

# COMBINED COMMISSION REPORTS

## FEBRUARY 2026

### **Hospitality - Pat Madyda and Donna McCutcheon**

Fr. Joe suggested keeping a large paper calendar in the kitchen so that everyone is aware of the times and dates the kitchen is in use. That has been purchased and installed.

A supply list of items used in the kitchen has been filled out by Paul Skulitz and John Johnson. All supplies are being bought at Amazon through Nancy Fees. One order has been placed and received.

New signage has been put on the refrigerator stating the policy of labeling and dating everything. Progress is slow but we have high hopes.

The back storage room is being re-worked to make more room and give space to the Men's Breakfast and Community Dinners groups. Once we get the all clear, the English Tea tableware will go into the shed. All cloth/fragile items will be retained in the storage room.

### Christian Women Fellowship – Carol Gargon

Over forty women attended February 10th and created book art from recycled books! Lisa gave us step by step instructions. Fortunately, Barbara Davis and Carol Gargon assisted for those details. The parish hall was full of creative vases and flowers at our conclusion. We appreciate Pam Clark and Maureen Bentley for their treats and decoration. The March topic will be discovering the historical aspects of quilting.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Pat Madyda  
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### **Outreach - Barbara Davis and Megarie van Sickle**

The Outreach team had a successful month planning and presenting several projects to help our community.

The Sock and Undies drive from January 26 - February 15 brought in a record 715

sets of clothing from generous parishioners. These donations are for the benefit of the area's homeless served by the Center of Hope's Food and Clothing Pantry. Sandra Herrold chaired and administered this annual donation drive.

The Creative Designs Outreach knitting and crocheting group, lead by Barbara Johnson, continued their weekly sessions in February, creating shawls, blankets and other items for those in need in local health, hospice and nonprofit facilities.

The Outreach team's scholarship project for low-income students pursuing technical and vocational studies, contacted CareerSource and the Suncoast Technical College for new recipients for the winter/spring semester. Their financial aid and job counselors will screen and recommend potential students for us to review for the church's scholarships. Five scholarships of \$1,000. each will be awarded this season, and five more will be given out for the fall semester.

Food distribution continued throughout February with All Faiths Food Bank on the first and third Wednesdays, coordinated by John Buntel. Panera and Publix overstock bread and pastry items are delivered each Monday to Children First's Project Headstart classes in Venice by Megarie van Sickel. Grace Gagliardi oversees and schedules the two store pickups and delivers our food donations to the Center of Hope.

Planning began for the annual children's book drive, which will run from April 12 to May10 to benefit The Twig Cares and Children First's Project Headstart classes. Parishioners will be asked to purchase new fiction and nonfiction books to help The Twig's foster children clients from birth through teens and the Children First's preschoolers. Last year over 200 books were donated to benefit The Twig charity and this year we are pleased to be adding Children First as a recipient. A book cart will be located in Parish Hall for members to bring in their donations.

Eight Good Shepherd Habitat for Humanity volunteers, led by Dave Beall, have completed building a brand new home in North Port. The finished home is now ready for final inspection. Our volunteers report they are ready for their next assignment.

A thank you luncheon for all the Outreach Commission chairs is being planned for Friday, April 24 in the church library. The luncheon will be combined with an informal meeting with reports from all the chairpersons.

We appreciate all the Outreach chairs' good work throughout the year as well as the support of the parish to offer all these programs.

Megarie van Sickel  
Barbara Davis  
Outreach Co-Chairs

## **Parish Care - Elaine Hedrick**

GRIEF RECOVERY – Deacon Rich

Nothing to report.

### MAILBOX MINISTRY – Megarie van Sickel

February 2026

Birthday cards sent - 20

Anniversary - 4

Get well – 1

Sympathy - 1

Care and Concern - 1

### COMFORT MEALS – Barbara Rao

There were no requests for meals during the month of February 2026.

### EUCHARISTIC VISITORS – Deacon Rich

February 2026: 6 Visitations with 16 Communicants. February Year to Date: 12 Visitations with 30 Communicants.

### PRAYER TEAM – EK Beall

The total number of NEW Prayer Requests for the month of February was 12. We also had UPDATED Prayer Requests for those on our ongoing lists for a total of 9.

Our Prayer Support Team continues to pray daily for those on our prayer lists; as well as contacting them throughout the month with phone calls, emails, and personal visits. We also offer Intercessory Prayer at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Service for those who wish prayers for themselves or for their loved ones.

It is truly our privilege to pray for our Good Shepherd family, to offer our comfort and support in their time of need.

Sending God's Peace and Love and Prayers,

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### TRANSPORTATION - Mark Higgins

We did 17 trips in February.

### HEALTH AND WELLNESS – Elaine Hedrick

The Parish Care Commission met on Monday, February 3, 2026, at 11:00 am with all members in attendance. All committees were reviewed, and our Vestry Liaison, Pat McNickle, was introduced. Plans for 2 to 3 information sessions for the congregation regarding aging information, funeral planning, and Memorial garden interment/services were discussed for presentation to the congregation during the 2026-27 church year. More details will follow.

## **Christian Formation - Libby Chinman**

Happy Lent and Easter Season!!!

One of our aims as Christian Formation is to encourage and offer studies and programs to further our spiritual growth and bring us closer to our Lord and each other. We are blessed to have so many clergy/laity making it all possible!

We have been able to offer more but it's important to note that one choose what studies speak to them and not feel they have to participate in all and feel overwhelmed. We want just the opposite to occur. A rich and Christ filled experience is the hope.

Currently we have these studies occurring and to come...

Father Joe's Core Curriculum -Sacred Rhythms

Deacon Michael -Lenten Study soup and Compline -Return of the Prodigal Son

Deacon John's - Easter thoughts/Life

Fellowship Flocks

Centering Prayer

Women's Bible Study

Information on studies and programs are available in weekly email blasts and sign up sheets on the Communication Table in the back of the Parish Hall.

Any comments, suggestions or info feel free to contact me

Libby Chinman

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## **Welcome - Bob Sawyer**

In the last month, I received four visitor cards, sent handwritten greetings to each and met with one new member.

Fr. John Warfel +

During the month of February, the ushers and greeters scheduled worship services in the months of March and April.

Ushers and greeters attended a meeting on either Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> or Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> to learn about the Diocese's policy on how we are to attempt to safely respond in the event a person enters our building openly carrying a gun or knife.

Bob Sawyer

