

Buildings and Grounds Annual Report - 2020

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Meetings Held: Every Second Thursday at 7:00 pm – open to all parish members

Committee Members:

Steve Charron (Chair), ElliotGriffiths (Vestry Liaison), Janis Williams, Phil Morgan, Geno Paris

Year in Review:

Wow! Such an interesting year to say the least! Due to Covid-19, our year did not exactly progress the way we had envisioned coming into 2020. Despite the fact that we have not had access to the physical building since March, a lot has been accomplished with the physical building and the grounds that surround it. To add, we have plans for the future as well. Some of the key events and items from 2020 are as follows:

- We had the first of our workdays delayed/canceled due to covid but we did hold 2 workdays where much work around the grounds were completed. Also, a huge truck load of mulch was donated and spread around the grounds. In addition, a special “thank you” is overly merited to a few parishioners including (but not limited to): Janis Williams, Judith Kimsey, Warren Drury, and Cecilia Billingsley among others.
- The Brotherhood continued and completed construction to the pavilion. Updates/Upgrades include but aren't limited to power, ceiling fans, paint – I'm sure all who use it are grateful for Brotherhood's hard work!
- Towards the end of summer, we began holding worship services under the new pavilion until the colder weather of fall began.
- When we began to plan for a potential return to the church, we studied rigorously and stocked up on consumables such as cleaning wipes, sanitizer, Sanitizer dispensers, and appropriate personal protection items. We also added demarcation points for proper social distancing practices for when we may begin congregating in person again.
- We still are working out the details of the HVAC systems within the Sanctuary. We have two units that are quickly becoming beyond repair. We have been collecting estimates and options for replacement and hope to be coming to a conclusion soon. We are hoping to begin these repairs in the first quarter of 2021 if all goes to plan.

As we move into 2021, we are looking into the addition of security cameras around the campus. We will be working out a proper fix to the pothole that is beginning to form at the entrance of the parking lot. We will also be looking into the possibility of replacing/repairing windows around the church that have begun rotting due to age. Similarly, we have discussed the potential and desire to painting the exterior of the building.

We are always open and welcoming to suggestions and concerns about the building and grounds of St. Matthews. Likewise, we love the addition of new members to the buildings and grounds crew! Please

consider if this ministry is a calling you are interested in and reach out to either myself or Steve Charron...