

# COMBINED COMMISSION REPORTS

**MAY 2024**

## **Hospitality - Ruth Bruno**

There were no events sponsored by the Hospitality Committee during May 2024. The only events presented by the Men's Group under Hospitality were the Men's Breakfast and the Pasta Night headed by John Johnson.

Ruth Bruno, Hospitality Committee

## **Outreach Commission - Megarie van Sickel and Christine Pizer**

The Outreach Commission Co-Chairs continued to monitor the progress of current and ongoing projects during the month of May.

The Men's Pasta Dinner was a huge success with 134 tickets sold. This event was well attended, with proceeds going to The Center of Hope. Plans are underway for the next dinner to be held a month or two earlier in order to include our seasonal members. John Johnson's committee of 16 men are to be commended for a job well done!

The team working with Stephanie Kitt and David Beall for Habitat had 10 volunteers working 2 days per month October through April. They worked on 6 different homes in North Port. There are currently 9 volunteers packaging and delivering snacks to Habitat for Humanity volunteers.

Our Bread Ministry is going strong and we are certain more volunteers are needed to assist in picking up and delivering the generous donations we receive from both Publix and Panera.

We continue to research ideas for new outreach projects and are working on a timeline for our currently planned projects for this calendar year. We have Chairs in place for all of our ongoing projects.

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**

The Parish Care Commission will not be meeting during the summer months with special meetings called as needed.

Prayer Team – EK Beall. One hundred seventy-seven (177) ongoing and six (6) new prayer requests, with minus one (1) request, for a new grand total of one hundred eighty two (182). Many blessings to you all, for a safe, healthy and relaxing summer. I look forward to being with you at the October Parish Care Meeting.

Comfort Care Meals – Barbara Rao. Three (3) meals were delivered to a parishioner couple by the Comfort Care Meal Team.

Mailbox Ministry – Megarie van Sickel. Twenty-three (23) Birthday cards, eight (8) Anniversary cards, two (2) Get Well cards, one (1) Sympathy card, and one (1) Care & Concern card (total 35) were mailed to parishioners.

Eucharistic Visitors – Deacon Rich. Eight (8) Visitations in May with twenty-four (24) Communicants. Year To Date: Sixty-three (63) Number Present, fifty-six (56) Number Served and twenty-four (24) Total Visitations in 2024 (Does not include communion given on pastoral calls).

Grief Recovery – Deacon Rich, Pam Clark. No report for May.

Health and Wellness – Elaine Hedrick. No blood pressure screening requests in May. A search is being conducted for an instructor who will offer CPR/AED training at the church. It was decided that ushers would not be involved in performing CPR, but would be trained in carrying out support duties during a medical emergency. Awaiting response from Frank Giddens, the Fire Chief in Venice, who has expressed willingness to help us develop a Medical Emergency Plan for events occurring during a church service. A tentative meeting is scheduled on June 15, 2024, pending availability of Chief Giddens.

## **Spiritual Formation - Libby Chinman**

The Spiritual Formation ministry created a core group to meet with all ministry leaders to discuss ways to incorporate our overall mission. Our aim is to have all the workings of our church be filled with our love for the Lord and each other. Each ministry was asked to complete “foundational purpose guide for all ministries. It’s given us all firmer foundation in attaining Oneness with God as we perform our activities for the church.

Deacon John started his BCP series on the email blasts with wonderful response. A Men’s group is being formed with great interest. Women’s Bible study completed Richard Rohr’s book on “Prayer” and is starting a book on women of the Bible next.

We continue to discuss our Spiritual Formation core values which Father Joe will be presenting between services starting June 9.

Lots of great things happening and coming!!

Libby Chinman

## **Welcome - Ed Silva**

This month, I sent out an invitation letter to all Ushers and Greeters to come to a meeting on June 1st @ 10 am at the church to get together in fellowship and to discuss the direction that we would like all Ushers and Greeters, new and seasoned, to be functioning as they welcome parishioners on Sunday mornings. Also a "shout out" for anyone who would like to become an usher or greeter was placed in an eblast to all parishioners. At the time of this report I have not received any response.

Three new registrations were sent to me from the office, none of which showed any interest to greet or usher. Perhaps in time they may, once they have settled in as part of our Parish family, consider this service.

Our Ushers and Greeters continue to do a wonderful job. At the request of the clergy, no Ushers or Greeters are scheduled for the 8 am service for the summer months of June, July and August. Even though we have added to the attendance at the 10 am service, the 8 am service remains small in attendees .

Faithfully Submitted.

Ed Silva