

COMBINED COMMISSION REPORTS

JUNE, JULY, & AUGUST 2024

Hospitality - Ruth Bruno

June was a quiet month in hospitality with no events. During July the Hospitality committee assisted Sue Miller with set up, preparations and clean up for the pot lunch dinner for newcomers.

In August the Hospitality Committee provided a light breakfast for the clericus after Morning Prayer at Good Shepherd.

In September a meeting was held with all interested and presently serving on the Hospitality Committee as well as the Coffee Hour Fellowship teams to introduce and explain a new concept of having a parish member lead the Hospitality Committee. This would be a gradual process with training taking place from now until January 2025. During 2025 the new person would lead the Committee with me as a vestry liaison. As of now no one has come forward as being interested.

The Hospitality Committee will be assisting Sue Miller in October at another newcomer event.

Submitted by Ruth Bruno, Hospitality

Outreach - Megarie van Sickel and Christine Pizer

The Outreach Commission Co-Chairs continue to monitor the progress of our ongoing projects and plan for new projects in the works for the fall. A planning meeting will be held in late September for the Salvation Army Angel Tree, the Salvation Army Bell Ringers and the Prison Ministry Angel Tree projects.

Planning and coordination for our involvement with CarePortal/ Bridge a Life is in progress. Megarie has met with Barbara Rao and Barbara Johnson regarding their mission's involvement with Bridge a Life. We are optimistic that we have a Chair for the Care Portal portion of the project.

We welcome input from the Vestry and other members of our congregation.

Respectfully submitted by Megarie van Sickel and Christine Pizer.

Parish Care - Carole LaBate and Elaine Hedrick

The Parish Care Commission will meet on Monday, October 7, 2024, at 11:30 am..

Prayer Team – Liz Bosch During June-August 2024, the Good Shepherd Prayer Team received eight (8) requests, which came via the Church Office. I have followed up with a phone call or a Sunday chat to get an update on those folks who were in need of our support. In some cases, their issues were resolved while others continue treatment or are still in the process of healing. Elaine Hedrick and I have been available for those in need of a healing prayer during Holy Communion at the ten o'clock service. The number of requests varies from having no requests to having two or three on any given Sunday. My concern is that there are folks, especially newcomers, who are unaware of this opportunity though it is mentioned in the e-blast. An announcement from the Altar might be beneficial as I have been asked as to why some of us receive Communion first and then walk to the back of the Chapel. Being a member of the Prayer Team is an honor and privilege to be able to support and bring comfort to those or those we know who are suffering in body, mind or spirit. God bless them all.

Comfort Care Meals – Barbara Rao. No activity for food needs June-August 2024. There is a new plan in the works to fill the need for food in the community. More information will be forthcoming. The Vestry under the auspicious of Outreach group has plans to use our committee members for the purpose of creating meals for families in need. These families are being supported by other churches and nonprofit groups in our area. Once this is set up, our committee will be more than happy to participate.

Mailbox Ministry – Megarie van Sickel During June-August, Eighty-five (85) Birthday cards, Forty-five (45) Anniversary cards, Five (5) Get Well cards, Four (4) Care and Concern card, and no Sympathy cards.

Eucharistic Visitors – Deacon Rich During June-August, Twenty-eight (75) Visitations with Seventy (70) Communicants. Year To Date: One hundred thirty-eight (138) Number Present, one hundred twenty-six (126) Number Served.

Grief Recovery – Deacon Rich, Pam Clark. During June-August, nothing to report.

Health and Wellness – Elaine Hedrick During June-August, Three (3) blood pressure screenings. One (1) referral to SMH Venice by POV. The Committee has been meeting each month with four or five members in attendance with emphasis on developing Guidelines for Medical Emergencies, and a CPR Class in order to develop a first responder team, as well as finding out what other churches are doing for medical emergencies.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Hedrick, RN, BSN
Co-Coordinator, Parish Care Commission

Spiritual Formation - Libby Chinman

It was a Hot summer here in Venice and we beat the heat best we could and had wonderful “cool” times together!

Great news, the men have formed a men’s group and are going strong. Women’s Bible Study and Sue Miller ended the summer with our all time favorite, The Chosen, season 4

Deacon John completed his BCP program thru the email blasts and was very informative.

Deacon John has plans for further studies this fall

Father Joe offered Spiritual formation chat sessions in between services which were well attended and great conversations and insights resulted.

Centering Prayer met weekly and are wrapping up The Naked Now, by Richard Rohr.

This commission met one time this summer and we look forward to our continued growth as individuals and community in our spiritual journeys to become closer to the Lord and each other. God Bless!

Libby Chinman

Sept 3, 2024

Welcome - Ed Silva

As we wind down from the heat, humidity and rain, I respectfully submit my report for the summer months of June thru August.

Thankfully, I was able to successfully schedule coverage for the 10 am service with a limited number of volunteer, ushers and greeters. Summer is always a challenge when it comes to scheduling. This year, we had a few individuals that were ill and unable to serve, some were away on vacation, and some have run into conflicts because they are serving the church in another capacity. This being said, those individuals, are no longer interested in serving under this commission.

On a positive note, I received notification from Linda Hughes that we welcomed 7 new parishioners in the months of July and August, according to the registration cards. They are : Maria Vorch, in July, Bruce and Linda Grosvenor, Greg Vorch, Joy Mc Cormack, Philip Herrolor and Beth Tonesend in the month of August. We welcome them all on their spiritual journey as they attend Good Shepherd.

As many parishioners return from up north this fall, I hope we can get more individuals interested in serving as Ushers and Greeters for both the 8 am and 10 am services.

A heartfelt thank you to our greeters and ushers who faithfully serve as good stewards to Good Shepherd.

Respectfully Submitted, Ed Silva