

COMBINED COMMISSION REPORTS

November 2024

Hospitality - Ruth Bruno

During November the Men's Group held a parish breakfast for the parish. As usual it was an excellent event well attended.

On November 14th Hospitality set up and cleaned up for the clericus event at which Chef Paul cooked a wonderful breakfast of french toast, sausage and accompaniments. All enjoyed the treats. This was a well-planned and well-received event. Many thanks to Chef Paul for his great cooking!

Respectfully submitted
Ruthanne Bruno
Hospitality

Outreach: Megarie van Sickel and Christine Pizer

The Outreach Commission Co-Chairs continue to monitor the progress of our ongoing projects and to plan for new projects. Bell Ringers, Prison Fellowship Angel Tree and Salvation Army Angel Tree launched in November with great success. By Thanksgiving all Bell Ringing slots were taken and parishioners had taken all of the tags for both Prison Fellowship and Salvation Army Angel Tree gifts. Early planning and adding additional volunteers for these efforts definitely promoted this success.

We further implemented our partnership with CarePortal/ Bridge a Life. On November 20th Denise Grimes provided training for the Good Shepherd Chair for Care/Portal (Sally Flack). We also spoke with Casey Hill, who will coordinate our work with Bridge A Life. Our initial efforts will focus on Creative Design Outreach baby blankets and making meals for the Bridge A Life Stew Crew effort. We continue to work on securing a Chair for Bridge A Life.

With Vestry approval we have made a grant to El Hogar. In addition, the Vestry approved granting funds from the Flower Fund Poinsettias to The Twig.

As always, we welcome input from the Vestry and other members of our congregation.

Respectfully submitted by Megarie van Sickel and Christine Pizer

Parish Care - Elaine Hedrick, co-chair

Health and Wellness ministry - Elaine Hedrick reports that the CPR Class is cancelled until possibly February 2025. A health fair will be discussed at the next meeting. The date of the next meeting is TBA.

Bereavement ministry - Pam Clark and Deacon Rich report no activity this past month.

Comfort Meals - Barbara Rao reports no activity this past month.

Prayer Team - EK Beall reports the total number of prayer requests for the month of November was 155. This total includes 143 on-going requests, and 12 new requests; thereby giving a grand total of 155. We have been able to reduce the number of on-going requests, once we have been informed that their need has been answered through God's healing hands and faithful prayers of comfort and support.

Our Prayer Support Team continues to faithfully pray daily for those in need, as well as contacting them throughout the month with phone calls, emails, or personal visits. It is truly our privilege to pray for our parish family and their loved ones, to offer our comfort and support in their time of need.

God's Peace and Love,

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Eucharistic Visitations - Deacon Rich reports 9 Visitations and 22 Communicants for November and a total of 205 Gathered and 185 Communicants for 2024.

Mailbox ministry - Megarie Van Sickel reports that 19 Birthday, 11 Anniversary, 2 Care and Concern, 1 Sympathy, and 3 Get Well cards were sent out for a total of 36 cards.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Hedrick, Co-chair

Spiritual Formation - Libby Chinman

This commission keeps on giving our church family wonderful opportunities for spiritual growth. Father Joe wrapped up his "How to Read the Bible" study and Deacon John is sharing his study on the book of Revelation.

Women's and Men's Bible study covered the Gospel according to John. And to celebrate this Advent season the ladies will be reading and discussing "Women of Christmas."

We will be planning our future program offerings for the new year.
Happy Holidays to all!

Libby Chinman

Welcome: Ed Silva

We continue to draw new people from the community to worship with us at Good Shepherd. Our parishioners who serve as Greeters continue to greet all individuals as they enter our doors. In the month of November we were blessed to register 5 new registration cards. One was for the 8 am service and 4 were for the 10 am service. We continue to hope that we can recruit more parishioners to volunteer to serve as Ushers for the 10 am service. We have gone from 2 Ushers at 8 am to now 4 . This is extremely pleasing that I can now rotate ushers at the 8 am service. In January, I would like to place a request in the E- blast calling for anyone interested in ushering at 8 am and especially at 10 am to contact myself or Father John; in doing so, we can work together to grow to serve the Lord.

May we continue to grow spiritually and reach more of the community. Our message that all are welcome and that God's Table is open to all has blessed us as we grow.

Respectfully Submitted, Ed Silva