

Ministry Reports for Bishop's Committee - July 18 2021

Committee/Ministry	Contact Person
<i>Nominating Committee</i>	
Info for BC:	
<i>Christian Formation for Children</i>	<i>Barb Sacco</i>
<p>Info for BC: Members of this Committee include Linda Doolittle, Doris Schaffer and myself instructing with Linda Carter and Mary Ann Kinder assisting with classroom supervision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are planning to begin providing Godly Play sessions beginning the 29th of August during the first half of the 10:30 service. The children will join the service for Prayers • Rev. Laurie will provide a Children's Sermon on Aug. 22nd to kick off our Children's Formation and monthly thereafter when the Children will attend the entire service. • We are still looking for a few more parishioners to help us teach the sessions or assist at the doorway with welcoming and supervising the children. • Please contact Barb Sacco if interested in being a part of this exciting new ministry. 	
<i>Adult Forum</i>	<i>Michael Booker</i>
Info for BC: Sunday Forum is on summer hiatus.	
<i>Youth Group</i>	
Info for BC:	
<i>Hospitality</i>	<i>Sylvia Ahmad, Sue Schmidt, Kathleen O'Reilly</i>
Recently Kathleen O'Reilly has taken responsibility for Hospitality. She will be meeting shortly with Rev Laurie to make adjustments as needed as we move forward with Covid restrictions.	
<i>Pastoral Care (meals)</i>	<i>Paddy Wrob</i>
Info for BC:	
<i>Pastoral Care (prayer shawls)</i>	<i>Doris Schaefer</i>
Info for BC:	
<i>Card Ministry</i>	<i>Sue Schmidt</i>
An appropriate card is sent to each member for birthdays, anniversaries, illnesses,	

accomplishments, etc. Leslie provides me with names and dates, and we need to encourage new members to give us their information so they can receive a card from St Francis.

Bible Study

Kathleen McDonald

Info for BC: Friday morning Bible Study is meeting separately because we are currently a small group. Looking forward to doing our part to make scripture studies invitational and scheduled for all.

Property/Grounds

Marsha Smith

Info for BC:

Members of the Grounds Committee are Paul Becker, Becky Hall, Tracey Oswald and Marsha Smith.

Happened This Month:

- A large branch from the neighbors' dying tree fell onto our property during a storm this month. Thanks to Herb for sawing up the limb and removing it. We plan to contact our neighbor to find out what their plans are for removing the tree as branches from it are at risk of falling on our dumpster bin or electrical equipment.
- A storm also uprooted the standard ninebark in front of the former childcare center so it had to be removed.
- A "Caution - do not bump earthquake sensor" sign has been placed in the front garden to alert workers and prevent future shutdowns of the gas supply to the building.
- Deer deterrent spikes have been placed in the Memorial Garden to protect some of the plants there – the jury is out on whether they work well.
- Installation of the rock border on the front garden is continuing.
- Additional soil has been placed along the sidewalk in areas where it has washed away. It will be seeded soon.
- Thanks to Tracey Oswald, a new member of the Grounds Committee, for all her help in maintaining the gardens. Welcome to the team, Tracey.

Planning:

- The enclosure of the bioretention basin overflow ditch in an underground pipe is planned for late July or early August.
- A new wooden post will be installed to support the lockable mailbox. The current post is not stable .
- Design work is in progress for the garden areas next to the community room and the area surrounding the St. Francis statue.

Service and Justice

Donna Bernert

Info for BC: In order to go out into the community to help our neighbors I have been in

contact with Becky Reed at the Pacific Presbyterian Church. Pacific Presbyterian Church has been serving weekly meals to the people in need for years, only stopping during the Covid pandemic. Their church has a full kitchen, a community area that will seat 80 people and funding available for all the meals. The thing their church is lacking is people to help make, serve, and clean up. Their day for serving the weekly meal is Thursday between 4 and 6:30. Volunteers would be needed at different intervals: at 10:30 to help cook and at 3:30 to serve and clean up. Becky and her husband, Jim, make out the menus and usually do the cooking. Any volunteer can make a dessert and bring it to be served with the meal. Becky and I have discussed attempting to set up an interfaith group that could help for an assigned day to participate in the tasks needed. This will be along the same lines that Trinity has established in their hot lunch ministry. I will be contacting Jim Poinsett, with the interfaith group, to set up a meeting with the group along with Becky Reed, Laurie, Mary Ann Kinder, and myself to explore this ministry.

I will be contacting the Eureka Parks Dept. in order to secure a free booth for the Lock It for Love ministry that hands out free gun locks at Eureka Days on October 1 - 3. There will also be a booth for St. Francis to hand out temporary face tattoos which Kathleen O'Reilly will be organizing. The Eureka Days parade will be October 2 under Kathleen's supervision. Kathleen will also be organizing Adopt-a-Family beginning in November and our indoor Halloween party. Busy lady!

Paddy will start the "back to school shoe drive" in the next couple of weeks.

<i>Communications</i>	<i>Skip Moreland</i>
Info for BC:	
<i>Book Group</i>	<i>Kathleen McDonald</i>
Info for BC: July meeting cancelled due to facilitator's accident an hour or so before the Zoom meeting. Call for help from Clergy and BC -- would like to have parish wide guidelines and suggestions for sensitive political points of view that come up when the reading (either fiction or scriptural) ties to people's hearts and souls in a way that has been verboten in our church for 6 years.	
<i>Women's Group</i>	<i>Sue Schmidt</i>
Women's Group met In July for the first time since pre-covid and we had a great time getting back together socially. We met at Wildwood Pub and had 14 very loud ladies enjoy the evening. The August gathering is at Big Chiefs in Wildwood. These events are purely social and women are encouraged to friend or family---adult women---to introduce them to members of St Francis. We will begin meeting in our homes as well as restaurants, in September.	

<i>Crafters</i>	<i>Doris Schaefer</i>
Info for BC:	
<i>Liturgy of Space</i>	Linda Doolittle
Info for BC: Info will be available after the committee meets on 7/25/2021	