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Area of Inreach Ministry	Vestry Liaison	Updates
<p>1. Adult Christian Formation</p> <p>Sunday School, Wednesday evening programs, Other?</p>	<p>Allie Brown</p>	<p>The Adult Christian Formation met last April 7. Great ideas were discussed about Sunday School for adults for the fall. Currently this programming is being organized by Sara-Scott. It is expected that a topics/lecture series will be offered and at least one small group offering each week as feedback about these choices has been positive for 2019 thus far.</p> <p>A small group met with Sara-Scott May 8 to discuss programming for Wednesday evenings for next year. Many ideas were discussed. It was mutually agreed that weekly programming would be suspended for fall 2019 thru spring 2020. There would be one program offered in the fall for approximately 3 weeks and another about 3 week program in the spring most likely around Lent.</p> <p>More discussion will follow as to the development of both Sunday and Wednesday adult programming.</p> <p><i>Need: Final programing within the next few months.</i></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, Other?</p>	<p>Brian Wanamaker</p>	<p>No updates beyond currently posted dates for events in Ascension calendar and weekly Ascension written updates (weekday emails, Sunday bulletins).</p> <p>Near future events (May): Clean-up Day for playground and Family Night social.</p> <p><u>Updates added as of Vestry meeting 5/14/2019:</u> <i>Family Ministries</i> The Family Ministries picnic is set for May 19 at West Hills park. All families are welcome.</p>

		<p>Megan is still looking for Stephanie's replacement. Stephanie was a vital member of the team and will be hard to replace.</p> <p>The new flooring in the Godly Play rooms is in and is great. Megan is planning to paint the walls in those rooms this summer.</p> <p>Family Ministries Teacher Appreciation Day is May 19.</p> <p>Megan has been appointed by the Bishop to a temporary task force to review the Safeguarding God's Children program.</p> <p>Megan is in the final stages of VBS planning. It is 4 weeks away.</p> <p>Megan is turning toward planning for the fall.</p> <p>Megan noted that her nursery staff is great and functioning really well together. She noted that the team has helped with the Justice Knox meetings and everyone was very pleased.</p> <p><i>Youth Ministries</i> Had a successful Senior Sunday.</p> <p>GiGi is busy planning for the summer and fall.</p> <p>GiGi is working with Amanda Rowcliffe and Sylvia Peters to develop service/outreach programs.</p> <p>GiGi and Brian Wanamaker are working through a book GiGi identified to help think about ways to review the youth program</p>
<p>3. Worship and Music</p> <p>Altar guild, Flower guild, Printed programs, Technical support (lighting, sound, etc.), Acolytes, Greeters, Ushers, Choir, Clergy, Eucharistic Ministers, FOMA, Security, Other?</p>	<p>Muffet Buckner and Pat Rutenberg</p>	<p>Jim noted that his main concern was recruitment of new choir members, as the renewal rate is not keeping pace with the attrition rate. He spoke about recruitment of young families and noted that in the past, child care had been available for Wednesday evening practices. Currently, the choir practices on (continued next page)</p>

Wednesday evenings, (7:00 to 7:30, sectionals and 7:30 to 9:30, entire choir; Junior Choir meets 4:45 to 6:10 on Wednesdays).
NEED: Identifying who will follow-up about Wednesday evening childcare for choir members?

Jim would like to resume a **summer Junior Choir Camp**. ***Need: Target date?***

Jim also spoke of “Whimsical Sundays,” an idea where there is a “mix and match” of roles (for example, the choir would serve as ushers and altar guild; the altar guild would serve as ushers, etc.).

FOMA has a broad level of support; Jim spoke of addressing the change of venue when the ceiling is being repaired. He would like the repair dates as soon as available. *Need: Plan for roof before FOMA programming can be finalized.*

Andrew addressed the **sound system issues**. ***Need: immediate attention.***

Andrew noted that he has a proposal to the endowment committee to **live stream the church service to the nursery**. Each Sunday sermon is on the website. ***Need: awaiting Endowment decision.***

The issue of **correct pronunciation of parishioners’ names was addressed**; Andrew puts phonetic spellings on the prayer page; the Chancel Master is in charge of making sure that readers see this (Andrew noted that they often ignore these spellings as they quickly go over names before service).
Need: Potential enhanced communication between Chancel Master and readers

Jim and Andrew spoke of the idea to establish a **Mentor Program**, where younger/new members can work with an established member of the choir, altar guild, etc. The Mentor program could actually be utilized for **all committees where members are continually rolling off; this could be a churchwide endeavor.**

Need: Master plan (churchwide) for implementing mentor program.

The timeframe for the launch of the **Celtic Service** is January 2020, according to Jim (Pat R. also attended a Celtic Service Committee meeting, following services on Palm Sunday).

There was discussion of **producing a video of “Ascension behind the scenes”** to demonstrate what goes on with altar guild, flower guild, Sunday School planning, etc. in an effort to expand our reach via social media, and educate and entice those interested in finding a new church home.

Jim would like **feedback from the listening sessions**. Muffet and Pat R. assured him that he would receive this soon.

Need: get specific feedback about Music, etc. to Jim asap.

Jim made a good point regarding **newcomer information** collected after the service: is the material being **disseminated** effectively among groups of interest? ***Need: Follow-up on current processes in place regarding this.***

Jim is in the process of undertaking an efficient **rotation of his steering committee**.

Muffet also spoke with Peggy Phelps about the **Acolyte program**, and her current primary concern is that the Acolytes be allowed to occupy the left side of the foyer area when gathering prior to the services. The children are apparently being pushed out into the foyer blocking those who are attempting to enter. ***Need: Identifying who will facilitate communication with Jim and the Choir to be cognizant of this, and make every effort to stay organized in the center which will be more welcoming to those rushing in, as well.***

Pat R. also met briefly with Judy Thompson. Judy noted that there is a **training program** in place for new members of the **altar**

		guild. <u>Need: Identify links/relationships/similarities with this training and before mentioned Mentor Program? Is there a piece of a process in place that can be used for other groups?</u>
4. Spiritual Life Shepherds, Stephen Ministers, Those who visit sick, homebound, etc., Other	Chuck Burton	No new business to report.
5. Parish Events Epiphany Meal, Mardi Gras, Wine Dinner, Rally Day, Pig Roast, Special events (Example 60 th year celebration, Receptions for new clergy and departing clergy and other staff), Other?	Laura Johnston	No new business to report.