

# Progress as of June 2021

*on vision set in June 2019 for next 3-5 years*

## Transforming Lives Through Christian Formation

- Sunday morning lectionary-based Bible study (ongoing)
- Fall 2019 study of Jeremiah on Sunday mornings
- Instructed Eucharist in fall 2019
- Climate Change Study (Lent/Summer 2020)
- Kaleidoscope Training (summer 2020)
- See No Stranger book study (fall 2020)
- Braver Angels debrief sessions (fall 2020)
- Kaleidoscope Training (summer 2020)
- Stations of the Resurrection (spring 2021)

## Expanding, Thriving Community of Servants

- Minutes for Ministry during liturgy (ongoing)
- Spiritual gifts / skills inventory (current)

## Inspiring Spiritual & Civic Engagement in the Next Generation

- Hired Matt McCabe as Director of Children & Family Ministries (March 2020)
- Offered online programming for children during the pandemic (summer 2020 - present)

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## Pastoral Care: A Broad Response to Health & Emotional Needs

- Established committee charge for Pastoral Care Committee (May 2020)
- Grouped parishioners by geographic neighborhoods for pastoral check-ins early in the pandemic (spring 2020)
- Started including Parish Prayer List in the eNews
- Started pastoral phone call ministry (fall 2020)
- Training new Lay Eucharistic Visitors (current)

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## Dynamic Serving Presence in the Community

- Helpful Shop community presence: before pandemic and then gradual re-opening beginning in November 2020.
- Adopted Seacliff State Beach, beach clean-ups wearing St. John's shirts
- Continued to host Safe Spaces parking guests through AFC during pandemic
- Attended multiple COPA community organizing Zoom calls, including two state-wide actions with other IAF organizations
- Gave funds away when unable to do in-person service projects; \$5,000 to Community Foundation, \$5,000 to clergy discretionary funds of parishes where many parishioners were impacted by pandemic (spring 2020)
- Give \$20,000 from Community Project Fund to Community Foundation's COVID-19 Relief Fund (winter 2021)
- Participating in The Episcopal Church's Genesis II: Revision & Renew program

## Worship Without Walls

- Offered Animal Blessings "To Go" at Seacliff State Beach on St. Francis weekend (Oct. 2019)
- Offered Ashes to Go on Ash Wednesday (2020 & 2021)
- Worshipping outdoors in our front courtyard during the pandemic has brought in a few visitors (2021)

## Reaching Hearts, Giving Voice

- Commissioned new St. John's logo, updated public branding and image (2019)
- Created St. John's shirts and business cards (2019)

## Inspiring Spiritual & Civic Engagement in the Next Generation

- Launched Aptos Community Youth Program in late 2019; programmed has continued virtually and in-person during the pandemic

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## Life-Giving Spaces to Enable God's Mission

- Vestry asked the Architecture & Space Use Committee (ASUC) to review and update “Architectural Implications of St. John’s Mission and Hopes,” a document originally written in the late 1990s that laid out what the parish wanted a new church campus to be able to do for them; what kinds of functions were needed to enable the mission and ministry the parish felt called to. ASUC was asked to see how much of those things have already been accomplished with the present building and what things are still needed. (fall 2019)
- ASUC reviewed and updated “Architectural Implications” document (2019-2020)
- Vestry reviewed “Architectural Implications” document and discussed campus expansion (fall 2020)
- Vestry asked Form4 Architecture to create a 3D virtual model of the current blueprints for completion of the campus (winter 2021)
- Vestry planning to open parish-wide conversation about campus development (fall 2021)

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## Abundance of Resources and Support

- Not much has been done in this area.
- Original ideas were to give attention to growing our endowment and offer workshops on wills and trusts

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