

Staff + Vestry Report Summary | August 2026

Staff Team Report | Building & Grounds | Sexton (submitted by Martin Hoerner)

Ceiling tile repairs (rector's office and hallway/kitchen leak), Ware Hall setups for Parish Game Night, two funerals, Casual Church, and Sunday Sundae; VBS cleanup; roof leak addressed by Apex; holly hedge trimming; Godly Play shelving assembled per Ashley Monachelli's request.

Staff Team Report | Worship — Aug 2026 (submitted by Jack Alvey)

Average Sunday attendance up (173 in 2026 vs. 155 in 2025 through 31 Sundays). Jud Bringman stepping down as Usher Chair at year's end — successor needed. Casual Church continuing (27 in July, 23 in August, next Sept. 6). One wedding noted (Aug. 15).

- **Staff Report | Music Ministry — Aug 2026** (submitted by Mike Sparks)
Quiet period before full choir resumes Sept. 9 (rehearsal) / Sept. 13 (choir).
Anticipating a new tenor scholar and a junior male scholar, with junior scholar pay funded from Special Music Fund gifts. A fall/winter schedule is attached.

Staff Team Report | Parish Life (submitted by Kathy Lounsbury)

St. Bridget's Guild hosted two funeral receptions; Souper Wednesday continuing; Sunday Social needs hosts; a medical equipment lending list has been assembled (contact: Sarah Jones); Threads of Love meets monthly. Upcoming: Sundae Sunday (8/16), Newcomer Coffee (8/23), a reformatted Sunday Breakfast starting 9/6 (needs volunteers — contact Kathy Lounsbury), and an AgeReady program kickoff 9/20 (aging-support resource series in four domains: medical, legal/financial, family/social, spiritual).

Staff Report | Children & Youth (submitted by Ashley Monachelli) This fall's Children & Youth calendar runs from Blessing of the Backpacks (Aug 16) through the Christmas Pageant (Dec 20), with Sunday School and EYC resuming Jan 17. Highlights include EYC Kick-Off for grades 6–12 (Aug 23); Rock Solid, a monthly after-school Bible study for grades 3–5, running Sept–Nov; a Third-Fifth Grade Bible Presentation during the Sept 13 service, giving every child in that age range their own Bible; Blessing of the Animals paired with a Group 345 pet-supply drive for the Humane Society (Oct 4); the Parish Picnic at Wald Park (Oct 25, no breakfast or Sunday School that day); Club 345's outing to Busy Brush Studio (Nov 15); family Advent Wreath Making (Nov 29); St. Nicholas Day crafts and games (Dec 5); and the Christmas Pageant for 4K–5th grade (Dec 20). The Parish Retreat at Camp McDowell follows Jan 9–10, 2027.

Staff Team Report | Pastoral Care (submitted by Elizabeth Tanner)

Brief overview of ongoing ministry to homebound/recovering members via calls, visits, correspondence, and transportation help, coordinating with Senior Life Ministry for meals and minor home repairs.

Staff Team Report | Connections Ministry (submitted by Emily Collette)

Newcomer Coffee planned for Aug. 23, with 10 attendees currently signed up.

Staff Team Report | Outreach (submitted by Emily Collette)

New leaders (Ellen Cutshall, Leslie Sharbel) for the Backpack Program, with an info session Sept. 20. Giving Hope collections: July = water for Firehouse Shelter, August = the Abbey, September = diapers. First Light needs new leadership since Caralyn McDaniel is moving to EfM/Wide Angle. Outreach Committee meets Aug. 30.

Vestry Committee Report | Finance (submitted by CJ Searcy)

Annual audit rescheduled to Aug. 21 (Martin Hoerner representing the committee) due to auditor family emergency. Committee recommends moving to a virtual/indexed audit-prep system going forward rather than a physical binder. One more meeting planned for the year (November) to draft the 2027 budget and review audit findings.

Vestry Committee Report | Strategic Planning Committee Report (submitted by Elizabeth Tanner) Master Plan process underway with Williams Blackstock Architects. Two questionnaires (ministry/program stakeholders and parish-wide) distributed, due Sept. 11. Currently in Step 1 (Discovery/Inventory) — WBA and Jim Busbin have walked the property and produced digital floor plans. Step 2 (Vision/Programming) begins with stakeholder interviews the week of Aug. 31.