

September 5th, 2017

Dear Members of St. Michael's:

As promised by your Vestry, we are making the greatest effort possible to keep you informed of developments and activities, particularly as our community of faith is passing through the current transition in leadership. A number of ideas are under consideration for routine communication, but in the meantime, we felt we should send a brief note regarding current advancements in key areas.

Interim Rector Search Status

Search Committee Chair, Dave Allen, reports that initial interviews have been held with 3 viable candidates. Committee members, with assistance from the diocese, are conducting background checks and follow-up conversations. Final candidates will be interviewed by the Vestry and diocese prior to selection. How soon our Interim Rector arrives will also depend on whether or not the finalist currently resides in the Kansas City area or will need to re-locate.

While not wanting to be too hasty in completing a search, the key goal of the Interim Rector Search Committee—based on input from the congregation when the transition began – is to gain assistance as soon as possible for our over-burdened Fr. Cox and the diligent STMAA staff. While we don't yet have a date when we expect a final announcement, we will share further details as soon as available.

Current Church Finances

Though the Finance Committee reports that the Expense Sheet of our 2017 budget has been plagued by some recent unforeseen expenses – critical repair of the kitchen AC, water from recent rains flooding into the basement and the current clergy transition – the continued income from pledges and gifts have helped offset all expenses. STMAA remains within budget to date.

The Finance Committee has prepared a summary of the 2017 Budget Highlights for the Vestry which is available to all members of the congregation. To receive a copy, just "Click" on [2017 STMAA Budget Highlights](#), or email a request to: Vestry@stmaa.com.

Additional Financial Note

As we have advanced further on the path toward finding our new Rector, we've recognized that there are additional costs related to this effort that, obviously, were not included during the 2017 budgeting process. These costs relate to a variety of transition issues, primarily travel costs and expenses for Search Committee members and candidates as well as possible relocation costs for clergy and families.

Any financial contributions or gifts that members of the congregation would consider to help STMAA offset these costs would be most welcome. To contribute, please contact The Ven. Monte Giddings at (913) 390-5640 or monte@stmaa.com.

Sincerely,

The St. Michael and All Angels Vestry
Marty Pyle, Senior Warden