

## **Vestry Notes:**

### **March 17, 2024 meeting**

At the March meeting:

- Joe Ferguson was appointed to the position of Clerk. The Clerk will be a non-voting position, similar to the Treasurer.
- Vestry discussed the LGBTQA+ heart shaped logo that vestry previously approved for use on the website. Our intent is to begin using it more frequently, including in the newsletter and on our Holy Week advertisement in the Perrysburg Messenger Journal. Fr. Matt noted the importance of communicating what our church is about to the outside world. After discussion, all in attendance were comfortable with increased usage of the logo and the message that it conveys. Fr. Matt discussed the possibility of conducting an adult formation class to explore Biblical teachings in this regard.
- The Treasurer updated the vestry on capital campaign spending, noting that as construction progresses, a number of large payments will come due, likely before parishioners have paid on pledges which were intended for a five-year period. Further, in some cases, costs have increased since the capital campaign scope was prepared. Fr. Matt noted that there is no indication to the casual observer that a capital campaign is ongoing, and suggested that there could be some sort of visual display. We need to revitalize the capital campaign.
- The Treasurer is working with the Foundation to understand the process of disbursement of grant funds from the State of Ohio grant.
- We remain \$80,000 - \$100,000 below our goal for the annual stewardship campaign. It has been noted that some parishioners might have been waiting until Fr. Matt joined to make their pledge, and others are paying regularly without having made a pledge. Once the annual audit process is completed, we will run a projection for the remainder of the year to gain greater clarity on the gap.
- The kitchen work is delayed due to the need for additional engineering drawings for the exhaust system roof platform required by the City of Perrysburg.
- Clothesline drawings have been completed, and a down payment made. The same contractor working on the kitchen will work on Clothesline, preventing demobilization costs and delays. This project is fully funded, and construction should take approximately seven months. We are waiting for the final permits for the City of Perrysburg to start construction.
- Design work has started for the church technology. The committee was able to adjust the scope of this project to meet our needs, with reasonable ability to expand. This also reduced the anticipated cost.
- Concept drawings have been received for the Nave and kitchenette area. Concerns have been raised as to whether the coffee bar/kitchenette would be adequate for church needs. Vestry discussed the 'spaghetti supper' test – will the coffee bar/kitchenette or combined resources with the commercial kitchen allow us to have a congregation spaghetti supper? Once drawings are closer to final, we will seek input from members

of the congregation who are involved in hosting coffee hours and fellowship events. Vestry approved the expenditure of \$6,300 to paint the office and library.

- The carpet throughout the church is dirty, stained and damaged in places; however, vestry felt that any expenditure for cleaning or replacing is premature in light of the anticipated construction. Vestry feels it would be more prudent to replace the carpet after construction has been completed.
- The fellowship committee will meet for the first time on April 14, after the 10:00 a.m. service. Fr. Matt noted that it is important to consider how fellowship activities connect to the church's mission.
- The Silver Sneakers program is anticipated to start on April 26, meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 – 11:45 a.m., for a period of eight weeks. The cost will be \$5 per class.
- Vestry discussed the ongoing interest in the Line Dancing class, and the need for that activity to comply with St. Tim's policy regarding facility use and insurance coverage.