



**Priest-in-charge
Report to the vestry for
Wednesday, June 28, 2023, 7:00PM**

Family Promise

Family Promise is now moving in. We have not (as of this writing) signed the building use agreement. Barb Mannor's niece is the only attorney we have found willing to review the agreement.

Communities First:

Regarding the Communities First/Consumers Power Easement request, I have spoken to both Bishop Singh and Bill Fleener regarding the process. Both said to have the congregation vote prior to requesting diocesan approval.

Let me be clear that while it is unlikely that I will vote on the decision, I **do not** support the request. These are my reasons:

1. I do not believe there is support for the proposal in the congregation.
2. I believe the special meeting need to approve the easement will have a decisive effect on the congregation.
3. Although Communities First has said that they have no intention of selling the building in the future, there is nothing that could prevent this from happening.
4. I am concerned that the demolition of our parking lot could have a detrimental effect on it.
5. Although Communities First has said that the savings they would enjoy would be over a "hundred thousand dollars", we have nothing in writing to support this.
6. The easement would restrict our ability to build on the property forever. This includes the possible need we may have of fencing off the parking lot. The eventual use of the Masonic Temple will likely add pressure to our already stressed parking situation.

Please understand that I have considered this proposal at length and I do not reach this decision lightly.

Building Keys:

George has an application form available for anyone requesting keys to the building. The forms are in the copy room.

Pride Day

Our 2nd annual Pride Day service was a success. The pride day table seems like a great way of getting our name out into the community.

As always, it is a great privilege to serve as the priest at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. I consider it a great blessing.

God's peace,

Tom+