

St. David's Episcopal Church

Wardens' Report

January 2026

Here are some updates on what your wardens have been working on for the last month:

Nominating Committee Report

We are pleased to put forth the following slate of candidates for election at the annual meeting:

- Cathy Schwichtenberg – Senior Warden
- Mike Sandsmark – Junior Warden
- Stephen Ferro – Vestry (3-Year Term)
- Becky Sweely – Vestry (3-Year Term)
- TBD – Vestry (2-Year Term)
- David Niles, Treasurer
- Laura Harmon, Diocesan Delegate (3-Year Term)
 - Cathy Schwichtenberg and Scott Clark have one and two years remaining respectively on their terms as Diocesan Delegates)
- Julia Handley and David Niles, Diocesan Delegate Alternates
- Rita Hayek has agreed to serve as Clerk again, although this is voted upon by the new Vestry, not by the Congregation
- The Vestry will consider appointing a Youth Vestry member in the summer to serve for a term lining up with the school year

Comprehensive Campus Initiative

David and Cathy met with Sara Joy Proppe of Proximity Project on January 7 to kick off the Phase II Comprehensive Campus Initiative (CCI) Project. The first step will be to assemble a seven-member Campus Property Team that will be the main interface with Proximity. We will take this up right after the annual meeting. We are currently targeting April 19 as a date for engaging the full congregation at the forum time.

St. George's Merger

This past Sunday, we estimate that approximately 20 people from St. George's worshipped with St. David's. The sanctuary was quite full (117 people at the 9:30 service!) and the mood was very positive. Many stayed for coffee hour. We will be having special forum

programming on both January 11 and February 1 to help all newcomers get better oriented with the church and its many program offerings. The February 1 forum is being targeted as a slightly longer forum with lunch served afterward – stay tuned for details!

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting is on January 25, with the Financial Plan/Budget forum the week before (January 18). Please try to make both of these forums if you are able, and please spread yourselves around the undercroft if you can.

ICA Lease Renewal

Cathy Schwichtenberg will be our Vestry Visitor to discuss the work of the ICA Lease Renewal Team (Cathy, Allison Ferro, and Katherine Lewis). The original ICA 20-year lease expires at the end of February. The next meeting with ICA is January 21, where we expect to present a term sheet for the lease renewal. We are hiring an attorney to prepare the new lease.

Buildings and Grounds Update (from Randy Schwichtenberg)

- TBD

Thank You!

It has been a pleasure serving as your senior warden for the past year. It's been a busy year with more excitement and big issues than I expected, but working with Katherine, Cathy, and everyone on the Vestry has been so meaningful and spiritually rewarding to me. Thank you for your confidence in me and for everything each of you does to make St. David's such a wonderful community.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Niles

Sr. Warden