Pastoral Care Committee Report January 4, 2021

It seems appropriate at the end of the 2020 year to report to Vestry activities of the committee. We have met in person and then virtually several times to address needs of the parish. Among our activities:

- Fairly regular calls, cards, and contacts with those living alone or others who might welcome connecting with the church family. Each member of the committee keeps the others informed of such needs.
- Provision of meals, foods to those returning from hospital stays, other health issues, or just needing respite care. No records are kept of how often this is done. It is done as needed. When during a long period (week or more) other parish members have assisited.
- Delivery during Advent of 30 poinsettias to those housebound, grieving, or with other needs.
- Delivery to about 45 households of Christmas Cookies and instant Cocoa for an informal Zoom session after the virtual Lessons and Carols. People were so appreciative and more than the usual number participated in the Zoom service.

As we move into the 2021 Covid winter, the committee continues to brain storm ideas/activities to keep parish members connected.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Michael