

Outreach Report/Vestry Meeting
June 11, 2019

LOCAL MISSION**Episcopal Church Women**

- Donated \$500 to Change Center; working on coordinating sponsoring an event to bring students across Knoxville together
- ECW will go through Change Center volunteer training

Family Promise

- Sylvia Peters will meet with Mary LeMense to get an update this month
- This past month's stay at Ascension went well

FISH Pantry

- Jim Wright has put in our Vestry mailboxes a copy of the new FISH Community programs brochure.
- Jim reported that last year FISH provided 79,255 family food bags valued at \$40.00 at a cost of \$5 each for FISH. Another 9,142 Kids Boost food bags were distributed at a cost of \$5 each for FISH. The kids' Boost food bags will be the focus of the upcoming Peanut Butter Sunday fund raiser. The kids' bags contain highly nutritious food items with no dyes or preservatives. These items must be purchased by FISH as they do not usually get donations of these sorts of foods for our kids.
- **Peanut Butter Sunday is July 14 this year.**
- Jim Wright is headed off to Belize for a much deserved two month leave after nine years with no vacation. He leaves a strong team in place to continue the mission of FISH.
- Addendum: Allan Willoughby added that there is an effort underway to expand the FISH cards to yearround fund raisers. He is in touch with several corporations for sponsorships.
- Daughters of the King have begun to collect feminine hygiene products for FISH Pantry under the leadership of Donna Riggs.

White Oak Project

- May 18 work day went well with six kids and eight adults volunteering from Ascension.
- Phase II will be scheduled for later this summer...please sign up.
- Amanda & Sylvia plan to meet with Megan to discuss other ideas for local mission work for the coming year.

Youth & Mission

- GiGi Logan will meet with Amanda & Sylvia to discuss a Rise Against Hunger event for the youth this fall. We will coordinate with Stewardship to promote this event.
- GiGi will be working with Sylvia & ECW to coordinate the Change Center event.

WORLD MISSION

- Amanda & Marnie Page will meet in August along with interested parishioners to talk about Ascension and World Mission.
 - We will have another booth at Rally Day this fall for Episcopal Relief & Development.
 - Possible visit from Episcopal Relief & Development vice president this year?

NEWCOMERS MINISTRY COMMITTEE

- Formerly Great Commission Commission
- Ministries Handbook
- Save the date: **July 14** after 10am service – Newcomers Event. All vestry members will be invited to attend.
- Karen McKinney has noted the increasing number of new families we have attending regularly. This is reflected in the jump from 30 enrolled in last year's VBS to over 50 this year.