

Senior Warden Report – August 17, 2025

Wow! We're on a roll. Here are a few of the "big deal" projects that have been underway recently: Since our April 5 Bishop's Committee Meeting, there's been a lot going on:

- Dawn Fitzgibbons has agreed to chair this year's stewardship campaign. She's recruited team members and they've met to put plans together. Like last year, they will leverage The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS) resources with the theme "Tell Out My Soul."
- We've updated the congregation on the 2023–2026 New Wineskins capital campaign, reporting that all but the playground equipment from the original capital needs list has been sorted and that we've added a couple new projects for the available and planned funds.
- Speaking of playground equipment, I'm excited about the work that BC members have done since last month's meeting and I look forward to our discussion on this topic at our meeting Sunday.
- I missed the Community BBQ but have heard from many that it was a success, drawing more people to join us for food, games, and conversation than the organizers expected. Fantastic!
- Bill Vogeley has been working hard to develop a proposal for an upgrade to our street sign to, in his words, "project a dynamic image for the church by providing a flexible way to display messages to passersby and the local community, with the ability to change the message(s) at least weekly at very low cost." We'll hear more about his idea and request of the BC at Sunday's meeting.
- Have you noticed the updated and refreshed street sign? It looks great! Thanks to Tiffany Smith for making this happen.
- Joseph will be on vacation August 31 and September 14. I've arranged for Craig Vocelka and Carola von Wrangel, respectively, to provide supply services those Sundays. As I will be away both Sundays and Kerry will be away on August 31, Carol Rypkema will be Craig's primary point of contact; Kerry will support Carola.
- We have a huge task ahead of us to establish a balanced budget. That work can't start too soon. The "easier" budget will be our status quo model based on a \$180,000 2026 stewardship campaign goal. The harder budget will be an austerity budget built around a likely outcome from the stewardship campaign.

A reminder that Valerie and I will be out of the country from August 30 through the end of October. We will have limited access to email and phone so consider us unavailable until we return.

As always, thanks for all you do.

Respectfully submitted,

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