

## **Vestry Highlights**

**August 28, 2018**

### **Reports: Assessing Progress on our 2018 Goals**

#### **Major Projects:**

- The Rectory:
  - Replacement of the windows has been contracted; to begin in October/November
  - Abatement repair has been contracted; to begin in early September
- The Organ Fund
  - 3 Benefit Concerts have been scheduled for the Fall, 2018
  - Maintenance and minor repairs have been contracted for 2018, and projected maintenance plan is being prepared prior to the 2019 budget
- The Elevator: Research is in process on options for repair and funding
- Security System has been contracted for installation in September or October

#### **Sunday School/Youth and Family Ministries (T2T, Fx3):**

- Marisol Ortega – Sunday School Liaison
  - We were not able to include more youth in the LUW camp or Episcopal Youth Camp. An information meeting is planned for early 2019 to encourage greater participation in the summer of 2019
  - We continue to explore ways to improve communication and coordination with La Gracia and Grace classes & activities
- Amy Auld Owens – Liason for Fx3
  - Plans are in place for family apple-picking and supporting Santa's Workshop

#### **Stewardship: Charlotte Roberson, Chair**

- The database and pledging lists are being reviewed for Exploring channels for increased funding
- The 2019 campaign will strengthen year-round Stewardship education

#### **Welcoming / Project Connect/ECW: Trisha McGuinness:**

- The Chair of Welcoming and Trish will prepare a proposal for the September Vestry meeting clarifying the purpose and ministry of the Welcoming Committee and reviewing the expectations for Coffee Hour hosts
- We are continuing to work on Improving communication with La Gracia
- We are updating and improving our Bulletin Boards

#### **Advocacy: Sorraya Sampson Elliott & Michael Heffner, Co-Chairs**

- Grace Church will participate in the county-wide Voter Registration Drive on Friday September 21<sup>st</sup> and on a Sunday in October

**Worship: Michael Heffner, Liason**

- Improving communication between Vestry and different worship leadership groups by means of monthly reports has given them a voice in church governance.
- Training will be planned this fall for ushers & acolytes, and we will introduce more clear rubrics for worship in the service leaflet beginning in September

**Music: Karen Odom, Liaison**

- We continue to monitor the budget quarterly
- We have not developed fundraising proposals because of the focus on fundraising for the organ fund
- We continue to encourage and applaud the rich a variety of music during worship, and we will continue to encourage new membership in both the adult choir and the St. Nicholas Choir

**Pastoral Care: Hillary Fleming, Liason**

- Hillary visited the Pastoral Care Team Retreat on March 17<sup>th</sup>
- We continue to look for ways to enhance information about this ministry and communication with people who are not ill or homebound, and to be a means for deepening relationships & connections within the congregation

**Communication: Michael Heffner, Chair**

- We have installed a Donate Button on the website and purchased a new sign for the Church.
- We have upgraded the wifi in the church and are in the process of installing a “mesh network” that will allow us to stream services and concerts more effectively outside the sanctuary.