

# **St. Anne's Episcopal Church**



## **2020 Annual Report**





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## Rector's Report

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Peace to you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. As I sit down to write this report, I am giving thanks for the past year we have had together. St. Anne's is a faithful community and I am grateful to be on this journey with you.

It has been a strange year- much different than any of us would have imagined in September of 2019. We have found new ways to connect with one another and we have found different ways to offer our gifts to the community in and around St. Anne's. Even in this season of pandemic members of our parish have been able to reach out to our neighbors and offer their presence in making lunches for Freedom School, taking meals to the hotel where our most fragile homeless neighbors sought refuge made available by City With Dwellings. We have participated in donation drives for Christ's Beloved Community Food Pantry and our own Lucy Davis-Huie organized a hygiene product drive for members of our community who are incarcerated.

We have heard the cry of our black and brown and red skinned siblings and some of us have participated in protests, in peaceful gatherings, in using our abilities to amplify the voices of those who have been crying out. We have prayed as a community, sought repentance for our own participation in a system designed to marginalize members of our community, we have had truthful and frank conversations about racism in our country and in our own lives and we have wondered how might we be live more fully into our baptismal call to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourself.

We have welcomed Katarina Holmgren as our new Director of Youth Ministry and her work with our older students has been a source of great joy. This group has come together to study the bible, participate in liturgy, support one another in this trying time, and have grown deeper in their faith while getting to know each other better. Katarina is also serving as our intern through the diocesan discernment process. Her work in this area includes assisting with liturgy, preaching, teaching, and observing the work of the church through various committees. We are grateful for the many ways Katarina is offering her gifts and ministry here at St. Anne's.

In October of 2019 John Lockwood helped organize a blessing of the K9 unit for both the Forsyth County Sheriff's office and the Winston Salem Police Department. St. Anne's also participated in blessing the animals at the humane society and out at Riverwood Riding Center. During this season of Covid-19 and after we closed the building in May, John Lockwood made the decision to take Fuzzy Friends out into the world and continue to serve the pets of those who struggle to feed their fuzzy friends. St. Anne's is grateful to be a part of the ministry that John started here, and we will continue to support John as his ministry grows. John's heart is truly the heart of a servant and the work he has done and continues to do is vital to the well-being of our community here in Winston Salem.

When the program year for 2019 began we had two members of our parish family begin their official discernment for holy orders process. Keith and Taylor were approved by their parish lay committees and are currently serving in their internships in parishes within our convocation. We continue to pray for Keith and for Taylor and will welcome them both home after Epiphany Sunday in January, 2021. This past year we also got to know Pamela Haynes who spent a season with us while she completed her internship within the diocesan process for those called to the diaconate. I am pleased to say that Pam will be ordained in December and the church will be blessed by her ministry.

January seems so very long ago when I think about the strangeness of this year. What started out as a question in an email turned into an ecumenical prayerful response to the tension between the United States of America and Iraq. On our front lawn we gathered with people from many faiths and we prayed for peace, we sang, we lit our candles and we were present to one another in the midst of this uncertain time. I give thanks to Linda Winikoff who suggested the gathering and to all of those who helped make it happen. Our God has many names, speaks every language and hears our prayers, and is with us in our time of need.

Fran McKendree came to be with us in concert, as our retreat leader, and joined us for worship. Fran led us in our Journeying with God retreat and through song, prayer, silence and small group work, we learned about our journey with God through the practices of wonder, presence, belonging, and gratitude. Fran is a gifted retreat leader and our time with him was filled with songs and stories. I didn't know it then, but it was the perfect way to get grounded and centered for what was about to happen to me in February and us in March.

How do I recap this year without spending some time thanking the community of St. Anne's for taking such good care of Barbie and me during my time of illness? The Vestry, the retired clergy, Deacon Mary, Bread and Blessings, Pastoral Care- and so many of you- Barbie and I felt well-loved and held in prayer during one of the darkest times in my life. I am so grateful to each of you and your patience with me as I worked on getting my health back, for every card and call, for every prayer prayed. It took until late July to shake the infection and I am still processing the lessons from the whole experience. I am so grateful to you because you have been instrumental in my recovery.

We went from being able to pass the peace and receive Holy Communion of both kinds either from the cup or by intinction, to closing the buildings and moving everything online in a matter of 3 weeks. And you have been so forgiving and generous with your spirit and patience as we found our way to and through Zoom. Even in the season of Covid we have continued to worship, do formation, have coffee hour, committees have met, youth group is meeting, and the Vestry- they have gone above and beyond expectations. I would like to say a special word of gratitude to Martha Murphy who has steered our Vestry through this pandemic with prayer and steadfastness. We have met as a group quite regularly to discern what our response should be, communicating what we learn in our weekly calls with the bishops and leaders of our diocese and Martha has lit our path with her light. Thank you, Martha, for your spirit and your wisdom. All of our Vestry members are to be commended for their work and prayer during this season. Thank you to Martha Murphy, Addison Ore, John Myracle, Bob Campbell, Julie Risher, Heather Morgan, Debbie Walker, Ray Leonard, and Jason Wilkinson for all of your hard work and support. A big thank you to Julie Meiburg for all the fantastic minutes and for helping us stay on task and to Nancy Young for keeping us up to date on our budget and helping us deal realistically with the impact this pandemic has had on our ability to be financially solvent.

This is a time of offering thanks and I want to give special thanks to David Pegg, Lauren Willard, and the choir members who have filled our worship with beautiful songs. All of you have been stretched in ways no one could have imagined at the beginning of this year and you each of shown up time and time again offering your gifts through new ways and our worship experience has been elevated because of you. Thank you for helping us remember our joyful song.

Our administrator assistant, Mark Biggam, has worn many hats during this pandemic and he has been instrumental in keeping us connected and ahead of the curve as far as daily, weekly, and monthly ins and outs required of our parish. Even after moving his office to his home we haven't skipped a beat. Mark has been a gift to me and to this parish as we do all that we can to stay connected. Mark was also a key player in securing our PPP grant that helped us financially stay ahead without cutting any positions or ministries at St. Anne's. Thank you, Mark, for your work and your ministry here at St. Anne's.

It is hard to plan when everything is constantly shifting. We will continue to offer online worship even after our buildings are open and the doors flung wide to welcome us home. As we speak there is a task force working on how to make our streaming of services an enjoyable experience for those who choose to continue to shelter in place until a vaccine is available. More details about that offering will be coming in the near future. We will be joined by Mr. Riley Temple in October for a three-week formation class and on one Sunday Riley will offer the sermon. On the eve of the election we will gather for prayer and will leave that service and enter into a season of prayer until the results are returned. Advent and Christmas may look different this year but with different comes new possibilities. Our job is to continue to show up, be nimble and let the Holy Spirit lead us and guide us. She is a wild and wonderful dance partner, after all.

As we continue to find our way through these uncertain times, let us continue to pray for those who are on the forefront fighting this disease, all of the medical teams and those who support them, to frontline workers, the teachers and administrators, to the parents of children who are in school, and for all of those who have lost a loved one to Covid-19. In this program year we will continue to be faithful, to worship, to discover new ways of how we are and how we will be the church. We will continue to be formed through prayer, worship, and study and one day, one day we will return together in person and hold in our hearts and in our souls, the sweet, sweet Spirit that dwells in our parish family.

In peace and with gratitude and a whole lot of hope,

Ginny+

## Senior Warden's Report

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In October 2019, as I began serving my ninth year as a St. Anne's Vestry member and third term as Senior Warden, no one could have predicted the challenges that the 2019-2020 Vestry class would face as a global pandemic emerged, dropping the floor out of the year 2020. I was grateful for my previous experience, which I used along with the Rev. Ginny Wilder's wise, steady and spirit-lead leadership and counsel to figure out how to lead a Vestry through an unprecedented time.

I believe our Vestry members were called to be where we needed to be this year, even though none of us anticipated the demanding, time-consuming work that would be required. Each person was more generous with their time than could ever have been expected. Everyone contributed his or her unique gifts and insights to make spiritually based (and often difficult) decisions, working quietly behind the scenes out of concern for the wellbeing of our church. I don't recall a Vestry meeting where we didn't have a quorum.

In retrospect, our annual Vestry retreat in November 2019, an emotional and grace-filled day, bonded us. We formed a foundation of love, trust and support that we would draw upon many times to carry us through the year. We didn't always agree, our votes weren't always unanimous, emotions occasionally ran high, and a few times, after thoughtful reconsideration of issues, we overturned decisions. But, always, our love and concern for St. Anne's drove our actions.

I don't want to suggest that we didn't have fun. One of the many beautiful qualities of this year's Vestry was our ability to find humor in even the most mundane situations. We laughed—a lot! American theologian, Reinhold Niebuhr, once noted that "Humor is the prelude to faith, and laughter is the beginning of prayer." If this is true, we apparently prayed a lot, too.

For their selfless service in an extraordinary time, I extend my love, thanks and gratitude to Vestry members Bob Campbell, Heather Morgan, Ray Leonard, John Myracle, Julie Risher, Debbie Walker, and Jason Wilkinson, with a special thanks to Addison Ore for providing unfailing support as Junior Warden. I thank Julie Meiburg, our Clerk, for keeping us on track and capturing all the issues raised, discussed and voted on in meetings that far exceeded the minimum number required by our by-laws. And I offer deep appreciation to our Treasurer, Nancy Young, for bringing her wise counsel and encouragement to the process of helping us understand clearly our financial picture every month in such an unusual time (even though she is a words' person). St. Anne's was in very good hands this year.

I also want to acknowledge and thank our Diocese, under the incredibly prayerful, proactive and steadfast leadership of Bishops Sam Rodman and Anne Hodges-Copple. Their support and accessibility along with open and frequent communications continue to help guide our Diocese through these strange times. COVID-19 did not come with a rule book, but our bishops are working tirelessly to oversee the creation of resources for congregations and their vestries, clergy and laity that are dynamic, responsive and open-ended. Their guidance and direction are always reflecting the ever-changing landscape of understanding of the science behind and realities surrounding the spread of coronavirus.

### **A Look Back**

Since the Annual Parish Meeting was moved to the third Sunday in September starting in 2019, this Vestry class was the first to serve October 1 – September 30 terms. This change was designed to facilitate Vestry approval of the annual budget at the beginning of each calendar year rather than several months in.

Then, on March 15, 2020, church services and public gatherings were suspended at St. Anne's due to COVID-19. This shutdown lasted for more than four months and required the Vestry to make a number of important decisions related to the continuation of church activities along with the normal Vestry work.

To gain insight into the scope of Vestry issues addressed and decisions carefully discerned over the past year, here is a summary of Vestry actions. We:

- Divided the parish directory among one another with the goal of reaching out to those on our list to introduce ourselves as their Vestry contact and inform them of upcoming events. These calls became particularly important after the COVID-19 shutdown when we tried to contact parishioners weekly to check on them.
- Agreed to weekly Vestry check-ins at Ginny's encouragement. Beginning in March and continuing to the present, we hold Vestry Zoom sessions almost weekly following the 10:00 am service. This time together has allowed us to provide support for each other and given us more frequent opportunities to address issues we're hearing from parishioners and to obtain church- and Diocesan-related updates.
- Held called Vestry meetings as needed, in addition to regularly scheduled monthly meetings
- Participated in weekly Zoom calls with the bishops of our Diocese for updates on our coronavirus response
- Approved the use of Zoom or other electronic means to carry out normal Vestry business when in-person meetings aren't possible (and amended the by-laws to reflect this)
- Approved the decision to continue to pay St. Anne's staff and Choral Scholars during the shutdown
- Approved the recommendation to apply for a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan, which we received
- Offered a Vestry presence at most if not all church Zoom services, formation classes and parish-wide meetings during the shutdown
- Approved and signed the necessary paperwork that allowed our interns, Taylor Vines and Keith Esposito, to continue their process of Discernment for Holy Orders
- Approved the purchase of a sound system for outdoor worship as well as recommendations from the Subcommittee on Technology Worship Systems to purchase equipment designed to provide worship options when we return to in-person services
- Helped conduct and analyze a parish-wide survey to determine how parishioners felt about returning to group worship when the shutdown was lifted and shared results during a parish-wide Zoom meeting
- Wrote a Re-Open Plan for St. Anne's, at the request of the Diocese, outlining procedures for the return to group worship
- Developed new procedures to elect vestry members when an Annual Parish Meeting cannot be held in person (and amended the by-laws to reflect this)
- Approved the purchase, installation and use of video surveillance cameras on the building(s) and property with input on placement from local police



- Approved the cost of re-keying all church doors, a best-practice recommended by the Diocese during the shutdown
- Expanded the roles of the Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer and Clerk to create an Executive Committee that meets monthly with the rector to set the agenda for upcoming Vestry meetings (and amended the by-laws to reflect this)
- Approved the submission of our Parochial Report and Annual Audit on schedule to the Diocese

It has been my honor and privilege to serve St. Anne's as Senior Warden this year, and it's been my joy to work with this Vestry. While this may not have been the year we envisioned when our terms began, we accomplished more than we could have imagined. We made timely decisions that I believe will help St. Anne's continue to meet the challenges presented by the pandemic. I am excited to see how St. Anne's will continue to respond, evolve and grow together in our life in Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Murphy  
Senior Warden

## Junior Warden's Report

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“How are you at plumbing?” That was the first thing a parishioner said to me when I was elected Junior Warden last year. I gave her a confused look – I didn’t understand why she was asking me such an odd question. She smiled and told me she had served as Jr. Warden years ago and that the complaints she got most often related to the church bathrooms. We shared a good laugh and as I headed out of church that Sunday someone stopped me to tell me about a leak in the women’s restroom. True story.

What an odd year to serve as the “people’s warden” – during a pandemic when I barely got to spend any time with my peoples – well, at least in person. The last time I was at St. Anne’s was the Sunday before many of us were to depart on a long-planned journey to Jerusalem. Ginny blessed our group and our travels and well, we all know how that turned out.

What I didn’t know then was how very much I would miss the people of St. Anne’s. Your faces, your smiles, your hugs – oh, my – your hugs. Thanks to our intrepid rector who is so very cyber savvy – we were soon connected via Zoom. It wasn’t perfect, but it was something. And there you were again – well, at least your faces and your smiles. And most of all – your hearts – your big, generous, and persistent hearts.

The worship and work of St. Anne’s has gone on during quarantine. Committees have continued to meet and fulfill their duties. The sick have been checked in on, the outreach to community has evolved in creative ways, the grass has been mowed, and the bills have been paid. I thank each of you who have given of your time and talents this year to make sure that all those things happened. The only thing closed at St. Anne’s has been our doors. Our hearts have remained open as we continue to live into our mission to “manifest the love of Christ through worship, justice, and community.”

It has been an honor to serve on this vestry – most especially these past six months as we have dealt with the unimaginable reality of a pandemic. We have met almost weekly as we have navigated this new normal – checking in to make certain that everyone at St. Anne’s was okay. Thank you to my fellow vestry members for your precious time and your grace and good humor. Your love for this church and its people helped lift my weary soul on many a Sunday afternoon.

Our Senior Warden could not be more aptly named – Martha. Just like Martha in the Bible, our Martha has a servant heart and her love language is acts of service. I cannot imagine how many hours she has devoted to St. Anne’s this year – all while working her fulltime and very challenging job during a pandemic. Meetings, phone calls, texts, reports – week after week – this has been Martha’s life. I am in awe of her commitment to St. Anne’s – and her deep love for all of us. And, of course, her abiding faith in the face of impossible circumstances – just like that other Martha. Finally, our debt of gratitude for Ginny’s service is immeasurable. I have learned so much from her leadership these past three years – not the least of which are patience and forgiveness. These are hard lessons only taught by example and I am humbled by her teachings.

And, most of all, Ginny has – in the words of an old woman I recently spoke with – kept us “prayed up” through this year of unending challenges.

So, as my year as Jr. Warden comes to an end, my plumbing skills may have not improved, but I have learned so much about the power and grace of two or three gathered together in Jesus’ name – even if it’s on Zoom. I thank you for your friendship and your love – for me, each other, and St. Anne’s.

With deep gratitude,  
Addison

# Deacon's Report

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This past year has been a year of firsts for me. I joined three other parishioners in providing Christian formation for children from age 3 through 5th grade. I also joined Ginny and Katarina in the children's chapel services. Both of these activities allowed me to grow in relationship with these young parishioners and their families. When the pandemic hit, weekly child formation was suspended. However, I've been able to continue online children's chapel through this present time. This aspect of my ministry has been fun and rewarding.

Since our annual meeting last year, the workshop about enriching spirituality during the later years of life was held. The attendance and response was positive and the attendees were eager to have further exploration of this subject.

Pastoral Care remains one of my strong areas of involvement. Hospital, facility, and home visits (pre-Covid) were grace-filled. I am grateful for the parishioners who have allowed me to walk with them during their times of illness, grief, etc. In order to meet the needs of homebound parishioners, I trained lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEVs). However, due to Covid-19, none of them were able to follow up with independent visits. About mid-year of 2020 I assumed the position of co-chair for the Pastoral Care Committee when John Lockwood needed to spend time and energy on his upcoming surgery.

Serving on the Outreach committee provided me the opportunity to work on various projects including the Freedom School fundraiser. In addition, I worked with other volunteers to serve many in our community through Laundry Love. Unfortunately, once Covid hit, that was suspended.

Pre-Covid, my ministries in the community included serving as a volunteer hospital chaplain with Palliative Care patients and their families. It was an honor to simply be present with them. Another way in which I served was as a public school Math tutor with 5th graders. I was a regular volunteer at a local food pantry. With all of these activities being suspended or markedly limited with Covid, I needed to discern what God was calling me to do during the "hold".

With extra time on my hands, I registered for numerous online workshops and classes on racism, preaching, effects of Covid, etc. Hopefully, these learning opportunities will enrich my present and future ministries.

This past year has been like no other. During the various challenges, I was honored to serve the vibrant community of St. Anne's.

In peace,  
The Rev. Mary Kroohs

## Finance/Treasurer's Report

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Little did any of us know when we began 2020 what the world would look like by the middle of March. Through the past six months, so much has changed in how St. Anne's has been able to operate. People were not able to make their pledge payment or a contribution at a church service. We had expenses that could not be anticipated in order to continue to provide worship services and prepare for an unknown future with in-church worship.

Yet, in St. Anne's fashion, we have been able to not only survive, but to meet our financial obligations planned and unplanned. Thanks to the people who pre-paid pledges for the year, reductions in some expenses, and St. Anne's receiving a Payroll Protection Program loan, we have come through the first nine months of 2020 in a solid financial position. We currently have \$73,663 in available cash, which is an increase of \$46,661 over cash available at the beginning of 2020.

We know that there will continue to be potential losses on a monthly basis because of pre-paid pledges and the loss of Sunday service collections. Yet, with the current balance we have, we should be able to end the year on a positive note. Additionally, we have been able to make it through the first nine months without having to draw monies from our restricted funds which can provide an additional cushion if needed.

I'd like to offer a special thank you to the dedicated Finance Committee of Marlene Druga, Stan Meiburg, Ron Sigrist, Donna Cowden, and Stuart Winikoff along with Bob Campbell as the Vestry liaison, Martha Murphy as Senior Warden, and of course, our Rector, Ginny Wilder. I also would be remiss if I did not thank Mark Biggam for his outstanding effort in providing what was needed for the PPP loan in addition to his work on all of the church's financial matters.

Nancy N. Young  
Treasurer

# Youth Ministry

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Katarina Holmgren, Youth Ministry Director

I started as the Director of Youth Ministries in January and am very grateful to be a part of the St. Anne's community. Initially, the youth met weekly for Christian formation using "Echo the Story," a curriculum that creatively explores biblical stories through film, writing, discussion, and other exercises. Since the pandemic, the youth have been meeting on Zoom, with a focus on community building, supporting each other through prayer and listening, and education on a range of topics, aligned with the interests of the youth. This fall, we will be focusing on "The Way of Love," with discussions and activities surrounding each of the key themes and tailored to our 2020 context: turn, learn, pray, worship, bless, go, rest.

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Bread and Blessings Committee

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Co-Chairs, Carolyn Myracle and Sandy Sheldon, Beverly Gosnell\*

Vestry Liaison: Martha Murphy

Members: Alvie Dove-Ali, Barbara Fuller, Lori Hill, Judie Holcomb-Pack, Joce James, Roddy Roberts, Becky Sigrist, Carol Strom, John Lockwood, Emily Wilson, Eddy Zuber

The Bread & Blessings Committee began its' celebrations of the new calendar year with a double reception and luncheon for both Pamela Haynes and Cropwalk. A new brochure was produced for the Ministry Fair which reflected all the things this committee does and how it supports other ministries. We hosted the Chili Cook-Off in December and in January began our new Community Breakfast format which replaced the monthly Parish Suppers. These breakfasts have been very well attended with at least 50 people and have had the added bonus of providing an ongoing coffee hour throughout the morning with parishioners being able to have long conversations. In February we had a reception in celebration of the completion of the Nursery Shower. We helped the Freedom School Fundraiser by providing the food for this event. We supported the Pancake Supper event by providing cooks and cashiers. We decorated St. Anne's for Mardi Gras . We provided the food for 2 Lenten Soup and Bread Suppers before we sadly had to close for the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Throughout the year Bread and Blessings provides coffee hour after the services and On Agape Sundays the congregation provides extra food to share with the congregation. The generosity of the congregation and the number of wonderful cooks makes all of our events very hospitable to all food tastes and therefore increases the sense of love that lives within this church. The willingness of members to also join the clean-up teams certainly make things work well and builds community. Other wonderful events are the Group Dinners and the Thanksgiving Dinner which are sponsored by parishioners and provide warm loving opportunities for fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beverly Gosnell, Sandy Sheldon and Carolyn Myracle

# Music Ministry

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David Pegg, Minister of Music

The music ministry, like all our ministries, was brought to a standstill by COVID-19. We are hopeful for a better 2021.

Here are highlights of our shortened 2020 season:

- The choir welcomed a new musician: William Brickhouse.
- On Sunday, February 23, the choir provided music for the third Carnival Sunday. Guest musicians included former member, Ben Rhodes, and his jazz ensemble.
- The annual benefit concert for *The Annette G. Pashayan Choral Scholars Fund* which helps underwrite the choral scholars program was canceled. This concert will be rescheduled when conditions are safe.
- The music ministry continued to provide musical offerings during the COVID months through the participation of St. Anne's music staff and musicians.
- The choir made a virtual choir video which will debut sometime later in the fall.
- As always, special thanks are expressed to:
  - all our choral scholars for their leadership in the choir.
  - Barbara Johnson and Paige French for their meticulous maintaining of the music library and for their untiring efforts to keep us organized.
  - Dale Link who keeps us tidy and intact through her gifts of sewing, and all the volunteers in the choir who wash our vestments.
  - all the members of the choir and congregation for their generous gifts to purchase music and other needs of the ministry.

The music ministry's ongoing goals for 2021 are:

1. To return to a state of normality and the resumption of singing in the church.
2. To nurture the congregation through excellence in liturgy and song.
3. To grow and nurture St. Anne's musicians.
4. To encourage and support future musicians for the Church through our association with institutions of higher learning.
5. To involve instrumentalists of the church and the community at-large in worship.

In conclusion, we are most grateful to all of St. Anne's musicians for their dedication and willingness to share their talents, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. And we could not have traversed these difficult times without the generous support of our rector, The Rev. Ginny Wilder, the Vestry, the staff, and all the members of this vibrant faith community.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve among you!

David Pegg  
Minister of Music  
St. Anne's Church

# Pastoral Care

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Beverly Gosnell, Committee Chair

Martha Murphy, Vestry Liaison

Members: Alvie Dove-Ali, Kim DeWindt, Beverly Gosnell, Co-Chair; Marshall Gravely, Katarina Holmgren, Mary Kroohs, Co-Chair; Max McIntosh, Martha Murphy, Christine Payden - Travers, Julie Risher, Ginny Wilder

The Pastoral Care Committee meets once a month to pray for those in our parish and our community and provide comfort, support help and prayers during times of illness or when they need help. Since the beginning of the COVID19 in March, Pastoral Care members meet by e:Mail; Beverly Gosnell sends out Pastoral Care Updates by e:mail on the last Sunday of each month. We also welcomed Katarina Holmgren and Marshall Gravely to our committee.

Before the start of the COVID19 back in March, we had a group of dedicated folks who made home and hospital visits and took communions to the homes of those who are unable to attend church. This ministry had to stop because of the COVID19, but Pastoral Care members continued being in contact with members in assisted living facilities and others by e:mail, texts and phone calls. In August Pastoral Care Members were given permission by the Episcopal Diocese to do outdoor visits, wearing masks and doing safe distancing with members we normally visit. Another ministry during this time of online services has been helping vision impaired parishioners have access to them. Thanks to Faith Lockwood, Jane North, and Jack Payden-Travers for helping out with this ministry. Parishioners who are not on the PC committee have been reaching out to folks during this time of pandemic. Some have walked dogs, brought fresh produce or bread, or provided other "behind the scenes" assistance.

We also provide hot meals through our Casserole Brigade group headed up by Carolyn Myracle. We were able to do this ministry by delivering the meal to the person's porch and letting that person know it had been delivered. We offer prayers for members and friends who request them through a group of people called the Prayer Chain, headed up by Beverly Gosnell. And we have a group of folks who meet monthly to create prayer shawls to provide comfort for those who need them. Our Prayer Shawl Ministry is headed up by Sandy Sheldon and Carol Strom. We began a new ministry in March, headed up by Ginny Wilder. The Ministry allowed us to help those in need during the COVID19 who were not able to get out in public, by being available to purchase food, prescriptions from drug stores and library books if needed.

The Transportation Program was doing well for 2020 before the COVID19 kept us from providing rides for folks. We hope to resume this ministry once a vaccine is provided. Those who help with the Transportation Ministry are: Bobby Sinon, Max McIntosh, John and Faith Lockwood, Keith Esposito and Robin Baird and Marshall Gravely.

We plan to continue with these ministries for 2021 and welcome all who would like to join us!

Respectfully submitted, Beverly Gosnell and Mary Kroohs, Co-Chairs