

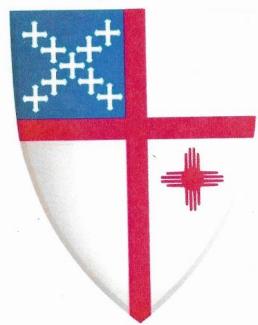


**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**PARISH PROFILE**

**2022**

St. Andrew's Church



**Roswell, NM**  
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## Who we are

St. Andrew's of Roswell is much more than a brick-and-mortar building. Our church exists and works within and outside the walls. The people of St. Andrew's foster and nurture a sense of community built on Matthew's gospel, Chapter 25 and the tenets of our Baptismal Covenant.

Now, more than ever, we are embracing our unique role as a downtown church, a bridge between neighborhoods, and a facilitator of growth and sustainability across our shared community.

Our commission is simple, repeated often throughout the Scriptures: (1) love our neighbor, (2) do not neglect hospitality, (3) contribute to the needs of the saints, (4) be hospitable to one another, and (5) fear not.

We welcome all, valuing the gifts all bring, and serving all. We work jointly with faith-based and other community partners to improve the quality of life for all residents of Roswell, and we work daily to walk the faith as full members of the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement.



Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we give thanks to you for your constant presence in our lives. Strengthen and guide us in our work and outreach to be a place where all whose lives we touch feel welcomed and experience the love and compassion of our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray the Holy Spirit guide and empower us to join in your saving work and enrich the lives of all who come to know and worship You. In Jesus' name we pray.



# Core Values

We WELCOME all who come through our doors, and reach out to the community, regardless of whether they are prospective members or not. We are a diverse community of faith, dedicated to ministering to our community and the world. We believe in the worth of each person, and in helping them to reach their potential in Christ.

At St. Andrew's, you can read our core values in how we CARE



Care for Liturgy:

We take Liturgy seriously and Joyously, carefully matching the music to the message, and treating both with respect.



Care for The Word:

Both from the pulpit, and in study groups, we take sustenance from the Word of God being truly preached and truly heard.



Care for the Things entrusted to us:

Our mothers and fathers in the faith have given us a beautiful building and furnishings with which to worship and serve God, and we are committed to maintaining them.



Care for People:

We take seriously our Lord's command to love and care for "the least", the marginalized, the homeless, the unloved and unwelcomed, and the needy.

# We Care...



## Care for the Community:

We join with others in our community to increase our impact. As a church and as individuals, we support and participate in many educational organizations, charities, and cultural groups.



(Roswell Symphony Orchestra)



## Care for God's Creatures:

We recognize, with St. Francis, the unique role that pets and other animals play in teaching us love and humility. We support people's relationship with their pets in our Annual Blessing of the Animals, and our Pet Pantry to aid those who struggle financially to provide for their best friends.



## Care for Each Other:

We are a family, and sharing meals together, working at tasks together, praying for, and supporting each other are our greatest joy. As we wait through the end of the pandemic isolation, our yearning is for the smiles and laughter we share around the Pot Luck table.



## Prayer blankets and Pancakes

# Diocese of the Rio Grande - Map



The interactive Asset Map:

<https://www.episcopalassetmap.org/dioceses/diocese-rio-grande/map>

# About Roswell

- **Location**

- Southeastern Plains of New Mexico
- Chaves County
- County Seat
- Elevation – 3576 ft.



- **Population (Estimated Census 2020)**

- City - 48,422 <https://www.roswell-nm.gov/Pages>
- County- 64,798 <https://chavescounty.gov/>
- Rich Multi-cultural Community



- **Weather** – These numbers fluctuate depending on the weather pattern of an El Niña or El Niño

- Rain – 13”
- Snow – 11”
- Summer high – 94 degrees to 110 degrees (estimated)
- Winter low – 20 degrees to 40 degrees (estimated)
- Sunny days per year – 279



- **Schools, Colleges and Universities**

- Roswell Independent School District

<https://www.risd.k12.nm.us/>

Elementary Schools– 11

Middle Schools – 5

High Schools – 5 (\*see below)

- Private – 6
- New Mexico Military Institute – High School 9-12 and College 2 year

<https://www.nmmi.edu/>

- Eastern New Mexico University – Roswell – Community College  
\*Early College High School location <https://www.roswell.enmu.edu/>



- **Statistics (2016-2020)**

- Median Income - \$45,493
- Median Value Owner Occupied - \$130,000
- Median Gross Rent - \$819.00
- Education

High School Graduate or Higher – 79 %

Bachelor's Degree or Higher – 18.6 %

- **Hospitals**

- Eastern NM Medical Center
  - 162 Beds
  - Level III Trauma Center
  - Heart \* Stroke \* Oncology
  - Surgery \* Maternity
- Lovelace Regional Hospital
  - 27 Beds
  - ER \* Surgery \* Maternity

## ● Museums in Roswell

Anderson Museum of Contemporary Art

<https://www.rair.org/about-amoca>

Historical Society for Southeast New Mexico

International UFO Museum and Research Center

Roswell Museum and Art Center

<https://roswell-nm.gov/1259/Roswell-Museum>

Walker Aviation Museum



Historical Museum

## ● Attractions in Roswell

Roswell Recreation & Aquatic Center

Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge

<https://www.fws.gov/refugee/bitter-lake>

Bottomless Lakes State Park

Community Theatre (3)

Roswell Jazz Festival



J Kenneth Smith Bird Sanctuary & Nature Center

Robert H. Goddard Planetarium

Roswell Symphony Orchestra

Roswell UFO Festival

Spring River Park & Zoo

Various Marathons

Eastern New Mexico State Fair

Chile-Cheese Festival

Pinata Fest



Roswell Museum and Art Center with Robert H. Goddard Workshop and Planetarium

## ● Major Cities Near Roswell

Albuquerque, NM – 198.6 miles

Santa Fe, NM – 191.3 miles

Lubbock, TX -173.8 miles

El Paso, TX – 202.2 miles



Roswell Public Library

## ● Attractions Near Roswell

Ruidoso – 75.8 miles

Ski Apache Ski Resort– 90 miles

Mescalero Apache Reservation –87.5 miles

Carlsbad Caverns National Park – 95.7 miles

Sitting Bull Falls Recreation Area – 94.5 miles

Living Desert Zoo & Gardens State Park – 74 miles

<https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/spd/find-a-park/living-desert-zoo-and-gardens-state-park/>

Mescalero Sands North Dune OHV Area – 36 miles

White Sands National Park – 132.2 miles

<https://www.nps.gov/whsa/index.htm>

Lincoln Historic Site and Ft. Stanton Historic Site - 67 miles

<https://nmhistoricsites.org/>



## Highlights of St. Andrew's History

In 1885, the young western town of Roswell was in mourning. A popular young boy had drowned crossing the river on an urgent errand for his family. The grief was compounded by the fact that there was no minister to conduct a burial service, or to comfort the bereaved.

So, the Christian ladies of the town got to work and in three years had raised funds to build the Adobe Chapel and secure a minister. Four denominations worshipped together at the Adobe Chapel, under the banner of the Methodist Church.



(St. Andrew's Hall in the early day. Painting by Richard Knadle)

As the town grew, and each denomination gained more members, they sought their own worship spaces. From 1890, the Episcopalians began holding services in the schoolhouse or their homes, and petitioned the Bishop of the Missionary District of New Mexico for the services of a priest. As Grace Church in Carlsbad was forming at this same time, we shared their priest one Sunday a month. (This is now a 1 ½ hour trip. Then, it could take six or even eight hours.)

After nine years of fund-raising, with bake sales and ice-cream socials, and one raffle that scandalized the Bishop, the small congregation was able to build a rock building to be used as both church and Parish Hall. A full-time priest was recruited, and in 1901, Rev. Mr. George Hinson moved his family to Roswell. He found an unfinished shell of a building, which he proceeded to complete, building the altar from his billiard table's packing crate.

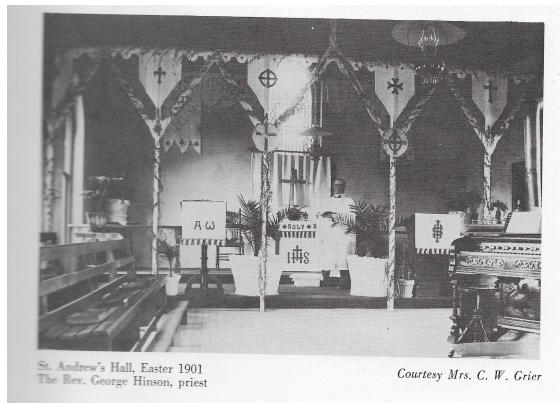
From 1929 through 1941, the Rector was Frederick B. "Ted" Howden, Jr., the newly ordained son of the Missionary District's

Bishop. He quickly became beloved by the congregation and town, and served the outlying counties as supply priest, and NMMI as chaplain.



The Rev. Frederick B. 'Ted' Howden Jr.  
Priest-Soldier-Martyr  
d. December 11, 1942

When World War II broke out, Fr. Howden held the rank of Captain in the New Mexico State Guard, a unit predominantly made up of Hispanic, Latino and Native American soldiers. He was the Chaplain to the 200th Coast Artillery when it was federalized and sent to the Philippines in September 1941. A friend who was with him daily said he was always walking over the hills of Bataan holding open air services here and there and doing everything possible to help the men who affectionately called him "Chappy".



St. Andrew's Hall, Easter 1901  
The Rev. George Hinson, priest

Courtesy Mrs. C. W. Grier

At the Fall of Bataan and Corregidor to Japanese forces in April 1942, Fr. Howden and his fellow soldiers were made prisoners of war and were forced to endure the Bataan Death March during which some 18,000 died. During imprisonment in several prison camps including Camp O'Donnell and Cabanatuan and finally at Davao Prison Colony on Mindanao, his heroism and faith were always apparent through the humanitarian care he gave to those he served. At great cost to himself he often gave his own portion of food to others whom he insisted needed it more than he.

Fr. Howden died of dysentery and starvation-induced pellagra on December 11, 1942, but his family were not notified until June 1943. He was buried by his men in a small cemetery in the shadow of the Mindanao jungle a mile or so from the camp at Davao. After the war, in 1948, his remains were reinterred in an Albuquerque, New Mexico cemetery. In 2018, the Diocese petitioned to have him added to the Episcopal Calendar of Saints, and on December 11<sup>th</sup> his memory is celebrated throughout the Diocese.



The people of St. Andrew's began talking about a memorial to Fr. Howden in 1943. As the little rock church was being outgrown, work began planning and raising funds for a Memorial Church, even though rationing was still in effect, and supplies were scarce. John Gaw Meem, a leading proponent of the Santa Fe style of architecture, designed the building that became the recognizable profile of St. Andrew's. Ground was finally broken on March of 1950; the finished church was consecrated in November.

The old rock church was not demolished. (It is to the right of the Bell Tower in the picture below.) The new church was added to the old to the West, and the Parish Hall and Sunday School Rooms extended to the East. The original church is now a parlor, named The Howden Room, since the church is most commonly called, simply St. Andrew's.

The post-war years were a high point at St. Andrew's as they were for churches across the country. Services and Sunday School thrived. The Women's Bazaar became a tradition, with a luncheon and sales of arts and crafts, and most famously, making and selling 1,000 pounds of hand-made and hand-dipped chocolate-covered pecan caramels (known as "Fours") along with other candies. The best of the candy dippers could make the design of a "4" with the chocolate on top of the candy. One master explained the technique, "You drag your finger in the sign of the cross, and it leaves a 4. And you bless each chocolate." The Ladies dipped chocolates to the Glory of God.



In the changing demographics of the 1980s, as more and more women worked outside the home, the candy-making labor supply dwindled, and so did the bazaar. Also in the sixties, St. Andrew's established the first Pre-school and Kindergarten in Roswell. This continued for many years, until the Public Schools took up the job.

During the 21<sup>st</sup> century, St. Andrew's focus has turned outward, starting numerous community outreach programs, many of which continue to this day. Through it all, the worship of the church has knit us together, as we celebrate the Eucharist, and share each other's joys and sorrows.

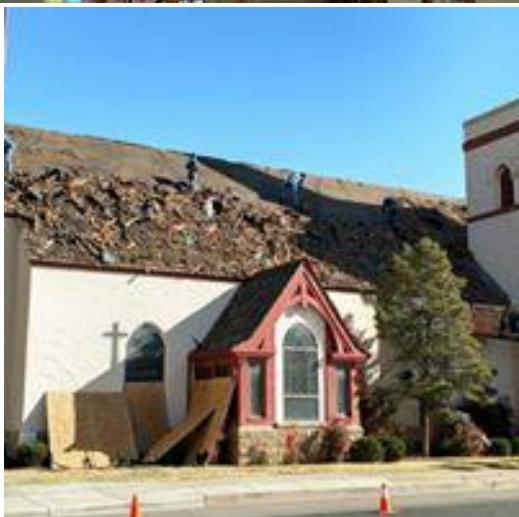


## Buildings and grounds



The original 1901 little rock church was built in the center of a large lot, to allow for future expansion, and expand we have: a Parish Hall was added, and later expanded, and later expanded again; the Howden Memorial Addition was built. In the 1960s, a two-story education wing was added to accommodate the growing Sunday school. The house next door was bought and renovated to be the Church Offices (with a small apartment upstairs for visiting clergy or other guests.) In the early 2000s, a garden Columbarium, free-standing in the form of a St. Andrew's cross was added, and later joined by its twin. When the need arose to build ADA-compliant restrooms, the Columbarium became an open courtyard surrounded by the Sanctuary on one side, and a spacious gallery on the other.

Near the end of the 2010s, the older parts of the complex were showing their age. A complete restoration and painting of the Nave was undertaken. Later, the entire structure, including the Office building suffered hail damage, and we replaced the superannuated cedar shales with equally handsome modern materials. Keeping these structures in good repair and replacing worn equipment remains a high priority, and the constant concern of successive dedicated Junior Wardens.



# Worship & Music

“Traditionally Holy” - Fr. Bob Williams (Rector, 1990-2003)

Rite II, formally observed

Gospel Book is processed to be read amidst the people.

Congregation is invited to kneel or stand to pray, but generally kneels

Children are welcome in the service, and their happy noises add to the joy of the worship.

Prayer Book and Hymnal are used. Bulletins have been expanded to include entire service, readings, and music, for ease of congregation, and especially visitors

Live-streaming services began during pandemic lockdown, and will continue. Bulletins are available for download by our on-line worshippers.



## Music

We have a truly extraordinary Bedient pipe organ. The piano is also employed, as well as occasional guest musicians for the anthems



The choir is likewise extraordinary for a small church, blending many kinds of voices into a harmonious whole. Hymns and anthems are always chosen to follow and amplify the readings and themes of the service.

We have a tiny Children’s Choir, with hope for growth, and eventually providing for Junior and Senior Youth Choirs. Children’s Choir practice always includes lessons from the Bible.



During the recent, lengthy illness of Janet Macaluso, our Choir Director, the Children’s Choirmaster, John Fuss, stepped up to admirably lead the Adult Choir as well. John came to us from a long career in church music, and has freely shared his talent and expertise.

Pre-pandemic, we hosted an annual Advent Festival of lessons and carols, recruiting singers and musicians from the community. There is a strong determination to continue this tradition when restrictions ease.

## *Lay Ministries*

### \* Choir

The St. Andrew's Choir rehearses weekly and sings for the 10 am Holy Eucharist. The choir also presents the Advent Festival, an annual event sponsored by the St. Andrew's Choir, which includes participants from the community.

### \*Altar Guild

Volunteer teams of the parish whose ministry is to care for the altar and altar linens of the parish. Altar Guild members prepare the sanctuary for services and clean up afterwards.

### \*Acolytes

The service of Acolyte is open to any gender, youth and adult, who have a desire to participate and be more involved in worship.

### \*Verger

Lay minister who assists the clergy in the conduct of public worship, especially in the marshaling of processions.

### \*Greeters

All members of St. Andrew's are to consider themselves as greeters. Greeting visitors and newcomers is a Christian responsibility of welcoming all to St. Andrew's.

### \*Layreaders & Lay Eucharistic Ministers

LEMs vest and process with the priest. They read the Old Testament lessons and the Epistle, and lead the congregation in the Psalms. They assist in the distribution of Communion.



### \*Ushers

An usher is ready to assist anyone needing assistance in seating or finding their way in the church. The usher counts the number of people in the congregation, collects and presents the offerings at the offertory, and assists the congregation during the administration of communion.

### \*Women of St. Andrew's

Women of the Church meet monthly and support the mission of the church with hospitality and planning special events, such as the Holy Week Soup luncheon in concert with other area churches, providing lunches and receptions for Deanery meetings and Clergy conferences, and always lend a helping hand when needed. From the very beginning, the Women have held fund-raisers, with the money going to furnish and beautify the Church spaces, and to Mission and Outreach projects.

### \*Daughters of the King

The vision of Daughters of the King is to know Jesus Christ, to make Him known to others, and to become reflections of God's love throughout the world, through their Rule of Prayer and their Rule of Service.

## Outreach Ministries of St. Andrew's:



**\*4 Paws Pet Pantry**  
Distributes dog and cat food once a month for those needing help feeding their animal friends.



### \*Blessing of the animals

A community event to bless our four-legged (or hooved or finned) friends and help raise funds and awareness for the local Humane Society.



**\*Andy's Place**  
Provides a hot breakfast on the last Saturday of the month to anyone in the community who needs a meal. During the Pandemic, the breakfasts continued, with a generous burrito forming the centerpiece of a brown-bag meal served through the kitchen window. Previously, pancakes and eggs and breakfast meats and treats were served by parishioners, who ate with the guests and got to know them a little. Commonly needed items such as toiletries, warm socks, and even sleeping bags are collected and distributed.



### \*Needle Arts

Knit, sew or quilt prayer shawls for shut-ins, the sick or any in need. Prepare prayer blankets, knit baby hats for newborns and prepare receiving blankets for mothers and babies in our two local hospitals.

## *In Collaboration with Others:*

### \*Wings for L.I.F.E.

#### **Life Skills Imparted to Families through Education**

Helps children and adults direct their lives by providing a safe and welcoming environment, teaching them the skills they need to make positive choices and tap into their special talents as viable members of the community. They do this through after-school programs in all the elementary and middle schools in Roswell (free of charge), through programs presented in the St. Andrew's Parish



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Hall providing a family meal and important information, and through programs for women and men in the Chaves County Detention Center.



They also have Adult Parenting Classes, offered free of charge to parishioners and members of the community. These classes are

were held in a classroom at St. Andrew's pre-pandemic, and are now offered by zoom.

St. Andrew's provides office, storage, and planning space to Wings, and during the pandemic Wings hosted their school programs by Zoom from our classrooms.

### \*Starting Line

Assists girls and women entering or re-entering the workforce on personal appearance, (including the provision of interview-appropriate attire), presentation, interview skills, etiquette, resume-writing, self-advocacy and negotiation skills.



### \*Roswell Community Kitchen

Volunteers from area churches and community organizations help to provide food and fellowship to the homeless, the working poor, the unemployed and their families, with a daily luncheon served. Besides volunteers, St. Andrew's designates Ember Days donations of food and funds to the Community Kitchen.



### \*Assurance Home

A residential program for mistreated, homeless and 'at-risk' teens. Opened with the help of an Episcopal Church Venture-In-Mission grant. In its 43 years of serving needy children, either the Rector of St. Andrew's or members of the congregation have been on its Board of Directors.

# Christian Formation

## St. Andrews Adult Education:

Inquirers Class- St. Andrews class for newcomers who have questions about the Episcopal Church. Instruction includes information concerning the beliefs, history, worship, and practices of the Episcopal Church. This class is a prerequisite for those who wish to join the church, receive Confirmation, or Reception, if they have already been baptized.

Adult Forum: Various lay members of the church conduct weekly Sunday classes on various topics including Christian book studies and controversial subjects via media.

Adult class lead by priest or deacon to discuss the Gospel readings of the day prior to church on Sundays

Lay-led classes, e.g. “Heroes of the Old Testament”

Advent and Lenten Studies: Evening video and discussion programs led by the Rector (e.g. Dr. Amy-Jill Levine’s *Short Stories by Jesus*, a series about parables) offered in person and by Zoom (post covid) followed by discussion



Setting up hybrid Zoom/live meeting

EFM- Education for Ministry, four-year program: Education for Ministry, is an international program which helps individuals discover how to respond to the call of Christian service. EFM helps students encounter the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition and bring it into conversation with their experiences of the world as they study, worship, and engage in theological reflection together.

Pre-pandemic, we often shared a Passover Seder / Family meal during Holy Week following Maundy Thursday service



## Sunday School/Children's Ministries

- Nursery through 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- Rooted in the Bible
- Program follows the Gospel and lessons of the day
- Crafts, lesson, Seek and Word Find/Crossword worksheets
- Staffed by church volunteers
- Nursery and Sunday School children are brought to the church during the “Peace”
- Children’s Choir
- Vacation Bible School

Pre-pandemic Children’s Church was based on experiencing God and learning about the Bible. Our program followed the Gospel and lessons of the day with crafts and teaching. The children participated in the annual Easter Egg Hunt and during the Processional at Christmas they brought the Baby Jesus and placed him with Mary and Joseph on the Altar. Our Children’s Choir sang at different times throughout the church seasons. Members of the Children’s Choir range from 3 years old to 14.

The pandemic was a challenge for Children’s Church. To keep the children active the office staff mailed crafts and lessons about the present season of the church. Nursery, Children’s Church and the Children’s Choir were suspended during this time.

St. Andrew’s is finally returning back to normal and the office staff is providing crayons and coloring sheets that follow the Sunday Gospel lesson along with Seek & Find/Crossword worksheets. Teacher recruitment and curriculum planning will go on through the summer, with the goal for full Sunday School classes to resume in the Fall. Our Children’s Choir has started back and looks forward to praising the Lord with their voices.



## Stewardship

The 2022 Operating Budget of St. Andrew's calls for expenditures of \$314,000. (accounting for seven months of a full time Rector. Annualized, this would be \$340,000) Our projected revenues, based largely on pledges, are somewhat less. We have prepared such a deficit budget for many years, but only in 2020, under lockdown for nine months, did we not realize a surplus. The people of St. Andrew's are generous, and the approximately 25% of the Parishioners who choose not to pledge nevertheless give regularly. We do not increase our budget estimate of this giving, partly because it is not certain, and partly because we feel deficit budgets encourage giving and frugality.

Our Fair Share assessment to the Diocese in 2021 was \$45,000.

The Operating Budget only tells part of the story. Our capital expenditures and most of our Outreach Ministries are funded by designated offerings, which are accounted for on the Balance Sheet, and are not included in the Budget. Funds unused in one year are carried over to the next. During 2021, offering to these funds amounted to \$19,000. Expenditures were \$37,000, largely on capital improvements to buildings.

We try to keep Stewardship, as a spiritual practice, before the Parishioners during the entire the year, through articles in our newsletter "The Word", and during the Every Member Canvas, through bulletin inserts and weekly Constant Contact emails. In 2021, we joined TENS: the Episcopal Network for Stewardship, and found much useful information for planning and conducting stewardship campaigns, and inspirational content for our Parish communications.



## Foundation

St. Andrew's is blessed with an independent Foundation, which manages a growing endowment, currently slightly more than three million dollars. By law, it is required to disburse all interest and non-capital-gains dividends received to the Church, where it forms a significant part of our operating funds.

The Foundation made a loan to the church of \$60,000 in 2015, with generous deferred repayment terms, for the purpose of hiring a lay minister to improve our ministries to Youth. The demographics of the Parish made this an impossible task, but she proved to have an extraordinary gift for galvanizing Outreach ministries and equipping lay persons to lead them. Most of those ministries continue today.

# Parish Life



Bp. Hunn's Visit





Cassian is very talented. He alerts his person to health issues.

## Our Parish Family



Palm Sunday crowd gathers. Hosanna!



Flip it! Flip it good!



Holy Week Soup Luncheon



Ringing the Bell

## Clergy & Staff



Fr. Maurice Geldert,  
Priest in charge



Teresa Patton  
Administrative Assistant



Janet Macaluso  
Administrative Assistant  
Also Choir Director



Ernie Meda.  
Sexton



Karen Fuss  
Pianist and Organist

## Officers

### Senior Warden

Duane Evans

### Junior Warden

Cory Butler

### Treasurer

Charmaine Martin

### Clerk

Teresa Patton

## Vestry

Richard Altans

Cory Butler

Duane Evans

Gabe Martin

Candy McClelland

Nick McClelland

Earl Pittman

Twyla Robb

Kay Threlkeld



Sissy Mayne  
Verger



John Fuss  
Children's Choirmaster

## Who we seek

We are seeking the Rector that God desires for us.

We feel that Rector will be a Christ-filled person who has known grace.

We know that God has determined what gifts and skills that person should bring to us, and we believe some of those gifts and skills are:

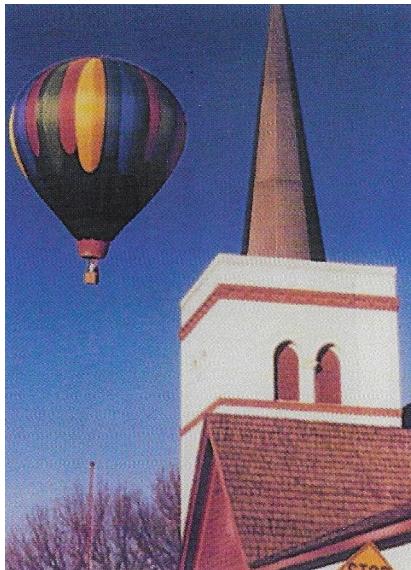
- ◆ Devotion to the Sacraments
- ◆ Strong Biblical understanding, and the ability to share this through thoughtful, engaging and inspirational sermons
- ◆ Understanding of administration and budgets and ability to manage staff and lay volunteers. A team builder, planner and organizer
- ◆ Strong Pastoral gifts to visit, comfort and love our parishioners
- ◆ Comfortable working in a diverse congregation and community. Open minded and empathic
- ◆ Supportive of outreach ministries and working with other community leaders to help meet the needs of Christ's people outside our doors
- ◆ Committed to Christian Formation, helping us (adults and children) to grow and mature in our love for Jesus

In all these things, it will help to have a sense of humor.



Could God be calling you to come to us, be with us, work with us, and lead us into the future God has prepared for you and us together?





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