

COMBINED COMMISSION REPORTS FEBRUARY 2024

Hospitality - Ruth Bruno

During February a light lunch was provided to the Vestry during their meeting by the Hospitality Committee.

At the end of February the kitchen construction was completed and cabinets and drawers ready to be stocked.

Ed Silva and Harry Bruno began washing dishes and utensils, placing the items in cabinets and drawers.

Every cabinet and drawer are being labeled as to contents. Ed Silva was quite a good help in arranging those cabinets that I could not access. This job will be ongoing and will involve many different Hospitality Committee members being scheduled to assist. It will be a big job done in stages by Hospitality Committee members.

Sally Mock was a big help in assisting Stephanie Kitt in the storage and organization of the supplies for Memorials. These supplies as well as the table skirts will be stored in the closet in the Library.

Terri and Roger Murphy did an excellent job of organizing the kitchen pantry.

We will report more progress next month and, hopefully, all will be in order by the end of March and our kitchen will be fully operational.

Elaine Hedrick placed a fully stocked first aid kit in the kitchen cabinet. This cabinet will indicate "First Aid" so all will know where it is. Thank you also to Elaine for lending us her labeling machine.

Submitted by Ruth Bruno, Hospitality

Outreach: Christine Pizer and Megarie van Sickle

Christine and Megarie met with outgoing Chair Stephanie Kitt to exchange ideas and files. Christine and Megarie then met for a planning meeting at which we constructed both a contact list for the Outreach team and agenda for our first meeting with them.

We held the first meeting of the Outreach Commission project chairs on February 28, 2024, at 9:30am in the parish hall. Ten of the chairs were present, 3 excused. Father John attended our meeting and opened it with prayer.

Plans are well underway for this year's outreach projects. Most notable is there will not be a Mission Trip to Tuscaloosa this year. It is our recommendation that Dave Beall be formally recognized for his 27 years of service to this project. Secondly, we would like to bring forward for consideration a new project with The Literacy Volunteers of South Sarasota County, in partnership with Sarasota County libraries. Christine will share this proposal with the Vestry for approval.

Two additional meetings for our Commission are planned this year, May 8th and October 30th.

Parish Care - Carole LaBate, co-chair

Now that our parish building is finally at its last stage of restoration from Ian's damage, many of the plans on the table have begun or are about to start. I urge you to check out what the ministries are about. You may be interested in serving in one of the ministries or need a service. In any case, call our Parish Administrator for more information.

Health and Wellness leader Elaine Hedrick reports that the Chair Yoga Class started with a very nice turnout. The feedback has been very positive. There is a time change—the instructor, Rosalie Pyra, and most participants agreed to move the time to noon every Thursday. Join us if you can.

Pam Clark and Deacon Rich are forming a new Grief Group that will meet this Spring. Please contact the leaders or the parish office if anyone is interested in joining.

Barbara Roa, leader of Comfort Meals, reported that she served two meals to a husband and wife in our parish, which helped them until they could get home care. If you find yourself in a situation where you need temporary help with getting on your feet after a hospital stay, etc., reach out to the team leader, staff, or vestry person.

Under EK Beall's leadership, the Prayer Team faithfully prays for the parish family and their loved ones. The total number of ongoing Prayer Team requests for February was 162, with 12 new requests for a total of 174.

Deacon Rich oversees Eucharistic Visitations and reports four visitations with six communicants during February.

Megarie Van Sickel, Mailbox Ministry, reports 21 Birthday, 5 Anniversary, 2 Sympathy, and 3 Get Well cards were sent out for 30 cards.

I submit this report with gratitude to the entire team in the Parish Care Ministry. They continue to do a yeoman's job of bringing God's love to all they know who are in need. God bless them for their efforts.

Respectfully submitted, Carole LaBate. Co-chair Parish Care Ministry

Spiritual Formation - Libby Chinman

The primary focus of our commission this month was to continue our getting back to basics. We have revised our mission statement to reflect our vision to offer studies, programs and events to further our spiritual growth and bring us all closer to God and each other.

A plan is in the works to meet with all commission leaders to discuss Prayer use before meetings/activities. The idea is to get us more in tune with God/church in all we do. To bring the "Spirit" in to our hearts and minds.

Women's Bible study is reading/discussing Robert Foster's book "Prayers". We are also working on getting a Men's Group together and discussing other ideas for our church family.

It's an exciting time for us all!!

Libby Chinman

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Welcome: Ed Silva

This report will cover from January through February. Good Shepherd continues to grow spiritually in our relationship with God as the greeters continually welcome our new comers to worship with us each Sunday. As of Jan, we have received 2 new registration cards into the main office. After loosing a few greeters ,due to the fact that they are serving the church in other capacity, we did have one new greeter come forward in February. We have not received any interest by any parishioners to serve as ushers. We can always welcome any parishioner to join ,at any time to serve the Lord as a greeter or Usher

I, along with our greeters and ushers, continue to warmly welcome and guide parishioners as they attend Good Shepherd.