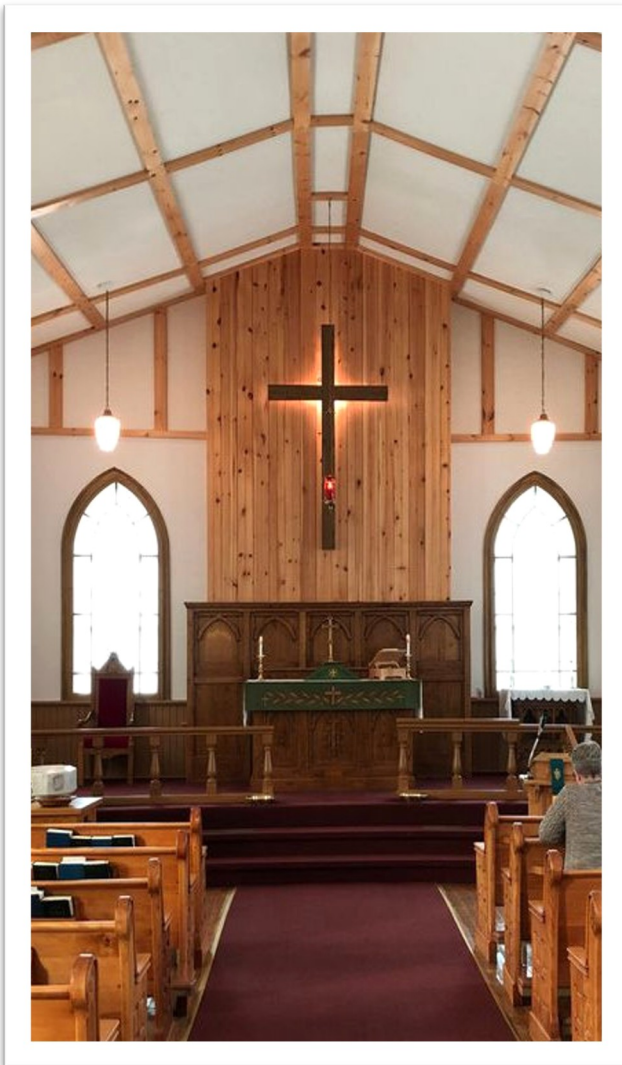


The Anglican Church of the Epiphany, Barry's Bay, Ontario  
St. Anthony's Anglican Church, Whitney, Ontario



St. Anthony's Altar



Church of the Epiphany's Altar

Vestry Reports for the Year Ending December 31, 2025

# VESTRY MEETING AGENDA

For The Church of the Epiphany, Barry's Bay  
to be held on  
Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, following 11am Sunday Service

Meeting Co-Chairs: The Rev. Christine Muise and The Rev. Nicholas Forte, Associate Incumbents

## AND

For St. Anthony's, Whitney  
to be held on  
Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – at the Home of The Dunn Family, 24 Third Avenue  
following a 10am celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Chairperson: The Rev. Matthew Brown, Incumbent

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## Order of Business

1. Opening Prayer
2. Signing of the Attendance Sheet and Solemn Declaration by all Participants
3. Appointment of the Vestry Clerk by the Churchwardens
4. Approval of the Agenda and Reception of Vestry Reports Package (Motion 1)
5. Approval of the 2025 Vestry Minutes (Motion 2)
6. Incumbent, Associate Incumbent and Parish Staff Report
7. Churchwardens Reports
8. Financials
  - a) Central Account Financial Statement 2025 (Motion 3)
  - b) Congregational Financial Statements 2025 (Motion 4, A & B)
  - c) Parish of the Valley Regional Budget – Upper Madawaska 2026 (Motion 5A)
  - d) Congregational Budget 2026 (Motion 5B)
9. Elections
  - a) Election of People's Wardens (Motion 6, A & B)
  - b) Election of a Lay Member of Synod & Alternate Member (Motion 7)
  - c) Election of Financial Reviewer for Each Congregation (Motion 8)
10. Cemeteries
  - a) 2025 St. Paul's Cemetery Financials & 2026 Board Membership (Motion 9A)
  - b) 2026 Madawaska Chapel Cemetery & Whitney Union Cemetery Rep (Motion 9B)
11. Vote of Thanks
12. Adjournment with Prayer

*Thank you to everyone praying for and attending this year's Vestry meetings.*

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## NOTICE OF MOTIONS

*Notice is hereby given that the following motions will be presented to the Annual Vestry Meetings of the Church of the Epiphany, Barry's Bay (Sunday, March 1, 2026) and St. Anthony's, Whitney (Tuesday, March 10, 2026).*

### **MOTION 1: Vestry Agenda & Reports Package**

*"That Vestry adopts the proposed agenda and receives the Vestry reports package."*

**Moved by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Seconded by:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **MOTION 2: Minutes of the 2025 Annual Vestry Meetings**

*"That Vestry adopts the minutes of the 2025 annual Vestry meeting and deems them to be the official record of the meeting."*

**Moved by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Seconded by:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **MOTION 3: Financial Statements – Central Account – 2025**

*"That Vestry adopts the 2025 Financial Statements for the Central Account of the Upper Madawaska Sub-Parish (Epiphany Barry's Bay and St. Anthony's Whitney) and deems them to be an accurate representation of the Central Account's financial position."*

**Moved by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Seconded by:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **MOTION 4A: Financial Statement St. Anthony's – NB: For Whitney Vestry Only**

*"That Vestry adopts the 2025 Financial Statements for St. Anthony's Whitney and deems them to be an accurate representation of the financial position of the congregation."*

**Moved by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Seconded by:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **MOTION 4B: Financial Statement Epiphany – NB: For Barry's Bay Vestry Only**

*"That Vestry adopts the 2025 Financial Statements for the Church of the Epiphany, Barry's Bay and deems them to be an accurate representation of the financial position of the congregation."*

**Moved by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Seconded by:** \_\_\_\_\_



**MOTION 5A: Parish of the Valley Regional Budget: Upper Madawaska – 2026**

*“That Vestry adopts the 2026 budget for the Upper Madawaska region of the Parish of the Valley, including Epiphany Barry’s Bay, St. Anthony’s Whitney, and Holy Trinity Chapel Madawaska, and directs the Parish Central Committee of the Parish of the Valley to oversee its implementation.”*

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTION 5B: Budget – Congregational —2026**

*“That Vestry adopts the proposed 2026 Congregational budget and directs the churchwardens to oversee its implementation.”*

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTION 6A: Election of People’s Warden for St. Anthony’s – NB: For Whitney Vestry Only**

*“That **Merv Dunn** be elected as the People’s Warden for St. Anthony’s, Whitney, for the ensuing year.”*

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTION 6B: Election of People’s Warden for Epiphany – NB: For Barry’s Bay Vestry Only**

*“That **Dave Eagles** be elected as the People’s Warden for the Church of the Epiphany, Barry’s Bay, for the ensuing year.”*

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTION 7: Election of a Lay Member of Synod and Alternate**

*“That **Bill Schroeder** be elected as a Lay Member of Synod for the Parish of the Valley for a two-year term, and that **Dave Eagles** be elected as an Alternate Lay Member of Synod for a one-year term.”*

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion 8: Election of Financial Reviewers**

*“That \_\_\_\_\_ be elected at the financial reviewer for the accounts of our congregation for the year 2026.”*

**Moved by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Seconded by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTION 9A: 2025 Combermere Cemetery Financials & 2026 Directors – NB: Barry’s Bay Only**

*“That the 2025 bank statements for St. Paul’s Anglican Cemetery, Combermere – including St. Leonard’s Anglican Cemetery, Rockingham – be deemed to be an accurate representation of the financial position of those accounts, and that the proposed membership of the Boards of Directors for St. Paul’s Anglican Cemetery Combermere, as listed in the Vestry package, be installed for 2026.”*

**Moved by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Seconded by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion 9B: 2026 Madawaska Cemetery & Whitney Union Cemetery Rep – NB: Whitney Only**

*“That the proposed Holy Trinity Anglican Chapel Cemetery, Madawaska, Board of Directors, as listed in the Vestry package, be deemed to be duly elected and installed for the year 2026; and that Merv Dunn be appointed as the St. Anthony’s Whitney representative to the Whitney Union Cemetery Board of Directors for 2026, or until such time as the ownership of the Whitney Union Cemetery is successfully transferred to another cemetery operator duly licensed for such purpose by the Bereavement Authority of Ontario.”*

**Moved by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Seconded by:** \_\_\_\_\_

# ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING MINUTES 2025 – ST. ANTHONY’S, WHITNEY

*The Annual Vestry Meeting of St. Anthony’s Anglican Church, Whitney, a congregation of the Parish of the Valley, was called to order with prayer at 10:50am on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, following the Ash Wednesday liturgy in the home of Merv and Mary Ann Dunn at 24 Third Avenue, Whitney. The chairperson was the Rev. Matthew Brown, Incumbent. Six members of the congregation were in attendance and signed the solemn declaration of membership.*

**Attending:** The Rev. Matthew Brown (Chair & Notetaker), Merv Dunn, Mary Ann Dunn, Gilbert Boldt, Anita Boldt, George Tansley, Joyce Tansley.

## **MOTION 1: Vestry Agenda & Reports Package**

*“That Vestry adopts the proposed agenda and receives the Vestry reports package.”*

**Moved by:** Joyce Tansley

**Seconded by:** Mary Ann Dunn

CARRIED

## **MOTION 2: Minutes of the 2024 Annual Vestry Meetings**

*“That Vestry adopts the minutes of the 2024 annual Vestry meeting and deems them to be the official record of the meeting.”*

**Moved by:** Mary Ann Dunn

**Seconded by:** Anita Boldt

CARRIED

## **MOTION 3: Financial Statements – Central Account – 2024**

*“That Vestry adopts the 2024 Financial Statements for the Central Account of the Upper Madawaska Sub-Parish (Epiphany Barry’s Bay and St. Anthony’s Whitney) and deems them to be an accurate representation of the Central Account’s financial position, with amendments.”*

**Moved by:** Mary Ann Dunn

**Seconded by:** Merv Dunn

CARRIED

## **MOTION 4A: Financial Statement St. Anthony’s – NB: For Whitney Vestry Only**

*“That Vestry adopts the 2024 Financial Statements for St. Anthony’s Whitney and deems them to be an accurate representation of the financial position of the congregation.”*

**Moved by:** Joyce Tansley

**Seconded by:** Anita Boldt

CARRIED

**MOTION 5A: Budget – Central Account – 2025**

*“That Vestry adopts the proposed 2025 budget for the Central Account of the Upper Madawaska Sub-Parish (Epiphany Barry’s Bay and St. Anthony’s Whitney) and directs the churchwardens to oversee its implementation.”*

**Moved by:** Merv Dunn

**Seconded by:** Joyce Tansley

CARRIED

**MOTION 6A: Election of People’s Warden for St. Anthony’s – NB: For Whitney Vestry Only**

*That **Merv Dunn** be elected as the People’s Warden for St. Anthony’s, Whitney, for the ensuing year.*

**Moved by:** Mary Ann Dunn

**Seconded by:** Joyce Tansley

CARRIED

**MOTION 7: Election of an Alternate Lay Member of Synod**

*That **Bill Schroeder** be elected as an alternate Lay Member of Synod for the Parish of the Valley for the ensuing year.*

**Moved by:** Anita Boldt

**Seconded by:** Merv Dunn

CARRIED

**MOTION 8: 2024 Cemetery Financial Statements and 2025 Boards of Directors**

*That the 2024 bank statements for St. Paul’s Cemetery, Combermere – including St. Leonard’s Cemetery, Rockingham – be deemed to be an accurate representation of the financial position of those accounts; that the proposed members of the Boards of Directors for St. Paul’s Cemetery Combermere and Holy Trinity Chapel Cemetery Madawaska be deemed to be duly elected and installed for the year 2025; and that Merv Dunn be appointed as the St. Anthony’s Whitney representative to the Whitney Union Cemetery Board for 2025.*

**Moved by:** Mary Ann Dunn

**Seconded by:** Joyce Tansley

CARRIED

**MOTION 9: Financial Reviewer – NB: For Whitney Vestry Only**

*That Dianne Tansley Kay be designated as the financial reviewer for St. Anthony’s Whitney for the year 2025.*

**Moved by:** Mary Ann Dunn

**Seconded by:** Merv Dunn

CARRIED

With there being no further business to attend to, Rev. Matthew adjourned the annual Vestry meeting for St. Anthony’s Anglican Church, Whitney, at 11:45am. The meeting concluded with the congregation praying the grace, and a delicious lunch was enjoyed by all.

## ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING MINUTES 2025 – EPIPHANY, BARRY’S BAY

*The Annual Vestry Meeting of Epiphany Anglican Church, Barry’s Bay, a congregation of the Parish of the Valley, was called to order with prayer at 12:20pm on Sunday, February 23, 2025, in the church hall following a celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The chairperson was the Rev. Matthew Brown, Incumbent. Nine members of the congregation were in attendance and signed the solemn declaration of membership.*

**Attending:** The Rev. Matthew Brown (Chair), Donna Smith (Notetaker), Tom Smith,  
Judith Daley, Irene Lapenskie, Ewald Bengel, Barbara Dixon Bengel,  
Pia-Leena Voorand, Liz Beasley, Eileen Leslie

### **MOTION 1: Vestry Agenda & Reports Package**

*“That Vestry adopts the proposed agenda and receives the Vestry reports package.”*

**Moved by:** Donna Smith

**Seconded by:** Barbara Dixon Bengel

CARRIED

### **MOTION 2: Minutes of the 2024 Annual Vestry Meetings**

*“That Vestry adopts the minutes of the 2024 annual Vestry meeting and deems them to be the official record of the meeting.”*

**Moved by:** Ewald Bengel

**Seconded by:** Barbara Dixon Bengel

CARRIED

### **MOTION 3: Financial Statements – Central Account – 2024**

*“That Vestry adopts the 2024 Financial Statements for the Central Account of the Upper Madawaska Sub-Parish (Epiphany Barry’s Bay and St. Anthony’s Whitney) and deems them to be an accurate representation of the Central Account’s financial position.”*

**Moved by:** Judith Daley

**Seconded by:** Tom Smith

CARRIED

### **MOTION 4B: Financial Statement Epiphany – NB: For Barry’s Bay Vestry Only**

*“That Vestry adopts the 2024 Financial Statements for the Church of the Epiphany, Barry’s Bay and deems them to be an accurate representation of the financial position of the congregation.”*

**Moved by:** Liz Beasley

**Seconded by:** Irene Lapenskie

CARRIED

**MOTION 5B: Budget – Church of the Epiphany – 2025 – NB: For Barry’s Bay Vestry Only**

*“That Vestry adopts the proposed 2025 Congregational budget for the Church of the Epiphany, Barry’s Bay, with amendments, and directs the churchwardens to oversee its implementation.”*

*Friendly amendments raised in discussion:*

Change total forecasted organist expenses to \$720.00

Add new expense category, “Maintenance expenses” in the amount of \$2,000.00.

**Moved by:** Pia-Leena Voorand

**Seconded by:** Donna Smith

CARRIED

**MOTION 6B: Election of People’s Warden for Epiphany – NB: For Barry’s Bay Vestry Only**

That **Dave Eagles** be elected as the People’s Warden for the Church of the Epiphany, Barry’s Bay, for the ensuing year.

**Moved by:** Liz Beasley

**Seconded by:** Ewald Bengel

CARRIED with 1 opposed.

**MOTION 7: Election of an Alternate Lay Member of Synod**

That **Bill Schroeder** be elected as an alternate Lay Member of Synod for the Parish of the Valley for the ensuing year.

**Moved by:** Irene Lapenskie

**Seconded by:** Donna Smith

CARRIED

**MOTION 8: 2024 Cemetery Financial Statements and 2025 Boards of Directors**

*That the 2024 bank statements for St. Paul’s Cemetery, Combermere – including St. Leonard’s Cemetery, Rockingham – be deemed to be an accurate representation of the financial position of those accounts; that the proposed members of the Boards of Directors for St. Paul’s Cemetery Combermere and Holy Trinity Chapel Cemetery Madawaksa be deemed to be duly elected and installed for the year 2025; and that Merv Dunn be appointed as the St. Anthony’s Whitney representative to the Whitney Union Cemetery Board for 2025.*

**Moved by:** Tom Smith

**Seconded by:** Ewald Bengel

CARRIED

*Additional items raised in conversation:*

It was suggested that a planning meeting could be helpful to assist with articulating the needs of the congregation, especially regarding the wheelchair accessibility ramp and other property items.

It was suggested that while spraying to address houseflies in the worship space might be helpful, it could also be a challenge for members with airborne allergies or other breathing difficulties.

With there being no further business to attend to, Rev. Matthew adjourned the annual Vestry meeting for Epiphany Anglican Church, Barry’s Bay, at 2:00pm. The meeting concluded with the congregation praying the grace. During the meeting a delicious lunch was enjoyed by all.

## STAFF TEAM REPORT



Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Family Day

*"But I have called you friends,  
because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father."*

*John 15: 15b*

Dear Friends in Christ in our beloved Parish of the Valley,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ.

Working together as friends is at the heart of who we are as a parish community. Our Parish of the Valley is exceptionally large, covering a geographic area that includes most of Renfrew County and portions of the District of Nipissing: some 3,000 square kilometers. Spread across that vast geography, together as a parish family we steward 12 churches, 3 chapels, 13 cemeteries, 3 rectories, a central office building and numerous church halls; all of which are resources that support us as, with God's help, we faithfully participate in God's mission. Together, our parish community includes nearly 500 households, made up of more than 800 people who identify as members of our Anglican Church of Canada. We may not be together in one room very often, but together we know that the whole of who we are as a parish family is far greater than the sum of our parts. In the words of Saint Paul, "We, being many, are one body." (*Romans 12:5*)

Since the creation of our Parish of the Valley in the spring of 2018, nearly eight years ago, teamwork has been one of our defining characteristics. Indeed, the work we have done together to nurture and grow a truly collaborative and innovative rural team ministry has now become a leading model for others to learn from in our Anglican Diocese of Ottawa and beyond. We should be proud of all that we have accomplished. We have made such great strides as a parish, with God's help. And still we are called to more! We are called to trust in a living, loving, creative and imaginative God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. The Risen One is with us, constantly inviting us into an ever deepening and gracious experience of life lived fully in holy communion.

This year, to better reflect how our parish's staff members actively and intentionally work together as a team to support the Parish of the Valley's many ministries, we are pleased to present this unified staff team report to the annual meetings of our parish's eleven congregational Vestries. Each member of our staff team has prepared a section of this report, detailing how we have offered leadership over the past year in our respective ministry portfolios. We hope that by seeing our shared work reported on in this format, it will give you, the members of our parish, a deeper sense of how closely we strive to work together to support our parish and each other: and have a lot of fun as a team as we do!

## **Incumbent**

### ***The Rev. Matthew Brown***

As Incumbent I have the privilege of leading us in community as we continually discern how we are being called to participate in God's mission in our context. Given the sheer size of our Parish of the Valley, and the tremendous gifts that God has seen fit to bless us with through our incredible staff team and countless parish volunteers, I am regularly in awe of the work we are called to share in together and I am routinely humbled by it.

Much of my daily work involves providing oversight and ensuring coordination. I serve as a member of each of our Church Corporations and chair the meetings of our Congregational Councils across the parish. I also chair weekly meetings of our staff team, which take place every Wednesday morning at Aborn House in Pembroke following the midweek Holy Eucharist. Apart from Sundays, Wednesdays are the day each week that I most look forward to. It is a joy to encounter Christ in word and sacrament in the Eucharist, and then to encounter him anew in the faces, voices and hearts of my friends who are our staff team.

Helping to keep us organized as a parish is part and parcel of what I do. I prepare schedules to guide our worship leadership on Sundays and Wednesdays, and I keep track of all upcoming pastoral offices across the parish (baptisms, confirmations, weddings, funerals) to ensure that our parish's resources are always directed to offering meaningful and supportive pastoral care for all the members of our many congregations and chapels. In addition to the ministries of our clergy team, we are incredibly blessed in our parish with an amazing team of retired Honourary Assistant Clergy and Licensed Lay Readers, all of whom contribute to our parish's rich and vibrant worship life. We were further blessed, in the summer of 2025, to welcome The Rev. Dr. Sony Jabouin as a theological intern. I also regularly supported our worship and communications ministries by offering final review for all Valley Bulletins, bulletin inserts, orders of service, *Revelations* and e-newsletters prior to their publication.

Administratively, I offer oversight to all our parish's governance and reporting requirements, both ecclesial and secular. Together with Gail our Parish Administrator, I work to compile all the Council meeting and Vestry meeting packages for each of our parish's congregations. We prepare eight Vestry meeting packages every year, with each package containing ministry reports and financial statements for all our parish's constituent parts. I also work with our parish's many treasurers and cemetery board chairs to oversee the submission of our annual diocesan information returns (11 in total), annual cemetery license renewals (13 in total), and annual Canada Revenue Agency registered charity returns (11 in total).

Helping to steward our parish finances and care for our diverse infrastructure is another core part of my ministry. In 2025 our parish engaged in several significant property projects, including repairs to the belfry at St. Patrick's Lower Stafford, repairs to the furnace at Epiphany Barry's Bay, the installation of new windows at St. Anthony's Whitney, upgrades to the entranceway and office at All Saints Petawawa, the installation of a new boiler at our Aborn House office building, the repainting of the church roof at St. Paul's Cobden, and the installation of a new concrete accessibility ramp with new outdoor lighting at Holy Trinity Pembroke: to name only a few initiatives. All these efforts required varying degrees of project management on the part of the respective Church Corporations, and I am very grateful to our parish's many churchwardens and property committees for their significant work in shepherding these important initiatives, and numerous others, to completion.

One of our most important pieces of administrative work over the course of both 2024 and 2025 has been preparing for the launch of our Parish of the Valley's new central account and Parish Central Committee, as required by our diocesan Canons, Bylaws and Regulations. Our annual Parish Leaders' Days have been an important forum to share in stewarding this work, and I am grateful to all our staff, churchwardens, treasurers, and lay members of synod for their active participation over the past two years. As much as possible, our new central account structure seeks to replicate the financial frameworks that have been in place up to this point, with all shared expenses being assessed on a strictly regional basis. In other words, all annual diocesan assessment continues to be calculated and apportioned according to



our longstanding regional groupings, and shared costs linked to the upkeep of rectories are stewarded regionally (i.e. Killaloe/Tramore and Eganville look after the Eganville Rectory, Alice and Petawawa the Petawawa Rectory, etc.)

I am deeply grateful to Alexis Anderson of Holy Trinity Pembroke, who has graciously agreed to become our parish's new Central Treasurer as of January 1, 2026, and to Tim Moss, Chartered Professional Accountant, whose professional accounting firm continues to be an important source of support for many of our congregations and our parish as a whole.

As you can hopefully sense from this section of our team report, our parish's administrative life is significant, and beyond the capacity of any one human being to effectively manage on their own. To that end, I was heartened by the unanimous decision of Holy Trinity Pembroke's Congregational Council, at year-end 2025, to expand the position of our Parish Administrator, Gail Marion, from 22 hours per week to full-time status at 35 hours per week, effective January 1, 2026. Gail is very much our team's "right hand" in all things administrative, and thanks to generous financial support from other regions in our parish, I know that moving Gail's role to full-time will be to the lasting benefit of our Parish of the Valley community. I am also delighted that I get to see Gail more every day at Aborn House!

Somewhere amidst all the above I also have the privilege of leading you, God's beloved, as a priest of God's Church: of presiding at the table, preaching God's word, sitting in your living rooms and connecting over a cup of tea, and even sitting by your bedside in a hospital room. This is the work that sustains my heart and soul in my vocation as a priest. I am never "too busy" for it. Indeed, I need it, and I deeply cherish it, for it is in these sacred moments that God offers me the food I need for my own journey in faith. Thank you, dear friends, for entrusting this holy work to me as a member of your staff team. It is an honour to serve you.

### **Associate Incumbent: Communications & Advancement**

#### ***The Rev. Gillian Hoyer***

"Connection" has always been at the heart of my vocation: connection with God, with each other, and with ourselves. In the portfolio of Communications and Advancement, I have a unique opportunity to live into that ministry of connection.

Communications is how we tell our story and share our story with each other; it is how we tell the story of our parish and what God is doing in and through us to our community. We do that in several ways: through our print materials like the Valley Bulletin and *Revelations*, through our website and email newsletters, and through our social media accounts.

Each week, our Parish Administrator, Gail, and I collaborate on the first draft of our weekly Valley Bulletin, ensuring that the information is correct, the news and announcements are timely, and the opening two pages are relevant to our life together in the current season of our church year. I solicit articles for and edit our quarterly parish newspaper, *Revelations*. This is then printed by the office at Aborn House and distributed across the parish.

I am the chief editor for our website, which has become one of the primary ways that newcomers learn more about the life and ministries of our parish and all our congregations and chapels. Through our website, we coordinate our email newsletters, and we have 371 unique email addresses on our email list!

I also administer our parish social media, namely Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube. On our main Parish of the Valley Facebook page, we have 653 followers and over the last quarter of 2025, our Parish of the Valley Facebook posts were viewed by 42,997 people, with 44% of our views by followers and 56% by non-followers. So, does it make a difference when you like, comment on, or share our posts? Yes, it does!

On YouTube, we have 251 subscribers and our livestreamed services from Holy Trinity are watched by an average of 60-70 people weekly. I have heard from members across our parish that they enjoy worshipping along with us when they go south in the winter, or on days when the weather is not conducive to driving to church. This online service is also downloaded by YourTV Ottawa Valley to play weekly on Sundays, with a one-week delay, and I know that many of our members who now live in our local retirement homes join in with the parish on TV each week.

On the Advancement side, this is the ministry of stewardship – connecting the gifts that we all have and how we share them with God, with each other, and with the world around us.

Together with the clergy team and two different working groups, I work to produce our stewardship materials and provide technical support for online giving. The Ministry and Money Working Group at Holy Trinity Pembroke annually creates a spring stewardship program, *Digging Deep Reaching High*, together with a Pentecost Appeal. This involves a multi-week series of bulletin inserts that incorporates materials from The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS) that we have access to from our diocesan membership. The St. John's Eganville Stewardship Working Group has focussed on identifying gifts of skill sets for ministries within the church. Finally, there is the Parish of the Valley's annual Advent Appeal, which over the last 6 years has raised over \$95,000 for ministry in and through the congregations of our parish! I help to give oversight to the appeal every year.

Lastly, as the mother of two young children, I have been honoured to work with a talented and dedicated group of lay leaders at Holy Trinity Pembroke to help coordinate the weekly Sunday School. I prepare the weekly leaders' rota and offer support with curriculum.

#### **Associate Incumbent: Discipleship & Community Care**

##### ***The Rev. Nicholas Forte***

In 2025, we continued living into our faith, journeying with and towards Christ, caring for each other according to our abilities and capacities, listening for where the Spirit is leading us to those in our wider community who are in need, who are isolated, who are suffering without the care, and attention, and love that God has promised them.

Pastorally, we continue to pray for all those on our parish prayer list, both for those in our specific regions, but also for the whole list of beloved individuals whom we may not know but who have asked us to pray for them. We continue to check in on neighbours, friends, and family. Through our parish's Pastoral Visitation Team, which includes clergy and lay visitors, we visit approximately thirty-nine people across our parish - bringing them Holy Communion, Holy Anointing, and the companionship of our church family which remains just as strong, even when someone can't make it to church anymore or as often. Your clergy, with pastoral confidentiality and sensitivity, also support approximately one hundred and three individuals, couples, and families within our parish who are going through a wide variety of concerns - all in an effort to ensure that through life's many challenges and circumstances, that no one walks alone through their hardships. This, of course, is in addition to the ever-present care we all share towards each other - and as situations and circumstances arise for you, please don't hesitate to be in touch with us, as it is our privilege to journey with you.

In terms of Discipleship, we continue to reach out beyond our church buildings into the wider community and I have been able to connect with local community organizations and causes and work to continue making our society safer, more compassionate, and more open for all people. A number of congregations continue to set aside funds each year for disbursement to local and international causes, ensuring that those organizations can continue their vital work. My hope is to continue telling the stories of those organizations so that we can better understand the work they do, so that we can support them not only with our money, but with our prayers and possibly even with our action.

Our Food Bank Sundays are ongoing ways to ensure that whether in the coldest snowstorm or the sweltering heat, or in times of unemployment or grave illness, individuals and families still have the basic necessities they need to live. Towards the end of the year, at one of our Messy Church events, the idea of 'Reverse Advent Boxes' was presented, which invited families to give, rather than receive. By filing a box according to the very practical themes of Warmth,

Nourishment, Toiletries, and Clothing, our plan is to sort and deliver those boxes to local community organizations that can best provide those things to whoever needs them most.

Both Discipleship and Community Care are foundations of our Christian walk of faith, so I invite you, whether you've been walking for years or are just starting to find your feet, to join us in caring for our community and walking with our God.

### **Associate Incumbent: Lifelong Formation**

***The Rev. Christine Muise***

*"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."* Matthew 11: 29-30

It is hard to believe that 2025 was my first full year of being called to serve in ministry with you, and a full year with my portfolio of lifelong formation. It has been my focus to journey with our beloved parish in meaningful ministry, worship, and learning opportunities. This past year our team has prepared adults, families and children for 16 baptisms. We also prepared and celebrated 5 adults for confirmation.

Through Lent 2025 we offered Grief Sessions using materials from the Appreciative Way. (A series of 2 sessions for each location: Epiphany, Barry's Bay; St. John the Evangelist, Eganville, and Holy Trinity Pembroke.) Holden Evening Prayer was also offered weekly on Wednesdays at 7pm, in partnership with St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, Pembroke.

We hosted our inaugural 'Messy Church,' an intergenerational offering that involves snacks, games, activities, crafts and more followed by a delicious meal. The Messy Church team consists of leaders throughout the parish: Lorna McLaren, Wanda Hilts, Rev. Nick Forte, and Julie McMillan. February 1<sup>st</sup> was held at the Laurentian Valley Four Seasons Lodge. June 20<sup>th</sup> was held at Holy Trinity Pembroke. December 5<sup>th</sup> was held at St. George South Alice. Planning is now underway for three sessions of Messy Church in 2026.

In late spring, we received a request from our Lutheran partners for assistance with Camp Lutherlyn. I was dispatched and was the onsite chaplain from July 20<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. It was a great experience, and I also learned about their 'Confirmation Camp' that runs each year for youth. It is our hope that our parish will join Confirmation Camp this year. It runs from July 5-July 10, 2026.

Part of lifelong formation is also participating in and creating space for deepening circles of connection and growth that stretch beyond our denomination and faith communities. In 2025 our Parish participated in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 19<sup>th</sup>), World Day of Prayer (March 7<sup>th</sup>), and National Indigenous Day of Prayer (June 21<sup>st</sup>).

In Advent, a contemplative offering of Taizé Worship was offered in Pembroke on Wednesdays at 4PM from November 26<sup>th</sup> to December 17<sup>th</sup>. This was well received, both in-person and online.

Our Bulletin Offerings and Reflections are a collaboration with our entire staff team. This offers us all the opportunity to share in liturgy, to offer reflections and to connect throughout the whole parish. Lifelong formation is the understanding that we are always on a journey together.

This past October, our Diocese contributed to my journey of continuing education by the invitation to attend the St. Clement's College of Preaching Conference that is hosted by the Diocese of Toronto. Six clergy from the Diocese of Ottawa traveled to the Queen of the Apostles Centre in Mississauga, it was an amazing Master Class of preaching led by the Rev. Dr. Joy Moore.

Alongside my continued journey as a Novice in Third Order of The Society of Saint Francis (TSSF), I have been able to use my study leave for participating with the Contemplative Society of Eastern Ontario Spring and Fall Retreats hosted at the Galilee Centre.

As I continue on this journey, called to serve our beloved Parish of the Valley, I am so very thankful for the privilege of journeying with you!

*"Come and journey, come and journey, with a Saviour who has come. We are all God's sons and daughters; in the Spirit we are one." Common Praise 482 ... Herbert O'Driscoll*

### **Parish Administrator**

***Gail Marion***

The year of our Lord 2025 was a very busy year at Aborn House. The photocopier and I were running a marathon for most of the year. We produced 52 Valley Bulletins, with over 11,000 copies distributed, 28 funeral bulletins, Cemetery Service bulletins for each one of our cemeteries, Holy Baptism bulletins, and numerous other special occasion bulletins, and now I will be designing, compiling and printing all of our Vestry packages.

Although I may not get to attend all of these services, know that I am always with you in spirit as I create the bulletin for your service. I feel close to all of you when I am working on these. When working on a Baptismal or Marriage Bulletin, happy thoughts are with me throughout the entire process. When working on a Funeral Bulletin, my grieving begins, and my thoughts are with members of the family who have suffered the loss. This is a profoundly spiritual journey for me, and I am honoured that this work is entrusted to me.

I am also here to help members of the parish and their families with any inquiries they may have. That could involve a copy of their baptismal certificate, inquiries about booking a Hall for a special occasion, or providing help to people searching for a long lost loved one that may be resting in one of our cemeteries. I get asked about the kind of flowers we have growing in the borders next to Aborn House. I also maintain all the Official Registries for all of the churches in the parish: I keep track of all baptisms, funerals & burials, confirmations and marriages. I record the "circle of life" for the Parish of the Valley.

Most importantly, I love it when familiar voices come to the office in person. It is a pleasure getting to know all of you. I look forward to serving you in 2026.

### **Conclusion**

As a staff team we hope you have enjoyed perusing our annual report to the Vestries. We are but five members of our beloved Parish of the Valley. We each have the privilege of serving and supporting our parish, working together as a team of professionals in parish ministry. However, we know that our all efforts are just that – service and support. The real work of living-into God's mission in this parish rests with you, dear friends: the Anglican people of God living in the valleys of the Ottawa, Bonnechere and Madawaska rivers.

May God continue to bind us all together in humble service, support and friendship, as we abide together in God's love. May we continue to bear much fruit together as Jesus Christ's disciples in this time and place. May our joy as beloved friends be complete (*John 15: 9-11*).

# CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT — ST. ANTHONY'S WHITNEY

## **Rector's Warden Report St. Anthony's Whitney 2025**

St. Anthony's continues to have services the first and third Sunday of the month. We are a very small congregation but we are consistent in attendance and we were able to pay our fair share. Thank you to all for your weekly offerings.

We had one baptism this year, welcoming baby Mabel Stinson into our church family. We had one funeral for Lawrence McGuey. His family was always a part of St. Anthony's.

On the long weekend in July, we held a very successful yard sale. We were able to raise over \$1400. Many thanks to our congregation, families, and friends for all the donations and help. A special thanks to MaryAnn Dunn for carrying the yard sale over at her home.

I would like to thank Merv Dunn and George Tansley for doing the readings, MaryAnn for her alter guild and church decorating, and Gib Boldt for making sure the heat is on when the mornings are cold. We have services in the church from Good Friday until Christmas, then we gather at the Dunn residence for Sunday worship. Thank you for your hospitality.

A special thank you to our clergy team who travel up to Whitney. It is quite a distance to travel but we are very grateful to have you. You are always so thoughtful and caring. Our Christmas Eve service was very well attended. Thank you to Reverend Christine for the beautiful service.

This past summer, we had our building power washed. It sure brightened our church up. In November, we had three new windows installed at the front of the church. It was a much needed improvement.

We have no big projects planned for the New Year, but we hope to get some windows painted.

We are looking forward to a great 2026.

Anita Boldt

Rector's Warden

# CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT — EPIPHANY BARRY'S BAY

28 January 2026

Our church is a welcoming and stable place for people of the town of Barry's Bay and surrounding areas. Our active congregants continue to support our church and there are occasional visitors throughout the year. Our average attendance was 13 which ranged between 4-30 with a noticeable drop during the snowbird season. Our Rector's Warden is Irene Lapenski and the People's Warden is Dave Eagles with Liz Beasley as Assistant People's Warden. Our Treasurer is Tom Smith and our remnant parish Treasurer is Bill Schroeder.

Eucharist services are held on the first and third Sundays of each month, usually with Rev Nick Forte or Rev Christine Muise. Our incumbent Rev Matthew Brown or his wife Rev Gillian Hoyer also preside a few times each year. Morning Prayer is held on the remaining Sundays by volunteers; Donna Smith, Pia Voorand, Tish Whitfield and Dave Eagles. Our organist Sharon plays for the Eucharist services but was ill and unavailable near the end of the year. Recorded music is used for the rest of the time supported by Pia Voorand, Tish Whitfield, Dave Eagles and Liz Beasley and we now have a new, good Bluetooth TV speaker system. Our weekly after service gathering with coffee, tea and snacks continues to be an important way to bond our church family and welcome newcomers and visitors.

As a valuable community outreach, our church basement continues to support a second-hand clothing 'store' called "Epiphany Fashions" that runs every Saturday and Tuesday morning. Clothes are donated to those in need and others give a voluntary donation. This has allowed us to support members of the community for things like firewood, gasoline, rent and to donate to our local Foodbank. During the summer, with the help of a student grant, it is open every day, Monday through Saturday. We have a women's health group that meets on Wednesday mornings and euchre is still held every second Sunday evening. The YoYo Mamas held two Christmas concerts that were very well received by many outside our congregation. Members of our congregation are a major part of our foodbank.

Our finances are detailed in a separate report, however we met our Fair Share and have a surplus. We held our usual fundraisers including: euchre, our Bay Day weekend rummage sale, 3 Soup and Sandwiches, our November Wine and Cheese gathering, YoYo Mama's concert and our Christmas Tree angels.

The front stairs require significant work soon and a replacement wheel chair ramp is also required. We were unsuccessful in our grant application but now have detailed drawings and a rough estimate of \$40,000. Though installed in 2016, our furnace was suddenly declared unsafe and we spent over \$1,000 to get it off the concrete blocks that it was resting upon. During the summer, the exterior wooden window frames were painted by Irene Lapinskie and Dave Eagles. The frames are in poor condition. Church cleaning was done by volunteers, the grass cut by a neighbour and snow removal was contracted out.

We are a small church in a predominantly conservative Roman Catholic area but we continue to be respected and to be very supportive of our community.

Dave Eagles, People's Warden  
Irene Lapenskie, Rector's Warden  
Liz Beasley, Assistant People's Warden

## 2025 CENTRAL ACCOUNT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### PARISH OF THE VALLEY (Upper Madawaska sub-parish)

#### 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

January 27, 2026

#### EXPENSES

	BUDGET AMOUNT	PAID	COMMENTS
<b>DIOCESE</b>	\$25,141	\$25,141	
 <b>sub-PARISH</b>			
communication	\$750	\$750	Our share of parish communication fund
supplies	\$100	\$15	Most expenses covered by parish or congregation
supply clergy	\$750	\$0.00	attending clergy scheduled by Parish
Holy Trinity chapel	\$500.00	\$400.00	Mostly hydro. Lawn/snow work donated.
Synod	\$600	\$487.39	Registration and delegate expenses
MVDS bursary	\$200	\$200	
Epiphany Fashions		\$0	In/Out: Student Summer Grant of \$5088
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$26,993.39</b>	

#### INCOME

Epiphany	\$20,731.00	
St Anthony	\$6,500.00	
Holy Trinity	\$1,000	Successful Christmas cake fundraising!
St Paul's endowment	\$186	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$28,417.00</b>	

Bank balance: \$3957.87

Bill Schroeder  
Upper Madawaska sub-parish treasurer

## PARISH OF THE VALLEY ONLINE VIEWERSHIP RECORDS –2025

Due to COVID-19 the Parish of the Valley began broadcasting “Zoom worship” on YouTube in March 2020. Beginning in November 2020, those services were also made available on television through Cogeco’s YourTV Ottawa Valley.

In January 2022, Holy Trinity Pembroke installed a new audio-visual system in the sanctuary for recording and live-streaming. Since then, each week the Sunday service, as well as seasonal services and services for different life-events like funerals, is live-streamed to YouTube where it is available for viewing live or at a later date. They are also then broadcast on YourTV Ottawa Valley with a one-week delay.

The following chart outlines weekly “views” on YouTube for these digital services in 2025. Each “view” represents a device playing the video once. It does not capture if multiple people are watching at the same time in a household, or if a service is watched multiple times by the same person or family.

<u>Video Air Date - 2025</u>	<u>Total YouTube Views</u>
Funeral – Joyce Moore-Cowan, January 4 <sup>th</sup>	289
Sunday January 5 <sup>th</sup>	96
Sunday January 12 <sup>th</sup>	74
Funeral – John Sterling, January 17 <sup>th</sup>	114
Funeral – Ann Cochrane	103
Sunday, January 19 <sup>th</sup>	78
Sunday January 26 <sup>th</sup>	65
Sunday February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	63
Sunday February 9 <sup>th</sup>	60
Sunday February 16 <sup>th</sup> (no livestream)	NA
Sunday February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	47
Sunday March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	53
Ash Wednesday Evening, March 5 <sup>th</sup>	38
Sunday March 9 <sup>th</sup>	86
Sunday March 16 <sup>th</sup> (no livestream)	NA
Funeral – Jamie Bramburger, March 18 <sup>th</sup>	5114
Sunday, March 30 <sup>th</sup>	121
Sunday, April 6 <sup>th</sup>	75
Palm Sunday – April 13 <sup>th</sup>	77
Maundy Thursday – April 17 <sup>th</sup>	33
Good Friday – April 18 <sup>th</sup>	60
The Great Vigil of Easter - April 19 <sup>th</sup>	74
Easter Sunday – April 20 <sup>th</sup>	58
Sunday April 27 <sup>th</sup>	35
Sunday May 4 <sup>th</sup>	47



Sunday May 25 <sup>th</sup>	56
Sunday June 1 <sup>st</sup>	42
Sunday June 8 <sup>th</sup>	51
Sunday June 15 <sup>th</sup>	50
Sunday June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	43
Sunday, June 29 <sup>th</sup>	56
Sunday July 6 <sup>th</sup>	45
Sunday July 13 <sup>th</sup>	52
Sunday July 20 <sup>th</sup>	50
Sunday July 27 <sup>th</sup> (Cemetery Service)	54
Sunday August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	31
Sunday August 10 <sup>th</sup>	28
Sunday August 17 <sup>th</sup>	28
Sunday August 24 <sup>th</sup>	28
Sunday August 31 <sup>st</sup>	37
Sunday September 7 <sup>th</sup>	41
Sunday September 14 <sup>th</sup>	27
Sunday September 21 <sup>st</sup>	37
Sunday September 28 <sup>th</sup> (Episcopal Visit)	111
Funeral – Terry Kosmack	335
Sunday October 5 <sup>th</sup>	42
Sunday October 12 <sup>th</sup>	38
Sunday October 19 <sup>th</sup>	45
Sunday October 26 <sup>th</sup>	38
Sunday November 1 <sup>st</sup>	56
Sunday November 9 <sup>th</sup>	47
Sunday November 16 <sup>th</sup>	39
Sunday November 23 <sup>th</sup>	36
Advent Taize 1	55
Sunday, November 30 <sup>th</sup>	49
Advent Taize 2	61
Sunday December 7 <sup>th</sup>	35
A Joyous Prelude to Christmas Concert	73
Advent Taize 3	26
Sunday December 14 <sup>th</sup>	46
Advent Taize 4	18
Sunday December 21 <sup>st</sup>	38
Christmas Eve	42
Sunday December 28 <sup>th</sup>	44

# 2025 CONGREGATIONAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS— ST. ANTHONY’S, WHITNEY

## Bank Reconciliation

Bank balance as at	December 31, 2025	4037.16
Plus: Cash		0
		0.00
		0.00
Less O/S Cheques		
	Ck.#30	<u>21.34</u>
		<u>21.34</u>
		21.34
		<u><u>4015.82</u></u>

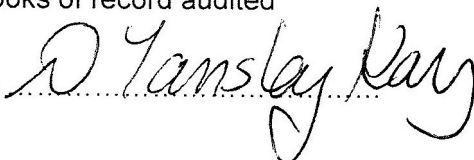
## Funds Reconciliation

<b>General Account</b> fwd from 2024	4640.20
plus Total Receipts	13000.43
less: Total Expenses	<u>14187.24</u>
Available funds	<b>3453.39</b>
 <b>Building Trust</b> fwd from 2024	 3671.01
plus: Receipts	6000.00
less: Expenditures	<u>9108.58</u>
Available funds	<b>562.43</b>
 <b>Total Funds</b>	 <u><u>4015.82</u></u>

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Treasurer

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**ST.ANTHONY's ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
**Income and Expense Statement**  
December 31, 2025

**Revenue:**

Offerings -	Parochial	6,980.00
Offerings -	Open	345.00
Offerings -	Memorial	0.00
Offerings -	Holy Trinity Chapel	0.00
Offerings -	Other	0.00
Calendars		0.00
Rent		0.00
Fund Raising		1,580.94
Misc Income		112.99
Investment Income		3,981.50

Total Receipts	<u>13,000.43</u>
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Balance Forward from 2024	4,640.20
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17,640.63

**Expenses:**

Proportional Share (includes Central Exp.)	6,500.00
Utilities	441.34
Heating	460.02
Candles,etc	300.22
Building Maintenance	446.84
Chapel-Holy Trinity	0.00
Bank Fees	11.70
Building Fund ( Transfer to)	6,000.00
Calendars	<u>27.12</u>

Total Expenses	<u>14,187.24</u>
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Balance of available funds	3,453.39
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17,640.63

**ST.ANTHONY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**

Building Trust Fund

Income and Expense Statement

**December 31, 2025**

**Receipts**

Offerings -	0.00
Offerings - Open	0.00
Operating Account ( Transfer from )	6,000.00
HST Rebate	0.00
Cost Sharing Smith-Post U.C.	0.00
Total Receipts	6,000.00

Balance Forward from last year 3,671.01

**9,671.01**

**Expenses:**

Building Maintenance	9,108.58
Church Supplies	0.00
Bank Fees	0.00
Donation	0.00
Repairs of Capital Nature	0.00
Total Expenses	9,108.58

Closing Balance 562.43

**9,671.01**

## St Anthony's Budget for 2026

<u>General Funds</u>	Annual
Envelopes	5040.00
Loose	150.00
Building Fund	0.00
Endowment	2700.00
Rental Income	0.00
Fund Raising	1200.00
HST Refundable	700.00
Income	9790.00
	0.00
Parish Budget	7728.00
Utilities	520.00
Heat	400.00
Supplies	245.00
Bank Fees	0.00
Building	400.00
Donations	0.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
Expenses	9493.00
	0.00
Surplus/Deficit	297.00
	9790.00

# 2025 CONGREGARIONAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS— EPIPHANY, BARRY'S BAY

## EPIPHANY CHURCH, Barry's Bay, ON Annual Financial Statement January 1 to December 31, 2025

OPENING BALANCE January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 : **\$23,066.42**

### REVENUE:

Offerings from Identifiable Givers	18,867.18
Open	568.00
Soup/Sandwich (2X)	4,156.00
Euchre	1,801.00
Epiphany Fashions Earnings 2025	6,680.85
Canada Grant for Epiphany Fashions student staff	4,629.00
Rummage/Bake Sale	508.05
Garage Sale	155.00
Wine/Cheese Fund Raiser	2,412.25
YoYo Mamas	1,278.30
Wed. Support Group	500.00
Christmas Tree Angels	105.00
Church Calendars	18.00
Hagarty Christmas Cake	1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,678.63</b>

### EXPENSES:

Proportional Share (includes all Central expenses)	20,730.75
Epiphany Local Outreach	550.00
Student salary for Epiphany Fashions	5,088.00
Hydro One	997.64
Propane	4,296.38
Water/Sewer	634.65
Property Tax (Garbage Removal + OPP levy)	396.91
Organ Repairs	621.50
Ramp Design and Drawings	768.40
Church Calendars	40.68
Hagarty Christmas Cake	1,000.00
TV Speaker	319.23
Liturgica Supplies	44.72
Organist	480.00
Furnace Upgrade to Code	984.71
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,953.57</b>

Balance as of December 31, 2025 is **\$28,791.47**

Tom Smith, Treasurer [estopl@yaho.com](mailto:estopl@yaho.com)



## Epiphany Proposed Budget 2026

Opening Balance on January 1, 2026 is \$28,791.47

Two building projects were initiated in December, 2025. Project 1 is replacement of a side entrance door costing \$2,500. Project 2 is construction of an accessible entrance ramp to the front door of the church to replace the wood over concrete steps. Design and engineering drawings are being finalized. Total estimated cost is \$40,000

The funding proposal for the two projects would, in part, come from the balance being carried forward from 2025. Project 1 (door) would be totally funded from the balance. Project 2 (ramp) would have \$20,000 available from the balance as seed money to support an accessibility grant application for the remaining \$20,000.

This proposal would leave \$6,300 available for 2026 to cover a portion of our projected \$23,184 parish contribution.

### Projected Revenue 2026

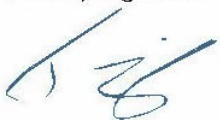
Offerings from identifiable Givers	19,000	
Open	600	
Soup/Sandwich (3X)	5,500	
Euchre	1,800	
Epiphany Fashions	6,000	* Grant approval for student will affect hours
Canada Grant for EFashions student	4,600	* of operation and subsequent revenue.
Rummage/Bake Sale	500	
Garage Sale	200	
Wine/Cheese Fund Raiser	2,200	
Wed. Support Group	500	
Christmas Tree Angels	100	
Church Calendars	24	
Hagarty Christmas Cake	1,000	*Donation to Madawaska Chapel Mtce.
Christmas Musical	500	
Total Projected Revenue	42,524	

### Projected Expenses

Parish Contribution	23,184
Epiphany Local Outreach	3,000
Canada Grant for EFashions student	5,100
Hydro One	1,000
Propane	3,300
Water/Sewer	650
Madawaska Chapel Mtce. I	1,000
Property Tax	400
Project 1 - Side Door Replacement	2,500
Project 2 - Ramp	20,000
Total Projected Expenses	60,134

Summary: \$28,800 (2025 carry over) + \$42,500 (2026 revenue) - \$60,134 (expenses) = \$10,366 (to cover project 2 Ramp if grant is not available)

Tom Smith, Treasurer



# 2026 PARISH OF THE VALLEY REGIONAL BUDGET

Parish of the Valley - Upper Madawaska (Barry's Bay, Whitney, Madawaska Chapel)				
Budget 2025 / Actual 2025 / Budget 2026				
	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Proposed Budget	Comments
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Reserve Funds Transferred for Holy Trinity Madawaska Chapel			\$ 1,000.00	Capital Repair Funds Held in Reserve for Chapel
Alongside Hope (PWRDF) Received	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Epiphany Barry's Bay Share (75%)	\$ 21,008.25	\$ -	\$ 23,184.00	Contribution from congregation to POTV in 2026
St Anthony's Whitney Share (25%)	\$ 7,002.75	\$ -	\$ 7,728.00	Contribution from congregation to POTV in 2026
Holy Trinity Chapel Madawaska	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	Estimate of Chapel Donatons in 2026
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 28,511.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 32,412.00</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
<b>DIOCESAN</b>				
<i>DIOCESAN REMITTANCE</i>				
(Less) Endowments	\$ (7,610.00)	\$ -	\$ (7,903.00)	3.9% increase
ECOPS	\$ 25,881.00	\$ -	\$ 26,918.00	4.0% decrease
Insurance	\$ 5,596.00	\$ -	\$ 5,764.00	3.0% increase
Proportional Share	\$ 1,644.00	\$ -	\$ 2,858.00	37.4% increase
Alongside Hope (PWRDF)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	to pass through POTV beginning 2026
<b>Total Diocesan Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 25,511.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 27,637.00</b>	
<b>SHARED EXPENSES</b>				
<i>PARISH EVENTS</i>				
Fellowship	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00	Parish Leaders' Day & Messy Church (New in 2026)
Synod	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 600.00	Registration & Hotel Expenses for 1 Member
<i>PARISH SHARED EXPENSES</i>				
Office Administration Stipend	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	35 hours/week; \$39,840 /year (New in 2026)
Bank Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25.00	(New in 2026)
Parish Communication Fund	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 750.00	Amount requested by POTV
<i>REGIONAL SHARED EXPENSES</i>				
Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	
MVDHS Bursary	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	
Supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	Covered by Parish Communication Fund
Supply Clergy	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 850.00	Funds about 2-3 supply coverages with mileage.
<i>HOLY TRINITY CHAPEL MADAWASKA</i>				
Chapel Related Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	Mostly hydro; lawn/snow volunteered
<b>Total Shared Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,775.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 28,511.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 31,412.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 28,511.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 32,412.00</b>	
<b>minus TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 28,511.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 31,412.00</b>	
<b>minus CHAPEL CAPITAL REPAIR FUND</b>			<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>	
<b>SURPLUS / (LOSS)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>2026</b>	<b>Ratio</b>	<b>Annual</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	
<b>Epiphany Barry's Bay</b>	75.00%	\$ 23,184.00	\$ 1,932.00	
<b>St Anthony's Whitney</b>	25.00%	\$ 7,728.00	\$ 644.00	
<b>Holy Trinity Chapel Madawaska</b>	0.00%	\$ 500.00	\$ -	



# CHURCH OFFICE HOLDERS 2026

## Office Holders 2026: Appointments and Nominations Upper Madawaska Region, Area Parish of the Valley

### Parish of the Valley Clergy Team

<b>Incumbent (Rector)</b>	The Rev. Matthew Brown
<b>Associate Incumbent: Discipleship &amp; Community Care</b>	The Rev. Nicholas Forte
<b>Associate Incumbent: Communications &amp; Advancement</b>	The Rev. Gillian Hoyer
<b>Associate Incumbent: Lifelong Formation</b>	The Rev. Christine Muise

### Church of the Epiphany, Barry's Bay – Church Corporation

Consisting of the Incumbent and the churchwardens:

<b>Rector's Warden</b> ( <i>appointed by Incumbent</i> )	Irene Lapenskie
<b>People's Warden</b> ( <i>elected by Vestry</i> )	Dave Eagles

### St. Anthony's, Whitney – Church Corporation

Consisting of the Incumbent and the churchwardens:

<b>Rector's Warden</b> ( <i>appointed by Incumbent</i> )	Anita Boldt
<b>People's Warden</b> ( <i>elected by Vestry</i> )	Merv Dunn

### Other Church Office Holders & Members of Congregational Councils

#### Church of the Epiphany, Barry's Bay

<b>Lay Member of Synod</b> (Parish of the Valley)	Bill Schroeder
<b>Alternate Lay Member of Synod</b> (Parish of the Valley)	Dave Eagles
<b>*Deputy Warden</b> (Church of the Epiphany)	Liz Beasley
<b>*Treasurer</b> (Church of the Epiphany)	Pam McCallum
<b>*Member at Large</b> (Past Treasurer)	Tom Smith
<b>Member at Large</b> (to be elected by Vestry)	TBD

#### St. Anthony's Whitney

<b>*Treasurer</b> (St. Anthony's Whitney)	Merv Dunn
<b>*Chapel Steward</b> (Holy Trinity Chapel, Madawaska)	Kevin Florent

\*Denotes an Officer appointed to their role by the Incumbent and Churchwardens as the Church Corporation.

## CEMETERY BOARD MEMBERS —2026

St. Paul's Anglican Cemetery, Combermere, including  
St. Leonard's Anglican Cemetery, Rockingham  
*(cemetaries sponsored by the Church of the Epiphany, Barry's Bay)*

<b>Incumbent &amp; Chair</b>	The Rev. Matthew Brown
<b>Superintendent &amp; Caretaker</b>	Andrew Hein
<b>Rector's Warden</b>	Irene Lapenskie
<b>People's Warden</b>	Dave Eagles
<b>Member at Large &amp; Cemetery Treasurer</b>	Bill Schroeder

Holy Trinity Anglican Chapel Cemetery, Madawaska  
*(chapel & cemetery sponsored by St. Anthony's, Whitney)*

<b>Incumbent &amp; Chair</b>	The Rev. Matthew Brown
<b>Rector's Warden</b>	Anita Boldt
<b>People's Warden</b>	Merv Dunn
<b>Cemetery Superintendent &amp; Chapel Steward</b>	Kevin Florent
<b>Cemetery Treasurer</b>	Myrna Florent
<b>Member at Large</b>	Bill Schroeder

Whitney Union Cemetery  
*(cemetery owned and operated by the United Church of Canada)*

<b>St. Anthony's Member of the Board</b>	Merv Dunn
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## Diocesan & Wider Church Leadership Roles – 2026

In addition to those who serve as Members of Synod, clergy and lay leaders from across our Parish of the Valley offer considerable leadership to the life and ministries of our diocesan church. Below is a listing of current diocesan and wider church leadership roles held by members of our parish community. Wherever possible, these roles align with work that our leaders are already engaged in at the parish level, together with their personal gifts and skills.

### **Rev. Matthew**

Regional Dean of the Northwest  
Member – Diocesan Council  
Member – Cemeteries Sub-Committee  
Member – ADO Youth Episcopal Panel  
Diocesan Clergy Mentor

### **Rev. Gillian**

Member – Education Committee  
Resource Hub Coordinator for the ADO Learning Commons

### **Rev. Nick**

Member – Governing Board of the Canadian Council of Churches  
Member – Bishop's Liturgical Advisory Panel  
Member – Rural Ministry Resource Hub  
Member – Diocesan Refugee Ministry Office Advisory Board  
Diocesan Contextual Mission Facilitator

### **Rev. Christine**

Fresh Start Program for Clergy Beginning a New Appointment  
Novice – Third Order, Society of St. Francis, Province of Americas

### **Marie Cheesman**

Member – Diocesan Council  
Member – Episcopal Election Committee  
Member – Property & Finance Committee

### **Robert Hanson**

Member – Investment Sub-Committee  
Member – Cemeteries Sub-Committee

## Members of Diocesan Synod – 2026

Membership in our Diocesan Synod includes all members of the clergy in appointment, all members of diocesan council, and lay members of diocesan synod elected by parishes in accordance with Bylaw B5.18. Based on our parish's total population, the Parish of the Valley may elect **4** Lay Members of Diocesan Synod for the year 2026. One elected Lay Member of Diocesan Synod from our parish is required to be a churchwarden (\*).

The following individuals have agreed to allow their names to stand for election by their congregational Vestries.

Term lengths for Lay Members of Synod and Alternate Members are established in Bylaw B5.18, paragraph 5.

<u>2026 Synod Nominees</u>	<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Years in Term</u>
Julie McMillan*	Ascension Killaloe / St. John's Tramore	1 Year
Bernard Raglin*	St. George's South Alice	2 Years
Bill Schroeder	Epiphany Barry's Bay	2 Years
 <u>Previously Elected in 2025</u>		
Alexis Anderson	Holy Trinity Pembroke	1 Year
 <u>2026 Alternate Nominees</u>		
Lucy Buttle	St. Stephen's Micksburg	1 Year
Dave Eagles*	Epiphany Barry's Bay	1 Year
Marion LeMottee*	All Saints Petawawa	1 Year
Ainsleigh MacInnis	Holy Trinity Pembroke	1 Year

Other members of our Diocesan Synod serving in the Parish of the Valley include:

The Rev. Matthew Brown	Incumbent & Diocesan Council Member
The Rev. Gillian Hoyer	Associate Incumbent
The Rev. Nicholas Forte	Associate Incumbent
The Rev. Christine Muise	Associate Incumbent
Marie Cheesman	Diocesan Council Member (Holy Trinity Pembroke)

## Parish Central Committee – 2026

Pursuant to Bylaw B5.12, paragraph 2, membership in our Parish Central Committee includes the Incumbent, all Associate Incumbents, the Churchwardens, and all Lay Members of Synod. The Incumbent serves as the chair.

The Committee meets quarterly to advise the Incumbent and Churchwardens in such matters as are of a parochial, deanery or diocesan nature, but not those solely of an individual congregation. In the Parish of the Valley, the Committee shall meet primarily by Zoom, with typically one in-person meeting per year, “Parish Leaders’ Day.”

Although not voting members of our Parish Central Committee, Deputy Churchwardens, Treasurers and Chapel Stewards are all important resource people for the ongoing work of the Parish Central Committee and will regularly be invited to participate in the Committee’s meetings, particularly the annual Parish Leaders’ Day.

### Parish of the Valley: Incumbent & Associate Incumbents

The Rev. Matthew Brown (Chair)	The Rev. Gillian Hoyer
The Rev. Christine Muise	The Rev. Nicholas Forte

### Holy Trinity Pembroke

Charles Cheesman  
Jim Irvine  
Alexis Anderson\* (Central Treasurer)  
*Peter Jacques (DW)*

### St. John’s Eganville

Wendy Cayen  
Karen Mann  
*Joan Boldt (T)*  
*Verner Hass (CS)*

### All Saints Petawawa

Marion LeMottee  
Louise Doran  
*Yvonne Andrews (T)*

### Ascension Killaloe/St. John’s Tramore

Kathy Marion  
Julie McMillan\*  
*Ted Williamson (T)*  
*Sue Fulcher (DW)*

### St. George’s South Alice

Bernard Raglin\*  
Kim Silkie  
*Kevin Schauer (T)*

### Epiphany Barry’s Bay

Irene Lapenskie  
Dave Eagles  
Bill Schroeder\*  
*Pam McCallum (T)*  
*Liz Beasley (DW)*

### St. Stephen’s Micksburg

Pat Leach  
Myles Buttle  
*Jennie Mick (T)*  
*Wendy Johnson (CS)*

### St. Thomas Rankin

Sam Sutton  
Debbie McGinnis  
*Bonnie Dumouchel (T)*

### St. Patrick’s Lower Stafford

Johnny MacLaren  
Patty Childerhose  
*Dianne Siebarth (T)*

### St. Paul’s Cobden

Alice Ferguson  
Ben Savage  
*Les Hill (T)*  
*Jim Munro (DW)*

### St. Anthony’s Whitney

Merv Dunn  
Anita Boldt  
*Kevin Florent (CS)*

\*Lay Member of Synod

*Blue Italics: Denotes non-voting resource person (DW: Deputy Warden, T: Treasurer, CS: Chapel Steward)*

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## Business Banking statement

For the period ending December 31, 2025




### Summary of account

Account	Opening balance (\$)	Total amounts debited (\$)	Total amounts credited (\$)	Closing balance (\$) on Dec 31, 2025
Community Account # 2311 8038-380	7,697.22	0.00	18,228.03	25,925.25

We're making changes to some of our  
Plans and Fees for BMO Business  
Accounts, effective **March 9,  
2026**. Details are included at the end  
of this statement or visit  
[bmo.com/businesspricing2026](http://bmo.com/businesspricing2026)

### Transaction details

Date	Description	Amounts debited from your account (\$)	Amounts credited to your account (\$)	Balance (\$)
<b>Community Account # 2311 8038-380</b>				
 Business name: ST PAULS ANGLICAN CHURCH 'CEMETERY ACCOUNT'				
Sep 30	Opening balance			7,697.22
Dec 29	Transfer, 2311-8074-787		18,228.03	25,925.25
Dec 31	Closing totals	0.00	18,228.03	

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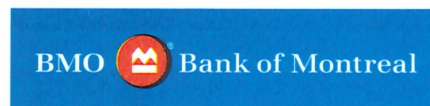
We're making changes to some of our Plans and Fees for BMO Business Accounts, effective **March 9, 2026**

i) eBusiness plan name will change to **Essential Plan** with changes as follows:

- The number of *Interac*<sup>®</sup> e-Transfers<sup>®</sup> used to send money will increase from 2 to **6 per month**.

ii) Business Builder 1 plan name will change to **Everyday Plan** with changes as follows:

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## Business Banking statement

For the period ending September 29, 2025



### Summary of account

Account	Opening balance (\$)	Total amounts debited (\$)	Total amounts credited (\$)	Closing balance (\$) on Sep 29, 2025
Community Account # 2311 8038-380	10,516.63	4,284.41	1,465.00	7,697.22

### Notice: Debit Card Limit Update

We've made changes to our business banking debit card limits. To review your current limits, log in to Online Banking, visit your local branch or contact your Relationship Manager.

### Transaction details

Date	Description	Amounts debited from your account (\$)	Amounts credited to your account (\$)	Balance (\$)
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#### Community Account # 2311 8038-380

Business name:  
ST PAULS ANGLICAN CHURCH 'CEMETERY ACCOUNT'

Jul 01	Opening balance			10,516.63
Jul 04	Cheque, NO.298	4,072.50		6,444.13
Sep 08	Deposit		215.00	6,659.13
Sep 22	Deposit		1,250.00	7,909.13
Sep 23	Cheque, NO.299	211.91		7,697.22
Sep 29	Closing totals	4,284.41	1,465.00	
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**Business Banking statement**

For the period ending June 30, 2025

**Summary of account**

Account	Opening balance (\$)	Total amounts debited (\$)	Total amounts credited (\$)	Closing balance (\$) on Jun 30, 2025
Community Account # 2311 8038-380	9,866.63	0.00	650.00	10,516.63

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**Transaction details**

Date	Description	Amounts debited from your account (\$)	Amounts credited to your account (\$)	Balance (\$)
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**Community Account # 2311 8038-380**

Business name:  
ST PAULS ANGLICAN CHURCH 'CEMETERY ACCOUNT'

Apr 01	Opening balance			9,866.63
Jun 27	Deposit		650.00	10,516.63
Jun 30	Closing totals	0.00	650.00	

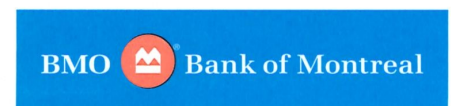
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As part of our regulatory ongoing monitoring requirements and continued efforts to safeguard your banking information, we want to ensure your profile information is kept up-to-date and accurate. If there are any changes to your profile information, and BMO has not yet been advised, please call us at 1-877-345-7777 or visit your local BMO branch.

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**Business Banking statement**

For the period ending March 31, 2025

**Summary of account**

Account	Opening balance (\$)	Total amounts debited (\$)	Total amounts credited (\$)	Closing balance (\$) on Mar 31, 2025
Community Account # 2311 8038-380	4,834.34	104.20	5,136.49	9,866.63

**Security Tip**

March is Fraud Prevention Month.  
Are you up to date on the latest  
scams? Check out our Security Alerts  
page on [bmo.com/security](http://bmo.com/security) for a listing  
of the latest scams and ways to stay  
protected.

**Transaction details**

Date	Description	Amounts debited from your account (\$)	Amounts credited to your account (\$)	Balance (\$)
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**Community Account # 2311 8038-380**

Business name:  
ST PAULS ANGLICAN CHURCH 'CEMETERY ACCOUNT'

Jan 01	Opening balance			4,834.34
Jan 15	Cheque, NO.297	101.70		4,732.64
Jan 31	Maintenance Fee, MAINTENANCE FEE \$2.50	2.50		4,730.14
Feb 03	Deposit		1,250.00	5,980.14
Feb 03	Deposit		1,250.00	7,230.14
Feb 03	Deposit		1,250.00	8,480.14
Feb 20	Direct Deposit, TD CANADA TRUST MSP/DIV		1,386.49	9,866.63
Mar 31	Closing totals	104.20	5,136.49	

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# CEMETERY FINANCIAL REPORT

## WHITNEY UNION CEMETERY REPORT 2025

### Revenue

General Account #518 interest	\$ 0.09
Perpetual Care Account #109803 interest	\$ 0.91
Interest from GICs	\$1,354.93
Care and Maintenance receipts	\$2,010.00
Sale of plots and staking fees	\$1,690.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$5,055.93</b>

### Expenses

Grass cutting ( 5 times @ \$125 )	\$500.00
Bank charges	\$1.20
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$501.20</b>

### Assets

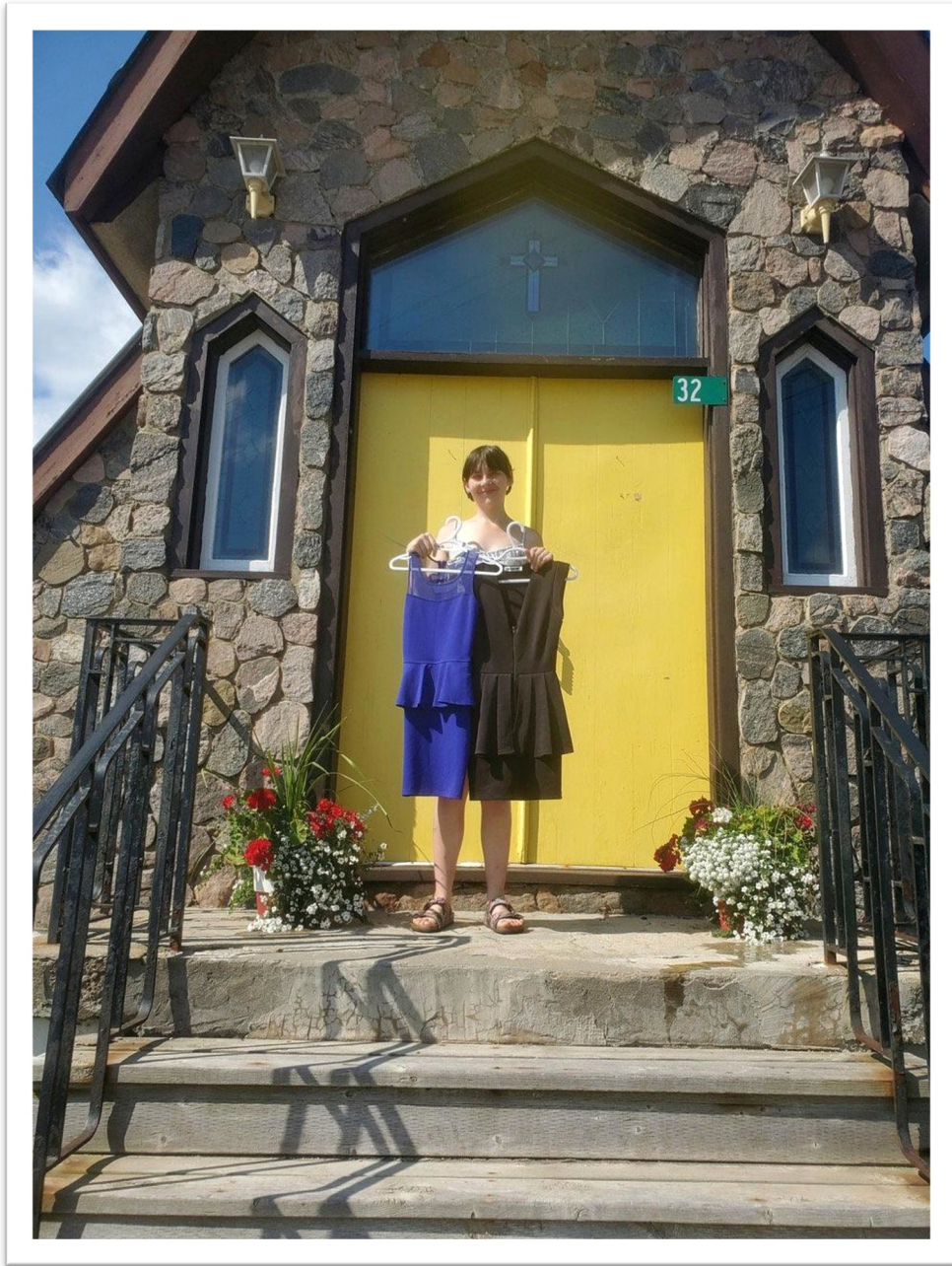
General Fund TD#518 as of Dec. 31 2025	\$2,105.40
Perpetual Fund TD #109803 as of Dec 31 2025	\$5.08
TD Special offer GIC due 01/17/27	\$4,882.60
TD Special offer GIC due 06/09/26	\$9,538.30
TD one year cashable GIC due 07/14/26	\$10,500.00
TD guaranteed GIC due 10/09/28	\$3,000.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$30,031.38</b>

## PHOTOS



Soup, sandwich, and dessert anyone?





Epiphany Fashions



St. Anthony's, Whitney





Sweet sounds of the YOYO MAMAS!



Wine & Cheese Pairing Event for Epiphany



## PHOTOS



Harvest Thanksgiving at St. Anthony's in Whitney



Altar Guardians



*"See, we don't work all of the time!"*

The Parish of the Valley Team enjoys fellowshiping together even more than we love working together, which is a lot! It is a joy for us to share in ministry together and with all of you across our beloved Valley.

