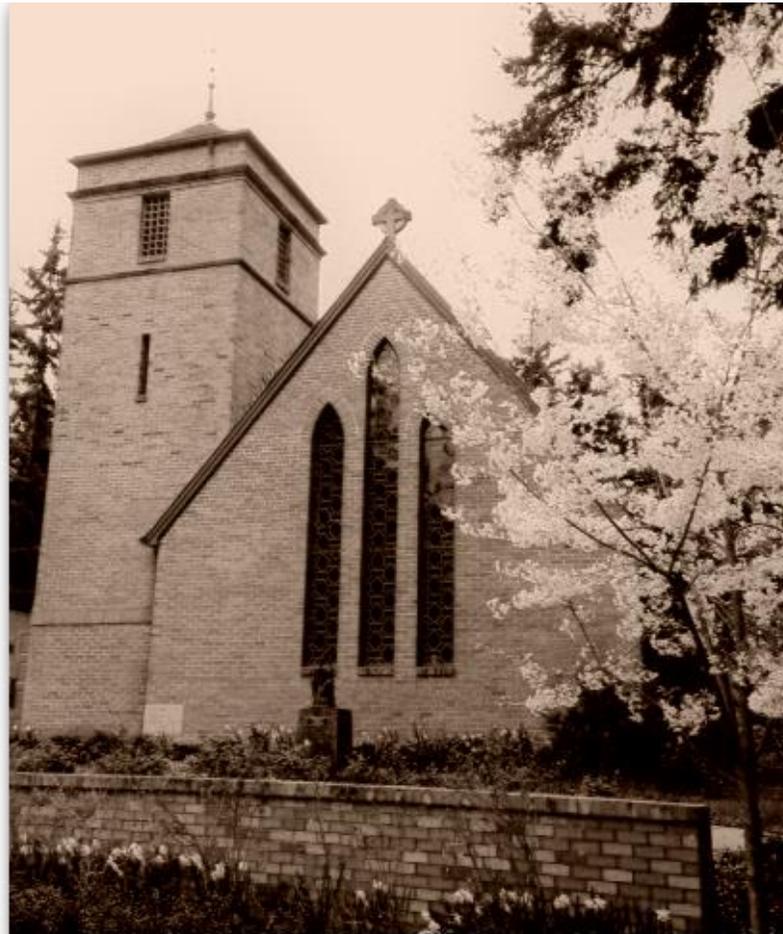


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"Reaching out through prayer, worship and action to bring the reconciling peace of Christ to one another and this world."

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**SAINT BARNABAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA
FEBRUARY 8, 2015**

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Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you;
And also with you.

Let us pray:

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel at Saint Barnabas Parish for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Letter from the Rector

Dear Ones,

As a church, we cannot afford to take public opinion polls about how we are doing as a community of faith. Clergy are often the last to know about problems within the congregation. When people leave a congregation they almost never explain why they are leaving. So, as we file our annual reports with the diocese and the larger church and prepare for our own annual meeting, I find myself wondering how I would describe the year just now past and how I would evaluate our parish performance in 2014. This sort of work is sometimes referred to as “dashboard metrics,” in reference to the gauges and dials one sees on the dashboard of an automobile. Traditionally, people look at average Sunday attendance, pledge statistics, numbers of baptized, numbers of funerals, and overall budgets. These are relatively easy to identify and measure. What can be more difficult to know, but equally important, is the “tone” of the congregation – what the general feeling of the congregation about itself might be.

As I reflect on 2014, I believe we have had a good year at Saint Barnabas but that there are important signs we should not ignore. Let me explain.

Our Sunday attendance at our 10:00 am service was down again in 2014. We had more services with fewer than 70 people attending and fewer services with more than 100 people attending. We did well at the major feast days but summer attendance was down

more than previous years. This may be a side effect of global climate change but fewer people attending on Sundays is a sign to be talked about. On the other hand, our Sunday evening services – Compline and Evensong continue to draw a significant and different population to Saint Barnabas. However, our Taize service was put on hold in 2014 because its leadership needed to take a break and we had no one to step into leadership for that service. Our other services held steady. We also have a lively and growing ministry among the senior living communities on Bainbridge Island. We offer weekly services at Wyatt House, the MARC, Madrona House, and new for 2015 will be services at Messenger House. So, the signs are mixed as to how attractive we are as a place to worship or, how attractive we are compared to all the things people might do on a Sunday morning.

Financially, we are more stable and more sustainable than we have been since I arrived as your rector in 2007. We had another wonderfully successful stewardship campaign such that we have a balanced budget and we will not need a fund-raiser to balance our operating budget. We have held our pledge numbers and have seen increases in pledges and almost no withdrawal of pledges due to dissatisfaction with the church. We have received capital gifts; we have paid back funds to our endowment accounts, and we have kept up with all of our obligations. Unlike some congregations, we are not “eating our seed corn” by using our endowment funds to pay operating expenses.

Our buildings and grounds are in the best shape in many years. We have addressed most of our deferred maintenance issues. We have upgraded our outdoor lighting, maintained the facility both inside and out, and we have made incremental improvements in our energy usage.

We have been blessed by a highly competent and stable staff. Paul Roy, as our music director, organist, and IT director continues his extraordinary musicianship as he enters his third decade with us. Julie Houck, our bookkeeper, human resources department, payroll expert, stewardship and pledge coordinator, and Interium director keeps us going financially and manages a very complex set of books with aplomb. Katrina Diller, our center of knowledge, traffic controller, calendar keeper, and artistic designer of all flyers, graphs, and maker of spread-sheets continues to manage the flow of people, information, and ideas. All three of these individuals are half-time employees but they are fully present for far more hours than are reflected in their pay stubs. Fred Meredith, our quarter-time sexton keeps these old buildings running and keeps our maintenance costs low by his ability to fix things, repair things, and make old things work longer. These people deserve our deepest respect and admiration for all that they do away from the limelight.

Spiritually, we are deeper and stronger. In addition to our Christian Reiki program, our Secret Prayer Partner program, our woman’s retreat, and our parish prayer chain program, we have added Contemplative Prayer on Tuesdays. In the future, we will be adding a speakers program on spirituality, contemplative prayer and other forms of spirituality.

We have continued to extend our threshold further into the community. We have increased our building use by more than 20% in the past few years, and we have welcomed a broader variety of groups than in previous years. One area of this extension has been in our musical program. We sponsor Amabile, we have Arts at Saint Barnabas, we host the Intimate Music Series and the Evergreen Singers, and we have our annual Organ Concert. We hosted a poetry series in 2014 that drew widely from the Seattle area. We were again a site for “Christmas in the Country.” Our kitchen program grew in 2014 and we obtained a second grant from the diocese to support that program. We have a standing offer with the local funeral home that any family desiring a Christian burial can get one through Saint Barnabas. The community knows that we are here and that we welcome them to us, not only in prayer every Sunday, but also in our actions and support.

But, we must not become complacent or self-congratulatory. All congregations must be in constant renewal or they die. New leaders must step forward to take on critical tasks and duties. We must continue to plan for our future and to attend to the details that make up the work of a vibrant, living, congregation. To rest on our laurels is to slide backwards. Like the crew of a racing shell, we must always row to a demanding tempo – in good weather and bad – to achieve our goals. I ask that each of us examine ourselves to determine where we might offer our gifts in the coming year. Saint Barnabas has real needs for leadership and discipleship; there is no dearth of opportunities for service, what is always needed are willing workers.

As the Seattle Seahawks have been known to say, “Why not us; why not now?” We have a great platform on which to build; we must be about our Father’s business.

Dennis+

Senior Warden's Report

As your Senior Warden this has been a year of education for me. I have learned that when Father Dennis is on sabbatical the Senior Warden becomes the senior administrative officer and must make the decisions for the church. As the pastor's warden, as Dennis calls the job, it seems we are responsible for making sure the priest is well and somewhat happy. I have learned how much time is required to keep the parish on an even keel and the ship running smoothly. We are fortunate to have a pastor who takes this so seriously. I should also mention that we all need to be proud of the parish staff, to a person they are professional, dedicated individuals.

This year has also been a year in which our parish has expanded into the community with the kitchen project finished and usage of the kitchen, Parish Hall, and the church increasing by leaps and bounds. Many weeks are booked almost solid and as many as 200 community non-members are using our facilities. Our income from facility usage has gone from about a \$100 a month to almost \$1000 per month and is continuing to grow.

Our outreach programs have had fantastic growth in areas, in addition to the use of our facilities. For example, Dan Fowler's senior ministry has grown from two services a week (one at the Wyatt House and one at Madison Avenue House (previously the MARC) plus once a month at Island Heath & Rehabilitation. He has added a weekly service at the Madrona House and up to three services twice a month at Messenger House. Some weeks his total congregation has exceeded 100 people.

All in all, we seem to have made progress in every commission, from new lights on our grounds to new items purchased for the worship commission and bigger donations for our Mongolia Project.

My only regret is that I will no longer have my weekly meetings with your Rector. These meetings I'm sure did more for me than they did for him.

Respectfully,

Charlie Anderson

Christian Action Commission Report

Local Outreach

We continued to participate in an outreach project of the Interfaith Council (see www.bainbridgeinterfaith.info) called **Super Supper**, where churches provide evening meals at a specified location on the last five working days of the month (those in need tend to run low at the end of the month). Ten churches share in this ministry, so that our turn is every other month. Julie Houck & Laurie Fergusson led our team again this year.

Steve Schmitz has been leading a team from St. Barnabas that took on the outreach ministry of serving a hot dinner to the homeless youth in Poulsbo three years ago. The ministry takes place through the **Coffee Oasis** in Poulsbo where youth are invited to hang out on Friday evenings to enjoy a safe, dry, family oriented place. The first year the St. Barnabas team was given the name of “the love team” which was fitting. The team of Ruth & Charlie Anderson, Margaret & Peter Atwood, Elizabeth & Jim Posner, Zane Young, Phil Fergusson, Gwen Rose, Kerry Grant, and Steve & Helene Schmitz thoroughly enjoyed the serving of a hot dinner to the youth who showed up to enjoy the food, company, and activities at Coffee Oasis. During our three years of ministry the Youth Director position changed three times. Change in leadership caused some inconsistencies in scheduling and programs. At the conclusion of 2014, the St. Barnabas “Love Team” will take a year hiatus from the Coffee Oasis ministry and give the leadership some time to organize schedules and youth programs for a more consistent service to the youth of Poulsbo.

We have continued our support of the **St. John’s Hispanic Ministry** in Olympia, led by Father Don Maddux. Joan Collins coordinates this. Father Maddux reports that the ministry is growing and they had a very active summer program for youth, which we support. We received a lovely Christmas wreath that hung above the entry to the narthex.

Every year we have a **Giving Tree** at Christmas. Paul Holzman coordinated it again this year. Gifts were for those men, woman and children impacted by HIV/AIDS in Kitsap County from Port Orchard to Kingston and Seabeck to Bainbridge Island, and children from Fishline in Poulsbo. Joan Collins and family set up the tree this year, and Paul filled it with tags. Again the parish was very generous, with donations of gifts totaling about \$5500, and another \$1100 in cash. We provided 152 gifts to 51 households (31 AIDS, 20 Fishline), which included 43 men, 13 women, 45 boys, 47 girls, 2 babies, and 2 dogs. Paul was assisted by Natasha Lowery, Grace Grant, & Jerry Carlin in getting the gifts ready for delivery, and by Jerry Carlin, Bill Galvani, Karen Carncross, Joan Collins, Peggy Egger, Natasha Lowery, Angela Tinker & Family, and Grace Grant, in delivering the gifts. It’s a great example of the Parish’s caring for others.

International Outreach

The primary thrust of our international outreach has been the Mongolia project, led by Maggie Ball. Described on her website - www.dragonflyquilts.com. St. Barnabas continues to host the fundraising account for **New Way Life Mongolian Quilting Center** in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. The Center now also has a website - www.mongolianquilts.org. This year marked the 10th anniversary of the founding of the Mongolian Quilting Center and Maggie’s involvement in the project. To celebrate this

landmark, the Center hosted the Second International Mongolian Quilt Show at The State Department Store in Ulaanbaatar. Maggie and three others from the U.S. assisted with this event along with a delegation of seven from Japan. Quilts from Mongolia, USA, Japan, UK and Australia were displayed and event was well attended and successful (see Maggie's August and September blogs on www.dragonflyquilts.com for photographs and further details). The Center continues to grow and to teach low income and unemployed women. The new young manager is a great addition to the staff of five part-time teachers, three designers, three seamstresses and the Director, Selenge Tserendash. In addition, as many as 40 women are pieceworkers. Maggie continues to raise funds by promoting the project and selling merchandise when she teaches around the U.S. Thanks to the help of several parishioners, our booth at Christmas in the Country raised \$2,200. Funds sent to Mongolia this year were \$12,400 bringing the grand total raised since 2004 to \$182,000. The continuing support of this project by St. Barnabas is greatly appreciated.

Another international outreach program having Parish involvement is **Crop Walk**. The 2014 Crop Hunger Walk effort at St. Barnabas was led by Deena Hanke, and was a huge success thanks to the generosity and support of our wonderful parish and friends. We raised \$2838, which will be a tremendous boost to Church World Service efforts to eradicate hunger here at home and around the world. We had eight fundraisers: Maggie Ball, Chris Davis, Bill Galvani, Beth Gudmundson, Deena Hanke, Paul Holzman, Mary Ann Smith, and Laura Walsh. Also, the Outreach Committee matched the first \$500 we collected. We were well represented with eight walkers (including Don Hanke replacing Paul Holzman).

A final international outreach is the **La Puerta Mission** in Guatemala, brought to the attention of St. Barnabas years ago by Lee-ann Holland, and supporting the work of Ginnie Walker. The Mission operates a school in the mountain country and has an outreach to special needs children, who are often "throw aways" in the community.

Inreach

The Pastoral Care Committee involves a range of services to members of our Parish, including helping the housebound, visiting hospitals, emergency child care, and providing transportation. For more information, contact Serena Dubach, Chair (206-842-6767| sdubach@msn.com). **JOY Luncheons** bring our seniors together in an elegant setting in the Parish Hall. These were not held 2014 due to the Kitchen Remodeling Project, but will begin again in 2015, and will be led by Danielle Desaulniers. The **Christian Reiki Healing Ministry**, led by Reiki Masters Sr. Mary Louise Sulonen and Ric Cederwall, continues to provide healing sessions in the Nursery during the week. This year, 14 team members participated in 86 Reiki sessions. Based on teachings from Sister Mary Louise, the team has incorporated the use of tuning forks to enhance the energy work of the sessions.

Financial Summary

2014 Income	\$18,083	2014 Expense	\$17,700
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Submitted by Co-Chairs Ric Cederwall & Bill Galvani. Members: Maggie Ball, Joan Collins, Robin Cook, Dan Fowler, Deena Hanke, Lee-ann Holland, Steve Schmitz & Nancy Sias.

Worship Commission Report

In Lake Woebegone, it was a quiet week; at St Barnabas 2014 was a quiet year. So quiet in fact, we cancelled one meeting as there was nothing to cause us to leave our warm hearths. Advent and Christmas services followed the schedules of years past, ushers appeared for them, the Altar Guild cleaned then decorated the church in time, bread was baked, the choir practiced and sang and all was well in the church without the October meeting.

We planned Lenten and Easter services at the first meeting of 2014. In February Father Dennis told us that Reverend Nancy would cover most Sunday services while he was on sabbatical, from May through July, with Reverend Judith and Deacon Dan providing assistance when needed. We lost the services of Dick Gregory when he moved to Belize and of Charlie Anderson due to his increased responsibilities with the Vestry. New volunteers joined the Altar Guild and choir. The senior ministry grew with the addition of the newest Island residence for seniors to Dan's regular weekly services. This congregation now includes a total of 41 to 56 residents from Wyatt House, MARC, Island Rehab and Madrona House. There is also lay representation from three Island churches and five musicians who join the services when they are available. And one dog.

In May, Dorothy Foster retired from leading the Taize services, and due to low attendance they were discontinued. Joan Collins asked the Interfaith Council if any other congregation would like to sponsor these services but no one volunteered. Jan Parker Peterson and Woody Bernas substituted for Paul Roy while he was on summer break.

The Commission on Worship, in concert with clergy and vestry, provides the Word of the Lord to all those who seek it through scheduled services of music, prayer and Episcopal Liturgy. Meetings are scheduled around the major seasons of the church calendar. It is composed of the following sub-committees: Acolytes/Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Guild, Bread Bakers, Choir and Ushers. Members this year were Brian Andvik, Susan Beecham, Donna Brookfield, Joan Collins, Honora Dunkak, Deacon Dan Fowler, Carla Orcutt, Paul Roy, Rev. Nancy Tiederman and Rev. Dennis Tierney. And just like Lake Woebegon, all these men are good looking, the women are all strong and the children, who serve as acolytes and lay leaders, are all above average.

Submitted by
Joan Collins, Chair

Christian Formation Commission Report

Members

Mary Anne Smith (Chair), Barb Bolles, Barb Herrick, Dennis Tierney

Mission Statement

The Commission on Christian Formation, along with the Vestry and Clergy develops and manages parish programs designed to support each parishioner in their journey of faith.

The Commission will be guided by the following values:

Providing an open atmosphere for spiritual exploration of the Christian faith

Encouraging spiritual growth based on scripture, tradition and reason

Accepting the individuality of spiritual journeys and expressions

Overview

Christian Formation programs provide educational opportunities for parishioners of all ages. We offer Sunday School and Adult Education Classes weekly throughout the school year, Nursery every Sunday during the 10:00 service, youth group programs as interest permits and maintain the parish library. We have a core group of individuals who contribute lots of time and talent, many of whom have been involved for quite some time, in addition, we lost a significant contributor in 2014 with Susan Boone's departure. The commission is actively looking for new membership to help support and shape these programs.

Sunday School

Our Sunday School Program is currently offered at two levels, preschool and primary and attendance varies widely from 3 to 20 children each week. Both programs use the Godly Play curriculum. Barb Bolles organizes our children's participation in our quarterly "Kid's First" Sundays.

Our Preschool class (ages 3 to 6) is currently taught by Alexandra Houchen. This is her fourth year teaching this class and will be graduating from High School this year and moving on. We will need a replacement teacher in the fall of 2015 if we are to continue offering this program. The Primary class (ages 6 to 10) is taught by a small group of volunteers, supported and scheduled by Mary Anne Smith. Two teachers are required each week, a "story teller" and a "door keeper". Volunteers sign up monthly for the days of their choice. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Mary Anne Smith @ 206-310-0610. Adults who have volunteered in the classroom this year are: Phil Fergusson, Natasha Lowery, Karen Carncross, Angela Tinker, and Candace and Emma Gudmundson. In addition we have volunteer opportunities to set up the classroom on Sunday morning. Steve and Helene Schmidt have been staying after the 8:00 service to help with this task.

Nursery

We offer nursery care for infants from birth through 2 years of age every Sunday throughout the year. Attendance has increased slightly in this program and we consistently have at least 1 child in attendance. Jerry Carlin continues to coordinate this program and schedules nursery workers each Sunday. Audrey Baker is one of our high school students who staff the room.

Youth Group

We are not currently offering a youth group program, however, Dennis will be teaching a confirmation class throughout the coming months. If you have a youth who is interested in being confirmed please contact Father Dennis. If you are interested in participating in and/or helping to organize or lead a youth group please contact Mary Anne Smith or Father Dennis.

Adult Education

Father Dennis continues to offer an adult education program on Thursday evenings on a variety of topics and a Bible Study Class on Thursday mornings. A brief synopsis of the Thursday evening programs offered last year are provided below.

Library

Barb Herrick maintains our parish library. Our library is a terrific resource for the parish and provides access to spiritual reading material and DVD's for all ages both fiction and non-fiction. The library is located at the end of the hall across from The Room with a View. It is open for your use any time the church is open. Please feel free to come in, peruse the shelves, check out a book, or just sit and gather in the quiet surroundings in a comfortable chair. We welcome donations of books you have read and would like to share with others. We prefer contemporary books with copyrights from 2005 due to the shortage of space but if you have a favorite from earlier years that you feel others will enjoy, please include that one, too. We will let you know if we already have it on our shelves and can return it to you or donate it to the book sale. The library is used for Bible Study on Thursday mornings, Adult Education, and various meetings. If you would like to reserve it, please contact Katrina, our Parish Administrator.

Fellowship Commission Report

Fellowship enjoyed a very successful year of four events. It was a great joy to be in the new kitchen with all the opportunities for cooking that it has given us. Many parishioners worked to make these events successful and I will only be able to name a few in this report. Many thanks to all who helped and who helped by attending these events!

Burgers and Bingo on March 1 was eagerly anticipated by the congregation who had been starved for Bingo for a couple of years. Led by the intrepid team of Kristen O'Keefe and Roth Hafer, there was a full house of burger eaters and bingo players. Tickets to the event were sold for \$10 adult and \$5 child (6-12). Wine and beer were sold at the event. Many people helped to make this a success but some of the key players were Michael, Ian & Colin O'Keefe, Steve & Helene Schmitz, Sarah Neill, Sylvia Dunning, Honora Dunkak, Steve Holland, Cliff & Donnie Orcutt and David O'Morchoe.

Ladies Tea on May 3 was very well attended. Committee chairs were Carla Orcutt and Jean Kellerman. Music was provided as well as wonderful food and tea. Many of the tea pots were brought in by parishioners.

The **All Parish Picnic** held on July 27 at Strawberry Hill Park was a beautiful day. With over 50 people attending we followed the format of last year's event and offered "make your own sandwich" fixings along with wonderful sides provided by parishioners. Also, strawberry shortcake was once again on the menu with the shortcake being provided by a team of parishioners. We charged \$5 per person (free for those under 5 years). A few names to thank are committee members Joan Collins and Margaret Atwood and some of helpers: the Fergussons, the Hankes, Bill Galvani, Penny Egger, Peter Atwood, David O'Morchoe and Beth Gudmundson. Thank you to everyone else who helped and attended.

The **Salmon Bake** took place on September 6 in the Parish Hall and Close. Tickets were \$18 each. With over 80 people attending, the hall was full to bursting! Beautiful music was provided by Dorothy Foster's group Hesperiana Quartet. Appetizers were made by several parishioners and were served on tables in the Close. Desserts were also provided by parishioners. The decorating theme and many of the decorations were the brain child of Alice Reasoner. The incomparable team of Jean Kellerman and Pat Schader planned and produced much of the meal along with the grilling talents of Duke Schader, Larry Kehres, Roth Hafer and Jean's cousin, Paul. Also in the kitchen were Beth Gudmundson and Jean's cousin Ava. Doug & Robin Cook and Tom & Karen Beierle took care of the check-in table and selling tickets for beer and wine. Tending bar were Kathleen & Stephen Jennings. Setup help included Suzanne Ivey, Deena Hanke and Alice Reasoner. Don Hanke and Bill Galvani helped with the washing up. And many more people not mentioned did their part to make it a very successful event.

Thank you again to everyone who helped with an event or attended an event. Fellowship would not happen without you!

Submitted by
Pat O'Morchoe, chair

Building and Grounds Committee

The building and grounds committee is charged with overseeing the maintenance and possible improvements to the entire Saint Barnabas campus. It is currently co-chaired by Anne Pell and Denise Kolb. They work closely with Katrina Diller, Parish Administrator, and Fred Meredith our Sexton. In addition, we have a weekly gardening service and a daily cleaning service that assists in maintaining our complex.

In 2014, the B&G committee focused on improving the lighting – both interior and exterior of our campus. We have switched most of our interior lights for LED bulbs which provide us less energy use and longer life. Thanks to the expertise of Denise Kolb, we have improved the exterior lighting in the lower parking lot and approaches to the lower entrance to the Parish Hall. We started this project because of a “slip and fall” incident that demonstrated a strong need for better lighting. The increased use of the Parish Hall also dictated better lighting.

The lower parking lot is now on an LED motion- sensitive system slaved to the lights the lead into the lower entrance of the Parish Hall. New lights on the bell tower and new lights on the upper patio have been added. We are in the process of adding additional LED lights to lead people from the Close up through the Interium and into the church. This work will be completed in early 2015. Our final phase is to replace some of the lights in the upper parking lot with LED lights and putting the upper parking lot on a motion-sensitive system which will save us energy costs over the current timer system. We have also replaced light switches in the upper Parish Hall bathrooms to be motion-sensitive. The bathrooms in the lower level of the Parish Hall are on a timer system. Both these approaches saves us money in energy costs.

We are on a regular cycle of carpet cleaning and floor sealing in our buildings. Our sexton provides us with maintenance assistance and reduces our repair costs. We have pruned the Interium plantings along with the Close plantings in the last two years. We are working on ways to manage our watering activities during the dry months. Over time, we will need to consider pruning some of our trees and the great tree in the close may require pruning and, perhaps, even replacement at some point in the future. As a reminder, all of our heat pumps have been replaced in the past five years with new models that are more energy-efficient. Our radiant floor heating system in the church is old but still works. Should the parish replace its administration building, one of the decisions to be faced is what to do with the current hot water system. We currently burn oil to heat the church and administration building but use heat pumps for the rest of the campus. Obviously, replacing the radiant floor heating system in the church will be expensive, perhaps prohibitively so. It may be possible to replace the oil-fired boiler with some other means of heating the water and keep our radiant floor heating system intact. It is the replacement of the administration building and the addition of an elevator that will be the largest issues for building and grounds in the coming years. Secondary issues will include the parking lots and internal road.

It is also likely that the stained glass windows will require maintenance and repair in the next decade. They have never been repaired and, like all true stained glass windows, are showing some signs of bowing. At some point, they will need to be removed, repaired, and strengthened.

Lastly, the church has never been tuck-pointed and that may be needed at some point in the future.

For the record, the church roof was replaced in fall 2007. The Parish Hall roof was re-done some years earlier. The entire Parish Hall was re-painted in 2008. The interior of the building was re-painted in 2008. The administration and Parish Hall carpeting was replaced in 2008.

There is currently no deferred maintenance items before the parish. All the recommendations from the external review made in 2006-2007 have been addressed. The committee could use the help of some regular volunteer gardeners to work on pruning and shaping our plantings.



Benediction

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



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