

**Highlights of the Vestry Meeting
Tuesday, September 11, 2018**

The 2018 stewardship is moving forward, under the leadership of Betty Bowersox. Pledge cards have been mailed to members of the parish.

Grace Episcopal Church will host an Invite, Welcome, Connect workshop on March 1-3, 2019. The program is currently in use at many Episcopal churches, and has had great success in helping integrate newcomers as well as long time members into the life of the parish.

Children and youth from Grace will distribute food collection bags on September 30 in the Grace Church neighborhood as part of the food drive for the Hands on Kirkwood event that takes place on October 6.

The lower level Albright Hall door can be used once again. The pooling water and ensuing algae growth in front of the door was due to two leaking water spigots, which have been repaired.

Positive comments have been received from parishioners about the job the new custodial company, RSU, is doing. Any comments about the building and grounds at Grace can be directed to Junior Warden Rebecca Harrison.

The Vestry appointed Chris Ludbrook to serve as delegate and Lyn Ballard to serve as alternate to the 2018 diocesan convention.

There is an opening for one convention delegate and one alternate to serve beginning at the annual meeting in January 2019. Anyone interested in serving can contact Lyn Ballard or Mike Johnson. A new bishop for the Diocese of Missouri will be elected at the 2019 convention, so full representation of four delegates from Grace is very important.

Grace Episcopal Church will mark its 160th anniversary in 2019. Ideas for celebrating or commemorating that event can be given to Father Todd or any Vestry member.

Pledge Income for the month of August was \$20,894, which was \$2,606 below budget. YTD Pledge Income was \$269,916 versus the budgeted amount of \$266,000. Total Revenues for the month were \$37,809, which was \$3,417 below budget. YTD Total Revenues were \$426,486, which was \$2,061 above budget. Total Expenses for August were \$58,564 which was \$2,142 above budget. YTD Expenses were \$430,785, which was \$235 below budget. Net Revenue for August was (\$20,755) which was \$5,560 above the budgeted amount of (\$15,195). YTD Net Revenue was (\$4,300), or \$2,295 above the budgeted amount of (\$6,595). Our current cash reserves would cover an estimated 1.78 months of the budgeted 2018 expenses. The finance committee recommends that cash reserves equal at least three months of our yearly budgeted expenses.