

Parish Life Ministry Board 2-28-2018 Meeting

This is an electronic board meeting. The following members participated: Sarah Pettus, Carol Parnell, Janet Fox, MJ Martin, Susan Chase, Michele Barkalow, Ray Barkalow and Barbara Edwards.

Newcomers: Our meet-and-greet is all set for March 11. Invitations were sent out to newcomers on Monday to include Canon Jim and Father TJ. The ministry board chairs were also invited by email. The wardens were invited by invitation. Senior Warden Ruth Smith will invite the rest of the vestry orally at their meeting on Friday. Barbara, Pam, MJ and Tink will be coordinating the meet-and greet. Attached is hand-out for meet-and-greet.

Please be thinking about how we can make the parish aware of the newcomers of the church. We have tried pictures in the past. Should we do this again or something else? We will discuss at our March meeting.

Hospitality: The interfaith fellowship lunch served 100 for lunch on Wednesday February 21. St. James Chapel has members help with set-up, serving and clean-up. The Outreach Ministry also had members make soup, help with set-up, serving and clean up.

Two project we are now working on are Easter Egg Hunt with Faith Formation and breakfast for the choir between services on Easter.

Stephen Ministry: Just a quick update Stephen Ministry Leaders to let you know there is a “new team in town”! As you know, Pam Hayes, Susan Chase and Mike Chase were trained as Stephen Leaders in January. The new team now consists of Gene Myers, Martha Myers and the three newly trained folks.

Bill Wheeler retired as a Stephen Leader but will still serve as a Stephen Minister. The new team will be commissioned at both services on Sunday, March 11, 2018.

Moving forward, the team hopes to hold an awareness session soon with the possibility of a new training class for Stephen Ministers to be held in the fall.

Bereavement: A new support group for people grieving the death of a loved one will be held at St. beginning on Thursday, March 8.

In addition to giving and receiving support from one another, participants will benefit from a series of video presentations that provide insight and practical tools for navigating the grief journey from professionals in the field. The series, titled Walking Through Grief, will be the basis of a 10-week program of meetings from 3 -5 p.m. on Thursday at the church.

More information about Walking Through Grief will be presented at an open house and preview session at 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 1 in the narthex. The facilitators – Bill Eberle, Kathy Ard and Janet Fox -- of the group will be on hand to answer questions about the program, which is open to anyone in the community.

For more information about the program and the preview session, email helpingwithgriefatstphilips@gmail.com. Parishioners are encouraged to let their friends and neighbors who may be grieving the death of a person close to them.

Health Care Equipment Library: One item was borrowed from the equipment library and returned to it's original owner tonight. Carol will continue to put information in newsletter and e-news monthly.

DOK: Continues to meet with no action required. Sharon Sands is currently in rehab from knee replacement surgery. Hopefully she will be joining us in March.

Neighborhood Care Support: No report

Our next meeting will be Wednesday March 28 in the Parish Hall at 5:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Parnell