



The Church of the  
**Good Shepherd**  
A Parish in the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina

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# **Committee Reports March 2019**

## **RECTOR'S REPORT TO THE VESTRY –MARCH 11, 2019**

**Strategic Plan/Staff job descriptions:** This month has been spent working with Randy Coupland and Caryl Fuller to address issues that have arisen in response to the elimination of the position of parish administrator. Some duties have been shared with other staff, and some have been picked up by Randy, Caryl and/or myself. There has been a lot of clean up work to do. Randy will be prepared to discuss what he has been doing in this area, including some improvements, as needed at the vestry meeting.

**Parochial report:** The Parochial report was submitted on time to the Diocese via the link provided through the national Church office. The vestry will have the chance to review the report for submission, in hard copy, to the Diocese, no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>. I thank Caryl for her hard work in compiling the financial information for the report, which was a major task.

**Liturgy/Lent** –We have postponed our last Celtic service for 2019 until sometime in June. All of the planners found that we had too many irons in the fire to do a good job of planning these events. In addition, we may have the opportunity to work with a priest from Ireland on our next event, which will probably be held sometime in June.

Youth Sunday was a real success. Kudos to Evan Meade for leading the planning of this service and Avery Sieger for her sermon. All of the youth involved helped to plan and execute two great services.

We have been working on Lent for the past several weeks. See the brochure that describes what we will be doing to celebrate the season, including some new approaches for Holy Week.

## **SENIOR WARDEN REPORT MARCH**

The Mary Beth Fee Committee met and discussed updating and possibly changing the name to The Mary Beth Fee Center. Russ Swindell is working on the new name and will get that to us soon. Also, we are working on selecting a board.

Eagle Project- Henry Jackson planned and organized a wonderful project that helped to beautify the exterior of the church. They pruned, painted, mulched, added pine straw and installed two benches that Henry built.

Outreach-Episcopal build started 3/2/2019 with the wall build and installing walls on site. The build will take approximately nine weeks. Please sign up to join us on April 6th, 2019 as CGS will be providing the lunch, and we are asked to have at least six additional workers on that day.

Youth Director- We have had a couple of meetings, and we have a job description as well as a base salary. We are planning on moving ahead to seek funding for a 3-year position. Members on this committee include: Chair-Martin Taylor- Elizabeth Gant, David Stroud, Caryn Meade, and Don Blankenship

Ushering/ Security- I met with Rob Stone, Mark Mzyk and Trey Standish and we are in the process of getting classes together as well as a written program for training the ushers that will include security, CPR and First Aid. I would highly recommend that everyone in a leadership role plan on taking these classes — more information to follow.

Faithfully, Don Blankenship

## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT 3/5/19

At the Committee meeting 1/21/19 to finalize plans for Chili Cook Off, we also decided to establish firm dates for the two major events for the year and get them on the church calendar now. The Pig Picking will be on May 4 at Tara Farms and the Oyster Roast will be on November 2 at the Church. These dates have been posted to the church calendar.

Permission has been granted by the Pugh family for the use of the Farm on May 4 and a letter has been set to Dr. and Mrs. Pugh to confirm.

Our next Committee meeting is scheduled for Mar. 18 to start planning for the Pig Picking.

The Chili Cook Off was on Feb. 24 and was a great success. We had nine different and wonderful Chilies to compete. The Fyfe Family won. The Plaque has been engraved and will be mounted today. We took in \$314.00 in donations which has been turned in to the church office.

A special thanks to Kirk Royal for the great Job on advertising and organizing to sign up for this event.

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## OFFICE OF FAMILY MINISTRY VESTRY MARCH 2019 UPDATE

### Children and Youth

1. We will be evaluating curriculums for the middle and high school classes and assessing the use of Godly Play in the 3-4-year-old and K-1 classes for next year. Elizabeth Phillips our intern from Duke Divinity School is assisting with the process.
2. The children in the Grapes and Grains class graduated and were recognized on Youth Sunday. A special thanks to Maggie Fyfe for her leadership.
3. The youth Confirmation class is going well and will conclude on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Bishop Anne will confirm six youth.
4. EYC sponsored Shrove Tuesday under the direction of Stephanie Bias. The event was well attended with over 135 people enjoying the meal. \$236 was the net profit. \$155 was collected from the raffle for the TV donated by Jennifer and Tom Tulsty. The youth will be sponsoring the BOD lunch on March 17<sup>th</sup> with a St. Patrick's Day theme.
5. Sarah Barrett report that Children's Chapel is going well with an increase of parental support.
6. The Youth Mission Trip to New Bern is scheduled for June 16-21.
7. VBS is scheduled for June 24-27.

### Other

1. Stormwater Update -The City of Raleigh grant committee will be meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup>. An update will be forthcoming.
2. Nineteen women will participate in the Women's Retreat on March 8-10 in Oriental, NC in conjunction with St. Thomas. Laura Woodall, yoga instructor, and Cheryl McFadden will facilitate the retreat. The theme of the retreat is "Jesus of the Gospel and Jesus as my contemporary."
3. We are having a parish wide retreat at Trinity Center, August 30-September 1. Registration is now open.
4. A Bereavement Support group social will be on March 14<sup>th</sup> at the home of Molly Propst. Eighteen individuals were invited to attend.

# STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

February 2019

## 2019 Stewardship

As of March 1, we have received 161 pledges totaling \$582,752 (average \$3,620), \$40K more than what was pledged the previous year. This was the 4th highest total since 2011 in terms of total pledges (high was \$668,373 in 2012) but the lowest in total pledges (high of 250 in 2012). The average \$ per pledge is far above the other years (average of \$2,800). (Summary provided)

## 2020 Stewardship

At the request of the Interim Rector, Frank Fee was selected to serve as the Chair of our 2020 stewardship effort, working with the Vestry Stewardship lead. On Feb. 21, Rev. Pat Grace, Jack Boyne and Frank Fee met to discuss plans for this year's efforts. The full committee has not yet been established, but will be determined following further discussions from the leads.

During our initial meeting, the need for coordination between various committees (e.g., Finance, Membership, Fellowship) was recognized as essential to avoid calendar conflicts and optimize giving opportunities. Legacy Giving will be part of this year's stewardship efforts. We will meet again on March 7 and an update will be provided at the March Vestry meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Boyne, Vestry Lead for Stewardship

## **PASTORAL CARE**

March 2019 Report

- Met Rev. Dr. Cheryl McFadden on Tuesday, March 5 for pastoral care overview
- As reported earlier by Cheryl, a bereavement group is meeting this Thursday, March 14
- Men's Shepherding Group is meeting on first Sundays; Next meeting is April 7
- Mary Beth Fee Center meetings on 4th Tuesdays at 5:30
- Planning to meet with Frank Fee within the next two weeks
- CGS has experienced an inordinate amount of illness and loss in the last 3 months
- Our pastoral care need is great; We need more volunteers to meet this need

## **EVANGELISM**

March 2019 Report - Nothing to report currently; I have not met with Rev. Canon Pat Grace yet to establish this new ministry venture