

## Senior Warden Report

September, 19, 2016

Submitted by Barbara Brecht

*Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious – the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse. Put into practice what you learned from me, what you heard and saw and realized. Do that, and God, who makes everything work together, will work you into his most excellent harmonies.”*

Paul's Letter to the Philippians, 4:7 – 10,  
The Message

Friends,

- Please make sure you read the above scripture. It is particularly relevant this month. End of sermon.
- We have are now absolutely current with the Diocese on DPA as of 8/31/2016. Furnace Loan is paid in full. Documentation for all. This will put us in a good position as we prepare to seek a loan from the diocese for the roofing project.
- We will continue discussions and thoughts regarding a \$500,000 Capital Campaign and look to more fully present at the beginning of 2017. We will be looking to create some kind of a theme, (“Getting our house in order”, as an example) that will allow us to raise funds to address roof, kitchen update, accessibility issues and sound systems in the parish hall and sanctuary. Please identify some folks who you think may have interest, gifts and skills in this kind of effort. Please keep mulling and praying.
- Gutters have been cleaned at below \$600.00. Thank you, thank you Doug Keiper.
- Wow. We have amazing vestry members and parishoners who find amazing opportunities. Thanks to the good work of Doug Keiper and Derek Moyer, I would like us to consider submitting a grant to the diocese for \$75,000 over a three year period for a major kitchen overall that meets ADA requirements. The diocese has a need to disperse funds for worthy goals as of 10/1/16 and for two years thereafter. We will need to match these funds, which will be included in the capital campaign. Doug Keiper and Derek Meyer are jewels again in finding some financial resources to potentially fund a deeply held hope within this parish to update our kitchen to a commercial kitchen and subsequently support a number of current users as well as a raft of potential high need users for this space. Please make sure to read the proposal in the Vestry google upload. We are so blessed to have such committed folks identify and respond to this possibility in such a such period of time. Thank you Derek and Doug.
- The ad hoc roof committee has given feedback on potential roofers. Unanimous choice is to pursue working with Chris Brown, contractor. Kerlin and I will meet with him on 9/19 in order

to develop working documents and costs and how to sequence the three projects: roof replacement; bell tower roof work; and copper top repair and covering over the altar/sanctuary. We will get information and begin working on presentation for a significant loan (\$150,000 range) from the diocese. We are in the process of completing an application and will look to meet with the Board of Trustees as soon as possible.

- Hopefully all of you are well down the road in thinking of creative offerings for the October auction. Sarah Haverly will be joining us for a portion of our September meeting to provide updates and let us know what she needs from us. If you have specific questions you would like to ask Sarah, please send to Kerlin or me so we can get them to Sarah BEFORE the meeting and maximize the use of her time as well as ours.
- **In addition, Something wonderful has happened in regard to our paddle raise for donations for the new roof at the auction. An anonymous donor will match all donations given for the roof during the paddle raise up to \$25,000!!!!!!! As a vestry, we will discuss what is being offered and how to support/leverage this offering. I love this discussion!!!! And I love the person who is choosing to leverage good for the kingdom of love in this particular way!!!!**
- There was a very productive meeting regarding grounds at the beginning of September. Sue Peterson and Laurie Baird have contributed so much this summer as individuals committed to improving our grounds. And they remain highly invested. David Gibbs and Gary Allen have continued to invite the entire parish for opportunities of improvement and a work day in the courtyard in late August helped significantly. I am currently meeting with several companies in order to procure affordable and thorough ongoing grounds service. I hope to have an update at the time of the meeting.
- Banner has been ordered for outside Northwest wall.
- We have received the grant for the little red wagon. Hawthorne will be regularly visited and folks needing all kinds of items including Jesus loving presence will hopefully get something of life and substance.

Thanks to all of you for your good work in supporting our parish. We are blessed to serve here.

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## Deacon Reflections for Vestry 09/19/16

In a recent video, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry said that deacons are “ordained to be at the intersection of the church and world.” That’s a very tall order and that intersection is sometimes hard to find, but here are a few of the St. David moments where I witness it:

- I see it as I take part in the Thursday morning prayer time, when we pray for our church and the wider community, weaving together personal and national and world need.
- I see it when we gather for Wednesday night Gospel Readings, where newcomers and old-timers and folks from the community explore the range and scope and immediacy and challenge of Jesus’s life and words.
- I see it bright and shining in our rediscovered involvement in Second Saturday Hot Meals with the All Saints people – with a special shout-out to our “intersection traffic coordinator,” Kieran Cannistra. Thanks, Kieran, for showing us the way! (*And I strongly, strongly urge Vestry members to volunteer once in a while! It’s an amazing experience.*)
- I anticipate with joy our upcoming Red Wagon journeys to Hawthorne and environs, where we’ll have the chance to encounter and listen to street folks and others in need, broadening our view and our hearts. *I’m delighted beyond words that our new youth group (another sign of the spirit moving in our congregation) has an interest in being involved here too! Please help encourage them and talk this up!*
- I also rejoice in the newly-born hat-knitting project – hats which will be part of the Red Wagon ventures – is another mission of service and love that has sprung up from the congregation. *I’m knitting; are you?*
- I see it in the baskets brimming over with children’s books that we share with New City Initiative, and I sense it in the growing interest in the Rahab’s Sisters ministries.
- I hear the murmur of that intersection in Kerlin’s amazing sermons, which always remember the world beyond our doors; I watch it in the passion of Facebook posts and even in the patient tending of the St. David landscape that our neighbors see and (increasingly) enjoy.
- I engage with it as I continue to coach, help recruit, and train Eucharistic Ministers (trained another one Saturday) and other Sunday servers. It’s a joy working with these dedicated folks.
- Perhaps most, I hear it every day in the singing, dancing, fiddling, piano playing, teaching, climbing, shouting parade of adults and children making their journeys through our hallways.

AND:

In a non-diaconal but still servant role, I spent a good part of last Thursday beginning the big task of cleaning and organizing the kitchen. *You’re welcome to lend a hand as you are able.*

In the slightly larger world of the diocese, I engage in the intersection of the world and church through the Academy for Formation and Mission, for whom I serve as chair of their advisory committee. We are raising up even more servants to stand in the crossroads and call us to Gospel joy!