

COMMISSION REPORTS

For

SEPTEMBER, 2024

Hospitality - Ruth Bruno

During this month I have been seeking a parish member who would be interested in training and taking over the Hospitality Commission events.

There would be time for a year of training and then at the end of my vestry term that person would assume the duties of the Hospitality events.

There was a person interested but she has decided that it would not be a good fit for her. So the search continues. I will remain in this role until a person is found even after my vestry term ends.

There were no other events during this month.

Submitted by
Ruthanne Bruno

Outreach - Chris Pizer and Megarie van Sickle

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.

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

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.

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

Respectfully submitted by Megarie van Sickle and Christine Pizer

Parish Care - Elaine Hedrick and Carole LaBate

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

Prayer Team – EK Beall. First of all, many thank you's to Liz Bosch for handling the prayer requests received during the summer months, and for submitting the report for the months of June, July, and August. There was no Parish Care Meeting in September 2024. The total number of on-going Prayer Support Team requests for beginning of September was 190. The total number of new requests during September was eight (8) (of which 3 were updates, making the total number of new requests five (5), making the grand total of 195. The members of the Prayer Support Team continue to faithfully 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, offering our comfort and support in their time of need.

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

Mailbox Ministry – Megarie van Sickel. During September, Twenty-two (22) Birthday cards, Seven (7) Anniversary cards, One (1) Get Well card, One (1) Care and Concern card, and no Sympathy cards.

Eucharistic Visitors – Deacon Rich. During September, Ten (10) Visitations with Twenty-two (22) Communicants. Year To Date: One hundred sixty-four (164) Gathered, One hundred fifty (150) Communicants.

Grief Recovery – Deacon Rich, Pam Clark. During September, nothing to report.

Health and Wellness – Elaine Hedrick. During September, Two (20) blood pressure screenings. The Committee met with three in attendance with emphasis on a CPR Class in order to develop a first responder team as well as finding out what other churches are doing for medical emergencies. The CPR Class has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 19, 2024, pending recruitment of between 8 and 10 participants from the Health and Wellness Committee and Ushers.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Spiritual Formation - Libby Chinman

Spiritual Formation is going strong. We had a great meeting and discussed future studies and programs being offered now and soon.

The men and women are studying the Gospel of John, together but separately. Looking at 7 themes in John's gospel by NT Wright.

Father Joe continues with his Spiritual Formation Core Curriculum. Current sessions is on "How to read the Bible."

Deacon John will offer a study on the book of Revelation for Advent.

We will also be looking at results from a survey given last year on what our church family wants to study with lots of ideas.

It's such a blessing to be able to provide multiple ways to reach our inner selves for further spiritual growth, getting closer to the Lord and each other.

God Bless

Libby Chinman

10/4/24

Welcome - Ed Silva

This report will be brief. I can share at this time that we have received 3 or 4 new members in the last month. 1 at 8 o'clock and 3 at 10 o'clock according to registration cards that were filled out and submitted to the office. One of the new parishioners has expressed an interest in ushering at the 8 o'clock service. I do not have her information at this time but I will make an effort to contact her and place her on the schedule for the month of November. This was most welcomed news, especially for the 8 am service. It's a blessing that we continue to grow as a parish and that people are choosing Good Shepherd in which to worship.

Respectfully Submitted

Ed Silva