



- **Lindenwood International Students**
- **Green Thumb Squad**
- **Giving Garden**
- **Memorial Garden**
- **ROMEO**
- **Program Endowment (Haynes) Fund**
- **TEA Fund**
- **ACE Fund**
- **Jackson Kemper Convocation**



## **LINDENWOOD INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

**Chairperson:** Betty Bowen

**Members:** John & Vicki Barnard

**Activities in 2024:** We had ONE event this year with the students when we celebrated Valentine's Day in February with a Dinner and games, which everyone enjoyed. Our contact with Lindenwood is with the two Co-Ordinators of the ISF Program at Lindenwood, Ava Schaeffer and Mary Ann West.

We said goodbye to Rev Michael Nchimbi who returned to his home in Tanzania, and we thank him for his efforts with Lindenwood.

Funding for this Program is from the \$1,000 Trinity received from the Diocese which each Church was given due to an excess in their budget.

**Anticipated Activities for 2025:** We will continue to reach out to the International Students through the IFS Program and do what we can, when we can. I have been approached by Richard Middleton who has some ideas which we will discuss. Our goal for reaching out to the International Students is to provide hospitality and a safe place to come as they are far away from their homes.

## **GREEN THUMB SQUAD**

**Chairperson:** Robert Brown

**Members:** Robert Brown, Nancy Noel, Susan Perry, Janie Jones, Eleanor McCune, Angela Rose

**Activities in 2024:** Due to the customs and requirements associated with retiring clergy and their spouses, this is, in all likelihood, my last report as the person in charge of the Green Thumb Squad. Just let me say up front that it has been an honor and a privilege having taken over for the late Ruby Quartermann several years ago. The task was made easier by the many helping hands (and their green thumbs).



There is not much to report that wasn't said last year and for many of the years before that. We still welcome anyone who wants to help in any way. We especially need volunteers to adopt one or more of the flower beds in front of the parish hall and along the parking lot. By summer's end, someone will have to take over caring for the bed in front of the doors and the boxes along the parking lot and to the left of the sidewalk as you face the Parish Hall. Those have been my responsibility for some time now and I will continue to care for them through August.

**Anticipated Activities for 2025:** There is still a need to repair many of the boxes along the parking lot. Many of the stones have been dislodged and even broken. It is not a small job. They were constructed as Eagle Scout projects and that might be what is needed to restore them.

There is still a desire to dig out the flower bed beneath the windows of the Parish Hall (Nursery and John Hawn's office) and replace them with shrubbery or some other perennial that will thrive in low light, require little maintenance, and not grow too tall.

The efforts to eradicate the poison ivy that has invaded the flower bed closest to the front steps of the church have made some headway and will be ongoing.

Just across the sidewalk from that bed are rose bushes planted by Ruby Quartermann in memory of her husband, the previous rector, the Rev. George Quartermann. Unfortunately, those bushes have to be removed. They were diagnosed this past fall by a MU Extension Master Gardener with rose rosette disease, a virus carried from plant to plant by mites and infected tools and gloves. It is always fatal and the only solution is to remove the bushes and burn them. The soil cannot be used for roses for another two years. The most noticeable symptom is an overabundance of thorns on the stems. On or soon after the first non-Arctic day that occurs, you may see me removing the bushes. I am consulting with Extension on a suitable non-rose replacement.

Thank you for your help in lending a hand all these years, for your help in watering and weeding, and your helpful suggestions and advice, and the many donations of money to buy seeds and plants in the past. God bless you all.

Robert Brown

THE GIVING GARDEN, Trinity's Community Garden

Chairperson (Head Gardener): Sarah Horning

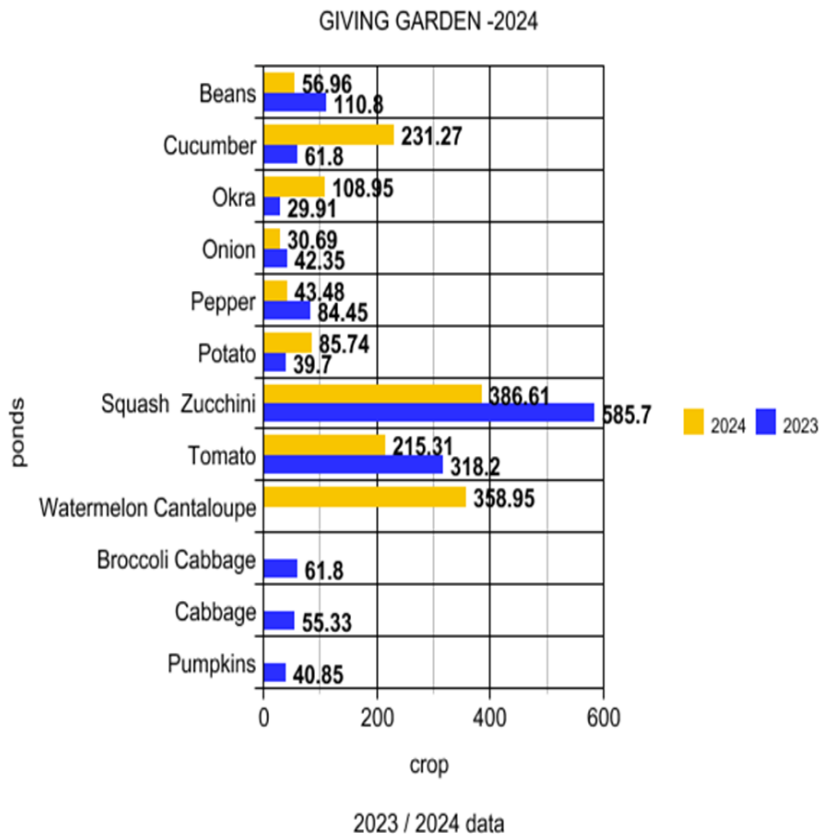
Members: Eleanor McCune, Cheryl Leas and the 5+ ladies from Church of the Shepherd Methodist Church, Betty Bowen, Bill Warren, John Barnard, plus others who helped, see below.

Activity completed in 2024: Blessings abounded at the Giving Garden this year. After planting potatoes and onions in March, we sowed 36 broccoli and 36 cabbage plants. Then, we replanted them a second time, and a third time. Our local rabbits ate 96 plants! In its place we planted watermelon hills; what a fun surprise and treat.

In addition to our watermelon success, we also tried vertical gardening. What a huge success! English cucumbers zipped up our bamboo teepee and produced more than 231 lbs.; and we installed arching trellises for the pole beans. Overall, we harvested over 1500 lbs of fresh food for our local food pantries.

The Giving Garden has received funds from the Task Force for Hunger, the Ministerial Alliance, and Trinity Church. The following individuals and groups volunteered unselfishly. They include: The Crossings Church, The Latter Day Saints Missionaries, Johnson & Johnson, St John's Youth Group, Just Serve website run by Jill King, neighbor Robert Gould, Kyle from Lindenwood University, Calvin & Ben Horning, and Emma from SCHS

Anticipated Activities for 2025: To increase participation from the local community; install critter control with fencing, and work with Lindenwood to remove trees shading the Garden.





## MEMORIAL GARDEN

**Chairpersons:** Betty Bowen & Jane Lackey

**Members:** Rick Lackey, Robert Brown, Skip Brownlow, JoAnne Harris, Karen Gupta.

**Activity in 2024:** Rick and Jane continue to maintain the Garden throughout the year as their Ministry, and they will now be joined by our newest member, Karen Gupta.

We interred two people in the Garden this year, Tim Farrar and Barbara Ritter.

It became apparent that the Garden has more spaces for burial than there are Columns to engrave future names. After discussions with Jim Hunt, a parishioner whose wife is buried in the Garden, Jim produced some plans to build two additional columns in the Garden. A sub-committee to the Memorial Garden was formed to explore two potential projects:

- To erect new Memorial Columns in the Garden,
- To expand the Garden to accommodate future needs.

The following people were invited to be on the Sub-Committee:

David McCune, Chairperson, Jim Gigliotti, Jim Hunt, Keith Hazelwood, Robert Brown, Tamsen Whistler, Harlan Meyer and Robert Bowen have been assigned to put the Diagram of Plots and all the names of the people already buried and those who have purchased plots in the Garden, into a digital format. A big Thank You.

The new Memorial Columns have been erected and we are now waiting for the Monument Company to come and place the granite on these Columns and engrave what names we have on them. This project was paid for by Jim Hunt, to whom we give a big THANK YOU! This Sub-committee will continue to meet when necessary to plan the expansion to the Garden to accommodate future needs.

Big THANK YOU also to Keith Hazlewood who has gifted some funds to help with the expansion to the Garden.

The Memorial Garden Committee held a meeting on December 8 with the following people present: Jane Lackey, JoAnne Harris, Karen Gupta, Tamsen Whistler and Betty Bowen; absent were Bob Brown, Skip Brownlow and Rick Lackey.

The Monument Company came out to engrave some new names and dates on the columns.

On All Saints Sunday we once again processed out to the Garden to place our crosses in the ground with the names of our beloved Saints who have gone before us.

**Anticipated Activities in 2025:** To continue to care for the Garden to make it a place of Peaceful Solitude for all, and to support the Sub-Committee on their plans for expansion.



## ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out)

**Chairperson:** Bill Warren

**Members:** All Retired men at Trinity and friends

**Activity in 2024:** ROMEO is a group of men that meets the second Saturday of each month for breakfast at JJ's restaurant on South Duchesne. We have been doing this for so long that the waitress dedicated to serving us knows what we mean when we simply say, "The usual."

About 12 to 18 men meet, sometimes more. Not all of us are retired and some of us are not old. Not all of us are members of the parish but just friends or former members. We sit at a long table and who you wind up sitting next to or across from is determined in what order you arrive. You soon find out that the three or five guys sitting around you usually have something in common with you. It might be work, favorite

hobbies, recent trips, the Cardinals, military service, lies about fish caught and deer shot, jokes, and sometimes politics and every once in a while religion.

We call everyone on our list a day or two ahead of the breakfast date to remind them to be at JJ's at 8:30 am on the second Saturday of each month. To get your name on the calling list, see Bill Warren or John Barnard after the early service on any Sunday. But you can always just show up and join the gang.



ROMEO



## 2024 Program Development Fund (formerly the *Program Endowment Fund* or the *Haynes Fund*)

In 2024, the Vestry realized that we had incorrectly been describing the gift that Bill and Nan Haynes gave us 25 years ago as an “endowment” fund. The Haynes’s gift is a restricted fund; it does not meet the formal criteria for an endowment fund. That restricted gift is now called the Program Development Fund. (A Fund is something that carries over from year to year, like the Organ Fund, Music Fund, Memorial Garden Fund, Memorial Fund, Altar Guild Fund, Flower Fund, and the Martha Guild Fund. These funds can receive dona-

tions, but the money in the funds is restricted. (The Altar Guild Fund is for vestments and paraments and chalices, relatively “permanent” things; it’s not used to by consumable items, like wine and wafers or other bread.) The Program Development Fund in invested in Calvert Mutual Funds

Since we received the original \$50, 000 gift, the Program Development Committee has made grants from the interest it generates have created our church library, built the labyrinth, sponsored a writing workshop, sent young people to camp for several years, sponsored “meet the author” events, provided seed money for a children’s choir, funded space, facilitators and musicians for parish spiritual retreats, and sponsored an event that brought 60 people from around the diocese to Trinity Church for a weekend program with Barbara Cawthorn Crafton, nationally known author, retreat leader, spiritual director, and Episcopal priest. We do not want to lose sight of what it has done and can do, despite our short-term financial difficulties.

### Actions Taken in 2024

The Vestry and Finance Committee took a close look at the Program Development Fund. It is to be used for new programs or to enhance existing ones, with a focus on including the wider community in the work we do. As such, it offers some flexibility, so we were able to use money from it more to support than enhancement. It was necessary in 2023, and a bit less so in 2024. We do not want to make a habit of that.

### Plans for 2025

We want to reboot the Program Development Committee, so that it actively encourages people to think creatively and apply for small grants within the guidelines and application process to do so. We want to coordinate more fully with the Finance committee to see what we might be able to do to continue both to use and to increase this fund for future projects.

## TEA (TRINITY EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE) FUND

**TRINITY EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE (TEA) FUND** was created several years ago to assist in small ways with post-high school education or training for parishioners up to age 26. To be eligible, a young person must be an active parishioner at Trinity Church. Persons who have received grants since the fund was established have been acolytes, choir members, lectors, involved in Sunday school service projects and/or an outreach effort, such as Share-A-Meal. Applications are available for graduating high school seniors and/or others who are involved in post high school training or undergraduate education.



ACE and TEA Funds share the same three At-Large members, but with one Vestry liaison for the TEA and one for the ACE Fund. Each At-large member serves for 3 years and serves as chairperson the third year, before rotating off. Members ex officio are the Rector and Wardens.

**Chairperson:** Millie Oberlin

**Members at Large:** Rebecca Jones, Millie Oberlin, Judy Hodge, each elected in successive years by Annual parish Meeting. There was no Vestry liaison.

**Activity in 2024:** An application has been developed. We met one time in 2024 to consider an application submitted on behalf of Vivian Jones. The application was duly considered and a grant was approved and paid to Vivian Jones in August, 2024

**Anticipated Activity for 2025:** Elect one at large member to serve a three year term. Appoint a Vestry liaison. Advertise the fund for those who wish to donate, as well as those who wish to apply for a small grant.

## ADULT CHRISTIAN ENRICHMENT (ACE) FUND

Ace Fund is designed to encourage parishioners over the age of 26 (no upper age limit) in their ongoing spiritual formation.

**Chairperson:** Millie Oberlin

**Members at Large:** Rebecca Jones, Millie Oberlin, Judy Hodge. There was no Vestry liaison.

**Activity in 2024:** We did not meet in 2024.

**Anticipated Activity for 2025:** Elect one at large member to serve a three year term. Appoint a Vestry liaison. Meet at least once and create an application for this fund.



## 2024 Jackson Kemper Convocation Report

**Leader:** Acting Dean, Tamsen Whistler

**Trinity Church/St. Charles Members:** Lori Cooper, Judy Hodge, Elizabeth Meyer, Diocesan Convention *Lay Delegates*; Robert Brown, Diocesan Convention *Lay Alternate*; Deacon Elizabeth Bowen, Tamsen Whistler, *Clerical Delegates*

**Other Members:** Lay Delegates, Lay Alternates, and Clerical Delegates from *Trinity/Hannibal, Calvary/Louisiana, St. John's/Eolia, Transfiguration/Lake St. Louis, St. Martin's/Ellisville, St. Timothy's/Creve Coeur, Hope Church/Town & Country, Faith Church of India/xx, and St. Francis/Eureka*

The Jackson Kemper Convocation is one of four regional diocesan groupings, intended to facilitate the work of Diocesan Convention between annual meetings. The Convocations are to meet at least four times a year, celebrate our namesake, plan one activity together, receive reports from our representatives to the Diocesan Council, discuss (and write) Convention resolutions, consider nominees for the Diocesan Standing Committee, Council, and in appropriate years, General Convention Deputies. All Diocesan Convention Delegates and Alternates have "seat and voice" on their parish vestries and are also expected to make periodic reports to the Vestry of actions of Convention or Convocation that pertain to them.

**Activity in 2024:** Jackson Kemper Convocation met twice online and, at the Diocesan Convention, once in person. Our primary accomplishment was to gather for a photograph at Convention, and to meet in two separate groups in a room not conducive to having four large groups meet at once. In August, Bishop Deon appointed Tamsen Whistler, Acting Dean, replacing Dean Shug Goodlow, who was no longer serving a church in JK Convocation.. Deans and Wardens meet on Zoom once a month on first Mondays with the Bishop. (As Acting Dean, she could use the title, "The Very Rev.") Her primary role was to convene the Convocation on Zoom before Convention to discuss the business of Convention. All Delegates from Trinity Church attended that meeting, with most of the other churches also represented.)

**Anticipated Activity for 2025**The Convocation will meet Feb 2 at 4 PM to discuss a date for Bishop Deon Johnson to visit the Convocation to celebrate Jackson Kemper; consider what we might do for a project together; and elect both a Warden (lay person) and a Dean (cleric); and elect two lay persons and one cleric to represent JK Convocation on the Diocesan Council. Trinity's Lay Convention Delegates for 2025 remain Lori Cooper, Judy Hodge, and Liz Meyer. We will elect a new Lay Alternate Delegate at the Annual Parish Meeting Jan 26, as Robert Brown will not be able to serve in that capacity after August 2025. Elizabeth Bowen will remain our Clerical Delegate; Tamsen Whistler will have retired.