

COMBINED COMMISSION REPORTS

RECTOR, SENIOR WARDEN, JUNIOR WARDEN

June – August 2024

RECTOR - FR. JOE HUDSON

As I look back over the summer months of June, July, and August when the vestry didn't meet regularly, the most significant event was the lack of an "event". Very little time was spent this summer on Hurricane Ian restoration! As I write this, in the middle of August, what a blessing it is to have the restoration work mostly wrapped up. We should be done by the end of August. The other significant event was the addition of Linda Hughes as our new Parish Administrator. She is learning the ins and outs of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church quickly, and is a warm, welcoming presence for all who have need of her support.

Along with the regular ministries Good Shepherd does to support the surrounding community, we have opened our doors to a second AA meeting, a Women's meeting that now meets on Tuesday's from 4:30 – 5:30. We also continue to offer our facilities as an election polling place. As I write, tomorrow will be the primary election, and general elections in November to come.

My regular slate of weekly, bi-weekly, and monthly activities:

- Sunday and Saturday services, Spiritual Formation discussion on Sunday's, and Thursday Morning Prayer and Eucharist.
- Meetings with staff, clergy, and Sr. Warden.
- Communication, Welcome, Acolyte, and Spiritual Formation meetings.
- Centering Prayer.
- Meetings with parishioners in my office, at their home, and rehab/hospital.
- Fellowship Flock.

Additionally, I planned for, presided at, and attended the reception for one baptism on June 9, the wedding for Jen & Joel Riley July 5, and the wedding for Kristen & John Emory July 20. I also attended: the Good Shepherd Fellas meetings, CarePortal discussions as a new outreach ministry, lunch with Jason Flack an Episcopal Seminarian, the Vestry mini-retreat, County Pollworker Inspector training, set-up for election, and Pollworker for the primaries, and Diocesan clergy Zoom meeting with the Bishop.

Fr. Joe

SENIOR WARDEN - ROBERT SAWYER

For the first time in three years, we anticipated the prospect of having a nice, quiet summer. COVID restrictions and Hurricane Ian restoration projects were finally behind us. Well, I'm happy to report that the summer turned out to be not at all quiet...in a very nice way!

Our summer worship services were buzzing with activity. Fr. John volunteered to continue presiding over our 8:00am services throughout the summer. Deacons, acolytes and the livestream-team quickly volunteered to support this commitment, much to the joy of the 8:00am congregation! Meanwhile, twice-monthly Saturday night services continued throughout the summer and attendance at the 10:00am services regularly exceeded 100 faithful worshippers. Summers are no longer "sleepy" here at Good Shepherd.

My summer was busy. I enjoyed meeting monthly with my Fellowship Flock group and with our newly formed men's group, the Goodfellas.

Other activities over the summer included:

- I conducted an Acolyte training session with Deacon Rich on June 29th;
- Lynne and I attended a budget Zoom call with the Diocesan CFO on July 8th and got some troubling news about projected insurance premiums for 2024-25;
- I attended Nancy's Stream Team meeting on August 20th; and
- I accompanied Deacon Rich on a pastoral visit to Paul and Maggie Buonarosa.

We had a busy summer and we look to have a busy autumn ahead of us:

- The Annual Fund campaign starts in October.
- Do we want to have a Parish Retreat this year? If so, what will it look like?
- And we need to start thinking about the 2025 budget.

Bob Sawyer
Senior Warden

JUNIOR WARDEN - DON MCKELVEY

Our handyman, Rich Esposito caulked our windows, as needed, and performed numerous other “handyman” jobs throughout the summer. This included patching and painting a section of our ceiling that was damaged by a roof leak (since repaired). We replaced the fan on top of our stove vent stack. We were not getting proper ventilation off the stove which created increased temperatures in the kitchen. Barrett Electric repaired one of our white pole lights in the parking lot and performed maintenance on the electrical connection box. Rich Esposito trimmed the low hanging branches in the parking area and our lawn service trimmed the bushes around the church. Greentopps Landscape removed two dead slash pine trees at the end of our parking lot. They also trimmed the trees in our parking lot and removed many dead branches. There was a delay in getting the new light pole in the parking lot, but it is now on our property. Barrett Electric will install it, and Junk King will remove the old, damaged metal pole. Many thanks to Bob Clark and the Memorial Garden team who did a major clean-up job following Hurricane Debby. Thanks to John Buntel who took the lead along with Tri-County Air Conditioning in assessing our problem with high humidity in the church. The problem has been resolved and we are looking into ways to keep our thermostats at the appropriate temperature.

Thanks, and God Bless,

Donald A. McKelvy, Jr. Warden