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Ethan Griffith
Jacob Hurst
Jessie Hurst

YTD Budget Balance:

\$200 Budget
\$702.36 Restricted

What is the purpose of this Ministry?

Provide worship support for the service.

What were your Ministry's most significant accomplishments this year?

A return to service after COVID. We held two training meetings for returning and new acolytes

What have been your biggest challenges?

Not enough acolytes. We typically only have 2 acolytes per service.

What programs or events does your Ministry have planned for 2023?

- Acolyte meeting and training scheduled for February.
- A more regular cadence for meetings
- Getting everyone belts and updating their years of service.

Who will be the Chair for 2023?

Crystal or someone else who steps forward.

Any other information you would like to share about your work and your Ministry?

Looking forward to the collaborative support of Fr. Tim.

Please list specific prayers for your Ministry throughout the year.

Growth of this ministry.

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Presiding Bishop Edmond Browning wrote a forward for a working manual for Altar Guilds. I would like to share a portion of that forward...

" Ministries manifest itself in many ways within the life of the church. The ministry of the Altar Guild is one which is sometimes forgotten because of the dedication of its membership. It is assumed that either the members need no nurturing or no new members are needed. But this ministry like all ministries of the Body of Christ needs to be nurtured and empowered."

The Altar Guild is the priest's partner in making the worship life of the parish run smoothly. Here at St. Matthew's, we have 3 teams each rotating every week. Our responsibility is to set the Altar for each celebration of the Eucharist. This includes Sunday's services, Wednesday Healing Service, Funerals, Weddings and special services requested by parishioners. We also care for the communion vessels, metalware, linens, vestments and maintain our Home Communion Service Kits.

Special attentions also include Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, Palm Sunday, Easter, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday.

I feel honored to serve with the following ladies.

Diane Croft Doane
Muttie Dixon
Vicky Conway
Mary Vore
Susan Savage

Cheryl Wheeler
Jan Nabors
Nancy New
Judith Kimsey
Wilhelmina Wilson

Ava Kay Champion
Susan Adkins
Martha Mills

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our Altar Guild, please contact me, Joan Kengla, at 770 - 978 - 2537 or jk2ridge@comcast.net. We will gladly train you!

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Vestry Liaison:

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Completed projects

- Renovated and waterproofed the Undercroft
- Renovated the kitchen in the undercroft with new cabinet and microwave
- Repaired exterior doors upstairs and downstairs
- Repaired and repainted ceiling in Parish Hall from roof leak and repaired roof.
- Cleaned kitchen floor
- Cleaned and repaired drain pipes around exterior of building
- Solved vandalism issues by the pavilion and installed camera
- Still working on resolving issues with fire alarm system. Some resolved, some not
- Changed out multiple light bulbs in parish hall and exterior door lighting
- Changed light fixtures in multiple locations
- Kitchen oven repaired and cleaned
- Installed handicap feature in bathrooms
- Painted hallway and sanctuary
- Replaced coffee pots in kitchen
- Erected flag pole and memorial plaque
- Repaired sunken cement in courtyard
- Carpets cleaned in sanctuary and Undercroft and Kyle's old office
- Purchased new vacuum cleaner for sexton/cleaning person
- Established security team and are developing a security protocol to keep our campus safe
- Changed service to Wall Heating and Air and updated to monitored thermostats

Future and Ongoing Projects

- Continue to work with All Star Fire to improve monitoring our campus and reporting ability in case of emergencies
- Working to improve our door lock system, potential installation of security cameras throughout the campus and install new door lock systems
- Repaint sanctuary and surrounding areas
- Resurface parking lot

Building and Grounds committee wants to reach out and say thank you to all those people who have helped with various projects throughout the year A very special thank you to Steve Charron and Phil Morgan whose help and advice have been invaluable. Without their help, many of these projects would not have been accomplished.

BREAD MINISTRY

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Committee Chair:

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The Eucharistic Bread Ministry completed its thirteenth year with ten members and Joan Kengla as our Vestry Liaison and Worship Chair.

This ministry does not require budget funds from the church as each member is responsible for obtaining the required ingredients of whole wheat flour, yeast, salt, clover honey, oil, and water for making the Bread during their appointed month.

The members of this ministry are:

Michael Chapman,
Nancy Charron
Muttu Dixon
Frieda Marsh

Eric Prichard
Terri Hurst
Jessie Hurst
Vicki Conway

Oscar DeLeon
Sylvia Campbell

Our Interim Rector made the decision to use wafers for both services instead of the home-made Communion Bread made by the Bread Ministry members. Each member of this ministry stayed faithful and hoped and prayed that our new Rector would utilize the gifts and talents of the Bread Ministry.

This Ministry is open to men and women of St. Matthews. Training is provided to all new members. Please contact me if you are interested in becoming a member of the Bread Ministry.