

Senior Warden Report
April 25, 2016
Submitted by Barbara Brecht

This is my first report as Senior Warden. Again, it is a privilege to serve our parish in this capacity and I look forward to our work together during the rest of this year.

Of note:

- I met with Derek, our illustrious and hard working immediate past Senior Warden. We had a good discussion and identified areas for further attention, focus and work. He has agreed to offer insight and support and help keep us on track. Thank you again Derek for your amazing work over the past almost 18 months and your continued involvement on the Vestry.
- On April 11 I sent a letter to the DPA and Congregational Relations Committee formally requesting DPA cancellation in the amount of \$26,370.00. This reflects the amount we have been assessed and partially paid for years 2012 and 2013. A copy of the letter is attached if you are interested in seeing the specifics. Again, thanks to Doug, Joe, Derek, Erin and all others who helped crunch the numbers. We will hopefully receive a response by the end of this month. If not, I will follow up with phone calls to the two people identified as contacts.
- We have continued discussions regarding a more focused Capital Campaign. 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, and sound systems in the parish hall and sanctuary, as a start. I hope a number of you have thoughts, ideas, and can help identify key people in our congregation who have the gifts, skills and willingness to be a part in making this a successful effort. We will look to identify a working amount and time frame in order to move forward.

That is my report for this month. I look forward to the good work we will continue to do here at St. David's.

“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

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I am pleased to announce, there are several small items that are finally happening concerning the building.

I'm purchasing a new vacuum for the church from "Starks Vacuums". This will end the quandary of searching closets throughout the building for a working vacuum. We'll find a good, central location to store it, so the building partners who need it will be able to find it.

Next Friday, April 29, "Pioneer Pest" will be carrying out its initial 2 hour plus treatment to rid the building of ants. Ants have been a problem in all rooms-upstairs and downstairs for quite a while. The agreement with Pioneer additionally includes quarterly service, and "no charge" visits if ants reappear between service calls.

On the more time consuming side of building maintenance, we are now interviewing for a new lawn service. The company we have now is going to focus on other projects and not mow lawns anymore after April. If any Vestry members have recommendations for a commercial lawn service, let me know.

Also, it's time to find a different janitorial service. The present janitors contract expires June 1, and we aren't going to renew. Again, if Vestry members have recommendations, please pass the info to me.

If the Vestry has any Building & Ground concerns, please let me know!