

Your pledge can make a big difference in 2017...

For over twelve years, Godly Play has been a cornerstone ministry of Church of Our Saviour. Founded by Sally Thomas and then ably shepherded and expanded by Tiana Wimmer, our Godly Play program has been led and coordinated to date entirely by volunteers. Today, it is one of the premier children's ministries of its kind in the Diocese of California, and one of the fastest growing. **Some Sundays this autumn, over 30% of our worshipping congregation has been in the Godly Play classrooms!**

To continue to sustain this vibrant program into the future, parish leadership is developing a new position for a part-time paid Godly Play Coordinator in 2017. This staff member will be the face of the program, plan the school year, coordinate volunteers, help with teaching the stories and training, maintain the classrooms, and work with our Youth and Family Ministries Team to provide new ways of bringing our families and children together for fellowship.

We are estimating this position will cost \$18,000 in the first year.

Your new pledge or an increase in your ongoing pledge will help fund this exciting new position, ensuring that Godly Play remains vibrant and successful in the years to come. Thank you for your generosity!



Your volunteer time at Church of Our Saviour is critical. . .

For 2017, you are invited to list on your pledge card the area(s) where you plan to offer your time and talents. Consider listing a ministry from below that nurtures your soul!

One of our leaders will be in touch with you about it shortly after we receive your pledge card.

Worship & Newcomers

Acolytes – *adults are welcome, and fifth-graders and older in assisting at the altar*

Altar Guild – *preparing our space for worship and flower arranging for Sundays*

Choir – *the Choir of Our Saviour leads music for worship and offers fun and fellowship for all*

Eucharistic Ministers – *assisting the clergy administer communion and bringing communion to the home-bound*

Greeters – *greet visitors on Sunday mornings and help lead them into the life of this community*

Lectors – *join our first-rate team of scripture readers for our worship services*

Ushers – *help with Sunday morning hospitality as members and newcomers arrive for worship*

Education

Godly Play – *storytellers and greeters to help in the classrooms*

Middle Saints and Youth Group – *assist teachers and staff on Sundays; chaperone fellowship and service activities*

Adult Education – *share your passion with the congregation or help coordinate our ongoing educational opportunities for the parish and wider community*

Fellowship

Fellowship coordination – *providing opportunities for the community to gather and recruiting leadership and help in hosting dinners and special events at Church of Our Saviour*

Service and Outreach

Mt. Carmel lunch – *our monthly program to feed the hungry needs cooks, servers, and recruiters*

Rotating Emergency Shelter (REST) – *join other members of Church of Our Saviour and congregations from across Marin in helping feed the homeless during the winter months*

Taos Mission Trip – *our annual youth-led summer mission trip to Taos, New Mexico, works for a week in June on a Habitat for Humanity Project*

Service Projects – *our multigenerational opportunities for service include helping at the Marin Food Bank, tutoring at Manzanita Children's Center, and feeding the homeless at the St. Vincent de Paul Society Dining Room*

Pastoral Support and Prayer

Pastoral Care Team – *be part of our on-call support team that brings meals and offers occasional transportation assistance to members and families facing the challenge of a major life transition*

Church of Our Saviour Prayer Chain – *join other members in prayer for parishioners desiring prayerful support during a crisis*

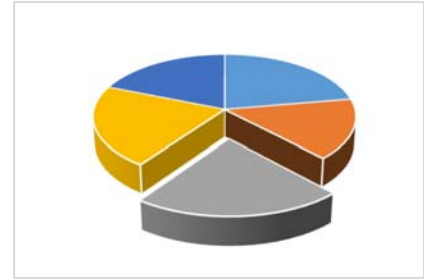
Discipleship Groups – *join and help lead a regular small group committed to disciplines of prayer, study, and service in Christ's name*

Would you like to volunteer for a ministry or activity not listed here? Let us know!

3. Support – Blessing one another with compassion and kindness

Leadership and Staff: \$81,500

Ministry Costs: \$2,500



*“Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?” –
The Baptismal Covenant*

Each one of us encounters times of challenge and transition in our lives. Through pastoral care, the prayers of our Healing Team, clergy visits and counseling, and the support and friendship of our many members, Church of Our Saviour offers a host of ways to help our members navigate difficult times.

Where We’re Headed:

1. Furthering the ongoing ministry of support groups in our parish.
2. Offering new opportunities for support, healing ministry, and connection.

What’s Needed:

1. Expanding our volunteer base offering pastoral support.
2. Financial and staff resources to facilitate leadership in the congregation for these vital ministries.



4. Service – Opening our hearts and hands to all in need in the wider community

Leadership and Staff: \$23,000

Outreach and Service: \$8,000

The Work of the wider Diocese of California and The Episcopal Church: \$50,000

“Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?” – The Baptismal Covenant

From our monthly hot lunch serving the hungry at Mt. Carmel in Mill Valley to our youth-led mission trip to Taos the past several summers to generations of our members volunteering at the Food Bank, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Gilead House, the REST Shelter, tutoring at the Manzanita Children’s Center, and advocating for the needs of the homeless, Church of Our Saviour actively strengthens the hands of all our members for service in Christ’s name.

In our New Focus conversations of two years ago, we learned more about the desire for our service to be intergenerational, and the growing concerns in our community for those who are most vulnerable in the current housing crisis: the precariously housed and the homeless. Since then, with the leadership of a taskforce, we became much more closely acquainted with the struggles of the homeless in Marin County. This autumn and winter, we continue with educating our membership about this ongoing challenge in our common life, and move our focus to expanding opportunities for service across all our generations.

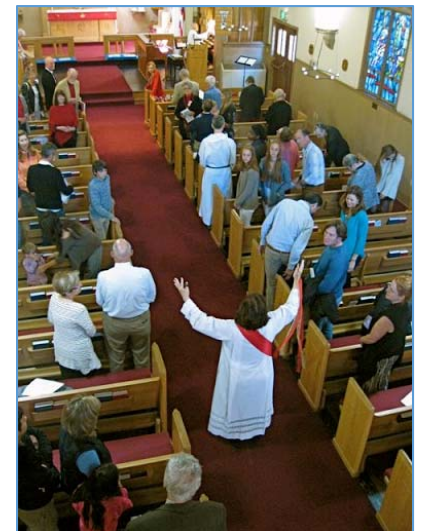
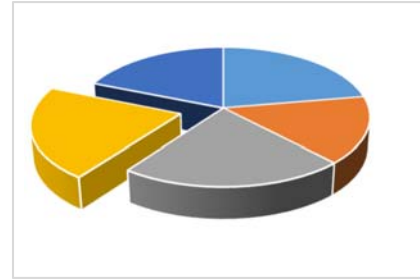
A significant portion of our service budget supports the work of the wider Episcopal Church, from helping sustain the ministry of our Bishop and his staff to missions and charitable institutions here in the Bay Area, to the life and mission of The Episcopal Church nationally and globally.

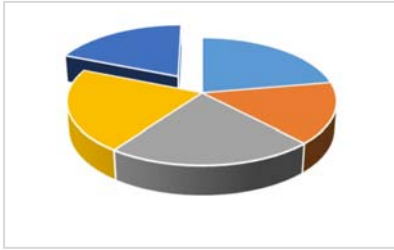
Where We’re Headed:

1. Furthering our service opportunities to the needs of the vulnerable in the wider community.
2. Expanding youth and adult participation in our annual mission trip.

What’s Needed:

1. Holding education forums and conversations about homelessness in Marin.
2. Recruiting new adult volunteers and more youth for a combined mission trip with St. Stephen’s youth to Taos, New Mexico, in June.





5. Hospitality – Opening our spiritual home to the wider community

Leadership and Staff: \$39,000

Building Maintenance and Utilities: \$34,000

“Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.”

- Romans 12:13

Church of Our Saviour’s facilities have stood at the corner of Old Mill Street and Lovell Avenue for 125 years, as long as Mill Valley has been here. We currently host a vibrant preschool program, Marin Day School, that includes a number of our member families and offers a doorway for new families to enter our parish, several twelve-step groups, and a piano teacher; we also offer rehearsal space for thespian groups and a home for spiritual direction and pastoral counseling.

As we strengthen our emergency preparedness, we are coming to recognize our importance as a community meeting place in a crisis. Looking ahead, we expect to reach out more proactively to our neighbors and further elevate our visibility and involvement in the wider community.

As we look ahead to the future, we invite you to make Church of Our Saviour part of your future plans. While making your pledge for 2016, consider including Church of Our Saviour in your will, estate, or trust planning. Contact the office for more details:

office@oursaviourmv.org or
(415) 388-1907

From our seasonal work days to the routine work of our Sexton and Parish Administrator, maintaining and improving our facilities is a critical part of our hospitality for not only our worship and support for one another, but our ministry to many beyond our parish boundaries.

Where We’re Headed:

1. Improving our facilities for a new generation.
2. Further our emergency preparedness as a parish and with our neighbors.

What’s Needed:

1. Expanding our volunteer base for emergency preparedness.
2. Two parish workdays to maintain our facilities.

