted to be rid of Jesus, but they could not publicly condemn him. Jesus had also spoken of being a king which was a treasonable act to the Romans who ruled the people. But it is the Pharisees, their chief priests, who condemn Jesus of blasphemy. Being interrogated by the Pharisees, the high priest asks Jesus, "Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." Jesus replies, "You have said so." This is the priest's reply, "He has uttered blasphemy." So, they charged him with the crime of blasphemy, that is claiming to be God, the Son of God.

Our Gospel tells us how Jesus is condemned to die a death of crucifixion. It does not tell us of God, His Father's plan, for all humanity for all time regarding His Son, Jesus. In the Old Testament, God sent prophets who counseled the people regarding their behavior toward God and their fellow man. The people made blood animal sacrifices to God. God gave them the Ten Commandments, the rules that they were to live by. Time and time again, God made covenants, conditional covenants with His people. If they would obey Him, He would keep His promises to them. The people would swear their allegiance to obey God but barely any time would pass before they were again breaking the Commandments and sinning against God.

So, God the Father, decided that His chosen people needed something more than a paschal

lamb, a lamb without blemish, to be sacrificed for the forgiveness of one's sins once a year at Passover.

A death by crucifixion was reserved for criminals. Jesus never sinned in His whole life. He was falsely convicted and the people in the crowds were paid to choose Barrabus, a criminal, to be released from the death sentence, instead of Jesus, who was innocent. Yet, His death on the Cross is His Gift and Grace to all people of His lifetime, and to all human beings that have been born, including me and you, and those who will be born. In obedience to His Father, Jesus accepted the death that He was condemned to. He chose it not that he was a criminal or claimed to be the Son of God but that His death would be the payment for the forgiveness for the sins committed by all humans during His lifetime and for all humanity in the past, now, and those to be born who claim Him to be their Lord and Savior. Think how many people were drawn to see the crucifixion and witnessed Jesus' death. They thought that they would be seeing the crucifixion of criminals not God's purpose for the redemption of sin for all human beings. And



Christ gives us an additional Gift. Our declaring Him as our Savior not only is the payment for the forgiveness of our sins we have committed, but also the guarantee for our salvation at the time of our death.

Christ's Gift in giving His life in a tortuous death nailed on a wooden cross hanging until He was no longer able to breath is a Gift for anyone of us. Forgiveness of our sins is not something we can do for ourselves by ourselves. God's Gift is free. We do NOT have to give something to receive it. We cannot earn it. That is why God did it and gave His Son for us. God, our Father, knew our need to be relieved of the burden of our sin that can

overwhelm and destroy our heart and mind and influence our behavior and actions. God, our Father, knew we needed a direct connection to Him and has established it through His Son. We just need to accept Christ's death and claim Him as our Lord and Savior.



Deacon's Discourse

The Rev. Judy Battershell

In the northern part of our nation, where I grew up and raised my family, May is really the first month of spring. And even then, a stray spring storm can bring snow for a day or so. My Grandmother, who had been growing a garden in this part of the world for longer than I existed said, "Never put your seeds or plants in the ground permanently until after Memorial Day." This meant that most serious gardeners started their seedlings and cuttings in the basement, or the garden shed, where it could be heated if the temperature went below freezing at night for a few days at a time.

And it is not a one-time act on our part. It needs to be an ongoing part of our way of life. As we live our life, we need to come to Christ continually confessing the truth of our sins and claiming Him as Lord and Savior. AMEN.

However, hardy little things that they are, the lilac bushes are really leafed out by May and blooming their first blooms, usually by the middle to the end of the month and through the rest of the summer and autumn seasons, which means when you walk down the streets of the neighborhoods in May, you smell the lilacs everywhere, and it is truly a glorious smell after all that dead, cold and long, dreary time of winter. When we bought our house a few years after we were married, the first thing, next to grass, that I planted were three lilac bushes – one white lilac, one lavender lilac and one deep purple lilac. And by the next year

they bloomed, and you could smell the lilacs all through the house from late April, if spring came early, through late November, if fall didn't get cold too early. God must have known we would need this wonderful smell from early spring through late fall to encourage us to believe we could grow other things in our short growing season and plant gardens every year.

This experience makes me smell lilacs every year when May rolls around, whether I can really smell or see them, or only do that in my head, from memory. This is a great gift God has given me, along with so many others, to be able to have these wonderful memories of experiences of His wonderful world that He created just for us to live in. Living in a small town and spending a lot of time fishing and camping outdoors in the wilderness each summer was another wonderful set of memories God has gifted me with. There is something about being out in God's natural world and seeing all the beauty contained in the forests, lakes, rivers, and mountains that draws

me nearer to God and reminds me of the awesome wonder of His creation.

Each spring I look forward to seeing the leaves bud out on the trees and bushes and the flowers burst forth from the bushes and trees and flower gardens. It is like watching the world come to new life again. No wonder we celebrate Easter at the time of year when all of this new life is coming back into our world. It is a perfect example of the Resurrection and new life, new beginnings. I think one of the reasons Christianity has survived all these centuries is that one of our basic teachings and beliefs has to do with the hope of new life and new beginnings even when things look really bad and there is little evidence for our optimism that things can get better and have a new birth that will be a blessing from God. Jesus did that for us when He rose from the dead, so we know we can have a new and better life after this one.





A Reflection on the Christian Church

by Fred Pauling

The term “Christian Church” refers to the body of Christians and the institution established by Jesus Christ. It is often used to describe the whole community of Christians across the world, as well as the physical buildings where Christians worship. The Christian Church is made up of various denominations, each with its own traditions and beliefs, but all share the common foundation of Christian faith.

Although we have a clinical definition of the Christian church there more to our church, Christ the King Anglican Church. Our services do follow the Anglican traditions, but there’s much more to our church. Most likely there are very few communicants within our church that were brought up Anglican since birth.

Personally, my ancestry can be traced back to both an Anglican and a Baptist heritage (Salem

MA, early 1600). However, I was brought up as a Baptist and didn’t join the Episcopal Church until my wife Carol was pregnant with Melody.

Most of us were brought up as Christians but were brought up within a different denomination. Historically, the Anglican church has been a melting pot and a compromise between the marriage of a Roman Catholic and a Protestant. However, here at Christ the King, I doubt if many of the communicants fall in that category. If not birth or marriage, why are there any members of Christ the King?

Our current historical roots come from the establishment of the Naval Base here in Ridgecrest CA, during World War II. But what about today? We have a very loyal membership with a deep belief in Jesus Christ. And although we were not Anglicans at birth, we have a common love

for one another. We all find something that is unique about the Anglican church that we all love even though our manual acts of expression may differ.

One could say that we are a family that love one another, that feels very comfortable within our church, and that we consider this our home. This is kind of a miracle in itself, that we've been able to survive the turmoil and politics of today's Episcopal church. But like a family, we all have our faults, but our love for one another out shadows nearly all the problems that we may endure. Although our current roots are less than 100 years old, many generations of families have come and gone leaving their imprint on Christ the King Anglican Church. I doubt if we could have survived without the financial generosity and deep devotion our predecessors have given to our church.



For our church to survive another generation of communicants, the church must grow within and from the surrounding community. There are over 50 different churches within Ridgecrest, CA. However, there's something unique about the Anglican church that can attract individuals from other denominations or residents without a church affiliation. Whenever I hear a child cry within church, I don't hear a distraction, I hear growth and the life of the church.



Women's Bible Study & Lunch

Friday, May 3, 17, & 31

12 pm - Non-flex Fridays

Lugo's Grill

A History of Chayah Orphanage

MISSION
OF THE
QUARTER

Myanmar



Chayah Orphanage was started in May of 2006 when Esther Wood received three children; ages 2, 4, & 7; whose mother had abandoned them. Esther had graduated from the IMCP (Institute of Missions and Church Planting) in Yangon, Myanmar in February 2006 and was living with her parents in Yangon since then. Her father was a pastor, had a house church, and with his wife was caring for more than a dozen poor teenagers in their home at that time. In March of 2006, Esther felt a call from God to care for orphans. Esther started caring for the three young children that God brought to her in her parent's home.

While at the IMCP, Esther met a young man named Andrew, who graduated with her, and they fell in love. Because they were of different tribes, their parents weren't initially supportive of their marriage. When their parents saw that they continued to be serious about their relationship and got to know them, they were able to get married in February of 2007. In July of 2007, they were able to rent their first home with money that was raised during the 2nd quarter of that year at Immanuel Christian School for their *Mission March*. In September of 2007, they received 3 more preteen boys who were either orphans



or abandoned by the one surviving parent.

One of the boys who came in September 2007 was John, which M&Ms supported for several years. He is doing well and now living and working in South Korea on a work visa. Other children that came early on where Sarah in December of 2008 that is still being supported by Jo Stauffer as she attends Bible College in Yangon and Rebecca who is grown and working in administration for a Chinese company in Myanmar. There have been many other children that have been loved, cared for, and provided for at Chayah Orphanage, many of them by members of CTK.

Currently, there are 8 children; in addition to Esther & Andrew's 2 children, Aria & Lois; living in their home. They have kept the



orphanage small with never more than 20 children so as not to draw attention to themselves and cause any complaints from neighbors or authorities. God has continued to provide for these children through this orphanage for the past 18 years.

The children have grown to know and love their Savior by living in a Christian home and being taught Bible verses and songs. They have a group devotion time every day and have a weekly worship service in their home if they cannot attend a

local church.

They are taught to spend time in personal prayer first thing every morning and be thankful to God for everything that is provided to them.





Two of the children have graduated from Bible College and Sarah is currently attending one. All of the children have chosen to be baptized if they have been there long enough and been of an age to make that decision.

age. In March of 2020, COVID-19 began. Then on February 1, 2021, there was a military coup in Myanmar and all the democratic leaders were killed or thrown in jail. Civil war has continued since then. It has been a dangerous, scary, and frustrating time for all the people of Myanmar. Most of the children have



Moe Wai Yan & Hai Hlain Moe

Recent years have been very difficult for the people of Myanmar and Chayah Orphan-



been unable to safely attend school since early 2020. Then in July of 2023, Andrew had major heart problems and almost died. He is recovering but is still easily tired and lost some memory.



Thank you for your love and support for Chayah Orphanage for so many years and for making them your mission of the 2nd Quarter. Funds will be used to pay for their rent, food, clothing, schooling, and

any medical needs that come up. Place your check in the offering plate marked *Mission of the Quarter*. Please keep them all in your prayers in these very difficult times.

Melody Witham





UNFADING BEAUTY

Peter says beauty shouldn't come from outward adornment.
How does a godly woman adorn herself on the inside?

*Directions: From each list, write the word that doesn't belong.
Then insert the circled letters in order below to complete 1 Peter 3:4, NIV.*

flower, stem, bee, leaf

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pink, red, yellow, blue

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mother, sister, brother, aunt

—○—

purple, dress, skirt, blouse

—○—

necklace, ring, bracelet, braid

—○—

diamond, emerald, heart, ruby

—○—

orange, cherry, potato, kiwi

—○—

my, our, she, your

—○—

faith, family, love, hope

—○—

sunny, rainy, snowy, temperature

—○—

cookie, cake, pie, sandwich

—○—

silver, white, gold, bronze

—○—

"Rather, it should be that of your inner self,
the unfading beauty of a g _____
and qu _____ p _____, which is
of great worth in God's sight." 1 Peter 3:4, NIV



HEALING PRAYER

Every Thursday
5:00-6:30 pm

NEW! Sanctuary

2nd Thursday of Month -
Service with Jeph Randolph
Preaching (Ascension 5/9/24)



7—Kim & Chris Ford

10—Melanie Lucero

12—Judy Battershell

20—Ralph Corbin

20—Rebecca Makuach

23—Jo Stauffer

24—Rena Ulat Hanley

29—Bob Schwaiger



June's Deadline
Sunday, May 19th



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Mike Archer

Wyatt Berz

Joseph Brown

Ryan Bruce

Nathaniel Carrasco

Stevie Ann Duff

Daniel Hobson

Tim Johnson

Tim Kaber

Daniel Kennedy

Mark Ian Longacre

Darren McCue

Alex McDonald

Andrea McDonald

Tania Palmer

JP Pooley

Ron Reed

Robbie Reid

James Ryan

Justin Sanders

Megan R. Schwerin

James Smith

Justin Smith

Jonathan Smitherman

Daniel Walters

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Jessica Wells



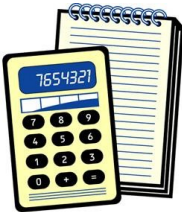
Statement of Financial Position

March 31, 2024

General Fund	102,423.23
Designated Funds	
3120 Immediate Funds (Building & Plant)	67,740.58
31610 Altar Guild	604.51
31617 Mission of the Quarter Fund	440.00
31635 Daughters of the Holy Cross Fund	50.00
31645 Food Baskets Fund	1,469.98
31660 Martha & Mary Fund	150.13
31675 Youth Discretionary Fund	1,574.74
31680 Pastoral Care Fund	1,625.00
31680 Uncategorized Donations Fund	8,550.00
31825 Altar Flowers Fund	464.41
31830 Christ the King Academy Fund	120.16
Alta One Balance	185,212.74

Profit & Loss Performance

March 2024



Building Loan Balance:
\$152,699.97

Income/ Expenses	YTD
Total Income	62,992.43
Total Expenses	45,520.32
Net Income	14,472.11



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Vestry, Prayer Chain Coordinator, Community Connections Committee	Rebecca Mulvey (2025)	(760) 608-7069
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Compass Rose Commission Chairman	Lou Burrows	(760) 384-3444
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