

## Committee Reports

November 2018

### Blessing of the Animals

October 6, 2018: Honoring St Francis of Assisi

Donations were received in the amt of \$ 250.00. This was divided and mailed to the animal welfare agencies that supported The Blessing in Transylvania County in the amount of \$ 50.00 each.

Fr. Nick blessed many pets and wildlife that were presented to him, including aquarium fish and one little rescued house mouse. A good time was enjoyed by all and St Francis was honored in this respect.

Report submitted by

Dr. Jacquelyn L. Bray, Coordinator

### Crop Walk

On October 14, 2018: St Patrick's Anglican Church participated in the annual CROP WALK for the ministry of World Hunger. There were 110 walkers representing churches and civic organizations of Brevard, NC that walked the 3.1 miles. Gary and Pam Turnley represented St Patrick's in the walk. The amount pledged and/or donated was totaled at \$13,500 of which 25% will remain in Transylvania County for the Bread of Life. The rest will go to World relief efforts around the world. Thank you all for your support of this worthy ministry.

Respectively submitted

Dr. Jacquelyn L. Bray, Coordinator

### Church Growth

The Church Growth Committee met three times beginning in August of this year. There were some minor revisions made to the original Mission Statement. We did drop a few items and moved some responsibilities around. A few of things we wanted to emphasize this coming year were:

1. More contact with Brevard College
  - a. through the Chaplain's office and
  - b. with the music program
2. We would like to invite Father Robert Placer of Knoxville to come and speak with us.
3. A speaker's conference with one or more speakers. We would like to sponsor this conference and advertise in Brevard for local exposure. Our space may be small, but we didn't think that it would be a high attendance meeting. If we make it a Deanery event, then we'd more than likely have to hold it at a larger, central venue like All Saint's. However, this would lessen our visibility and the purpose of having the conference in the first place.

Philip Sheppard, Chair

### Altar Guild Report

The Altar Guild is pleased to serve St. Patrick's by setting up the altar and caring for all the linens, communion vessels and candles used in our services. Thank you to Barb, Betty, Ginny and Karen for their faithful service each and every week. Thank you also to everyone for providing beautiful flower arrangements for the altar.

We are currently sufficiently stocked with the supplies that we need. We even have four sets of Advent candles (due to my miscommunication with Fr. Nick)! On my next order, I plan to add an additional pall, so that we have a back-up to the current one we use. We appreciate the convenience of a separate set of vessels and supplies for the service at Cedar Mountain House.

When our budget allows and with Fr. Nick's approval, it would also be nice to add a pair of more substantial candlesticks for the altar that would better accommodate the base of our candles. I have been watching for a pair to show up at the Shop of St. Philips where Barb and I volunteer. It would also be nice sometime in the future to have pulpit frontals that match the communion sets and chasubles, but only when our budget can allow such an expenditure.

I will have a revised Altar Guild Manual completed in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Funston

## **Status of Church Security**

### **A. In General**

We are much more aware of safety at this point, and I see many instances that our prior meetings have paid off. For example:

- a) Ushers and congregation help those with mobility challenges; have a heavy object near Usher station for use; cell-phone set on Help/911 in case a call needs to be made. Door-locking is pretty routine on Sunday, maybe more observance on Wednesday.
- b) Fire safety observed
- c) More security during services and awareness of taking personal items out of un-occupied areas.

However, we have not been very "formal" with our program and there are a couple of obstacles to moving ahead. One is our relatively small size and the other is just a typical human response on my part, not wanting to have to think about the more violent possibilities when we address safety. This gives us two areas to think about in 2019 -

1. Is what we are doing now adequate for the place we occupy?
2. Do we need to have a system for security that would allow us to view the hallway - and how might this impact our worship time? In our Mission Comm. meetings, we should keep ongoing focus on topic.

### **B. Response to Prior Suggestions from Sheriff's survey**

1. Lock the church while service is in progress. If we have an Usher near the windows, and another near the organ, we can easily see (windows) or hear (doorknob turning) people wanting to enter.

*This is a standard practice and seems to cover our needs. Ushers have been able to welcome late-comers easily.*

Security camera has been discussed; no resolution at this point.

3. Assign one person the task to call 911 - this helps assure that somebody is ready.

*One of the Ushers has 911 ready to call.* CELL PHONE - be sure to give actual location, like "ground floor at Johnson and Main" - obviously we need to practice so we can assist first responders of any type.

4. Establish a buddy system for those with mobility problems and a "safe space" for people to shelter. Our storeroom was determined to be a good place because it will lock once the door is closed and door is heavy. At the same time, others could escape using the hall door there, and running up the stairs to first floor, or even right outside via the black door.

