

Siena Sage



A publication to promote our mission: "In community, love God, love others, serve both."



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PRAYER LIST

Mavis, Judy, Lillian, Carol,
Marlene, Faron, Jay, Shin,
Mark, Victoria, Emily, Gail,
Johnnie, Susan, Stephen
and Fr. Rick

SERVICES

10 a.m. Sundays

10:30 a.m. Thursdays

*Healing Eucharist followed by
Bible Study at 11:30 a.m.*

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<u>Sept. 2023</u>	<u>YTD 2023</u>
Income	\$11,954	\$135,709
Expenses	<u>\$ 13,061</u>	<u>\$ 118,806</u>
Net	(\$1,107)	\$ 16,903

Journeying: a message from Fr Eric

Well, ready or not we're journeying into November already! As I looked back over this last month, trying to figure out where my time went, a lot of it has gone into the final steps of finding our next home. I had no idea just how tedious finalizing the details of a 'business' lease can be. But I know now. St. Catherine's third home will finally be ready to welcome us by the first of the year, 'God willin and the cricks don't rise', and the next step in our journey together.

Your parish leadership is now turning our attention to the actual physical move, and also looking for opportunities to let you see the place before our move in date. We've had one 'open house' already, and got some great suggestions on how to turn yet another business park unit into a real church from the folks who were able to go. But we need your ideas as well, so please be looking for info on the next open house in the coming days. Then come share your ideas to help out with this next step in our journey together.

But sometimes journeys can feel more like dances, with two steps forward and one step back. So your worship team has also been busy planning ways to encourage spiritual growth during our remaining time here, while also finding ways to say thanks for our growth while we were here and thanks to the many

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amazing folks who have entered our lives and hearts to urge us further along the path. Welcome and thank you, hello and good bye, all part of the next step in our journey together.

Then once we're settled in our new home, the journey will finally be done, right? Well, while renewable, it's a three year lease. And that's the point. The journey onward takes us ever deeper into life in the Kingdom of God. It really isn't about arrival. The journey itself is what gives our lives deeper meaning, taking us deeper into relationship with each other, with all the folks we meet along the way, with all of God's creation we're learning to appreciate in new ways, and with our creator God who calls us to be co-creators made in the divine image. So thank you for joining me in boldly continuing on this exciting adventure, as we take the next steps in our journey together.

Blessings on the journey!

Eric +

VESTRY CORNER

By LaJuana Bryan, Senior Warden

Many attended the open house at our new location, 890 East Patriot Blvd. We are proceeding with a lease, and plan to be moved in by **Jan. 1, 2024!** We will schedule another viewing for those interested who could not attend last time. Please talk to Charlie, Beth or me for more information. Thank you all for your prayers and support.



We look forward to our Bishop's Homecoming and confirmations on **Nov. 12**, followed by a potluck meal and conversation with the Bishop.

The Senior Bundles collection boxes will remain available for donations until **Nov. 14**.

The movie group started last month; it meets the **first Tuesday of each month** and is very casual — we just meet at the Summit Mall at 12:30, pick a movie and go! For more information, call me (LaJuana) at 775-462-1700.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

By Kevin Goss, Stewardship Chair

The case for giving to St. Catherine's: As you consider your pledge for 2024, you may wonder





YOGA

Get together at church for yoga on **Mondays** and **Fridays** from **10-11 a.m.** The cost is \$6. Please join us and invite your friends. Like more information? Email LaJuana Bryan: lajuanabryan@gmail.com

ALTAR FLOWERS



We welcome donations for altar flowers in honor of, or in memory of, someone you love. To sign up and select a special date, see the flower sign-up sheet at church (on the wall opposite the name tags in the foyer). Thank you!

ENERGY 101

Vickie Wright will present the "Energy 101" program that she presented at a Galilee retreat this year, which was well received. It will be **Wednesday, Nov. 8** from **11 a.m. to noon**. For more info, see Vickie's cards in the church entryway.

COFFEE HOUR

Jeremy Penrod and Terri Foster are our Coffee Hour Co-Chairs. If you'd like to be on the coffee hour rotation, contact

how St. Catherine's uses the money that you give. I'm sure it comes as no surprise: our biggest expense categories are related to rent and salaries. Our facility and our spiritual leadership provide a foundation for our worship and gatherings. Without a facility we would have no place to worship, and no place for groups to gather. We are planning to re-locate to a new facility. We will have expenses to set up the new facility and while the monthly rent will be lower, it will continue to be a major expense.

We hope to hire a full-time priest. To attract a quality candidate who can effectively lead our worship, provide pastoral care, facilitate our outreach, help us grow our membership and so much more, it will require offering a competitive salary and benefits package.

Every dollar you give promotes our mission: "in community, love God, love others, serve both." For example, "Ministry Moments" have been included in our last few Sunday services. Each week, a different member of our parish has provided a description of the various ministries that we provide within our parish: Music, Senior Bundles, Catherine's Corner Book Club, Baby Bundles, United Thank Offering, Sunshine Club, and the St. Nick's Helpers Christmas offering. These programs would not be possible without the dedicated energy of our parishioners, but they are also supported by our facility, salaries and office expenses, which cost real dollars.

We have also had parishioners speak to us about volunteering outside the parish (Big Brothers Big Sisters, CASA, Loving Laps, Hospital Chaplaincy and Foster Grandparents are just a few examples). These folks are getting a great deal of satisfaction from doing God's work outside of our parish. While these acts of stewardship don't receive funding from our parish, they are fine examples of dedication of works and wisdom to do God's work in our community.

Thank you for all that you do for the Church and for the world. Please consider what you will pledge to our community in the coming year to sustain our worship, our gathering and to serve our neighbors. Every gift goes toward our ministry and mission, and yours is essential to us. I ask that you pray with us as we consider how each of us will contribute our gift of wealth.

Please remember our pledge card in-gathering will be on **November 19**.

Peace be with you,
Kevin Goss

RSVP today for Advent Wreath-making workshop on Nov. 26

By Beth Osborne

Jeremy at jeremyppenrod@gmail.com or 775-342-7160, or Terri at terrifoster1@hotmail.com or 775-771-3010. You can recruit a friend to share coffee hour duty with, too.
Thank you!

Please let Beth Osborne know by TODAY if you would like to make your own personal Advent Wreath following the service on Sunday, November 26. The cost will be approximately \$10 per wreath.

Advent is the Church season of preparation for the coming of Christmas. It is traditional to light a candle on an Advent wreath on the four Sundays leading up to Christmas, starting this year on December 3rd, to help us reflect on and anticipate its coming.

Please email Beth at beth-osborne@hotmail.com today if you'd like to join in, so she can order enough supplies.

How to donate to St. Catherine's from your IRA Required Minimum Distribution



By Sally Dickinson, Treasurer

Hello, for those who must take a distribution from their IRA every year, a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), there is a way to donate some of that taxable money to St. Catherine's, which will also reduce the taxable income you might normally have to put on your tax return.

St. Catherine's is a non-profit 501(c)3 church recognized by the IRS. One can donate from your RMD up to \$100,000 to a non-profit tax free, if you have the IRA custodian make out the check and send it. The amount of a donation to a non-profit from an RMD can be subtracted from the total amount of the RMD to equal your new taxable income.

One needs to contact the custodian that holds your IRA with your request, usually at least a month ahead of the RMD deadline. In the letter to your custodian, cite your account number, the amount of the RMD you wish the custodian to direct to St. Catherine's, along with our name and contact information plus our federal tax number (see below). To make this work, you must have the IRA custodian make out the check and send it. If you take out the money and donate it yourself, you will not get the taxable income benefit.

Here is our contact info:
St. Catherine of Siena Episcopal Church
PO Box 17831
Reno, NV 89511
Federal Tax ID number: 20-8580100

If you have more questions, please contact Sally Dickinson at (775) 853-7850.

Catherine's Corner Book Club

The book club is discussing the subject of forgiveness with the book "Sunflower." It will meet at 11 a.m. on **Nov. 24**, and then will suspend meetings until January, due to our upcoming move.

Help us fill those little blue boxes with change

By Georgia Tachoures



The United Thank Offering (UTO) giving for St. Catherine's is going to look a bit different this year. It will be more aligned with the recommendations of UTO National. I will have boxes out on the counter for those who wish to use them. We also will pass a separate collection basket at the Nov. 5 and Nov. 12 services. The money and boxes can be collected then as well but **no later than Nov. 19** since I must mail collected funds to UTO National early in December. This is a wonderful, safe event for the Episcopal church. Please plan to support the program as much as you can.