



**“A mother’s
happiness
is like a beacon,
lighting up the future
but reflected also
on the past in the
guise of fond
memories.”**

Honore de Balzac

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FROM FATHER TED



The day God created Hope was probably the same day he created Spring. - Bern Williams.

Spring has sprung upon us with a rush of Hope and activity in: gardens, graduations, hearts of young lovers, and the people of St. Philip the Apostle Church. The changing season prompts us to look to the future and take action to make our hopes and dreams a reality. Hope and action are visible in many places in our church life. **Where do you see these signs and how can you be involved in building the future?**

Our Rector Search Committee is working hard and has been meeting weekly to build a superb profile describing our church accurately and positively. The first draft looks great and is being tweaked to “get it just right.” The profile is a powerful tool for interested priests to learn about our church and discern whether they are called to enter the rector application process. It is our Hope that applicants will “fall in love” with this place and sense a clear “call from God” to serve with the people here. A rector is not an employee, but a vital ministry partner and leader for the parish. Please pray for your Search Committee as they do the work of discernment in finding the candidate God is calling to be in this amazing place. You can find the Rector Search Prayer on page 10 of this newsletter. **Will you commit to pray?**

The vestry and lay leadership is focused on developing strong teams and team leaders to serve our ministries. In the last 2 years, we have done much to grow and serve our community. But, as in all important endeavors, we can't just sit still. We either continue moving forward or we roll backwards. A Leadership Session on April 6, identified a list of teams and activities needed to keep our positive momentum going. Vestry members and lay leaders are contacting members to invite them to serve in leadership roles and ministries where they feel called. You may be asked to serve. I encourage you to **take the initiative and offer your gifts** to be used where they are needed. Greater involvement offers a deeper walk in faith, clearer sense of purpose, fuller relationships, and fun. Like a garden, our ministries offer the best growth when they are tended and nurtured. **Where are you called to serve?**

Come June 3rd, we won't have a rector, what are we going to do? The people of St. Philip's Church will continue being the church and living out our Baptismal Covenant in Joplin.

Our Baptismal Covenant calls us to:

- Continue the apostles' teaching and fellowship, Holy Communion, and the prayers.
- Proclaim the Good News of God in Christ.
- Seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves.
- Strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.

Every element of the covenant, except presiding at Holy Communion, is the proper ministry of the lay people of our church. And even in Holy Communion, the priest cannot celebrate it alone. Sr. Warden, Kaie Stephenson, is working hard to schedule supply priests so that our weekly Eucharist may continue. Members will continue to serve and grow in their ministries. This season between rectors will have its challenges. But we are made stronger by rising to the challenge. A parish with strong lay leaders and powerful ministries will attract strong candidates for rector. **What gifts do you bring to this season?**

FROM DEACON CAROL

Pentecost – The Church’s Birthday – May 19, 2024



The following is taken from the book *Illuminated Life: Monastic Wisdom for Seekers of Light* by Joan Chittister, OSB:

Abba Lot went to see Abba Joseph and said to him, “Abba Joseph, as far as I am able, I say my little office, I keep my little fasts, I pray my little prayers, I meditate a little, I live in peace, and as far as I can, I purify my thoughts. What else can I do?” Then Abba Joseph stood up, lifted his hands toward heaven and spread out his fingers. His fingers then became like ten torches of flame, and he said to him, “Why not be turned completely into flame?” (pg. 135)

Chittister goes on to say, “Who can see God and live?” the ancients asked. It’s an important question. While we look for marks of our spiritual progress, the measure may well be in the question: Who can see God and live the same dull, directionless, complacent way they lived before God became the presence in life that makes all other presence relative? God is the energy that drives us, the torch that leads us, the life that beckons us, the Spirit within that carries us on – past every doubt, beyond every failure, despite every difficulty. To that energy there is no acceptable response but energy. Those who have no flame in their hearts for justice, no unrelenting understanding of the other, no consciousness of responsibility for the reign of God, no awareness of a prodding/nagging call to stretch themselves beyond themselves, no raging call to human community, no vision of beauty, no endurance for the daily-ness of it all – may indeed be seeking God, but God is still only an idea to them.

Strong words indeed! But I think Pentecost is the perfect time to reflect on all this. The liturgical color for Pentecost is red. Red helps us to recall that tongues of fire from the Holy Spirit that descended upon the Virgin Mary, the Apostles, and other disciples after the Ascension marking the beginning of the Church’s mission to the world (thus its birthday).

Red is also the liturgical color of feast days of the church when we remember the Apostles and martyrs with red being a symbol of their often-bloody passion (sufferings and death). Red is also often the liturgical color used at ordinations. And we invite everyone to wear red on Pentecost to remind us that each of us is a member of that Communion of Saints.

Red is the color of Christ’s blood and Episcopal churches often paint their doors red as a reminder of this and as a sign of refuge to others. We paint our doors red to let the world know what we stand for.

Pentecost is also a day that the church has designated for baptisms, and we are expecting to have some baptisms on Pentecost this year (Sunday May 19). On that day, we all will join those to be baptized, and their god parents, reciting and re-commit to our own Baptismal vows.

We are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in the world. We affirm this when we answer the questions: “Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?” To this, we answer, “We will, with God’s help.”

Let us pray an invocation of the Holy Spirit by John Henry Newman:

*Come, O Holy Spirit.
Come as Holy Fire and burn in us,
come as Holy Wind and cleanse us within,
come as Holy Light and lead us in the darkness,
come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance,
come as Holy Power and enable our weakness,
come as Holy Life and dwell in us.
Convict us, convert us, consecrate us,
until we are set free from the service of ourselves,
to be your servants to the world. Amen.*

As you reflect on all of this, think of us as those trick candles on a birthday cake that, when the world thinks it has blown us out, we come back to shine the light of Christ anew!

Wishing you all a Holy Pentecost, Deacon Carol

(Note: In celebration of Pentecost/the Church's Birthday, the Baptisms that will have just taken place, the last day of children's Sunday School, the approach of the end of the school year & the start of summer vacation, as well as in celebration of Fr. Ted & Mindy's time with us these past two years and the approach of their departure – the Outreach team will be hosting a special celebration immediately after church where we will have hot dogs by Swanky Franks (Conrad & Carly Webster), ice cream, lawn games, music, and lots of other fun! Mark your calendars with a RED star, stay tuned for more info, and plan to join in the fun that day!)

FROM OUR ORGANIST - CALEB



May brings a close to the joy that is the Easter season, and ushers in the season of Pentecost. This season, otherwise known as ordinary time, is anything but ordinary. Instead, it is the season between major feasts. Many of the upcoming lessons interplay, and continue a larger narrative. The music for the season will help tell this story as well. As we sing the hymns, pay attention to the words you sing, and take note to how they relate to the lessons each week.

Sixth Sunday of Easter | May 5, 2024 (Rogation)

Prelude: Es ist das Heil uns kommen her - Carl Lowe (1796-1869)

Processional Hymn: 292 "O Jesus, Crowned with all renown" (Kingsfold)

Sequence: 204 "Now the Green Blade Raiseth" (Noël Nouvelet)

Voluntary: Medley on "All Things Bright and Beautiful", and "We Plow the Fields" arr. Gary Ames, Piano

Doxology: 380 v. 3

Communion Hymn: 705 "As those of old their first fruits brought of vineyard flock" (Forest Green)

Communion Hymn: 348 "Lord, we have come at your own invitation" (O Quanta qualia)

Recessional Hymn: 344 "Lord Dismiss us with your blessing" (Sicilian Mariners)

Postlude: Präludium und Fuga in Eb - J.K.F. Fischer

Seventh Sunday of Easter | May 12, 2024

Prelude: Ein Lämmlein geht und trägt die Schuld - Carl Steinhäuser (1823-1903)

Processional Hymn: 216 "Hail thee Festival Day" (Salve festa dies)

Sequence: 214 "Hail the day that sees him rise" (Llanfair)

Anthem: "See the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph"

Communion Hymn: 341 "For the bread which you have broken" (Omni die)

Communion Hymn: 465 "Eternal light, shine in my heart" (Act bleb bei uns)

Recessional Hymn: 460 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!" (Hyfrydol)

Postlude: Präludium in F Major - J. Krieger

Pentecost B | St. Philip's | 2024

Mass Ordinary:

Hymn of Praise: S- 280 Gloria - Robert Powell

Sanctus: S-131- Gerald R. Near

Fraction Anthem: S-166 Agnus Dei - Gerald R. Near

The Day of Pentecost | Whitsunday | May 19, 2024

Prelude: TBD

Processional: 365 - Come, thou almighty King (Moscow)

Hymn of Praise: see above

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm: 104:25-35.37

Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21

Sequence: 516 "Come down O love divine" (Down Amphney)

Gospel: John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Baptism: WLP 766 You're called by name [1989 Celebration]

Asperges: Plainsong, Tone VII. Sung in Latin

Anthem: Hallelujah, Imba Sifa (Sung in Swahili and English) WLP 784

Translation: Hallelujah, we sing your praises

all our hearts are filled with gladness

First Communion: "Freshwinds of Pentecost" - by George Bayle

solo Julie Farmer Gary Ames harp

Communion Hymn: 512 "Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly dove" (Mendon)

Recessional: 225 Hail Thee Festival Day (Salve Festa Dies)

Postlude: TBD

Trinity Sunday | May 26, 2024 | (Caleb Gone, Pam sub)

Prelude: TBD

Processional: 362 "Holy Holy Holy" (Nicaea)

Sequence: 295 "Sing praise to our creator" (Christ's, der fist Mein Leben) vs 1-2

Anthem: WLP 744 "O Trinity of blessed light" (St. Martin)

Doxology: 380 verse 3

Communion Hymn: 370 "I Bind unto my self today" (St. Patricks Breastplate)

Communion Hymn: 307 "Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor" (Bryn Calfaria)

Recessional: 366 "Holy God, we praise thy Name" vs. 1-4 (Grosser Gott)

Postlude: TBD

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.**

MAY MEETING - The Women of St. Philip's will meet Sat., May 11th @ 10:30. We'll discuss the summer backpack project and decide a date for the November Bazaar. Hope you will be able to attend.

BLANKET BRIGADE – 100 IS THE GOAL

From Vicky Cleveland

This past winter was 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.



BINGO NIGHT RETURNS IN MAY AND THEN BREAKS UNTIL SEPTEMBER



Join the fun on Wednesday evening, May 8th when kids of all ages will compete for prizes as they play BINGO. Bingo follows the Wednesday evening mass at 5:30 and dinner. No matter your age, BINGO is an evening of entertainment. Come and experience this fun before the summer break occurs.

FOSTERING HOPE DONATIONS

Fostering Hope is one of the local community organizations that the members of St. Philip's have supported through donations. They were most appreciative of all that was given to help them provide help to foster children.



Hurting children. Hurting families.
Everyone is searching for hope.

In the 7 counties Fostering Hope serves there are...

775 children in foster care

335 foster care families

175 agency workers

All looking for support to make it through today.

Fostering Hope is a safe place where
children and families feel seen.





ST. PHILIP'S NEEDS YOU!!!

As we navigate through this period of transition at St. Philip's, it's crucial that we come together to ensure a seamless shift into the future. With Fr. Ted's departure on the horizon and the anticipation of welcoming a new priest, our focus is on maintaining the vitality of our church life. To achieve this, we've pinpointed essential areas that require our collective attention and care.

We're reaching out to you, our valued members, to contribute your unique skills, time, and enthusiasm in any way you feel called. Whether you're drawn to a leadership position or prefer to offer support behind the scenes, your involvement is vital. We invite you to connect with what ignites your passion or sparks your curiosity to learn more.

Would you consider lending your talents to one of these key areas? By adding your name to the list, you'll be contacted by the group's leader to explore how you can make a meaningful impact. Let's work together to fortify our church community during this time of change.

An effort will be made to contact our members by phone to ask for support and help, but you don't need to wait to be called. Please reach out to the parish office if there is an initiative in our parish life that you would like to be involved in.

The 7 broad categories are:

1. Communication
2. Worship/Spiritual Life
3. Education
4. Stewardship
5. Parish Life
6. Building and Grounds
7. Outreach

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)

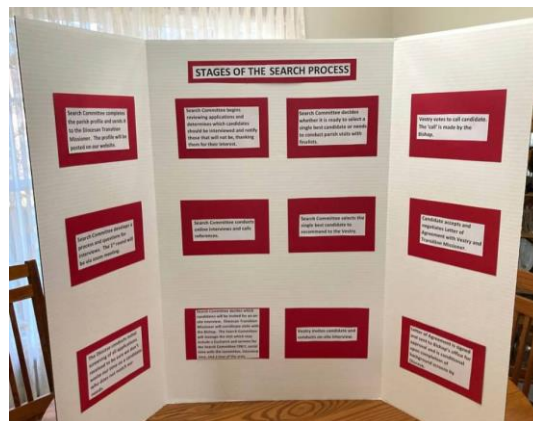


The Search Committee has been meeting regularly. We have worked hard to create the Parish Profile and a Ministry Portfolio which are the documents that are used to share information about St. Philip's with prospective candidates. We put the final touches on the profile when we met in person after church on Sunday, April 28th. **We want to extend a special thank-you to John Messick for taking pictures of the church with his drone to be included in the profile.**

We also decided on questions that will be asked during the first interviews with candidates.

We understand that the Diocese has already received some inquiries about our position, so we are hopeful we will soon be able to begin the interview process.

Once we get an ok from Fr. Chas of the Diocese, we will share the profile with the congregation so everyone can see what was created to showcase St. Philip's.



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

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

Diocesan Youth Missioner, Fr. David Wilcox, was our guest preacher on Sunday, April 14, 2024. Fr. David met with youth and parents for a Q & A session and to make connections during coffee hour. Fr. David provided some good information and there was a lively exchange of ideas for the future of children and youth ministry at St. Philip's Church and the diocese. This is just another example of the power of lay leaders in ministry at our church. Calvin Cassady and Rebecca DePriest are the coordinators for Sunday School and Christian Education at our Church. If you would like to get involved or have children/grandchildren that could benefit, please contact Calvin or Rebecca.



Acolyte Training was held after services on April 28th....and a pizza lunch





- **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.

- **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. This need is included in the Parish Life area mentioned on page 9 of this newsletter.

- Our greeter, Wyatt, has been welcoming and assisting individuals who need some extra help getting into the church. Wyatt is available at the parish hall door before and during the service and is able to allow people to enter after the doors are locked. His payment is being provided through donations at this time and has been funded through May 12th. 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!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Cragin Currence | 18 Toni Sager |
| 1 Phil O'Hare | 22 Julie Farmer |
| 2 Adam Grover | 22 Laurence DeGuerre |
| 5 Sherry McCormick | 26 Morgan Barlos |
| 10 Kristopher Dover | 26 Norman Dover |
| 11 Richard Farmer | 28 Niki Barlos |
| 12 Mary Schultz | 28 Wally Bloss |
| 15 Michael Fick | 29 Krystall Lee Wilkins |
| 16 Alex Curchin iii | 31 Qunitin Farmer |
| 18 Ivan Rhea | 31 Braxton Schwab |
| | 31 Landry Schwab |



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 16 Richard and Julie Farmer
- 22 Blake and Leslie Webster
- 25 John and Nancy Messick
- 27 Phil and Sue Metz



Altar Flowers

MAY 5th

- The high altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Barb Majzoub in loving memory of Hish.

May 12th

- The high altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Maria and Sharrock Dermott in thankfulness for our children, Brady and Ryland
- The children's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Jacquie McConnell in loving memory of our moms, Georgetta McConnell and Narna Walker.

May 19th

- The high altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Lyter and Tom Isenmann in thankfulness for the many blessings received.

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; Keenan, 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, Linda Salzer, Lois Shilkett, Kerry Webster, Andrea White, Kathy Yeaman, Helen Ziden, 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.**



MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
APRIL 28	APRIL 29	APRIL 30	1	2	3	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			9AM – noon Garden & Grounds
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Easter VI 9:00AM Adult Forum 10:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM HE – Rite II	2PM Blaine Bond Funeral	6:30PM Choir Practice	5:30PM HE w/unction 6 – 7:15PM Dinner and Bingo			9:30AM St. Ann's 10:30AM WOSP 10AM – 2PM Maker's Market
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Easter VII 9:00AM Adult Forum 10:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM HE – Rite II  Graduates Sunday After Service Outreach Mtg			5:30PM HE w/unction			
-----Kim Vacation -----						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
PENTECOST 9:00AM Adult Forum 10:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM HE – Rite II After Service Hot dogs, lawn games, ice cream 	6PM vestry	6:30PM Choir Practice	5:30PM HE w/unction Newsletter Deadline	6PM Serving Dinner at Watered Gardens		
26	27	28	29	30	31	JUNE 1
TRINITY SUNDAY 9:00AM Adult Forum 10:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM HE – Rite II	MEMORIAL DAY Parish Office Closed 	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.

May 5 Easter VI	May 12 Easter VII	May 19 Pentecost	May 26 Trinity Sunday	June 2 Pentecost II
Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Camera Streamers – GAYLE TUCK, Coordinator				
10AM – Tammy Macy EM – Gayle Tuck Camera – Mark Kiger	10AM – Pam Volkl EM – Sharrock Dermott Camera – Phil O’Hare	10AM – John Moback EM – Michael DeGuerre Camera – John Messick	10AM – John Messick EM – Gayle Tuck Camera – Karen Ames	10AM – TBD EM – TBD Camera – TBD
Wednesday Service – 5:30PM				
Wed, May 8 HE w/unction – Judy Turner	Wed, May 15 HE w/unction – Jane Hoover	Wed, May 22 HE w/unction – Harvey Hutchinson	Wed, May 29 HE w/unction – Judy Turner	Wed, June 5 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.				
Leigh Frogge Lyter Isenmann	Sandy Blackford Jacquie McConnell	Judy Turner Ramona Shields	Theresa Petty Kaie Stephenson	Gail Campbell Gayle Tuck
Acolytes – Rebecca Fick, Coordinator				
Crucifer – 1st Server – Gaddie Stephenson 2nd Server – Bodhi Webster Gospel Book - Beck Webster	Crucifer – Micheal Fick 1st Server – George Webster 2nd Server – Ben Webster Gospel Book – Walt Webster	Crucifer – Louisa Curchin 1st Server – 2nd Server – Alex Curchin Gospel Book –	Crucifer – TBD 1st Server – TBD 2nd Server – TBD Gospel Book – TBD	Crucifer – TBD 1st Server – TBD 2nd Server – TBD Gospel Book – TBD
Altar Crew – Gail Campbell/Gayle O’Hare, Co-Directress				
Marilyn Johnston Gayle O’Hare Melissa Braun Wed, May 8 Cindy Curchin	Cindy Curchin Nancy Messick Lyter Isenmann Wed, May 15 Jacquie McConnell	Stacy Turney Ann Turney Gail Campbell Wed, May 22 Marilyn Johnston	Marilyn Johnston Carol Wiggans Leslie Daniels Wed, May 29 Jacquie McConnell	Lyter Isenmann Gayle O’Hare Meredith Murray Wed, June 5 Gayle O’Hare
Ushers – Andrew Campbell, Coordinator				
Harvey Hutchinson Andy Campbell Wayne Stepheson	Melissa and Bill Braun Blake Webster	Katie Bacon Phil O’Hare	Wayne Stephenson	TBD

FINANCIALS

STEWARDSHIP - ST. PHILIP'S FINANCIAL INFORMATION March 2024

Line #		March	YTD
ORDINARY INCOME			
1	From Regular Support for Operations.....	\$ 36,484	\$ 60,870
2	Interest from Operating account.....	\$ 3	\$ 9
3	From Investments Used for Operations.....	\$ -	\$ -
4	Transfer from Endowment.....	\$ -	\$ -
5	Total Ordinary Income (add lines 1,2,3,4.....)	\$ 36,487	\$ 60,879
ORDINARY EXPENSES			
6	From Regular Monthly activities.....	\$ 20,083	\$ 67,460
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] ..	\$ 16,404	\$ (6,582)



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

Connect to the live stream - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBjRZSfuzB3UStCbTlxdBQ/live>

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



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St. Philip's Episcopal Church - Our VISION is to continue to build our comm... >

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

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

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



St Philip's Episcopal Church - Joplin, Missouri

513 likes • 523 followers



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MINUTES OF THE VESTRY

Vestry Meeting Minutes Monday, March 18, 2024

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

Absent: Kaie Stephenson, Maria Dermott

Others: Fr. Ted Estes, Jacquie McConnell and Kim Siers

Invocation led by Fr Ted. April's invocation will be led by Chris Smiley

Agenda: Calvin Cassady moved to adopt the agenda, Tammy Macy seconded. All in favor. No abstentions.

Last Month's Vestry Minutes: Judy moved to accept the minutes, Tammy Macy seconded. All in favor. No abstentions.

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

Balance Sheet:

1. Account #1110 SMB Checking Account down \$19,807.94 from January.
2. Account #1120 Stifel Investment up \$2,500.56 from December. Account #1130 Stifel Endowment up \$19,455.38. Account #1140 Stifel Bonds down \$927.94.
3. Account #3132 WOSP 606 down \$3,689. There were donations made out of the account in February.

Income Statement:

1. Account #4110 Pledge Payments up 1,935.
2. Account #6010 Electric down \$1,282.65. There were two payments made in January.
3. Account #6020 Gas Service up \$2,450.94. Payment was made at the end of December, no payment in January. One payment was made in February and one payment has been made in March as of March 16.
4. Account #6110 Building Repairs & Main up \$4,518.56. Payment to Ed's Electric for \$598 for courtyard light installation and payment to 3D Lawn & Landscaping for \$5,000 for down payment for landscaping made up the majority of this increase.
5. Account #6140 Property Insurance up \$2,527.50.
6. Account #6450 Rector Pension up \$1,222.50, as no payment was made in January.
7. Account #5710 Income and Distributions up \$3,622.31 and Account #5720 Change in Securities Value up \$10,902.75.
8. Account #7040 Purse Expense down \$3,150.

Andy Campbell moved to receive the financial reports, Tammy Macy seconded. All in favor. No abstentions.

Calendar:

Additions: Saturday, April 6th – 9am-noon – Leadership Planning Meeting
Sunday, April 7th – After Service – Sunday School Planning Meeting
Sunday, April 14th – David Wilcox, Diocesan Youth Missioner will be preaching
Sunday, April 14th – After Service – Youth Meeting
Sunday, April 21st – Saturday, April 26th Fr. Ted on vacation

Judy turner moved to adopt the calendar with additions, Andy Campbell seconded. All in favor. No abstentions.

Jr. Warden Report - Andy stated that all open bids have been completed at this time. He is still getting bids on the bell tower. He has one, is waiting on the second and looking to secure a third bid.

Sr. Warden Report – Has begun contacting supply clergy for when Fr. Ted leaves.

Deacon's Report –

Outreach:

- RAISE: Eddie Gonzales provided the message on Sunday March 10. It was followed by a lunch and Q & A with Eddie and Katya Wilson. Both events seemed well received by parish members.
- Refugee Family: We developed a form that Freddy Rusimbana presents to volunteer drivers so that he can ask them individually, as friends, to drive his family to church (Fr Ted can answer any questions about this form). Their case manager reviewed the form for correct translation and explained the process to Freddy and he was agreeable. We are now using that form. Freddy is currently working on obtaining his driver's permit through RAISE.
- March Outreach Activity of the Month: Collections for Fostering Hope.
- We continue to serve a meal once a month at Watered Gardens. Parish members are very enthusiastic about this service opportunity.

Garden & Grounds:

- The beds have all been cleaned out and new gravel mulch laid down (Jr Warden can answer any questions about this).
- A team of clergy, wardens, vestry members and parish members did a walk around and provided input into the types of bushes and plants we should add.
- Planting have begun.

Other:

- I completed a 3 hour on-line continuing education program (see attached certificate).
- I went to a new clergy gathering at Clinton, MO and presented on: diaconal ministry.
- I presented at last week's Lenten program,
- I continue to participate in local Homeless Commission.

Rector's Report – Church attendance: Average Sunday Attendance is at 76 for the year. Average Wednesday Attendance is at 12 and Attendance at Sunday School for Adults and Kids both range from 6 – 16.

March 26th, Fr Ted will attend renewal of ordination vows and blessing of holy oils at our Cathedral on this Tuesday. He will be gone all day.

April 21st, Dcn. Carol Peterson will serve as supply clergy while Fr. Ted is on vacation.

Suggestion Box – Harvey Hutchinson would like to reinstate the Annual Golf Tournament at Schifferdecker Golf Course on October 6, 2024. The vestry would like him to fill out an action item form with further information and would like him to gauge interest in the event.

Old Business:

Greeter/Security: Greeter trial starts on Palm Sunday. Have funding for three weeks. Wyatt, Dcn. Carols grandson will be greeting from 9:30-noon. Fr. Ted will put together a job description for the position.

Parking Lot: Letter has been sent with deadline to remove vehicles from our East Parking Lot. Discussed putting up signage for the lot. Calvin Cassady moved to authorize Andy Campbell to spend up to \$500 for two signs and arm to hang them on. To be paid out of Grounds and Maintenance. Chris Smiley seconded. All in favor. No Abstentions.

New Business:

Safety Deposit Box: Andy Campbell moved to remove Francisco “Frank” Sierra, James “Jim” Paul, and Carole Pryor as authorized users of Safety Deposit Box 0477 at the 5935 N Main Joplin, MO 64801 SMB Branch. Calvin Cassady seconded. All in favor. No abstentions.

Andy Campbell moved to add Gay Currence, Kaie Stephenson, and Robert Estes as authorized users for Safety Deposit Box 0477 at the 5935 N Main Joplin, MO 64801 SMB Branch. Tammy Macy seconded. All in favor. No abstentions.

Discretionary Account: Calvin Cassady moved to remove Philip Metz as a signer on St. Philip’s Church Discretionary Bank Account at Southwest Missouri Bank ending in 78919. Judy Turner seconded. All in favor. No abstentions.

Calvin Cassady moved to designate Kaie Stephenson as an additional signer on St. Philip’s Church Discretionary Bank Account at Southwest Missouri Bank ending in 78919. The Rev. Robert Estes and the Rev. Carol Peterson will continue to remain as authorized signers on the account. Andy Campbell seconded. All in favor. No abstentions.

Church Credit Card: Tammy Macy moved to add Andrew Campbell and Kim Siers to the church credit card, Chris Smiley seconded. All in favor. No abstentions.

New Rector Budget: Use current rector budget for new Rector. Current budget is \$109,000. Judy Turner moved to set the budget for new rector tat \$109,500, Calvin Cassady seconded. All in favor. No abstentions.

Action Items:

- Jacquie McConnell will make a list of people to invite to the leadership planning meeting
- Check to see if Dcn. Carol will be here April 24th for Wednesday Service
- Have Harvey fill out an action item form and gauge interest in the Golf Tournament
- Andy will get sign for East Parking Lot
- Kim make tracker for accounts and signers
- Fr Ted write a letter for the credit card signers
- Send Andy info for the Sign Company

Respectfully Submitted
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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

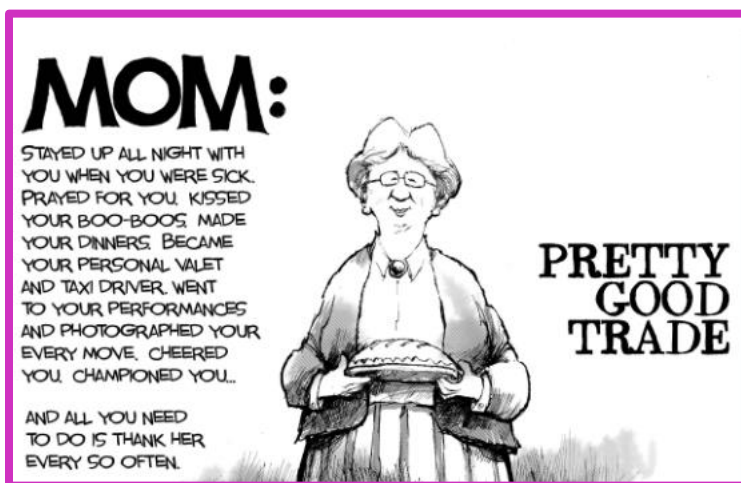
Secretary's Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday - 8:00AM - 2:00PM Friday - 8:00AM -11:00AM

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.