

Wardens Corner – June/July 2024

Molly Stevenson, Senior Warden - Steve Honeycutt, Junior Warden

Your Christ Church vestry meets the third Tuesday of each month (except July this year) 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:

- Vacation Bible School was a tremendous success with approximately 20 children participating – special thanks to all the adult volunteers, especially Ken Rumstay & Martha Leake for their planetarium presentation.
- Vestry Member of the Day on Sundays has been reinstated.
- 4th of July – approximately 85 people attended the joint service followed by a “cold lunch”. Christ Church hosted and participants/worshippers included folks from St. James, Quitman, Christ the King & St. Barnabas...as well as some other friends and family.
- Sue Ellen presented an organ recital playing patriotic music following the 4th of July lunch. It was FABULOUS!
- Mike Tanner, Steve Honeycutt and a security firm representative will hold open informational meeting/forums on Sunday, July 14th and Sunday, July 21st in the parish hall after the 10am service and answer questions and address any concerns of the congregation.
- Monthly birthday recognition/prayer has been reinstated.
- Ministry Leaders – Please continue to think of some S.M.A.R.T. goals with respect to your particular ministry!
- Fr. Hal took some time the end of June-the first few days of July and will be away some more later in the summer. Supply clergy are on board to cover – We are so blessed!
- The Preschool and PMO are accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year and are in the process of hiring additional staff.
- Think about and talk to any Vestry member to offer suggestions regarding worship and programming.
- Sunday, September 29, 2024 will be Elise Sandbach Sunday in honor of her 30 years as a preschool teacher at Christ Episcopal Church Preschool. What a gift she is to our community!
- The annual church picnic will be held on the church grounds, October 27, 2024, in conjunction with the Trunks of Treats children’s event. – We’re looking at the possibility of a Parish Weekend/Retreat at Honey Creek sometime in February (2025)
- After researching the idea of “selling” parking lot spots, it was decided that the tax and legal implications far outweigh any financial advantages – we WILL continue to hold fundraisers during large VSU events.

- *Safe Churches/Safe Communities* program updates will begin with key control.
 - Christ Church, along with the other local Episcopal churches are looking into combining efforts to do shared ministry to serve and make a positive impact in our community.
 - Relationship-building among our sister Episcopal churches is ongoing and progressing. We will be sharing our newsletters and notices of upcoming special events.
 - Please remember to keep your pledge current – bills still need to be paid during summer break.
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- 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
 - Thanked Rachel Rumstay & Merrill Guice at Sunday service for their office work
 - Pastor Bob Carr supplying on June 30
 - Elizabeth Alexandra Flowers baptism – July 7
 - August 6 – Feast of the Transfiguration, 6 pm Eucharist
 - August 15 – St. Mary the Virgine, 12:15 Eucharist
 - Administration - John Hiers
 - *Safe Church/Safe Communities* will start with looking at who has keys
 - Buildings & Grounds - Steve Honeycutt
 - Railings will be installed inside the sanctuary at the stairs
 - Parish Hall AC repairs made
 - Roof and ceiling repairs are being made
 - Christian Formation – Molly Stevenson
 - Vacation Bible School was a huge success
 - Chris Roan continues the Sunday morning Lectionary discussion at 9:15 am
 - DOK Brunch has been postponed until after school resumes
 - **WE WANT YOUR INPUT!!** Tell us what you want that will feed your spirit and help you grow in your relationship with God.
 - College Ministry – Steve Honeycutt & Jeri-Lyn Flowers
 - Food Pantry remains open on a case by case basis through the summer
 - Interns have taken several “field trips” this summer – pool, blueberry picking, Ichatucknee River trip, Reed Bingham State Park, etc...
 - Communications & Media - Cliff Baker & Larry Wisenbaker
 - Livestreaming continues – camera location/angles have been tweaked
 - New Online Calendar has been paused
 - Facebook & Instagram are updated regularly with event photos by Elizabeth Wisenbaker – share photos with her if you take them at a Christ Church event
 - The Friday Vineyard is being streamlined and reformatted to make it easier to navigate

- Sunday bulletins now have more details and pertinent information – Thank you, Peggy!
- Discipleship & Evangelism - Ed Mistick
 - Continuing to work with Dottie Pitts
- Finance - Becky Meadors
 - See the Treasurer's report in The Vineyard
 - Purchasing policy procedures have been reviewed and implemented
- Music & Worship – Patricia Tyson
 - 11:00 am 4th of July joint Eucharist was held with ~85 in attendance
 - Desire for mid-week Eucharist with potluck
 - Joint Thanksgiving service hosted by St. Barnabas
 - Feedback indicates folks are generally satisfied with the current worship opportunities
 - Sue Ellen will hold Organ Recital on the 3rd Sunday of Advent
 - Blessing of the Animals – October 6th @ 3pm
 - Taize service on All Souls' Day
- Outreach – Mike Tanner
 - Discussing potential opportunities for outreach as an Episcopal presence with other local Episcopal churches
- Parish Life – Jeani Synyard
 - HEP Party on June 14th at Jeani Synyard's was great fun
 - Parish Life Committee meets again August 25th following 10am service
- Pastoral Care - Phyllis Holland
 - Five parishioners received Lay Eucharist visits in June, as well as Stella Clark checking in on and taking communion periodically to another parishioner. Katherine Mayer is providing consecrated Host to anyone who watches the livestream and desires communion.
- Stewardship & Endowment - Becky Meadors & John Hiers
 - Revised "Endowment & Invested Funds Policies and Guidelines" was reviewed by the Finance Committee – Vestry will review it and vote on its approval in August
- Youth, Children & Families – Bobby Yarbrough
 - Continuing to look for effective ways to include families with little ones at church events.

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