

Senior Warden's Report June 28, 2022

1. Supply Priest Update – Use of supply priests has been going well. We be fitting Rev. Dave Jenkins into the lineup shortly.
2. Office Update – First and foremost, St. David's is so very fortunate to have Jani Amrein as our Parish Administrator as well as the volunteer Office Angels, Marilyn and Pat. we have. As some of you know, Jani's husband Jeff is dealing with cancer and this will require Jani to be gone sometime in the near future for travel to MD Anderson if, and when, he needs surgery. I am in constant dialogue with Jani to keep abreast of this as well as relieve her of worries about fulfilling her duties while gone. Keep both Jani and her husband Jeff in your thoughts and prayers.
3. Service Issues – We have had only one minor hiccup with our regular services and averted a possible major one dealing with a funeral. With regard to our regular services. it was recommended by the Diocesan office that we restate St. David's policy with regard to use of a common chalice. With regard to the funeral service, it is recommended that we look ASAP at dealing with the issue of AV issues in the Parish Hall.
4. Building Upkeep/Cleanup – You will hear from the Jr. Warden about various projects he is working on. I am very thankful for his work and addressing several potential issues that could have presented the church with legal challenges. I personally feel that we should have the church property be presentable to prospects for our rector position as well as allow whoever is called to hit the ground running and not have to worry about a building that is in disarray.
5. Outreach - Larry Buening was successful in having a group of volunteers to help with the Summer School Lunch program but it has been lacking participants. The Rector's Pantry will be receiving funding from a portion of the dollars set aside in the St. David's 2022 Budget for Outreach. Until a new Rector is called, disbursements from the Rector's Discretionary Fund will be used for gas cards only.
6. Parish/Community Communications – It has become apparent that our website is in drastic need of updating. To many in the community that do not have regular connections with St. David's and might be looking for a new church, the place that they might do their research (website) does not help us. There needs to be a regular updating of our electronic sign. I have had a couple of questions about the posting of Vestry materials and would recommend several changes.
7. Westminster Presbyterian, St. John's AME, St. David's Cooperative Efforts – Following efforts that started during the Lenten Soup Suppers, there are those that would like to see continued efforts with other churches in our community. Specifically, proposals have been brought forth to share in services, projects and programs. The only possible issue for St. David's would be our use of supply priests.
8. In reach Committee – Steve Cowl has some proposals for the following Inreach activities: some type of celebration around the return of the parish questionnaire, a July clean-out of the freezer with Ice-cream for July 4 coffee hour, on 8/7 some sort of back-to-school event, an 8/21 Ministry Fair, on 10/30 a Trunk-n-Treat with hot dog meal 3-4PM, an 11/20 Thanksgiving dinner. We can always cancel any of these but it's tough to add. Steve wants to get the Inreach group together. I think it's important to schedule now especially while calling a new priest, I think we want to be alive and on the move.

Peace,

Jim Edwards