

COMMISSION REPORTS

For

OCTOBER, 2024

HOSPITALITY - RUTH BRUNO

During the month of October the Hospitality Committee assisted Sue Miller at the Newcomer's Dinner at which pizza, wine and beer were served. The attendees presented spooky stories in celebration of Halloween. This event was very well attended and many people told stories. Sue is doing a great job.

OUTREACH - MEGARIE VAN SICKEL & CHRISTINE PIZER

The Outreach Commission Co-Chairs continue to monitor the progress of our ongoing projects and plan for new projects. On October 2nd, we conducted a planning meeting with the leaders of ministries that launch in late October and early November: Bell Ringers, Prison Fellowship Angel Tree and Salvation Army Angel Tree. Our focus was to ensure that information about these volunteer opportunities is distributed in a timely fashion during the busy holiday season. In addition, we recruited 3 volunteers to assist the Prison Fellowship Angel Tree Ministry. And Bell Ringer dates and times are being scheduled.

We continue to pursue a partnership with CarePortal/ Bridge a Life. On October 24th several of us attended a presentation by Ms. Denise Grimes about their mission and activities. We are optimistic that we have a Chair for the Care Portal portion of the project and continue to work on securing a Chair for Bridge A Life.

We have written/revised brief summaries of Good Shepherd's Outreach efforts. These will be used to update cards that inform parishioners and encourage their participation in our efforts.

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 & CAROLE LABATE

Prayer Team – EK Beall. The total number of on-going Prayer Support Team requests for the month of October was 195. From this total, three (3) were removed, sixteen (16) were new requests (of which eleven (11) were actually updates), making the total number of new requests five (5), giving us a new grand total of 197. The members of

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

Comfort Care Meals – Barbara Rao. No activity for food needs during October 2024.

Mailbox Ministry – Megarie van Sickel. During October, Twenty-four (24) Birthday cards, Five (5) Anniversary cards, One (1) Get Well card, Two (2) Care and Concern cards, and One (1) Sympathy card.

Eucharistic Visitors – Deacon Rich. During October, Six (6) Visitations with Thirteen (13) Communicants. Year To Date: One hundred eighty (180) Gathered, One hundred sixty-three (163) Communicants.

Grief Recovery – Deacon Rich, Pam Clark. The Grief Support Group has not met since fall of last year, when we held a 9-week session for 6 parishioners who were dealing with recent and impending deaths of spouses. The group went well and we (Deacon Rich and I) received positive feedback. Another group was offered and advertised for the spring half of last year; however, with no questions or interest, it was cancelled until further notice.

Health and Wellness – Elaine Hedrick. During October, One (1) blood pressure screening. The Committee did not meet in October due to weather conditions, but plan to meet on November 9, 2024. The CPR Class has been postponed until sometime in January or February.

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

SPIRITUAL FORMATION - LIBBY CHINMAN

The Spiritual Formation Ministry is in full swing with current programs: Women and Men's Bible studies-NT Wiright's themes of John's Gospel. Flocks are meeting again with our Northern Lights returning. Father Joe's "How to read the Bible." Centering prayer has started new book "Way of the Heart" by Henri Nouwen. Other programs are in the works, even scheduling into next year. Exciting times are happening here at Good Shepherd as we all continue to grow closer God and each other.

Libby Chinman
11/4/24

WELCOMING - ED SILVA

This past month, we can truly rejoice on how much we have grown and what a great job our greeters and ushers are doing in welcoming new members as they walk through the front doors and into church. We have been able to recruit a new couple to be Ushers at the 10 am service, Art and Babs Pringle, and 2 new greeter/ushers to serve at 8 am, Fran Holt and Elizabeth Norton. Both the 8 am and 10 am services have seen an increase in attendance, and our welcome group is starting to see growth and interest in serving the Lord by becoming greeters and or ushers.

I am extremely grateful for all who represent this group and their dedication to serving the Lord and the needs of our parish.

Faithfully Submitted, Ed Silva