Epiphany Anglican Church

PARISH PROFILE

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Traditional + Biblical + Sacramental

Our Brother in Christ,

Thank you for taking time to consider whether you might be called to serve at Epiphany Anglican as our new vicar! We are a welcoming congregation who are committed to one another and always eager to meet new people.

We are seeking a leader who can shepherd new members in their faith while ministering to the needs of the elderly, and who can build ministries well suited for families with children to further encourage Epiphany's growth.

Our church deeply loves Jesus and seeks to grow in his likeness every day. As we have watched God work in our midst, we have prayerfully considered when the right time would be to welcome a new vicar who can take us into the next phase of God's plan for our family. We sense we are approaching this time!

May God bless you in your discernment as he blesses us in our time of trusting in his Good and Perfect Plan.

In Christ,
The Congregation of Epiphany Anglican Church

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History

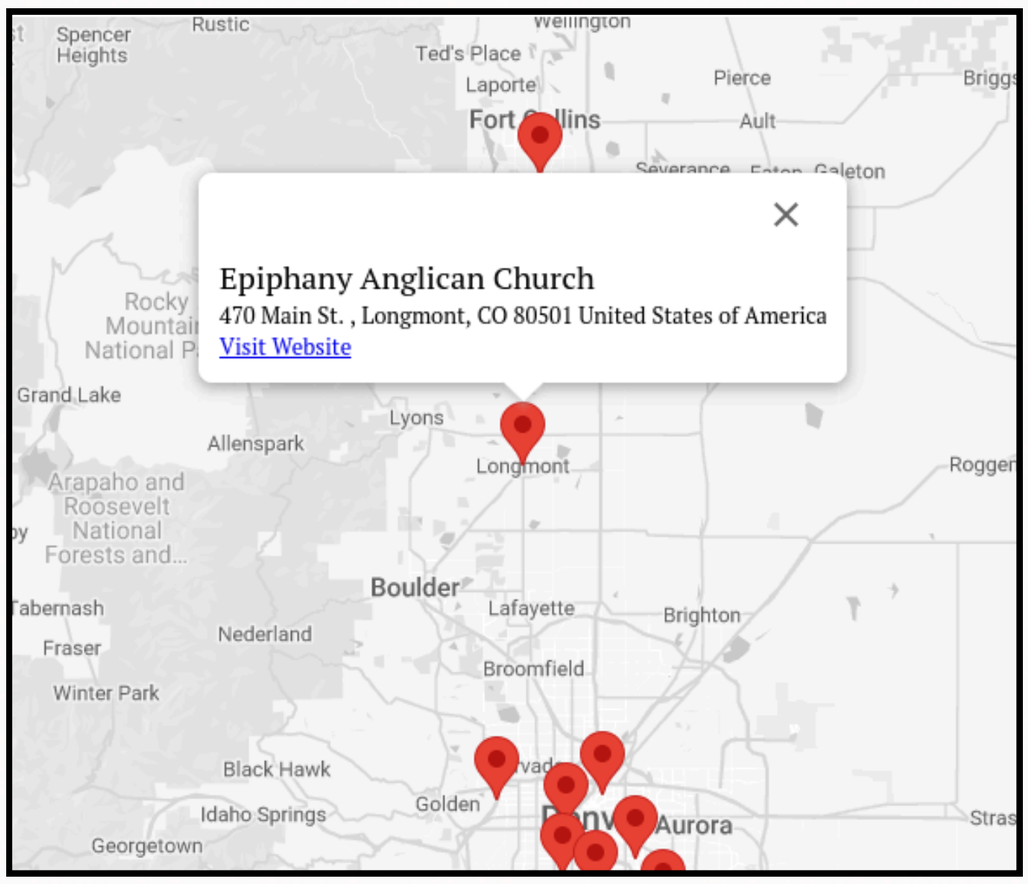
Epiphany was founded in 2004 as part of a network of church plants associated with the Anglican Mission in America led by Bishop Gerry Schnackenberg. Bishop Gerry was based at Epiphany in Longmont and served as our longtime rector until his retirement in 2021. Several churches in the area were originally planted by Epiphany. At the time of Bishop Gerry's retirement, Epiphany had 75 members, with an average Sunday attendance of 45.

In 2022 and 2023, Epiphany faced the difficulty of being without a rector or a traditional diocese. During these years, many long time members chose to find a new church home, and Sunday attendance decreased to roughly 20. In 2023, Epiphany joined the REC with Fr. Patrick Dorn as interim rector. Fr. Patrick serves part time, commuting 90 minutes from Lakewood.

In 2024, Epiphany moved out of its longtime rented location, a funeral home, to the historic Episcopal chapel on Main Street. This change required services to be moved to Sunday afternoon. Since then, the general trend has been positive. Sunday attendance now averages 35, split between a core of longtime members who trend older, and a new generation of members who trend younger.



Mission Field



Epiphany is well positioned to bring the light of Christ to our community. As the ACNA church finder map shows, there is a big gap between the clusters of Anglican churches in Denver and churches in Ft. Collins / North Loveland. Epiphany fills this gap by being the only Anglican church in the greater Boulder area.

Longmont has a vibrant main street, and our current building is right in the middle of it! Longmont has a highly regarded public school system along with a charter school and a great homeschool scene. Several Christian coops and hybrid schools are present here.



The area is filled with young adults who are hungry for a faith rooted in tradition. We have a steady stream of visitors who are seeking to worship God in a transcendent context. Other visitors pop in to admire the stained glass windows.

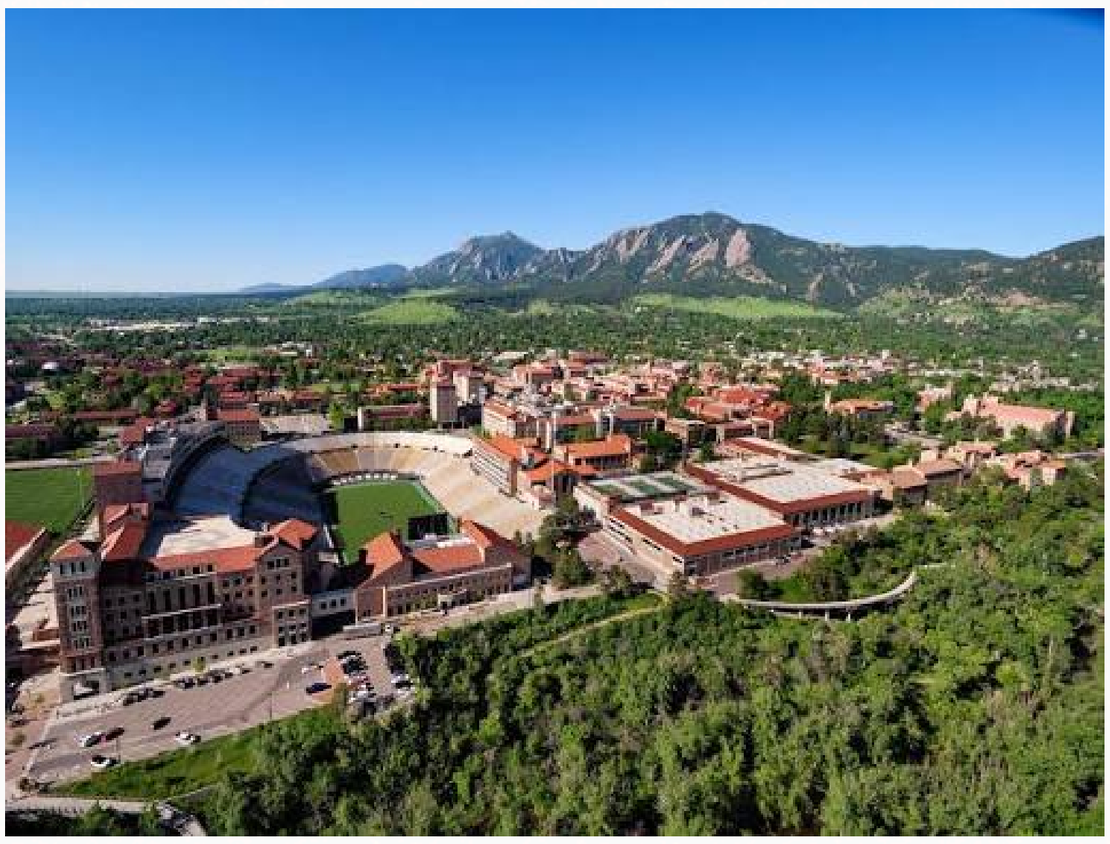
Region

Longmont is a rapidly growing city of 100,000 situated in the plains 20 minutes to the North East of Boulder. Longmont is a destination for Boulder families seeking more affordable housing. Longmont boasts the Boulder County Fairgrounds, parks such as Roosevelt Park or St. Vrain Greenway, both of which are walking distance from the church). There are trails, restaurants, museums, and a lovely library system.



Longs Peak (14,259 ft) as seen from Longmont, CO

Boulder is a prosperous and influential city. Its economy centers on outdoor recreation and technology. Many tech companies have offices there, and it is a world renowned destination for rock climbing and mountain sports. The University of Colorado Boulder brings 30,000 students to the region every year. Boulder County leans heavily progressive, although this trend is less prominent in Longmont and the surrounding rural areas.



The Flatirons and CU Boulder's Campus, Boulder, CO

Facilities

We meet in one of Longmont's oldest buidlings: a historic church established in the 1800s. It was the original Episcopal church in Longmont, but is now owned by the St. Vrain Historical Society. In addition to the main sanctuary, it features two single stall bathrooms, cellar storage space accessible from an outside hatch, and a wheel-chair accesible entrance. We share the space with another church who meets on Sunday mornings.







Our Congregation

- Epiphany has a strong core of members who love God and want to worship him rightly both in Spirit and in Truth.
- We have a strong history as a church, and our current members have learned to trust God through many changes in the past 5 years.
- Prayer and dependence on God are prominent in our lives.
- We have a few longtime Episcopalians, but most of us come from an evangelical background.
- While a growing number of congregants live in Longmont, others commute from Boulder, Gunbarrel, Lyons, and Brighton.

Bishop's Committee



Senior Warden
Johnny Stevenson



Junior Warden
Will Sachsenmaier



Vestry
Paul Boni



Treasurer
Lancene Cadora



Administrative Assistant
Melody Mooneyham

Service

Sunday Services begin at 3:00 p.m. where we sing, pray, repent, and partake in the Holy Eucharist. A cycle of volunteers assist with the chalice during the Eucharist and others offer prayer in the back for anyone who comes to them. Fr. Patrick typically offers in-person announcements, including birthdays and anniversaries, between the Blessing and the Recessional Hymn. The recessional leads into a time of feasting and fellowship following the service, which includes a community meal once or twice a month.

We use the traditional language version of the 2019 Book of Common Prayer in our liturgy.



Altar Guild

Several congregants volunteer to prepare and clean the altar weekly. Our shared space means that we set up and tear down folding tables for the altar and the credence table each service.

Lay Readers

The Lessons and the Prayers of the People are read by a rotation of volunteers every Sunday as assigned by our Administrative Assistant, Melody Mooneyham.

Fellowship

Volunteers rotate to bring light refreshments after regular services, and a few members of the congregation coordinate the church-funded fellowship meals, which occur once or twice a month.



Planning & Communication



Bulletin

Fr. Patrick (interum rector) has been our primary coordinator for the formatting and printing of the bulletin, though the Battersby's are responsible for entering and formatting the hymns. Announcements and events are included at the end of the bulletin.

Flocknote

Our primary form of church-wide communication, in addition to online giving, occurs via Flocknote. On it, emails can be sent to Active Members, the Prayer Team, and Sunday Servers. Friends of Epiphany (missions organizations we support) can also use Flocknote to send updates to the congregation.





Music Ministry

James and Charis Battersby have selected hymns and played for services for two years. When they are out of town, the congregation participates in a said service. All hymn texts are printed in the bulletin, but Epiphany does not currently own hymnals for music reading attendees.

A Week at Epiphany

Sun	10 a.m. Morning Prayer at Alta Vita Independant Living 3 p.m. Sunday Service 4:30 p.m. Church Fellowship
Tues	7 p.m. Book Group gathers at the church to read and dicuss (Usually features beer)
Wed	7 p.m. Young Professionals gather to pray, study, and fellowship in one of the members' home (Usually features snacks)
Thurs	On Occasion, Feast Day Services are offered (Ascension Day, Transfiguration, etc.)
Sat	8 a.m. Monthly Bishop's Committee Meetings 9 a.m. Monthly Women's Group Gatherings



Ministry & Outreach

Epiphany volunteers at and donates to several local organizations, including:

St. John the Baptist Food Pantry - A basket (or baskets) of donations are blessed during the service and delivered weekly

Life Choices - The local crisis pregnancy center

Crossroads - A school for kids with learning challenges

Operation Christmas Child - We pack and gather boxes annually

Social Media

Facebook: Epiphany Anglican Church Longmont
Instagram: @longmontepiphanyanglican
Email: community@epiphanyanglican.org

Relationships

Epiphany belongs to the REC's Diocese of Mid America. Since we joined we have been well supported by Bishop Sutton, and especially by Bishop Banek who meets with us regularly and is a wealth of resources. Colorado hosts a vibrant group of REC churches and we have great relationships with the priests at two parishes in Colorado Springs and one parish in Montrose. The deanery of the West offers many opportunities for clergy development and relationship building. We also have a friendly relationship with All Saints in Buena Vista, CO which was a remote campus of Epiphany before they grew into their own parish in the early 2020s. Our founding rector, Retired Bishop Gerry Schnackenberg, has also joined the REC and serves and visits Epiphany on occasion.

We have a strong partnership with Trailhead, the church who meets in the chapel on Sunday mornings. We sublet the space from them, cooperate with them on outreach ministries, and sometimes collaborate with them on special services. In fact, Longmont has a great ecumenical network of churches. We shared space with other churches during COVID. The Church of the Nazarene let us use their sanctuary for months during a construction project, and we participate in the Catholic church's food bank. Epiphany used to participate in weekly Longmont clergy prayer meetings, which would be a nice tradition to restart.

Challenges & Future

While we have a strong core of longtime members, there is also significant turnover from year to year as older members pass on or age into assisted living and younger members move for work or school. We don't have many families with children and roots in the area. Many of our members commute into Longmont from outlying areas, which challenges community building. Finally, the space we rent is small. We do not have a nursery or a kitchen. The building has a history of incubating churches which grow to around 75 people and then move to a larger building.

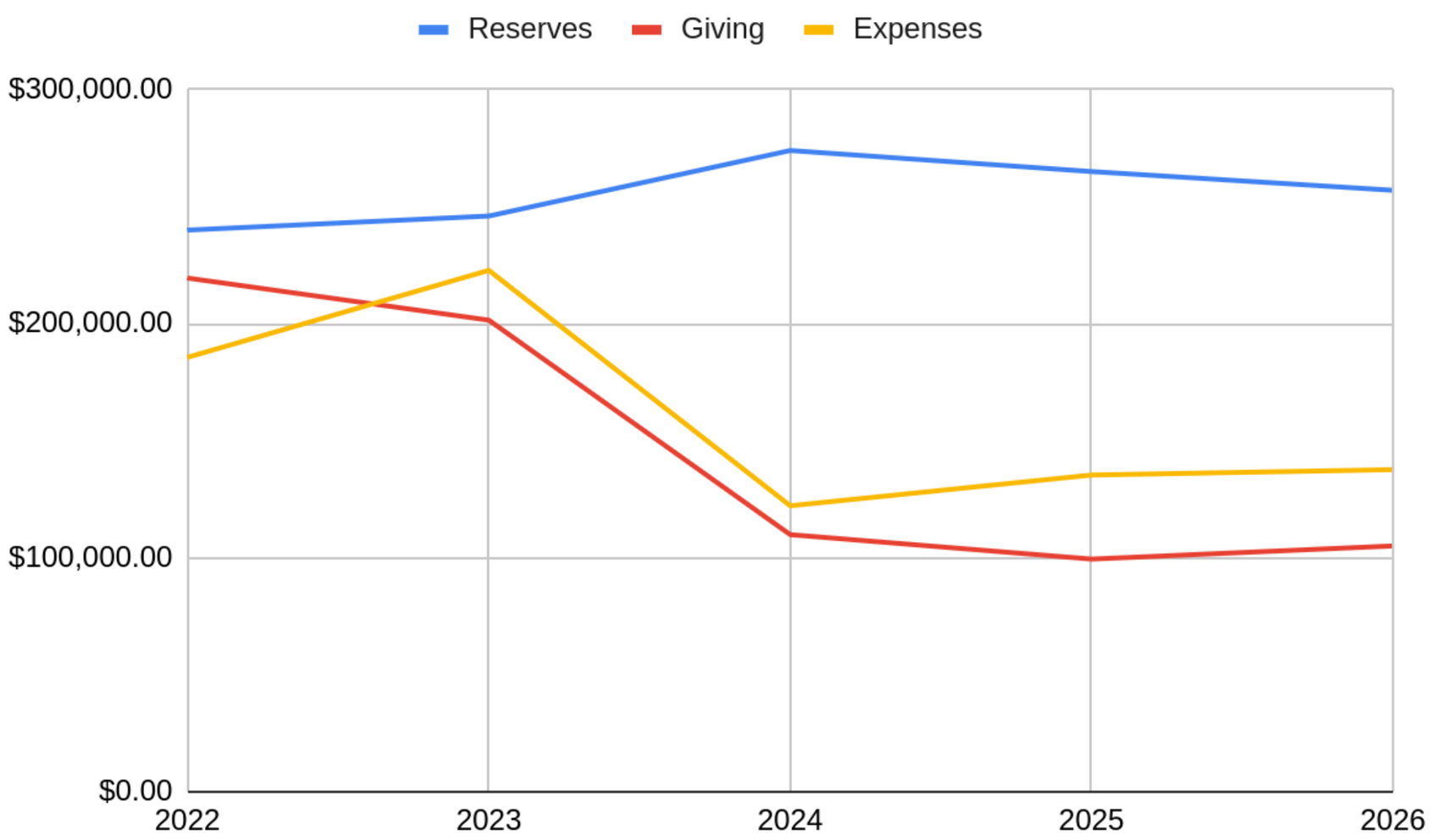
As we look towards the future, we pray the Lord would connect us with our next leader whom we can work alongside in our journey to be more like Christ and our calling to make disciples of all nations. The generosity of our congretation has made it possible for a bi-vocational or half-time priest to live on our current giving. We are also open to the idea of funding a full time position using our reserves and trusting God for growth to achieve sustainability after a 3 year runway. We already see a positive trend towards the self-sustainability of our church, but a long-term leader who is personable, steadfast, and is enthusiastic about what God has next for us is crucial to the vitality of our beloved church.



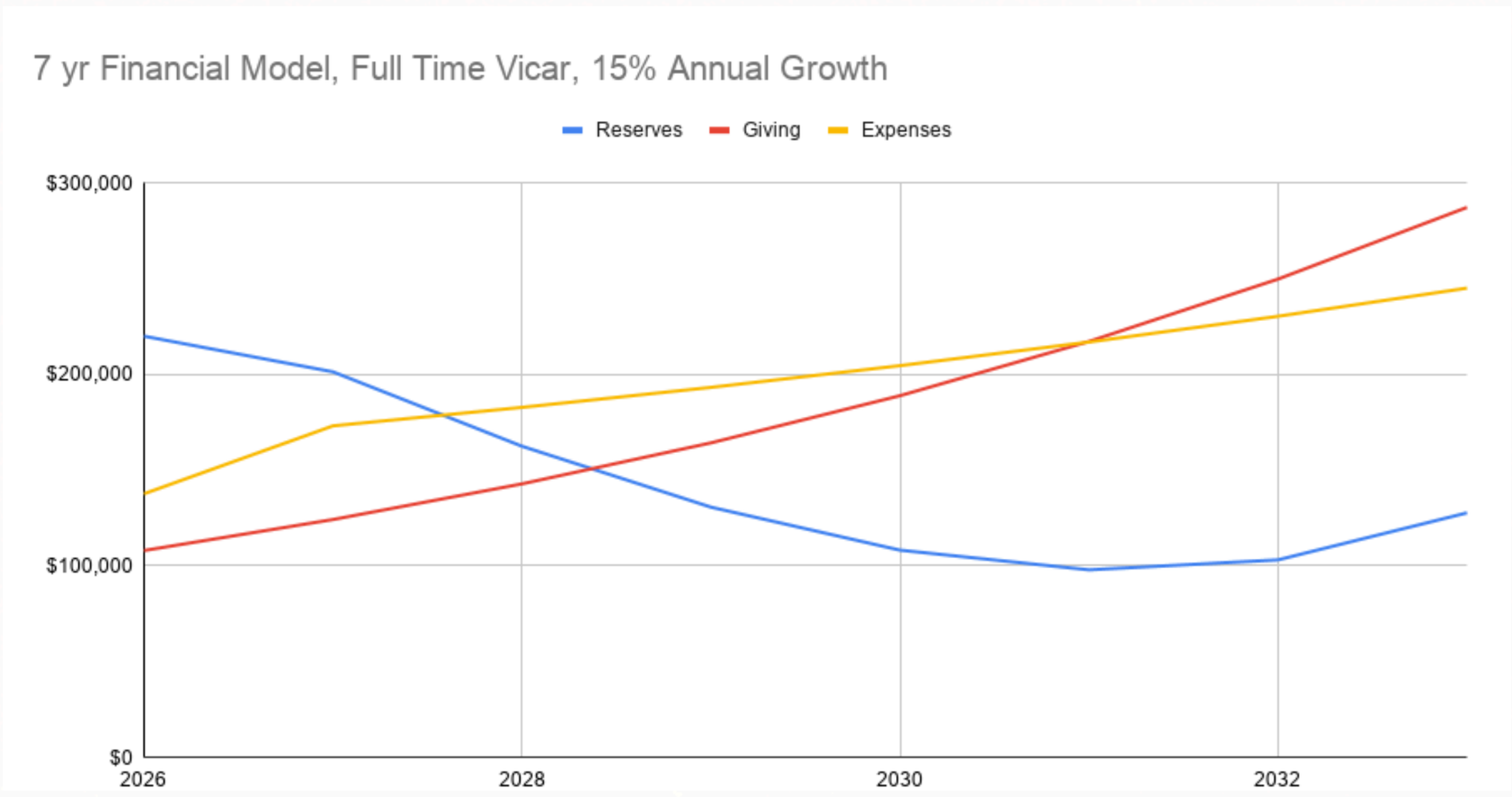


Attendance & Finances

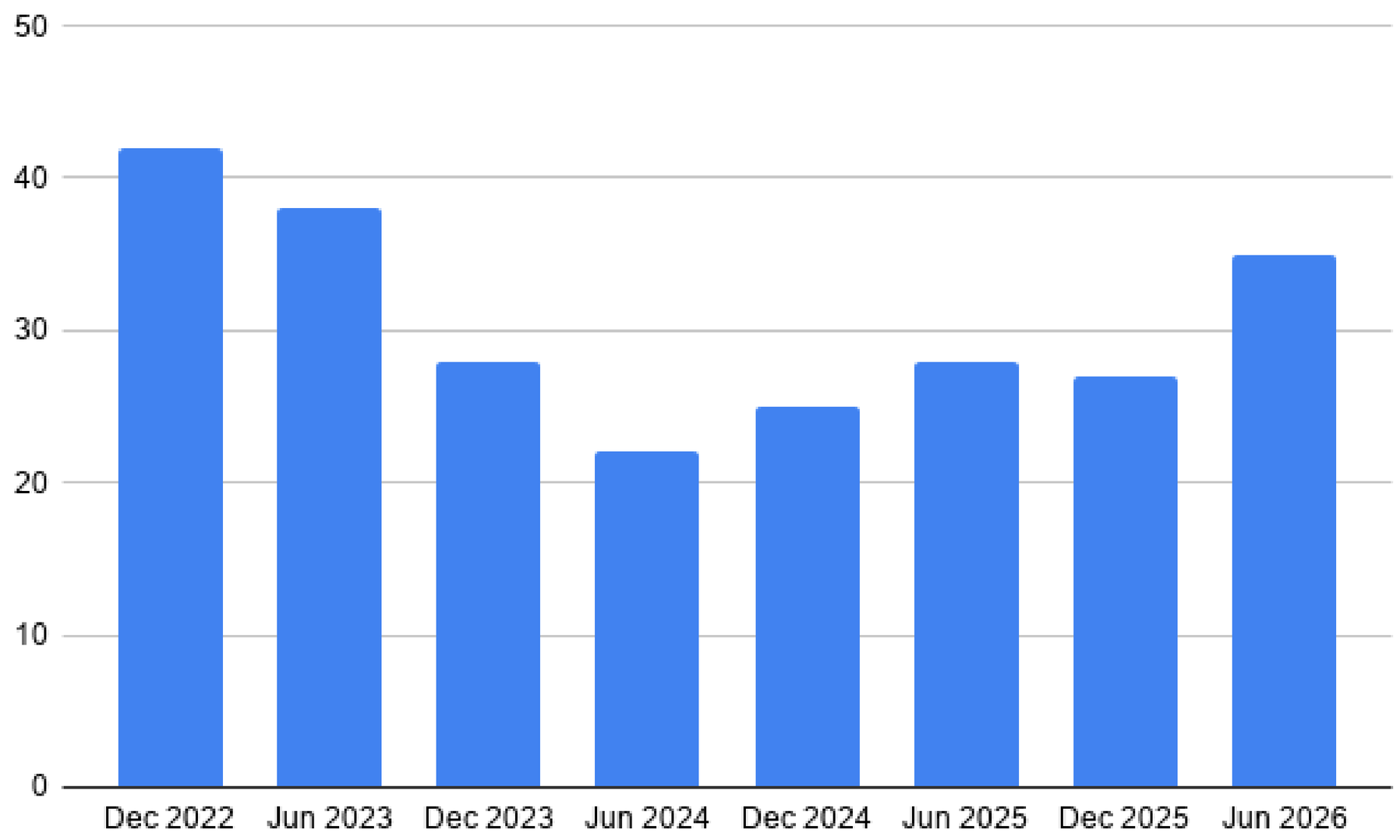
Epiphany's congregation is small but generous, and we have strong reserves that we want to invest in growing the church.



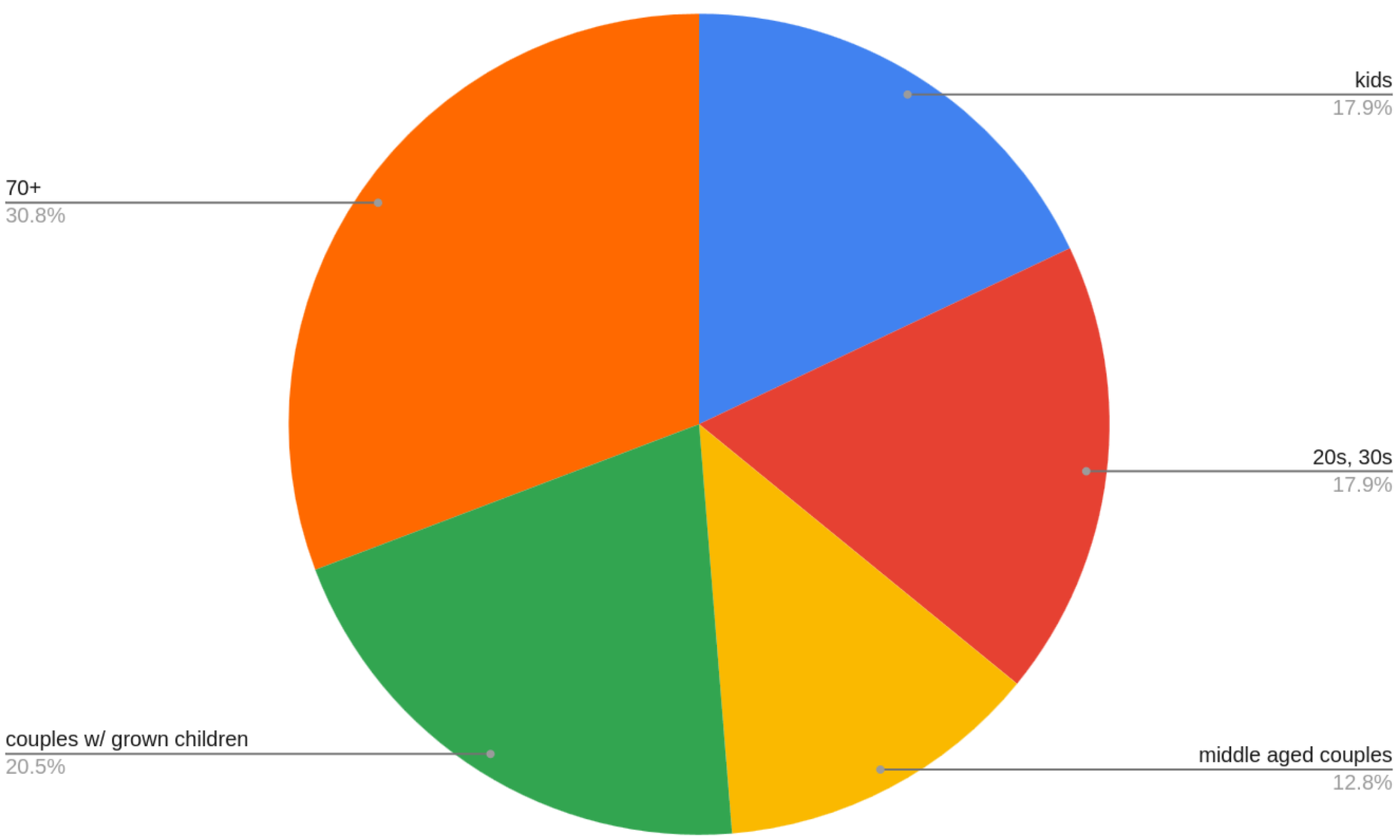
Note: 2026 numbers are based on the 2026 budget and YTD giving as of August



Average Sunday Attendance



Demographics



Thank you for taking the time to learn about our parish! We are praying for you as you consider where God is leading you at this time. May the Lord bless and keep you, and give you peace!