

Vestry Meeting **Inreach Report**

Chair: Allie Brown

Vice-Chair: Pat Rutenberg

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Area of Inreach Ministry	Vestry Liaison	Updates
<p>1. Adult Christian Formation</p> <p>Sunday School, Wednesday evening programs</p>	Allie Brown	<p>Sunday School Father Pat is now the clergy for Adult Christian Formation. Sunday School (SS) programming is planned for the fall and well-outlined for spring. A meeting of the committee will be scheduled in the near future. Among the fall offerings, Father Pat will do a series of SS lessons this fall on Celtic liturgy to prepare parishioners for future Celtic worship experiences.</p> <p>Wednesday Evening Programs Weekly Wednesday evening Adult Christian Formation programs will <i>not</i> occur but will take place at special times and with advance notice to the parish.</p>
<p>2. Children and Youth</p> <p>Children's Sunday School, Youth Sunday School, Family Ministry, Parent date nights, etc., VBS, Mission projects and trips</p>	Brian Wanamaker	<p>Family Ministries White Oak Shoe Drive the best ever! About 170 shoes plus \$350.00 were donated. Megan took shoes up August 5 so kids could get them as soon as possible after the 1st day of school.</p> <p>Blessing of the Backpacks had a high number of kids, youth and adults attending and returning to school. Took place during the Aug 4 service.</p> <p>1st Back to School Pancake for families was successful. 12-15 families attended. It was a kickoff to the new school year celebration for kids.</p>

		<p>Megan did a last class of Safeguarding God’s Children class on Aug 11. That should update all Ascension youth and children volunteers and nursery staff.</p> <p>A donation has been given to adult and children ministries and Megan will be redoing/updating the Garden Room this month before she leaves. The anonymous donor wanted to see their gift used in a tangible way and the Garden Room was a perfect choice since it is used for multiple events such as Tweens and Junior Children’s Church etc.</p> <p>Megan has resigned and her last day will be Aug 31.</p> <p>Youth Ministries They are gearing up for the August return of Youth Group. High School Youth meetings move up from 6-8 pm to 5-7 pm in an effort to give high school students more homework and family time in the evenings, and in hopes of bolstering attendance. Gigi will have more one-on-one faith check-ins with our high schoolers and she is looking for projects to connect them to the church for those who for whatever reason don’t attend regularly.</p> <p>The church is interviewing applicants for our Youth Ministry Assistant position, and should be making a hire soon. This person is replacing Sophie Grosserode, who worked with our Middle Schoolers last year and has recently graduated from UT with a degree in Journalism.</p> <p>Rally day plans are coming together. Amanda and Sylvia will report in more detail.</p> <p>Service Opportunities: <u>Prayer Partners</u> – Pray Partners is a ministry that will pair an Ascension teen with an adult in the church</p>
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		<p>that will pray for that teen and exchange monthly letters, and hopefully build relationships between our teens and the wider church. Last year we had three pairings of Prayer Partners and teens, and this year we hope to double that! To sign up an adult or teen, a written sign-up will be on the reception desk of the church office, or you can contact GiGi with any questions.</p> <p><u>Dinner Angels</u> – Dinner Angels is a program in which parents and other parishioners are invited to sign up and share in this service and fellowship opportunity to serve dinners to our youth. We welcome home-cooked meals and catered meals and we welcome and encourage our dinner angels to attend youth with us after serving.</p> <p>Emma Mitchell has been hired as the new Youth Ministry Assistant for Middle School.</p> <p>Dakota Bradley, a newcomer at Ascension, has volunteered to assist Gigi with the youth ministry.</p>
<p>3. Worship and Music</p> <p>Altar guild, Flower guild, Printed programs, Technical support (lighting, sound, etc.), Accolytes, Greeters, Ushers, Choir, Clergy, FOMA</p> <p>(Note: As of August 2019, Eucharistic no longer appears under Worship and Music as it is part of the Ascension Cares Ministry. See below)</p>	<p>Muffet Buckner & Pat Rutenberg</p>	<p>The first Celtic service under Sara-Scott’s leadership was held June 11.</p>
<p>4. Spiritual Life</p> <p>Ascension Cares*, Brotherhood, Other Brothers, Sisterhood and Episcopal Church Women (ECW)</p>	<p>Chuck Burton</p>	<p>Ascension Cares: All Ministries seem to working well in this area. Shepherds retain a vital role in connecting parishioners to this large ministry area under the guidance and leadership of Father Christopher.</p>

<p>* Caring Cards, Flower Delivery, Visitation, Prayer Shawls, Stephen Ministries, Eucharistic Ministers, LAMBS, Grief Books. Shepherds: Anna Fraser, Annette Burton, Susan Pannell, Mardel Ferenbach.</p>		<p>Brotherhood and Other Brothers: The Other Brothers are meeting at least once a month with Father Christopher being the catalyst behind the meetings. There are plans to have a Shrimp Boil in the coming weeks.</p> <p>The Brotherhood of St. Andrews (BoSA) had a dinner social in the Parish Hall (August 2). It was well attended and raised a little money for the Brotherhood account. There are 5-6 Brothers going to the Laymens Conference of the Episcopal Church of East Tennessee at the DuBose Center at Monteagle Aug 16 - Aug 18.</p> <p>The Brotherhood is planning a recruitment drive in the Fall - "Fishing for New Brothers", a fun way to "Open our nets and share God's love".</p> <p>Sisterhood: Continues to meet every third Monday at restaurants around town. This is currently coordinated by Charlotte Wood. This ministry is growing as evidenced by 30 people meeting for dinner on July 15 at Sullivan's.</p> <p>ECW: This group has not been meeting during the summer but has responded to a community need by preparing a meal for the camp that supports Joni & Friends (meeting the needs of those with disabilities). Regular meetings will resume the second Tuesday of the month in September starting at 11:30 am unless otherwise noted. See special attachment with this report for the 2019-2020 program schedule.</p>
<p>5. Parish Events Epiphany Meal, Mardi Gras, Wine Dinner, Rally Day, Pig Roast, Special events (Example 60th year celebration, Receptions for new clergy and departing clergy and other staff), Other?</p>	<p>Laura Johnston</p>	<p>A reception was held for Sara-Scott on June 30 after the 10 am service to thank her for her work with us these past months.</p> <p>A reception will be held for Byron Props on August 28, 2019 as he retires.</p>

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