

A Summary of Vestry Actions taken at the March 11th Meeting:

TREASURER'S REPORT

Martin McKerrow was pleased to state we are in a healthy financial condition and are in a solid place in spite of the pandemic. Nantucket Networks will be hired to help with WIFI and for technical support, updating the WIFI throughout the campus but in particular in the parish house. The computer systems & Cloud files also need updating. Warden Bob Felch spoke about a Capital Planning Committee – focus on capital for short term & long term, which will need multiple committees to be involved.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Peter Barnes was pleased to note 153 pledges for 2021 have been received, and we're closing in on the \$400,000 goal. "This reflects on the church and all the good we're doing." An Amazon Smile account has been activated, and they are working on donate buttons for Zoom and Facebook.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Patsy Wright spoke of their first meeting, which was energetic and positive! "Good group of people and strong committee." Focus at the moment is the new website – which won't look at all like what we currently have - geared to attract new people outside of our parish members. The newsletter is moving along nicely.

MISSION COMMITTEE

Libby Tracey noted Laundry Love remains strong; Fairwinds gift cards will go to their staff in April; the Suppers program is going well, very grateful for financial support, including from non-parish members. Penny Macintyre was credited with management of the large group of baking angels with her desserts every Wednesday; 750 fruit cups have been given to the Community School as free gifts.

RECTOR'S UPDATE

Max mentioned that it was on March 15, 2020 that the Bishop stated we could no longer hold in person church services due to the pandemic, so nightly Prayers in the Attic started shortly thereafter. Music Mondays and Jonathon's Saturdays have given us a full year of daily prayer. Max noted that the Bishop sent an email last week asking to hold off on inside church services until at least April 18. We hope to hold an 8 AM service in the Memorial Garden on Easter Sunday weather permitting, and then the usual 9:30 service via Zoom. Max also explained how we will not be able to hold our Summer Fair, but perhaps we might be able to host the Christmas Market and some Ships Inn dinners – so much depends on how things move forward with vaccines, etc. On April 19 Max & Olly will head to Block Island for two weeks.

WARDEN'S REPORT

Libby Tracey reflected on the past two months, thanked Bob and Max for the Vestry retreat and the wonderful job of prayer and discernment, insight and leadership. Bob went on to say that Nantucket Networks is already doing a great job, and Peter Barnes has drafted a homepage that they talked through. There is a platform known as Munk that specializes in church website templates and is working on one for us; the goal is to have it go live in April with a much more user-friendly feel to it. The church tower leaks need to be on a fast-track solution; we need to get the work done as soon as practical.

Staff is working on Palm Sunday & Easter services, with a drive-by for Palms and then a drive by communion on Easter.