

All the folks involved in Homecoming planning,

I'll be out of town on business from early Tuesday through late Saturday, arriving back in town about 9:30pm Saturday night. So I thought it would be good to email an update on Homecoming planning before I go out of town.

I think things are in good shape. If anything urgent comes up, please email each other, but don't wait for me to decide something since I will probably only check email twice a day while I'm on the east coast.

Caryn has the timeline up on the walls in the parish hall. 2002-2005. Each year is in a separate 'bay' of the PH walls. Special thanks to JM for doing all the "discovery" of important milestones. The idea is to encourage people to write on the timeline to add their own events (kids write their birthdays, etc.). Special thick paper was used so the walls will not get anything new on them...!

John will add the "photo cards" from 2002-2005 above and below the timeline, on Sunday morning (I'll be on east coast time anyway, so will be up early!).

John will set up the DVD slideshow (262 slides, 13 minutes) on Sunday morning on the TV that Kevin will put in the Parish Hall. Kathy is in the most slides (Stanley gets second place; I don't know how that happened...:)

Jake and Diane will arrange for food; finger food. We are assuming a good turnout for this, since our incoming rector will be on hand. Will JM please make him a nametag? (Also for his wife if she will be there.)

Jake will arrange for tables and chairs for some seating for those who need to sit. The idea is to encourage milling around. The tables and chairs will be away from the walls so we don't get a traffic flow problem with the timeline (you have to get close to it to read it; there's lots of stuff on it!).

Jake will arrange for the sound system, which is needed by the musicians.

Joe, Mary, Margaret and Jim will be the musicians; they will get us having fun (they will sing, and there will be some singalong too) shortly after most folks have gotten some food (we sing better with our mouths full, right?). They will use the piano in the fireplace room, so that's where the sound system should be.

Caryn arranged with Alex for the youth group to provide some "leadership" to get us into the Parish Hall. I think Alex and Kathy have talked about what will work as a transition to the All Saints' Day service.

Caryn designed the postcards. I printed them (well, Kinkos did). Jeff put the stamps and labels on. Jeff and I wrote messages on almost every one. Almost every card included a message like "come and meet our new rector, Ian Montgomery." The "drift away" and "out of town" cards were mailed on Saturday. All others will be mailed today. Some

of you will get them today, some Tuesday or Wednesday. CAS, service leaflet, after-service announcements were made as well.

My thanks to all for pulling this "first annual" new idea together. And for doing it without but one face-to-face meeting of the planning team. I hope that worked for all who are participating in bringing this event to life.

Anything else?

John

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Jake followed up with this:

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All: I spoke with Laura Biche, Diane and others yesterday. Here is a rundown on set-up and food.

Set-up: Microphone will be set up so that the singers, performers, and speakers can stand at the front of the fireplace room facing out into the Parish Hall. A few tables will be set up with chairs for those who do need seating, but otherwise people be encouraged to mingle. Tables will have flowers.

Food: We are buying for 100 people. The menu includes:

Donuts- Diane Frankel (3 dozen)

Bagels with Lochs and cream cheese- Laura buying at Costco.

Mixed fruit- sliced so that people can be easily mobile (Jake) (and Jeff offered last night to buy some too!)

Coffee, Real Juices (Orange and one other).

Sheet cake- White cake with custard filling with message "Welcome Ian and Diane."

Note: The sheet cake will likely be saved for serving at the post service hospitality time.

I will be at the church at 8 am Sunday getting coffee going and doing set-up. (Probably set up the few table Sat. pm.)

The timeline is a wonderful and interesting attraction Caryn! I think particularly timely since Father Montgomery will be with us for the first time. Obviously no chairs or tables will be set up to impede access to viewing them. Let me know of any other suggestions. Jake