

St. Philip's Life

WE THANK THEE

*For flowers that bloom about our feet;
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet
For song of bird, and hum of bee;
For all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!*

*For blue of stream and blue of sky;
For pleasant shade of branches high;
For fragrant air and cooling breeze,
For beauty of the blooming trees,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!*

*For this new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food, for love and friends,
For fragrant air and cooling breeze,
For everything Thy goodness sends,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!*

Ralph Waldo Emerson (May 25, 1803 – April 27, 1882)

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FROM FATHER TED



Alleluia! Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen, indeed. Alleluia!

This is my third Easter as the rector in this faithful parish and I continue to be amazed by the gifts the Holy Spirit has given to our members. Gifts of faith, discernment, generosity, courage, and compassion abound. Other gifts are yet to be discovered. Many members step forward in service to use their gifts, but a few seem to hold back. Although gifted by the Holy Spirit, these folks seem shy about exercising their gifts or uncertain about how to serve. They need an invitation and a mentor to grow in their faith and service to Christ. Eastertide is a good time to start this work.

In our tradition, the Easter Season begins on Easter (March 31) and will be celebrated for 50 days ending with the Feast of Pentecost (May 19). This Eastertide we will celebrate Christ's resurrection and move forward in equipping believers for ministry and planning for the rest of 2024. Part of this planning will include gathering our lay leaders for prayer and discernment to set goals, plan activities/events/ministries, identify team members and leaders for ministries, and to provide leadership for this work. This work will start with Leadership Saturday.

The Vestry has scheduled **Leadership Saturday** for April 6 from 9am to 12pm with lunch to follow. Leaders, and interested members, from all ministry groups at St. Philip's Church are invited to participate. The list of ministries invited to attend includes: Vestry, WOSP, St. Ann's Altar Guild, Search Committee, St. Catherine's Guild, Choir/Music, Outreach, Garden & Grounds, Acolytes, Sunday School/Youth, Communications (Newsletter, Streaming, Social Media), Greeters/Ushers, Stewardship/Financial Work, Pastoral Care, and Worship Team. Leaders are also needed for a Hospitality Team to coordinate coffee hours, receptions, and celebrations. ***If your ministry team has been missed in this list, please let the office know and show up for this Leadership Saturday.*** Your voice, heart, and hands are needed to do this work.

Other leadership events scheduled for this season include:

- 7 April - Sunday School leaders and teachers meet after church to plan for the Fall program and events.
- 14 April - Fr. David Wilcox, Diocesan Youth Missioner, will preach and meet after church with our Youth and their Parents to talk about youth opportunities.

May God bless our work together during Eastertide to build God's Kingdom and this Parish.

Fr. Ted+

FROM DEACON CAROL



Garden & Grounds Update

As you can see, all the beds around the sanctuary and parish hall have been re-done. Following completion of the foundation work around the parish hall, we then needed to remove large rocks and level the ground. A decision was made by parish leadership that this was also an opportunity to remove the remainder of the old mulch & weed guard in the courtyard area as well as along 7th St so we could start with a clean, cohesive slate around our buildings. However, this was more work than what we could reasonably ask of parish volunteers. We decided that we needed to hire out these difficult tasks to a professional landscape company. We also needed to get this work done soon so we could re-inter the ashes that were removed from the outdoor columbarium (to do the foundation work), place some new bushes and plants this spring, and be able to put our best face forward as we seek our next rector.

Andy obtained three bids from local landscape companies. Funds were secured from within the existing budget/finances that could be combined with Garden & Grounds funds and some Columbarium funds, so we had enough money to accomplish all this. The vestry approved one of the bids and the landscaper was able to start immediately. At this point, we have Missouri limestone gravel (the same stone as the buildings) in place and over time it should take on the same hue as the building and not look so stark. And, we will still have some money left to cover the purchase of additional plants and bushes to beautify the areas!



A group comprised of clergy, the wardens, vestry and parish members did a walk around and discussed what types of plantings we wanted to do; minimum maintenance, hardy bushes and plants that would not get too big. We are currently selecting and starting to plant things. The columbarium ashes will be re-interred soon with nice stone markers added. Please mark your calendars for our next Garden & Grounds workday on Saturday April 6th and join us as we complete the plantings and do a bit of Spring clean-up in other areas on our property.

Important Note: I'm also hoping that this year, a few parish members will commit to plant and tend small portions of our vegetable garden. If several individuals or families take just a quarter of a bed as theirs, we will be able to have a functioning garden again. We will supply soaker hoses, mulch, and a combination lock to keep things secure – you just provide the plants and labor. This fenced-in garden is a wonderful, but non-utilized parish asset! Let's get it functioning again this Spring! Please let Deacon Carol or Kim know if you are willing to stake out and work a small portion of one the veg garden beds.

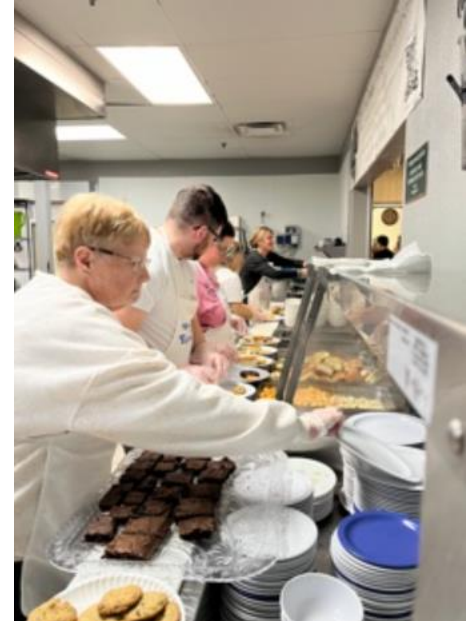
Outreach Update

On Sunday March 10, we were joined by staff from **RAISE** who provided us with the message and an informative Q & A session at lunch. They reminded us that there are many ways to help refugees get settled and integrated into our community such as: helping to welcome refugees at the airport, helping to set up their home or apartment with donated items, helping them with transportation, assist with ESL classes, or providing childcare at the RAISE office site or taking them to the park or other activities.

We continue to have a good response from parish members willing to provide food or volunteering to serve at **Watered Gardens** on the 4th Thursday of every month. Kim puts out sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall three weeks in advance. Consider volunteering next month if you haven't yet. Folks who have served report it is a most worthwhile opportunity!

Outreach Activities of the Month: Each month we promote an opportunity to participate in supporting a local charity or participating in a community event. A huge thanks to all of you that donated items in March for Fostering Hope. Our April activity will be planning for a Block Party for our parish and the neighborhood to be held in May (date TBD).

Food Bags for the Needy: We are trying to always have a supply of bags of ready-to-eat foods on hand for the various folks that stop by our church all week long asking for food or something to drink. We have Outreach funds available to purchase items. It would be great if a few folks would be willing to help put bags together once a month. Let Deacon Carol know if you could help with this.



Please mark your calendars for our next Outreach meeting on Sunday April 21st following church service. We will be planning the May Block Party and other outreach activities for the remainder of the year!

FROM OUR ORGANIST - CALEB



The season of Easter brings us the joy of salvation through the resurrection of Christ. It is only fitting that this season resurrects some of the favorite hymns and anthems of our beloved parish. You will find that all of the music reflects the prescribed lectionary readings for the day, but I've managed to work into every service, at least one hymn that someone in the parish told me is a favorite of the season. As Julie and I plan the season of Pentecost, feel free to contact me (cklinzing@gus.pittstate.edu) and request some of your favorite hymns. Hymns should foremost comment on the readings for the day, but they also need to uplift the spirits of those singing.

Here is the music for April:
Mass Ordinary:

Song of Praise: S278 "Gloria" - William Mathias
Sanctus: S 128 - William Mathias
Fraction Anthem: Fraction Anthem: S 154 "Christ our Passover" David Hurd

Second Sunday of Easter | April 7, 2024

Prelude: Erschienen ist der herrlich Tag - Carl Steinhäuser (1823-1903)
Processional Hymn: 205 "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!" (Golobet sei Gott)
Sequence: 193 "That Easter day with joy was bright" (Puer Nobis)
Communion Hymn: 490 "I want to walk as a child of the light" (Houston)
Recessional Hymn: 203 "O Sons and daughter" (O Filii et filiae)
Anthem: "Alleluia Canon" - W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)
Postlude: Improvisation on O Filii et filiae _____

Third Sunday of Easter | April 14, 2024

Prelude: Prelude on "Christ who saves" op. 34 - Theophil Forehammer (1847-1923)
Processional Hymn: 199 "Come ye faithful, raise the strain" (St. Kevin)
Sequence: 295 "Sign praise to our Creator" (Christus, der ist mein Leben)
Communion Hymn: 343 "Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless" (St. Agnes)
Communion Hymn: 345 "Savior, again to thy dear name we raise" (Ellers)
Recessional Hymn: "Good Christians all, rejoice and sing" (Gelobt sei Gott) vs 1, 3-5
Anthem: "Baptized in Water" (WLP [Hope Publishing co, 1982])
Postlude: Praeludium und Fuga in D Major - J.K.F. Fischer (1655-1746) _____

Fourth Sunday of Easter | April 21, 2024

Prelude: Chorale Prelude on "The King of Love, my Shepherd is" - Caleb R. Klinzing (b. 2000)
Processional Hymn: 366 "Holy God, we Praise thy Name" (Grosser Gott)
Sequence: 644 "How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds" (St. Peter)
Communion Hymn: 304 "I Come with Joy to meet my Lord" (Land of Rest)
Communion Hymn: 645 "The king of, my Shepherd is" (St. Columba)
Recessional Hymn: 525 "The Church's one foundation" (Aurelia)
Anthem: Christ Who Knows all His sheep - Charles Wood (1866-1926) [Cambridge University Press] Text, Richard Bout
Postlude: Präludium in D Major - J.K.F Fischer _____

Fifth Sunday of Easter | April 28, 2024

Prelude: Ein Lämmlein geht und trägt die Schuld - Gustav Flügel (1812-1900)
Processional Hymn: 182 "Christ is alive! Let Christians sing" (Truro)
Sequence: 514 "To thee, O Comforter divine" (St. Bartholomew's)
Communion Hymn: H. 82: 308 "O Food to pilgrims" (Psalm 6)
Recessional Hymn: 188 "Love's redeeming work is done" (Savannah)
Anthem: Agnus Dei - Dana Megel
Communion Meditation: WLP: 793 "Here, O Lord, your servants gather"
Postlude: Präludium in G major - J. Krieger

IN MEMORY

Requiescat in Pace

W. Blaine Bond

Wilson 'Blaine' Bond, age 91 of Joplin, Missouri, passed away on Monday, March 11, 2024 at Mercy Hospital in Joplin, following a short illness. Blaine was born September 20, 1932 in Craig, Colorado to the late Hugh W. and Winnie Fay (Shields) Bond.

Blaine grew up on a little fruit farm near Mesa, CO and later graduated from Grand Valley High School in 1950. Starting off his lifelong desire to keep learning, Blaine first attended Mesa Junior College for 2 years. Afterwards, he went to attend Colorado State College of Education where he received his degree in education. It was then that he started his education career for the first year and got drafted with the U.S. Army to serve his country in the Korean War. After being discharged, Blaine then went back to school at Illif School of Theology to receive his Master's Degree and started ministering in the Methodist church. While ministering, Blaine continued to receive his degree in counseling at Adams State College. After working in education throughout the state of Colorado, Blaine retired from the North Glenn Public Schools with over 25 years of service.

Upon retirement, Blaine and his wife moved to Joplin where he continued his passion to care for others while taking care of close family in their time of need. While in Joplin, Blaine became a member of St. Philip's Episcopal Church and was active in the church choir. Using his beautiful baritone voice, Blaine also sang with the Joplin Choral Society for many years. During any free time that Blaine had, he had a passion to meet his friends on the golf course or meeting them along the water banks for a time of fishing.

Those surviving Blaine include his son, Brent Bond (Marcia) of Longmont, CO; daughter, Steffanie Bond of Golden, CO; grandchildren, Dawn Spiering, Sonia Hopkins (Erik) and Mandy Spiering (Jeff); great-grandchildren, Cody, Austin, Kaytlin, McKenzie, Joshua, Sr., Izaak and Mason; great great-grandchildren, Dominic, Joshua, Jr., Ryker, Sabastian, Weston and Jocelyn.

Other than his parents, Blaine is preceded in death by his wife, Marion Elizabeth (Smith) Bond.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at the St. Philips Episcopal Church in Joplin, followed by a committal of ashes in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. Philips Episcopal Church, in care of the mortuary.



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.**

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.



LENTEN PROGRAM THANKS

Gaddie Stephenson brought her “World Famous Dessert Pizza” as part of the meal provided by Youth & Young Families for the 2024 Lenten Program. It is good to see our youth taking roles beyond being acolytes. The groups that provided meals for the 5 nights of the program included: St. Ann’s Altar Guild, Vestry, Women of St. Philips, Youth & Young Families, and Search Committee. It is great to see our multi-generational church join together in service. Many thanks to all who helped make our Lenten Program a success.



ST. ANN'S

Easter is a very busy time for the altar guild. On Saturday, March 23rd, many gathered to decorate the church for Palm Sunday. Others made palm crosses while others filled plastic Easter eggs with candy for the kids to find on Easter Sunday.

The sanctuary will transform again on Saturday, March 30th as these devoted women gather together to prepare the sanctuary for Easter morning. The brass will be shined, and lilies and other flowers will adorn our lovely church. But, prior to that, on Maundy Thursday, these same devoted women will strip the altar.

St. Ann's would love to welcome new members to this very dedicated guild. Are you interested in participating during the entire year? Talk to any St. Ann's member – you're very welcome and this is truly a rewarding way to serve St. Philip's.



Palm crosses made by St. Ann's



Crosses were draped in red instead of the purple seen throughout Lent and palms adorned the sanctuary



Lots of eggs were 'stuffed'!

RAISE SUNDAY – MARCH 10TH

Our friend, Freddy Rusimbana provided the Gospel reading in Swahili on Sunday, March 10th. We welcomed Eddie Gonzales, RAISE Training Coordinator, who delivered the message during the Sunday Service. He shared information with us about RAISE and after services he and Katya Wilson, RAISE Community Outreach Coordinator, answered questions in the parish hall while everyone enjoyed lunch. Refugee and Immigration Services and Education (RAISE) is a Joplin organization founded locally and supported by our community.



Freddy Rusimbana shared the Gospel in Swahili



Eddie Gonzales delivered the message about RAISE

PALM SUNDAY – MARCH 25TH



Palm Sunday we gathered in the parish hall – and then followed the acolytes who led us into the sanctuary. The sounds of “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” were enriched by the DePriest brothers, Wilson and Calvin, playing the trombones.

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

The Adult Forum Topic for April is The Book of Acts: How the Church grew after Easter & Pentecost. Bring your Bible or use one of ours as we travel through St. Luke's Book of The Acts of the Apostles. Learn how the Church developed from an informal group of disciples into the life changing Church of today. We will answer questions like: Where did we get Bishops and Deacons? What were the early church conflicts about? The Adult Forum is held Sundays, beginning at 9AM – please grab a cup of coffee and join us for learning and discussion.



LEADERSHIP MEETING – APRIL 6TH

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THANKS TO GARDEN AND GROUNDS TEAM

The Garden & Grounds Team has been busy. Dead plants have been removed and new white rock mulch has been put in place. A special thanks to Tom and Lyter Isenman for planting the evergreen shrubs. There are more shrubs and future planting opportunities in the future. Consider how you might participate in this fun group of folks who are making St. Philip's shine.

THE COURTYARD IS TRANSFORMING

If you haven't noticed the changes in the courtyard, be sure to take a look. There is a new fence and the flagpole is proudly flying the flag of the Episcopal Church. It is very well lit and in the evening it is lovely. White rock has been placed and plants are ready to be planted. Soon the ashes will be returned with markers identifying them.

With much work from our Jr. Warden, Andy Campbell, and our garden and grounds committee, led by Deacon Carol, we can now be very proud of this space. Thanks to all who have played a part in this much-needed improvement.



Day and Night in the Courtyard



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

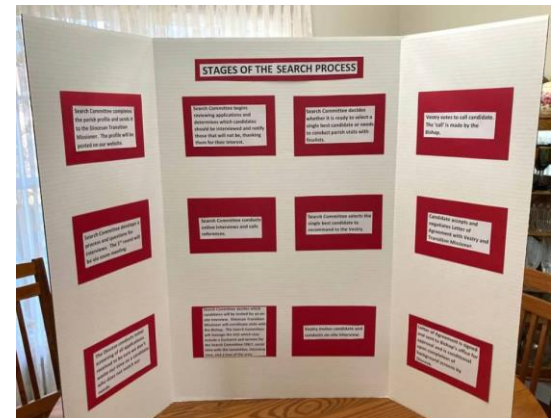
Judy Turner (vestry representative)



The Search Committee, with the Vestry, held 2 meetings, Sunday, March 3rd after service and Wednesday evening, March 6th. The purpose was to share the Holy Cow survey results with the parish. Gay Currence and Judy Turner provided a summary of the survey results using a power-point presentation. Questions were answered. A written summary of the survey is available in the parish hall. The results that were shared were based on comparisons among 1200 to 1500 other churches of all denominations and locations. We are exceptional in that our attendance is growing, while most churches are facing declines in attendance. Not surprisingly, our results reinforce that we are in the midst of a transition period and will need to blend old and new practices which is unsettling for many.



Many attended the March 3rd meeting to discuss the Holy Cow survey results



These are the steps of the Search process – found in the parish hall.

The Search Committee is meeting every Thursday evening via Zoom. Our current focus is to put together the Parish Profile which is the document that is used to share information about St. Philip's with prospective candidates. We are pleased with our progress so far, but realize there is much yet to do.

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

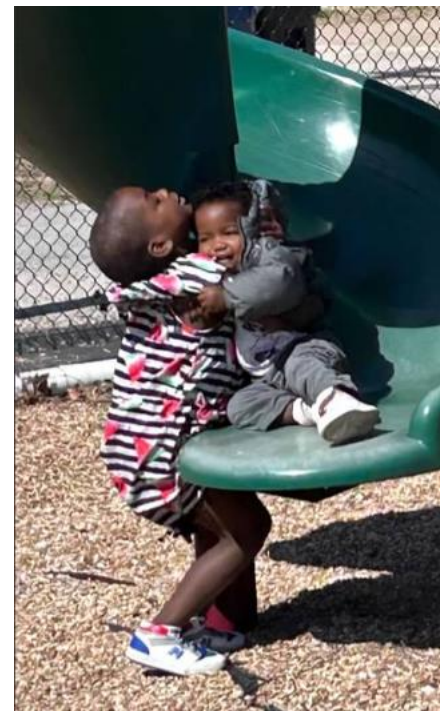


Fr. David Wilcox, Diocesan Youth Missioner, will be our guest preacher on Sunday, April 14th. He will meet with our youth and their families following the service to get to know them and share opportunities for youth in our diocese. As Youth Missioner, the Rev. David Wilcox plans, provides,

and nurtures purposeful and transformational ministry to the young people of the diocese. He also equips youth and those who minister to youth with the resources needed to create dynamic, local ministries for your people to experience God and integrated fully into the life of their congregations.



FUN OUTSIDE!





- **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 buffet in the parish hall – please take one and include it in your daily prayers.
- **The Executive Summary of the Holy Cow survey** can be found on the buffet in the parish hall – this is the summary that was shared by Gay Currence and Judy Turner during the listening sessions.

- **Wanted** – a few parish members will commit to plant and tend small portions of our vegetable garden. If several individuals or families take just a quarter of a bed as theirs, we will be able to have a functioning garden again. We will supply soaker hoses, mulch, and a combination lock to keep things secure – you just provide the plants and labor. This fenced-in garden is a wonderful, but non-utilized parish asset! Let's get it functioning again this Spring! Please let Deacon Carol or Kim know if you are willing to stake out and work a small portion of one the veg garden beds.

- Most recent average Sunday attendance is 76 – Wednesday evenings average is 12. Sunday School for adults and kids ranges from 6 to 16.

- **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 – visitors often need help and ALWAYS need a smiling face. Let Andy Campbell know if you are interested.

- **Saturday, April 6th - 9AM – Noon.** Leaders and interested members of our various ministries please join this important meeting.
 - **A leader of the Hospitality Team is needed!** Are you interested? Let Fr. Ted know! This person will *coordinate* coffee hours, receptions and celebrations.

- Fr. Ted will be on a much-needed vacation from Saturday, **April 20th through Saturday, April 27th.**

- For the next several weeks we will have a paid 'greeter' to welcome and assist individuals who need some extra help getting into the church. Wyatt will be available at the parish hall door before and during the service and will be able to allow people to enter after the doors are locked. His payment is being provided through donations at this time. The vestry will assess the effectiveness of the service and determine whether the service should continue after the trial period. If you are interested in supporting this effort with a financial contribution, see Fr. Ted or call the parish office.

CELEBRATIONS!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Kennady Schwab | 22 Leslie Connor |
| 1 Kristi Schwab | 24 Cassie Evans |
| 7 Robert Wiggans | 25 Allyson Larson |
| 10 Brad Gold | 26 Alexandria DeGuerre |
| 10 Rebecca Fick | 27 Linda Salzer |
| 14 Charlie Kissel | 29 Barb Mazoub |
| 15 Hugh Shields | 30 Tammie Hunt |
| 21 Beverly Barry | 30 Ramona Shields |



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 20 Gary and Karen Ames



Altar Flowers

April 7th

- The high altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Maridan Kassab in thanksgiving for loved ones.
- The children's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Ann Turney in honor of loved ones.

April 14th

- The high altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Sara Newman in celebration of Mike Newman's birthday.

April 28th

- The high altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Gay Currence in celebration of Cragin's May 1st birthday.

Flower Dedications

To honor, celebrate, or remember your loved one, we provide an opportunity to put flowers on the altar each Sunday. These are ordered by Maria Dermott and will be billed directly to you by The Wildflower. You may also dedicate the sanctuary candle for \$10.

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

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



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

Pray for Members of our Military

Nick Grady, Travis Hutchinson, Adam Lewis, Josh Linn, Joel Nowlin, 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) ***

Zeke Ambrosius, Mike Baker, Hailey Burge, George Butler, James Clark, Jim Collins, Tiffany Dagleish, Bob Davis, Matt Fick, James Gray, Jeff Green, Bethanie Knoll, Matthew Law, Samantha Lawson, Sarah and Piper Mareth, Phil Metz, Marsha Patterson, Debbie Robinson, Linda Salzer, Lois Shilkett, Kerry Webster, Andrea White, Kathy Yeaman, Brian, Clara, Jim, Peyton, and 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.**



APRIL 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 31	1	2	3	4	5	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			9AM – NOON Leadership Meeting
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Easter II 9:00AM Adult Forum 10:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM HE – Rite II After Service SS Planning Meeting		6:30PM Choir Practice	5:30PM HE w/unction			9:30AM St. Ann's 10AM – 2PM Maker's Market
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Easter III 9:00AM Adult Forum 10:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM HE – Rite II Fr. David Wilcox Diocesan Youth Missioner After Service Youth and families to meet with Fr. Wilcox	6PM vestry		5:30PM HE w/unction Newsletter Deadline			Fr Ted - vacation
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Easter IV 9:00AM Adult Forum 10:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM HE – Rite II Outreach Meeting		6:30PM Choir Practice	5:30PM HE w/unction	6PM Serving Dinner at Watered Gardens		
-----Fr. Ted – vacation-----						
28	29	30	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4
Easter V 9:00AM Adult Forum 10:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM HE – Rite II		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 31 Easter	April 7 Easter II	April 14 Easter III	April 21 Easter IV	April 28 Easter V
Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Camera Streamers – GAYLE TUCK, Coordinator				
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)	10AM – Pam Volkl EM – Michael DeGuerre Camera – Mark Kiger	10AM – John Messick EM – Gayle Tuck Camera – Phil O’Hare	10AM – Nancy Messick EM – Alex Curchin Camera – John Messick	10AM – Mark Kiger EM – Judy Turner Camera – Karen Ames
Wednesday Service – 5:30PM				
Wed, Apr 3 HE w/unction – Jane Hoover	Wed, Apr 10 HE w/unction – Judy Turner	Wed, Apr 17 HE w/unction - Harvey Hutchinson	Wed, Apr 24 HE w/unction – Jane Hoover	Wed, May 1 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.				
Judy Turner Ramona Shields	Theresa Petty Kaie Stephenson	Gail Campbell Gayle Tuck	Barb Majzoub Jane Hoover	Rose Paul Gayle O’Hare
Acolytes – Rebecca Fick, Coordinator				
Crucifer – George Webster 1st Server – Gaddie Stephenson 2nd Server – Ben Webster Gospel Book - Walt Webster Thurifer – Micheal Fick	Crucifer – Micheal Fick 1st Server – Brenner Kumbier 2nd Server – Grey Kumbier Gospel Book – Sophie DeGuerre	Crucifer – Louisa Curchin 1st Server – George Webster 2nd Server – Alex Curchin Gospel Book – Ben Webster	Crucifer – Kennady Schwab 1st Server – Gaddie Stephenson 2nd Server – Landry Schwab Gospel Book – Braxton Schwab	Crucifer – TBD 1st Server – TBD 2nd Server – TBD Gospel Book – TBD
Altar Crew – Gail Campbell/Gayle O’Hare, Co-Directress				
Lyter Isenmann Marilyn Johnston Leslie Daniels Gail Campbell Wed, Apr 3 Marilyn Johnston	Lyter Isenmann Meredith Murray Leslie Daniels Wed, Apr 10 Jacquie McConnell	Nancy Messick Melissa Braun Rose Paul Wed, Apr 17 Jacquie McConnell	Maria Dermott Marilyn Johnston Gail Campbell Wed, Apr 24 Jacquie McConnell	Carolyn Wiggans Ann Turney Cindy Curchin Wed, May 1 Jacquie McConnell
Ushers – Andrew Campbell, Coordinator				
Volunteers needed for Easter, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday	Harvey Hutchinson Andy Campbell Wayne Stephenson	Melissa and Bill Braun Blake Webster	Katie Bacon Phil O’Hare	Wayne Stephenson

FINANCIALS

STEWARDSHIP - ST. PHILIP'S FINANCIAL INFORMATION February 2024

Line #		FEBRUARY	YTD
ORDINARY INCOME			
1	From Regular Support for Operations.....	\$ 13,604	\$ 24,386
2	Interest from Operating account.....	\$ 3	\$ 6
3	From Investments Used for Operations.....	\$ -	\$ -
4	Transfer from Endowment.....	\$ -	\$ -
5	Total Ordinary Income (add lines 1,2,3,4.....)	\$ 13,607	\$ 24,392
ORDINARY EXPENSES			
6	From Regular Monthly activities.....	\$ 28,100	\$ 47,378
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] ..	\$ (14,493)	\$ (22,986)



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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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

Monday, February 19, 2024

Attendees: In person: Kaie Stephenson, Andy Campbell, Tammy Macy, Maria Dermott, Judy Turner
Via Zoom: Chris Smiley and Calvin Cassady

Others: Fr Ted Estes, Kim Siers, Deacon Carol Peterson, Jacquie McConnell

Agenda: Maria Dermott moved to adopt the agenda, Andy Campbell seconded. All in favor. No abstentions.

Last Month's Vestry Minutes: Maria Dermott moved to accept the minutes as amended, Kaie Stephenson seconded. All in favor. No abstentions.

Treasurer's Report: January 2024 Notes & Changes Greater Than \$1,000

Balance Sheet:

1. Account #1110 SMB Checking Account down \$15,496.83 from December.
2. Account #1120 Stifel Investment up \$3,603.58 from December. Account #1130 Stifel Endowment up \$3,516.91. Account #1140 Stifel Bonds down \$617.55.
3. Account #2200 Prepaid Pledges for 2024 is \$27,750.
4. Account #3001 Unrestricted Net Assets (RE) down \$42,099.57 as the net loss from 2023 is rolled into this account after closing the books for 2023.
5. Account #3134 UTO 802 was zeroed out with check written in January.

Income Statement:

1. Account #4110 Pledge Payments down \$7,590.
2. Account #4115 Unpledged Donations down \$7,975.
3. Account #4135 Christmas/Advent down \$1,435.
4. Account #6010 Electric up \$1,282.65. Payments were made at the end of November 2023 and beginning of January 2024, none in December 2023.
5. Account #6020 Gas Service down \$2,079.26. Payment was made at the end of December, no payment in January.
6. Account #6110 Building Repairs & Main down \$11,991.75.
7. Account #6140 Property Insurance down \$2,527.50.
8. Account #6450 Rector Pension down \$2,445 as payment for two month's worth of pension was made in December.
9. Account #6510 Lay Employee Wages down \$2,036.62. There were three paydays in December.
10. Account #5710 Income and Distributions down \$6,806.76 and Account #5720 Change in Securities Value down \$39,479.91. The Stifel accounts showed growth overall in January, just not as much as December.

Kaie Stephenson moved to authorize the distribution of Endowment Funds from 2022, Tammy Macy seconded. All in favor. No abstentions

Maria Dermott moved to receive the financials, Judy Turner seconded. All in favor. No abstentions.

Calendar:

- Easter Egg Hunt-Dcn Carol will speak with WOSP about coordinating
- There will not be an Easter Lunch, instead we will have Easter Coffee Hour-Jacquie McConnell will coordinate.
- The Vigil-Watch with Christ. Chris Smiley moved to contract security with pay being up to \$260, Maria seconded. All in favor. No abstentions.
- Childcare will be available during the Lenten Program.
- Youth will provide the simple supper on Mar 13th and the Search Committee will provide the simple supper on Mar 20th.

Jr. Warden Report: Andy will meet with a company on Feb. 20th to get a bid for the bell tower and will have another company come out to redo their bid. The light has been installed in the courtyard. It isn't quite bright enough so the company will put in a brighter light at no extra charge.

Sr. Warden Report: None

Deacon's Report: Dcn. Carol reported that serving dinner at Watered Gardens is going well. She also reports that the Rusimbanas are relying on friends for transportation to church until Freddy has a driver's license.

Rector's Report:

Suggestion Box: None

Old Business:

1. **Search Committee:** Jacquie McConnell reported that the committee will meet on Thursdays through April via Zoom. They have gotten the Rector Search Prayer written and are starting work on the Parish Profile. Maria Dermott nominated Judy Turner and moved to elect nominee by acclamation. Tammy Macy seconded. All in favor no abstentions.
2. **Parking:** Our Chancellor, Sharrock Dermott, will send a letter to the neighbors that we can no longer allow parking in our lot on the east side of Byers.
3. **Security Personnel:** Andy Campbell moved to table the issue until next month, Chris Smiley seconded. All in favor. No abstentions. Fr. Ted was given permission to seek contract security, on a temporary basis for 3 months, if he can secure financing for it.
4. **Ground Work:** Proposal to accept the bid from 3-D Lawn & Landscaping in the amount of \$11,437.50. Tammy Macy moved to accept the bid from 3-D Lawn & Landscaping for \$11,437.50 with the funds to be taken out of Line item#6120 Grounds Maintenance in the amount of \$8,437.50 and Line item#3129 Columbarium in the amount of \$3,000.00, Maria Dermott seconded. Passed with a vote of 5 Yes, 1 No and 1 abstention.
5. **HVAC for Office-Entry-Restrooms:** Request to accept bid from Danny Ross Ind. In the amount of \$10,010.00. Judy Turner moved to accept Bid #1 from Danny Ross Ind. In the amount of \$10,010.00 to be paid from Line item#6110 Building Repair & Maintenance, Tammy Macy seconded. All in favor. No abstentions.

New Business:

1. **Select Delegates and Alternates:** nominations for delegates were Phil Metz, Tammy Macy and Andy Campbell. Nominations for Alternate were Judy Turner. Maria Dermott moved to elect all nominees by acclamation and Kaie Stephenson seconded. All in favor.
2. **Select Jr. Warden:** Andy Campbell was nominated. Maria Dermott moved to close nominations and elect by acclamation Kaie Stephenson seconded. All in favor
3. **Select Vestry Clerk:** Jacquie McConnell was nominated. Maria Dermott moved to close nominations and elect by acclamation Judy Turner seconded. All in favor

Action Items:

- Dcn. Carol will speak with WOSP about coordinating the Easter Egg Hunt
- Jacquie will coordinate Easter Coffee Hour
- Kim will ask Phyllis if WOSP will have a meeting in March
- Fr. Ted hire security for the Watch with Christ Vigil
- Fr. Ted will seek funding for security on Sundays for a 3 month trial period.

Respectfully Submitted
Kim Siers, Parish Secretary

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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?

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WE WILL REVIEW ANYTHING SUBMITTED IN THE NEXT VESTRY MEETING

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