

Rector Report 1-5-2020

My Loves,

December was a good but busy month, I went to Atlanta for my annual advent retreat with my friends. It was a marvelous time, but much more subdued this year as we processed Rachels life and death and what she meant to us.

The longest night service continues to be very well attended and shifts every year. I love collaborating with the threshold choir to create a truly beautiful offering for the whole community. I thought that Christmas was terrific this year. We had high attendance, amazing music. I am so grateful to Mak and our choir.

On Thursday I met with Cindy about all of our building projects. Waterleaf will begin their Facility Review on Monday and will be at the building all week. Their start was delayed due to their own scheduling issues and nothing on our part. Hopefully we will have an initial report from waterleaf in time for the annual meeting.

One of my concerns is that Cindy seems to be doing most of this work and looking at decisions on her own. I would love to have a couple of other strongly invested members of a team. I told her that the vestry will be willing to help as needed with opinions on just about anything.

I am working on my sabbatical for after Easter 2021. I am going to be meeting with a planning team this Wednesday. If you have any thoughts or were here for Sara's sabbatical I would love to hear any thoughts or ideas you may have.

<http://cpx.cts.edu/docs/default-source/crp-documents/2020-crp-national-app.pdf>

This August will be St. David's 150th anniversary, I think we should do something to celebrate.

As I begin my 5th year with you all I am still overcome with gratitude to be here at St. Davids. This is a truly unique and incredible community to be in.

Thank you
Kerlin

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

While I reflect on Advent, and look forward to this new year, I am humbled by the beauty, love and care I hold for this community of Saint David of Wales. While I feel like my word for Advent was ABSENCE year, so many dedicated and incredible humans made this Advent season a story of love and welcoming. I, because of plans out of town, sick kids, sick self, missed most of it. I've missed you all. And I look forward to being back. To starting fresh again, and moving in this world with intention and care.

This Sunday we celebrate Baptism and have the honor of Bishop Michael coming to our little church. I hope we are all able to be there and celebrate these moments together. I look forward to the fellowship after the 11 o'clock service.

I hope that as many of us as possible will be present for Saint David's annual meeting that takes place later this month. **We will gather for a single 10 o'clock service on Sunday, January 26th.** Following our ONLY service of the day, will be a great sandwich bar to bolster up the energy and excitement needed to participate in Saint David's Annual All Parish Meeting. There will be childcare available and as a reminder, topics covered at this meeting are: a short recap of the last year, present plans for the coming year, and elect new vestry members.

January is a time of year when many of us reflect on ourselves, our lives and make changes for the coming year. Some of us, this is just another month where we're giving it our all and simply trying to survive. No matter where we are on our journey, we have the love of our Savior, and one another. I share the words of a woman who so often says things exactly when they need to be heard. This quote resonates with me.

There is no resolution that, if kept, will make you more worthy of love. You, as your actual self and not some made up ideal, are already worthy.

- Nadia Bolz-Weber

"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 January 5, 2020

As usual, there was lots of activity around the building to report on...

On December 3 Happy's Plumbing came by and replaced the leaking sprayer hose on the sink adjacent to the coffee maker. This stopped the water from puddling under that sink.

Pyramid Heating responded to a no heat situation in the Hands On preschool and the Music Studio on December 5. They were able to replace a fairly minor part for \$400 and ordered backup parts for future repairs. Athen (the Pyramid technician) returned on December 9 to replace lights in control panel and adjust heat in Music Studio.

On December 13, we had Pioneer Pest do their rodent exclusion service for \$899 per their estimate. This service included covering six vents with a heavy, removable mesh and filling two other entry points in the roof area.

On December 14, we received an estimate from 4-Belt Construction on repairing the retaining wall at the parking lot entrance. This was one of the companies that had repaired the wall previously. I'll have a copy of their estimate to peruse, but it states that the charge would be \$1,600 to remove the broken part of the wall and dig down 2 feet to install 3 metal posts. To remove broken part of the wall; getting City permits and widening the driveway would be \$3,800.

Kerlin texted me on Christmas Day to let me know a leak had developed in the women's room ceiling. Our friend John Harrington brought Pono Construction on Sunday, the 29th to look at the leak and several other things. They identified one area on the flat roof that is definitely leaking. The construction company pointed out that the two flat roof areas should be replaced at the same time as we do the entire roof, as those areas are quite fragile. They also furnished an estimate on replacing the entire roof and modifying the broken retaining wall. I'll have copies of their estimates for us to look at, also.

Lots of information and things to consider. I'm glad to answer any questions about the items I've discussed and welcome suggestions from the Vestry.

Treasurer's Report December 2019

- Pledge: \$9,610, 82% budget. **2018:** \$23,542
- Plate: \$8,922, 486% budget (includes \$4K special gift). **2018:** \$9,808
- Pledge & Plate: \$18,532, 137% budget. **2018:** \$33,350
- Building: \$3,429, 58% budget. **2018:** \$5,291

YTD:

- Pledge: \$135,779, 97% budget. **2018:** \$144,881
- Plate: \$28,244, 128% budget. **2018:** \$28,998
- Pledge & Plate: \$164,023, 101% budget. **2018:** \$173,879
- Building: \$75,582, 108% budget. **2018:** \$64,536

Total Revenue for **2019:** \$256,650. **2018:** \$256,180. Pledge & Plate and fundraising were higher in 2018. Building revenue was higher in 2019.

We are +\$4,280 for the year 2019. We were remarkably close to budget in all categories.

Square 2019: We collected \$22,219 from the Square reader. 277 transactions from 87 users. (Use also included Taize service and a couple special events (i.e. ordinations, Matthew David's concert).

Vanco text to give 2019: We collected \$6085.

The bank statement isn't available in time for this report. Will send separately when available.