

HURRICANE HELENE REPORT

Dear St. Anne's Family and Friends,

September 26, 2024 will be a day etched in our memory for years as we witnessed the destruction of Hurricane Helene. We are blessed that Hurricane Helene came, left her mark, and departed with no known loss of life or injury to our family. However, Hurricane Helene definitely left a huge mark at St. Anne's, our families', and much of the Gulf coast. Our hearts and prayers are with them.

St. Anne's has suffered major flooding with at least 18 inches of highly contaminated storm surge (Category 3). The Sanctuary, Parish Hall, Offices, and Garage were all flooded. Mass was cancelled on September 29, 2024. However, we had Mass the following Sunday, October 6, under the Sanctuary canopy.

Currently Mass is being held in the Parish Hall, which began October 13 @ 9:30 am and will remain there until the Sanctuary is repaired (target date Easter). Our surroundings have changed, but Jesus said, "*where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them* (Matthew 18:20)." What truly matters is our faith community has the privilege to worship the risen Christ, Our Lord Jesus.

Days after the devastation of Hurricane Helene, Church Insurance of Vermont (CIC) responded immediately and dispatched two restoration companies (MGM Recovery and One Restore). MGM has completed the assigned remediation tasks. Currently, St. Anne's is still under contract negotiations with One Restore for the Church Rebuild.

The growing list of damages includes carpeting, tiles, furniture, cabinets, books, doors, and pews. Currently all carpeting, most of the floor tile, four feet of the sheetrock, some cabinets and furniture have been discarded due to flood damages. Although the pews were damaged, there is a possibility they can be repaired. Unfortunately, the list of destroyed items is extensive. On the bright side, many of the church linens, vestments, sacred vessels, prayer books, hymnals, organ, piano, and Audio Visual equipment suffered minimal to no damages.

The financial burden resulting from Hurricane Helene is widespread. We have of course contacted both FEMA and The Diocese of Central Florida. To date, neither FEMA nor The Diocese has offered a certainty of financial support. Any shortfall must be made up by our Investments, which would deplete

most of our savings. The deductibles for our church properties are as follows:

Sanctuary Deductible

- Building \$ 46,910
- Contents \$ 8,106

Parish Hall Deductible

- Building \$ 30,146
- contents \$ 5,178

Our insurance policy has a \$ 1,000,000 flood limit. Preliminary cost for demolition and repairs will exceed \$ 800,000. Much of the cost will be in the rebuild. All buildings will require new flooring, wallboard, doors and cabinets at a minimum. Currently, the list of materials is under review. Our goal is to build back better with water resistant materials.

Over the years, St. Anne's has served the Crystal River and Citrus County Communities through its extensive outreach. What once began as a ministry to homeless veterans grew to a food pantry serving anyone in need, especially during the pandemic. Local children & teens found a friendly face, a warm meal, homework assistance, and friendship here on Sundays, Wednesday evenings, and during the summer. A grand parenting program provided support to local grandparents raising their grandchildren. We are more than a parish that focuses on our own needs.

We at St. Anne's live in and serve this wonderful community of Crystal River. We humbly ask for your financial support in reconstructing the very buildings that have been a haven to many. Please make checks out to *St. Anne's Episcopal Church* or go to our website @ stanneschurchcr.org and click "Online Giving" to donate electronically.

In Christ

Fr. Rich +

Rev. Richard A. Chandler, Jr

St. Anne's Spirit of Giving Guidelines

How to Maximize the Helpfulness and Impact of Your Gifts

Spirit of Giving at St. Anne's

There is an abundant spirit of generosity and love that embodies the members and friends of St. Anne's, which allow us to carry out our mission to demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ so that all may come to know God. We pray that God helps us to individually offer and collectively receive and use each gift wisely to make God's love known to all.

Purpose of Our Gift Acceptance Guidelines

The purpose of having guidelines is to outline what type of gifts are the most helpful and impactful, as well as to clarify what gifts may unintentionally not be an ideal fit or fully utilized (and in that way may be wasteful).

Cash Gifts Are Always the Most Helpful

In short, unrestricted cash gifts enable us to make financial decisions that are most effective achieving our shared vision for the good of the whole: in keeping with our form (aesthetic) & functional needs. Please make checks out to *St. Anne's Episcopal Church* OR go to our website @ stanneschurchcr.org and click "Online Giving" to donate electronically.

Financial Instruments & Asset Gifts Are Greatly Appreciated

We would gladly welcome donations from other sources.

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These include, but are not limited to:

- Charitable IRA donations
- Appreciated stock. Transfer directly to St. Anne's to take full advantage of charitable deduction and avoid capital gains tax.
- Readily marketable securities
- Estate planning: bequests, life insurance, etc.
- Real estate
- Charitable Remainder Trust or a Charitable Lead Trust
- For information on more complex donations contact your financial advisor

Donating Tangible Items

At this time, we are not accepting any tangible items.

Gift Acceptance & Review Process

The Vestry is responsible for the review, acceptance and rejection of gifts. The spirit of reviewing restricted and/or non-ordinary gifts is to ensure gifts that are accepted are in complete keeping with our shared mission/vision and do not have unintended costs, liability or complexity burdens.

Major Donors Encouraged to Seek Outside Advice

Before making any major or binding gift, we encourage donors to consult with independent, professional financial, tax and other advisors to ensure they are protecting their individual interests as they generously express their love for the church and others.

Heartfelt Gratitude For Your Love Made Visible

Thank you for your gift, whether big or small. May you have peace knowing your donation will be faithfully used to support St. Anne's mission and efforts to make God's love known, seen and tangibly experienced by ALL.