

To my dear Parish Family,

As I have mentioned before, it is my intention to be as inclusive as possible as we move into the period of transition that is rapidly approaching with Dennis’ retirement in 11 short weeks. I am certain that the first “issues” of The Senior Warden Weekly may be a bit rough, so please bear with me. Below are some key points of information to make you aware of the work that is going on behind the scenes. As The Senior Warden Weekly evolves, and as progress develops further on the work that lies before us, there will be some news matters that go into more depth than others. Again, please bear with me as I learn and we grow together. If you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact me.

1. Vestry now meets twice monthly on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Historically, meetings have been once monthly, but due to the magnitude of the work before us, we are meeting more frequently and humbly honored to do this work on behalf of the well-being of our parish family.

2. I must share with you that it is with gratitude that we have had the good fortune to have Sue Hylen serve on the Vestry for the last year and a half. Sue is soon retiring from her profession and has made the difficult decision to resign from her Vestry position as well. We wish Sue the best as she moves into a new lifestyle in the next few months, and we thank her for her service. Sue’s input on the Vestry was always soulful and thoughtful and she continues to care deeply about our parish and congregation – not to mention that she did an incredible job of leading the work on the website update, which was no small task. It is with gratitude for Sue’s work on the Vestry that we accept her resignation at this time.

3. We are a very blessed congregation to have such a wealth of resources in people and talent available to us. It is my great pleasure to share with you that Kathy Anderson has agreed to serve on the Vestry and serve out the term vacated by Sue Hylen. Vestry voted unanimously and enthusiastically for Kathy’s return to serve with us at this very important time. Many of you know Kathy and have great respect and admiration for the work that she did as Senior Warden when the search for a new rector successfully identified and brought Dennis to us. I am honored to be able to work so closely with Kathy; I often tell her that she is my angel that has dropped from the sky. I am unable to fully express how fortunate we are to have her join us and how filled with gratitude I feel.

4. The Bishop will be meeting with the Vestry this coming Sunday and we will listen very carefully to all that he has to say. We very much look forward to meeting with him and to enjoy his guidance and direction and thoughts for Vestry as we enter into this next chapter in the life of our beloved St. Barnabas.

SAVE THE DATE! JUNE 26th coffee hour after the 10am service

(info to follow in the next Senior Warden Weekly)

My warmest regards to each of you – from the Senior Warden, Virginia Walker