

We welcomed our **new music director Mak** on September 22. I am so thrilled to have him with us and I think that very good things will be coming.

Getting ready for **Convention** which is coming at the end of October.

We are reading **Dear Church by my friend Lenny Duncan**, it is a wonderful book that deals with issues of racism in the church as well as other deep social issues. I was very heartened by our first meeting. I believe that these are issues that we need to wrestle with prayerfully and I am thrilled to be having this conversation.

Starting **Catechumenate** - today hopefully it works, I am feeling a little anxious about getting it off the ground. We have not had the kind of sign up that I had been hoping for.

**New Hospitality Teams**- In formation.

This past month has been wonderful. I just got back from a trip east, which was life giving and restful. I am taking another painting class on Saturdays this semester, which feels really great.

Peace & Love  
Kerlin

Senior Warden Report  
Vestry Meeting - October  
Submitted by Anne Parks, Senior Warden

Welcome to October my friends. I hope this transition of seasons from the heat of summer into the cooler fall weather is a welcome change for you. This is always my favorite season change. I enjoy the days getting shorter and needing a cozy sweatshirt. We had our first fire in the fireplace over the weekend...and it was beautiful. Watching the kids cuddling with each other in front of the fire was perfect.

#### *New Music Director*

We are so excited to have Mak Kastelic with us. He is bringing some beautiful new sounds (THAT organ!!) and enthusiasm into the sanctuary. I've seen a few kids dancing in between the rows, and I look forward to seeing him as he settles into our welcoming community of music lovers!

#### *Annual Gala & Auction*

October 19th is our Annual Gala and Auction! The Auction is from 6pm to 8pm and childcare is provided. I hope you are all telling friends and family about this fun evening of entertainment because as we know, the more the merrier. This year is a Carnival theme and there will be all kinds of fun opportunities to be a part of. From silent auctions and raffles to sign-up parties and food & drinks. It's going to be a great time. I look forward to seeing you all there.

#### *Building Updates*

We continue to make progress toward our building goals that include fixing the roof, updating access and function, and planning for a new and improved kitchen. Please know there are people hard at work. And if you haven't taken the short survey about the kitchen updates...take it now! We want to hear from YOU!

My prayer to you all this month is of love and connection with one another. Let the knowledge that we are LOVED be an ever occurring reminder as we walk along this path together. 🧡

Peace to you all,  
Anne

*"Vulnerability sounds like truth & feels like courage. Truth & courage aren't always comfortable, but they are never weakness."*  
Brené Brown

## **Jr. Warden's report for October 6, 2019**

Again, we had lots of activity around the building this last month:

I didn't make much progress on the St. David's banner project. I'll dig the banner out of the Sacristy to show the Vestry. I can research having one professionally done.

Sandra Renner and I met to discuss her painting the upstairs ladies' restroom. She has volunteered to fund the project, which is very kind of her! With Erin's help, Sandra is trying to find two available consecutive days on the calendar to complete the project. Deciding on the color to use is the next decision—I'm sure it'll turn out fine!

Erin contacted "Collective Concrete" about repairing the retaining wall. This is the company that repaired the wall the last time it was damaged. Their quote for removing the damaged portion of the wall, smoothing out the end, and installing 3 concrete filled bollards (posts) is \$1,800. We can certainly get another estimate for comparison. Also, as I recall, our deductible on our building insurance is \$1,000 so we may want to consider that.

I contacted "Vortex Door" on Monday, September 30 about getting an estimate on repairing the large, pass thru door in the Parish Hall. They haven't gotten back to me yet about scheduling the free estimate.

Next Saturday, the 12th, Mike DiBlasi and I will be retrofitting the light bulbs in the Parish Hall. We'll be using 100W LED's and Mike will be on the ladder, while I twirl him around to unscrew the bulbs! I'm sure the new bulbs will make a difference and people will notice, especially at the auction.

And finally, during the recent walk-thru of the building by the architect, one of their team apparently saw evidence of rats. I had Pioneer Pest—who currently provides our ant protection—come out and do an estimate to increase our protection. The estimate would be \$299 for the initial visit, with a follow up in 14-17 days at \$99. This would increase our quarterly fee to \$239 and would carry a continuous warranty.

If there are questions about any of the items I've mentioned, please contact me.

## Treasurer's Report September 2019

### Income:

- Pledge: \$17,348 (148% budget, includes \$10K gift) **2018:** \$6,151
- Plate: \$2,133 (116% budget) **2018:** \$1,632
- Pledge & Plate: \$19,481 (144% budget) **2018:** \$7,783
- Building: \$11,505 (197% budget, includes some summer camp and Oct payments) **2018:** \$5,191

### YTD:

- Pledge: \$104,135 (99% budget) **2018:** \$101,119
- Plate: \$16,758 (101% budget) **2018:** \$15,861
- Pledge & Plate: \$120,893 (99.5% budget) **2018:** \$116,935
- Building: \$61,269 (116% budget) **2018:** \$48,879

### Expenses:

Typical. See Reports.

**Overall:** We are +\$5,575 on an accrual basis for the year.

**Building and Grounds Maintenance:** spending is low at 25% of budget (\$2200/\$9000) however, it is time for seasonal maintenance and repair of the furnace this month that will cost about \$2300. Our walk through of the building with the architect's team gave us a few other items to put on our to-do list:

- Clean gutters, look at corner by preschool entrance.
- Roof needs to be cleaned. It has been suggested that pressure washing can be hard on old roofs, consider having moss removed by hand. If anyone knows a "roof whisperer" let us know.
- We should not be using the fuse/light box to turn on the lights in the sanctuary. It makes it more likely that the switch will break. It can't be easily replaced; it's an expensive fix. Do we need an electrician to install a regular wall switch?
- The Exit lights are out in the preschool. Is it just the bulb or another problem? Needs to be fixed.
- Seems like the light switch in the history room needs to be checked.
- The ivy should be snipped at the base of the trees on the south side. The south wall is old, but they think it has another decade of life. Also luckily the trees are straight and healthy and the roots are doing most of the work of holding the soil.

We have been blessed with hours of volunteer work on the building and low spending, but it is time to start talking about spending more on preventative maintenance. That number will be reflected in the 2020 budget. First draft coming soon!!

**Huge thank you:** You will notice in the architect's proposal that the cost for PBS Environmental is \$0. Dale Voeller, the former building co-chair and junior warden at Trinity Episcopal has volunteered his time to do the asbestos survey. I contacted him out of the blue to ask his advice. He has been incredibly kind and helpful.

**Stewardship and Auction:** These two happenings are the foundation of our funding. The vestry's support and enthusiasm makes a big difference. Thank you!