

The Vestry of St. Matthew's met on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 6:00 pm by Zoom with the following members present: Susan Alford, Senior Warden; Anita Sacrey, Secretary; Dawn Burger, Chris Ellis, Kyle Dennis, and Fanny Neely. The Reverend Nancy Cook+ and the Reverend Jay Bruno+ were also present. Chuck Messley was absent.

The Reverend Nancy Cook+ led Evening Prayer.

Motion: K. Dennis, seconded by C. Ellis to accept the September 2020 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: C. Ellis, seconded by F. Neely to accept the September 2020 financial report. Motion passed unanimously.

Sunday attendance averaged 40 in September in the Zoom worship services.

### **Old Business**

Thank you cards – Susan will send cards to Lee and Selena for heading up the stewardship campaign.

Stewardship Campaign Update – We have 7 pledge cards in so far.

Saline County COVID-19 numbers–16.6 per 10,000 people as of 9/21-27 – so we cannot meet in person yet.

Contacting members who haven't been at Zoom services – Susan talked with Judy Matthews and she is doing well. The Benzick family has moved to Little Rock and will not be with St. Matthews. Nancy talked with Tom Mahoney and Sharon Aritz, and they are doing fine. Jay has messaged with Diana Blair as well, and she is doing ok.

Ideas for renaming blessing cabinet – Motion to name the pantry James' Pantry and put a sign "In Memory of James Mattocks" – D. Burger, seconded by F. Neely. Motion passed unanimously. The diocese gave us \$500 for the pantry. Deb Hanson has volunteered to go with Nancy to Hot Springs food bank to buy food at low prices.

Update on advertisement in Saline Courier's worship page – Susan has tried to contact the paper and is not getting her calls returned. Fanny suggested trying MySaline's Facebook page. Susan will check on that.

Blessing of the Animals – Not many people came, but two people from New York attended so it was very nice.

Update on Internet for St. Matthew's – Susan checked on pricing. Fidelity offers 150/15 for churches. Installation charge is \$85 and \$119 per month. A one-year contract would make it \$98 per month, or a two-year contract is \$94 per month. Jay will look into getting a youtube page for St. Matthew's. Susan has also checked with WACO, which is the company Grace Episcopal Church uses. She has not received a call back yet. Another option is to record the service and upload it later from someone's home, but some members felt it would be better to livestream. Susan will keep checking internet prices since we are not going to do this immediately.

### **New Business**

Vestry nominations – Fanny and Susan are going off vestry in January. The five remaining vestry members will come up with names of potential new vestry members to discuss at next vestry meeting.

Christmas Eve Service – The service will be on Zoom at 6:00 pm.

Stewardship Ingathering during COVID-19 – Selena will just do a wrap-up during a Zoom service.

Blessings Cabinet (possibility of offering perishables on certain Saturdays) – The group discussed having perishable self-serve coolers by the pantry box on certain Saturdays. The group wanted to try offering food in coolers the Saturday before Thanksgiving to see how it goes. Anita will head up the effort with Dawn helping. We will put a sign on the food cabinet announcing the date for perishables. Susan will bring ice to go in the coolers.

Poinsettias – Since we are not meeting in person, the vestry liked the idea of requesting donations in memory/honor of loved ones for Christmas. Donations could be used for the food pantry.

Reaching out to members - Jay had idea about dividing up the membership list and vestry members calling members to check on them. Fanny suggested we choose members from the list to pray for and send them a card saying we prayed for them at vestry that month, instead of the phone calls. The vestry like the idea of selecting 5-6 families per month for the vestry to pray for. Fanny volunteered to write the cards to let members know we prayed for them at vestry.

### **Calendar**

- All Saints Sunday, November 1
- Pledge Cards due November 5
- Vestry Meeting November 18
- Thanksgiving, November 26

### **Supply Priest Schedule**

- Rev. Jay Bruno, November 1, 2020
- Rev. Jay Bruno, November 8, 2020
- Rev. Jay Bruno, November 15, 2020
- Rev. Nancy Cook, November 22, 2020
- Rev. Jay Bruno, November 29, 2020

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Sacrey