

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Wayne Averett

Tony Alford

The work of the Property Committee is coordinated by Tony Alford and Wayne Averett. Our mission is to support the church staff and Junior Warden in accomplishing clean-up projects not performed by our janitorial or landscape services as well as minor repairs. Our goals are to enhance the maintenance of the church and save the Parish money while building relationships with each other.

Shortly after beginning her ministry at All Saints', Becca began to organize a "Martha Day", inspired by the busy body Martha in the story of Jesus' visit with sisters Mary and Martha in Luke Chapter 10. Becca also created a Google sheet to help us list cleaning and minor repair projects that needs to be accomplished. After the discovery of a small toy shark in the area that houses the HVAC units for the Chapel adjacent to the nursery deck, our committee adopted a "shark" spirit and quickly and relentlessly attacked any chores or challenges that came our way.

The Martha Days for 2023 were held on Saturday, March 25 and Saturday, November 4. On each day nearly 40 volunteers worked in each building on campus and around the grounds. Volunteers washed windows, polished pews, cleaned out closets, removed dead landscape bushes lost in the past winter's freeze, cleaned light fixtures, and handled many other projects. Becca provided lunch for both Martha Days, and everyone enjoyed being together and seeing the aftermath of our teamwork! From time to time, members of the committee also came to the church and worked individually or in small groups to complete projects that could not be handled on a Martha Day.

Fortunately, the cleaning supplies we purchased totaled less than \$200 so we did not have to request any funds from the Vestry. The Property Committee has also been careful to save and reuse cleaning supplies stored in the Mezzanine. We will not request funds for the 2024 budget year.

The Property Committee would like to have at least two parish-wide workdays in 2024, as well as several small group work sessions for smaller projects. If you can think of a project that needs to be added to our to-do list this year, please let us know.

We will miss our head Shark Becca and look forward to working with the new Junior Warden!