

## **COMBINED COMMISSION REPORTS**

### **RECTOR, SENIOR WARDEN, JUNIOR WARDEN**

**NOVEMBER 2024**

#### **RECTOR - FR. JOE HUDSON**

Along with my regular monthly meetings and events, I also facilitated two Fellowship Flock's and completed the final session of my study in "How to Read the Bible," the first segment of the Core Curriculum in Spiritual Formation. The next segment will begin in January.

I spent November 5<sup>th</sup>, election day, as an election inspector. It was a long day, but one that allowed me to get to know some of my fellow workers and support the surrounding community during this General Election.

November 11<sup>th</sup> was a day of celebration and sadness for the Armour family and the Good Shepherd community as we bid farewell to our dear friend Larry Armour. His funeral, interment, and reception that followed was a sacred time. I am very grateful to everyone who was involved and pitched in, from the hospitality team to the Flower Guild and Altar Guild and Acolytes and clergy and organist and lectors and tech team and garden crew and grunts who moved tables around. It all flowed smoothly and beautifully. A big shoutout to the Hospitality Team who not only managed the Armour reception, but also the Venice Deanery Clericus three days later.

I would also like to express my gratitude to our Diocesan Bishop The Rt. Rev. Doug Scharf for planning, oversee, and presiding over the clergy fall retreat at DaySpring the 18<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup>. This was the first diocesan retreat that could actually be classified as a "retreat." The leadership team did a wonderful job.

Thank you, vestry members and other leaders and our entire parish family, for making the kingdom of God visible in our midst through your presence and involvement in so many ways at Good Shepherd.

Fr. Joe

#### **SENIOR WARDEN - BOB SAWYER**

November was yet another busy month. We all started off with a momentous election on the 5<sup>th</sup> and ended with a (hopefully) peaceful Thanksgiving. In between, we conducted our Annual Fund Drive here at Good Shepherd. As we enter December, it's looking like our budget

will be a particular challenge this year. In addition to the Finance Committee and Vestry meetings, my activities during November included:

- On 11/4 & 5, I supported the Election Commission as their workers first set up, and then tore down, the polling place in our church. This is a nice way for us to support our community and it allows many voters to get a chance to see our newly refurbished facility. Many thanks go out to the fellows who helped put the parish hall furniture back on 11/6!
- I attended the excellent weekly study of John's Gospel conducted by Deacon Rich Wilson and Larry Fees; and the weekly study of the Book of Revelation conducted by Deacon John Riherd. We have such an amazing depth of wisdom and talent in our parish!
- Each Sunday, I ran the audio board for the 8:00 am worship service. At 10:00 am, I supported the livestreaming, wherever Nancy Fees needed me, unless I was serving as Acolyte.
- On 11/12, I picked up and delivered our donations to Center of Hope.
- On 11/18, I accompanied Deacon Rich to bring communion to Maggie and Paul Buonarosa.

As we enter the Season of Advent, let us resist the commercialization of the season and center ourselves around the imminent coming of the Christ child. May we have a devoted December!

Bob Sawyer  
Senior Warden

### **JUNIOR WARDEN - DON MCKELVY**

The Vestry approved to have two damaged slash pine trees removed and have the trees in the parking lot trimmed to remove hanging or broken branches. Simply Trees will perform this work soon. We evaluated a flex seal tape on our doors to provide a means to stop rain/flood water from entering our building. We were satisfied with the results and have purchased a two-year supply of the tape. American Drilling replaced the pressure switch to our well which services our water features in the memorial garden. We had maintenance work done on our irrigation system due to a faulty valve.

Thanks to the many volunteers who assist with the various, on-going projects to maintain our building and grounds. I wish everyone a blessed, happy, and safe holiday season.

Thanks, and God Bless,

Donald A. McKelvy, Jr. Warden

