

The Thanksgiving Prayer graphic features a light green background with several large, stylized autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and green scattered around the text. The title "THANKSGIVING PRAYER" is written in large, bold, brown capital letters. Below the title, the prayer text is centered in a black, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the word "Amen" is written in a brown, cursive font, and "THE GRACEFUL CHAPTER" is written in a smaller, brown, sans-serif font.

**THANKSGIVING  
PRAYER**

Our Heavenly Father,  
We are thankful for all Your blessings,  
goodness and mercy on us.

We are thankful for all the people in  
our lives who make our life meaningful  
and beautiful. Thank You for watching  
over us and getting us all here safely.  
Let Your blessings be upon everyone  
here today. May we be protected and  
all our prayers be answered.

In Jesus mighty name.

*Amen*

THE GRACEFUL CHAPTER

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## FROM FATHER TED



**Moment by moment**, with every decision and interaction, we are building our future. Our hope is to build a new tomorrow that includes everyone. But, the only way to build a future that works for everyone is to include everyone's voice. Sometimes we will hear information and viewpoints which make us uncomfortable. But, in challenging times we have to look beyond the comfortable answers. Your voice is needed to write a new chapter at St. Philip's Church and prepare to call a new Rector. This is a process in which we will have to move step by step to do it right.

**The first step**, is gathering everyone's input through the Holy Cow Assessment. On October 25, an email was sent to our membership with a link to this 12-15 minute online survey. You can complete the online survey at home. For those who want help with the technical aspects, you can schedule a time to use a church laptop to complete the survey at church. The survey is also available in hard copy at the church office for those who prefer to work with paper and pencil. Active adult members (ages 18+) are encouraged to complete this anonymous survey to provide a picture of St. Philip's Church that includes as many voices as possible. Please complete the survey by yourself and refrain from discussing its questions until after November 17. We want everyone's responses to be their own and not influenced by others. The anonymous survey format treats everyone's answers equally and allows each person's voice to carry the same weight. We can't build a future that includes everyone, if we don't hear their voice. The online version of the survey is open from October 25 to November 16. The paper version is open from October 25 to November 15. The anonymous paper version will have to be entered into the online format by volunteers by the 16th, so it needs to be returned to the office by the 15th. Four email reminders to complete the survey will be sent every few days until the survey deadline. As the survey is anonymous these reminders will be sent to everyone even if survey has been completed.

**Other steps will follow** this vital first step. A link to an online application to serve on the Rector Search Committee will be emailed on November 15th with paper applications available in the office. All positions on this committee are open. Every adult parish member (18+) who is regular in attendance, participation, and financial support of the parish is invited to apply. Five to seven members, representing the diversity of our parish, will be selected by the Vestry to serve on the Search Committee. Their job description will be published in detail prior to the posting of the application and included on the application. Their primary responsibility is to solicit and vet 3 to 5 good candidates for St. Philip's next Rector. Selection of the next Rector will be made by the Vestry.

**For more information regarding the Rector Search see:** Rector Search Page on our Website, Each Newsletter, Parish Emails.

Blessings

Fr. Ted+

## FROM DEACON CAROL



### **Advent Offerings**

I have used many of the materials from Living Compass's over the years and, this Advent, I am pleased to offer a four-week program Living Well Through Advent: Practicing Wonder with all your Heart, Soul, Strength and Mind. The Rev. Scott Stoner, founder of Living Compass says, "Wonder invites us to pay attention to the Sacred that is present in every moment. To practice wonder is to be curious and open to the movement of the Spirit. It is an essential practice this time of the year when culture puts many demands on us, wanting us to complicate our lives by doing more, buying more, eating more, etc." There will be two opportunities to participate: a four-week in-person class starting Tuesday November 28 from 6-7pm and an on-line Zoom class on four Thursday evenings (also 6-7 pm) starting Thursday November 30th. You will find sign-up sheets for both the Zoom and in-person classes in the parish hall. When you sign-up be sure to pick up the Advent booklet we will be using as our guide. Let's go on an Advent journey and embrace the season by praying and reflecting together as we await the coming of our Lord.

### **Outreach**

We have started preparing and serving a once-a-month, fourth Thursday evening meal at Watered Gardens. Our first meal was October 26th (we had not yet served at the time of this writing). Each month, in the parish hall, there will be sign-up sheets for those who would like to 1) help prepare the meal and 2) another for those who would like to help serve the meal. While WOSP has kindly offered to take the lead in October, ANYONE in the church can help with this – on any given month. Stay tuned for information the upcoming November meal service.

We are formalizing our partnership with RAISE (Refugee And Immigrant Services and Education). We have had two training sessions so far and are putting together a Welcome Team to assist a new refugee family when they arrive in Joplin. We also have parish members that are interested in assisting with ESL as well. If you want to get involved it's not too late and will be still other opportunities, we could explore such as youth coaching, donating household goods, and a possible new music initiative!

Lastly, WOSP is coordinating our November Outreach Activity of the Month - collecting hats, gloves, and scarves for the needy. There will be a collection bin in the parish hall starting Nov.1.

Our next Outreach planning meeting is Sunday November 12 after the church service

### **Garden & Grounds**

With the completion of the foundation work, we now need to come back together and discuss what we as parish members might be able to accomplish and what we need a paid professional landscaper to do so that we can present a plan to the vestry for their approval. Please plan to attend this next important meeting on Sunday November 5 after the church service.

My shoulder continues to heal and I'm so thankful for all your well wishes and prayers. Many Blessings to All of You, Deacon Carol

# NEWS BRIEFS

## NEWS FROM WOSP – WOMENS OF ST. PHILIP’S

WOSP is the local St. Philip’s group of the National Episcopal Church Women, ECW. The ECW champions women’s rights and the Christian Foundation of God and Family. We are a ministry of the Episcopal Church. **All women in St. Philip’s are members of WOSP and all are invited and welcome to attend meetings and participate in planning events and outreach projects.**

## FALL FESTIVAL – COMING VERY SOON

**Date: Saturday, November 11, 2023 Time: 9AM to 2PM**

**Location: St. Philip’s Parish Hall**



Each year, the Women of St. Philip’s (WOSP) host a fall bazaar. The money raised at the bazaar supports community outreach. Examples of previous recipients include Watered Gardens, Souls Harbor, Community Clinic, Lafayette House, and MSSU Food Pantry.

**Please come join us this year for the fellowship! We need volunteers to sign up in several categories so please know each of you are welcome and needed!** There are opportunities for both women and men plus youth of St. Philip’s to participate for making the 2023 Fall Bazaar an excellent success! Come sign up in the Parish Hall for one or more of these opportunities: set up for the Bazaar, clean up after the Bazaar, make a soup or chili, make a dessert specifically for the luncheon, help serve in the kitchen, be a vendor and show off your talent(s), put together a gift basket, bake a sweet or sugar free treat for the bake shop, and cash donations are always appreciated.

The Committee Members for the 2023 Fall Bazaar are: Kerri Rea, Theresa Petty, Ramona Shields and Phyllis Sapp. Listed below are the individuals that will chair areas of the bazaar: Gayle O’Hare = Kitchen, Melissa Braun = Bake Sale, Phyllis Sapp and Rose Paul = Luncheon Desserts, Kerri Rae and Theresa Petty = Vendors, Michael Fick = Youth Area and Nancy Messick = Advertising.

There will be a soup and chili luncheon served that will include a dessert plus ice tea for a very good buy at \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 12 and under. Veterans will eat free and vendors receive a complimentary lunch. Vendors will pay \$25.00 per table and will need to obtain a City of Joplin license costing \$5.00. St. Philip’s Youth will be selling popcorn. There will be a cash drawing (\$1.00 per ticket) and tickets will be sold for chances to win gift baskets. Examples include: Spa, Wine and Cheese, Holiday Sparkles, Momma and Baby, Coffee and Tea, and Tool Time (Kitchen and Garden).



## **FOR THOSE HELPING WITH THE FESTIVAL - PLEASE COME HELP!!**

- Please come on Friday, November 10th at 9:00AM to help set up for Saturday.
- It would be appreciated if baked goods could be brought in on Friday morning.
- Someone will be at the parish hall on Friday evening from 5PM – 7PM for vendors who want to set up prior to Saturday.
- Someone will be at the parish hall on Saturday morning at 7AM
- The bazaar is from 9AM – 2PM
- Muffins and coffee will be available in the morning.
- Lunch is served between 11AM and 2PM

## **WHAT IN THE HECK IS WOSP?**

**Submitted by Gail Campbell (co-president of WOSP)**

WOSP stands for Women of St Philips. Did you know every woman attending St. Philips is a member of WOSP?

The WOSP team has been very active in our church for many years. It's a very busy group. The main objectives are to meet the needs of St. Philips that aren't usually included in the budget and to do outreach projects in the community.

Looking back at the history of WOSP I think everyone would be surprised the contributions that have been made. These are just some of them as follows: red awnings, warming drawers in the kitchen, white tables, tablecloths, bookcases, flooring for Sunday School rooms, blinds for the Parish Hall, furniture and flooring for St. Margaret's, garbage disposal, and card tables. WOSP also contributed to the seminary expenses of a parishioner.

The outreach activities over the years include dental expenses for a parishioner, Rapha House, Aspire, Gods Resort, Loving Grace, West Central partnership, Crosslines, Habitat House, Children's Center, Souls Harbor, Lafayette House, Center for Autism, Salvation Army, Community Clinic, Humane Society, Joplin Schools, MSSU food bank, money for student needs and Christmas Gifts for students and the elderly.

So, if you have wondered what the Women of St. Philips do in their free time please come and join us and assist them to continue Gods Work!



## ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI AND BLESSING OF ANIMALS – OCTOBER 1ST

October 1<sup>st</sup> was St. Francis of Assisi day and several parishioners and their pets (either physically present or virtually with a picture) met in the parish hall where their pets received a special blessing. All 2-leggeds and 4-leggeds were well-behaved.



## DINNER SERVED AT WATERED GARDENS – OCTOBER 25TH

St. Philip's served our first dinner at Watered Gardens on Thursday night, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Watch for opportunities to help cook dinner or serve dinner as we will be serving a meal monthly.



## TAYLOR SWIFT BINGO NIGHT - OCTOBER 11th

Our parish hall was alive, and loud, and a little crazy on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bingo night featuring Taylor Swift music, pizza for dinner and a fun game of Bingo. Blake Webster did a phenomenal job of calling the numbers, as the players tried to get a "T" on their cards to win. Not to suggest there was anything amiss, but it was noticeable that the entire Webster clan won prizes that night! Well, actually most everyone won because we had to play until Andy Campbell and Deacon Carol could present winning cards! It was a great night for all who attended and so exciting to see all ages participating. Please join in the fun on the next Bingo night scheduled for Wednesday evening, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Dinner starts after the 5:30 service, Bingo starts about 6PM and it winds down by about 7:15. EVERYONE is welcome!



## SUNDAY ADULT FORUM – NEXT SUBJECT – HEALTHY CHURCHES

The Sunday adult forum recently finished up on the subject of forgiveness. Those in attendance agreed that it was very good information and helpful in their personal situations. The current subject is what makes a healthy church. The subject is very timely as we soon begin the search process for a new rector. We want to ensure we are working well together and striving for common goals. Please join the Sunday Adult Forums at 9AM before Sunday services. Everyone is welcome.

## MINISTRY MOMENTS

Last month, prior to the peace, our vestry members began sharing a Ministry Moment with the congregation. Maria Dermott shared her experiences with St. Ann's Altar Guild. Andy Campbell shared what working to preserve our building has meant to him. Judy Turner shared what being a Eucharistic Minister has meant to her. The ministry moment is a brief moment when parishioners share or highlight a ministry they do at St. Philip's Church and how it blesses them and serves our mission. The vestry has stepped up to be first to share, but the opportunity is available for any who would like to participate.



What is your Ministry Moment? We want you to tell your story. It only takes a moment to tell and you're sharing it with your friends at church. Contact Maria Dermott at [mpdermott@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mpdermott@sbcglobal.net) to sign up for sharing your Ministry Moment. We'd love to hear from you.

## STAY HEALTHY

Cold & flu season is right around the corner. So ... now is a good time to review simple steps we all can take to keep healthy. First, remember to keep your hands clean! Wash your hands often, use hand sanitizer, avoid directly touching things like doorknobs (use your shirt hem instead) – and try not to touch your face. Eat healthy; lots of fruits and vegetables, lean proteins, and whole grains. Manage stress, get a good night's sleep, drink lots of water, and drink alcohol in moderation - if at all. Visit with your health care provider about immunizations for flu, COVID and RSV. People over the age of 65 &/or folks of any age with compromised immune systems or other co-morbidities (heart, lung, kidney, liver disease, diabetes, etc.) are especially at risk of developing life-threatening respiratory illnesses. Stay home if you are sick or think you are about to become sick. We are most contagious 1-2 days before we develop defined symptoms as well as the first few days of illness. You can order free COVID tests from the government again; you might want to have a few on hand. Recent research has also shed some light on why people get sicker with respiratory illnesses in the colder months. It's because exposure to cold air decreases the disease-fighting cells in your nose, throat, etc. by 50%. So, wearing a medical grade mask not only helps keep you from spreading germs and preventing you from inhaling germs, but it is also like wearing a little sweater over your mouth and nose to keep the air you breath warmer ;-). Don't be afraid to wear a mask if you feel you need one! Remember, these simple steps can make a big difference toward keeping you and those you love healthier over the coming holiday season!



Blessings, Deacon Carol (retired nurse)



## ALL SAINTS' DAY – NECROLOGY FORMS DUE NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

All Saints' Day commemorates all saints, known and unknown, on November 1. Traditionally we read a Necrology of our friends and family during the Holy Eucharist on All Saints Sunday. Please complete the form below and turn it into the parish office if you wish to have friends and family member remembered at the altar of St. Philip's on All Saints Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

### All Saints Remembered

It is again that time of year when we specifically remember our loved ones who have gone on to glory.

Deadline for inclusion of names on list will be Wednesday,  
November 1st 1:00 p.m.

If you wish to have your loved one's name printed and mentioned in our service on November 5, 2023 for All Saints' Sunday. Please give us your name \_\_\_\_\_ and your phone number \_\_\_\_\_ and list your names here [Please write legibly...and if the name has an unusual pronunciation, please give us that information also].

Turn this form into the office by putting it in the secretary's mailbox just outside the parish office or in the offering plate or email [saintphilips706@gmail.com] to the parish office (be sure to put All Saints' list in the subject line).

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## RAISE – AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUTREACH

DEACON CAROL

Friends: So far four (4) people have gone on-line to the RAISE link and registered. Please, if you are interested in participating in the RAISE initiative, please fill this out right away (see links below) so that we can have an adequate team identified/available when a family comes available. You can still register even if you did not attend the cultural competency training on 10/15 (we can get you caught up at a later date). Please call me if you have problems registering or have any concerns or questions. CP



Here is the form they are asking each of us to fill out to get the process started. The general volunteer form with the background check and HIPPA training: <https://forms.gle/i9A67HKGcS9ginsB8> .

If you're more interested in working with ESL program of child care this form is better to fill out: <https://forms.gle/9Xg5dsvGijWrJAxB8>.

## PARISH HOUSE FOUNDATION STABILIZATION

Wall cracks discovered in Summer 2023 indicated settling of the foundation of our Parish House. These cracks appear to be related to ground subsidence which is likely due to the drought conditions of the last couple of years. Jr. Warden, Andrew Campbell, pursued inspection of the damage and bids from different contractors. The consensus was that damage was in the beginning stages in which stabilization of the structure with piers would prevent further significant damage. Foundation Recovery Systems (FRS) won the bid and completed the work during the second week of October. A trench was dug around the building and steel piers were driven down as far as 14 feet to anchor to bedrock. The steel piers were then filled with concrete. The work contract includes placement of steel markers which will be monitored yearly, and as requested, for any further movement. A warranty of the work is in place and remediation, if needed, will be covered.

Work on the south side of the Parish House required removal and replacement of the building sewer line. As the work came to an end, FRS informed us that the sewer line beyond their excavation work was compromised. This required us to seek bids from 3 plumbers to remediate the problem and restore sewer service to the Parish House restrooms and kitchen. At the time of writing, Parish House Restrooms and Kitchen are closed as we await the final bid before proceeding with repairs.

Work on the north side of the Parish House was preceded by removal of the cremated remains of those buried in our outside columbarium. Fr. Estes used email and mail to contact next of kin about removal of remains prior to the work excavations. He also scheduled an informational meeting for family members. Mennonite workmen were contracted to remove the ashes which were reverently collected. The remains are stored securely in Fr. Estes' office. Remains will be reburied once the area has been re-landscaped and new grave markers are ready to be placed over the burials.



## SEARCH PROCESS UPDATE

### HOLY COW ON-LINE SURVEY

St. Philip's Vestry is working with Holy Cow Consulting to help us plan our future. Holy Cow specializes in doing survey research with individual parishes. This research will help us develop a clear picture of who we are and what direction we are heading. This information will be used to create our Parish Profile which forms part of our Rector Search documents.

Holy Cow's Survey is the Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT for short). The CAT will provide key indicators of our congregational health along with areas of challenge and potential growth. Your participation in completing the CAT will help us collect and understand the range of views that exist at St. Philip's Church and the possibilities, willingness, capacity and energy for moving our ministry forward into the future.

#### How Can You Help?

##### Complete the Survey!

- Wednesday, Oct. 25, at 8am an email with a LINK to the online CAT survey was sent to all active adult members who have given us their current email
- If your household uses only one email address, it may be tempting to complete one survey for everyone. HOWEVER, it is important that each adult (16+ years) should complete the survey.
- Each adult should complete the survey by themselves so that we get the most complete picture.
- HOUSEHOLD DATA section (items 79-85) If there are more than one adult in the household, please note that the Household Data questions (79-85) should be answered only once for each household. Decide in advance who will answer them.
- **Online CAT surveys are due on Nov. 16. The Link will be inactive on Nov. 17.**
- **Don't Get the EMAIL?** If you don't receive an email from us on that date, call the office and have Ms. Siers send you the link.
- The surveys are anonymous

##### WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE OR USE EMAIL?

- **HARD COPIES** of the survey will be available at the Church office beginning on Oct. 25 with an envelope to return the completed form. No names on the form, please.
  - These anonymous forms will be entered into the database for you
  - **Hardcopy surveys are due 1 day earlier** and must be completed and at the Church office by close of business on **Nov. 15.**
  - Most people find it is easier to answer on a computer instead of the paper form. See how we can help below.
  - **LAPTOPS & HELP AT CHURCH** Laptops will be available at church with volunteers who can assist you in taking the Survey online. Once you are up and running it is very simple to complete. Please schedule a time to complete your survey by calling Ms. Siers at the church office.
  - Laptop Lab is available to complete your survey on Wednesdays or on other days by appointment
- QUESTIONS about CAT? Contact Judy Turner.

##### NEXT STEPS

- Rector Search Committee will be selected after the Holy Cow Survey is complete and results have been received.
- A link to an online application to serve on the Search Committee will be sent out by November 15.

## VESTRY CANDIDATES NEEDED FOR 2024

Candidates for 2 vestry positions are needed to replace Phil Metz and Blake Webster whose terms end at our next Annual Meeting on January 21, 2024. Our 7 vestry members are elected to share with the rector the responsibility for oversight of parish life and ministry. Terms of service are for 3 years. Please consider offering your service to our parish as a new vestry member. Election will be at the January 21, 2024 Annual Meeting. Candidate Forms will be available in the office on November 1, 2023.



The basic responsibilities of the vestry include:

- Helping to define and articulate the mission of the congregation
- Supporting the mission by word and deed
- Ensuring effective organization and planning
- Managing resources and finances
  - They offer their own talents to support the church's mission
  - Pray daily for the rector, leaders, and members of the church
  - Pledge financial support early in the Stewardship Campaign
  - Are active in their own ministries as Christians in daily life

Qualifications for serving on the Vestry

- Baptized member of the congregation for at least 1 year
- 18+ years of age
- Regular participation in worship and the life of the parish
- Regular verifiable financial contributor to the parish

## BUILDING OUR FUTURE: MOMENT BY MOMENT, STEP BY STEP STEWARDSHIP

Our fundraising theme for 2024 is Building Our Future: Moment by Moment, Step by Step. Our parish life is created by decisions and actions in the moment that build up our life in Christ. The past year has seen us take many steps following where Jesus leads us to grow, serve, give and attend. Each Sunday we hear different members share their Ministry Moment in which they describe how they follow where Christ leads. As we prepare for a new year of mission and ministry in 2024, please pray for God's guidance in how you will attend, grow, serve, and give in the coming year. Consider using this prayer as you consider how you will respond generously to God's call.

Abundant God, you made us in your image and breathed in us a spirit of generosity that is both gift and response. Move us, we pray, to give as we have received—abundantly, generously, and joyfully that our common ministry may ever bear witness to your unfailing grace. In the name of the Three in whom we are One, Amen.



# ABOUT OUR YOUTH

The Annual Bonfire at the O'Hares was held on Sunday evening, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. See the fun that was had by all.







- **November 5<sup>th</sup> is All Saints Sunday -**
  - **UTO Sunday**
  - **Blankets will be blessed prior to donating**
  
- **November 11<sup>th</sup> – FALL BAZAAR – 9AM – 2PM – SET-UP ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**
  - Please come on Friday, November 10th at 9:00AM to help set up for Saturday.
  - It would be appreciated if baked goods could be brought in on Friday morning.
  - Someone will be at the parish hall on Friday evening from 5PM – 7PM for vendors who want to set up prior to Saturday.
  - Someone will be at the parish hall on Saturday morning at 7AM
  
- **November 16<sup>th</sup> – Holy Cow On-Line surveys are due - see email or article in this newsletter for mor details.**
  
- **Watch the St Philip’s website for more details on the search process timeline.**
  
- **Sanctuary Candles** burn in the sanctuary all week and are exchanged each Saturday by the altar guild. Because the candle does not burn completely, the glass cannot be recycled. If you would like to one or more of these partially burned candles, please let an altar guild member know.
  
- **New Website! – is up and running! – [www.stphilipsjoplin.com](http://www.stphilipsjoplin.com) - Check out the new website – and notice that there is a tab dedicated to the rector search.**



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**A HUGE thank you to our counters, Rose Paul, Gail Campbell, Gayle O’Hare, Gayle Tuck, Ramona Shields, Judy Turner, Ann Turney, Miff Dikeman, and Carolyn Wiggans who substitutes when asked. These ladies volunteer to count the donations that are collected each Sunday so they can be deposited in the bank.**



# CELEBRATIONS!

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- |                    |                        |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| 2 Audrea Beeler    | 19 Josalynn Bella King |
| 3 Sandy Blackford  | 20 Katie Bacon         |
| 3 Bo Hutchinson    | 21 Tom Isenmann        |
| 4 Kenny Braun      | 22 Logan Stanley       |
| 5 Leo Farmer       | 22 Eric Waggoner       |
| 6 Katie Lile Lewis | 27 Lily Zinn           |
| 6 Dyanne Lile      | 27 Nicolas A Smith     |
| 10 Stacy Turney    | 27 Joey Braun          |
| 14 John Emmert     | 29 Andrea Larson       |
| 15 Brenner Kumbier | 30 Stephanie Kumbier   |
| 18 Clay Turney     |                        |



## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Clay and Stacy Turney
- 7 Ted and Melinda Estes
- 15 Ivan and Kerri Rea
- 23 Craig and Gail Campbell
- 29 Alex and Cindy Curchin



### Altar Flowers

#### November 5<sup>th</sup>

- The high altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Kaie and Wayne Stephenson in memory of Scott Shilkett's birthday.

#### November 12<sup>th</sup>

- The high altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Ann Turney in memory of George Kunkle.

#### November 19<sup>th</sup>

- The high altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Lyter Isenmann in honor of Tom Isenmann's birthday.

#### November 26<sup>th</sup>

- The high altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Craig and Gail Campbell in honor of their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- The children's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Vicky Cleveland in honor of Allen Cleveland's birthday.

### Flower Dedications

To honor, celebrate, or remember your loved one, we provide an opportunity to put flowers on the altar each Sunday. These are ordered by Maria Dermott and will be billed directly to you by The Wildflower.

You may also dedicate the sanctuary candle for \$10.

A flower chart is posted in the parish hall listing each Sunday. You can browse through and find your special day. Just put your name and notation there. We will take care of the rest.

Donated flowers are gifts to the church. Typically, the children's altar flowers are relocated to St. James chapel for mid-week services. If you have a request for who should receive your donated high altar flowers, please note the chart. If there is no written request, they will be donated to someone who can enjoy the blooms.





**To put a name on the PRAYER CHAIN....** Please call Nancy Messick on her cell phone. We will pray for each of the names on the list. Names are kept confidential. The PRAYER CHAIN IS different from the announced prayer list (see below).

**Pray for Members of our Military**

Nick Grady, Travis Hutchinson, Adam Lewis, Josh Linn, Joel Nowlin, Zach Sutton

**Pray for our Joe, our President; Mike, our Governor; Ryan, our Mayor**

**Pray for: 75<sup>th</sup> Military Police Companies United States Army Reserve, The Joplin National Guard Armory, and their family members as well as Past and Present Veterans**

**Pray for First Responders, Fire Fighters, EMS, Health Workers**

**Pray for those who are sick (announced) \*\*\***

Hailey Burge, Jim Collins, Fr. Ted Estes, Matt Fick, Jeff Green, Christin Kamees, Bethanie Knoll, Matthew Law, Sarah and Piper Mareth, Phil Metz, Deacon Carol Peterson, Doug Olinyk, Linda Salzer, Andrea White, Kathy Yeaman, Clara, Peyton, Susan



**Pray for those who are in Elder Care or Assisted Living**

Nancy Jennings

**\*\*\* PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE SOMEONE TO ADD OR REMOVE FROM THE LIST. Help us keep the list up-to-date.**



# NOVEMBER 2023 – St. Philip’s Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>OCT 29</b>	<b>OCT 30</b>	<b>OCT 31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Proper 25</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Adult Forum <b>10:00AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:00AM</b> HE – Rite II <b>After Service</b> Costume Blessing & Pumpkin Carving after Church		<b>6:30PM</b> Choir Practice 	<b>5:30 PM</b> HE w/unction			<b>9AM – NOON</b> Ground and Garden work morning <b>9:30AM - 10:45AM</b> St. Ann’s 
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Proper 26</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Adult Forum <b>10:00 AM</b> HE – Rite II All Saints Sunday UTO Sunday Blanket Blessing <b>After Service</b> Garden & Grounds Planning Meeting		<b>6:30PM</b> Choir Practice	<b>5:30 PM</b> HE w/unction <b>6-7:15PM</b> Thankful Bingo and Dinner 		<b>9AM</b> Set up for Fall Bazaar – bring baked goods <b>5-7PM</b> Parish hall open for vendor set up	<b>FALL BAZAAR</b> <b>9AM – 2PM</b> 
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Proper 27</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Adult Forum <b>10:00AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:00AM</b> HE – Rite II <b>After Service</b> Outreach Meeting		<b>6:30PM</b> Choir Practice	<b>5:30 PM</b> HE w/unction			
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Proper 28</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Adult Forum <b>10:00AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:00AM</b> HE – Rite II <b>NOON</b> Vestry		<b>6:30PM</b> Choir Practice	<b>5:30 PM</b> HE w/unction Newsletter Deadline	<b>THANKSGIVING</b> <b>6PM</b> Serving dinner at Watered Gardens? 		
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>DEC 1</b>	<b>DEC 2</b>
<b>Proper 29</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Adult Forum <b>10:00AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:00AM</b> HE – Rite II		<b>6:30PM</b> Choir Practice	<b>5:30 PM</b> HE w/unction			

Diocesan Convention

Parish office closed

## Schedules for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Camera Streamers, Acolytes, Counters, Altar Guild, Ushers

*Please mark your calendar for the days you are to serve; If you have a conflict, please arrange to change with someone and then let the parish secretary know.*

October 29 Proper 25	November 5 Proper 26	November 12 Proper 27	November 19 Proper 28	November 26 Proper 29
<b>Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Camera Streamers – GAYLE TUCK, Coordinator</b>				
10AM – Youth Service EM – Alex Curchin	10AM – Nancy Messick EM – Gayle Tuck	10AM – John Moback EM – Michael DeGuerre	10AM – Jane Hoover EM – Alex Curchin	10AM – Pam Volkl EM – Sharrock Dermott
Camera – John Messick	Camera – John Messick	Camera – John Messick	Camera – John Messick	Camera – John Messick
<b>Wednesday Service – 5:30PM</b>				
<b>Wed, Nov 1</b> HE w/unction – TBD – Judy Turner	<b>Wed, Nov 8</b> HE w/unction – Ramona Shields	<b>Wed, Nov 15</b> HE w/unction - Harvey Hutchinson	<b>Wed, Nov 22</b> HE w/unction – Judy Turner	<b>Wed, Nov 29</b> HE w/unction – Harvey Hutchinson
<b>Counters – Parish Secretary, Coordinator</b>				
If any count team needs a replacement, feel free to contact Gay Currence or Judy Turner. They cannot count together -- only separately with another individual. Their numbers can be found in the Parish Directory or call the church office.				
Ramona Shields Judy Turner	Rose Paul Gayle O’Hare	Gayle Tuck Gail Campbell	Ann Turney Miff Dikeman	Ramona Shields Judy Turner
<b>Acolytes – Rebecca Fick, Coordinator</b>				
<b>Crucifer –</b> TBD <b>1<sup>st</sup> Server –</b> TBD <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Server –</b> TBD <b>Gospel Book –</b> TBD	<b>Crucifer –</b> Louisa Curchin <b>1<sup>st</sup> Server –</b> Braxton Schwab <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Server –</b> Landry Schwab <b>Gospel –</b> Alex Curchin	<b>Crucifer –</b> Micheal Fick <b>1<sup>st</sup> Server –</b> Brenner Kumbier <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Server –</b> Grey Kumbier <b>Gospel –</b> Sophia DeGuerre	<b>Crucifer –</b> Gaddie Stephenson <b>1<sup>st</sup> Server –</b> TBD <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Server –</b> Bodhi Webster <b>Gospel Book -</b> Beck Webster	<b>Crucifer –</b> George Webster <b>1<sup>st</sup> Server –</b> Lily Farmer <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Server –</b> Ben Webster <b>Gospel Book -</b> Leo Farmer
<b>Altar Crew – Cindy Curchin/Marilyn Johnston, Co-Directress</b>				
Gayle O’Hare – chief Gail Campbell Jacquie McConnell Rose Paul Marilyn Johnston June Davis	Nancy Messick – chief Melissa Braun Leslie Daniels Lyter Isenmann	Nancy Messick – chief Melissa Braun Leslie Daniels Lyter Isenmann	Nancy Messick – chief Melissa Braun Leslie Daniels Lyter Isenmann	Nancy Messick – chief Melissa Braun Leslie Daniels Lyter Isenmann
<b>Ushers – Andrew Campbell, Coordinator</b>				
Wayne Stephenson Harvey Hutchinson Andy Campbell	Harvey Hutchinson Andy Campbell Wayne Stephenson	Melissa Braun Blake Webster Phil O’Hare	Katie Bacon-Clark Jim Paul Andy Campbell	Wayne Stephenson Blake Webster Jim Paul

# FINANCIALS

## STEWARDSHIP - ST. PHILIP'S FINANCIAL INFORMATION

September 2023

Line #	SEPTEMBER	YTD
<b>ORDINARY INCOME</b>		
1 From Regular Support for Operations.....	\$ 14,362	\$ 141,711
2 Interest from Operating account.....	\$ 2	\$ 33
3 From Investments Used for Operations.....	\$ 16,199	\$ 28,699
4 Transfer from Endowment.....	\$ -	\$ -
5 Total Ordinary Income (add lines 1,2,3,4.....	\$ 30,563	\$ 171,121
<small>*\$678 from kitchen &amp; reception income</small>		
<b>ORDINARY EXPENSES</b>		
6 From Regular Monthly activities.....	\$ 25,893	\$ 201,861
7 Transferred to the Endowment Account (B/S item	\$ -	\$ -
8 Less Investments Used for Operations.....	\$ -	\$ -
9 NET PLEDGED INCOME (LOSS) [line 5 less lines 6,7,8] ..	\$ 4,670	\$ (30,740)



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# LET'S STAY CONNECTED – 2023 update

## **NEW** St. Philip's Website - [www.stphilipsjoplin.com](http://www.stphilipsjoplin.com)

The church website contains links to the church calendar, live-streamed services, and our other social media sites. The site also contains some lovely pictures of the biblical mural and the stained-glass windows. A donation button was added recently to allow online donation to the church by credit card.

### **New Website! – it's up and running!**

The Diocese of West Missouri is changing its web hosting platform, and all its churches including St Philip's will move to a new site hosted by the Diocese rather than a commercial provider. As a result, the look, feel and features of the website will change considerably. All the familiar information will be there, but the Communications, Digital Ministry and Social Media team will be looking at ways to improve and ways to add new features.

## St. Philip's on YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/@stphilipsjoplin>

Live streams - <https://www.youtube.com/@stphilipsjoplin/streams>



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Connect to the live stream - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBjRZSfuzB3UStCbTlxdTBQ/live>

Around a years' worth of recorded streams are kept on the site

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## St. Philip's on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/StPhilipsJoplin>

The church presence on Facebook. All Facebook users are encouraged to “like” the page if you haven’t already done so. Daily prayers, links to live streamed services and news from around the Episcopal Church, The Diocese of West Missouri and elsewhere.

You may be interested to know there is a discussion group called “Talk About St Philip’s” on Facebook too – the link is on the St. Philip’s Facebook page, and all the Facebook friends of St Philip’s are welcome to join.



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# MINUTES OF THE VESTRY

Vestry Meeting Minutes

**Sunday, September 17, 2023 12PM**

Attendees: Phil Metz, Andy Campbell, Blake Webster, Maria Dermott, Judy Turner, Chris Smiley, Calvin Cassady

Others: Fr. Ted Estes, Mindy Estes, Kim Siers

Fr Ted led the invocation. Blake Webster will lead invocation in October.

Agenda – Andy Campbell moved to adopt the agenda Calvin Cassady seconded. All in favor, no abstentions.

Last month's vestry minutes – Phil moved to accept minutes, Blake seconded. All in favor, one abstention due to absence from the meeting.

Treasurer's Report – August 2023 Notes & Changes Greater Than \$1,000

Balance Sheet:

1. Account #1110 SMB Checking Account down \$14,455.60 from July. Although overall contribution income was up from July by \$1,904, other expense accounts were also up, as explained below.
2. Account #1120 Stifel Investment up \$128.33 from July. Account #1130 Stifel Endowment down \$21,461.82 from July.
3. Account #3125 Service/Out 502 up \$1,076 from contributions.

Income Statement:

1. Account #4110 Pledge Payments up \$3,655.
2. Account #4115 Unpledged Donations down \$1,550.
3. Account #6010 Electric up \$1,533.22. There were two payments in August. One on 8/2/23 and one on 8/30/23.
4. Account #6140 Property Insurance up \$2,527.50.
5. Account #6100 Piano & Organ Repairs & Maintenance up \$1,229.
6. Account #6510 Lay Employee Wages up \$3,164.52. There were three pay days in August.
7. Account #5710 Income and Distributions down \$4,741.75 and Account #5720 Change Securities Value is down \$48,170.90, as there was a gain in this account in July and a loss in August.

Phil Metz moved to receive the financials Maria Dermott seconded. All in favor.

Calendar – Judy Turner moved to accept the calendar with additions Maria Dermott seconded. All in favor.

Addition: Foundation Repair 2nd week of October.

Jr. Warden Report – The Parish Hall foundation stabilization will require 39 instead of 35 Settlestop Push Piers. These will be included at no additional cost.

Repair of Bell Tower and Parapet tabled as we haven't received bid from the contractor, yet.

Sr. Warden Report – Phil will leave Tuesday, September 19, to go to KU Med Center for three days of testing. He returns on Friday. Monday, September 25, he will go back to KC to see the liver doctor.

Deacon's Report – See Attached Report

Rector's Report – See Attached Report

Suggestion Box – None

**Old Business:**

Holy Cow Assessment – has been paid for and will be tested by the Vestry members and then the survey will be provided to all adult members.

Memorial Gift-Refrigerator – Old one has been repaired -Maria will talk to Donor about possibly replacing the Freezer instead.

## **New Business:**

Building Use Request – Katie Bacon

Requested use of building for mom's play group 1st and 3rd Monday of the month.

Chris Smiley moved to approve Katie Bacon's Request for use the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month with the following conditions: a 60 trial period, use of parish hall, kitchen and bathrooms only, parent must accompany child to bathroom, rooms must be left in the condition in which they are found, mom's must sign a waiver, blackout days may occur when building cannot be used, a one-time cleaning deposit of \$25. Maria Dermott seconded. All in favor, one abstention.

Action Request – Maria Dermott/Fr. Ted Estes

Request funds to pay for flyers and other materials for our 2023-24 Stewardship Campaign

Judy Turner moved that we allocate up to \$600 for stewardship flyers and materials for the Fall portion of our 2023/24 Stewardship Campaign, Calvin Cassady seconded. All in favor.

Action Request – Ted Estes

Authorize payment to have ashes/cremains removed from the Garden Columbarium so that building foundation can be excavated and then to rebury ashes/cremains in the Garden Columbarium. Vestry had previously approved relocation but had not allocated funds.

Chris Smiley moved to authorize up to \$2000 from the Columbarium Fund to have ashes/cremains removed from Garden Columbarium so that building foundation can be excavated and then to rebury ashes/cremains in the Garden Columbarium, Andy Campbell seconded. All in favor.

Foundation repairs are scheduled for the second week in October, Relocation of remains is scheduled for the week of September 24th.

Action Request – Ted Estes

Ms. Carole Pryor requests, in a letter dated September 7, 2023, that St. Philip's Church purchase her columbarium space #N2 for the original price of \$375 as she has decided to be buried with her family in a cemetery.

Maria Dermott moved that St. Philip's Church purchase St. James Columbarium Space N2 from Ms. Carole Pryor for the original price of \$375 to be paid from the Columbarium Fund by October 30, 2023, Phil Metz seconded. All in favor.

Action Request – Judy Turner

Request that November 5th be UTO Sunday and information be published in Newsletter and Sunday bulletins.

Maria Dermott approved request to put in newsletter and bulletins Chris Smiley seconded. All in favor.

Fr Ted Estes also talked about a Ministry Moment. Just a brief statement, around 90 seconds long, in which members share about a ministry they do at St. Philip's Church. Ministry Moments will be shared on Sunday Mornings and in 90 second videos. Each vestry member signed up for a Sunday to give their moments.

Vestry Assignments: Sept 24th Blake, Oct 1st Maria, Oct 8th Andy, Oct 15th Phil, Oct 22nd Judy, Oct 29th Calvin and Nov 5th Chris.

Action Items:

- Maria will talk to Leslie about freezer
- Andy will get additional information on the Belfry
- Maria will find more Ministry Moment people
- Ted will come up with a Rector search prayer
- Vestry put together fundraising groups
- Phil & Blake will recruit candidates for upcoming vestry election – 2 people are needed
- Vestry will get loan/grant request ready to submit to the Diocese in January

Fr. Ted/Kim let Katie Bacon know request has been approved.

Respectfully Submitted

Kim Siers

Parish Secretary.

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**Interim Rector - Fr. Ted Estes**

**Deacon – Carol Peterson**

**Parish Secretary – Kim Siers**

**Newsletter Editor - Jacquie McConnell**

**Vestry Members:**

Sr. Warden – Phil Metz,

Jr. Warden – Andy Campbell

Blake Webster, Maria Dermott, Judy Turner, Calvin Cassady, Chris Smiley

**OUR MISSION...**

*is to worship God, follow Christ, and love our neighbor.*

**OUR VISION...**

*is to continue to build our community of faith, according to Christ's teachings, where all truly belong and are encouraged and enabled to participate in our mission.*

**Sunday: 9:00AM Adult Forum 10:00AM HE Rite II (also live-streamed)**

**Wednesday: 5:30PM HE/with unction**

**Secretary's Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday - 8:00AM - 2:00PM Friday - 8:00AM -11:00AM**

**HAVE A COMMENT? IDEA? SUGGESTION?**

**FEEL FREE REACH OUT TO ONE OF YOUR VESTRY MEMBERS**

**WE WILL REVIEW ANYTHING SUBMITTED IN THE NEXT VESTRY MEETING**

Because we wish to protect the security and privacy of our members, we are not publishing phone numbers or email addresses of our Vestry members in this Newsletter. If you need a phone number or email and do not have a current telephone directory, call the office and we will happily supply you with the desired information.



**PLEASE NOTE:** We love pictures and videos, and we love sharing what we do. When attending any of our events or services, you agree to our using pictures of you and any children in your charge on social media and elsewhere. If you are not comfortable with this, please inform a member of staff **before** we start taking pictures or recording.