

**Community of St. Ninian**  
**Annual Report of the Prior**  
**November 1, 2024**

September 2024 marked the 33<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Community of St. Ninian.

We have continued to enjoy the hospitality of Church of the Savior. We meet twice a month at their facility for a meal, business, and worship. Our meetings are hybrid, so people can join in person or via Zoom. This has worked out well and has allowed those who have not been able to attend in person to remain connected with the community. We have also enjoyed fifth Friday fun nights.

During the upcoming months, Church of the Savior will be undergoing a building expansion that will necessitate being out of their building for an estimated three or four months. We will need to find another location during that time.

We have continued to make our charitable donations to groups early in the year so that the recipients can make their plans and have the funds available to use as needed during the year. We made donations to Family Promise, Strength for the Journey, the Volunteer Ministry Center, the Interfaith Clinic, Positively Living, the Tennessee Equality Project Foundation, Bryant's Bridge, and A Place at the Table for a total of \$1,900. (The Tennessee Equality Foundation has not cashed their check.) We have also designated \$1,000 for the MCKK Deacon Assistance Fund for them to request when needed. In addition, this year we also donated to the ICS Shelter, Church of the Savior Servant of all Fund, and to Bryant's Bridge toward the purchase of a car. We also gave a total of \$1000 to individuals for specific needs.

We shared a joint Thanksgiving dinner with Bryant's Bridge and will be doing so again this year. This collaboration seems to be a natural fit for us.

We continued our association with Family Promise as a support congregation, providing meals during their residency at Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd. We have one more meal scheduled for this year.

We again held our ice cream social at Victor Ashe Park and approximately fifty people attended. It seemed that everyone had a good time and enjoyed both the ice cream and the fellowship. Many thanks to Randy and

Rick for the homemade ice cream and to everyone else who helped make it a success.

We continue at nine covenanting members. A total of sixteen persons (fourteen adults and two children) have participated regularly throughout the year, with occasional visitors. Twenty-nine individuals have been covenant members in the history of the Community, with countless other participants and supporters.

It happens that this year our meeting falls on All Saints Day, an observance that I truly love. It is an opportunity to give thanks for those who have gone before us in the faith and for those saints living among us who help us know the grace and love of Jesus. Let us remember the "great cloud of witnesses" cheering us on and the "saints" in our group's history.

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