

Junior Warden Report

2018 was a successful year for our parish. Not only did we complete the merger between the Episcopal Church of the Ascension and All Saints Episcopal Church, we now have a single bank account under the name of Episcopal Church of All Saints and Ascension at Simmons Bank.

Several repairs were completed during the year which included upgrading our security system by installing a new security panel which provided each member with his/her own access code and password. Secondly, the old altar and rail was replaced by the ones brought over from All Saints church and the carpet was also replaced. The pulpit was removed to make space for the choir, thus allowing the exit area to be cleared of the pews that the choir occupied. A holder for hymnals were installed for the choir, and some of the broken holders on the pews were also repaired. The hand rails at the front and rear entrances to the church were repaired and painted. The front and rear entrances, and the rear metal stairs were also repainted.

The light fixtures were cleaned and all light bulbs in the sanctuary replaced. Thanks to Mr. Wilbur Lohman for his assistance with some of these projects.

I express sincere thanks to Mr. Alex Dukes for his help with snow removal in the church compound and parking lot this winter.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and effort for the spring cleanup. Your assistance was greatly appreciated. As the saying goes "many hands make light work".

For those who have not noticed, the sign at the back of the church was replaced, and a proposal has been sent to the diocese to assist with funding for a new programmable LED sign for the front entrance, which we hope will enhance our presence and display messages to help attract new members.

We continue to make improvements to accommodate the needs of our congregation. A Dreamers Committee was formed and they presented a blueprint for our facility renovation project to the standing committee of the diocese last year. As we continue to explore this possibility, I remain hopeful that this project will be successful, so that among other things, we will be able to do away with the current storage rental and have enough space to make our facility a thriving place for community outreach and worship.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Harold Briggs for his service in keeping the church clean, as well as extend our thanks to both him and Mr. Tony Vick, our van drivers for their commitment and dedication in ensuring that those members who use the church vehicle are picked up regularly and on time.

Faithfully Submitted

Prince Thomas

Junior Warden