## Community of St. Ninian Annual Report November 2, 2018

The Community seems to have reached a new equilibrium this year, after a period of being unsettled following the closing of St. Ninian's Well and the serious injury of Rick Sawyer last year.

We have resumed some of our traditional activities. We served Christmas dinner for the residents of Positively Living which seemed to be well-received and appreciated. We did not take part in the Pride activities as a group, but several members did participate. Our ice cream social was held at Tyson Park and was well attended. It was a good time of fellowship, and also seemed well-received and appreciated.

We began a relationship with Family Promise of Knoxville as a support congregation and have helped with providing meals with Church of the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church as host congregation. This seems to be a good fit for us. We are scheduled to provide food again next week and four times in 2019.

Benevolence funds that we approved for organizations have not yet been sent. We have said we would support Family Promise, Strength for the Journey, Volunteer Ministries, KAPPI, Interfaith Clinic, and Positively Living for a total of \$1,000. These donations will be sent before the end of the year. Another \$616 has been given to assist individuals this year.

We have found a new "home" for our meetings at the Shalom House of Church of the Savior following the member who has been hosting us moving into a retirement community. We have had twelve persons who have regularly participated in activities of the Community this year.

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, we give thanks for the ways we have been blessed and have been able to bless others through this Community. We pray that God will continue to use us and that we will remain open to the Spirit's leading in the year ahead.

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