



January 2022 Newsletter

WORSHIP

As you can see from the photos Dick Dean took, the church was again beautifully decorated for Christmas. Christmas Eve was smaller than usual but beautiful as always. On Sunday January 2nd, we'll be doing a service of Christmas Lessons and Carols. It is an opportunity to sing many of our favorite Christmas hymns and to hear (hopefully) the choir sing the music they sang on Christmas Eve.

In January we'll be having the baptisms both on the 16th and the 23rd!

ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual parish meeting will be on January 23rd. We'll have worship as usual and convene the meeting after a break for some coffee and refreshments. (No glorified breakfast this year due to Covid ☹️). We will be re-electing officers and delegates and voting for a new vestry member. The job description for a vestry position will be at the end of this newsletter. If you have never been a vestry member before or might be interested in serving again, please consider it! All those who have served on the vestry have felt they have learned so much and have forged a deeper understanding and commitment to our church and its ministry. If you would like more information or might be considering this, please speak with Carolyn.

OUTREACH

Winter Utility Relief : People were very generous with their donations to Isaiah 58 - \$1,390!

School pantry: Lana Younker and Joanne Theriault hauled over several large boxes and bags of personal health care items to provide for needy students. Thank you!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Advent Series

Four people participated in our advent study series “Light of the World” with a book and DVD presentations by Amy Jill Levine. People came away with a much deeper understanding and appreciation of the Christmas stories.

PROPERTY

Flooding downstairs! In November it was discovered that water was coming into the Sunday School room. We determined that it was not from a broken pipe but water coming in from the outside, most likely from a disconnected gutter. The Sunday school storage cabinets had to be trashed as well as the paneling all along the outside wall. The gutter was replaced and Bob McGilvary and George Ogin have been working on repairs (and saving us a ton of labor costs)! Right now it does not appear that new carpeting will need to be purchased but we’ll know that for certain once the work is completed.

New Television – We now have a regular group of people attending worship via zoom. So the property committee purchased a new TV for the sanctuary and mounted it on the wall.

New Chairs – The folding metal chairs that had been in the lower hall have been faithfully serving our parish and the AA groups for over 50 years (thanks to George Younker welding pieces to keep them functioning all that time)! However, they were showing their age. We purchased 80 new chairs and donated the old ones to a church that needed and wanted them.

VESTRY Job description

The Vestry is a board of dedicated church lay people, who work with the priest in conducting the business matters of the church, overseeing the care of the property, and being leaders in supporting the life and ministry of the parish. By canon law, the vestry is also responsible for electing and calling a priest when necessary.

Vestry members commit themselves to:

- attend meetings currently on the 3rd Monday from 7-9 PM. (This is free to be changed as works out best for the entire group. There may be special meetings upon occasion.);
- attend an annual vestry retreat (usually a Saturday event);
- Be accessible to parish members to listen to their concerns and advise the vestry accordingly;
- Support the parish and its priest through prayer, attendance at Sunday worship, financial pledge, and being engaged in its ongoing ministry and mission.

Vestry members normally serve a three-year term.

HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

