**Christ Episcopal Church | Warden's Corner**

**Reports for September and October, 2026**

**November 1, 2026**

Greetings my fellow Episcopal Church Family. For those of you who pay close attention when reading these "reports" you will notice that every report begins the same way, "Greetings my fellow Episcopal Church Family." Why some may ask? Well, it's quite simple. It's because you are my Episcopal Church Family. I would have it no other way. Whether you wanted another family member or you didn't want another family member you got me. Ha Ha.

September was a good month around the church. Knock on wood, no major repairs were needed. Just a few dead trees that had to be removed. Pre-schoolers are enjoying their time in the classroom, the choir could be heard singing a joyful noise unto the Lord every Wednesday night at practice and on Sundays for the church services. Altar guild was busy preparing the linens. Pat and her crew were busy in the kitchen providing yummy snacks for after the services, and so many more things. Oh YEA! The biggest thing of ALL! We kicked off our Pledge campaign and Father Kelly mailed out HIS LETTER.

His letter launched us into the month of October. I'm sure by now you have received "The Letter" from Father Kelly in the mail. You know my dear sweet mother in-law Judy would often send letters to family members. But boy if you ever received "The Letter" from Judy you had messed up. They were strong and straight to the point. I know what you are thinking? What did your letter from Judy say Bobby? Well, I am proud to report that Nikki and I never received a letter. But we did receive a letter from Father Kelly. His letter along with the words from Lauren Darby, Duke Guthrie and others this month certainly hit home. If you missed any of the speakers, I would encourage you to go back and listen to them.

Over the years, young families with children have always been a topic amongst the Vestry. We are now at a time to really grow this section of the church. Think back to those children who are now adults that have been brought up and shaped by the episcopal church. Think about all the young children we have now. Think about the impact we are making on their lives.

Remember: Small Steps, Big Change. Our goal is to reach 100 pledges. As of November 1, only 46 more to reach our goal.

In October, the Vestry approved Father Kelly's recommendation for Mark Henderson to serve out Louisa Beckett's term. As you may know, Louisa and her husband, Gary, moved to Florida several months ago. The Vestry voted unanimously on his recommendation.

You may have noticed a new fence around the trashcan area. Out with the old chain-link and in with a new wooden fence. The old fence along with all the bushes that had grown into it was creating a walking hazard.

Have you noticed all the new pine straw that has appeared in the flower beds? If not, take a look. It has certainly dressed up the flower beds and looks wonderful. It's not finished but hopefully it will be done by the weeks end. When all said and done over 400 bales of pine straw will have been spread.

This month's intriguing question: How come when one light bulb blows they all blow. For example, the lantern lights outside the church that sit in the grass. Did you know that on a Tuesday night one of them blew and by Wednesday the other three had blown? Why is that?

Now this brings us to November. Just 8 more days until we wrap up our pledge campaign. But don't fear if you miss the deadline, we will still take a late pledge (Ha Ha). November 8 is the deadline, and we will celebrate with our annual parish picnic immediately following the 10am service.

Well until next month family and friends. May the God of Peace and Grace surround you with his ever-loving arms and guide you and protect you.

Peace and Grace to All,

Bobby Yarbrough
Senior Warden

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*Note: Fr. Kelly's letter about the pledge campaign is online at this link: https://christchurchvaldosta.org/our-annual-pledge-campaign*