

Wardens Corner – May 2024

Molly Stevenson, Senior Warden - Steve Honeycutt, Junior Warden

Your Christ Church vestry meets the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm. Each month, the Wardens will write a recap of the meeting and make it available to the congregation. Of course, you are always welcome to attend the actual meeting.

The meeting always begins and ends with prayer with a different vestry member leading each time.

The following items are particularly noteworthy:

- Mike Tanner made a security presentation. He is consulting with law enforcement and will hold a meeting with ushers. An open informational meeting/forum will be held in the near future.
- The annual church picnic will be held on the church grounds, October 27, 2024, in conjunction with the Trunks of Treats children's event.
- Monthly birthday recognition/prayer will be reinstated.
- Vestry members have been asked to submit S.M.A.R.T. goals for the ministries for which they are liaisons. Ministry Leaders – Be thinking of some goals!
- Fr. Hal will be away some this summer...dates still to be determined.
- The Preschool/PMO Policies & Procedures manual is in the process of being updated.
- The Vestry Member of the Day will begin again this summer.
- An Endowment "Task Force", led by Becky Meadors is working on updating the previously created policies and procedures document.
- Church membership is asked to think about, and offer suggestions regarding worship and programming.
- Kim Dudley's contract will end officially in early June. Peggy Baer is the person to contact for anything administrative.
- Elise Sandbach has completed her 30th year as a preschool teacher at Christ Episcopal Church Preschool. Stay tuned for celebration information.
- There was discussion about the hardness of the pews. There will be further discussion about possible solutions.
- Each vestry member is a Liaison to a "Ministry Category" and submits a written report each month. **The rector and vestry members, their respective "categories", and reports are as follows:
 - Rector – Hal Weidman
 - Attended the Clergy Conference @ Honey Creek
 - Feast of the Ascension service was held on Thursday, May 9
 - May 19 – Youth Sunday/Graduation Recognition/End of the Year Party
 - June 2nd - Rector's Discretionary Fund Sunday
 - June 9th – Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) Sunday

- Administration - John Hiers
 - New Administrative Assistant is fully on board and learning quickly
 - Bishop's Visitation went well
 - Researching *Safe Church/Safe Communities* Best Practices & Requirements
- Buildings & Grounds - Steve Honeycutt
 - Toilet Discharge Pipe replaced at Grace Café
 - Motor replaced on the kitchen exhaust fan
 - Fan Motor and Capacitor replaced on the kitchen A/C unit
 - Parking lot use proposal to be discussed
- Christian Formation – Molly Stevenson
 - The Bishop's Visitation went well with 20 folks Confirmed/Received/Reaffirmed
 - Formation Meeting held May 15
 - Chris Roan's Sunday morning Lectionary discussion will continue through the summer
 - Godly Play will be in recess until the Fall – children encouraged to participate in worship (more details to come)
 - Vacation Bible School will be June 3 – 6. Volunteers encouraged – contact Michelle Weidman
 - Weekday Bible Studies are on hiatus during the summer
 - 5 people were inducted to the Daughters of the King St. Nino Chapter:
 - Kacee Culpepper, Jeri-Lyn Flowers, Sally Nunn, Rita Watters and Daphne Wright
 - DOK Brunch is scheduled for Saturday, July 13
 - Sunday School kick-off will be September 8th
 - Director of Christian Formation, Michelle Weidman:
 - Attended first Happening – an uplifting time was had by all
 - This month has been focused largely on preparing for Vacation Bible School
 - Hosted Mother's Brunch on May 4th
 - Parents met with Bishop Logue during his visitation and children made and decorated miters for the bishop
 - Discussed connecting church and home - Will provide a book list and 5 seasonal parent formation events per academic year
- College Ministry – Steve Honeycutt & Jeri-Lyn Flowers
 - 899 visitors to Grace Café during April
 - 164 Dinner Attendees April 13 & 25
 - 606 pounds of food from 2nd Harvest during April
 - 2 Interns not returning next year – a new one will move in August 16
 - 7 Interns are staying through the summer and will pay \$200/person/month to offset utilities costs

- Celebrated a terrific semester at Downtown Social on May 9th
 - Deep Cleaning will take place during the summer
 - Food Pantry remains important ministry and will be open a few hours each week through the summer
- Communications & Media - Cliff Baker & Larry Wisenbaker
 - Livestreaming continues
 - New Online Calendar
 - All communication during services MUST be done at a microphone in order for those attending virtually to be able to hear
- Discipleship & Evangelism - Ed Mistick
 - Working with Dottie Pitts
- Finance - Becky Meadors
 - See the Treasurer's report in The Vineyard
- Music & Worship – Patricia Tyson
 - Worship schedule set through the end of the church year at recent meeting
 - Possible joint services with other area churches for Independence Day and Thanksgiving
 - Will solicit feedback for what people want to integrate into their worship experience
 - Sue Ellen will hold Organ Recitals on Independence Day and the 3rd Sunday of Advent
 - Blessing of the Animals – October 6th @ 3pm
 - Taize service on All Souls' Day
- Outreach – Mike Tanner
 - Men-in-Blue cooked for Youth Sunday celebration
 - Along with Christ the King and St. Barnabas, providing meals to Emory Medical Students on May 21 & 22 who are here serving the migrant worker camps
- Parish Life – Jeani Synyard
 - 60s & up Cinco de Mayo party @ Ron & Tammy Borders', May 5th - 50-60 people attended
 - Parish Life Committee meets again June 2nd following 10am service
- Pastoral Care - Phyllis Holland
 - Two parishioners received Lay Eucharist visits in April, as well as Stella Clark checking in on and taking communion periodically to another parishioner
- Stewardship & Endowment - Becky Meadors & John Hiers
 - Met with John Bennett and others to discuss endowments and restricted gifts
 - Had conversation with Canon Katie Easterlin to discuss diocesan policies on both endowments and restricted funds
 - Met with Finance Committee on May 8th to discuss the policy manual
- Youth, Children & Families – Bobby Yarbrough
 - Preschool – May is a busy month!

- 5th Day Farms field trip
- May 10th – Muffins for Mom
- May 21st – End of the Year Program
- May 22nd – Last Day of School
- Mother's Brunch – May 4th 10am @ Rectory
- Youth Sunday & Last Day of Sunday School Celebration – May 19

** Please reach out to the Vestry Liaison if you want additional information or have information to report.