

Wardens Corner – August 2024

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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:

- Thank you to all for keeping your pledges current – we did not experience the typical summer financial drought that we have in the past.
- The security discussions this summer provided good feedback from the congregation. The vestry approved the purchase of 4 handheld 2-way radios for use between the ushers and nursery on Sundays, as well as for use at the preschool. Next steps will include a campus audit to determine where we can “tighten up”.
- The vestry authorized the purchase of new computers for Amy and Peggy to replace the antiquated ones currently in use.
- The church By-Laws were amended to include a provision to conduct business via email when deemed necessary.
- The Endowments Policies and Procedures manual was approved.
- The *Safe Churches/Safe Communities* program has been implemented, requiring training and background checks for volunteers with access. Your ministry leader will update you on how you might be affected.
- It’s time to start thinking about next year’s budget – Get with your ministry leader if you have budget requests.
- Molly Stevenson, Ed Mistick and David Sandbach will be Christ Church’s delegates to Diocesan Convention which will be held November 7-9 in Tifton.
- Fr. Hal took some time the end of July into the first part of August. He is refreshed and ready to hit the ground running. Special thanks to Walter Hobgood and Bob Carr for supplying. We are blessed!
- Announcements on the Parish Hall TV have resumed.
- The Preschool and PMO are back in session.
- The nursery received a makeover during the summer in preparation for Christian Education programming resuming on September 8th. Special thanks to the volunteers who did the work!
- Christ Church will host a Diocesan Strategic Plan listening session on Saturday, September 7th from 9am to 11am. Attendance is encouraged - Registration is open.
- There will be a meeting in mid-September with our fellow Episcopal churches in the area to further our discussion about combining efforts to do shared ministry to serve and make a positive impact in our community.
- One of the canopies over the playground was destroyed by the latest storm. A more wind/sun resistant, permanent structure is being considered.
- 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.
- Relationship-building among our sister Episcopal churches is ongoing and progressing. We will be sharing our newsletters and notices of upcoming special events.