

Senior Warden Report: September 2023

Back to school, back to work. I'm delighted to report that the things we're doing are going *mostly smoothly*. We need more volunteers, y'all, to get them going *quite smoothly*, and to get the things going that are not going at all. We'll talk about this at our September meeting, but I'd like to challenge each of us to do the following:

- Try everything once, if you're able: Family Promise, Say Their Names, Hot Meals, teaching Godly Play, Taizé, Wednesday potluck, etc. As vestry members, we should each be able to at least talk up the stuff we're doing.
- Find a thing you like and do it at least once a quarter. Or spread out what you do and do something at least once a quarter.

What's happened, what's happening, and what's about to happen:

- I'm incredibly grateful to AI for taking on our [BEEEEEP]ing bylaws. Please read through his draft and give any feedback you have.
- I asked Finn to put together a wish list for our musical efforts; it's pretty comprehensive. I've shared it with the finance committee and am sharing it here with y'all, as well. I see fundraisers in our future ...
- We'll talk more today about the children's ministries coordinator and about youth leadership at St. David's, but I want you all to know that—after many years in the role—Andrew Weygandt is moving on from his role in youth ministry.
- Brian is working on a St. David's photo directory, which I'm really looking forward to having. If you know of any youth in our community that would like to make a few bucks taking photos of parishioners, please let Brian know.
- Bishop Akiyama will visit us on 1st Advent (3 December). We'll talk about this today, but please be thinking between now and our next meeting about the following question: "What does St. David's need our bishop to know about our community?" Vestry members should plan to be available for a meeting with Bishop Akiyama after the service. The Diocese has put together a useful guide for preparing for her visit: <https://ecwo.org/bishop-visits/>
- Both Dennis+ and I are meeting with Chris Craun to set some form of timeline for our rector's search. For this, too, the diocese has a (62-page) guide. Please take some time to flip through it, so you can answer parishioners' questions as they come up: <https://bit.ly/ecwo-transition>

I'm certain I've forgotten some big things; it's been an active month! In particular, we all owe Ned and Crystal our thanks for hustling to get our building in shape. THANK YOU, DEAR NED. THANK YOU, DEAR CRYSTAL.

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