

## Senior Warden's Report 2020

It has been a year of changes. We don't shake hands anymore. We show we care by staying six feet away. At the beginning of 2020 we were looking forward to a very productive year. The finances were in pretty good shape. We had a strong and committed vestry. Facility problems that had fallen by the wayside were on track to being addressed.

Outreach programs—breakfast, yoga, tai chi, and connection for change—were going strong. Covid 19 brought many changes. We tried to adapt the outreach programs to the new situations.

Some of these worked better than others. Linda Wentworth and Teri Crowther adapted nicely to zoom.

The breakfast went through a few iterations and finally had to be passed on to the state. The need was too great and the situation was too precarious for our group of volunteers to continue.

Connection for Change which is based on personal interaction had to be suspended.

The strong and committed vestry was still there and followed through on the commitment so eloquently spelled out in the mission statement.

“The Church of the Good Shepherd is a community **gathered** by God through Jesus Christ to witness to the presence of God in our lives, to teach and to **learn** the Good News of Jesus Christ, and to **care** for others in and out of this church.”

We looked for ways to stay connected with the congregation. The success of this is due in great part to Earl's willingness to teach, preach and connect via zoom. Marjorie Strong has been an inspiration in her willingness to educate herself about zoom and to try and keep the music alive at the services. I am sure Earl will talk more about this.

A fair amount of effort has been put into working on the physical plant. Bill Crowther will talk about this.

We will continue to change but with a focus on the future. As we change we are learning. Earl and I have come up with four areas of interest and near the end of this meeting we would like to divide into subgroups and have people meet for a short period of time and brainstorm. The groups are Connections for Change, Outreach, restarting the breakfast program, and Church care. Every time I write a Senior Warden report

I realize how little I do. But the lights are still on and that is a testament to the commitment that all of you have to the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Respectfully,

Philip Moros