

ECW (EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN)

Sue Ann Averett, President

ECW has had a busy, but productive year. Special thanks to the Executive Committee: Cathy Fitzpatrick, Joellen Murphree, Amanda Perry and Ginger Harbour for making it all possible. ECW spent the first part of the year conducting business as usual. We attempted a schedule change and decided to try hosting ECW on the third Sunday of every month after the 10:45 a.m. service. Hostesses took turns providing a light lunch. A couple of the programs that we enjoyed were an Arbonne presentation by our very own Maribeth Kirkpatrick and milk paint and chalk paint presentation by Linda Hale from Red Door Antiques. However, we quickly realized that the schedule change was not working.

The summer months were planned for fun activities. In June, we enjoyed an appetizer and wine party that was graciously hosted by Joan Ball. Mike and Cathy Fitzpatrick hosted a "southern Luau" party at their home in July. Both events were well attended.

The biggest decision made by ECW this year was not to hold the annual Food Fest. It was decided that ECW would come up with a new fundraiser to host early next year. This new fundraiser was approved by the vestry! Stay tuned for more details!!

In the fall, ECW resumed business as usual and changed the meeting time back to the third Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. Marrion Winders kicked off our fall meetings with a Premier Jewelry party. A great time was had by all! Three women from ECW attended the ECW Fall Conference at the Gray Center. Sally Gray, Joellen Murphree, and Darcy Strickland had a wonderful time. We are thankful that these ladies represented our parish at this conference. We are happy to report that our attendance has increased since the change in meeting times. We hope to see more women of the church want to be involved with this wonderful group.

ECW continues to meet the needs of the Parish, the Diocese and the community. ECW contributed to the following causes:

Rector's Discretionary Fund Contribution

Curate's Discretionary Fund Contribution

Deacon's Discretionary Fund Contribution

Diocese Pledge

Replaced keypad lock for back door of program building

Contributed to Stanford's "farewell purse"

Purchased and passed out snacks for the patrons waiting in line for the Tree of Life Free Clinic

Purchased lunch and delivered to the staff of the Tree of Life Free Clinic

Made a monetary contribution to Saints' Brew

Our year ended with our annual ECW Christmas dinner. Our dinner was at Harvey's this year and everyone enjoyed food, fun and fellowship!

ECW began the year with a balance of \$11,353.51 and ends the year with a balance of 4,752.76.

Lastly, it has been my pleasure to serve as ECW President in 2014.