

## February 2024 Vestry Reports

### Scouts

December was a quiet month for Cub Scouts. Our Pack met twice, once in a Den meeting and our Pack meeting, which was effectively a holiday themed party and the scouts made holiday cards for an elderly community in Greenville.

In Jan, we did not have a Pack meeting b/c of the first of the year being New Years. We had 2 Den meetings. Some Cub Scouts completed their rank requirements, which is about unprecedented for the Pack since COVID. These scouts (maybe 12 in total) were recognized at our Feb Pack meeting/Blue and Gold. Feb has only just begun, but we are busy! Scout Sunday was on Feb 4th. We had a good attendance of the Pack (maybe 1/4-1/3? of the Cubs). We also held our Blue and Gold on Feb 5th, in which we had an amazing turnout. Many families prepared food for potluck and had a chili competition for adults and a bake-off for the scouts with parent help. It was a blast! I don't think we had too many empty seats in the Parish Hall that evening. We were also appreciative of our guests - including Ray Franks, Robert Elliott (unit commissioner), and Brad Wilkinson (former Cubmaster and District membership). Concurrently, John Porter Aces and Martha have been teaching the God and Me portion of the PRAY program to our Wolves (2nd graders) and Bears (3rd graders). We have a good set of scouts participating and very appreciative of the support and effort from John and Martha.

Feb is in full-swing. Scouts will be going through Cherry Oaks/Windsor neighborhoods this Saturday morning (Feb 10) from 9:30 am until about 10:30-11 am picking up donated goods to be delivered to the Food Bank as part of "Scouting for Food" BSA program. One of our annual highlight activities is the Pinewood Derby, which will be held on Feb 24th from about 9 am to noon. Due to the growth of the Pack, we have decided to hold the event in the gym of JP II this year. We were reaching (maybe exceeding) capacity in the Parish Hall during the past couple of years. We will be celebrating the success of our AOLs in March as they will cross-over to the Troop. We are also looking ahead to the East Carolina Council Cuboree in early April (spring camping trip) as well as Flag Placement in late May.

Most notable - our Pack has some awesome leadership - nearly 2 leaders for each Den and excellent Pack Committee. We have adults volunteering for advanced training, including BALOO and Wood Badge. Pack 46 is strong.

As always, word of mouth recruiting has been one of our best ways to continue adding to the BSA program. We have 50 scouts currently, but will "lose" 5 scouts to crossover to the Troop in March. We're hoping to continue to grow, especially with the addition of girls. There are discussions of potentially forming a Troop 46 for girls, but we're waiting to see what happens with Troop 826.

Stay tuned.

Thank you for your continued support!

YIS,

Adam O

Cubmaster, Pack 46

### Troop 46

On January 8, we held an Eagle Court of Honor for 3 scouts who earned their Eagle Scout rank. We had a few scouts attend the Winter Merit Badge Camp at Camp Boddie on MLK weekend.

We had a visit from 2 law enforcement officers on January 22 to talk about what they do and about traffic safety. One was a K-9 officer who brought his K-9 in for the scouts to meet.

We have been working on the Dentistry merit badge, which included a visit from a local dentist to talk about his job.

We put out hangtags for Scouting for Food this past Saturday (the pack will go around and collect the food tomorrow).

A scout has a workday for his Eagle Project tomorrow morning.

We are planning to go to the District Camporee March 1-3 at Camp Bonner and the council camporee on April 26-28.

We will probably have another camping trip in between those 2; details TBA.

We are looking forward to welcoming several AOL scouts into the troop after their crossover March 4.

Taplie Colie  
Scoutmaster  
Troop 46

## **Formation**

Thank you to Mary for the invitation to share this report. Since I last reported in August, we have been averaging 6 participants in CHIPS, with a low of 2 and a high of 13. Thank you to Judy Tucker and Mary Ava Johnson for leading once a month. CHIPS has a story connected to one of the readings for the day, a short discussion about a part of the liturgy, and a time for prayers.

Formation has been centered around a few specific offerings this year:

- Families First formation has averaged around 12 people from Oct-Feb with topics such as St Francis, Saints, advent wreath making, the Epiphany pageant, and Lent at Home. The time change to 9:30 has proven fruitful, though we are still working to increase the number of younger families in attendance.
- Families First worship falls under worship, but it is worth noting that we have considerable interest in filling the leadership slots each month, and have one middle schooler who has become part of the regular rotation of lectors as a result of enjoying that role.
- Episcopal Youth Community continues to meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays. We have 5 regular volunteers plus Martha who are consistent participants in spending time with our youth: Mary B Gowney, Riley Roberts, Barb Shreve, Tucker Whitesides, Jessie Zimmerman. We are currently averaging around 10 students per meeting. We have also done two fall partner events with St Paul's (pumpkin patch, holiday outreach shopping) and have two planned for the spring (ice skating, pickleball and outdoor play).
- Youth diocesan events continue to be popular. Middle School Fall Conference had 1 volunteer adult (Kristine Kelley-Salamon) as well as 2 participants and 3 team members. Winter Retreat had 4 participants.
- Popcorn Theology has been a hit for 2/3 groups. In October the elementary/middle school offering had 15 people (8 kids, 7 adults). The November preschool/elementary offering had 13 people (6 adults, 7 kids). The January high school/adult offering was canceled due to lack of demonstrated interest.

The nursery has been expanded as of January 2024 to all Sundays. We have 3 nursery workers (Karen Mitchell, Paula Bowen, Jessie Zimmerman) and 3 volunteer subs who we are grateful for (Ashton Johnson, Gabby Decker, Leigh Bell). The average week sees 1 child, ranging from 0-5 participants at any given time. We do have an influx of new babies here or on the way that might impact those numbers in 2024!

John and I wrapped up a 4 session Confirmation offering with 8 students and 3 adults in December. We had a great time, and the combination of all ages was successful. We look forward to having 11 confirmations somewhere in the future.

The **Outreach Committee** met in January to make decisions on the best way to allot the monies in their accounts. The JOY Soup Kitchen currently spends about \$750-\$800 monthly so most of the \$10,000 in the budget would be spent to just support that one ministry.

After that January meeting John Porter-Acee, Debbie Strickland and Sharyn Lennox met to discuss alternatives for the soup kitchen so that enough money was left to support Community Crossroads Center and Operation Sunshine along with other smaller projects during the year. A decision was made to meet with Tom Quigley, director of the soup kitchen to see how he might help us so our partnership could continue at the level we have in the past.

John, Debbie, Sharyn and Nancy Williams met with Tom and Karen Stevenson and Tom understood our dilemma. After a short, productive meeting Tom suggested letting the Soup Kitchen provide the nabs, fruit and dessert while St. Timothy's will continue making the sandwiches, purchasing Styrofoam cups/lids for soup and St. Timothy's volunteers serving each Thursday. St. Peter's Catholic School will continue donating the soup. We were all pleased with the outcome of the meeting and will reassess in a few months when we see how things are going money-wise.

Outreach currently has \$10,000 in the budgeted account, \$6969.19 in the designated account, and \$634.34 in the JOY account.

To pay for the Rise Against Hunger event \$\$3189 will be taken from the \$10,000 budgeted line item and \$1011.00 from the designated account leaving a total of \$12,769 for our remaining outreach ministries for 2024. (The \$1011.00 was the "carry over" from the \$10,000 in 2023.)

**Operation Sunshine** had 11 tutors the first week of February! Our attendance varies week to week but we average 6 or 7 each Tuesday. Gave a small bag of goodies for Valentine's Day.

**Rise Against Hunger** happened Saturday, February 17. Report will be in March Vestry Reports.

### **Community Crossroads Center**

Phyllis Dombos, Coordinator

St. Timothy's has five teams, totaling 43 parishioners, who prepare meals for the Community Crossroads Center (Homeless Shelter) every 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays throughout the year. The meals are purchased and prepared by each team member with no reimbursement from the church. The count (number of residents to serve meals to) has varied from 50 to 75. Team leaders call each week for the count for that week. CCC has a capacity of 100 residents.

The volunteers are as follows:

**TEAM 1 Linda Lane**, Jamie Kirby, Karen and David Carr, Sharon Paoloni, Liz and Richard Thiele, Eric Hedburg, Heather Tepper, and Eddie Vincent,

**TEAM 2 Valerie Foster**, Bitsie Harwell, Wendy Proctor, Nancy Leamy, Leslie Bowman, and Kathy Seibel.

**TEAM 3 Phyllis Dombos**, Gretchen Baugh, Sharyn and John Lennox, Malcolm and Nancy Williams, Mary Ava Johnson, Norma Henderson and Gloria Bailey.

**TEAM 4 Marty Michaels** and Mark Tull, Frank and Ellen Crawley, Pam Johnson, Barbara Bowser, and Jody Biddlecome.

**TEAM 5 Susan Chatham**, Leigh Bell, Susan Holmes, Jim and Pat Mitchell, Barbour and Debbie Strickland, Bev and Scott Davis, and Ashton Johnson.

Inreach  
No report

Unseen Guest  
No report

Birthday cards  
No report

JOY Soup Kitchen  
Served 606 people in January.

### **Stewardship Ministries Vestry Reports for February 2024**

#### Grants Committee

In November 2023, Kathryn requested information from the City of Greenville about playground vendors that they use for the equipment at their parks/playgrounds. The information received was then passed on to John Porter-Acee and Malcolm Williams with the request to pass it along to the appropriate St. Tim's people who could then begin to research and learn more about what types of equipment are available that would fit the needs of St. Timothy's, as well as the cost of these structures. Once we know more about the total estimated project cost, the grants committee can reconvene to discuss the information put together about the project and research potential grant opportunities.

The playground has been stated to be the number one grant focus at this time, and all other project ideas are on hold until we are truly "grant ready," meaning there is a project focus along with quotes, a total project estimate based on the quotes, and a timeline of the project.

Kathryn Lloyd

Administrative Committee- No report

Finance Committee- No report

Planned Giving

The Endowment Committee met on January 4, 2024.

There are three Committee members appointed by the Vestry:

Barbour Strickland- chairman, Bert Powell- secretary and Ed Kirby.

So far \$13,635 has been raised for the Faith Fund. \$10,000 for the General Endowment Fund and \$3,635 for the Permanent Endowment Fund.

To open an account the Episcopal Church Foundation requires a minimum of \$10,000.

The Faith Fund General Endowment account has been opened with State Street Global Advisors through the Episcopal Church Foundation with an initial deposit of \$10,000 (from the

anonymous donor). The funds are invested in State Street's balanced fund which allocates the funds in 60% equities and 40% fixed income investments.

Megan has deposited the \$3,635 for the Permanent Endowment Fund in account and once it reaches \$10,000 an account will be opened (for the Permanent Endowment Fund) with State Street through the Episcopal Church Foundation.

There are currently 14 members of The Red Door Society.

In March or April the Committee is planning a seminar for members of St. Timothy's on Wills and Estates to be presented by Peter von Stein. Peter is a Trusts and Estates attorney with Ward and Smith in Greenville. The committee's goal is to educate donors on the need for a will and an estate plan, which will hopefully result in legacy gifts to the Faith Fund. Peter will not charge for his time for this seminar. The Committee will be working on the details, which will include dates available, where to have it- Parish Hall vs Meeting Room, etc.

Barbour Strickland

Long Range Planning- No report

Capital Campaign- No report

Annual Giving- No report

### **Parish Life Ministry – January Report for February Meeting**

Areas/committees included and person leading:

- Fellowship/Dinner Groups – temporarily parish life ministry vestry liaisons
- Hospitality/ECW – Valerie Foster
- Newcomers – Leigh Bell
- Brotherhood – Scott Crippen
- Daughters of the King – Connie Widney
- Cursillo – Diane Hatfield
- Cards/Games – Norma Henderson
- Knitting – Bitsie Harwell
- Yoga – Alyssa Sugar

### **Parish Life**

#### **Fellowship:**

- Old business:
  - Julie Crippen, Kristine Kelly-Salamon, and Connie Widney planned a fun evening for supper club initiation and trivia night. This was well attended and lots of fun. The supper clubs were set and are beginning to gather.
  - Attended Spring-Summer planning calendar meeting.
- New Business:
  - Need for a hotdog/hamburger meal on family first Sundays in the Summer was suggested. We will work on planning this.
  - With Julie Crippen stepping aside from Fellowship, Angela Mallette and I will temporarily be leading this area. We will be looking for someone else to lead this area.
- Action Items:
  - None

#### **Hospitality/ECW:**

- Old business:
  - A reception was held for Keith Holmes in January
  - February 4 potluck to honor Boy Scouts. ECW purchased hotdogs for this.
  - Attended Spring-Summer planning calendar meeting.

- New business:
  - Bring awareness to vestry of the number of expenses for church events/coffee hours/repairs that are covered by ECW and Brotherhood. Sometimes this is from the budget, some is from the fundraisers, and of course, some from donations.
  - Upcoming: ECW will play bunco in March 12th, host ladies tea April 20, yard sale May 4.
- Action Items:
  - None

**Newcomers:**

- Old business:
  - Newcomers committee has had no big changes as of late. Visitor bags continue, I think they have been received positively and are easy to hand out. Greeting has been going well.
  - Attended Spring-Summer planning calendar meeting.
- New business:
  - We will plan to meet soon to discuss if there is anything in particular we would like to focus on this year
- Action Items:
  - None

**Brotherhood:**

- Old business:
  - Cooked hamburgers and hotdogs for the scout Sunday.
- New business:
  - March 21<sup>st</sup> Brotherhood Social. Two officers from Southern Bank set to present on how not to get scammed on and offline.
  - Will be cooking pancakes and sausage for the Mardi Gras Pancake Supper.
  - Buildings and grounds approved the Parish Hall kitchen painting. Brotherhood will supply the labor and materials.
- Action Items:
  - Awaiting approval for approval to paint Parish Hall kitchen from the Executive Committee.

**Daughters of the King:**

- Old business:
  - The chapter gathered a list of needed items at the Community Crossroads Center. Collection bins will be placed in the Narthex through the season of Lent.
  - Attended Spring-Summer planning calendar meeting.
- New business:
  - Planning for the Diocesan Spring Assembly on April 13. Daughters from 19 chapters around the diocese are invited for a day of sharing, learning and prayer. The program concludes with Eucharist; Bishop Rob Skirving will preach and Rev John Porter-Acee will celebrate. Any woman in the parish who is interested in the Daughters of the King is invited to attend.
- Action Items:
  - None

**Cursillo:**

- Old Business:
  - Attended Spring-Summer planning calendar meeting
- New Business:

- planning for Pancake Supper Feb 13th. Will donate 10% of monies received to operating budget.
- Provide Cursillo representation at East Carolina Diocese 141<sup>st</sup> convention.
- Action Items:
  - None

**Cards/Games:**

- Old/New Business:
  - Continuing to have a nice group of parishioners and friends joining us on Wednesday. There is a good response to this offering.
- Action Items:
  - None

**Knitting (and talking):**

- Old Business:
  - Same -Continue knitting and talking – 10:30 – 12 on Wednesday.
  - Attended Spring-Summer planning calendar meeting.
- New Business:
  - Mary Ava is sending off 44 baby hats that members have made to the heart association for babies who have had heart surgeries.
- Action Items:
  - None

**Yoga:**

- Old/ New business:
  - Continuing to meet on Tuesdays at 5:30. Rescheduling around Pancake Supper on February 13. Will meet on Thursday instead of Tuesday that week.
- Action Items:
  - None



Preschool News

Feb. 2024

Parents recently responded to a survey regarding extending the preschool hours to 9AM-1PM. Based upon the overwhelming response in favor of this offering, we are excited to make the following changes to our program:

Four and Five day Three-Year-Old and Four-Year-Old Classes will now operate from 9AM-1PM. Students will have the same, great, age-appropriate preschool activities from 9AM-12PM, followed by a new opportunity we are calling Food, Fitness & Fun. Food, Fitness & Fun will run from 12PM-1PM providing these children time to grow socially and developmentally by eating a bag lunch from home, staying physically active, and interacting with their peers. Having two separate classes allows us to continue to operate without being licensed.

Three day Three-Year-Old classes and all Two-Year-Old classes will continue to be dismissed at 12PM. If space permits, 3-day Three-Year-Old children will be permitted to enroll in the longer, Food, Fitness, & Fun option. Younger siblings of students already in Food, Fitness, & Fun will be given priority registration for any available slots. Early drop-off will continue to be offered for an additional fee, with our doors opening at 8:25 AM.

Registration for the 2024-25 year begins the week of February 19. The hope is that these changes will increase enrollment and revenue. As an incentive to current families to help spread the word about our excellent program, families will receive a \$100 discount for every new family they bring to our program. The new families must tour and pay the registration fee.

### **Vestry Reports for Worship**

Altar Guild Submitted by Lynn Forbes

Altar Guild continues the ministry of preparing the altar for worship and the flowers.

Pew Duty Submitted by Judy Tucker

A group of eight women volunteers currently rotate weekly as scheduled to check the pew racks, pick up litter and takes note of any cleaning or repair needs of the pews, tidy the hymnals and song books, and replenish the card and pencil holders with materials supplied by the Newcomers group and church office. Volunteers are given a brief orientation but work independently. The ministry allows volunteers and opportunity to be flexible in scheduling completion of assignment and requires little effort or training. Additional volunteers are always welcomed.

Serving this year are: Beverly Davis, Nancy Williams, Mary Ava Johnson, Bitsie Harwell, Sharyn Lennox, Lynn Forbes, Phyllis Dombos, and Judy Tucker. Sandy Walton serves as a substitute.

Ushers submitted by Malcolm Williams

We have two ushers every Sunday that work with two people from the "Ask Me" committee to welcome, assist and greet our church goers. We plan on having a meeting soon, one Sunday after church to go over our duties and procedures. We also need more volunteers to help with this ministry. It a great way to meet people and serve St. Timothy's

Greeters submitted by Leigh Bell

We have one greeter assigned each Sunday morning at the 10:15 Service to open the door and greet people entering the church. We have eight volunteers for this on a rotating schedule. This has been in place for about 3-4 months now and so far, it is going well. I think it has been a positive thing to see this added back to Sunday morning ministries.

Acolytes, Readers, LEMs No Reports

Peter Woodruff

Music and AV vestry report

February 12, 2024

The music ministry at St. Timothy's is in a good place. We are hoping to recruit more singers to the choir, particularly tenor and bass singers. The choir and worship ensemble continue to improve their skills, developing the collective ability to perform more challenging music at a more nuanced level.

The worship ensemble now has a regular schedule and plan. Leslie, Suzie, and Peter meet multiple times per month to collectively plan music, and to decide performance keys, song layouts, and harmonies. Instruments rehearse together on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, vocalists rehearse every other week for 30 minutes before choir rehearsal, and the full group meets after church twice a month. This has become a good rhythm for the ensemble. We are working to ensure coordination of music is thorough, and that singers and instrumentalists have recordings and sheet music to practice from that matches what all other



members of the ensemble are using. Once Leslie, Suzie and I settle on the keys/arrangements for songs, I make recordings and send to all members, so that everyone knows the form, format, length, and style of the song before they get to the first practice. It has taken some time and experimentation to find procedures and schedules that work well for all parties, but I believe we have managed to do so.

Marie and I continue to work on AV, having nearly completed a set of written procedures, checklists, troubleshooting guides, and an overall handbook, as well as scheduling multiple volunteers in advance on a monthly basis. Our live streaming process continues to become more refined and dependable. All services are streamed live to Vimeo and Facebook, and can be viewed at any time after the stream ends by going to our Vimeo page. Links to this are on the website. Recordings of each service are recorded onto a flash drive in real time, so if there is a livestream issue or an internet outage, there will still be a full recording to be viewed later.

Peter Woodruff