

Highlights of the September 15, 2015 Vestry Meeting

We have a committee looking into balancing our budget without using our endowment. This has been an ongoing problem at this church and we must create a plan to fix our budget. The balanced budget will certainly create a new normal for this church. A Balanced Budget Committee consists of Jim Grace, Louis Scheerbaum, Andrew Uprichard and led by Margaret O'Connor. The balanced budget will be presented to the congregation at the Stewardship dinner on October 17th at 4 p.m. A balanced budget is an important step in the process of calling a permanent Rector.

Dennis Marsh is forming a committee to create a mission for this church. If you are interested in being on the mission committee please see Dennis Marsh or Father Rich. The mission that we select will give permanent Rector Candidates a baseline idea as to whether they are a good fit for our church. A solid mission statement is also needed to both advertise our brand and demonstrate our resolve while seeking both volunteers and grant money to pursue that mission. Our mission must be bigger than we are or we will not attract people or money to support it.

We are looking for people to fill out a Finance Committee that will review and recommend expenditures in the church before they are approved by the Vestry. If this is something you would like to be a part of talk to any vestry member.

There will be a meeting at 9 AM, November 7 to schedule activities for the year ahead. This is especially important as we intend to rent the hall for special events. Hopefully, rental of the hall will become an important source of revenue for this church in the future. However, we do not want to interfere with church events in this endeavor. All activities that will require use of Holy Spirit Hall, the kitchen, or the small dining room should be scheduled at the November meeting.

Sarah Midzalkowski has been retained for our Christmas Eve Service this year.

The second Sunday loose change collection will be earmarked for the purchase of new windows in the office area.

The church will be participating in the Halloween Trunk'er Treat on Saturday, October 31st. Hot dogs and refreshments will be served in Holy Spirit Hall.

The church Harvest Dinner will be on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 22 nd.