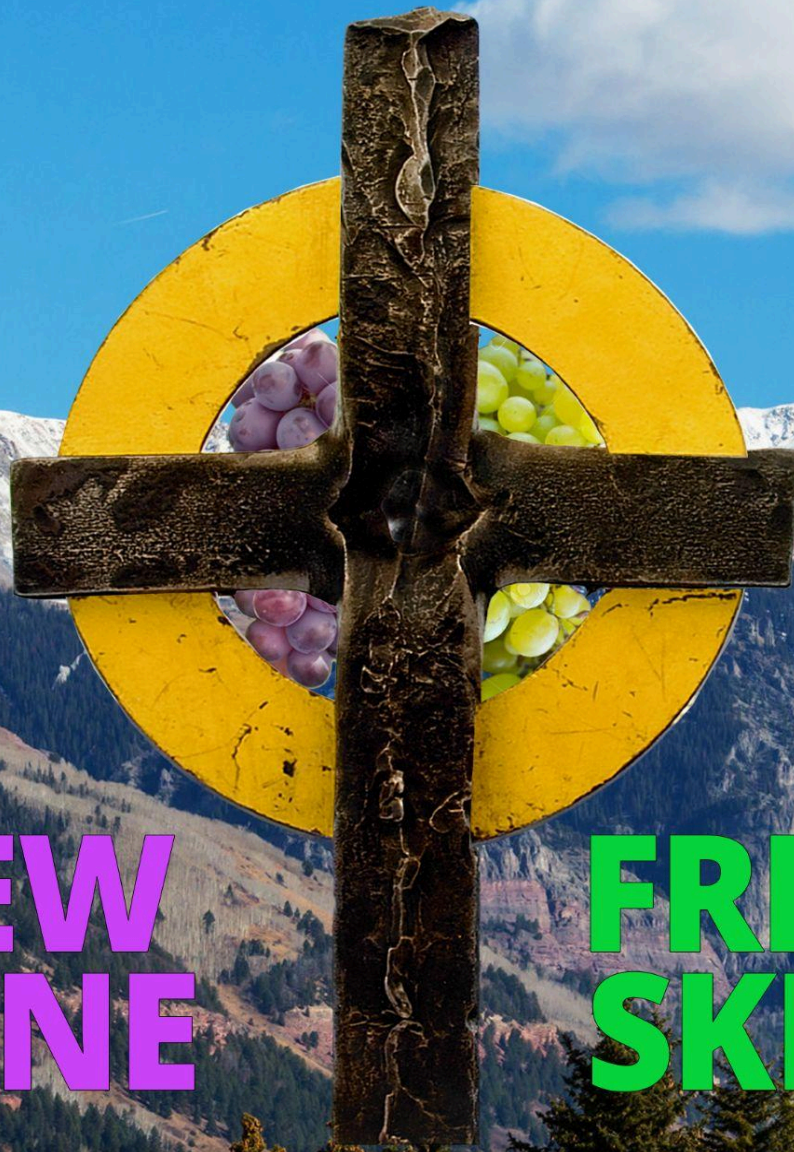




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**NEW
WINE**

**FRESH
SKINS**

To know Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and make Him known.

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2025 NEW WINE, FRESH SKINS

Dear Transfiguration Parish Family,

Count off seven sabbath years—seven times seven years—so that the seven sabbath years amount to a period of forty-nine years. Then have the trumpet sounded everywhere on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement sound the trumpet throughout your land. Consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you!

Leviticus 25:8-10b

Welcome to the Parish Booklet of the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration as we celebrate our 50th year! Find here all the wonderful news, congregational metrics and financial tallies so vital to be transparent and accountable to you, those we love and those we serve. I am humbled to serve a congregation receiving God's abundant provisions last year as we look towards an exciting 2025 and beyond. Every leader in these pages stands ready to clarify any information, provide additional data and field any query so you may have. *Jubilee* was not simply last year's aspirational ministry theme, but an experiential provision received in reality! We have been consecrated and re-commissioned by our Lord and Savior, our Master and Guide, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith, Jesus the Son of God, to fulfill our shared mission *to know Him and share His love with all people*. We celebrate God's intimate call to apprentice to our Lord, even as we close the first half-century of ECOT's congregational journey and launch into the next 50 years of Christian worship, witness and service. Welcome in, dearest parish family and many friends!

Gratefully yours in Christ,



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2025 VESTRY CANDIDATES

LOLLY (ELIZABETH) BECKER

Born in St. Louis, Mo. and raised in Houston, TX, Lolly (Elizabeth) Becker and her husband, Clay, moved full-time to the Valley approximately 12 years ago. Formerly a member of the Catholic Church, Lolly was recently confirmed in the Episcopal Church of Transfiguration after having attended worship services and bible studies for 4 years or so. In her professional career, she was employed by several law firms, most recently serving as the Chief Marketing Officer for 14 years, for an international law firm based in Houston. Lolly retired from her professional career in 2009 to raise her beloved daughter, Annie, who is 16 and a junior at Vail Christian High School. Lolly served on the Board of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation in Houston. She and her husband co-founded and served on the Board of Classy Chassis™ Concours d-Elegance, a non-profit premier vintage automobile event benefiting Houston charities from 2004-2013.



LEE ANN FREEMAN



My name is Lee Ann Freeman and I moved to the Vail valley in 2016. I am a retired Pediatrician from Nashville, Tennessee. When it was clear none of my three children were going to settle in Nashville, and my daughter married and had a child in Denver, I decided these beautiful mountains would be an awesome place to retire. In Nashville, I was a chalice bearer and lay reader at my Episcopal church. Therefore, one of the first things I did when I moved to Vail was search out Father Brooks and ask if his church needed my help. The answer was a big yes and Judy Fonda also taught me to do sacristy! I have served as a sacristan

and lay reader-chalice bearer at the Vail Chapel for eight years. I would like to further help our wonderful church by serving on the Vestry.

I am a full time resident in Eagle-Vail. In the winter of 2016, I joined the Mountain Host team at Vail and I work on the mountain every Monday during ski season. We ski on the mountain all day giving guests directions, helping them up when they fall and calling ski patrol for injuries. In the summer I like to golf, ride my bike, hike with my dogs and volunteer for the town of Avon, helping at the various events. I have also spent some time volunteering as a Pediatrician at the Round-Up River Ranch, a local summer camp for medically fragile children.

Whether you live here part-time or full-time, how blessed we all are to call this place our home. Those of us that live and worship here set the friendly and welcoming tone for the thousands of visitors that come to our valley.

MATTHEW PARRISH

Hello! My name is Matthew Parrish, and I've been attending services at ECOT for four years. I moved to the Vail Valley in 2014 after graduating from college to work for a winter, be closer to nature, and try out living in Colorado. Little did I know that I would meet my wife and build a life here. I currently work for U.S. Bank in retail banking, and prior to that I worked in hospitality management and marketing. I enjoy skiing, mountain biking, and spending time with my wife, Gina, and our dog, Athena.



My faith has always been central to my life. I grew up in Texas in the Baptist church, and attended evangelical churches in college and thereafter. My wife was raised Roman Catholic, and the Episcopal Church has simply felt like the right fit for our family since we've found it. I was confirmed last year, and look forward to growing in my faith here at ECOT. I'm excited to get to know more members of our church, and for the opportunity to serve our congregation on the Vestry.

2025 TREASURER

DAVE MERTENS



Dave Mertens is a partner of QSV Equity Investors, an employee-owned investment advisory firm. He serves as Chair and Independent Trustee for Advisors Series Trust, a mutual fund series trust sponsored by U.S. Bank and previously served on the board of TIFIN, a leading innovation platform for the wealth and asset management industries. Following the lead set by his parents and those of his wife Jill, he devotes time to charitable organizations including serving as trustee of the Legacy Health Foundation and Chair of the investment committee for the foundations of Legacy Health System in Portland, Oregon. Dave and Jill have two children, each married by Father Brooks. Their two grandchildren were baptized by Father Brooks in the Vail Interfaith Chapel.

ECOT'S MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

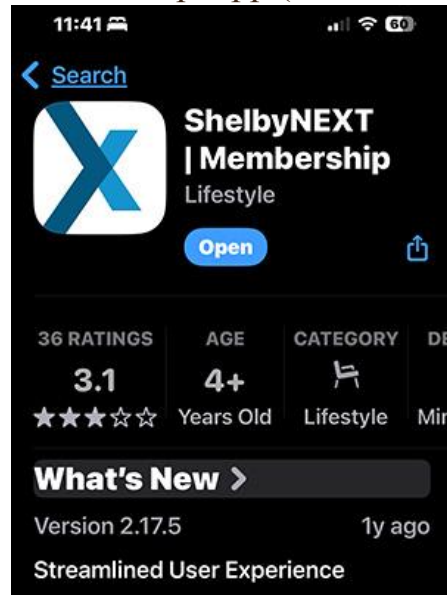
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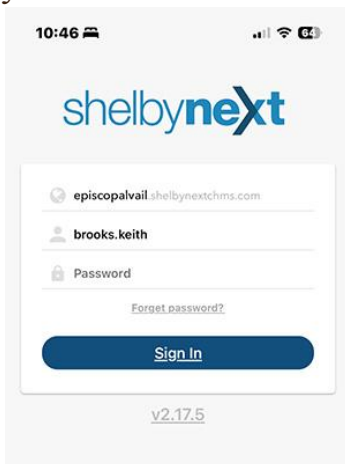
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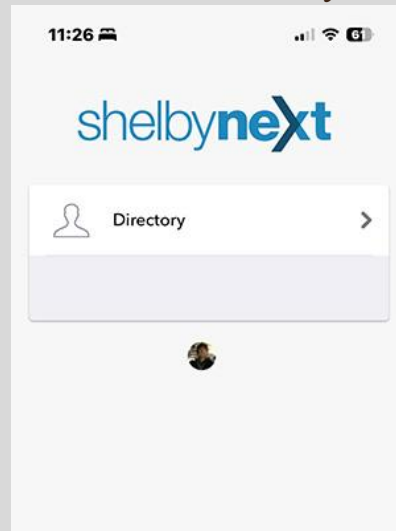
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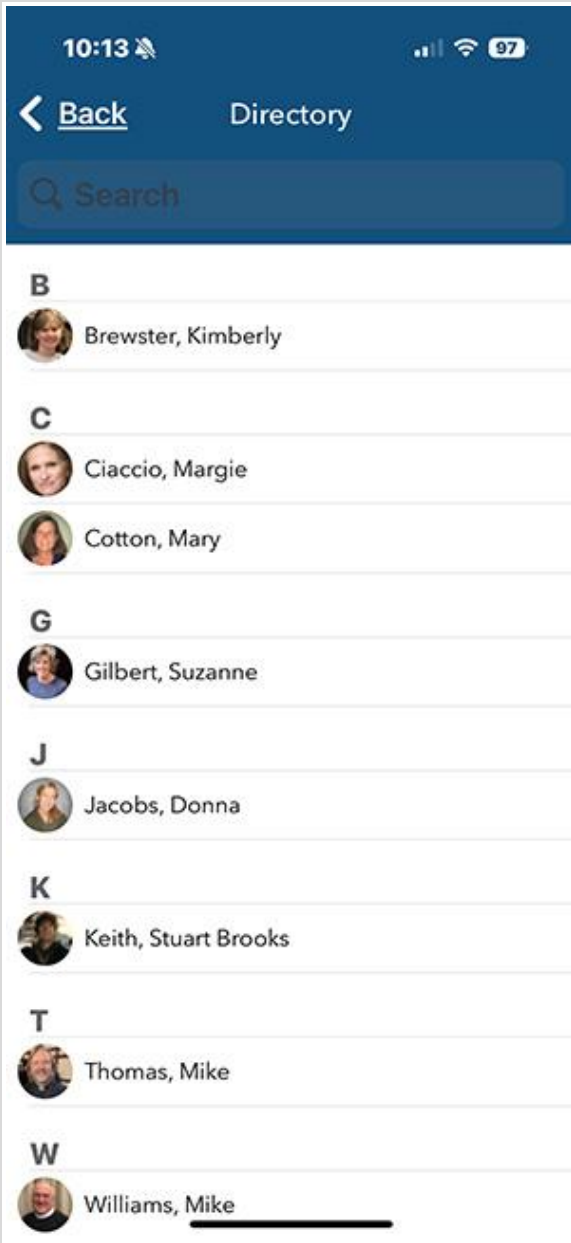


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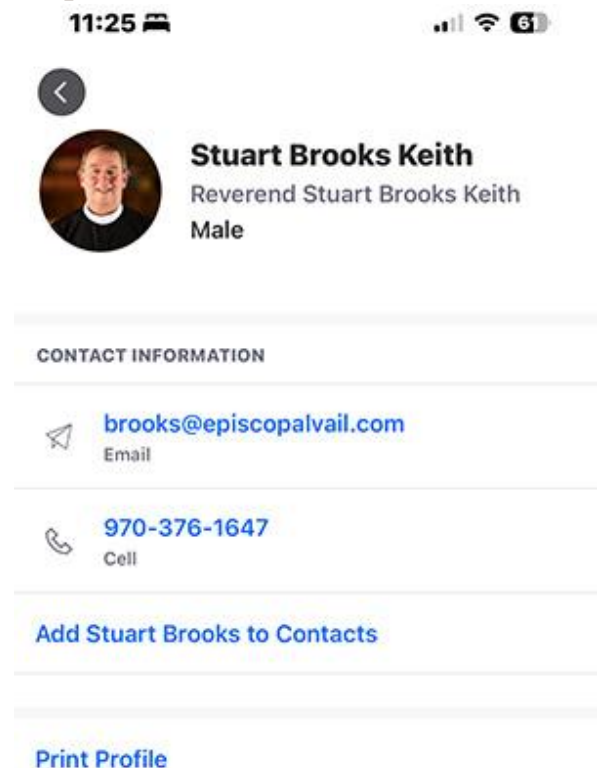
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Click on the name of the person you would like to contact



STEP 6:

Click the email to send an email, phone number to call, add the person to your computer contact list, or print the profile.



*** You can edit only your own profile information while in the app - add/remove picture, phone number, email, preferred name.*





EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN COLORADO

The Episcopal Church in Colorado continues to represent Christ to the people across our broad western state of Colorado. Situated in 93 parish outposts spread across the 103,641 square miles constituting our state, Bishop Kimberly Lucas oversees 19,887 souls currently affiliated with the Episcopal Church in Colorado from Denver as our Chief Pastor, Priest and Teacher. Transfiguration is one of 15 Episcopal congregations situated in the Northwest Region, a subset of the larger Diocese. ECOT is currently represented on our regional Executive Committee by Senior Warden Suzanne Gilbert and myself. Transfiguration is the only Colorado multi-campus Episcopal congregation and the sole Episcopal congregation completely resident in interfaith chapels. By canon (church law), ECOT contributes 10% of our unrestricted annual plate and pledge receipts to the ministry of the diocese and 4% to the Northwest Region for our neighboring mountain ministries. In 2024 we contributed \$78,722 and significant staff time to the broader Episcopal church.

The diocesan 2025 budget, approved at last fall's 137th Diocesan Convention, outlines \$3,443,851 in budgeted income and \$3,545,25 in budgeted expense, leaving an anticipated deficit of \$101,400. This budget anticipates over \$2 million in congregational giving and \$900,000 in annual disbursement from the Colorado Trust, something I can explain further if anyone is curious to know more. Bishop Lucas takes her first sabbatical leave from November 5th to March 5th, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Father Brooks Keith

Rector, The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, Vail Valley

YOUTH MINISTER JOB OPPORTUNITY



We are seeking a professional youth minister, a salaried part-time staff position. We search for a local candidate who displays significant spiritual maturity in the Christian faith, a passion to serve our students 6th grade to 12th grade and their families, leadership skills in organization and program development, and a willingness to collaborate with a veteran and talented church staff. Our youth minister will organize and lead ECOT's total ministry to local students and their families. Salary negotiable upon experience.

[LEARN MORE](https://episcopalvail.com/project/youth-minister/)

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CAMPUS LOCATIONS

Vail Interfaith Chapel

19 Vail Road, Vail, CO 81657

(970) 476-3347 | www.vailchapel.com

I-70 to exit 176 (main Vail exit). Travel south through two roundabouts and continue on Vail Road south toward the mountain. At the stop sign intersection, continue straight. You will see the chapel on your right just past FirstBank.

Edwards Interfaith Chapel and Community Center

32138 US-6, Edwards, CO 81632

(970) 376-5320 | www.edwardsinterfaithchapel.org

I-70 to exit 163. Head south on Edwards Access Road through two roundabouts to the stoplight at Highway 6. Turn right onto Highway 6, heading west, and drive approximately 2 miles to the Edwards Interfaith Chapel, which will be on your left.

The Chapel at Beaver Creek

33 Elk Track Road, Beaver Creek, CO 81620

(970) 471-3117 | www.beavercreekchapel.com

I-70 to exit 167. Travel south through three roundabouts and continue south to the Beaver Creek Resort gated entrance. Once through the gate, continue heading south up Village Road approximately 1 mile past Beaver Creek Village. Just past the Beaver Creek Lodge and the entrance to the Village Hall parking lot, go under the bridge and the Chapel will be on your left.

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY

Our unique and beautiful interfaith chapels worked hard in 2024!



THE VAIL INTERFAITH CHAPEL'S new refurbishments have held up well to a near-constant daily pounding as we expanded our hosting of organizations and events to meet community needs. AA, Al-Anon, Grief Recovery, Bridge, Bravo, the Vail Symposium come immediately to mind, to name a few, joining our six congregations all scrambling to enjoy worship and life cycle events. We renovated both Clergy Study and Parish Office in the fray, so stop by to see the new digs! We also added a new prayer labyrinth outside, to walk reflectively as pilgrims have done for centuries elsewhere; it is a welcome addition and the sole labyrinth in the valley. We enter 2025 needing \$500,000 to eliminate a remaining construction bridge loan and outstanding bills. I will work to help cover this need. For more information about the Vail Interfaith

Chapel, please visit www.vailchapel.com



THE CHAPEL AT BEAVER CREEK also weathered 2024 well, as our new Board President Pastor Kurt Pressler from Trinity Church assumes Board leadership. The BCRF and its partner Chapel non-profit board overseeing the Chapel Endowment are seeking new members for this new chapter. For more information about the Chapel at Beaver Creek please visit www.beavercreekchapel.com



THE EDWARDS INTERFAITH CHAPEL AND COMMUNITY CENTER is also fine, straining to host all the events asking for facility space and time. The Stone Creek Charter School is raising funds to improve the Chapel playground this spring so students no longer need to recreate in the parking lanes, an obvious safety issue for both students and drivers. Please be vigilant while driving through at any hour.

What an honor to serve in such distinctive and unique worshipping facilities!

Respectfully submitted,



Father Brooks Keith+



LEADERSHIP REFLECTIONS

From the **RECTOR**



The Reverend Stuart Brooks Keith III
Rector and Senior Pastor

Neither do people pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved. Matthew 9:17

2024 was a Jubilee indeed! Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow! I am pleased to report Transfiguration experienced an uplifting 50th anniversary year filled with Jubilee abundance as we mark the third year of post-pandemic recovery and restoration. By every metric we can measure, we were blessed! Some Jubilee highlights:

1. We served 15,948 souls in 2024, the highest number we've ever tallied, a 6% increase from 2023
2. We conducted 417 congregational events, again the highest number, a 35% increase from 2023
3. Including Christmas, we averaged 210 souls at Sunday worship, again a new high tally, and of interest, 30% of those worshipped with us virtually
4. 32 new members joined our parish family through Incorporation, Baptism, Confirmation and Transfer, another robust tally as our congregation grew in 2024
5. We received over \$1 million in total 2024 income, a new annual high tally once the 2022 capital purchase of the Parish Vicarage is backed out to compare apples with apples. You transformed a \$62,000 year-end deficit into a \$29,000 operational surplus!
6. We received financial support from 164 households including members, seasonal members and friends of this congregation



7. Our Board, called a *Vestry*, now stewards almost \$2 million in total congregational asset spread across 2 residences, a clergy study, church office, vehicle and total reserves
8. We disbursed \$40,000 year-end gifts to 14 caring organizations through our Clergy Discretionary Fund and Mission & Outreach ministry, almost all local and directly supporting children and youth

For these and other clear signs of God's gracious provisions I am grateful beyond words to you. For this beautiful and peculiar corner of God's global vineyard, I am so grateful. For the new generation of members and servant leaders emerging right now, I am so grateful. For our veteran and unshakeable Vestry and Parish Staff, I am so grateful. In my 30th year of service to this church and community on a two-year work agreement in 1995, I am so grateful!

Now we turn to a New Year and a new Ministry Theme for 2025, ***New Wine, Fresh Skins***. To which new work, new communities and new ministries is God calling us? Transfiguration is coming into her own as a maturing, confident congregation inhabiting her post pandemic leadership profile. It is a great blessing to tentpole our local interfaith community and wider community, our Northwestern Region and Episcopal Church in Colorado and of course our own church. The hard work these past five years is clearly visible...financing, purchasing, and refurbishing a second parish property in the Vicarage. Repair of necessary items in our Rectory. Financing, searching, calling and seating a new Curate no longer new as of this writing. New Letter of Agreement for your Rector. Significant refurbishment of both our Clergy Study and Parish Office. A new (and fantastic!) vehicle. Two newly refurbished interfaith chapels in Vail and Beaver Creek. A more stable financial base for the Edwards Chapel with our lease agreement with Stone Creek Charter School. Expanding worship, program and financial metrics. For the first time in ECOT's history, significant interest income! More significant engagement of our Episcopal state family in supportive ways they seem to appreciate. I look forward to learning about what new wine God has in mind! Thank you for allowing me to serve alongside you in our special place!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rector and Senior Pastor

From the CURATE



The Reverend Michael J. Thomas
Curate

Perfusion.

2025 will be a year of Perfusion for me.

Let me just figure out how to link Perfusion to our shared theme of *New Wine, Fresh Skins*.

Ah, I think I've got it.

Perfusion is a word I learned in late 2024. Most of you potentially reading this know I had a series of strokes, 4 in total, in August and September of 2024. By October 2nd, a neurology team in Denver finally cracked the case; I had an “occluded” mid-cerebral artery. The problem was “*Perfusion*”. To the medical community *perfusion* means “the delivery of blood to the capillary bed”. So my occluded main cerebral artery was not getting sufficient blood flow to the capillary bed, the very depths of my circulatory system, in my brain. Blood thinners, anti-coagulants and medication to raise my blood pressure were the short-term fix. Surgery, the transplant of a healthy artery to the affected area, was the long-term fix. I had that surgery on 12/26/2024.

So how do I link the medical term “Perfusion” to our church theme of *New Wine, Fresh Skins*?

How about this? In 2025, as I wait for this transplanted artery to take root and get to work, I will do the same in my ministry to our church and community.

Our “Community Meal” in partnership with *La Vida Nueva* on July 26th, 2024 was a great success, but not great enough. It was well attended, but not well attended enough. Folks who participated were so enthusiastic, so many said “we’ve got to do this again”, but we haven’t. We had a great, educational presentation about *La Vida*’s youth outreach program, but that wasn’t enough. We failed to reach the “capillary bed” discussing issues in our lives and communities. We didn’t find a way to perfuse some of the love of ECOT into the ‘capillary bed’ of *La Vida Nueva*, or into their youth program. In 2025 I will guide us in this *New Wine, Fresh Skins* initiative until the wine sacks are bursting at the seams.



The “Ol Lentile” Foundation had a “Kenware” sale at the Edwards Chapel. Kenware is the nickname the Foundation uses for Kenyan hand-made goods that Ol Lentile brings to the US for sale, primarily in churches like ours, and 100% of the proceeds from these sales is delivered to the crafter in Kenya. We also donated a ton of books to a new Youth Library in Kenya through Ol Lentile. Both events were a success, but we did not perfuse. I’ve had no follow-up with Ol Lentile since the Kenware sale. I haven't asked the burning question “what more can we do”? Granted I can use my illness in Q4 of 2024 as an excuse, but this year, in 2025, I need to get down to the capillary bed of Ol Lentile. We can all help ask “what else can we do” of the folks on the margins in Kenya.

In our Pastoral Care initiative we were successful, getting several people from our church family out into the community to visit our extended family, specifically those who cannot get to worship with us on a regular basis. But I / we did not perfuse. Our Pastoral Care Wine Skin is not bursting at the seams yet. In 2025 I will rededicate myself to growing our Pastoral Care team, providing a regular support group for these volunteers who will inevitably “bring home” some of the burdens of the folks they visit, and might need to process some of what they bring home.

In our worship services, I understand we have reached or exceeded our pre-covid attendance, and I’ve worked hard at learning to chant / sing the *Sursum Corda*, but Perfusion in 2025 will be more than that. I’ve been green-lighted to start a Sunday afternoon Episcopal Service at Beaver Creek Chapel starting in March of 2025. I'm going straight past folks who have told me “Oh, we’ve tried that” and “it will never work” and proceeding. The framework will be a lighter, contemporary service approved by the Episcopal Church with the goal of attracting a new audience, perhaps folks who have been previously wounded or for whatever reason do not know our church and the love of our church. I’ll lean on my friends in the 12-step recovery community, who know “God as they understand God” but not “Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior” to build an early base. I’m considering hot chocolate and treats at 2:30 PM to mimic the “Apres Ski” theme that is so popular here in the Vail Valley, perhaps getting people right off the mountain and coaxing them “upstairs” to the Big House to see how we grow in love and worship. Maybe the whole initiative will fall flat, but I’ve wanted to do this since the first time I visited Beaver Creek Chapel, while I was in consideration for the Curacy here, and I saw only a phone number next to “Episcopal” on the sign out front.

New Wine, Fresh Skins. 2025 will be Perfusion to the capillary bed in everything I do for the Church and the Community.

Thank you for having me as your Curate.

Mike+

From the **DEACON**



The Reverend Mike Williams
Deacon

Our mission this year has been mostly local in recovery mode from Covid, and all the turmoil surrounding the election. We have supported 14 local charities aimed at taking care of people who lack the resources or the opportunity to take care of themselves. Providing food, clothing, housing, medical and behavioral health, Thanksgiving and Christmas meals and Adopt-a-Family have all been targets. The Community Market and Salvation Army also received our support.

On a much smaller scale, our support of food delivery for Covid homes has continued as did our “Bell-Ringers.” No matter what situation has come up, we have always supported our community, and such is the tenor of our congregation. While my mission is to identify needs and situations within our community, YOU have always responded to the requests for support and assistance.



From the **CHILDREN'S MINISTER**



Mary Cotton
Children's Minister

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."

Matthew 19:14

Our children's ministry is celebrating this year as we inhabit our theme of Jubilee.

Beginning with Little Lambs and continuing through 5th grade, our children build a foundation of Biblical knowledge and experience liturgy and prayer. *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* (CGS) is the inspiration for our children's programs and brings them close to Jesus in a profound way. Through CGS, we offer the Bible, prayer, and liturgy through exploratory learning which elicits a response of innate joy in our youngest children and intrigues our older children as they learn about God's loving plan for our salvation and our place in His kingdom.

Little Lambs, ECOT's Christian Montessori program for toddlers, continues to celebrate its status as the first and only childcare or preschool in the Vail Valley to achieve the highest quality rating from the State of Colorado. Little Lambs is one of 126 out of 4171 early childhood programs in Colorado with this achievement.

Why is Little Lambs an important ministry for ECOT? Because Little Lambs is open to one- and two-year-olds, we can introduce families with young children to our loving ECOT parish. As families are seeking baptisms and religious education, they tangibly feel the support that ECOT provides. Also, Little Lambs graduates attend our summer camps and participate in our Christmas pageant, so families continue to see the care that our church offers.

We reached over 123 children through Sunday school and nursery, Lunch Bunch, Little Lambs Christian Montessori toddler program, summer Bible camps, and our joyous

Christmas Pageant! We look forward to celebrating this year's theme – *New Wine, Fresh Skins* – with our children as we ponder the great gifts God has shared with us through creation and Jesus' great love for us.

As we help our children “*To know Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and to make Him known*”, please consider volunteering on Sunday mornings, at Lunch Bunch, or for one of our other programs- I will help you find a meaningful role that you will enjoy! Your time and talents are a blessing to our children.

Thank you for accompanying our newest generation of Christians on their journey of faith.



REGION

Here's where Colorado's gray wolves traveled in December. FOR THE FULL STORY, SEE PAGE A3.



LOCAL

Teen pen pals — one American, one German — reconnect in Vail 43 years after they started writing. FOR THE FULL STORY, SEE PAGE A4.

COMMENTARY

Here are the legal liabilities of Grandma getting run over by a reindeer. FOR THE FULL STORY, SEE PAGE A6.

REGION

Colorado passenger rail project moves forward as state reaches deal on Moffat Tunnel. FOR THE FULL STORY, SEE PAGE A9.

ALL IS CALM, ALL IS BRIGHT



CHRIS DILLMANN/VAIL DAILY

Youngsters perform in the annual Christmas pageant at the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration on Tuesday in Edwards. The Christmas Eve tradition draws a large crowd every year.

From the **ADMINISTRATOR**



Margie Ciaccio
Parish Administrator

My dear ECOT family,

I am now entering my 17th year with all of you, and it has been my honor to serve! 2024 has been a year of change and growth with Fr. Mike Thomas and his beautiful family, DeSha, Marcus and Joseph joining our church family, old families moving away and new families moving in and joining us in fellowship and worship.

I continue to learn how to best serve all of you by attending The Church Network “retention” program and conferences, which allows me to learn from the best and most knowledgeable people in the field of Church Business Administration & Finance. The speakers and leaders come from all backgrounds and denominations across the country to share their experiences and expertise with us. I am so blessed!

I have been on a journey with my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ since my first moments as your Parish Administrator at the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. I have been blessed beyond measure ever since! You welcomed me with open arms upon my arrival and have provided me with your unwavering support ever since, and I am truly grateful.

My wish for all of you is, *“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.” Numbers 6:24-26*

May you come ***“to know Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and to make Him known.”***

Blessings,

Margie Ciaccio

From the **COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR**



Donna Jacobs
Communications Director

“To effectively communicate we must realize that we are all different in the way we perceive the world and use this understanding as a guide to our communication with others.”

-Tony Robbins

Another year came and went and with each season, many new and exciting events to plan, attend, and enjoy. 2024 was a year filled with a great deal of political controversy and I watched as this congregation overcame it with grace, love, respect, and understanding. I assisted with ECOT’s annual meeting, the highway cleanup event, animal blessings, and the Salvation Army’s adopt-a-family last year and really enjoyed meeting many of ECOT’s congregants (as well as their pups). I look forward to meeting more congregants in 2025!

In 2024, we sent out 52 weekend newsletters and 53 special updates. Our virtual youtube services have been viewed on average 34 times for each service with 58 views on Christmas Eve and 37 on Christmas Day. Our website had over 6K active users from the US (Colorado, Arizona, Texas, Montana, New York, Virginia, New Mexico, Utah, California, and more), United Kingdom, Canada, India, Philippines, Australia, Ireland, Nigeria, just to name a few. Each year we learn more and more about what works technically for our congregants, and what can be improved and I have greatly appreciated all the feedback I have received from many of you with regards to functionality.

We strive to simplify all processes related to the church while keeping everything secure. By learning how to view bulletins, donate & pledge, purchase flowers, request baptisms, request new memberships, and view and RSVP to events - all electronically, you are helping us store and retrieve information more efficiently, assisting us with our communication efforts, and reducing our environmental impact.



Be sure to [visit our website](#) often to stay abreast of all our upcoming events, our ‘Next Big Thing’ (NBT), ECOT news, Bible Study information, Prayer Square or to request a prayer, view past livestream services, and so much more.

If you have not already joined our mailing list for weekly updates and important information, please do so directly from www.episcopalvail.com/#contact-us. You can also follow us on [Instagram](#), subscribe to our [Youtube](#) channel and like our [Facebook](#) page. All of these mediums are great ways to help you stay connected and informed.

This is my fourth year as Communications Director at the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. I am so grateful for our clergy and staff as well as the opportunity to serve all of you. As always, I feel blessed to play a small role in such a wonderful church community. Wishing you, your families, & loved ones a *fresh, new 2025!*



From the **SENIOR WARDEN**



Suzanne Gilbert
Senior Warden

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

-1 Peter 4:10

As I complete my second year as your Senior Warden, I am overflowing with gratitude for 2024, our year of Jubilee, a time of celebration, rest, and restoration!

Your Vestry, for the first time since 2011, approved an updated and newly formatted Letter of Agreement for Father Brooks. This was long overdue, and this new LOA template will serve us well far into the future.

Your Vestry, through a special electronic vote, approved the purchase of a new 2025 Chevrolet Equinox to replace our 2016 vehicle, that had well over 170,000 miles on it.

Your Vestry approved the 2025 Health Insurance benefit for our clergy and staff. They are all extremely grateful!

In May, I was honored to represent you at the Chrism Mass in Beaver Creek. During this service all clergy serving in the Episcopal Church in Colorado were present to share in the Renewal of their Baptismal Vows. I led in the examination of Bishop Kym followed by the Priests and then the Deacons. A truly beautiful and meaningful time of prayer and worship.

In October, I represented you at the 137th annual Colorado Diocesan Convention in Fort Collins. This 2 ½ day convention brings together over 400 clergy and lay representatives to attend to the business of the Episcopal Church in Colorado as a whole.

I continue to represent you as a member of the Northwest Region Executive Committee. ECOT is one of 15 churches in the Northwest Region. The region provides financial

support to Churches and programs in our region through grant requests. In 2024 we supported the meal program at St. George Episcopal Church in Leadville, the Grand Valley Mission Partnership, and Cathedral Ridge.

I would like to thank our retiring Vestry members, Jennifer Woolley our Edwards Junior Warden and David Borns our Vail Junior Warden, for 6 years of faithful service to our congregation!

I am proud to guide your Vestry into 2025 with this prayer: **Holy and Gracious God, direct us in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Amen.**

I am excited to continue my partnership with Father Brooks in the governance of our church as she celebrates her 51st year with *New Wine, Fresh Skins*.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

July 2009 to Present



The Interfaith prayer shawl ministry began in July 2009 when Nancy King, a seasonal member, suggested that our church should begin this ministry. It has been a huge success because to date we have given away over 870 shawls to those who need the comfort of a shawl. We also knit and crochet baptismal blankets for baptismal candidates. We have made hundreds of prayer squares. The majority of these squares have been sent to our military through Prayers for Troops. As the group prays over these squares and shawls, we realize that we are being guided by God's spirit. We encourage you to join us. We meet every Monday at 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the library of the Edwards Interfaith Chapel. If you don't know how to knit, we will teach you! Our fellowship is full of fun, friendship and prayer. If you know someone who needs a prayer shawl, please [contact Father Brooks](#) or Judy Fonda ([\(970\) 390-9469](tel:9703909469)) or judyfonda@mac.com.



FAST FACTS





51st Annual Parish Meeting Agenda

February 09, 2025
In Person starting at 10am at the Edwards Interfaith Chapel
- or -
Zoom Virtual Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87686326665>

Meeting ID: 876 8632 6665
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| I. Opening Prayer | <i>Rev. Brooks Keith</i> |
| II. Call to Order & Appointment of Meeting Officers
Appointment of Meeting Clerk, Virtual Convenor & Parliamentarian | <i>Rev. Brooks Keith</i> |
| III. Ratification of 2024 Meeting Minutes | <i>Rev. Brooks Keith</i> |
| IV. Senior Warden Ballot & Remarks | <i>Suzanne Gilbert</i> |
| V. Vestry Candidate Introduction & Balloting | <i>Rev. Brooks Keith</i> |
| VI. Membership Directory | <i>Rev. Brooks Keith
Donna Jacobs</i> |
| VII. 2025 Pledge Update | <i>ECOT Pledge Patrol</i> |
| VIII. Finance Report
2023 Financial Review
2024 Financial Summary
2025 Parish Budget | <i>Shawna Knauf</i> |
| IX. 2025 Next Big Thing | <i>Rev. Brooks Keith</i> |
| X. Ministry Recognition | <i>Rev. Brooks Keith</i> |
| XI. Closing Prayer | <i>Deacon Mike Williams</i> |



2024 Meeting Minutes

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION 50th ANNUAL CELEBRATION LUNCH AND ANNUAL MEETING Edwards Interfaith Chapel and Community Center, Edwards, CO February 11, 2024, 10:50 a.m.

Deacon Mike opened the Annual Meeting with prayer, at 10:53 a.m. Donna Jacobs was appointed as Virtual Meeting host and Margie Ciaccio was appointed Meeting Clerk. Father Brooks served as the Rump Parliamentarian. After Father Brooks determined a quorum of eligible members is present to conduct business, Mary Houston motioned to accept last year's 50th Annual Meeting Minutes. Jill Mertens seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. 18 proxy votes.

Father Brooks motioned to renominate Suzanne Gilbert as Senior Warden for her second year. The motion was seconded by Netia Gerken and was approved unanimously.

Suzanne recognized retiring Vestry members Camille Thurston, Chad Stephens and Joyce Chizimadia. They will continue to serve ECOT in other capacities. Father Brooks thanked retiring and continuing Vestry members before opening the floor for nominations to the Vestry. Suzanne introduced Anne Cuny & Sarah Givens as nominees for the Vestry. Jim McVey moved to close the floor for nominations. Jennifer Woolley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. John Knauf moved to vote by slate and Helen Hiebert seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. Joyce Chizimadia motioned to approve the slate as presented and Judy Donnalley seconded this motion which also passed unanimously.

Pledge Chair Report

Pledge Chair JP Power and Pledge Co-Chair Bob Norris gave an overview of the 2024 Pledge report.

Treasurer's Report:

Shawna Knauf reviewed the financial report shown on p.30-37, as presented in the 2024 Parish Booklet Supplement distributed electronically, to all participants.

Recognitions:

Fr. Brooks announced the 2024 Rector's Cross recipient was out of town thus he would wait to make the presentation during Sunday worship. He subsequently awarded Nancy Smith with the 2024 Rector's Cross during Vail Sunday worship to great acclamation.

Father Brooks and Suzanne presented Prayer Book/Bibles to Camille Thurston, Chad Stephens and Joyce Chizmadia. They commissioned new Vestry members Sarah Givens and Anne Cuny.

Jim Haeffner motioned to adjourn the 50th Annual Parish Meeting and Netia Gerken seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn the meeting was passed unanimously.

Fr. Mike prayed us out of the meeting, and the 50th Annual Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.



2025 PLEDGE DRIVE UPDATE

Total Pledging Member Households Currently:	74
Total Member Households Currently:	123
Percentage Pledging Member Households Currently:	60.16%
Total Pledging Seasonal Member Households Currently:	26
Total Seasonal Member Households Currently:	59
Percentage Seasonal Member Households Currently:	44.07%
Grand Total Amount Pledged Currently:	\$511,334.80
Total of Time and Talent Pledges Currently:	3

Please note that our Pledge Drive remains open throughout the year, and also note our full Seasonal Membership annual pledge tally will increase in both numbers of households and amount pledged and received in the summer when our seasonal members return to our altar. These current figures represent the highest amounts in percentages and in dollars pledged since 2019, the last pre-pandemic year.



2023 FINANCIAL REVIEW



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Independent Accountants' Report

Shawna Knauf
Treasurer, Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration
Vail, CO

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Treasurer and vestry of the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration ("ECOT"), on the accounting records of ECOT as of December 31, 2023 and for the year then ended for the purpose of helping the membership complete its bylaw requirements.

Management of the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of reviewing accounting records and helping the membership complete its bylaw requirements for the year ended December 31, 2023. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

1. We reviewed the balance sheet as of December 31, 2023, and the budgeted financial statements, which include actual results for the year ended December 31, 2023. We did not note any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be reasonably stated and consistently stated with the prior year's statements.
2. We applied limited sampling to note if documentation of transactions and adjusting journal entries appear to be in accordance with standard accounting procedures and free of material misstatements. We did not note any variances from standard operating procedures. We did not note any accounts that appear to have material misstatements.
3. We tested year-end bank reconciliations by tracing to bank statements and testing the resolution of reconciling items, without exception. The bank accounts had all been reconciled on what appeared to be a timely basis.

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Below are the bank and investment account balances as of December 30, 2023, per the balance sheet:

Operating Checking	\$	215,507
Vicarage Checking		38,315
Priest Discretionary		8,674
Morgan Stanley – Operating Overflow		360,000
ECOT Reserves		271,792
Asset Reserves		92,588
Mission Checking		22,023
Designated Checking		<u>214,066</u>
Total	\$	<u>1,258,965</u>

4. We determined that the financial statements accompanying the minutes are consistent with the record, including the journal history, and ledger detail report.
5. We reviewed the budgeted items vs. actual amount variances and believe that they are reasonable based on prior year's results. We did not note any significant variances for the year that were not accurately reported in the minutes.

We were engaged by the Treasurer and vestry of the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration to perform the agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the AICPA. We were not engaged to, and did not perform an audit or examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on the financial statements of ECOT, or specified elements, accounts, or items thereof. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Also, we express no opinion on the effectiveness of ECOT's internal control structure or any part thereof. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the use of the specified users listed above and should not be used by anyone other than the specific parties.

Lathrop & Associates, CPA

Lathrop & Associates, CPA
Edwards, Colorado
September 12, 2024



2024 PARISH TREASURER'S REPORT

Dear ECOT Family,

2024 wrapped up my last year as your Parish Treasurer. I can't begin to thank you for your overwhelming generosity throughout the past several years and your unwavering trust in me to oversee ECOT's financials. It has been an honor to serve you.

Please welcome Dave Mertens as your new Parish Treasurer.

CPA Review for 2023

Our CPA Review for 2023 was completed with no deficiencies or misstatements.

Financial Performance for 2024

Our 2024 financials ended in the positive, which we were able to accomplish with a strong donation push in December. We ran a deficit for eleven months, but by keeping expenses under budget for the year, it made it easier to ultimately end the year in the black.

In 2024, we moved a large portion of our operating fund, most of our designated funds and all of our reserve funds to the care of Morgan Stanley. By making this move we have ensured that we are protected under the FDIC rules as well as being able to invest the monies, receiving some interest income. We will continue to conservatively invest these funds in the future.

Reserves and Balance Sheet

In 2024 we combined the Vicarage financial reports with ECOT's to show them all in one report. All the expenses for the Vicarage fall under the Associate Rector's section of the budget.

The ECOT Operating Reserve account was properly funded in 2024 based on our policy of a minimum of four months of operating expenses. We will look at the calculations for 2025 and make any necessary adjustments.

Mission and Outreach

We were able to make our customary year-end Mission and Outreach disbursements to local mission partners.



Other Parish Expenditures

Mary's children's ministry continued to grow in 2024, and she continues to receive grant funds from the County to help offset her costs.

We purchased a new vehicle for Father Brooks in November and some necessary repairs were made to both the Rectory and Vicarage.

The increase that was put in the budget for parish gatherings for 2024 has been carried over to 2025 for our 50th celebration.

We continue to search for a youth minister and continue to keep that position on the 2025 budget.

Lastly, ECOT was also able to provide continued Health Care and Retirement Savings for our full-time staff in 2024 and we plan to do so in 2025.

Thank you for your continued support of time, talent and treasure. Please know that all financial statements are available at the church office.

Shawna Knauf

Parish Treasurer - Retired

2024 BALANCE SHEET

<u>Current Assets</u>	<u>Actual 12/31/24</u>
Checking and Savings*	\$572,058
Accounts Receivable	0
Prepaid Rent	1,773
Prepaid Insurance	10,105
Asset Reserves	94,568
Vicarage Reserves	39,333
ECOT Reserves	279,792
Morgan Stanley Reserves Earnings	22,054
Total Current Assets	1,019,683
<u>Fixed Assets</u>	
Furniture and Equipment	1,351
Rectory and Improvements	396,750
Rectory and Improvements Depreciation	(287,985)
Vicarage and Improvements	762,309
Vicarage and Improvements Depreciation	(26,758)
Automobiles	38,604
Total Fixed Assets	884,271
Total Assets	\$1,903,954
<u>Liabilities and Equity</u>	
Rector Education	\$0
Office Improvements	0
Payroll Liabilities	2,555
Prepaid Pledges	43,131
Rent Payable	0
Accrued Payroll	13,856
Accounts Payable	43,005
Accrued Expenses	0
Rector Sabbatical	0
Due to/from Rector Disc Account	0
Due to/from Designated Account	0
Due to Vicarage	(3,546)
Credit Card Payable	7,563
Youth Trips - Scholarships	0
Youth Ministry Grants	0
Total Current Liabilities	106,564
Operating Fund-Current Year Total	824,078
Priest Discretionary Fund-Current Year Total	9,424
Capital Fund	174,555
Opening Balance Vicarage	789,333
Total liabilities and Equity	\$1,903,954

*Total includes Prepaids being recognized as income

2024 FINANCIAL SUMMARY and 2025 PARISH BUDGET

	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Budget
<u>INCOME</u>			
Donations			
Plate	\$125,000	\$185,190	\$185,000
Pledge	558,169	365,129	384,211
Restricted Pledge	<u>218,591</u>	<u>294,124</u>	<u>114,764</u>
Total Donations	901,760	844,443	683,975
Interest Income	1,500	51,318	36,000
Ministry Donations	91,987	111,608	101,365 *
Other Income	0	1,983	0
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TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$995,247</u>	<u>\$1,009,352</u>	<u>\$821,340</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Total Rector's Expenses	\$469,964	\$439,842	\$447,8664
Total Assistant Rector's Expenses	195,463	203,389	194,736
Total Deacon's Expenses	3,000	177	1,500
Total Children's Ministry Exp.	136,560	126,821	142,2770
Total Youth Ministries Exp.	27,952	1,371	27,952
Total Director of Communications Exp.	37,831	39,836	38,880
Total Administrative Exp.	<u>168,846</u>	<u>168,597</u>	<u>174,971</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$1,039,616</u>	<u>\$980,033</u>	<u>\$1,028,182</u>
NET OPERATING INCOME/EXPENSE	<u>(\$44,369)</u>	<u>\$29,319</u>	<u>(\$206,842)</u>

**Note: includes income for the Associate Rector and Youth Minister from the designated funds as expense occurs.*

NEXT BIG THINGS 2025 JUBILEE HOMECOMING

The Rector and Vestry of the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration cordially invite you to come home this August to ECOT as we celebrate 50 years of a wonderful congregational journey!

We'll celebrate with Homecoming gatherings for all former and present clergy, Senior Wardens, Vestry and Staff members the weekend of Friday, August 1st -Sunday August 3rd!

We'll host Renewal of Marriage Vows for anyone married at the Vail and Beaver Creek Chapels in their various locations on Saturday, August 2nd!

We'll enjoy a festive 50th anniversary all-comers' combined Sunday worship celebration at 10:00 AM at 4Eagle Ranch in Wolcott, followed by a fun BBQ lunch! This worship event will be the outdoor worship for our annual outdoor Feast of the Transfiguration, so baptisms are welcome!

Spread the word far and wide....all are welcome to come back home!!



2025 PILGRIMAGE

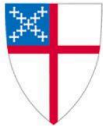
Greece-Malta-Sicily-Italy

Footsteps of Paul

15 Days October 11, to 25, 2025

Leader: Father Brooks Keith

Guide: Hannaniah Pinto cell 706-888-2706



Round trip from Denver International Airport (DEN) \$8600 Per Person All Inclusive/ Single Rooms \$3250
If using your own international flight deduct US\$ 950.00 Per Person from the price. (Subject to Availability)

GREECE

Day 1: Saturday, October 11.

DENVER TO ATHENS FLIGHT DEPARTURE

Day 2: Sunday, October 12.

ATHENS ARRIVAL

Private coach transfer to the hotel.

Dinner and overnight in ATHENS.

Day 3: Monday, October 13.

PAULS' GREEK WORLD

Today, consider the Pauline world of 1st century Athens, a world heritage city, anchored at the foot of the Acropolis in the shadow of the Parthenon. Visits to the Areopagus where Paul presented a dawning Christian faith to sceptical Greek philosophers, the magnificent Parthenon, the Acropolis Museum and perhaps a chapel of the Transfiguration.

Dinner and overnight in ATHENS.

Day 4: Tuesday, October 14.

PAUL'S CORINTH - An Apostolic Case Study

Visit to ancient Corinth where Paul ministered and preached. Lunch in Corinth,

Dinner and overnight in ATHENS.

MALTA

Day 5: Wednesday, October 15.

PAUL'S UNEXPECTED STOP

Fly from Athens to Malta.

The Grand Harbor - A private Cruise sailing in a traditional "dghajsa" and a splendid relaxing way to appreciate Valetta's fine buildings and skyline. We visit the magnificent Co-Cathedral and perhaps the Anglican church too.

Dinner & Overnight in VALLETTA.

Day 6: Thursday, October 16.

PAUL'S MALTA

We visit Malta's northern coast to stop where the "two seas meet" and consider Paul's shipwreck before continuing to Mdina-Rabat to visit Mdina's Cathedral, the Silent Church, and finally Paul's Church and sacred grotto

Dinner & Overnight in VALLETTA.

Day 7: Friday, October 17.

Let's go to GOZO

A short ferry sail then visits to: The Temples of Ġgantija/ a megalithic temple complex older than the pyramids. The Citadel/ built on the site of an early Stone Age settlement. The Cathedral/ Baroque style and dedicated to Mary, mother of Jesus.

Dinner & Overnight in VALLETTA.

SICILY

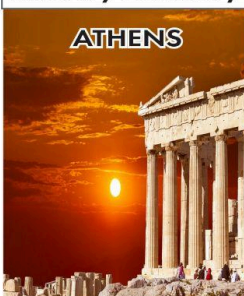
Day 8: Saturday, October 18.

TO SYRACUSE (but not New York!)

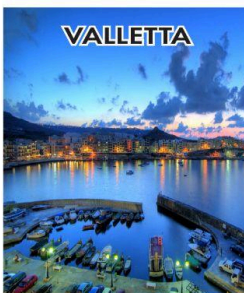
Visit the Artists Colony, lunch, then flight to CATANIA.

Dinner & Overnight in SYRACUSE.

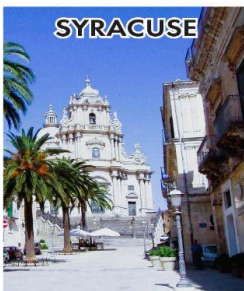
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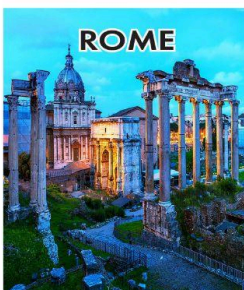
ATHENS



VALLETTA



SYRACUSE



ROME

Day 9: Sunday, October 19.

PAUL'S SICILY

Syracuse Archaeological Site/Roman Amphitheatre/Greek Theatre/ Temple of Apollo/ "Dionysus' Ear".
Dinner and Overnight in SYRACUSE.

Day 10: Monday, October 20.

PAUL'S SICILY Part II

Syracuse Old Town - A guided walking tour of the little Ortygia Island (the heart of the town) - Visit the Mikvah in the former Jewish quarter, the Cathedral and the Apollo temple.
Free time for leisure to explore.

Dinner and Overnight in SYRACUSE

Day 11: Tuesday, October 21.

PAUL'S SICILY Part III

A Day trip to the 'Valley of the Temples' and this major impressive site in central Sicily - a UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE.

Dinner and overnight in PALERMO.

ITALY

Day 12: Wednesday, October 22.

FOLLOWING THE APPIAN WAY

Morning short flight from Palermo to Naples and visit impressive POMPEII. Travel on to Rome.

Dinner & Overnight in ROME.

Day 13: Thursday, October 23.

PAUL'S ROME and ROME'S ROME

A walk on a preserved section at the Appian Way at Porta San Sebastiano in Rome.

The Colosseum/ the huge structure of Imperial Rome. The Forum/ Rome's main ancient marketplace. The Mamertine Prison/ associated with the crucifixion of Peter.

Dinner & Overnight in ROME.

Day 14: Friday, October 24.

PAUL'S FINAL JOURNEY

The Vatican/ a 'City State' containing the famous Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica. Basilica of St. Paul/ founded by the Constantine over the burial place of Saul of Tarsus/ the Pantheon, a church since the 7th Century AD dedicated to St. Mary and the Martyrs, known as "Santa Maria Rotonda".

Dinner & Overnight in ROME.

Day 15: Saturday, October 25.

RETURN FLIGHT

To Rome airport for the return flight to Denver International airport.

Coordinator:

Mrs. Anne Cuny

+ 1-845-913-6272



**Greece
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Duration: 15 Days
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(UNLESS YOU BOOK YOUR OWN FLIGHTS)
- 02/ PRIVATE TRANSFERS FROM/TO AIRPORTS ON ARRIVALS/DEPARTURES.
- 03/ 12 NIGHTS QUALITY HOTEL ACCOMMODATION AT HALF BOARD (BREAKFAST & EVENING MEALS).
- 04/ REGIONAL FLIGHTS
GREECE/MALTA = MALTA/SICILY = PALERMO/NAPLES.
- 04/ ALL TOURING INCLUDING ALL ENTRANCE FEES WITH LOCAL PROFESSIONAL GUIDES.
- 05/ ALL AIRPORT TAXES AND SECURITY CHARGES.
- 06/ ALL TIPS TO HOTELS, DRIVERS, PORTERAGE.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

- A/ SINGLE-ROOM SUPPLEMENT \$3250
- B/ TRAVEL INSURANCE - STRONGLY RECOMMENDED,
- C/ ANY ITEMS OF A PERSONAL NATURE, SUCH AS LAUNDRY, DRINKS OR COFFEE AFTER MEALS (INCLUDED AT BREAKFAST).

TOUR CONDITIONS AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- A/ US \$500.00 PER PERSON DUE AT REGISTRATION.
- B/ FULL PAYMENT DUE 65 DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE.
- C/ RATES ARE BASED ON A MINIMUM OF 25 PARTICIPANTS.
- D/ PRICES QUOTED ARE IN US DOLLARS AND ARE BASED ON TARIFFS AND EXCHANGE RATES IN EFFECT AS AT JANUARY 2025. THESE RATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE, DUE TO FUEL SURCHARGES AND/OR CURRENCY DEVALUATION.
- D/ UNFORTUNATELY DUE TO AIRLINE REGULATIONS FOR GROUP RATES, WE CANNOT USE FREQUENT FLYER MILES FOR UPGRADES BUT THEY CAN BE ALLOCATED TO YOUR AIR MILES ACCOUNT..

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

- ALL CANCELLATIONS FOR ANY REASON AND AT ANY TIME MUST BE RECEIVED IN WRITING AND WILL BE SUBJECT TO A \$100, PER PERSON, ADMINISTRATION CANCELLATION FEE.
- CANCELLATION BETWEEN 90-65 DAYS OF DEPARTURE WILL BE SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL LOSS OF SOME NON-RECOVERABLE SUMS FROM INDEPENDENT PROVIDERS OF LAND AND AIR SERVICES.
- NO REFUND IS AVAILABLE 56 DAYS OR LESS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. (FULL REFUND WILL BE ISSUED IF BR WITHDRAWS THE OFFER OF THE PROGRAM). AIR TICKETS ONCE ISSUED ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. HOWEVER, IT MAY BE USED WITHIN A YEAR OF ITS TRAVEL DATE SUBJECT TO AIRLINE POLICIES.



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