

BISHOP COMMITTEE REPORTS  
January 2018

**VICAR'S REPORT** – Bill Fulton

**Child Care applications**

Linda has been working to advertise, interview, and hire a new child care worker for the nursery but has found that the applicants don't follow through on their applications. She is continuing to work on this. We'll advertise with the local Montessori schools as well as Craigslist.

**New building Consecration set for June 21**

The consecration of our new building by Bishop Rickel is scheduled for Thursday, June 21, sometime after 6 pm.

**Update on Butler's rental agreement**

We have been operating with an old version of our rental agreement with the Butlers. This agreement is left over from the days when we were subleasing the house to them. David Sorrell and I updated the language to reflect that we are now leasing the house to them, and they have signed the new document.

**Stained Glass window offer**

I was approached by Tracy Harris, a friend of the Reeder family, about the possible donation of a stained glass window from St. James, Sedro Wooley. Her mother gave the window in memory of Tracy's father in 1999. The building has since been torn down and the Diocese has the window in storage. The window is quite large, 7 x 9 feet, with a picture of the good shepherd with children in a Victorian style. We discussed the window at the Building Committee meeting and concluded that we should respectfully decline the offer. Accepting the window would require a re-design by the architect, a change order with the contractor, and approval from the County which would mean additional cost and delays. In addition, the style of the window would clash with the architect's vision for our building.

**Deaths**

In the last few weeks we've had three deaths in the parish. Priscilla White-Lineker died early January 1. Our pastoral care team under Loretta McGinley provided very supportive pastoral care to Priscilla and her family in the form of food, visits, and phone calls, and I visited Priscilla several times before her death and had prayers with the family shortly after she died. Her service is January 20.

Lu Thaete, Bill's mother, died rather unexpectedly on Christmas Day. Her memorial service will be January 27.

Carol Baxter, mother of Holly Foley and Heather George, died on January 7 after a long illness. Her memorial service will be announced later.

**Possible Audit Swap**

Arienne Davison, the Vicar at St. Bede's, Port Orchard, suggested that we send two of our members to them to do the required annual audit of their books, and they would do the same for us. Last year David Wilkinson did our audit, and perhaps he and one other would be willing to go to St. Bede's for their audit.

**BC Retreat February 10**

On Wednesday, I'll call to reserve a space at Seabeck Conference Center for our February 10 BC retreat. Please plan on attending from 9 am to 3 pm. We'll go over our expectations for the new year and work on our goals for 2018. We'll also review the BC Job Descriptions and sort out who will serve on each commission.

### **Possible Presiding Bishop visit**

Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church Michael Curry is visiting the Diocese of Olympia July 14-17. Bishop Rickel has inquired about whether St. Antony's might host a regional meeting with Bishop Curry, but I haven't heard anything firm about the visit.

### **Cub Scouts service project**

A local Cub Scout pack is scheduled to do a service project to clean our narthex and have this Wednesday. I invited them with the idea that it's good for young families to get to know us.

### **Vacation**

My thanks to Dick Scott who took services on December 31 so that I could enjoy a couple of days vacation the previous week without worrying about writing a sermon.

### **Christmas and Epiphany**

Despite two inches of snow that fell during our Christmas Eve services, I thought they came off very well. The garland, flowers, and decorations were beautiful, and the music was lovely. My thanks to all who made these services beautiful and moving. We had a successful Epiphany Eve Eucharist and potluck.

### **Craig Vocelka**

Fr. Craig has resigned from his position as Vicar of Faith, Poulsbo. I invited him to come to St. Antony's and preach if he's available.

### **Construction progress**

The cement floor slab has been poured and soon the walls will rise up. Things look great!

### **New Bank Account**

My thanks to Jim Foley, John Stockwell, and the signers for the new bank account. It took a lot of work and coordination to get the new account and line of credit established, but now all is complete.

### **Servant Keeper**

My thanks to Pam Morton for the many hours of work she has put into Servant Keeper, our new contributions recording system. She has worked with Jim to get the new system up and running fully. I think it would be nice to acknowledge Pam at the annual meeting.

### **Memorial Committee**

Two new sections of the columbarium have been ordered so that they will be delivered in April, in time to be installed before the completion of the new building. These new sections will be identical to the current columbarium.

### **Puerto Rico donations**

My thanks to Fr. Dick Scott for gathering donations for school supplies and gifts for children in Puerto Rico. The supplies and gifts were delivered by his neighbor and we received a lovely thank you note.

### **BISHOP WARDEN REPORT**– Charles Smith

**Lilly Grant**

The small committee to help Fr. Bill with the Lily Grant has continued to meet. We now have drafted responses to most of the questions in of the grant application. We will be looking for specific input for a few of the remaining questions and for reviewers. Are you willing to help?

We are also working on a presentation for the annual meeting. The purpose of the presentation is two-fold:

- Gain congregation buy-in at the annual meeting
- Request assistance (people to read and comment on the draft application)

The application is due in early April (think Easter), so we want to finish it and submit before Holy Week.

### **Kairos**

I received an e-mail from the person in charge of Kairos Prison Ministry International indicating that she wants to talk with me later in 2018 about the possibility of Kairos in Uganda.

### **Nominations**

The St. Antony's 2018 nominating committee continues its work. Since our last report we have received all, but one biography and we are working on getting that one turned in. The committees next task will to prepare for ballot counting (task 3 of 3 [collect nominees, collect biographies, count ballots]).

BC (3 positions for those age 21+) these are 3-year positions

Tovi Andrews  
Blaine Morgan  
David Wilkinson

BC (1 position for those age 16-21) this is a 1-year position  
No nominees

Diocesan Convention - Delegate (1 female position, 1 male position)

Female	Male
Maggie Scott	Declan Jarry John Teller

Diocesan Convention – Alternate (1 female position, 1 male position)

Female	Male
Alison Carlson	** person not elected as delegate **
Kristen Robuck	

### **New Building**

I continue to join a small group who walk the perimeter of the new building and pray over the new building. Come join us, just minutes after 12 noon each Sunday at the new property.

### **Suggestion**

I received another suggestion from an early service parishioner, he mentioned that the breakfast group is shrinking. When we move into the new building he would like to see us start offering coffee following the early service so the social aspect of that part of our community can continue and possibly include those who don't want to go out for breakfast.

### **Paperwork**

Thank you to everyone who submitted their annual report. Linda and I have been following up with those who forgot and those who put it off (to get the details on that last activity).

### **NEW FACILITIES** – John Stockwell

The committee met as scheduled Thursday evening January 4th at 7:00.

The slab floor of the new church building originally scheduled for December 29 was delayed by weather until January 2, 2018. The pour was completed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and as of Tuesday January 9 the walls began being framed. Activity for the septic system is on schedule. The hole for the tank was dug and tank delivered and placed January 9<sup>th</sup>. Pressure line will be completed to drain field area prior to gravity line from building to tank.

All utilities have been contacted and are processing service requirements. A check for \$56,000 has been sent to Silverdale Water System and now their preconstruction meeting will be scheduled. Cascade Natural gas engineer has made a site visit and is developing plan for service. The Pascina sink in the sacristy has been questioned by the Department of Health. Fr. Bill has been asked to contact the Health Department to explain the purpose of the sink and that no soap or washing will be done in the sink. The other sacristy sink is plumbed per design and code.

The event Shelter foundation is formed, inspected and ready for concrete slab pour. The slab was deferred due to weather and is being scheduled in the near future. All the piers are in place and conduit for power has been stubbed to the northwest pier.

A few items are still being requested by Kitsap Bank to complete the credit line. These items are being gathered by committee members and Fr. Bill. We should have these to the bank by the end of next week.

I have removed the padded areas from one church chair and then removed the staples allowing me to take fabric off the individual pieces. The fabric will provide a pattern for cutting new fabric and the 3 wooden pieces will allow us to cut new pieces. The time to remove the staples far exceeded the time to cut new wood for the chairs. These items will be brought to the BC meeting.

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

See St. Antony's 2017 annual report for reports of other commissions.

### **Addendum**

As part of a discussion on Memorial Fund expenditures, Chris Crowson read the following document at the December 14, 2017 Bishop's Committee meeting:

I look at the memorial fund as collection of funds given by many people who may or not be members of our church, honoring their friends mostly of our congregation who have died and thus given to our church to the glory of God. I am sure they think the church will use these funds in a significant and meaningful way that will convey this honor. The memorial fund has been in existence since we were established as a church. The overwhelming majority of these memorial gifts of money had no specific restriction other than this honor aspect.

It is my opinion that we should use these funds in a manner commensurate with the expectations of the givers and the intention of this fund. Yes we have a large sum of money available but we should not just spend it on things that normally would be classified for operational funds. So far we have appropriated these memorial funds for: the new altar, the new columbariums, the new chapel, a new or used piano, A baptismal font, a memorial garden, and a rug for the altar. These look good for memorial fund uses.

Where there was disagreement was deciding about the chairs to be used. This ranged from buying all new chairs at \$250 per chair, recovering the present chairs, cleaning the present chairs where needed, buying 50 new chairs like the present ones, buying 30 different type of lighter chairs with no kneelers for the choir and a number of similar type chairs for the chapel which we might call the memorial chapel.

The hang up on the chairs was the use of the memorial funds to purchase all new chairs which would be a waste of money in not using our existing chairs, using memorial funds to recover existing chairs, using memorial funds to clean existing chairs. Funds used in this manner I would call operational type funds and not worthy for the memorial funds.

As to the new type of lighter chairs for the choir area and the chapel area, I think that the memorial funds could qualify to be used.

I perceive that as of now, there are too many unanswered questions about where everything is going and will fit in and look good. Such as where will the choir be, and the piano and organ, how will the 125 chairs in the nave be placed,

So a bottom line is let's not buy in haste, let's experiment with existing furniture which we have, and by all means check with the Diocese about memorial funds being used for operations category which probably would be subject to the percent we give to the Diocese as our assessment.

We will probably find more appropriate uses for the memorial funds as we have some experience worshiping in our new building.

Thank you,  
Chris Crowson