

## Who to contact:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>	<u>Vestry Liaison</u>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>		
E-News	Carole Reilly	Sue Coyne Jae Picard
Website		
Calendar	Carole Reilly	
Building Issues		Bill Sprows & Gordon O'Reilly
<b>WORSHIP</b>		
Weekly Bulletin	Carole Reilly	Rev. Liz
Worship Services	Bishop Bud, Rev. Liz, Rev. Claude Sean Glennon, Karen Troupe	
<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>		
Breakfasts		Susannah Leslie
Coffee Hour	Tracey Sprows	
Socials/ BBQ	Bob Shaw & Company	
<b>PASTORAL CARE</b>		
Pastoral Care	Rev. Claude	Rev. Liz
<b>OUTREACH</b>		
Rosie's Day	Jody Wood	Sherry Long Sherry Long
Food Pantry		Jae Picard
Summer Garden	Amanda Gilmour & Dave Nickerson	
<b>FUNDRAISING</b>		
Stewardship		Tracey Sprows & Jae Picard
Gillette Stadium	Dianne Nicol	Deb Ulich
Christmas Fair	Dianne Nicol	
Cookie Sale		Rev. Liz
<b>CHRISTIAN FORMATION</b>		
Church School	Aimee Sears Sutton	Michelle Joyce
Confirmation	Rev. Liz	

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# F.A.Q.

## about Ama Beth's Sabbatical and who is in charge of what

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### WHAT IS A SABBATICAL?

It is extended time for the rector to spend apart from the parish for spiritual and sometimes physical renewal. The life of a priest is pretty much 24/7. Unless we arrange for coverage during vacation time we are on call/ on duty all the time. Most professions do not provide for sabbatical time; something which really should be changed as people would be healthier. Most dioceses recommend that a priest take sabbatical time every 5 years. This will be my first in 13 years. This time away enables us to reflect, to reconnect with God in deeper ways and to return refreshed with perhaps a different perspective.

### HOW WILL THE CHURCH PAY FOR THIS?

Fortunately, our parish has received funds every year for my time as the dean. Rather than having me receive the funds or have them go to the operating budget we have set them aside to use for this very purpose so there will be no budget impact on the parish for the sabbatical.

### WHO WILL BE HERE FOR SUNDAY SERVICES?

Bishop Bud is going to be covering the Sunday services and occasionally Rev. Claude will fill when Bishop Bud is away or Rev. Liz will lead morning prayer.

### WHAT IS THE TIMING?

Ama Beth will be away from July 1- October 31, some of which will be vacation time. Bishop Bud will have his first service on July 5th and will be here through the end of October. Ama Beth's first Sunday back will be Nov. 1 All Saint's Sunday.

### WHAT ABOUT OUR ACTIVITIES AND MINISTRIES?

The beauty of sabbatical as it is also a time for the parish to try new events, stop ones that do not seem like they are meeting the needs. This sabbatical comes at an important juncture in our life. As we have moved to a part time clergy, we need to develop a plan going forward, identifying the activities and ministries that are vital and those which do not serve us well. The sabbatical time will enable the parish to refocus its energies also. It will be a time to take risks, have some fun!

### WHAT HAPPENS IN AN EMERGENCY?

Both Bishop Bud and Rev. Claude will be available. It will be best to call the office 781-826-2062 and the message will give the emergency contact. Both Rev. Claude and Bishop Bud will be able to handle any funerals.

### WILL AMA BETH BE IN CONTACT WITH THE PARISH?

One of the hardest challenges in this sabbatical time is separating from the church in all ways. That means I won't be posting on Facebook or taking calls or e mails.

It will feel weird for me and for you too.

### WHAT WILL AMA BETH DO ON SABBATICAL?

The answer varies from priest to priest. I will take a retreat in Stockbridge at the beginning, then have quite a long space and will work on painting the shed and having a vegetable garden (our first ever of a real garden). I find tending the garden to be very spiritual and my discipline is to journal every day. This is no easy feat for me since I find it challenging to write. Dave and I will do some traveling in Italy and beyond, and I will also go on a Mission Trip to El Salvador. I will have lots of time to connect with God in many ways.