

BISHOP COMMITTEE REPORTS

September 2017

Vicar's Report - Bill Fulton

Child Care needed

Kirsten Lamont, who has done a great job of child care for us, told me that she is being asked to work a Sunday shift at her job at Ulta Beauty, so she's resigning. She has been very faithful and good with our kids for the last couple of years. I've advertised for two more child care workers for our nursery.

Montessori School Inquiry

I had a nice conversation with Kerri Horsley, a woman who is planning to start a new Montessori Pre-School in Kitsap County. She has worked in a Montessori Pre-School and she says that all the pre-schools in this area have waiting lists. She asked whether we would have space for a pre-school in our new building. I indicated that we are open to such a proposal, but we would have to discuss it as a Bishop's Committee before we would take any action. She has also contacted Fr. Craig at Faith Episcopal where they have space available immediately. She'll be at our BC meeting to explain her ideas.

Alternate Delegate for Convention

Maggie Scott responded to my request for a female alternate delegate to convention to replace Mary Zabinski who has a work conflict. We'll need to vote her in at our meeting.

Audit Worksheets

When I sent the audit letter prepared by David Wilkinson to the Diocese, they informed me that we also need to send in the Audit Worksheets found on the diocesan website. So I asked David and Jim Foley to help me fill out the worksheets and sent them in also. In addition, I gave the 2016 Vicar's Discretionary Fund materials to Charles Smith for him to audit.

Music Ministry

On August 18, I sent an email to the parish requesting feedback from our members about how our music ministry might serve our community when we move into our new building. Joann Richardson got a number of comments.

Safeguarding God's Children

There will be a Safeguarding God's Children workshop at St. Bede's, Port Orchard, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, Saturday, September 16. Please consider attending the afternoon session if you have not received this training in the last five years.

Godly Play

The Godly Play working group headed by Mary Zabinski has been working to purchase and borrow materials for Godly Play and create a schedule for teachers. So far we have had donations for the materials we need and we are borrowing some materials from the Godly Play program at St. Paul's, Bremerton.

Piano

After I asked the congregation for input about our future music ministry, Joann Richardson received a number of comments. She has written a memo summarizing her thoughts which I will send you. Let's continue to discuss this issue.

Website

I have added a page to the website to show our construction progress, with a link in the sidebar. Also I added a page to explain our pastoral care ministry.

Jeannie Hummel has moved

I've been visiting Jeannie for about five years, ever since she got her diagnosis of Alzheimer's. She still recognizes me and I enjoy my visits. Recently when I went to visit her, I called her son Jeff and discovered that she has moved to Madrona House in Bainbridge, a memory care facility. I'll still try to maintain my visits to her.

New Fellowship Church

You may have noticed that New Fellowship has removed all our signs (except the big red one in the drive). On Sunday mornings I am putting our sandwich board signs up on Old Frontier Road and taking them down when I leave around noon. Pastor Johnson told me that they are considering putting a gate across the drive at the bottom to keep out undesirable visitors after hours. He assured me we would have a key.

Bequest from the estate of The Rev. Bob Bethea

We have received notice of a \$2,500 gift from the estate of Bob Bethea which is designated for new altar linens and hangings for the altar in our new building. We'll have a thank-you card for Joan Anthony, his widow, at our meeting.

Vacation Days

I'd like to take vacation to visit my mother in Colorado September 18-24. This will make a total of 25 vacation days this year, as recorded on my monthly auto allowance reports.

Treasurer's Report - Jim Foley

In addition to this being an unusual summer for weather, solar eclipses, fire, etc.; it was unusual, in a great way in the generosity of our parishioners!

We ended August with pledge and plate contributions \$4,000 ahead of budget for the month and year. This allowed us to achieve being 'in the black' by \$2,707.04 for the month, and \$3,128.02 for the year!

This was *on top of* collecting to date \$29,781 for the Event Shelter; \$1,815 for hurricane relief; and \$1,125 for the Lord's Diner in memory of John Steller!

With the completion of our annual audit, it became apparent the diocese had increased the number of checks and balances for the safety of our finances. One of those is reflected on the last page of the report, with all payments over \$500 being reported, instead of the previous \$1,000.

Bishop's Warden - Charles Smith

Looking back at my last report it seems hard to believe only two months have passed. In that time I have been involved in the following:

Audit

I have been asked to audit the Vicar's Discretionary account. The audit has been completed and everything is in order.

Mission trip

One of the first comments after I arrived in Uganda was several congregations have people who sponsor the Amanda and Leroy Ray and several of these have talked about sending someone to visit them in the field but St. Antony's is the only one that has done it. I shared a little bit in the September Glad Tidings. Plans are in the works to share more at a Wednesday evening program. This will give people a chance to ask questions.

Acolytes

Since my return there have been an unusually high number of schedule changes due to acolytes being unavailable. Many of our acolytes have served for half of their young lives and are eager to try new things. Unfortunately this sometimes leads to schedule conflicts.

Lily Grant

The small committee to help Fr. Bill with the Lily Grant has met once. Now that it is fall, all of our members are back in town and we look forward to making more progress.

Convention

I am also a delegate for the 2017 diocesan convention. The early materials have been printed off and are available for review. These will not be posted on a bulletin board like they were in past years because we have combined all of our bulletin boards into a single one as we move further into our transition. As a result, there

simply isn't the bulletin board space to post all of the convention materials. Instead I am making periodic announcements inviting people to see me for this material. The announcements are made in e-mail format as well as at both services.

Kairos

Preparations are underway for the fall Kairos weekend (October 19-22, 2017) at Monroe. Announcement will be coming out later this month and a newsletter article is already out. Unlike the Kairos teams in Texas and Florida, our weekend has not been impacted by fire or hurricane so we will go in to share God as planned. Please pray for all those Kairos teams that have been impacted.

Nominations

Preliminary work to form and organize a St. Antony's 2018 nominating committee is underway. Nothing to report yet; hopefully soon.

People's Warden - Heather Carnocki

No report.

New Facilities - John Stockwell

The committee met as scheduled Thursday evening September 7th at 7:00. Discussion included site progress, work schedule, demo permit issue, Event Shelter construction and funding of the shelter. Sarah Rogers says she will have Capital Campaign figures prepared soon as we near the final time of the campaign. It is expected that many will continue with their pledges even though they will have completed their pledge obligation.

I have emailed Dennis Tierney (Diocesan Owners Representative) regarding progress on site. He will report to the Diocesan Board regarding our construction progress. I will try to follow my email with pictures.

Progress at the new site:

- Footing forms are in place
- Re-bar finally arrived Friday September 8
- Began placing re-bar Monday September 11
- Concrete for footings on order and should be delivered around September 19
- Demolition permit for shed was purchased and delivered to job site
- Coarse base rock has been delivered and place in new parking area

If you have any questions please feel free to call me.

Communications - Tovi Andrews

Here is my report for the BC Meeting this week. These are ideas for discussion.

- . Standardize church name
- . Newspaper announcement

. Mission Statement

Parish Life - Loretta McGinley

- Last month's Church Picnic was a success, despite rain - over 70 folks attended. I recommend a Church Picnic planning team be formed next year, at least 6-8 weeks before the picnic in order to ensure all tasks are covered. I forgot to ensure a truck was available after the picnic, and was grateful Ed Segrist stepped up with his truck and muscle to help with breakdown and cleanup. Next year's picnic will likely be a LOT simpler to plan once we are in our new church.
- I am developing the October-December Lay Eucharist Visitor schedule. An additional LEV may be trained, which will help with scheduling in light of Carolyn Segrist's extended departure next month. Two LEV's are scheduled each Sunday; a primary and backup visitor.
- Next Pastoral Care Team meeting will be 23 September. Another pastoral care oriented presentation is being planned for the congregation.
- I am considering planning a Remembrance Tea in early November, and would like BC input on the idea.

Welcoming - Sarah Rogers

No report submitted.

Outreach - Olivia Stalter

No report submitted.

Environment - Beth Rohlfig

No report submitted.

St. A's Youth - Aina Zabinski

Youth are now back to school, which also means back to Sunday school! This year a new program, Godly Play, is being introduced for children ages 3-12 (older children who are interested may join as well). **Sunday School for the children begins September 24.** Children may come to their classroom in the modular between 8:50 and 9:00 am, just as church is ready to begin.

Godly Play offers a creative, child-honoring way of entering into and experiencing the biblical story. In Godly Play, we play with the language of God and God's People: our sacred stories, parables, liturgical actions and silence. Through this powerful language, through our wondering, through the community of players gathered together, we hear the deepest invitation of all: an invitation to come play with God.

Because we treat the Godly Play classroom as a "sacred space," greeters will help each child at the door become ready to enter the room quietly. Children will leave the room one at a time after receiving personal words of blessing and affirmation from the teacher and be shepherded back to rejoin their families for Eucharist. If you have questions, you can talk to anyone on the Godly Play Team: Mary Zabinski, Bill Fulton, Kathy Little, Allison Carlson, Emily Nickerson or me (Aina Zabinski)

Practice for our Christmas Pageant begins Sunday, November 12, right after the 9 am service. (Children will have some "coffee hour" snacks available for them in the modular.) We'll have a short practice after church each Sunday until our dress rehearsal on Saturday, September 16, 9 am - noon. **The pageant itself will be Sunday, December 17, during the 9 am service.** The script for the pageant will be the same as last year, with a few edits.

Also, there are upcoming episcopal retreats for youth this fall, opportunities for our older youth :

Fall HYC [9/29-10/1](#) at St. Stephen's Longview (For grades 9-12)

Fall JYC 11/17-19 at St. Margaret's Bellevue. (For grades 6-9)

There are also other opportunities later in the year. If youth are interested, they/their parents should see either Charles or me. :)

Looking forward to a great year!

-Aina