

SR. WARDEN
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It has been an honor to be your Senior Warden this year, and I would like to thank each of you for this opportunity. Much to my surprise and everyone else's, the year started out with the collapse of the Parish Hall ceiling. Throughout that adventure, I would like to thank Paul for being the "calm in the storm." He kept everyone focused on what we needed to do and made sure every issue was addressed. Fortunately, the responsible parties stepped up to the plate and did what needed to be done also.

I would also like to request that every parishioner continue their support of stewardship for both the Operating and Capital Funds. The need to fund two clergy positions in our parish is very apparent if you've spent any time around the church office or by reviewing the church calendar. I would like to thank a dedicated staff for keeping expenses in check in light of our Operating income falling below what was budgeted. We also need to remind ourselves about the need for funding the Repair and Replacement Funds for a facility that is beginning to age and will need expected maintenance. Starting in February, we will begin another Capital Campaign to retire our debt on our facility that has served each of us and our community very well.

We are also very fortunate to have such a dynamic parish. Saints' Brew continues to be our shining star and now has new direction and guidance with Beth Harris & Mona Warlick at the helm. I would like to express my sincere thanks to each of them for assuming this responsibility. Our facilities continued to be utilized on a weekly, if not daily basis, by many groups outside of our parish family. This alone is a terrific way to minister to our community. I feel very lucky to be a part of that.

Efforts have also begun to help engage and provide for our younger families. As a Vestry, we know they are the future of our parish. The Connectors Committee along with the Vestry made every effort to connect with our younger and newer parishioners with a gathering this past summer. Hopefully, this group of our parish will always feel welcome and continue to grow.

The list of parishioners that play a role in the day-to-day success of our parish is endless, and I would like to thank all of you for being a part of this family. It has been my privilege to be your Senior Warden, and I am looking forward to what we will accomplish in 2014.