

Pastoral Care Ministry Team Meeting  
November 12, 2018

Attending: Judy Surak, Suz Cate, Barbara Armstrong, Kathy Hunter, Mary Bowman, Dottie Carter, Pam Mack, Liz Halpin, and Hap Wheeler. Meeting was called to order by Judy Surak, Chair, at 4:08pm. We opened with a unison reading of the Prayer of St. Frances. Approval of the minutes from the October 2018 meeting followed. Reports were then given.

Visitation: Suz had 12 face-to-face contacts for 11 hours and 3 phone calls for about .75 hours. Took Communion to several parishioners and gave updates on parishioners and visits. Judy and Liz also gave updated on their visits. Barbara will make arrangements to take Communion to a parishioner who has newly requested it; Kathy made one Eucharistic Lay Visitor visit. Hap asked if we had a system for follow up on who's on our prayer list and how we follow up. Suz explained how we reach out to parishioners. The prayer list is now printed in the bulletin.

Cards are regularly sent by Liz and Mary Bowman; and they will continue with the ongoing cards and to those newly in need.

Pasquales: Reception on Sunday after Frankie Witmer's service for 180-200 attendees. Mary has made all the arrangements, and Judy Eidson will be in charge at the reception on Sunday.

Transportation: Shannon Quattlebaum is getting copies of transportation drivers' driver licenses for best practices and due diligence.

Health Ministry:

1. "Solo Women" group has not had any meetings, due to other commitments and conflicts, but hope to meet again in December.
2. January 20 and 27 will have our health Adult Sunday School sessions, "Vision Changes As We Age" and "Positive Physical Approach" for everyone, especially someone living with cognitive decline. In December and January, we will put some teasers on Facebook, in weekly bulletins, HT notes, and the Tempo, perhaps on bathroom door stalls and on the breakfast tables, beginning to help educate parishioners on cognitive decline issues and encourage attendance for these two Sunday School sessions.

The "Pastoral Care Resource Center" is up and running. Please encourage everyone to check it out.

Discussion followed about children running in the Parish Hall. Hap has addressed this in his Sunday School class and small chairs and tables and activities have been set up on one side of the parish hall. This remains an ever present need of safety awareness for all.

Neighborhood Groups: Most of the Neighborhood Groups have met, with Hap Wheeler as the guest speaker, bringing parishioners up to speed on the status of the parish and potential Vestry goals.

Other: Meals. Claiborne Linville suggests that we have an interactive list on the Internet so volunteers can easily sign up for meals. Claiborne will be working on a prototype. If you have ideas, let Claiborne know. One suggestion was to include the location of where the meals are to go. More information will follow. This is a great way to readily and efficiently connect with all parishioners.

Discussion followed about a possible Good Samaritan Fund. Hap suggested that we use the Memorial Fund, and earmark special gifts, which may be easier to do, or the Priest's Discretionary Fund. Suz explained what the Good Samaritan Fund could be and how the funds would be used differently than monies in the Discretionary Fund.

Hap talked about the Vestry working on strategic goals, and prioritizing these goals. One goal is to reconnect with parishioners who have stopped attending services, don't participate in functions, etc. – a gap analysis. Hap would like to see Pastoral Care get involved in a systematic way of reaching out to these parishioners and how we reach out to them. He will let us know how this goal process progresses through the vestry, and what our role will be. It will be up to us to create a tactical solution to help reconcile this issue.

Meeting adjourned at 5:04pm. Next Meeting: Monday, December 10, 2018, 4pm

*\*minutes respectfully submitted by Kathy Hunter, November 12, 2018*