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Marysville Church Marks 172 Years of Service with Final Eucharist and Millionth Meal Celebration

MARYSVILLE, CALIFORNIA – July 13, 2025 marked a significant milestone for the community of Marysville as some 70 individuals gathered to honor the legacy of St. John's Episcopal Church. The congregation, joined by members from surrounding Episcopal churches and the broader community, came together for a final service of Holy Eucharist, celebrating over a century and a half of faithful service.

After extensive deliberation, the congregation made the decision to sell the church property. The proceeds will be distributed among neighboring churches in Colusa, Gridley, Yuba City, and Wheatland, as well as the Bishop's Discretionary fund. A portion of the funds has been earmarked to ensure the continuation of St. John's Food Shelf, which has proudly served over a million meals to the community over the years. The leadership of this vital program will now be carried forward by the members of Grace Church in Wheatland.

The Reverends Rick Laughman and Ken Erickson led the moving service, with the Rev. Cn. Julie Wakelee delivering a poignant sermon that reflected on the church's enduring impact. "God is not done with you yet," she told the congregation. The service concluded with a charge to the congregation, including these words: "Beloved siblings in Christ, the church is not this building; it is you who are called by God to be followers of Jesus." Following the worship service, attendees gathered in the Great Hall for a festive coffee hour, complete with commemorative church mugs for all in attendance.

As we bid farewell to St. John's, we express our deepest gratitude for 172 years of dedicated presence and ministry. The legacy of service and community support will continue to inspire and guide us into the future.

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