

Highlights of the Vestry Meeting
Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Tim Engelbrecht will submit a grant application to the Diocese for the Church Assistance Endowment Grant. If grant money is awarded, it will be used to convert the men's bathroom near the narthex into a family bathroom.

Shari Bonham, Ryan Missel, Kelly Eschenroeder and Mary Merriweather will attend the Invite, Welcome, Connect 2018 Summit at the University of the South in Sewanee TN on June 12,13 and 14.

At the March Vestry meeting, the Vestry approved hosting an Invite, Welcome, Connect event at Grace if the diocese agreed to lend support to the event. The diocese declined Grace's request for support. The idea will be revisited at the August Vestry meeting.

There will be a focus group after the final Messy Church service in May to assess parishioners' thoughts on the service.

The landscaping project in the front of the church is underway. Salvageable plants from the front will be transferred to the Columbarium. Wayne Bonham has graciously volunteered to maintain the Columbarium fountain. Parishioners are asked to not "help" with the fountain without talking to Wayne.

Prep work for installation of the St. Matthew's spire has begun, and installation will begin once permits are received from the City of Kirkwood.

The search is on for a new custodial service. The current company has not been doing a satisfactory job. Parishioners are asked to let Junior Warden Rebecca Harrison (rharr7176@aol.com) know if they see any poorly done work, such as unemptied trash cans or rooms that have not been cleaned.

Lyn Ballard reported that the labyrinth committee bonded during the Thursday evening labyrinth events held during lent. There is a possibility of applying for another New Ventures in Ministries grant to help fund the building of an outdoor labyrinth. No action is being taken at this time.

Pledge Income for the month of March was \$32,180, which was \$1,180 above budget. YTD Pledge Income was \$127,768 versus the budgeted amount of \$125,500. Total Revenues for the month were \$58,111, which was \$2,022 above budget. YTD Total Revenues were \$198,590, which was \$2,294 above budget. Total Expenses for March were \$62,855 which was \$7,232 below budget. YTD Expenses were \$167,490, which was \$1,224 below budget. Net Revenue for March was (\$4,744) which was \$5,210 below the budgeted amount of \$466. YTD Net Revenue was \$31,100, or \$3,518 above the budgeted amount of \$27,582. Our current cash reserves would cover an estimated 3.0 months of the budgeted 2018 expenses.