

# St. Philip's Life



## **RING OUT, WILD BELLS (from In Memoriam)**

By Lord Alfred Tennyson (1809 - 1892)

*Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,  
The flying cloud, the frosty light:  
The year is dying in the night;  
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.  
Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:  
The year is going, let him go;  
Ring out the false, ring in the true.  
Ring out the grief that saps the mind  
For those that here we see no more;  
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,  
Ring in redress to all mankind.  
Ring out a slowly dying cause,  
And ancient forms of party strife;  
Ring in the nobler modes of life,  
With sweeter manners, purer laws.  
Ring out the want, the care, the sin,  
The faithless coldness of the times;  
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes  
But ring the fuller minstrel in.  
Ring out false pride in place and blood,  
The civic slander and the spite;  
Ring in the love of truth and right,  
Ring in the common love of good.  
Ring out old shapes of foul disease;  
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;  
Ring out the thousand wars of old,  
Ring in the thousand years of peace.  
Ring in the valiant man and free,  
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;  
Ring out the darkness of the land,  
Ring in the Christ that is to be.*

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## FROM FATHER TED



### **EPIPHANY: A SEASON OF BLESSING & NEW BEGINNINGS**

St. Philip's Parish will celebrate the Feast of Epiphany on Sunday, January 7, at 10am. The actual feast day is January 6th, but we have translated the celebration to the 7th to increase the number present for the celebration. This will be another good time to invite family and friends to church.

**Three Stories of Epiphany** - "Epiphany" comes from the Greek word meaning "to reveal." For Christians, Epiphany is related to the "revelation" of Jesus as the Messiah prophesied by the Hebrew prophets. There are 3 major Epiphany stories in the

Gospels that point to and reveal Jesus as the Messiah to Gentiles, as well as Jews. The one celebrated on January 6th, and this year for us on the 7th, is the visit of the Magi (Wise Men) as it is told in the Gospel of Matthew and in the magnificent stained glass window at the east end of our worship space. (Check it out on the 7th) The second is the Baptism of Jesus when the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, descends upon Jesus in the 3 synoptic gospels. At the same time, in the accounts of Luke and Mark, the voice of the Father, Almighty is recorded as addressing Jesus by saying "You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased", while in Matthew the voice states "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-23). The third Epiphany story is the Wedding at Cana at which Jesus turns water in to wine. This miracle is described only in the Gospel of John. It is Jesus' first public miracle in that gospel.

**Blessings** - The Church traditionally blesses certain things on the Feast of Epiphany: Holy Water, Epiphany Chalk, and Homes. Epiphany Chalk is specially consecrated to bless homes. On January 7th, we will bless Holy Water and Epiphany Chalk at our 10am service.

**Chalking the Door** - With blessed Epiphany Chalk, you will be able to practice this ancient tradition. The process begins with the priest blessing the Epiphany Chalk. The next step consists of you writing a pattern of numbers and letters over the entryway of your home. The pattern contains a date and initials with a specific meaning. The numbers change each year to reflect the new calendar year. This year's pattern is: **20 + C + M + B + 24**. The CMB remain the same as they represent initials. The set of initials relates to the traditional names for the 3 magi; Caspar, Melchior, & Balthazar. This reminds the reader of Epiphany by referencing the Adoration of the Magi. CMB are also initials of the Latin words: Christus Mansionem Benedicat, which mean Christ Bless this Dwelling. Both explanations of the initials point to the blessing of God and Epiphany. The + signs (crosses) represent the Cross of Christ. The next step is to say a prayer asking God's blessing. *Blessed chalk, directions, and prayers to say for the House Blessing will be provided at our January 7th Sunday Service.*

**New Beginnings** - January is a time for new resolutions and new ways of living. As you move into 2024, I invite you to use the Epiphany Season as a chance to invest more time in your spiritual life and practice. It can begin with marking your door with Epiphany Chalk, asking God's blessing, and seeing God at work in your life each day you see 20+C+M+B+24.

## FROM DEACON CAROL



### Welcoming the Stranger

Members of St. Philips have recently had a unique opportunity to live into Christ's call to welcome the stranger (Matthew 25: 35) and live into our Baptismal Covenant to "seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself." In recent months, a small group of parish member have attended trainings provided by RAISE and registered with them so that they would be prepared to serve as a Welcome Team for a refugee family that would arrive in Joplin in the future. Early December we were contacted by RAISE and asked if we could help them with a young family that would soon be arriving from a refugee camp in the Congo. The evening of Tuesday

December 12 the tired family got off the plane at the Joplin airport (after traveling 36 hours to get here) and were welcomed by a group of St Philip's members, RAISE employees and other refugees who have previously been re-settled in our community (see picture). The day before the family arrived, we were busy bees putting a home together and picked up donated furniture, set up bed frames, stocked a kitchen with donated pans and dishes, and purchased linens and a few essential household items with some of our Outreach funds.

The first week the family was here we also set up additional donated furniture; hooked up a donated TV and washer and dryer; took the family shopping and purchased warm coats shoes and socks with Outreach funds; provided a few donated books and toys for the children and provided lots of support to the family as they began navigating life in the USA. We also picked up the family and brought them to church the first Sunday they were here (per their request) where they were warmly welcomed by our larger parish family.

A bit of background information - when they were 10 years old, the Congolese village that Freddie (the father) and Lydia (the mother) lived in was brutally attacked and their parents and siblings were all killed. They escaped and found by "kind people" and taken to a refugee camp. They had lived in that camp for over 17 years and all five of their children were born there. The children ages 13, 10, 7, 4 and almost 2 have only lived in the camp and never had a home. The family went through a two-year vetting process before being approved to come to our country. They are Christians. They do not know much English/speak Swahili.

At this time the parents are taking ESL classes through RAISE/Crowder College and the school aged children have been enrolled in school. With ongoing support from RAISE, the goal for this family is that within the next 3-6 months they will become self-sufficient. Our role will also transition from serving as a Welcome Team to becoming ongoing friends.

I want to offer my sincere thanks to the members of our Welcome Team that have stepped up and cheerfully done whatever was asked of them, as well as those who have donated items (and have asked to remain anonymous). I pray that in the weeks to come each of you finds a way to get to know this wonderful family. Those of us who are working with them now have already been truly blessed by this experience.

Thanking you with a grateful heart,

Deacon Carol Peterson

Welcome at the airport



Readying the new home





### **Reflections on a year at St. Philip's**

November 1 marked my first full year at St. Philip's Church. In the year I have had the pleasure of serving as your organist and associate music director, I have learned so much about you, your wants, and your musical needs as a parish. For some, music is an integral part of worship; for others, it is a nice touch but not needed to glorify God. Both of these viewpoints (and all that are in between) are valid and important.

In the last year at St. Philip's, I too have grown as a musician, and as the organist in residence. The deeply rooted traditions at St. Philip's have made me grow and often reflect on what has been done at the church in the past, and what has been done in the wider Anglican church in the past. It has made me think about ways I can help the congregation find a deeper connection to God through the use of music.

In addition to being a musical shepherd, helping to lead the singing. I think of myself as a teacher of musical traditions that are yet to be fully discovered by those in our church. My goal is to not only help you uplift your voices to sing God's praises but also to help you find an unknown connection to the beauty of our faith through music. At times, this means having hymns that are unfamiliar to you. It may mean we collectively struggle to learn a new hymn. I wish to keep teaching you new things this coming year, but I would also love to learn about your favorite hymns and ways I could further incorporate them into our liturgy.

As always, if you have comments or questions, please feel free to contact me after church on Sundays. I try to stick around after services for a while to chat with you wonderful people.

Thank you for the past year at St. Philip's Church, and I look forward to growing with you in the next.

C.R.K.

## 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.**

### ANGEL TREE

There were 21 names attached to the limbs on this tree with names of children from one of the local elementary schools. The names were replaced with gifts so those children could experience a Merry Christmas. St. Philip's can always be counted on to be generous in spirit and action.

#### Here are 3 spiritual benefits of generosity:

(<https://www.kabbalah.com/en/articles/why-should-i-be-generous-3-spiritual-benefits-giving/>)

1. **The more you give to others, the more you open yourself up to blessings from the Creator.**
2. **By elevating yourself, you elevate those around you.**
3. **Every act of giving transforms you for the better.**



A "shout out" to Gayle Tuck from WOSP for buying \$500 of gifts for the elderly Christmas wish list. She filled 15 on this wish list. The women appreciate her hard work doing this for the group.

**A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO PHIL AND SUE METZ FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIFT!**

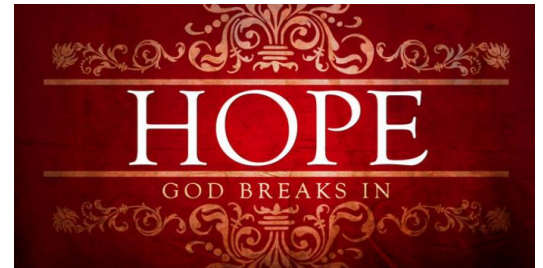
About 35 people participated in the all-parish Christmas fun night at Diamond Grove Adventures on Friday, December 8, 2023. Thank you, Phil and Sue for your generosity! A great time was had by all.



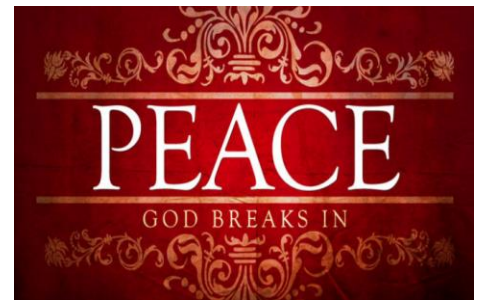
## SUNDAYS IN ADVENT

Traditionally, families in our parish light the candles of the wreath.

**On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, the Curchin family** did an admirable job of lighting the candle of HOPE when illness prevented the family who was scheduled from being there. This family stepped in and did a great job! Thank you, Alex, Ann, Louisa and Alex!



**On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent, the Kumbier family** lit the candle of Peace. Thank you, Dave, Stephanie, Brenner and Grey!



**On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent, the Blake Webster family** lit the candle of Joy. Thank you, Blake, Leslie, George, Ben and Walt!



**On the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent, Gayle and Phil O'Hare** lit the candle of Love. It was also a celebration of the O'Hare's 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.





## SERVICES IN DECEMBER

### LESSONS AND CAROLS – DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

A service of beautiful music sung by the choir.  
Julie Farmer sang "I wonder as I wander" – accompanied by Gary Ames.



### BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE – DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>



This was a lovely service filled with wonderful music and touching readings. Many members of our parish attended; there were also many new faces. All were seeking comfort. The joyous Christmas season is not a happy season for everyone, but this service reassured all of us that it can be a season of Hope and Grace.

### CHRISTMAS EVE – 4 SERVICES



## ST. PHILIP'S GOES TO COLLEGE VIEW

Deacon Carol provided communion for the residents of College View Manor on Christmas Eve afternoon. Several of our long-time parishioners welcomed her and told the O'Hares the following day that they were thankful for her visit.



Blaine Bond and  
Joyce Hodges



Susie Hickam

## ST. ANN'S ALTAR GUILD

When you walked into the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve did it take you breath away, even for just a moment? Our church is certainly much more than the building we worship in, it's the people, the community, the Holy Spirit that surrounds us when we are present. Nonetheless, our building is beautiful and it is never more lovely than at Christmas and Easter. St. Ann's Altar Guild takes such pride in ensuring that the sanctuary is at its loveliest during these seasons. The poinsettias, wreaths, candles, evergreens and magnolia leaves are placed with love and care at Christmas time. Thanks to all who took time on Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> to ensure that everything was perfect for those who walked into our blessed sanctuary the following day. Thank you, Cindy Curchin and Marilyn Johnston, for your leadership in 2023 and good luck to Gayle O'Hare and Gail Campbell as you assume those responsibilities in 2024.

## HAPPY 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PHIL AND GAYLE O'HARE!

Thank you for allowing us to celebrate this landmark anniversary with you.



## SUNDAY ADULT FORUM – ADVENT

In December we moved away from the forum discussion on healthy churches and focused on Advent. Each Sunday we considered several Bible verses on the Advent word of the week and then offered our favorites and discussed the reason for our choice. The sessions have been interesting and interactive. All are welcome to join.

Our January Adult Forum Topic is “Unlocking the Parables of Jesus.” Fr. Estes will lead the group in reviewing the historical background, literary devices, theological themes for understanding at least 4 popular parables of Jesus. The group will also discuss how the themes identified in these parables can be practically applied in our lives and spiritual development.



## BINGO NIGHTS RETURN – JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>

If you haven't joined us for Bingo in the past – please come join the fun. This is an intergenerational monthly event. Bingo can be played ANYONE – it's fun and an opportunity to gather as a church community of all ages.

## ST. PHILIP'S ANNUAL MEETING AND MEAL – JANUARY 21

St. Philip's Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 11:30AM on Sunday, January 21, 2024. Following the 10AM service, we will meet in the Parish House for a meal to share as part of our meeting. The Church will provide fried chicken and we ask that our members sign up to bring side dishes, salads, and desserts. There is much to celebrate at this meeting as we review 2023 and much to look forward to in 2024. Important business that will be conducted includes reviewing the 2024 Budget, electing 2 new Vestry members, introduction of Rector Search Committee Members, and vision for our ministry in 2024. Please be sure to sign up to bring food to share and join us for this important event.



## HEADS UP FOR LENT



This year, the moveable feast of **Easter is early, falling on March 31**. Therefore, Lent will begin early with Ash Wednesday falling on February 14. That's right! Ash Wednesday falls on St. Valentine's Day. A special series of activities related to the Stations of the Cross will be available in Lent of 2024.

## VESTRY CANDIDATES NEEDED FOR 2024

Phil Metz and Blake Webster's terms on the vestry are coming to an end. St. Philip's Vestry is looking for candidates to stand for election to our Vestry. Application Packets are on the signup table and in the Church Office. Talk to any of our vestry members (Phil Metz, Blake Webster, Calvin Cassady, Judy Turner, Chris Smiley, Maria Dermott, Andrew Campbell) or Fr. Ted for more information. Elections for Vestry will be January 21 at the annual meeting.

## RECTOR SEARCH PROCESS UPDATE

77 members completed the Holy Cow Assessment to provide a snapshot of how St. Philip's Church is doing and what is valued by our members. This information will be used to create a Parish Profile describing our church for prospective rector candidates. On November 14, the vestry had a ZOOM meeting with Susan Czolgosz, our Holy Cow Consultant. Susan provided an excellent presentation of the data with an insightful interpretation. She will provide a draft Summary Report of the assessment to be shared with our membership and used by the search committee/vestry in developing the Parish Profile. Susan will also provide a Zoom interpretation session for the Search Committee at no extra charge. Next Steps in the process are as follows:

- Search Committee Applications (deadline extended) are still being accepted until 11:30am on Sunday, January 14.
- The Search Committee Members will be announced at the January 21 Annual Meeting.
- Vestry will schedule small group meetings to discuss the data from the Summary Report and receive input and feedback from the membership to include in our preparation for the Rector Search
- Pairs/Threes of Vestry Members will lead these small group meetings of 10 – 16 members
- The Summary Report and Small Groups will provide members and the Search Committee the most valuable information in preparing for our Rector Search and Parish Profile.
- When formed, the Search Committee will also have a ZOOM call with the Holy Cow Interpreter, Susan Czolgosz. (See her picture & info in this newsletter)
- A link to the 3 Hour Interpretation Video will be made available to all members, at the appropriate time.



## OUR HOLY COW CONSULTANT

Our Holy Cow! Consultant, Susan Czolgosz, is a former member of the Bishop's staff of the Diocese of Chicago (with responsibilities for transitions, leadership development and consulting with congregations), and now a lay leader in the Church of Northern Indiana. Susan has 20-plus years of experience consulting with congregations, middle judicatories and faith-based non-profits helping them to listen deeply to God's call in their ministries. Her work focuses on assisting them discern and then create pathways/strategies for their futures. She is deeply committed to using the Holy Cow! Consulting tools and the discernment they provide for next steps.



# ABOUT OUR YOUTH

Thanks to Rebecca Fick and Naomi Curtis for taking excellent care of our little ones.



We're thankful for the participation of our young people.



# Did You Know?

- **Watch the St Philip's website for more details on the search process timeline.**
  - Applications are available to be completed by those who would like to serve on the search committee.
- **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.
- **Average Sunday attendance is 77 and that is the number of Holy Cow surveys turned in!**
- **Annual Meeting – January 21<sup>st</sup> – mark your calendar!**
- **Ash Wednesday is February 14<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Easter is March 31<sup>st</sup>.**
- **Halleluia and praise God that Phil Metz received a liver on Christmas Eve and the surgery went well. We pray for his continued recovery. We thank the donor who gave a gift of life to a stranger and pray for their family as they mourn the loss of their loved one during this season of hope and love.**



# CELEBRATIONS!

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3 Jacob Volkl	15 Christy (Cragin) Evans
6 John Messick	17 Harvey Hutchinson
6 Phil Metz	19 Jon Dermott
6 Matthew Fick	20 Ryland Dermott
7 Patrick McFarland	23 Gail Campbell
8 Kim Siers	26 Carey Shagets
9 Abigail McReynolds	29 Sarah Cassady Brunner
14 Vicky Cleveland	29 David Locher
14 Sally Currence	31 Jim Paul



## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 David and Melissa Locher
- 2 Wally and Leecia Bloss



### Altar Flowers

#### January 7th

- The high altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Gay Currence in Thanksgiving for the New Year – may it be a wonderful one for St. Philip's.

#### January 14<sup>th</sup>

#### January 21<sup>st</sup>

- The high altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Maria and Sharrock Dermott in celebration of Jon and Ryland's birthdays.
- The children's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Lyter and Tom Isenmann in celebration of Jon and Ryland's birthdays.

#### January 28th

### 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, John Perriman, 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, Anthony Curtis, Bob Davis, Matt Fick, Jeff Green, Bethanie Knoll, Matthew Law, Samantha Lawson, Sarah and Piper Mareth, Phil Metz, Sharon Newman, Lois Shilkett, 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.**





# JANUARY 2024 – St. Philip’s Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Dec 31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Christmas I</b> <b>9:00AM</b> Adult Forum <b>10:00AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:00AM HE – Rite II</b>	<b>New Year’s Day</b>  Parish Office Closed	<b>6:30PM</b> Choir Practice	<b>5:30PM</b> HE w/unction			<b>9AM – noon</b> Garden & Grounds Work Morning
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Epiphany I</b> <b>9:00AM</b> Adult Forum <b>10:00AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:00AM HE – Rite II</b>		<b>6:30PM</b> Choir Practice	<b>5:30PM</b> HE w/unction <b>6 – 7:15 PM</b> Dinner and Bingo 			Search Committee Applications Due
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Epiphany II</b> <b>9:00AM</b> Adult Forum <b>10:00AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:00AM HE – Rite II</b> <b>After Service</b> Outreach Meeting	<b>6PM</b> Vestry Meeting	<b>6:30PM</b> Choir Practice	<b>5:30PM</b> HE w/unction			
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Epiphany III</b> <b>9:00AM</b> Adult Forum <b>10:00AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:00AM HE – Rite II</b> <b>After Services</b> ANNUAL MEETING		<b>6:30PM</b> Choir Practice	<b>5:30PM</b> HE w/unction	<b>6PM</b> Serving Dinner at Watered Gardens		
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Feb 1</b>	<b>Feb 2</b>	<b>Feb 3</b>
<b>Epiphany IV</b> <b>9:00AM</b> Adult Forum <b>10:00AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:00AM HE – Rite II</b>		<b>6:30PM</b> Choir Practice	<b>5:30PM</b> HE w/unction			

## 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.*

<b>December 31 Christmas I</b>	<b>January 7 Epiphany I</b>	<b>January 14 Epiphany II</b>	<b>January 21 Epiphany III</b>	<b>January 28 Epiphany IV</b>
<b>Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Camera Streamers – GAYLE TUCK, Coordinator</b>				
10AM – John Moback EM – Gayle Tuck  Camera – John Messick	10AM – Nancy Messick EM – Alex Curchin  Camera – Phil O’Hare	10AM – Pam Volkl EM – Michael DeGuerre  Camera – Karen Ames	<b>10AM</b> – Mark Kiger EM – Gayle Tuck  Camera – John Messick	10AM – John Moback EM – Sharrock Dermott  Camera – Phil O’Hare
<b>Wednesday Service – 5:30PM</b>				
<b>Wed, Jan 3</b> HE w/unction – TBD – Jane Hoover	<b>Wed, Jan 10</b> HE w/unction – Gayle Tuck	<b>Wed, Jan 17</b> HE w/unction – Sharrock Dermott	<b>Wed, Jan 24</b> HE w/unction – Alex Curchin	<b>Wed, Jan 31</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.				
Rose Paul Gayle O’Hare	Gayle Tuck Gail Campbell	Ann Turney Miff Dikeman	Ramona Shields Judy Turner	Rose Paul Gayle O’Hare
<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> 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> 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> 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> TBD <b>1<sup>st</sup> Server –</b> TBD <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Server –</b> TBD <b>Gospel Book -</b> TBD
<b>Altar Crew – Cindy Curchin/Marilyn Johnston, Co-Directress</b>				
Wed, Jan 3 – Jacquie McConnell	Nancy Messick Melissa Braun Gayle O’Hare  Wed, Jan 10 – Marilyn Johnston June Davis	Cindy Curchin Maria Dermott Lyter Isenmann  Wed, Jan 17 – Marilyn Johnston June Davis	Meredith McManis Leslie Daniels Rose Paul  Wed, Jan 24 – Jacquie McConnell	Gail Campbell Ann Turney Stacy Turney  Wed, Jan 31 – Jacquie McConnell
<b>Ushers – Andrew Campbell, Coordinator</b>				
Andy Cambell	Harvey Hutchinson Andy Campbell Wayne Stephenson	Melissa and Bill Braun Blake Webster	Katie Clark-Bacon Phil O’Hare	Wayne Stephenson

# FINANCIALS

## STEWARDSHIP - ST. PHILIP'S FINANCIAL INFORMATION

November 2023

Line #	NOVEMBER	YTD
<b>ORDINARY INCOME</b>		
1 From Regular Support for Operations.....	\$ 13,997	\$ 171,407
2 Interest from Operating account.....	\$ 1	\$ 37
3 From Investments Used for Operations.....	\$ -	\$ 77,295
4 Transfer from Endowment.....	\$ -	\$ -
5 Total Ordinary Income (add lines 1,2,3,4.....	\$ 13,998	\$ 249,418
<small>*\$678 from kitchen &amp; reception income</small>		
<b>ORDINARY EXPENSES</b>		
6 From Regular Monthly activities.....	\$ 44,234	\$ 316,663
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] ..	\$ (30,235)	\$ (67,245)

### BUILDING OUR FUTURE: MOMENT BY MOMENT, ONE STEP AT A TIME 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.



**Pledge cards are still being accepted!**

## LET'S STAY CONNECTED

### 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.



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Connect to the live stream - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBjRZSfuzB3UStCbTlxdBQ/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, November 19th, 2023 11:56AM

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

**Others:** Fr Ted, Kim Siers, Rex Hunt, Phil O'Hare, Jacob Bakker

Blake Webster led the invocation. Andy Campbell will lead in December.

Agenda - Chris Smiley moved to adopt the agenda, Calvin Cassady seconded. All in favor, no abstentions.

Last month's Vestry minutes – Blake Webster moved to accept the Vestry minutes, Phil Metz seconded. All in favor, no abstentions.

**Boyscout's Presentation** – Jacob Bakker District Executive for the BSA Ozark Trails Council spoke to the Vestry about chartering a cub scout pack. Phil O'Hare is the Charter Organization Representative (COR) for the boy scout troop and would also be for the cub scouts. He has 10 kids interested right now. They would meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 the same time as the boy scouts. Blake Webster moved to approve the charter with the addendum that the charter can be revoked at will if there is an issue that cannot be resolved, Chris Smiley seconded. All in favor, one abstention. Will also talk to Phil about having someone be a second COR.

**Treasurer's Report** – October 2023 Notes & Changes Greater Than >1,000

Balance Sheet:

1. Account#1110SMBCheckingAccountdown513,108.45fromSeptember.
2. Account #1120 Stifel Investment down \$50,274.29 from September. There was a \$46,045.50 transfer to the Stifel Endowment Account in October. There was then a \$46,045.50 transfer from the Endowment account to the SMB Checking Account. This was to cover the remaining 75% of the foundation repairs. Account #1130 Stifel Endowment down 512,334.99 from September.
3. Account #2420 Payroll Tax Withheld up \$1,738.21 mostly due to Father Ted receiving paycheck in October and not in September.
4. Account #3124 Memorial 400 down \$12,169.29 due to payment to Total Electronics Contracting.

Income Statement:

1. Account #4110 Pledge Payments down 51,245.
  2. Account #4115 Unpledged Donations up 52,706.
  3. Account #6010 Electric up \$1,331.12. There were two payments made in August, no payments in September, and a payment made in October.
  4. Account #6110 Church Building Repairs & Main up 534,365.56. This is due to church foundation payment.
  5. Account #6390 Miscellaneous Administrative down 51,080 as there were no expenses for this account in October.
  6. Account #6410 Rector Salary up 55,791.67 and Account #6420 Rector Housing up \$1,000 as Father Ted did not have September paycheck, but did have October paycheck.
  7. Account #6510 Lay Employee Wages up \$1,154.02. The main reason is Caleb did not have paycheck in September but did in October.
  8. Account #5070 Insurance Proceeds, the Aflac payments for Father Ted's short term disability claim is down 52,306.45.
  9. Account #5710 Income and Distributions down 54,638.16 and Account #5720 Change in Securities Value is up \$25,210.94. Although Change in Securities Value is up, the account still showed a loss for the month.
- Blake Webster moved to receive the financials, Calvin Cassady seconded. All in favor, no abstentions.

**Calendar** - Maria Dermott moved to accept the calendar with additions and deletions, Andy Campbell seconded. All in favor, no abstentions.

- Removed Journey w/the Desert Mystics from Dec 1.
- Pledge cards due added to Dec 10.
- Changed Vestry meeting from 6PM to 11:30AM on Sunday, Dec 17th.
- Added bake sale after church on Dec 17th.
- Added St. Ann's birthday to Dec 23rd.

**Jr Warden Report** – Andy has received 3 bids to replace/fix the courtyard fence. Someone has donated stock for the purpose of replacing/fixing the fence and also lighting the courtyard. Miller Fence bid \$6500 to replace the fence with a 6' aluminum fence and fix the playground fence. They will require a check for 50% down when the bid is accepted. Phil moved to accept Miller Fence's bid to replace the courtyard fence with 6' aluminum fence for \$6500, Maria Dermott seconded. All in favor, no abstentions.

Andy also said that he made a presentation to the Outreach committee for in the future to convert the garage into a resource center. Will continue to work with the outreach team to develop the plan. Will be modelled after the Midwest Veteran's Closet.

**Sr. Warden Report** – Phil talked to the Bishop about our bell tower leaking. She knows an engineer and he will come down the Wednesday after Thanksgiving to look at it for free.

Deacon's Report – see attached report -

Dcn. Report to Vestry for November 2023

Diocesan Convention in Kansas City Proclaimed the Gospel at Evening Eucharist Garden & Grounds. Had a meeting with Larry Hartman (landscaper who does Grace Carthage). Fr Ted and Andy were also there. They can fill you in about that discussion.

Outreach. Raise. We have been assigned our first refugee family, they will be arriving Dec. 12. Watered Gardens. We served on Thursday Oct 26th and it went well. We are scheduled to serve again on Nov. 23. Kim Siers is coordinating both the meal & volunteers.

Community Meeting on Homelessness. I (and Judy Turner) recently attended a community meeting on homelessness at the Joplin Library. I have been in contact with the consultant that will be coordinating a new community effort to address this issue. I have volunteered to work on one of their task forces.

Advent Program: I will be using a program/booklet by Living Compass. Meets four evenings in Advent: Tuesdays (in person) and Thursdays (online/Zoom). Sign up now!

**Rector's Report** – see attached report

Rector Search

- a Holy Cow Survey has been completed
- a Scheduling time for Vestry to meet with Fr. Marks on a Zoom call with the

Holy Cow Consultant

- a Rector Search Page created for website Fr Ted
- Diocesan Process Paper posted on Rector Search Page
- Application for Search Committee will be posted on Rector Search Page soon

- a Search Timeline is posted on this page and will be updated as dates are established or changed

Zoom program purchased

- a Will be used for initial Rector candidate interviews & some further

interviews

- a Saves money by avoiding travel to meet candidates
- a Allows initial interviews to be recorded for review multiple times
  - \* Allows interviews with multiple candidates on the same date
    - a Provides confidentiality for candidates
    - a Allows moving from one interview to the next with efficiency

Rector Search Candidates will be selected in December

Vestry Candidates

- a Tammy Macy
- a Still looking for one or more candidates

#### Stewardship

- a 1 st & 2nd letters sent as well as the pledge card
- a December 10 is the ingathering Sunday

#### Adult Forum

- Current Topic is 8 Characteristics of a Healthy Church
- Good attendance and participation

#### Sunday School For Gr K-7

- a Teachers are consistent in service
- a Good attendance by students

ASA = 77

#### Advent & Christmas Programs & Services

- o Dcn Peterson will lead an Advent program
  - o Tuesdays at 6pm is the In-person program
  - a Thursday at 6pm is the Zoom program
- a Blue Christmas on Saturday, Dec. 4 6, at 6pm
- a Sunday, Dec 24
  - a 1 0am Advent IV
  - 5pm Family Service with Children's Christmas Play
  - 1 0:30pm Christmas Concert
  - 11 :00pm Midnight Mass
- Monday, Dec 25
  - o 1 0am Christ Mass
- Sunday, Dec 31
  - a 1 0am Mass

#### **Old Business:**

Holy Cow Assessment has ended. There were approximately 77 completed surveys. Scheduling time for Vestry to meet with Fr Marks and Holy Cow Consultant on a Zoom call.

Cub Scout Charter Request has been approved. See above information.

Stewardship update: Letter and pledge cards have been mailed. December 10th is ingathering Sunday.

People to call if the alarm goes off – Maria Dermott and Sharrock Dermott in addition to Andy Campbell, Fr. Ted Estes & Kim Siers

#### **New Business:**

Approve rector search application. Phil Metz moved to accept the rector search application with edits, Blake Webster seconded. All in favor, no abstention. The search committee will consist of 5-7 people. Deadline to apply will be December 15th. Vestry will select members for this committee on December 17th.

#### **Action Items:**

- Send Thank You card to plumber Ira White
- Schedule time for Jax to come to Vestry meeting
- Form Grant Committee
- Add Maria & Sharrock Dermott to call list for alarm
- Put Rector Search Committee application on website
- Form Transition Committee
- Send Thank You card to Cragin Trust

Respectfully Submitted

Kim Siers

Parish Secretary

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**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.



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