

August Senior Warden Report

August 17, 2021

Here's a recap of my activities since the last Vestry meeting:

- Attended regular Regathering Committee meetings as we resumed our regular bi-weekly cadence. We planned Shug's ordination, Phyllis Duff's funeral, and the initiation of bi-weekly in-person services through the end of September, for now.
- Worked with Mary Jane Drake to transition usher-scheduling responsibilities from me to her in the fall. Also helped her finalize Covid usher procedures, which the Regathering Committee reviewed at its Aug. 17 meeting. All ushers have been scheduled through September, including Joe Fletcher's funeral on Sept. 18.
- Attended Shug's ordination on July 24 and served as a greeter. It was a wonderful, joy-filled and blessed event. I could listen to the Bishop all day.
- Continue to attend bi-weekly meetings to support Loretta Go in her discernment process. We are close to wrapping up this process and will complete it in early September.
- Discussed needs for church engagement and leadership, with the following needs apparent:
 - Volunteers to support the return to in-person services, as outlined in the Beacon from Mother Leslie.
 - Stewardship Committee leaders and members
 - Vestry members for 2022.
 - A replacement for Larry Cornelius as Peacemeal lead
- Met with Terrence to have a senior-junior warden catch up. We discussed challenges with engagement in the church and getting more members involved in support needs.
- Thanks to Ray Harbert for agreeing to help with check-signing, as summertime schedules have presented some challenges in getting church checks signed on time for delivery.
- Fielded occasional calls and emails with parishioners curious about our plans to increase in-person attendance.
- Meeting materials: Assisted with the preparation of monthly Executive Committee and Vestry meeting materials.

Reminder: Next Vestry meeting will be September 16, at 6 p.m. CT (Exec Committee on September 9 at the same time).