

## Rector's Report- July 23- August 19, 2021

### Worship Online and In Person

#### In person/views

July 25*	46/161	hybrid in person and online (The Rev. Shug Goodlow presiding)
Aug 1	11/224	online only—but had a visitor stop in and worship with us
Aug 8*	17/149	hybrid in person and online; also lacked ushers, a concern
Aug 15	4/250	online only

### Other worship/offices:

Jul 10	57/59	<b>Funeral</b> for Dee Robinson
July 24	144/183	<b>Ordination</b> of the Rev. Shug Goodlow to the priesthood
Aug 6-7	9	<b>Ministration at Time of Death</b> for Joe Fletcher: support for the family, neighbors, and medical personnel at Joe and Kay's home and at Schrader's the following morning
Aug 14	44/344	<b>Funeral</b> for Phyllis Duff; the Rev. Dr. Emily Hillquist Davis preaching

### DAILY OFFICE (Compline)

My internet capabilities make updating the views for each compline service difficult, but usually 2-4 worship live, and then another 30-60 people watch later. But here's what I have: Gina and Loretta covering Compline still as we move to a new house and get the internet capabilities stronger—thank you!

	<b>Views</b>	<b>Celebrant</b>
Aug 14	35	GS
Aug 11	65	LG
Aug 7	26	GS
Jul 31	28	GS
Jul 24	26	GS
Jul 17	33	GS
Jul 10	86	LG

### Worship:

Choir will start rehearsals for the new program year on September 1.

August and September- in-person indoor services are being held every other Sunday: Aug 8 and 22; September 5 and 19. August 22 we will offer blessing of the backpacks; September 19 is anniversary of St. Martin's first Eucharist and also UTO ingathering.

Regathering Committee continues to revise plans and keep a sharp eye on the rising COVID-19 Delta variant rates, which are currently at infection levels we have not seen since last winter... We have currently moved to every other week in person and online, and have recently dropped the requirement to register before hand. We simply ask that attendees sign in and arrive early enough before worship to do so.

Wonderful altar guild training run by Sherrie Algren and Ruth Minster on August 8. There will be two make up sessions for those who could not make the first one or who volunteered after the last training took place

Becky McCoy Brewer has done a wonderful job learning how to produce our broadcasts—thank you!

With the rapidly changing situation regarding COVID, we will continue in person as we safely can, but we still need more volunteers as acolytes, ushers, greeters, readers etc.

Am hopeful to restart the 505 once we get the Rev. Shug started—her first day is Aug. 25

Looking forward: Celebration of New Ministry on September 25—hopefully, and at long last.

I was honored to be asked to share the homily and serve as musician at the funeral for Tucker Wright at Christ Church Cathedral on August 14 at 2 pm after Phyllis Duff's funeral. Tucker is the young adult grandson of Deacon Barbi Click, a longtime friend.

### **Administrative/ Programming:**

Communications: Debra Matthews continues to a great job with the Beacon!

Page has taken over posting bulletins on the website, and Scott will be posting a url link for the online Beacon (for those who continue to experience difficulties receiving it) on the front page under updates.

Have had issues with connectivity on my computer with both wifi and email at St. Martin's; spent 2.5 hours on the phone with them, and 2 hours with a technicians there the following day. While he was checking out things, the tech confirmed that our WAP (wifi access points) in Park Hall and the library were both from 2009; we have received a bid to replace those with far superior units like the one in the wedge room upstairs. Cost is \$149 each plus 135 to install and set up (Total Bid \$433). We have money left over in the budget to buy broadcasting equipment, and I will use that.

We need to form a stewardship committee to begin stewardship preparation in September.

### **Formation:**

Loretta Go's discernment committee continues to meet faithfully.

Sherrie Algren will offer monthly packets again for our youngest members as the surge in COVID and their lack of ability to immunize makes meeting in person seem unwise this Fall

### **Outreach/ Garden/ etc:**

The Outreach Committee is pleased to announce that Laundry Love, under the leadership of Anne Fischer, will take place safely in September.

Our garden continues to produce bountifully!

We are looking for a new leader for the Peace Meal volunteer program at St. John's Tower Grove. Larry Cornelius has stepped down after 6 years at the helm.

United Thank Offering kicked off in August. Ingathering will be on September 19. Collect that change now—and you, know, checks will be accepted, too!

### **Pastoral Care:**

Offered a mass Eucharistic visit to the Fountains on August 8 immediately following worship services.

On Aug. 6, Joe Fletcher died very suddenly at home; I was able to get there to pray over him and with family, friends, and medical technicians; his funeral is scheduled for September 18 at 2 pm. Planning ongoing.

On August 18, I received word from Reuben Rigel that Jim Duncan had passed away early that morning (yesterday) after being in hospice the last two weeks. We were all the family that Jim had that we know of, and he loved our community. Jim will be celebrated with a Burial

service and placed in the columbarium in the last remaining single niche in the next few weeks—more details to follow.

**The Columbarium now is completely sold out.**

**Self-Care:**

Looking to take some retreat time to finish up my papers for my DMin program after Shug comes on staff during the final days of August..

**Diocesan:**

Ordination of Shug Goodlow to the priesthood at St. Martin's on July 24 was quite an affair with many, many visitors.

**Building and Grounds:**

Some of our groups (AA, RiverBlenders) are asking how to return to using our spaces. The Regathering Committee and I are working with them. The AA group frankly does not want to come back here until they do not have to wear masks--- yet that violates our latest guidelines. And since their meeting require a certain amount of anonymity, there is no way to do contact tracing either. I think they may decide not to come back until the mask restriction is lifted by the diocese and I have no idea when that might be.

**Appreciation:**

Thank you to the Regathering Committee and friends for their incredible flexibility as we all scatter for through summer.

Thank you to all who helped set up Park Hall for the reception after the Funeral Service for Phyllis Duff: Mary Pomeroy, Jeanne King, Daryl Norman, and Gina Slobodjian. Thanks to all who staffed the reception: Mike Kelly, Jeanne King, and Daryl Norman; and who served as ushers: Larry Cornelius, John Alden, Linda Huheey, and Mike Kelly.

Thank you to Tom Allen for his continued efforts getting ushers trained and ready for more in-person worship and for funerals, as well as his work.

Thank you to Larry Cornelius for his six years of work on the Peace Meal project.

Thank you to Bill Scoopmire and Becky McCoy Brewer for their beautiful transmission of the ordination of the Rev. Shig Goodlow despite multiple challenges and obstacles.