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CHURCH MINISTRIES

Altar Guild prepares the nave and the sanctuary for the Celebration of the Eucharist prior to each service. After each service all used items are cleaned and returned to their appropriate places in the sacristy.

Bible Study provides the opportunity for each member to learn more about the Bible. Sessions meet in both the fall and spring, every Tuesday from 9:30 - 11:00 AM. Topics to be announced

Children's Church Ministry give children grades K-5 the opportunity to hear and experience scripture and liturgy in developmentally appropriate ways. Our hope is to encourage their spiritual growth through a developing relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.

Choir leads the congregation in singing praises to the Lord during the weekly 10:00 AM service on Sunday. The Choir is led by a trained professional vocalist, is accompanied by a fine organist, and is known locally for its beautiful solos and anthems.

Collection Counters meet weekly to count the offering and make deposits for the prior week.

Communications Ministry communicates the activities and standards of our parish to our congregation using media such as Facebook, email, to grow the parish and communicate with the church and non-church residents of our diverse county.

Cub Scouts (Pack 117) and Boy Scouts (Troop 117): St. Hilary's is the host organization for Cub Scout Pack 117 and Boy Scout Troop 117, who gather at the church for their meetings, various activities, and perform community service projects to help the church.

Cursillo Spanish for "A Short Course in Christian Living" is an opportunity to Grow in faith and spirituality.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) is an organization made up of every woman of St. Hilary's. It provides educational programs and does service projects for both the church and the community.

Eucharistic Visitors are licensed and trained to take Holy Communion and the prayers of the congregation to individuals who are unable to attend church. The Deacon serves as chaplain to the Eucharistic Visitors.

Faith Care Nurse is a specialized practice of professional nursing, the primary focus being intentional care of the spirit, faith and health which are clearly linked. Spiritual care is central in promoting holistic health.

Gardeners Of St.Hilary's (GOSH) is a group of parishioners whose mission is to restore pollinators to the ecosystem. GOSH is also committed to the beautification of the church landscaping and meets weekly for gardening projects. Saint Hilary's Butterfly Garden Project challenges other churches to take affirmative action in restoring pollinator habitat to our area.

Greeters welcome parishioners and guests to St Hilary's prior to each service. They share the responsibility for greeting once a month, passing the collection plate, and bringing the eucharistic gifts to the table.

Helping Hands Ministry connects St Hilary's Church to local community organizations, providing health, food and safety support to marginalized individuals. Donations help fund projects such as hygiene bags for the homeless, necessities for victims of natural disasters and sponsorship of Orange River Elementary School in Fort Myers.

Liturgy Participants are Lay Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Acolytes, and Vergers who serve on a scheduled basis to ensure support for the clergy as well as enrich the worship experience for those participating and our congregation.

Love in a Blanket provides quilts to non-profits in the Fort Myers area.

Men's Action Guild (MAG) is open to all men of St. Hilary's. During our monthly meetings, we share lunch, pray together, and plan our church wide events. Our guild truly helps with fellowship and spirituality though out the church. Proceeds from fundraising events go to community outreach and helps other ministries and/or congregants who may be in need.

Nursery provides a welcoming, safe, teaching environment for all children, from birth through age 5. We encourage parents to come play and learn with us or take the time to enjoy the service knowing their children are in loving and secure care.

The Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK) is a religious order for women within the Episcopal Church who pledge themselves to a lifelong pattern of prayer service for the needs of the clergy, parish, community and the world.

Parish Potluck Ministry takes place every month! We gather in Browning Hall for food and fellowship after the 10am service (9am service during summer).

Pastoral Care Volunteers visit the sick or homebound in the name of the church, often carrying the Holy Sacrament with them. Training required.

Prayer Shawls are available free of charge in the sanctuary and all are blessed. The group meets regularly to knit and crochet.

Special Project Volunteers help in the office with special mailings, printings, and other tasks.

Stephen Ministers provide high quality, one-to-one confidential Christian care to those facing life's challenges such as divorce, grief, financial hardships, job loss or chronic illness. Stephen Ministers also serve as Stephen Listeners to help members with individual prayer needs following Sunday services. This ministry requires extensive training.

Vestry is the Board of Directors for this Parish. The 12-member board meets monthly. To be eligible for the vestry, one must be a member in good standing, 16 years old or older, have made a monetary pledge of support to the parish and attend church regularly. These individuals are elected at our annual January parish meeting.

Wed@6 (seasonal) provides the opportunity for each member to learn more about the Bible, the church and Jesus. Sessions meet in both the fall and spring, every Wednesday from 6:00-8:00 PM. Topics to be announced

Women's Christian Book Study (started by women, but everyone is welcome) takes place every Sunday morning in Browning Hall by the couches, before the Rite II service. We study different Christian bible based books and have discussion and fellowship! You may attend one or more meetings (each week is a new lesson)

YOSH (Youth of St. Hilary's) for 6th through 12th grades meet on Sundays for Bible Exploration, Service opportunities, and Fun events throughout the year. Youth dive into a deeper understanding of faith, learn how service to our community is our Christian life, and to form lasting friendships.

Youth and Children's Formation is a volunteer ministry working to provide faith based service, education, and worship that promote connections to Jesus, belonging and growth. Current programs include Children's Church, YOSH (Youth of Saint Hilary's) Bible Exploration and Mentors/Prayer Partners.

