



St. Columba Episcopal Church

Annual Meeting

February 1, 2026

St. Columba isn't just about worship; it's about building relationships that extend beyond Sundays. We are passionate about being the Hands & Feet of Christ in all that we do. We warmly invite others and share our positivity, acceptance, and our general spirit of goodwill. Transformation and experiencing "new life" isn't just something we talk about, it's something we do.

We are so grateful for our vestry members, ministry leaders, members and friends and it is our privilege to serve with you and walk alongside as together we grow in Christ.



2025 Vestry

Senior Warden-George Calder

Junior Warden-Loyal Eldridge

Future Growth-Tom Schwiebert

Jodi Gonzales

Secretary-Janet Griffin

Treasurer-Kristin Reed

New vestry member for 2026-It could be you!

2025 was a year of neighborly love. St. Columba is a community that believes in the power of love and the power of our people. Together, we carry out the important work that God has given us to do. Love God & Love Our Neighbor. It is truly your generosity of time, talent & treasure that allows St. Columba to strengthen our commitment to serving others and deepens all of our faith. Our vibrant congregation and welcoming atmosphere, **embody the essence of radical hospitality** that Jesus taught us to embrace. **We work together at St. Columba to be the Hands & Feet of Christ in all that we do.**



The Mission and Ministry of St. Columba

How St. Columba helped support our community in 2025

The Hammock House: 13,200 hours of Free After School and Camp

Programs-working with a staff of 4 teachers and 3 volunteers, we welcomed 29 kids after school & during school camps and welcomed 58 kids at Summer Camp-all free for families in the Middle Keys. We also awarded a **\$1000** Hammock House scholarship to a graduating HS senior.

The Apartments @ 1655: We aided 36 local businesses by COMPLETING THE REPAIRS and renting out 16 units of affordable workforce housing in the city of Marathon. We continue to raise the money needed to cover the repairs through successful Bingo FUNdraisers and our annual Monopoly Night inviting local businesses & individuals to donate & help us create our Marathon Monopoly board. A fun and easy way to be involved!

St. Columba Cares: We are the light for more than 20 organizations. Our ministry of resilience and presence engages the community and responds quickly to need. Hosting community meeting space for the Boy Scouts, AA, The Watercolor Society, The United Way and other community groups. St. Columba Care rallied donations for Heifer International, Operation Christmas, Hurricane Melissa Relief Fund, Episcopal Charities, People Reaching People and Castaways against Cancer. As well as aiding in our local community with appliances, rides, food, clothes and housing.

The Florida Keys Celtic Festival :Raised more than \$60,000 to share the rich Celtic culture and the love of Jesus with the Florida Keys. Awarding \$2,000 in scholarships to Marathon graduates and providing \$10,000 in grants to The Hammock House.

The Nearly New Thrift & Furniture Shops: Raised \$77,553 to spread love & fellowship, provide a needed space to talk, offer the community quality, affordable goods and a place to donate.

Music @ St. Columba: Celebrated 3 music programs plus a year of Sunday Services. Uplift and encourage St. Columba through song and worship. The sweet St. Columba's children's choir and bringing amazing music to Marathon through the annual performance of Handel's Messiah, Taize and Carols, Cookies & Cocoa. Providing a space for the Florida Keys Steel Drum Band to develop their craft and prepare for performances.

Episcopal Charities: \$27,000 of sponsored support to Independence Cay, KAIR and The Hammock House. Offering Second Sundays -preparing and serving lunch at Indy Cay the second Sunday of each month, engaging members to cook and serve at the transitional shelter.

Iona Society: \$19,200 Donated from the Iona Fund to St. Columba for the continued mission & ministry of the church.

The Center for Peace @ St. Columba: A study of peace and conflict resolution, awarding \$4000 in scholarships to Marathon HS graduates.

Haitian Relief: \$3,000 donated to educate and feed the children of Haiti-St. Columba has helped to ensure the safe schooling for the children of [Coeur Assemble, Inc.](#)

The Steel Drum Band of the Florida Keys : Housed inside St. Columba's Parish Hall-The Steel Drum Band of the Florida Keys is provided free space to practice and a venue to hold concerts.

The Abbey @ St. Columba : A place for all, we welcomed the participants of Castaways against Cancer during their tour, and welcome volunteers in our community. The Abbey is host to many groups such as AA and Yoga when needed.

2025- St. Columba Operating

Overview 2025-Income Statement

Income- \$ 384,516

Expenses- \$ 438,364

2025-Income

Pledge & Plate Offerings- \$157,076

Endowment- \$20,584

Rentals-\$ 22,325

Donations- \$43,703

Fundraising- \$6,292

Outreach- \$32,926

Furniture Shop-\$101,610

Total Income: \$ 384,516

2025-Expenses

Diocesan Assessment- \$11,010

Administration Expenses- \$ 22,194

Clergy Expense- \$ 93,507

Facilities- \$44,094

Insurance- \$81,735

Payroll Expense- \$108,771

Worship/Music Expenses-\$7,809

Parish/Charitable Expense- \$4,995

Outreach-\$20,307

Store Expense- \$43,942

Total Expenses \$ 438,364

2026 St. Columba Budgeted Income Statement

Income - \$432,947

Expenses- \$432,849

2026 Budgeted Income

Pledge & Plate Offerings- \$ 173,123

Endowment- \$ 19,200

Rentals- \$24,112

Donations- \$87,094

Fundraising- \$30,206

Furniture Shop-\$104,200

Total Income- \$ 432,947

2026 Budgeted Expenses

Diocesan Assessment- \$21,240

Administration Expenses- \$ 20,847

Clergy Expense- \$ 99,295

Facilities- \$36,978

Insurance- \$81,735

Payroll Expense- \$103,671

Worship/Music Expenses-\$6,729

Parish/Charitable Expense-\$26,594

Store Expense-\$40,748

Total Expenses- \$432,849

Hammock House - 2025

Total Income-\$137,129

Total Expenses-\$121,650

+15,479

The Nearly New Thrift Shop

2025-Income-\$ 34,404

2025-Expenses-\$ 14,519

2026 Hammock House Budget

Total Income-\$127,783

Total Expenses-\$121,391

+\$6,392

The Nearly New Thrift Shop

2026- Budgeted Income-\$ 35,124

2026-Budgeted Expenses-\$ 15,169



Iona Society Notes

Endowment Fund Annual Report~ Investment Performance

In 2025, the Endowment assets grew by 9.5% and made it over 1/2 a million \$

Founded in 2009, The St. Columba Endowment Fund's goal is to support the parish in ministering to parishioners and ensure St. Columba's continued role in community outreach. Although distributions from the Endowment Fund for 2009 to 2025 have totaled \$542,417.07, the financial condition of the Endowment remains strong due to a good investment policy and a well above average increase in stock market values over this period. Capital gains, dividends and interest on our assets, and \$95,636.40 in donations over this period brought the Endowment's total assets on Dec. 31, 2025, to \$516,006.38. The Endowment's goal is to retain a minimum balance in equities & cash of \$301,668. Future contributions will raise this minimum balance by 50% of the value of the contribution received. In other words, if \$20,000 is next received by the Endowment, the Endowment's new minimum balance in equities and cash would be \$311,668. This information was prepared by Dan Griffin.

Iona Endowment Board~Dan Griffin, President, Peter Sehlinger, Loyal Eldridge, Sandy Wilson, Jodi Gonzales & Rev. Debra Maconaughey

The St. Columba Iona Society recognizes members who have chosen to make St. Columba a part of their legacy.

Everyone is welcome to join the Iona Society. When you include the church in your will, whether your gift is \$1,000 or \$500,000, it will become part of your legacy and you become a member of the Iona Society. Your legacy gift helps to ensure that St. Columba continues its important mission & ministries long into the future.



FLORIDA KEYS Celtic Festival

The annual Florida Keys Celtic Festival had its most successful year yet, thanks to our hardworking, dedicated FKCF committee, hundreds of wonderful volunteers and more than 50 generous sponsors, both businesses and individuals. Yes, a new record! We were awarded the coveted TDC turnkey grant, awarding the festival \$50,000 to help cover festival expenses. We raised over \$40,000 in sponsorships. Of those, 23 sponsors were from our own St. Columba family, and more than 25 additional sponsors contributed in-kind. With the help of a dedicated media volunteer and a new advertising company, we saw significant growth in our online presence and ticket sales. Online ticket sales increased threefold, and website visits went from 1,300 to more than 13,000. We are still waiting on a few outstanding invoices, checks from our kickoff party, our Kilts in the Keys party, and the total from the Faro Blanco Raffle and then we will present our final numbers. We know we are on track to report our best year yet! More importantly, we shared our love of God and neighbor as we celebrated our Celtic heritage with the community through music, games, food, and dance. ~Cathy Walters, FKCF Coordinator

Thank you all for your continued support of the festival and The Hammock House!



Just some of the “Beer Tent” crew!



The Apartments @ 1655

With the completion of the repairs at The Apartments@1655 Overseas Highway, we are proud to provide 16 much-needed workforce housing units—safe, stable, and accessible homes for the people who keep our community running every day. This project reflects our commitment to supporting local workers, strengthening the backbone of our island economy, and investing in a more sustainable future for the Keys. By transforming this site into quality housing, we're not just improving a property—we're serving our neighbors and helping ensure that those who serve our community can continue to live within it. Just another way St. Columba shares our love of God & our neighbors.

We all know and understand the crisis facing our community, the lack of affordable, safe and stable workforce housing leads to a strained workforce. We are called to help our neighbors. The Apartments @ 1655 help families find security, individuals gain peace of mind, and our community grows stronger. These successes would not be possible without your commitment and belief in our mission to Be The Hands and Feet of Christ in all that we do. Thank you all for your donations and support of our many FUNdraising efforts as we continue to raise money to pay for the completed repairs.



Bingo & Monopoly!





Music @ St. Columba

The goal of St. Columba's Music Ministry is to lead people in worshipful singing. Our Sunday morning Traditional Choir, with six committed members, leads congregational singing and provides occasional anthems during weekly services and during special services throughout the church year. *Practices are held every Thursday afternoon. We welcome new members.*

St. Columba's Contemporary Group is a seven member string band using a blend of contemporary, praise, and selected traditional music to lead congregational singing at the 11am Contemporary service. *Practices are held on Tuesday afternoons. We welcome new members.*

Children's Singing at St. Columba is a "seed" project largely relying on Hammock House children who attend Tuesday afternoon practices. We hope to grow this program in 2026.

St. Columba's *Messiah* is an annual Christmas gift to all residing or visiting the Middle Keys. The free concert, which offers selected pieces of Handel's *Messiah*, will continue in December 2026 with its 18th year. *Christmas Carols, Cookies, and Cocoa*, is a free Christmas Carol sing-along program, involving our Choir, St. Columba's Contemporary Group, Steel Drums, and more. This December will see its fourth year. Music (sing along) is part of the weekly program at Hammock House Summer Camp. Campers sing and learn positive and uplifting songs twice weekly in small groups. St. Columba is also a proud part of the free Joy On The Rock festival at Marathon Community Park in November.

As the psalmist instructs us:

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!"

Let us continue to make a joyful noise! Tom Teuber, Music Director

The Nearly New Thrift Shops

We would like to start the Annual Report for the Nearly New Furniture Store with a big THANK YOU to all our volunteers. Our Monday and Tuesday set-up team spends hours pricing and staging the store. The crew includes *Lynn Kirby, *Jenny Ardis, *Carol Muszynski, *Ilene Clark, Cathy Wrycza, Janine Doane, Kandi Kelderman, Kelly Fisher, and Tami Kirkbride. The efforts of the set-up team help to give our customers a great shopping experience.

Our Customer Service volunteers include *Lynn Kirby, *Bobby Welsby, *Vicki Stead, *Lynn & Tom Schweibert, *Janet Griffin, *Nancy Talbot, *Nancy Myers, *Pam Yascavage, Laurie Ryan, and our subs Denise Pustizzi, Cathy Wrycza, *Suzy Curry, and *Roger & Stephanie Gill. This team assists customers with their purchases, listens and is present, always sharing St Columba's promise to work as the Hands and Feet of Christ.

Finally, we have a great team of guys that pick-up donations and help our set-up team with the heavy lifting" Carlos our driver, Julio our substitute driver, and Yasel and Rolando.

Thanks to all our volunteers, donors, and customers, we have had an awesome year. If anyone would like to volunteer at the store please let us know.

We always need summer helpers between June and October.

The Nearly New Thrift shop had a record year! We have a fabulous Thurs-Sat team-Sandra, Paige, Winnie, Germaine, Connie and Debbie. We have recently added Isabel to open the store on Mondays and Patty opens on Wednesday while she is in town. Being open 10-2 seems to be a sweet spot of business. The shop also provides the amazing fashions for our annual ECW Tea & Fashion show, now a tradition! New volunteers are always welcome.

Volunteering at the Nearly New Shops is a great way to stay active, meet new people, and have lots of FUN!!!



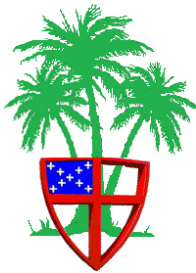
These are the places to be!





The Hammock House @ St. Columba

Since 2011, it has been the mission of The Hammock House to provide Middle Keys children a healthy environment where they can thrive emotionally, artistically, intellectually & spiritually and offering this all at no charge to the families. In a community where more than 50% of our children are on free and reduced lunch during good times, free child care is a huge aid to working parents and families. The Hammock House provides 29 kids free after school care and 50 kids received free summer camp this year. The program aims to provide children of the Middle Keys positive development strategies to strengthen their academics, relationships, and create trusting, safe spaces for them to succeed in the community in meaningful ways. We work to advocate for the children and their parents, from elementary school to high school and beyond, helping juniors and seniors navigate their next steps following graduation. Hammock House Next Step works to help older kids by providing scholarships, graduation help, volunteer opportunities and job training.



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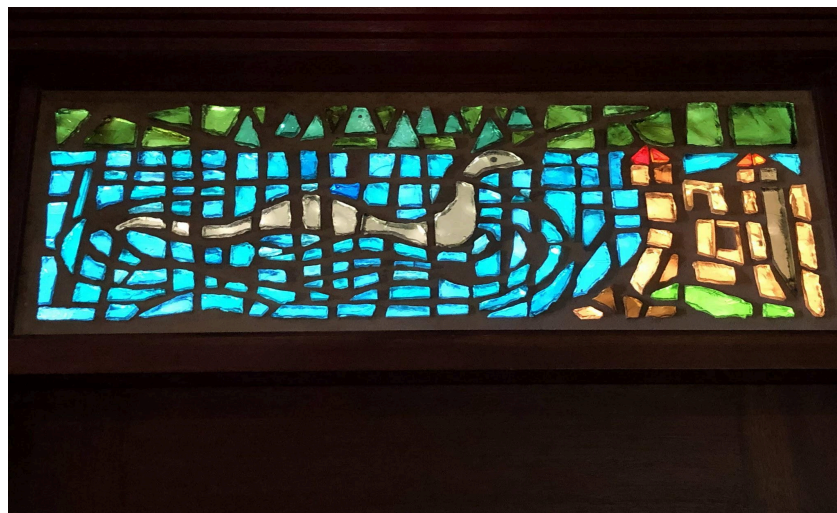
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