

Bishop Committee Monthly Reports
September 2019

VICAR'S REPORT– Bill Fulton

My sabbatical

I'm very grateful for the ten weeks of my sabbatical. It was truly refreshing and renewing, and I feel energized to get back to work. I've blogged about the sabbatical on the church website.

Thanks

My Thanks to David Wilkinson, our Bishop's Warden, for carrying so much of the load while I was gone. I'm also very appreciative of Linda Robuck, our Secretary, who had extra duties while I was gone.

Getting plugged back in

I'm using this week to get reconnected before my first Sunday Eucharist. I've met with the Altar Guild, Dick Scott, Bill Thaete, Sonshine Fellowship, Linda Robuck, and the Thursday breakfast group, in order to learn about what happened while I was gone and what issues are current. At our BC meeting, I'll ask you about your impressions as well.

BISHOP'S WARDEN – David Wilkinson

No report.

PEOPLE'S WARDEN – Penny Whitney

No report.

FINANCE – Jim Foley

I wish we could welcome Bill back with better news, but August was a financial challenge.

We missed our contribution target by a little, and incurred some large expenses; including nearly \$4k to move the electrical panel at the old church (condition of sale, not budgeted, but funds set aside for); and nearly \$3k for the water bill. These contributed to putting us in the hole by **(\$11,343.53)** for the month, and **(\$1,484.04)** for the year. The good news is at this point we were budgeted to be **(\$3,483.03)** in the hole, so we are actually ahead of plan still YTD.

I've included both July's and August's bank statements. Note there is no savings account statement as they usually only release one quarterly.

NEW FACILITIES – John Stockwell

No report

ENVIRONMENT – Peter Stockwell

No report

PASTORAL CARE – Penny Whitney

No Report

OUTREACH – Blaine Morgan

No report

WELCOMING – Olivia Stalter

No report

PARISH LIFE – Kristen Robuck

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I talked with Cheryl Wright yesterday, and her and Benny have some concerns about the building "check-list." I would like to bring those concerns up if we will have time during our meeting this Thursday the 12th.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing everyone on Thursday!

HOSPITALITY – Tovi Andrews

The Diocese will be advertising our Consecration Service in the next "Across the Diocese" publications. It is time for us to start inviting our friends and neighbors to attend this event on Tuesday, Nov 12th at 6:30 PM. Wine and refreshments will be available following the service. I am looking for any of you who may have some of those LED (wax or plastic) candles that we use around the holiday times. I plan to use them for our "atmosphere" at the consecration. Preferably the candle colors should be whites, cream color, tan, red. If you can bring them to me by October's end then I will know how many I can use. Remove any batteries and keep those at home. I will place new batteries in all of them. Write your name on EACH CANDLE bottom so I can return them. I am hoping for 30 candles. Many thanks!

COMMUNICATIONS – Chelsea Reeder

No report.

FAITH FORMATION – Bill Thaete

Faith Formation Discernment

We at St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church believes that faith formation is a lifelong process that is unceasing and dynamic in our growing relations with God. This is both formally and informally growth; individually and communally growth; transformed through liturgy, the study of Scripture, learning experiences, and sharing with others in this lifelong journey, as guardians of God's creation.

Discernment

Goals

- Grow in our relationship with God in our daily life
- Live as disciples of Jesus at home, at work, in the community, and in the world
- Develop an understanding of the Bible and their faith tradition
- Deepen their spiritual life and practices
- Engage in service and mission to the world
- Participate in the life and ministries of their faith community

Possible adult class on Sunday:

- Between the 8am and 10am services
- After the 10am service

Approach

- What do we believe?
 - Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral
 - Sacraments
 - Creeds
 - Prayer

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Proposed goals for Faith Formation

- 12 Month Goal
 - Learn Our Time and Space (No Restrictions to End on Time)
 - Small Study Groups (Between services, possible change time of 2nd service)
 - Book Group
 - More combined Series
 - Healing Prayer Group
 - More Modern Music (Gathering Song Book, Wonder Love and Praise)
 - Cursillo (Forth Day, More People to Attend)
- 3 Year Goal

- Quiet Time Chants before Service
- Centering Prayer
- EFM class
- More Guitar music
- God's Garden
- Community Activities
- 5 Year Goal
 - Community Groups
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