

Annual Report 2022

St. Mark's Episcopal Church





Renewal of Life

It is appropriate that we are issuing this annual report in the Great Fifty Days of Easter. In many ways, 2022 was a time of claiming the gift of new life that we have been on the cusp of since the reconstruction after the scaffolding event of 2019 and the diaspora of pandemic community life. We have remained strong as a community during these challenging years and 2022 brought us the gift of sabbatical, both for the rector and the community. We took stock, rested, rediscovered the joy of being together for everything from cooking classes, to Sunday worship, to burying beloved members of our community.

Resurrection is all about claiming the hope and promise of that early Easter morning and putting it into practice. We do that through our ongoing commitment to spiritual formation, worship, and service. As you will see in this report, St Mark's does this in countless ways. We do it through our financial gifts. We do it by gifting our time. We do it by participating in tangible events throughout the year to serve in our city.

Our discipleship begins with our growth as individuals and the community, but the real impact is in the fruit we bear in the world. Discipleship expresses itself in many ways - regularly studying scripture, our commitment to racial reconciliation and healing, companioning one another in compassion and love, offering extravagant and beautiful music in our city –to name only a few. The foundation of all these expressions is the love of Jesus Christ. The more we know ourselves to be loved beyond measure, the more we can offer that love to all people. We are committed to that in this place. And we have the audacity to believe that with God's help, it can in fact change the world. Alleluia! Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen Indeed!

Beth +

SA Local Impact

In 2022, an incredible **23,000 hours** were volunteered by our members, young and old; involved in the choir, Sunday liturgies, Christmas to the Street, Day of Prayer and Service, local non-profits, and more. To put that in perspective, our volunteer hours add up to about **two and a half years**. We have given away **1,150 meals**, not including those given during our Café Kairos hours on Wednesdays and Thursdays. When combining all the grants awarded in 2022, we gave **\$128,175** to ministries and local non-profits. Whether serving our parish or those outside of the church gates, we’ve had quite a productive and meaningful year.

One of the many beautiful stories from those who received a grant from St. Mark’s in 2022 comes from the ABODE Contemplative Care for the Dying. They wrote to us about how our funds impacted lives in their ministry:

Meryl Streep visited ABODE Contemplative Care for the Dying the other day - Meryl Streep the chicken, that is! The feathered version of this famous actress belongs to our new guest Lauri, 75, in our Peach Room. Lauri loves animals - as do we - and she names her chickens after celebrities...Speaking of celebrities, Lauri herself is an actress, and she taught drama at St. Mary’s Hall for many years. We are honored to care for Lauri as she enters her final phase of life.

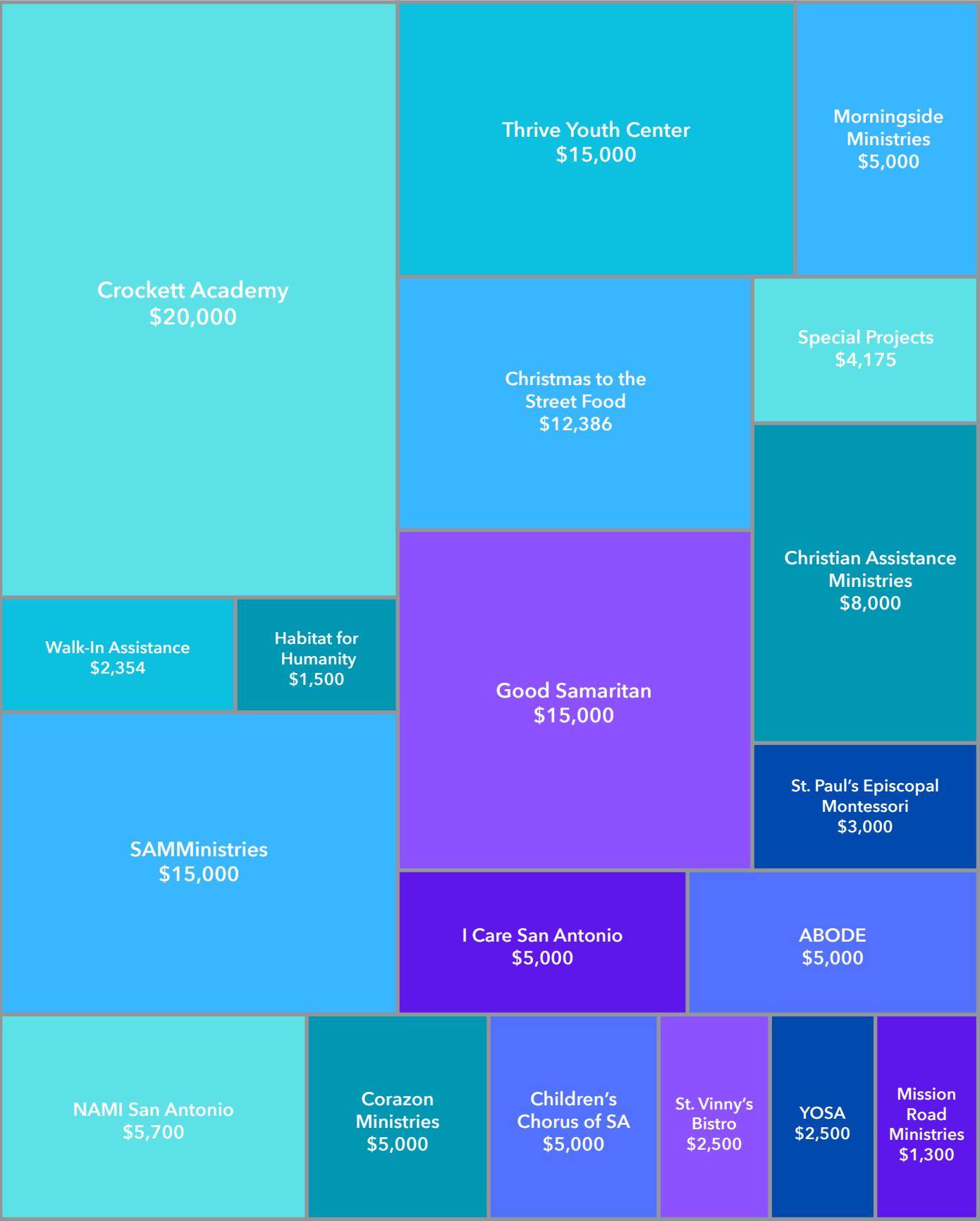


Meryl Streep and Lauri

Support from St. Mark’s Episcopal Church ensures that each year, more than 70 San Antonians can receive compassionate, contemplative end-of-life care in our beautiful home – at no charge.

Mary Thorsby
Executive Director of ABODE

GRANT RECIPIENTS



Impact Snapshot

DONATIONS



Meals
1,150



Shoes
50



Teachers Blessed
180



Christmas Gifts
105



School Backpacks
300



Pints of Blood
250

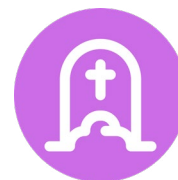
ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY



Households
609



Baptisms
15



Burials
27



Weddings
5



Worship
In-Person
234/wk



Worship
Online
169/wk



Confirmations
13



Newcomers
128

Construction Complete!

Thanks to Guido Construction with oversight by St. Mark's leadership and staff, in 2022 we completed the construction resulting from the scaffolding collapse that caused \$14+ million in damage.

September 19, 2019 – Fourteen stories of scaffolding, weighing a million pounds, fell on our parish house and 5,000 gallons of water filtered through all four floors. Mitigation and evaluation of the damage began immediately. Within 72 hours, we restored electricity and air conditioning in time for Sunday services.

June 1, 2020 – Construction began. We learned what it meant to be nimble and creative, and we kept worship services and programming on track. We used this “opportunity” to upgrade the choir rehearsal room and Gish Hall to better meet our needs. The choir space nearly doubled in size to accommodate our growing choir and a folding wall system was installed in Gish to allow us to divide the space in half for medium-sized needs. We also installed a new sound system and speakers better suited to the vaulted ceiling. Another much needed upgrade was the repair and replacement of all windows in Gosnell and Gish Halls. Room 212 was refitted to become a multi-purpose space used for small group gatherings and classes. We had the cash on hand for these improvements due to generous and timely gifts to the recently founded Horizon Endowment.

August 2022 – Construction was completed inside the Parish House.



Everett Jones Legacy Communion



The Everett Jones Legacy Communion honors parishioners who have designated St. Mark's in their estate documents or made lifetime gifts. Unrestricted gifts are most helpful to St. Mark's, enabling us to meet the needs of the church over time. By growing our endowment and preserving strong annual household giving, we will keep pace

with the escalating fixed costs associated with ministering both inside and outside our walls. If you have already included St. Mark's in your plans and have not yet notified us, please contact [Dina Aboul Saad](#) or clergy so that we may include you in the Legacy Communion. We invite the opportunity to share information about the management and use of our endowment and other funds as you consider your giving plans. By sharing your thoughts and intentions, you allow the church to prepare for your faith community's future.

ESTATE PLANNING HELP

[Visit the Give Page](#) for a booklet designed to help you reflect on and collect your specific preferences related to your estate and financial affairs. Contact [Dina Aboul Saad](#) at the church to discuss your thoughts. Then consult with your certified financial planner or attorney. There are a variety of vehicles you can use to meet your philanthropic, tax planning, and estate planning goals to benefit St. Mark's.

Thank you to all those who have named St. Mark's in their estate plans and informed the church.

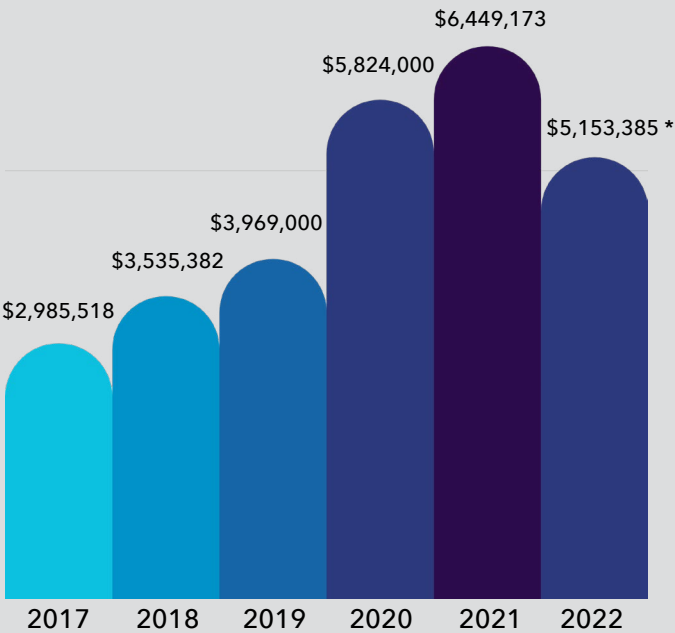
Dina Aboul Saad & Charles Harvey
Margaret & Stephen Allison
Susan Bain
Elsbeth Blakeman*
Beverly & Ken* Bryars
Ruth Burink
Ruth & Richard Butler
Joyce & John* Carothers
Betty Cavender
Kelly & Stephen Cavender
The Rev. Michael & Mrs. Paula Chalk
Pamela & Gary Chambers
Anna B. Coiner
Gillian Cook, O.P.
Kate Crone
Light Cummins*
Barbara Digby
Darin Digby
Michael Duffey
Margaret & Gordon Dunkley
The Rev. Mary & The Rev. Douglas Earle
Germaine & Charles Field

The Rt. Rev. James & Mrs. Sandy Folts
Marijane Gish
Virginia & Guy* Halter
Madelyn Hauser*
The Rev. Elizabeth Knowlton
Allison Hays Lane
Billie* & Robert LeClerc
The Rev. Dr. John Lewis & Ms. Patricia Bridwell
Carolyn Lowery
Mary & John McClung
Carolyn & Jack Meyer
Marilyn Middleton*
George Miller*
Sally & David Morgan*
Lillian Morris
Phillip Norman
Janice O'Brien
Dorothea Oppenheimer*
Camilla & William* Parker
Mary & Joseph Parker*
Nancy Reed
Jeanne Reesman
Edwin Rieke

Susan Riordan
Emily & Harold Scott*
Patsy Scott*
Derek Shively
Elizabeth Simpson*
George Hutchings Spencer, Sr.*
Elsie Steg*
Martha Steves
Antoinette Tiner*
Leslie Todd
Jill & George Vassar
Adrianne & Michael Vaughn
Robin & Ralph Voight
Agatha & Charlie Wade
Barbara Ward
James Williams*
Mollie & Henry* Zachry
Holly & Brian Zook

Thanks also to those who have shared their intent anonymously.

*Deceased



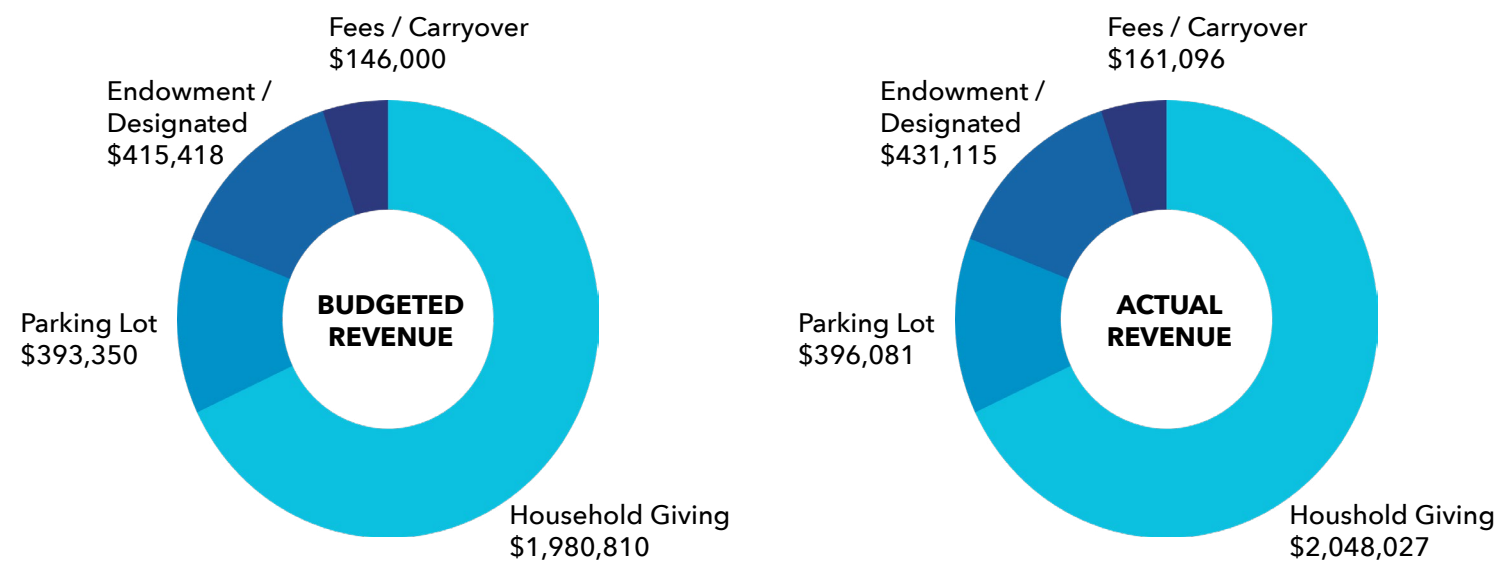
ENDOWMENT

Our endowment ensures that we continue to thrive as a community, bridging the gap between annual giving and the funding needed to be creative and responsive to the needs of this congregation.

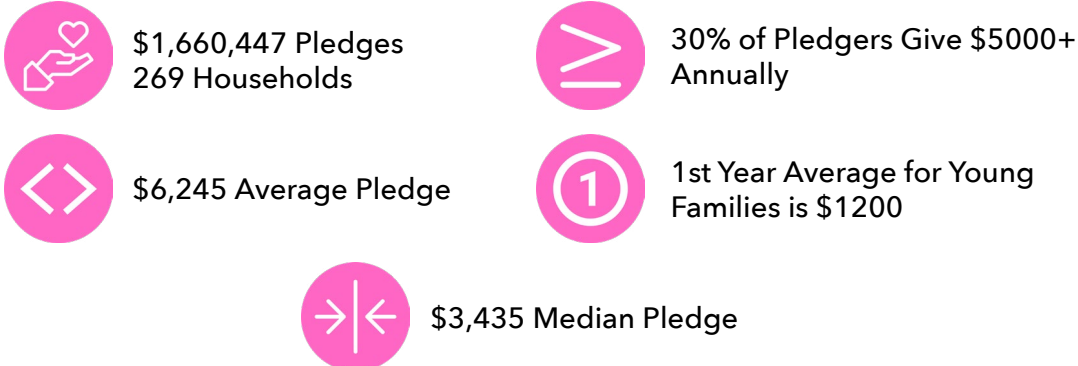
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Financial Overview

REVENUE



STEWARDSHIP



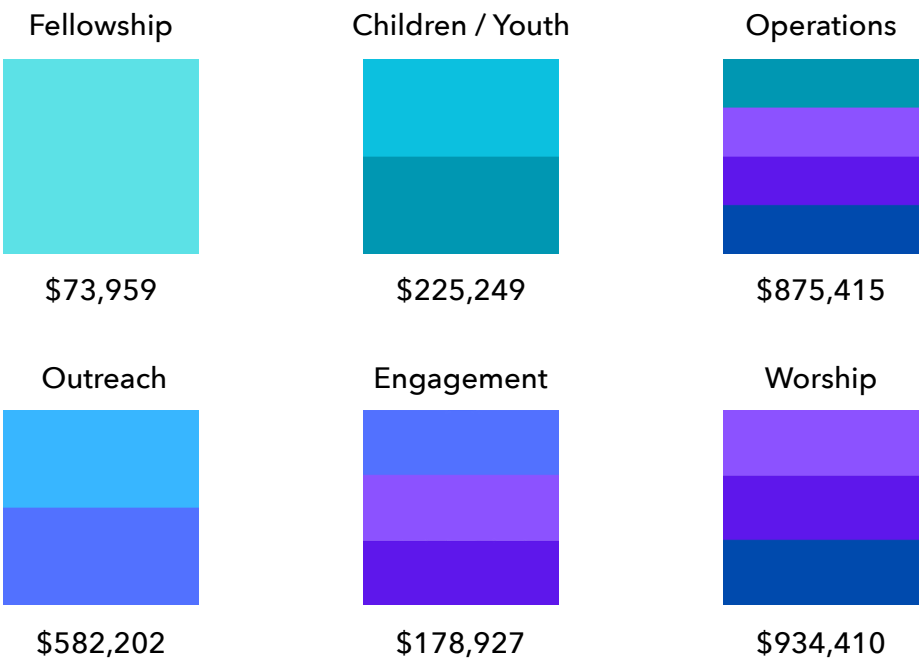
EXPENSE BREAKDOWN

- Children | Children, Youth Ministries
- Operations | Facility, Property Maintenance, Finance, Food Service
- Outreach | Outreach Ministry, Diocesan Apportionment *
- Engagement | Communications, Stewardship, Community Engagement
- Worship | Worship Services, Pastoral Care, Music Ministry

* Apportionment to the Diocese supports Diocesan operations, 88 worshipping communities, camps, and conference centers. Outreach includes support for the Bread of Life grant, vocational grants, Christian Assistance Ministries, Good Samaritan Community Services, Morningside Ministries, Christmas to the Street, Habitat for Humanity, Walk-In Assistance, seminary/Workshop Support, and special projects.

The combined, actual expenses of 2022 totalled \$2,870,162; the combined, actual revenue was \$3,036,319.

EXPENSES



Vestry 2022



GEORGE SPENCER
SENIOR WARDEN



LAURA WICKHAM
JUNIOR WARDEN



ANNE SCHELLENG
CLASS OF 2022



LUCY WILSON
CLASS OF 2022



LINDSAY IRVIN
CLASS OF 2022



LEN BRILEY
CLASS OF 2023



LIZ CASIANO EVANS
CLASS OF 2023



CYNTHIA CHI
CLASS OF 2023



BILL FISHER
CLASS OF 2023



AMY PHIPPS
CLASS OF 2023



BRANDON RANEY
CLASS OF 2024



LINDA ADDINGTON
CLASS OF 2024



STEVE HAYS
CLASS OF 2024



BETH HAWKINS
CLASS OF 2024



DAVID HARRIS
CLASS OF 2024

Staff 2022



**THE REV.
BETH KNOWLTON**
RECTOR



**THE REV.
MATT WISE**
ASSOCIATE RECTOR



**THE REV.
ANN FRASER**
ASSOCIATE RECTOR



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DIRECTOR OF
ADVANCEMENT



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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
AND ORGANIST



JOHN ARANDA
SEXTON



PRISCILLA BRIONES
ACCOUNTING
MANAGER



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NURSERY
DIRECTOR



AMY ICKES
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COORDINATOR



MARSHA KIMURA
MUSIC DEPARTMENT
ADMINISTRATOR



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COMMUNICATIONS
SPECIALIST



DAVID LIM
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF
MUSIC AND ORGANIST



RICHARD MALDONADO
CHEF



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KITCHEN SUPERVISOR
AND CHEF



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FACILITY
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CHILDREN'S MUSIC
ASSISTANT



ERIC NELSON
OPERATIONS
MANAGER



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HEAD
SEXTON



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DIRECTOR OF
YOUTH MINISTRIES



CATHY VILLANI
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HOLLY ZOOK
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ASSISTANT