

Vestry Meeting with Bishop Deon
March 9, 2025

The Vestry met with the Bishop after church. As Senior Warden, Kent spoke for the Vestry and discussed our budget shortfall. He mentioned renting out the Fountain House, our rummage sale, and a significantly increased pledge amount, as some of the ways we are working to decrease the deficit. Kent asked the Bishop if the Diocese would be able to assist us. The Bishop urged us not to approach the issue from a place of fear. He offered some suggestions for our future financial health and encouraged us to set goals for 1, 5, and 10 years. He offered some ideas that we could use now and he asked Kent to email him with a list of our accomplishments to this point. The Bishop will ask Canon Desiree to look over the Diocesan budget to see if there are funds that can be accessed to help us. It would not cover the entire \$40,000 deficit but could perhaps cover up to half of it. Carl mentioned that he felt by having the pantry and office in the church building, it would further CEC's mission. Father Ryan thanked the Bishop for worshipping and meeting with us.