Summary of February 7 Vestry meeting for website:

The Vestry met on the night of February 7th. Our meeting began with a presentation from the North State Shelter Team on the efficacy of micro-shelters in addressing the needs of unhoused community senior members. Following this thorough and informative presentation, we listened to a reading from this coming Sunday’s Gospel and had a period of reflection and discussion.

We will be attending a day-long vestry retreat on Saturday, February 18th. This will give us the opportunity to connect with our new members and grow as a group, as well as allow us time to plan for the coming year and how we will best meet the needs of our expanding program. Additionally, two new computers were purchased and set up for clergy use, and email accounts for Tammy and Fr. William have been created. Currently, there have been some technical difficulties with the set-up but details pertaining to that contact information will be made available when ready.

St. John’s is officially launching a Capital Campaign to address many needed upgrades to the church facility and campus. These projects include: the columbarium, exterior staining, enclosing the breezeway, exterior and interior lighting, and upgrading the pavement. Due to generous donations, we are fortunate to be able to start our upgrades to the pavement on Monday, February 13th. Visitors to the campus should be aware that for the duration of this project (about 3 weeks) and use caution when near construction sites.

Fr. William reported that the Finance/Stewardship Committee met and is making the shift to a year-round program. The theme for the 2023 Annual Pledge campaign will be “Rooted in Abundance” and will include monthly “ministry moments” which will highlight various ways our ministries are impacted by our giving. Our next “Ministry Moments” will take place the first Sunday in Lent. Ann Petersen (Outreach Committee) will speak on the Hungry Wildcat program at Chico State. Fr. William also presented the idea of a Holiday Bazaar as one potential fundraiser for the capital campaign. Planning on that will be led by Fr. William and will begin soon.

The worship calendar for Lent and Holy Week has been finalized. This will start off with Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner, hosted by the men’s group. Some changes this year include our Maundy Thursday service being held entirely in the church building (including a soup supper), and a shift to one service on Easter at 9 a.m. to be followed by a brunch in the parish center.

Adult forum has begun on Sunday mornings and will begin taking place in St. David’s Hall from here on out. Beginning March 1st, the “Discipleship 101” course will begin on Wednesday evenings. This will be an 8 week long course. A soup and bread dinner will be provided from 5:30 p.m.-6 p.m. with an hour long study to follow. Fr. William will lead the study. Rev. Tammy will now be hosting the Youth Group on Wednesdays, once a month.

Last, we discussed summer services and decided to shift to a single service (just for the summer) beginning at 9 a.m. This will last from June 4th until August 13th.