

St James Episcopal Church

Outreach Committee

January 3, 2022

While writing this memo I reviewed emails dating back to January 2021. To say the least, the year has had its challenges; however, we were able to meet on somewhat of a regular basis. We are so thankful for the guidance Father De and the entire staff has provided. Additional thanks to everyone stepping up and helping when help's been needed.

2021 Accomplishments:

Pentecost Picnic: Outreach stepped up and sponsored the Pentecost Picnic. This was the first major gathering St James members in quite a while. Fried chicken and all the fixings. It was well attended, but I don't think we should try and set this up in the meadow anytime soon again unless we are confident with cool weather (it was hot). A special thanks to Catherine Dorough who really worked out the details and worked the entire meal.

Back to School Red, White, and Blue. After a lot of discussion and planning we were uninvited to participate due to the Delta Variant. This is a wonderful event sponsored by the Fairhope Police department. Students are provided new clothing, back packs, food, etc.... Hopefully this event will continue at full capacity in 2022.

Outreach went on a field trip to Wilmer Hall and planned on hosting a church dinner event to allow Executive Director Pratt Paterson an opportunity to engage our members on the good things going on at Wilmer Hall. Unfortunately, COVID-19 put the event on hold. We hope to follow up in 2022.

Outreach has asked Father De to make financial contributions when he sees a need. Prodissee Pantry and Ecumenical Ministries were among the organizations offered assistance.

Angel Tree: The St James family is the best. We were able to provide Christmas gifts for Veterans, Children and elderly in need through Ecumenical Ministries, Children of Parents in prison through Prison Ministries, Etc... A special thanks to Mary Pilcher for her continued effort insuring Christmas for the needy.

I would like to thank our outreach committee members for staying the course. Anne Sclater, Catherine Dorough, Kristen Wooten, Mary Pilcher, Michelle Roberts, Randy Sterrenberg, and Susan Crutchfield. This group has passion and love, and in my mind, those are the two most important ingredients when it comes to Gods work and outreach.

On a parting note: I have asked Father De to replace me as Outreach Chair. I have enjoyed working with everyone and plan to continue working with outreach as a committee member. I am extremely proud to announce my replacement is Michelle Roberts. Michelle brings a different twist to the committee and will surely move the committee forward.