

COMBINED COMMISSION REPORTS
RECTOR, SENIOR WARDEN, JUNIOR WARDEN
SEPTEMBER 2024

RECTOR - FR. JOE HUDSON

We began September moving out of the summer main service schedule, and into our regular in-season schedule. This year's shift was very subtle as we were able to maintain both 8:00 and 10:00 Sunday services throughout the summer thanks to the presence of a second parish priest.

This shift from summer into September also brought a solution to an air conditioning/humidity bugaboo issue which had been hounding us for several months. This air conditioning and humidity issue also appears to have been the cause of a mysterious sewage smell issue that, once the air conditioning issue was solved, also solved the smell issue.

Programing in various ministries has been ramping up as typically happens at this time of year. The Spiritual Formation Team has coordinated the timing of four different studies this fall and early winter – women's Bible study, men's Bible study, How to Read the Bible, and Revelation – while working to keep them from tripping over each other. Preparation for a fall craft fair in November is in full swing. Many hands are up to bat and on deck fulfilling their various critical ministries to keep our community vital vibrant and cared for, while at the same time increasing our reach beyond our parish community. The Outreach Team has implemented the initial stages of the CarePortal ministry; an implementation that required very little change in how our current ministries function.

Along with my regular slate of weekend services, meetings, gatherings, and appointments with various individuals, my wife and I wrapped up the last seven days of a vacation that began the end of August.

What a joy it is to work and serve alongside such a passionate, committed, joy-filled, growing community.

Fr. Joe

SR. WARDEN - BOB SAWYER

On September 26th, Hurricane Helene barreled by us, out in the Gulf, on its way to landfall up in the Big Bend and cutting a swath of death and devastation through Georgia, western North Carolina and eastern Tennessee. We were very fortunate and truly blessed to have received much less rain than feared...and only minor wind damage in the Memorial Garden.

My activities during September included:

- We kicked off the Annual Fund Campaign with three meetings on 9/6, 9/20 and 9/30. Fr. Joe and I are grateful for the time and talent of these members of the committee: Linda Moore, Edie Haack, Bill Flack, Nancy Fees, Dave Beall and Lynne Altimier. We chose a campaign theme, "*Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing.*" Special thanks go out to Edie Haack for her leadership this year. The campaign will start in mid-October;
- On 9/13, I attended a meeting with Tri-County Air Conditioning to learn about our options for upgrading our building to programable thermostats;
- On 9/14 and 15, I covered for Harry Bruno, picking up the Publix donations on the Island at 7:00 am (groan). God bless Harry for doing this *every week*;
- On 9/17, I enjoyed joining the Good Shepherd Fellas for a pancake breakfast; and
- On 9/24, I attended a Spiritual Formation meeting at the church.

We will have a number of items to discuss at Vestry, to wrap up our years-long reconstruction after Hurricane Ian.

Bob Sawyer
Senior Warden

JR. WARDEN - DON MCKELVY

The exit doors in the nave leading to Chestnut Creek were not operational due to swollen wood from the rain. John Buntel and our handyman Rich Esposito readjusted the doors and replaced the hinges which fixed the problem. Our irrigation system needed maintenance, which was performed by our contractor, David Niklas. Barrett Electric installed the new fiberglass light pole in the parking lot on September 19th. Junk King will remove the damaged metal pole. Our lawn service company will remove the large amount of yard waste which the memorial garden crew piled up after Hurricane Helene. Many thanks to our memorial garden team for maintaining our garden area throughout the hot, steamy summer!

Thanks, and God Bless,

Donald A. McKelvy, Jr. Warden