



St. Philip's Life



Easter Blessings

May you and your family be blessed as you celebrate the true meaning of Easter, from the reflection of Good Friday to the joy of Easter Sunday and the promise of eternal life.



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FROM FATHER TED



Communication & Connection

Communication is key to creating connections in our parish and uniting the members in serving God as a church. At St. Philip's Church, we use several channels of communication and continue to improve those channels. This article identifies different channels and notes some changes being made to improve communication.

Website: stphilipsjoplin.com - This is our new website address. It is simple and easy to remember for members, visitors, and people looking for a new church. Websites are good places for members to find information. Equally important, is the fact that most people looking for a new church check out the Website and Social Media platforms before they even consider visiting.

NEW Church Emails - Our church emails are used to communicate with members, the diocese, businesses and the public. We are transitioning to three new email addresses which use the new website name and clear identifiers. These changes should make it easier for members, visitors, and the public to remember the email addresses. I have started using rector@stphilipsjoplin.com for church business instead of my personal email. This will make the on-going business emails available to your new rector, when called. The rector search email will allow our members and candidates for new rector to communicate privately with the Search Team. Only the rector email is active at this time and you will receive notice when the other emails are active.

- office@stphilipsjoplin.com
- rector@stphilipsjoplin.com
- rectorsearch@stphilipsjoplin.com

MailChimp Group Email - MailChimp is our group email provider. It has several advantages when sending emails to groups. Some advantages are:

- Allows us to reach our members with weekly updates and links to our livestream worship and bulletins in PDF.
- Reduces the likelihood that your email address is harvested by third parties.
- Schedule emails to be sent when most of our subscribers are active.
- Allows us to see how many subscribers have opened the email.
- Allows us to resend the email to people who have not opened it.
- Allows us to send hyperlinks to PDF documents like a service bulletin, website pages, surveys, and YouTube videos.
- Allows us to see how many subscribers have clicked hyperlinks in the email.
- Allows people to "unsubscribe" when they no longer want to receive group emails.

Please be sure you are subscribed to our group email and read what we send to be informed. If you are not receiving our group emails, please check your "spam" and/or "promotions" folders to see if the MailChimp email is there. You can then identify it as an email source you wish to receive and it will be delivered in your regular in-box.

Newsletter - Jacquie McConnell does an outstanding job creating and editing our monthly newsletter. The newsletter is available on our website, in group email and in hard copy for those who do not use email. Thank you to all who submit photos and information to Jacquie for the newsletter.

Social Media - How you can help.

Facebook - We have a public St. Philip's Facebook page and a private Talk About St. Philips page. **You can help** with public relations and spreading the word about our church's activities by commenting and reacting to posts. Your comments and reactions increase the chance that your Facebook friends will see what St. Philip's Church is doing. Please note, the Thumbs Up reaction is not as powerful as the other reactions (Love, Hurt, Hate, Angry, etc.) in sharing the post with others. You can also directly share posts with your Facebook friends.

Instagram - We have a St. Philip's Instagram account but are still developing content. If you have an Instagram account, please follow us.

YouTube - Our YouTube Channel is the platform we use to share livestreams of our services and other video content. Please consider sharing our YouTube content with friends and family you think may find it useful.



FROM DEACON CAROL



Lent: A Time to Reassess, Renew and Recommit

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself. Luke 10:27

The 40 days before Easter are designated by the church as the season of Lent. Lent is the perfect season for us to set aside some time to identify personal practices and habits that we might want to change and to realign our spirit more with God's Spirit.

A major challenge we face in Lent is that it calls us to move out of our usual way of being – to move out of our comfort zones. Human beings are creatures of habit and we don't like change. In fact, we often resist it even when we know that certain changes in our lives would be beneficial for us in the long run. It seems that when we begin to make changes in our lives, we may have two very different experiences. On one hand, we may feel a new openness about the future that we are working to create and we begin to see possibilities for growth that we could not see before. On the other hand, we may find ourselves feeling less stable, less sure of ourselves and may become anxious or afraid.

The book of Exodus describes the dramatic journey of the Hebrew people as they were led by Moses from their slavery in Egypt to new freedom in what is now Israel. Do you remember the reaction of Moses' followers soon after they had escaped, once they realized that their journey to freedom was going to be more difficult and take a lot longer than they originally thought? They wanted to go back to the slavery that they so desperately had longed to escape. *Why?* Because it was stable; they knew how to function in that system – they knew what to expect. Yes, the lure of stability can tempt us to retreat, especially when our first few steps toward change make us feel uncomfortable in the short run. Not understanding that growth often means an initial time when we feel less stable has caused many people to turn around and go back to their usual behaviors – their comfort zones.

This Lent I urge you to have the courage to take a good, long look at your life – be honest about who you are, what your priorities are, and how you spend your time and treasure. Is there something related to your spiritual life that you need to change? Are there steps you need to take to improve your relationships with friends or family? Is there something related to your wellbeing – the physical, mental/emotional, financial, or vocational parts of your life that you know you really should change? Are you holding back; is there a need at church you see that you could step up and fill or a ministry at church you have discerned a call to enter into?

Taking time to reflect about where our lives are out of balance – be it heart, soul, mind, or strength – helps us to cultivate holy self-awareness. Self-awareness can lead to confession and naming the places in our lives that we need to change. Confession then opens the door for repentance and identifying intentional steps we can make to change direction and adopt new, healthier, more life-giving behaviors.

May this Lent be a holy time for reassessment and renewal as we recommit to living life more abundantly.

Lenten Blessings, Deacon Carol

FROM OUR ORGANIST - CALEB



As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, the season of lent is my favorite season in the church year. I recognize that this may seem odd to many because this penitential season is often thought of as a time of sorrow. I fervently disagree; rather, lent is a time for self-awareness, reflection, and growth. The season offers much in regard to musicality and selection choices. We need the music in Lent to not only give us as lay persons another opportunity to pray and ask for God's forgiveness for our transgressions; but it also must praise and be uplifting. The music must simultaneously be reflective and introspective while inspiring congregational song.

We have some fantastic music for upcoming services, especially including the services in Holy Week.

Music in March:

Third Sunday in Lent | March 3, 2024

Prelude: Silence

Processional: 471 "We Sing the praise of him who died" (Breslau)

Song of Praise: Trasigon - S102

Tract: Ad te levdivi Ps. 123:1-3 (tone VIII) [Sung by Choir]

Offertory: O Lord Abide with me - J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Sanctus: S124

Fraction Anthem: S 169 "My flesh is food indeed"

Communion Hymn: 662 "Abide with me" (Eventide)

Communion Hymn: 660 "O Master let me walk with thee" (Maryton)

Recessional: 152 "Kind maker of the world O hear" (A la venue de Noël)

Postlude: Silence

Fourth Sunday in Lent | March 10, 2024 (Caleb Gone, Pam sub)

Prelude: Silence

Processional: 690 "Guide me O, thou great Jehovah" (Cwm Rhondda)

Song of Praise: Trasigon - S102

Tract: Qui confidunt Ps. 125:1-2 (tone VIII) [sung by choir]

Gospel: John 3:14-21

Offertory: 715 "When Jesus wept the falling tear" (When Jesus wept)

Sanctus: S124

Fraction Anthem: S169 "My flesh is food indeed"

Communion Hymn: 671 "Amazing Grace" (New Britain)

Communion Hymn: 691 "My Faith looks up to thee" (Olivet)

Recessional: 641 "Lord Jesus think on me" (Southwell)

Postlude: Silence

Fifth Sunday in Lent | March 17, 2024 (Caleb gone, Pam sub)

Prelude: Silence

Processional: 495 "Hail thou once despised Jesus" (In Babilome)

Song of Praise: Trasigon - S102

Tract: Sape expugnauerunt Ps. 129:1-4 (tone VIII) [Sung by Choir]

Gospel: John 12:20-33

Offertory: WLP 727 "As panting deer desires the woodlands" (Woodslake)

Sanctus: S124

Fraction Anthem: S169 "My flesh is food indeed"

Communion Hymn: 658 "As Longs the Deer, for cooling streams" (Martyrdom)

Communion Hymn: 439 "What wondrous love is this" (Wondrous love)

Recessional: 150 "Forty days and forty nights" (Aus per Tier rule ich)

Postlude: Silence

Palm Sunday | March 24, 2024

Liturgy of the Palms: in the parish house

Prelude: Silence

Opening Anthem: said

The procession: 154 "All Glory Laud and Honor" (Valet will ich dir geben)

Song of Praise: S102 "Trasigon"

Tract: *Deus, Deus meus* Psalm 22 1-4 Tone IV.1 (Sung by Choir)

Offertory: Into Jerusalem Jesus Rode - arr. Alfred V. Fedak [Selah Publishing Co, 1996, 2000]

Hymn during incense: 162 "The royal banners forward go" (Vexilla Regis Produent)

Sanctus: S 124

Fraction Anthem: S 169 "My flesh is food indeed"

Communion hymns: 321 "My God thy table now is spread" (Rockingham)

168 "O sacred head sore wounded" (Passion Chorale)

Recessional: Silence

Postlude: Silence

Maundy Thursday | March 28, 2024

Prelude: Silence

Processional: 171 "Go to Dark Gethsemane" - Petra

Song of Praise: s102 "Trasigon"

Tract: *ab ortu solis* Mal.1:11& Prov.9:5 Tone VII.1 (sung by choir)

Musical Offering at the Maundy:

Ubi Caritas (Tiazé)

"Drop Drop Slow Tears" - Orlando Gibbons, 1623 (song 46) [Hymnal 1940, no. 69]

#576 "God is Love, and where true love is" (Mandatum)

Offertory Anthem: "Lord God Revealed in Gifts of Bread and Wine" - Robert Moss

Sanctus: S 124

Fraction Anthem: S 169 "My flesh is food indeed"

Communion Hymns: 315 "Thou who at thy first Eucharist didst pray" (Song 1)

329 "Now my tongue the mystery telling" (Pange Lingua)

At the stripping of the altar:

Psalm 22, *Deus, Deus meus* - Dr. R. Benjamin Dobey (1950-2023) and Caleb R. Klinzing (b. 2000)

"Where you there when they crucified my Lord?" (Spiritual)

Postlude: Silence

Good Friday | March 29, 2024 | 6 PM

Entrance: Silence

Hymn of Praise: N/A

Psalm 22 tone IV.1 (Sung by Cantor)

Veneration of the Cross: Crux Fidelis (sung in Latin) - Venantius Fortunatus (530-610)

Mass of the Pre-sanctified: #166 "Sing my tongue the Glorious battle" (Pange Lingua)

Music during communion — Stabat Mater Dolorosa (Plainsong)

People leave the church in silence

Easter Vigil | March 30, 2024 | 6 PM

Entrance: Silence

The Exultet (sung by cantor)

Reading one: Genesis 22:1-18

Hymn 173 "O Sorrow Deep"

Second Reading: Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Canticle 8, S208 (Sung by cantor and/or choir)

Third Reading: Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6

"Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom" — David Hurd (b. 1950) [VF 60]

Fourth Reading: Ezekiel 36:24-28

"As panting deer desires the woodlands" (Woodslake)

Alleluia: S 72

Hymn of Praise: S278 "Gloria" - William Mathias

Gradual: The great Alleluia S70

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

During Asperges - Vidi Aquam (Sung in Latin)

Offertory Anthem: "Adoramus Te" - Terre McPheeters (Shawnee Press, 1993)

Pam Volkl, Piano

(Sung in Latin)

Doxology: 380, v. 3

Hymn (During Incense): 199 "Come ye faithful, raise the strain" (St. Kevin)

Sanctus: S 128 - William Mathias

Fraction Anthem: S 154 - "Christ our Passover" David Hurd

Communion Hymn: 178 "Alleluia! Give thanks to the Risen Lord" (Alleluia 1)

Communion Hymn: 192 "This Joyful Eastertide" (Veuechten)

Closing Hymn: 208 "The Strife is O'er" (Victory)

Postlude: Heut' Triumphiert Gottes Sohn BWV 630 - J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Easter Sunday | March 31, 2024

Prelude: TBD

Processional Hymn: 207 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" (Easter Hymn)

Music during the Flowering of the Cross:

Hilariter (German Easter Carol)

179 Welcome Happy Morning (Fortunatus)

"Now the Green Blade Raiseth" - Paul Manz (1919-2009)

204 Now the Green Blade Raiseth (Noël Nouvelet)

Song of Praise: S278 "Gloria" - William Mathias

Sequence: #208 "The Strife is O'er" (Victory)

During Asperges - Vidi Aquam (Sung in Latin)

Offertory Anthem: "Jesus Christ is risen Again" - Carl Schalk [1964 Concordia Pub]

Doxology: 380 v. 3

Hymn during incense: 178 "Alleluia! Give thanks to the Risen Lord" (Alleluia 1)

Sanctus: S 128 - William Mathias

Fraction Anthem: S 154 " Christ our Passover" David Hurd

Communion Anthem: "Benedictus" from Mass in G - Franz Schubert (1727-1828) [Kjois music company 1992] Marilyn Johnson, and Julie Farmer; Pam Volkl, Piano

Communion Anthem: Take and Eat - Michael Joncas [GIA Publications]

Communion Hymn: 174 "At the Lamb's High Feast we sing" (Salzburg)

Communion Meditation: organ improvisation

Recessional Hymn: 210 "The day of resurrection!" (Ellacombe)

Postlude: Heut' Triumphiert Gottes Sohn BWV 630 - J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

IN MEMORY

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Sharon Newman (1956-2024)



Sharon Newman, age 67, of Webb City, MO, passed away on January 28, 2024, peacefully at her home, surrounded by her family after a courageous battle with cancer. The horses from heaven came to give her a final ride home in the sunshine.

Sharon was born on October 5, 1956, in Webb City, MO, to Don Newman and Betty Harnden. She graduated from Webb City High in 1975. Sharon retired from the WC postal service after 27 years. The addresses on her delivery route became like family over the years.

Other than her father, Don Newman, Sharon is preceded in passing by her paternal grandparents, along with aunts and uncles.

Sharon's family was the core of her world. **She was a beloved mother to Carly Webster and her spouse Conrad of Joplin, MO.** Her love multiplied through her grandchildren: Ayden Taylor, Bodhi and Beck Webster as well as Avery, Logan, and Cambry (Taylor), and great-grandchild Sutton, her sisters Karen Newman Childs and her spouse David of Anderson, MO, Debbie Capps and her spouse Paige of Carthage, MO, Nicki Lopez and her spouse Francisco of Oronogo, MO., her mother Betty Harnden of Webb City, MO. Sharon further blossomed with the joy of many nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

To know Sharon was to love her free spirit! She was a strong, independent woman who was an inspiration to all the females in her life. She was an example of living life the way you want to live it without boundaries. Sharon's love for all living creatures and the land was what made her unique. She lived the principles of Indian culture, and her peace was found in nature. She was an advocate for preserving and taking care of the land. Her love for horses blessed her with many friendships over the years through trail rides. When she spent time with her beloved horses, you could feel the peace around you. Sharon was also known for her continued support of those she loved. She adored cheering on Carly while she played softball and later cheering on her grandchildren in their passions. She would make sure to attend any event she could to support all her nieces and nephews. Sharon's favorite song was "Wasted Time" by the Eagles. She would want us to remember her and live our lives with the principle of the final line of this song, "that it wasn't really wasted time."

Sharon will be cremated, and her ashes spread at her beloved pond so that her spirit will be free to continue living on the land she was so proud of and be ever-present with those she loved most. A celebration of life will be held Tuesday, February 6th from 5:00pm - 7:00pm at St Philips Episcopal Church 706 Byers Ave. Joplin, MO. To honor Sharon, take time sitting outside, letting the sun hit your face, listen to your favorite song at a high volume, take a car ride on a back road, and hug the people you love tight! Remember her in the summer when you have your car windows down, and your hair is blowing wildly! That will be her letting you know she is still present with us.

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.**

NEW OFFICERS – 2024

Congratulations and good luck to the new officers elected during the February 10th meeting:

President – Phyllis Sapp

Vice President – Kerri Rhea

Secretary – Tammy Macy

Treasurer – Teresa Petty

A special thank you to Gail Campbell for the commitment and dedication she provided as co-president with Kerri Rhea for the last two years.

DONATIONS FROM THE FALL FESTIVAL

During the February meeting, decisions were made to support several different organizations with monetary donations. **\$3600 raised from the Fall Festival will be distributed to the following organizations as part of WOSP's outreach efforts:**

Crosslines

MSSU Food Bank

The 3 Junior High Schools

Area Agency on Aging

Joplin Humane Society

Dover Hill Elementary School

BLANKET BRIGADE – 100 IS THE GOAL – COLLECTION BEGAN FEBRUARY 1ST

From Vicky Cleveland

So far this has been a very COLD winter, with below freezing temps and below 0 windchill temps. As everyone knows I have been collecting blankets well up to 10 years and will continue to do so. My goal has always been 50 blankets, but I would like to double that (or more) for this year. The blankets can be new, used, in need of minor repair, baby blankets up to king size comforters, anything is acceptable. Please make sure they are clean. If you have any questions, I can be reached through the church and my number is in the church directory.



ST. ANN'S

On Saturday, January 10th, St. Ann's held it's first meeting of the year under the new leadership of co-chair directress' Gail Campbell and Gayle O'Hare. **A HUGE thank you to Cindy Curchin and Marilyn Johnston for your excellent leadership in 2023 – job well-done!**

Installation of officers was held on Sunday, February 25th.

Easter Work Days – March 23rd and March 30th – Please join us for some great fellowship and fun. Many hands make the work much lighter – All are welcome – come see what St. Ann's is all about.

March 23rd – 9:30AM – This work day centers around preparation for Palm Sunday. Palm crosses will be made and the sanctuary will be decorated with palms. Easter eggs are filled with candy for the annual Easter egg hunt.

March 30th – 9:30AM – This work day prepares the sanctuary for Easter morning. St. Philip's is transformed for this wonderful day in our Christian calendar.



St. Ann's 1st meeting in 2024

WATERED GARDENS

St. Philip's prepares and serves a meal at Watered Gardens the 4th Thursday of every month. Talk to someone who has participated and you will hear about what a great experience it is. Sign-up sheets are in the parish hall. Think about signing up.



Preparing soup to take for Watered Gardens dinner

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

The Adult Forum Topic is “The Mysteries of Lent.” Fr. Estes is leading the group in reviewing the historical background, spiritual practices, related scriptures, and theological themes for understanding this Season. There is always room for more to participate. The forum is held before Sunday Services at 9AM. Please consider coming; it’s a great way to learn more about the Bible and Episcopalian traditions. The coffee is on and the conversation is interesting.

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 11TH – CHIEFS WIN!

On Sunday, February 11th, there was a lot of red in the pews as many participated in the Chiefs Kingdom fanfare. We even had at least one ‘admitted’ 49er fan in attendance. After the service everyone gathered for a group picture and most were happy when the Chiefs pulled out a last-minute win later that evening.



BINGO RETURNED – FEBRUARY 13 – SHROVE TUESDAY

Bingo night returned on Shrove Tuesday. Leslie Webster, assisted by many, led the effort to cook pancakes for a pancake dinner prior to the games. There was even a pancake flipping relay race.



WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

The Wednesday evening schedule in Lent includes Stations of the Cross at 5:30PM, followed by Mass at 6PM. A light meal hosted by groups within the parish begins at 6:30PM, followed by a program that ends by 8PM. This year the program will be led by artists who have contributed their original depictions. Please join these evenings for fellowship and discussions. Child care will be provided.



Stations of the Cross – Feb 21st



St. Ann's members fixed their renowned tomato soup and grilled cheese sandwiches for the light meal on Feb 21st



Fr. Ted led a discussion on power along with conversation about the artwork he created for the Stations of the Cross.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – OPEN HOUSE

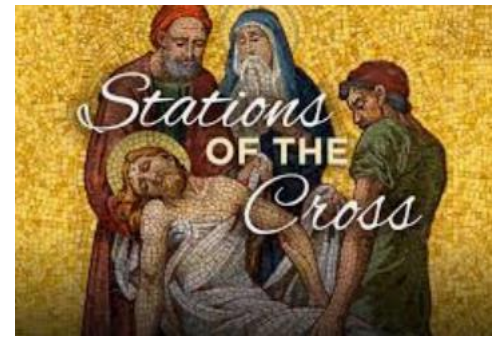
Submitted by Maria Dermott

The New Perspectives exhibit currently displayed throughout the sanctuary features our traditional oil paintings along with contemporary interpretations of the Stations of the Cross. On Sunday, February 18, St. Philip's welcomed 21 people to an Open House to experience the stations in an artful way.

What a blessing it is to host both members and visitors to our church during the holy season. On Wednesdays of Lent through March 20, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the exhibit is open to the public. A guided Way of the Cross begins at 5:30. Spread the word about this unique presentation of the 14 devotions.

SOMETHING NEW FOR LENT – 2024

The Way of the Cross is our Lenten Theme for 2024. The Way of the Cross is a virtual pilgrimage using 14 images / stations at which people pause to pray and reflect with Jesus from his Condemnation by Pilate through his Crucifixion and ending with Jesus being Laid in the Tomb. We are blessed to have a wonderful set of Stations of the Cross painted by an unknown German artist in circa 1868 and donated by James and Patti Austen. For many years, our members have made this pilgrimage using these beautiful images.



An exciting part of our Lenten programming this year will be an art installation by 6 different contemporary artists. Their art pieces will depict the same 14 stations as their Nineteenth century counterparts and be placed near them. The art media varies with examples of: water color, painting with acrylics, quilting/fiber arts, digital imaging, photography, and collage. The artists include: Jory Mertens, Susie Bewick, Jordan Murdock, Brenda Squyres, Carol Peterson, and Ted Estes. 5 of the 6 artists are Episcopalians with one being a seminarian, one a deacon, and one a priest. Fr. Estes, Dcn. Peterson & seminarian, Jory Mertens, have put the program together.

The juxtaposition of the contemporary images with the traditional paintings is designed to provide new insights to people who are reflecting on Jesus' Via Dolorosa (way of sorrow). This spiritual experience will be open to the public and you are encouraged to bring family and friends to walk the Way of the Cross. The new and old stations will be open to the public on the First Sunday in Lent, February 18, from 2:00pm to 3:30pm. Wednesdays of Lent, February 21, 28 and March 6, 13, 20 we will have the Stations available for public viewing from 5pm to 6:30pm. On these Wednesdays, there will also be a member-led Way of the Cross at 5:30pm, followed by mass in St. James Chapel at 6pm, a simple supper at 6:30pm, and a Lenten program from 7pm to 8pm. The Lenten program will feature our artists discussing their artistic process and a group discussion of the themes present in the Stations. There will be a different theme and artist each week. Private viewings for groups of 10 or more may be scheduled by calling the church.

We need volunteers to act as greeters and assist the public when the Stations are open to the public. Please call the church office to volunteer.



LILY DEDICATION FORM



A thoughtful way to remember or honor loved ones is by giving Easter lilies for the beautification of our Sanctuary on Easter.

You may do so by making a **\$10 contribution** marked "Lilies" to the church office **or by bringing a lily plant** to the church by March 27. Please consider adding to the beauty of our Easter celebration in this manner!

Do not delay because **Easter is on March 31** which is right around the corner! Please use the form below to let us know of your contribution:

* I am making a donation in honor of: _____

* I am making a donation in memory of: _____

My name is: _____ My telephone # is: _____
(this is just in case we need to verify the spelling of names listed.)

FYI: For Easter Sunday for the Flowering of the Cross – you are welcome to bring a flower of your choice and place it on our cross during our special service.

SPECIAL NOTATION: After the 10:00 a.m. Easter Service is over, please feel free to "take a lily" home.

MIGHT YOU BE ABLE TO HELP WITH?



Outreach:

- A new opportunity! Maker's Market at St Philip's will be held 10:00 – 2:00 in our parking lot across the street, one Saturday a month, starting in April. Our church will have a 'booth' each month and we currently need help with ...
- Updating our parish tri-fold brochure.
- Identifying and ordering giveaways with our church logo/info on it.
- Coming up with a team of volunteers to "man" the booth, hand out the brochures, give folks (especially the kids) a free-be with our church info on it, offer to pray with folks, etc.
- This will be a great outreach opportunity and should be lots of fun too!
- Interested in having, or know anyway that might want to have, a table to sell handmade items at the Maker's Market? See Karen Ames or Melissa Braun.
- We are tossing around the idea of hosting a "block party" of sorts later this Spring. If you might be interested in helping to organize this – let me know!

Garden & Grounds:

- Could you help us dig holes to plant bushes in our (soon to be) re-landscaped garden areas around the building?
- Are you interested in "owning" one of the vegetable garden plots (or even a half a plot)? If we divide it up among families, etc. we might be able to plant it this year!
- Saturday March 2 could you help us do some spring garden/parking lot clean up and/or help sweep gravel in the children's play area back where it should be?
- Let's help get our outdoor area looking good this Spring!

Lastly, do you have or know of a used microwave or washer & dryer that could be purchased at a fair price?

Please let Deacon Carol know if you can help with any of the above! Bless you!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS from DEACON CAROL

March Parish-Wide Outreach Activity of the Month

Our March-Lenten outreach activity of the month organization is Fostering Hope, the local non-profit that provides assistance to foster kids and foster families. We collected items for this organization last year during Lent. This year their list of needed items includes:

- Diapers - All sizes
- Wipes
- Suitcases, backpacks, and duffle bags
- Baby/Children's toiletries: soaps, lotions, diaper cream, etc.
- Birthday Party Supplies: cards, decor, candles, etc.

Look for the collection point in the parish hall. Questions? Ask co-coordinators Katie Bacon and Marilyn Johnson

The Blanket Brigade is still on-going. Please bring any size quilts, blankets, or throws and drop them off in the parish hall. Questions? Contact coordinator Vicky Cleveland.

Save the Date – March 10 is RAISE Sunday

On Sunday March 10, we will have several activities related to our recent partnership with RAISE. First, our friend Freddy Rusimbana will be providing one of the scripture readings that day in Swahili. Also, Eddie Gonzales RAISE Training Coordinator will be delivering a message during sermon time at the 10:00 service. There will also be a question and answer period at a lunch, provided by our Outreach Team, immediately after the service in the parish hall. Eddie will be joined at that time by Katya Wilson, RAISE Community Outreach Coordinator. Katya is from Ukraine. Please plan to attend the service and lunch afterwards as we learn more about refugee families coming to our community and ways we can help "welcome the stranger" among us. Many thanks to all of you who have already stepped up and offered friendship and assistance to our own RAISE family from the Congo.

Questions? Contact Deacon Carol

RECTOR SEARCH PROCESS UPDATE

Search Team Members are:

Phil Metz, Gay Currence, Jacquie McConnell – co-chairs

Alexander Curchin, IV, Sharrock Dermott, David Kumbier, Phil O'Hare, Leslie Webster

Judy Turner (vestry representative)



There is much work to be done, but the process has begun! The Search Committee held their first meeting via Zoom on Thursday evening, February 15th. Fr. Chas Marks (Diocesan Missioner for Transitions) attended and provided an overview of the process and answered questions as the process to call our next full-time rector begins. The primary task at hand is to create a parish profile which provides potential candidates with information related to our church and community. Fr. Chas has provided examples of recent profiles from other churches which will be helpful as the committee begins to create a representation of St. Philip's. The results from the Holy Cow survey will also be critically important as the profile is created.

The committee will also need to develop processes and questions for interviews. Initial interviews will be conducted on-line, references will be checked, and a determination of which candidates will be invited for on-site interviews will be made.

Once the search committee has selected their single best candidate, they will make the recommendation to the Vestry. The vestry will vote to call the candidate. The actual 'call' will be made by the Bishop who will take steps to ensure the candidate is a good fit before making the call.

The search committee will share information that can be shared with the parish. There is a need for a high level of privacy/confidentiality in this process and specific information regarding candidates will not be shared.

Watch for updates regarding the process in the newsletter or on the church's website, <https://stphilipsjoplin.com/> under the "Rector Search" tab. A new email box has been created - rectorsearch@stphilipsjoplin.com - which will be used for anything related to the search. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to send them to this mailbox which will only be accessible by the Search Committee. If there is something you think makes St. Philip's shine and stand out, please share it with a committee member or send through this email. We want to put our best foot forward.

The search committee appreciates your support and understanding as this process embarks. There is an awareness that St. Philip's is anxious to begin its next season with a new leader and there is a degree of urgency to move forward quickly. At the same time, these processes do take time and there is a need to make sure that necessary due diligence is taken so that a wise decision can be made. This basically means that it will take the time it takes to do the job properly and well.

Please include our prayer in your daily prayers:

Gracious Father, giver of every good and perfect gift, hear our prayers as we search for our next rector at St. Philip's. Guide the minds of those on the search committee, and vestry, that they may discern the needs of our parish family. Open the eyes and hearts of candidates that, through their prayer and service, would lead St. Philip's to worship God, follow Christ, and love our neighbor. We pray that You send us a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; We ask Your blessing on this process in the name of Jesus. Amen

ABOUT OUR YOUTH

Much of the food and bingo prizes were furnished by Blake and Leslie Webster, Wayne and Kaie Stephenson. Donations were received totaling \$ 100.00. This money has been added to the existing Youth Fund with plans for it to be used to help with expenses for our youth to participate in special events.

Event possibilities could be a Summer Church Camp sponsored by the Diocese of West Missouri or The National Acolyte Festival at the Washington National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. or maybe attending some part of the General Convention in Louisville, Tennessee. There could be other options. Obviously, there is a lot of work, conversation and investigation to be done and we are just getting started. There will definitely be more information forthcoming!!!





- **The Search process has begun!** Watch the St Philip's website for more details on the search process timeline. See the article in this newsletter.
 - **There will be 2 "listening sessions" in March** – The purpose is to share the results of the Holy Cow Survey as well as hear comments/feedback from the parish. Please plan to attend either or both in order to stay as informed as possible:
 - **Sunday, March 3rd – following Sunday Services (11:30AM)**
 - **Wednesday, March 6th – following 6PM mass and light dinner**
- **A new, private email box has been created exclusively for the use of the search committee - rectorsearch@stphilipsjoplin.com** You can share your feedback/comments/questions to this email box in complete confidentiality.
- **Copies of the Search Committee prayer** can be found on the sign-up table in the parish hall – please take one and include it in your daily prayers.

- St. Philip's prepares and serve a meal for **Watered Gardens the 4th Thursday of each month**. There are sign-up sheets in the parish hall. Please consider signing up to contribute food for the meal and/or to serve on our scheduled evening. Reports from those who have participated share that it is a rewarding and fun experience. We need volunteers each month in order to continue this outreach. Please don't wait until the last minute to sign up!

- **Child care is being provided during the Wednesday evening services, meal and program during Lent.**

- Most recent average Sunday attendance is 72.

- **We are in need of ushers.** Can you please consider if this is something that you could do for St. Philip's? It is an important part of our Sunday service. Think about it please and let Andy Campbell know if you are interested.

- There is a sign-up sheet on our table if you would like to help make our **Easter coffee hour** a bit more special.

- **2AM on March 10th** - Daylight Savings Time begins at– be sure to set your clocks ahead.

CELEBRATIONS!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 George Webster | 14 Zach Sutton |
| 4 Nicholas Turney | 16 Leslie Daniels |
| 5 Mary Kay Gold | 17 Alan Schiska |
| 6 Linda Englert | 17 Philip Ante |
| 6 Melinda Estes | 17 Cyra Evans |
| 8 Lyter Isenmann | 18 Gayle Tuck |
| 10 Alexis Barlos | 22 Jim Lile |
| 10 Sarah Volkl Mareth | 25 Kyle Beeler |
| 11 Holly Chism | 25 Allen McReynolds, IV |
| 12 Ann-Marie Gailey | 25 Andrew Campbell |
| 12 Richard Reece | 25 Donna Webster |
| 13 Tammy Macy | 26 Sharrock Dermott |
| 13 Billy Robertson Jr. | 27 Robert Scott |
| | 28 Blake Johnston |



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 24 Kyle and Audrea Beeler
26 Harvey and Mimi Hutchison



Altar Flowers

March 24th

- The sanctuary candle is given to the glory of God by Darlene Campbell in thanksgiving for Andy's birthday.

March 31st

- The high altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Jacquie McConnell in celebration of Aly's Easter birthday
- The children's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Turney children in honor of family.

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 Joe, our President; Mike, our Governor; Ryan, our Mayor

Pray for: 75th 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) ***

Mike Baker, Hailey Burge, George Butler, James Clark, Jim Collins, Anthony Curtis, Tiffany Dagleish, Bob Davis, Matt Fick, James Gray, Jeff Green, Bethanie Knoll, Matthew Law, Samantha Lawson, Sarah and Piper Mareth, Phil Metz, Marsha Patterson, Linda Salzer, Lois Shilkett, Andrea White, Kathy Yeaman, Brian, Clara, Jim, Peyton, Susan, and the Cooper Family

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.**



MARCH 2024 – St. Philip’s Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February 25	February 26	February 27	February 28	February 29	1	2
Lent II 9:00AM Adult Forum 10:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM HE – Rite I Installation of St. Ann’s Officers		6:30PM Choir Practice	5PM – 6:30PM SoC open house 5:30PM SoC - Group Led 6PM HE w/unction 6:30PM – 8PM Program & meal vestry			9AM – Noon Garden & Grounds Work Morning
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Lent III 9:00AM Adult Forum 10:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM HE – Rite I 11:15AM Sunday School Planning 11:30AM Listening Session		6:30PM Choir Practice	5PM – 6:30PM SoC open house 5:30PM SoC - Group Led 6PM HE w/unction 6:30PM – 8PM Listening Session & meal WOSP			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Lent IV 9:00AM Adult Forum 10:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM HE – Rite I After Service RAISE Panel discussion with lunch			5PM – 6:30PM SoC open house 5:30PM SoC - Group Led 6PM HE w/unction 6:30PM – 8PM Program & meal Youth - pancakes			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Lent V 9:00AM Adult Forum 10:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM HE – Rite I	6PM vestry	11AM Southern Deanery Clericus 6:30PM Choir Practice	5PM – 6:30PM SoC open house 5:30PM SoC - Group Led 6PM HE w/unction 6:30PM – 8PM Program & meal Search committee			9:30 AM St. Ann’s workday
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Palm Sunday 9:00AM Adult Forum 10:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM HE – Rite I		6:30PM Choir Practice	5PM – 6:30PM SoC open house 5:30PM SoC - Group Led 6PM HE w/unction 6:30PM – 8PM	Maundy Thursday Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar 6PM Serving Dinner at Watered Gardens 8PM – 8AM Vigil	Good Friday Noon and 6PM Veneration of the Cross Communion from Reserved Sacrament	Holy Saturday 9:30 AM St. Ann’s workday 6PM The Great Vigil
31	April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6
EASTER 9:00AM Adult Forum 10:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM HE – Rite II Flower Cross Easter Egg Hunt		6:30PM Choir Practice	5:30PM 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.

March 3 Lent III	March 10 Lent IV	March 17 Lent V	March 24 Palm Sunday	March 31 Easter
Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Camera Streamers – GAYLE TUCK, Coordinator				
10AM – Nancy Messick EM – Gayle Tuck Camera Karen Ames	10AM – Pam Volkl EM – Michael DeGuerre Camera – Mark Kiger	10AM – Mark Kiger EM – Alex Curchin Camera – John Messick	10AM – John Moback EM – Judy Turner Camera – Phil O’Hare	10AM – Nancy Messick EM – Sharrock Dermott Camera – John Messick Maundy Thur – Alex Curchin Good Fri – Harvey Hutchinson Holy Sat – Gayle Tuck/Pam Volkl (Camera Karen Ames)
Wednesday Service – 5:30PM				
Wed, Mar 6 HE w/unction – TBD – Jane Hoover	Wed, Mar 13 HE w/unction – Judy Turner	Wed, Mar 20 HE w/unction - Harvey Hutchinson	Wed, Mar 27 HE w/unction – Jane Hoover	Wed, Apr 3 HE w/unction – TBD
Counters – Parish Secretary, Coordinator				
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.				
Barb Mazjoub Jane Hoover	Rose Paul Gayle O’Hare	Leigh Frogge Lyter Isenmann	Sandy Blackford Jacquie McConnell	Judy Turner Ramona Shields
Acolytes – Rebecca Fick, Coordinator				
Crucifer – TBD 1st Server – TBD 2nd Server – TBD Gospel Book - TBD	Crucifer – George Webster 1st Server – Ben Webster 2nd Server – TBD Gospel Book - Walt Webster	Crucifer – TBD 1st Server – Gaddie Stephenson 2nd Server – TBD Gospel Book - TBD	Crucifer – Louisa Curchin 1st Server – Alex Curchin 2nd Server – Bohdi Webster Gospel Book - TBD	Crucifer – George Webster 1st Server – Gaddie Stephenson 2nd Server – Ben Webster Gospel Book - Walt Webster Thurifer – Micheal Fick
Altar Crew – Gail Campbell/Gayle O’Hare, Co-Directress				
Maria Dermott Judy Turner Rose Paul Wed, Mar 6 – Marilyn Johnston	Nancy Messick Melissa Braun Meredith Murray Wed, Mar 13 Jacquie McConnell	Carolyn Wiggins Stacy Turney Ann Turney Wed, Mar 20 Jacquie McConnell	Lyter Isenmann Leslie Daniels Gayle O’Hare Wed, Mar 27 Jacquie McConnell	Lyter Isenmann Marilyn Johnston Leslie Daniels Gail Campbell Maundy Thursday, Mar 28 Nancy Messick, Melissa Braun, Stacy Turney, Gail Campbell Good Friday, Mar 29 Noon – Carolyn Wiggins, Ann Turney Evening – Rose Paul, Marilyn Johnston Saturday Vigil – Mar 30 Gayle O’Hare
Ushers – Andrew Campbell, Coordinator				
Harvey Hutchinson Andy Campbell Wayne Stephenson	Melissa and Bill Braun Blake Webster	Katie Clark-Bacon Phil O’Hare	Wayne Stephenson	Volunteers needed for Easter, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday

FINANCIALS

STEWARDSHIP - ST. PHILIP'S FINANCIAL INFORMATION

January 2024

Line #	JANUARY	YTD
ORDINARY INCOME		
1 From Regular Support for Operations.....	\$ 10,782	\$ 10,782
2 Interest from Operating account.....	\$ 3	\$ 3
3 From Investments Used for Operations.....	\$	\$
4 Transfer from Endowment.....	\$ -	\$ -
5 Total Ordinary Income (add lines 1,2,3,4.....)	\$ 10,785	\$ 10,785
ORDINARY EXPENSES		
6 From Regular Monthly activities.....	\$ 19,278	\$ 19,278
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] ..	\$ (8,493)	\$ (8,493)

LET'S STAY CONNECTED

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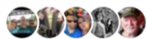
The church presence on Facebook. All Facebook users are encouraged to “like” the page if you haven’t already done so. Daily prayers, links to live streamed services and news from around the Episcopal Church, The Diocese of West Missouri and elsewhere.

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, January 21st, 2023 11:40AM

Attendees: Phil Metz (Via Zoom), Blake Webster, Maria Dermott, Andy Campbell, Judy Turner, Calvin Cassidy, Chris Smiley

Others: Fr. Ted Estes, Kim Siers, Mindy Estes, Jacquie McConnell, Dcn. Carol Peterson, Kaie Stephenson, Tammy Macy, Melissa Braun, Karen Ames

Agenda – Fr Ted proposed to move Ames-Braun proposal to 4A Maria Dermott approved. All in favor. No abstentions. Maria Dermott moved to adopt the agenda, Judy Turner seconded. All in favor. No abstentions.

Ames-Braun Proposal - Karen Ames and Melissa Braun would like to start a neighborhood vendor market to be held monthly starting in April. Chris Smiley moved to adopt and take the necessary steps to start in April with proceeds going to St. Philip's outreach. Maria Dermott seconded. All in favor. No abstentions.

Steps are:

1. Liability/insurance rider/umbrella
2. Parking Lot access

Last Month's Vestry Minutes – Maria Dermott moved to amend the minutes pg 13 4th bullet to add (in Jan) to end of sentence, Chris Smiley seconded. All in favor. No abstentions. Andy Campbell moved to accept the vestry minutes, Calvin Cassidy seconded. All in favor. No abstentions.

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

Balance Sheet:

1. Account #1110 SMB Checking Account up \$72,398.50 from November.
2. Account #1120 Stifel Investment up \$18,231.88 from November. Account #1130 Stifel Endowment up \$25,809.97. Account #1140 Stifel Bonds down \$32,600.88. There were transfers of \$41,348.64 from the Bonds account to SMB in December.
3. Account #2200 Prepaid Pledges up \$22,587.50.

Income Statement:

1. Account #4110 Pledge Payments up \$10,260.
2. Account #4115 Unpledged Donations up \$1,749.
3. Account #4155 Other Income up \$1,000 due to donation for supplies and materials for the church.
4. Account #4240 Transfer From Stifel Bonds Acct up \$41,348.64.
5. Account #6010 Electric down \$1,308.59. Payments were made at the end of November and beginning of January 2024.
6. Account #6020 Gas Service up \$1,937.23. Payment of \$1,238.74 was made at the end of December.
7. Account #6110 Building Repairs & Main down \$11,991.75.
8. Account #6140 Property Insurance down \$2,527.50.
9. Account #6410 Rector Salary down \$5,791.67, Account #6420 Rector Housing down \$1,000, and Account #6450 up \$1,222.50 as Father Ted was issued two paychecks in November and one in December.
10. Account #5020 Employee Purse and Gifts Income up \$3,150.
11. Account #5710 Income and Distributions up \$4,003.43 and Account #5720 Change in Securities Value down \$12,657.75.
12. Account #9001 up \$41,348.64 as there were transfers totaling \$41,348.64 to the SMB account in December.

Phil Metz moved to receive the financials, Maria Dermott seconded. All in favor. No abstentions
Also talked about inviting Brad from Stifel to join us quarterly at Vestry meeting.

Phil Metz moved that all prepaid stock pledges be transferred from Stifel account to SMB account, Maria Dermott seconded. All in favor. No abstentions

Calendar – Maria Dermott moved to accept the calendar as amended, Judy Turner seconded. All in favor. No abstentions.

- Add Stations of the cross to Wednesday during Lent. 5-6:30PM, group led at 5:30PM
- Change Wednesday Mass to 6PM during Lent
- Change dinner to 6:30 and program to 7-8 on Wednesday, during Lent
- Shrove Tuesday Bingo and Pancakes time to 5:30-7:30

Jr. Warden Report – We have figured out that the heat/air unit that controls the office also controls the bathrooms and hallway outside of the offices so we are unable to do the mini split heat and air. We have one bid, waiting to receive the second bid and Andy will get a third bid.

Andy has met with 2 landscape companies to get the campus grounds cleaned up and to put down mulch around buildings.

The light fixture will be installed in the courtyard next week.

Executive Session:

Diocesan Transition Missioner, Fr. Chas Marks, entered the Vestry Meeting via Zoom at 1pm. Chris Smiley moved that the Vestry enter executive session to discuss appointments to the Rector Search Committee. Seconded by Maria Dermott. Unanimous approval and Vestry entered executive session. Vestry reviewed each of the applications following a system to achieve unanimous consensus on the final slate of members. After a slate of 8 received unanimous consensus, a motion to select all 8 as members and elect 1 Vestry member to complete the team after Vestry elections on January 28 was moved by Judy Turner and seconded by Calvin Cassidy. Action was unanimously approved.

The 8 members selected by consensus were: Alexander Curchin, IV, Gay Currence, Sharrock Dermott, David Kumbier, Jacquie McConnell, Phil Metz, Phil O'Hare, and Leslie Webster

Motion was made and seconded to return to regular session. Motion approved and Vestry entered open session.

Sr. Warden Report – None

Deacon's Report – See attached

Rector's Report – We have continued growth. 2023 Avg Sunday attendance is 80, Avg weekday attendance 21 which makes the weekly attendance 101. Fr. Ted's last day will be June 2nd.

Old Business:

Holy Cow: Need to schedule a time for consultant to meet with the Search Committee and new Vestry members via Zoom. This will be a free consultation.

Stewardship: \$200,101 in pledges for 2024

New Business:

Danielle Wheeler: She has attended special services in the past was wanting to make a video using St. Philip's as a background. Maria Dermott moved that we do not allow the use of St. Philip's, Calvin Cassidy seconded. All in favor. No abstentions.

Parking lot: Maria Dermott moved that the parking lot be for church/member use only, Calvin Cassidy seconded. All in favor. No abstentions

A letter will be sent to neighbors regarding use of the parking lot.

Security: Need to put a group together to discuss and implement a plan. Greeters/security guard. Possible group members could include Katie Bacon and John Moback.

Stations of the Cross: Local artists are doing a new version of the Stations to be put beside the old. Stations will be held Wednesdays during Lent from 5PM-6:30PM. With group led Stations at 5:30PM before Mass.

Lenten Programs and Meals: Will be on Wednesday's during Lent. Meal will be at 6:30PM and Program will be 7PM-8PM.

Phil Metz moved to adjourn, Maria Dermott seconded, passed and adjourned.

Action Items:

- Fr. Ted schedule consultation with Holy Cow and Search Committee/New Vestry Members
- Fr. Ted let Danielle Wheeler no that she is unable to use the church
- Fr. Ted/Sharrock Dermott to send letter to neighbors about parking on lot
- Put group together to look at options for security
- Maria get list of committees that St. Philip's has had
- Phil Metz find out if prepaid pledges from 2022 were transferred to SMB account
- Fr. Ted/Phil Metz invite Brad from Stifel to come quarterly to vestry meetings
- Andy Campbell getting 3rd bid for office heat/air units
- Fr. Ted call insurance about neighborhood market to see if we need a rider

Respectfully Submitted
Kim Siers, Parish Secretary

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Vestry Members:

Sr. Warden – Kaie Stephenson

Jr. Warden – Andy Campbell

Maria Dermott, Judy Turner, Calvin Cassady, Chris Smiley, Tammy Macy

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.