

Following the September 5, 2023 joint meeting with the Parish Life Committee, The Mission and Ministry Committee held its own separate meeting to hear updates from the parish community ministries with which it works. Here is a brief summary of each committee's report:

Book Nook. The Book Nook enjoys a small, but loyal following each Saturday under the leadership of Matt and Lori Hackett. They are developing a relationship with their customer base and customers seem delighted to find so many interesting books at such reasonable prices.

Bound Together is starting its academic year with 28 enrolled students - a record high for its almost thirty years of existence. Another ten students are on a waiting list. Discussions are ongoing regarding various plans to assist these students while they wait and this committee is actively involved in considering alternatives. We will inform the Vestry on a regular basis about the progress being made. Bound Together like most of our All Saints' community ministries is in desperate need for additional volunteer staff.

Community Breakfast/ HUGS continues to serve approximately 120 community members each Saturday morning between 8:00 and 10:00 am. Donations of personal care items and snacks continue. Recently, Mr. Earvin Walker of Walker's Travlin Barbeque has offered his services at Community Breakfast. This is a true blessing for the free Saturday breakfast program, like our other community ministries, needs additional volunteers.

Resale Shop. The Resale Shop continues to serve a loyal customer base with gently-used clothing and household items each Saturday from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm in the Old Rectory. A container sale is planned for Saturday, September 23. As mentioned repeatedly in this report, volunteer assistance is also desperately needed to the point that the Resale Shop has requested that no further donations be given until further notice.