

The Vestry held its regular monthly meeting on June 22nd. Here are a few highlights from that meeting:

We have received training to host parish “house meetings” to be held throughout July and August.

These discussions will give every parishioner an opportunity to share engaging church experiences, contributions the church has made in their lives, contributions each individual has made to the church, how the church has helped their faith grow. We will consider what makes St. Mary’s unique and we will be invited to make three wishes for the future of our congregation.

These discussions are framed by the book the Vestry has been reading, “How To Lead When You Don’t Know Where You Are Going” by Susan Beaumont. If you’re intrigued, you may want to read along with us.

From these discussions we hope to gather stories and impressions to highlight St. Mary’s strengths and help our church thrive during a challenging time. Dates and locations of these meetings are to be determined and will be announced in the Weekly Reminders with details for signing up.

In addition to receiving training on leading “house meetings” to continue our discernment, the vestry received written reports from the Rector and Senior Warden as well as the May financials.

Joys from the Rector’s report include attending the continuing education conference (CREDO) and being with other clergy from around the country, collaboration with other local churches, and Family Church.

Both the Rector and Senior Warden emphasized the need for more volunteers. If you have a particular interest or skill set that you can share, please contact Pastor Kristine or Fran Foote.

The Vestry will not meet in July, and at our August meeting we will hold a mid-year financial review and discuss stewardship plans.