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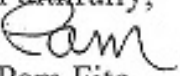
Your vestry has been very busy lately! We have supply priests lined up for December, January and most of February. Hopefully we will have an interim in place around that time. We should be meeting with Sarah Sartain, Diocesan Search Coordinator, this week or next. She will give us the guidelines we are to follow in the weeks and months ahead.

After meeting with Sarah, we plan to set up a page on our Grace Church website modeled on the one from St. John's Decatur to communicate with the parish so that everyone will know where we are in the process at all times! Their site is: <https://stjohnsdecatur.dioala.org/rector-search.html> should you want a sneak peek of what to expect.

The stewardship team has been busy sending out pledge cards and, as of the December 2 deadline, we have had a good response though there are still several cards out. Without knowing what our giving will be, it is very difficult to plan a budget for the upcoming year. Your vestry person will be touching base with you soon if you have not turned in your card.

Also, in November the vestry voted to reduce the number of members from twelve to nine effective in 2019. This has been discussed for the past few years, but as our average attendance continues to decline we thought this a good time to make the change.

Please feel free to contact me or your vestry representative at any time if you have questions or concerns.

Faithfully,

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Senior Warden