

## **St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**

### **Vestry Meeting**

**March 19, 2024**

**Present:** Cannon John Spicer, Mtr. Jean Long, Paul Wurth, Steve Miller, Jewel Scott, Christina Santiago-Turner, Jason Anglian, Stephanie Henson, Jean Kiene, Sara Welch, Janet Kelley, Cameron Rostern, Ward Cook, Pam Orlander, Guy Creveling, Z Wendy Burgess, Guy Creveling, Mtr. Rita Kendagor, Carolyn Lathrop

#### **Building the Pilgrim's Pathway**

1. Opening Scripture and Prayer. Fr. John read from Philippians 3: 10-14. The prayer of Self Dedication on page 832 -3 of the BCP was read.
2. Pilgrimage as a paradigm for an intentional spiritual journey: Preparation, Departure, Travel, Arrival- Fr. John explained that we would spend time this evening expanding and exploring the ideas we discussed at Vestry Retreat.
3. Fr. John referred to a hand-out entitled Pilgrimage as a Paradigm for the Spiritual Journey. Fr. John's definition of pilgrimage is as follows:

*A physical and/or spiritual journey to reach a destination, planned with a path in mind but embracing diversion along the way, with the intention of encountering God and growing spiritually through expected and unexpected experiences.*

With that, he asked that we share our experiences of the spiritual journey and what stage we may be on and how best to describe our journey so far. As a guide, he and the Warden's and Mts. Rita and Jean gave a little roundtable for the group. Vestry members then broke into small groups and dispersed to have their own discussion groups. Fr. John worked with the group on Zoom. The groups returned and shared what they had discussed.

4. Fr. John reminded the group that this would serve as the framework for living the Baptismal Covenant. To that end, he had found The Way of Love. It is a book by Scott Gunn, executive director of Forward Movement. The books were distributed for reading this next month.
5. Additionally, as a way to assess your stages of faith along the journey, there is a website entitled "My Way of Love" powered by Renewalworks. There is an on-line survey followed by 8 weeks of emails to move you forward on your journey. Vestry members were asked to do the survey and give feedback.
6. A sheet was passed out with the components of the pilgrim's pathway and Vestry's steps in developing the pilgrim's pathway month by month.
7. Eastertide sermons will reflect the 7 steps in the Way of Love.

#### **Other Business:**

1. Carolyn passed around the sign-up sheet to host coffee hour. There are several openings in April as well as throughout the year.
2. Fr. John thanked the commissions that had turned in their goals for the year. Those who have not are asked to do so as soon as possible.
3. Worship and formation participation was down in January due to cold weather. It picked back up again in February.
4. Jason gave a good report as far as income in February and a bit down on expenses having paid 2 diocesan assessments. But all in all, good month.
5. Steve stated that Facilities was going to concentrate on Preventive maintenance work for the next year. Theater lights have been proposed for the Nave and will cost \$5000 which includes the electrical work. This was thoroughly investigated. Additionally, the boiler is the next big issue. Steve suggested it needed to be inspected and Fr. John told him to get it done.
6. The 2023 Parochial report was due March 1. It was filled out. The Vestry moved, seconded and approved it being completed and sent.
7. A thank you note will be sent to Community Engagement for all the work they did on the St. Patrick's Day parade.
8. The closing prayer was offered by Ward Cook.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann C. Goodrich, Vestry Secretary