

# St. Philip's Life

**Dear Fr. Ted,**

**Thank you from the congregation of St. Philip's Episcopal Church for your dedicated service over the past two plus years.**

**Your guidance has been an inspiration during this transitional period. Your sermons, filled with wisdom, insight, and humor have touched our hearts and inspired us to grow in our faith. The instruction you have provided to all generations has not only enriched our understanding of the Gospel but also helped us navigate our spiritual journey with grace and resilience.**

**We appreciate your tireless efforts in preparing us for a new priest to lead us. You've exemplified what it means to serve with humility, love, and dedication. Your leadership has been a testament to your commitment to God, the church and its congregation.**



**As you move on to the next chapter of your life, please know that you will forever hold a special place in our church family. We are grateful for the time we've shared with you and Mindy and for the positive impact both of you have made on our parish and community.**

**Thank you once again for your service, your teachings, and your unwavering faith. May God continue to bless you in all your future endeavors.**

Chalked message from Bodhi on Pentecost - "Fr. Ted well mis you Bodhi"

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## FROM FATHER TED

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28



Dear Friends,

Melinda and I rejoice that we have been a part of the good work of St. Philip the Apostle Church for more than two years. You have graciously invited us in to your church and lives and we have been blessed by the experience. Day by day your strength of witness and service grows stronger. We join with you in prayer that God continues to bless your work in Joplin. At our Vestry meeting on May 20, I reflected upon the valuable ministry that has been your work for the last few years. At that time, I shared the following thoughts with the Vestry as you take your next steps. These thoughts are for everyone at our church as God works out what is good for you as you live according to his purpose.

**Pray regularly and deeply as you Trust God to lead you in this new season.** Trusting God is essential in living out our ministries as Christians and in our mission as Christ's Church. This trust grows in concert with our prayer life. Expressing our fears, hopes, and dreams with God is only part of this process. We must also listen deeply in prayer to discern God's will and direction in our lives as individuals and as part of the Body of Christ. Melinda and I continue to hold you in our prayers as you move boldly into this new season.

**Lead by example in prayer, service, and leadership.** You have a good vestry and God will call and equip new members to be elected at your next annual meeting. Key to our work as Christians is seeking God in prayer as individuals and as members of the church. Prepared by prayer, we can take initiative in service to members and the larger Joplin community.

**Maintain good communication, both listening and sharing information.** Communication is essential in working as a team to implement God's mission. We have to be receptive and active in seeking information as well as sharing it. Part of this process is focusing on and sharing what is true, helpful, necessary, and positive. Remember, honestly looking at and communicating bad situations to find solutions is a positive. Do not let negativity derail your good work.

**Focus on How God's Mission Unites Us as a Community.** As Christians, we are called into a relationship with God and others. Our mission from God to share love, justice, healing, and mercy with the world should unite us in a common goal. Melinda and I look forward to seeing all that you will accomplish as you pursue God's Mission.

Blessings - Melinda & Fr. Ted

## FROM DEACON CAROL



### Spiritual Gardening

When I first visited St Philip's almost two years ago, I was dismayed to see the state of your gardens (courtyard and fenced veg garden). And when I attended some visioning sessions Fr. Ted held (I think they were called Ted Talks), I was also dismayed that when you all identified your priorities – updating your gardens and community outreach were not listed. I realized that over the years you all (especially WOSP) had been engaged in supporting a variety of worthy causes in town. And the fact that you even had garden spaces demonstrated that these had also been parish priorities at some point. You had just come through a lot; navigated COVID, long term pastor retired, and you were wrapping up a capital campaign.

You were in the process of re-envisioning who you were and what you wanted to accomplish. I believe God called me to serve as your deacon to help you revitalize your gardens and to take steps to be more intentional about your outreach activities so that the face you presented to the community would be more positive. There is a quote attributed to Alfred Austin, a British Poet Laureate, that says "Show me your garden and I'll tell you who you are." I believe this is a true saying. Your gardens are a metaphor for who you are, and they tell the community a lot about what the soul of this parish is.

Both gardening and outreach require you to be engaged on a personal level; to get your hands dirty so to speak. Both require you to look outside your walls. Both require teamwork. Both require you to be intentional and to have a plan. Both bear fruit if you do them well.

A lot of progress has been made and the courtyard garden is now full of new bushes and beautiful plants and shows that this parish is full of life. The outdoor columbarium area is in the process of becoming a more reverent, peaceful space. However, your vegetable garden says, "We still have work to do."

You have also made a lot of progress in your outreach activities. This is a generous, charitable congregation and you step up and donate money to many worthy causes. However, I sincerely believed you were ready to take the next step and live into your outreach calling in more direct, intentional, relational ways. You have demonstrated progress this past year by preparing and serving meals at Watered Gardens, by embracing our refugee family and by being sure we have snack bags to hand out to homeless folks who come to our doors for help. However, I believe there is more that you can do to serve those who live, work, and walk around our building and outdoor spaces.

Any garden will become overrun and look abandoned if left unattended. Our courtyard garden needs folks to help weed and water this summer. And I'm still hopeful that some of you will find partners to help us bring the vegetable garden back to life. I pray that almost all of you will serve at least once at Watered Gardens in the next few months. Over time more of you will hopefully become friends with our refugee family. We need a team of helpers to prepare snack bags for the homeless. We need a team of folks to help staff our church information booth at the monthly Makers Market.

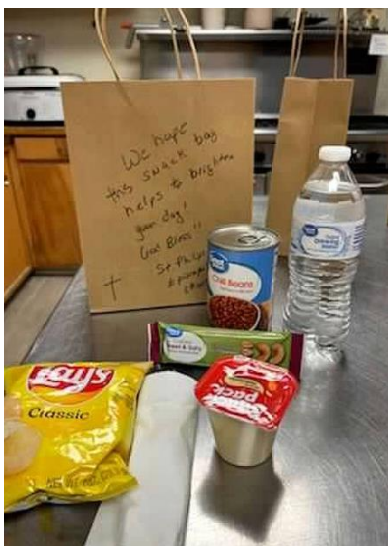
And, over the summer as we search for our next rector, I urge you - if there is something about our parish, this church, our outdoor spaces, how we serve each other and those out in the community that bothers you – don't just complain about it – roll up your sleeves – find some helpers and plan to get more involved in positive, creative ways. Please let Kaie, or me, or any of the ministry coordinators know if you feel called to help in any way!

Let's all pitch in and tend our spiritual garden. Let's keep St. Philip's a beautiful place where all God's children are cherished and loved. Have a blessed summer! Deacon Carol

## Serving at Watered Gardens



Getting hands dirty



Blessings Bags



Table at Maker's Market

## FROM OUR ORGANIST - CALEB



The music for the Second Sunday after Pentecost presents a theme of mercy and grace brought forth through the sacrifice of our savior, Jesus Christ. This is best presented in the sequence hymn and the two communion hymns for Corpus Christi Sunday. “God of Mercy, God of Grace” showcases Christ’s mercy on his flock. The selected communion hymns discuss the mystery surrounding the Eucharist and Christ’s physical manifestation therein.

The selections for the Third Sunday after Pentecost reiterate the theme of salvation with a special focus on the role that our faith plays therewith. This is best presented in the sequence hymn, “Jerusalem, my happy Home” and “Jerusalem the Golden.” These hymns showcase how even though we do not know what awaits us upon repose, we hold steadfast in our faith in the “Lamb of Galilee.”

The Fourth Sunday’s music further solidifies the theme from the Third Sunday. The Sequence Hymn, “We Walk by Faith, but not by Sight” is commonly associated with the Second Sunday after Easter or the Feast of St. Thomas. This is because it discusses how we don’t need physical proof of Christ’s resurrection for our devotion, unlike St. Thomas who infamously cried “My Lord and my God” upon physically touching Christ’s wounds.

The selections for the Fifth Sunday expand on the theme of salvation through individual faith with an emphasis on the power Christ has in our lives and choices. One of the best representations of this is the hymn “Amazing Grace.” There is a reason this hymn is sung at almost every Christian funeral – it tells how one’s journey with God can indeed lead them home to our heavenly father.

### **Mass Ordinary:**

Hymn of Praise: “Gloria” Robert J. Powell

Sanctus: Franz Schubert

Agnus Dei: Franz Schubert

### **Feast of Corpus Christi:** Second Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 4 | June 2, 2024 (Caleb Gone, Pam Sub)

[Choir off for the summer]

Processional: 390 “Praise to the Lord the Almighty” (Lobe den Herren)

Sequence: 538 “God of Mercy god of Grace” (Lucerna Laudoniae)

Voluntary: WLP 124 Brother Sister let me serve you.

Communion Hymn: 310 “O Saving Victim” (Herr Jesu Christ)

Communion Meditation: “Take and Eat” - J. Michael Joncas

Recessional: 686 “Come thou fount” (Nettleton)

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### Third Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 5 | June 9, 2024

Prelude: Meditation from *24 pieces in Free Style* - Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Processional: 537 “Christ for the world we sing!” (Moscow)

Sequence: 620 “Jerusalem, my happy home” (Land of Rest)

Voluntary: Mary heard the angel's message (VF 4)

Communion Meditation: 624 “Jerusalem the Golden” (Ewing)

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

Recessional: 533 “How wondrous and great” (Loyns)

Postlude: Plein Jeu du *le Manuscrit Caumont*

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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 6 | June 16, 2024

Prelude: Miniature no. 1 from *35 miniatures* - Flor Peeters (1093-1986)

Processional: 616 "Hail to the Lord's anointed" (Es flog tin kleins Waldvögelein)

Sequence: 209 "We Walk by faith and not by sight" (St. Botolph)

Offertory: 8 "Morning has broken" (Bunessan)

Communion Meditation: "May the grace of Christ our savior" - Heinrich Albert (1604-51)

Communion Hymn: 657 "Love divine, all loves excelling" (Hyfrydol)

Recessional: 525 "The Church's One Foundation" (Aurelia)

Postlude: Grand Jeu du *le Manuscrit Caumont*

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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 7 | June 23, 2024

Prelude: "Largo" from *Trio Sonata II* BWV 526- J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional: 372 "Praise to the living God" (Leoni)

Sequence: 699 "Jesus, Lover of my soul" (Aberystwyth)

Voluntary: *Benedicam Dominum* - Giovanni Paolo Cima (1570-1630)

Communion Meditation: 559 "Lead us, heavenly Father" (Dulce carmen)

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

Recessional: 608 "Eternal Father, strong to save" (Melita)

Postlude: Dialogue de Petit et Grand Jeu du *le Manuscrit Caumont*

## BAPTISMS

Pentecost was May 19<sup>th</sup> and it was filled with joy as we witnessed **9 baptisms** – 3 from the Farmer family, Madalyn Faye, Makinley Brooke, and Morgan Rae and 6 from the Rusimbana family, Lidia, Heshima, Nelle, Sifa, Michael, and Janet. It was a lovely service that began with salt to drive away the power of evil and ended with lighting the baptism candles to represent the new life in Christ that we share in baptism.



## NEWS BRIEFS

### FR. TED IS GONE – NOW WHAT?

Fr. Ted has retired! This is a happy occasion for him and Mindy and his family. He will have a well-earned opportunity to do what he enjoys. Just like St. Philip's they too will be in a period of transition. They are making plans for how to adjust to those changes. St. Philip's has had several months to prepare for our change. We know it will not be easy, but we also know we can do it.

Here are some things to remember:

- **As Sr. Warden, Kaie Stephenson is now the primary leadership role of the parish. She is the first point of contact for questions and direction.**
- **We will have Sunday services:**
  - Kaie is working diligently to secure supply priests for Sunday services. She has received commitments through July 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - Deacon Carol will be available to serve on some Sundays when a supply priest cannot be secured.
  - If there are Sundays when we have no supply priest and Dcn. Carol is not available, there will still be Sunday services, but without communion.
- **We will have Wednesday services – (see below)**
- Deacon Carol will continue to be a valued leader in our parish, continuing to facilitate all that she has undertaken. Certainly, she will be a resource for Kaie and the parish, but she is not assuming the role of rector.
- The Search Committee is optimistic about potential candidates and eager to begin interviewing once applications are received and vetted by the Diocese.
- We ALL need to step up in leadership and other roles within the parish.
- We ALL need to lead by example.
- We ALL need to communicate.
- We ALL need to listen.
- We ALL need to share information.
- We ALL need to rely on one another.
- We ALL need to be kind to one another.



Kaie Stephenson is ready!

### WEDNESDAY 5:30PM MASS CONTINUES



**The Rev. Dr. Jim Lile has agreed to serve as supply priest for the 5:30pm Wednesday Eucharist in St. James Chapel beginning on June 5, 2024.** Fr. Jim is no stranger to St. Philip the Apostle Church. Jim and his wife, Ann, attended here for many years until his ordination and call to serve as rector of All Saints Episcopal Church in Nevada, MO. Fr. Jim continues to serve as rector of All Saints Church, but is celebrating with us on Wednesdays as we seek our next permanent rector. Some of us remember Dr. Lile as a Theater faculty member at Missouri Southern State University.



## 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 – OUTREACH ACTIVITIES AND FALL BAZAAR UPDATES

From Phyllis Sapp

Plans for outreach activities and the Fall Bazaar were discussed at the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The annual soup/chili luncheon and bazaar will be held **Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**. Sign-up sheets for all areas will be posted at the end of summer. Various committee chairs will be contacted and all are welcome to serve. Planning committee includes Kerri Rea, Theresa Petty, Ramona Shields, and Phyllis Sapp. Please let them know of any vendors who would be interested and they will be contacted.



We will again be providing backpacks filled with school supplies for the Parents as Teachers program. This year, we are asking the congregation to donate backpacks suitable for young children and/or make a monetary donation to WOSP to purchase the supplies to be included. This will help us be sure each backpack has the same contents requested by the early childhood teachers. Checks should be noted WOSP Backpacks in the memo section and can be put in the offertory plate or sent to the church office. **This will need to be completed by mid-July**, so we can pass them on to the program.

Another outreach program is providing home essentials for the elderly. Gayle Tuck will talk to the Area Agency on Aging to confirm what is needed. We hope to do this for **September 8<sup>th</sup> which is Grandparent Day** and will welcome the congregations’ support again this year once we know what is needed.

**Our next meeting will be July 13<sup>th</sup>**. Thanks to those who attended. We look forward to having all women join in our outreach activities and the bazaar.

## BLANKET BRIGADE – 100 IS THE GOAL – BEFORE WINTER COMES

From Vicky Cleveland

Air conditioners have been running as temperatures near 90 so it can be difficult to remember that last 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.



## FOCUS ON GRADUATES

Graduates were honored on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. **Hannah** graduated from Cottey College. **Ella** graduated from Joplin High School and will attend Missouri State in the fall. **Gaddie** graduated from Grover Hill Elementary and will attend North Middle School in the fall. **Brenner** graduated from Soaring Heights Elementary and will attend East Middle School in the fall.

**Congratulations to all graduates and good luck to you in your next endeavors!**

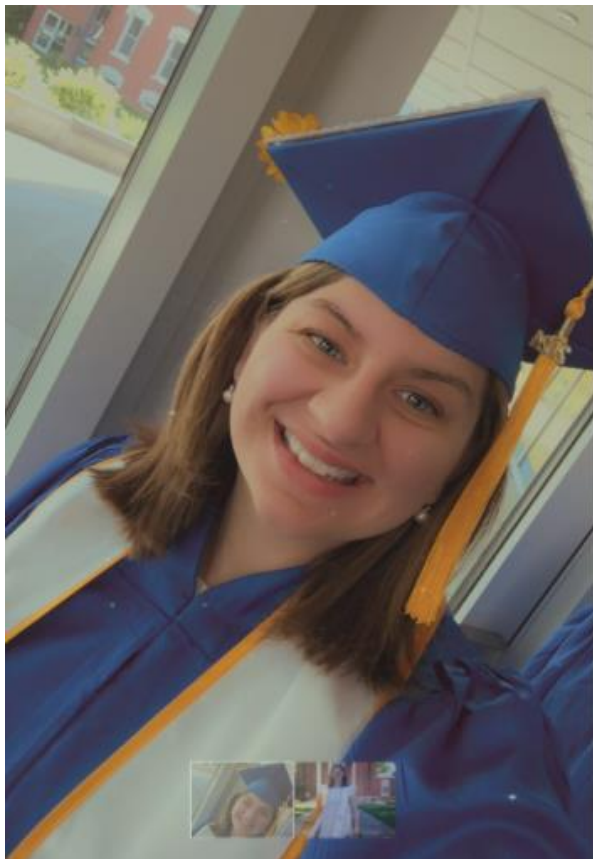


### **Hannah Elizabeth Grover**

Cottey class of 2024

BA in History & a minor in Criminology

Hannah plans to take a small break from full time school to work & to finish her prerequisites for continuing her education in the medical field. Her hope is to attend a PA program soon



## WHAT IS A MOTHER?

All moms were honored in church on Mother's Day, May 12<sup>th</sup>. A mom may be a woman who gives birth, one who adopts, or one who finds someone in life who needs a mother and includes them into their lives. Moms were brought forward after the service for the annual picture and were given a flower and a small gift. Picture magnets are available.



## ADULT FORUM WIND DOWN

The adult forum is winding down as summer approaches. The subject has been the book of Acts and the conversation has been engaging. June 2<sup>nd</sup> is the last forum until fall.



## PLEASE HELP US BE ABLE TO LET YOU KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST PHILIP'S



There's a lot going on at our church and we want to be able to share all of that with you! An effort is underway to ensure we have accurate information regarding everyone so we can effectively communicate with you. The church directory needs to be updated and historical records need to be accurate. **Will you please help by completing the form pictured below?** They can be found on the 'sign-up' table in the parish hall. If you have questions or you are unable to pick up a form, please contact Kim in the parish office. Thanks all for helping us help you!

MEMBER / FAMILY INFORMATION - ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

	LAST NAME: Use ditto " if same as name above the cell	FIRST NAME	PREFERRED NAME	DOB xx/xx/xxxx	Baptism Date	Confirmation Date	Marriage Date
Adult 1							
Adult 2							
Child 1							
Child 2							
Child 3							
Child 4							
Child 5							

Please place an X in the columns to the far right to indicate your preferred means of contact.

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Contact \_\_\_\_\_  
 City & Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Land Line \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adult 1 Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adult 1 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adult 2 Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adult 2 Email \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CHECK CORRECT BOX

<input type="checkbox"/> We are members of St. Philip's Church.	<input type="checkbox"/> We wish to JOIN St. Philip's Church	<input type="checkbox"/> We are thinking about joining here.	<input type="checkbox"/> We belong to another church but attend here.
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EMERGENCY CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_ CELL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER / FAMILY INFORMATION - ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

If you wish to be listed in the Church Directory, please place an X in the columns to the right of information you wish included in the directory.

DIRECTORY INFORMATION

ADULT NUMBER 1 NAME	ADULT NUMBER 2 NAME	
CELL NUMBER	CELL NUMBER	CHILDREN'S NAMES
EMAIL ADDRESS	EMAIL ADDRESS	CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS
BIRTHDAY	BIRTHDAY	
ANNIVERSARY	HOME ADDRESS	

WE WANT TO RECEIVE THE GROUP EMAILS & EMAIL NEWSLETTER - Check One

YES  NO

YOU CAN ALWAYS UNSUBSCRIBE AT ANY TIME

## YOUR VESTRY



Dcn. Carol, Andy Campbell, Tammy Macy, Calvin Cassady, Fr. Ted, Kaie Stephenson, Maria Dermott, Kim Siers (secy), Judy Turner, and Chris Smiley took a short break during Monday's (May 20<sup>th</sup>), vestry meeting to celebrate Fr. Ted's upcoming retirement with him.

## PENTECOST PARTY – MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>

It was a beautiful, sunny, and hot day – perfect for hot dogs and water games and bouncing! A celebration of the church’s birthday and 9 baptisms, along with a bittersweet celebration of Fr. Ted – all that he and Mindy have contributed to St. Philip’s – and a preliminary good-bye and good wishes.



Thanks, Melissa, for your yummy treats!



Thanks Gayle Tuck and Pat Grady for decorating the parish hall.



Tammy Hunt KNOWS how to dress in red for Pentecost!



Thanks, Websters for bringing Swanky Franks to the party!



water fun!



## 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.

Calls and/or emails have been made asking parishioners to consider how they might be able to help. Thanks to everyone who already supports our various initiatives and thanks to those who have agreed to take on something more. Please contact Kim in the parish office if you haven't been contacted but there is something 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

An umbrella cannot stop the rain but it allows us to stand in the rain.

Faith in God may not remove our trials but it gives us strength to overcome them.

## 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 is proud to share that the parish profile is completed and has been posted to our website. We invite you to look at how we showcased our church and the Joplin community -

<https://stphilipsjoplin.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/PDF-2024-Parish-Profile-Pics-in-Pages-1.pdf>

We have received an official expression of interest (application) from a candidate. We also understand that there have been some additional inquiries to the Diocese about the position. We are anxious to begin the interview process and are hopeful that we will soon find the right person who is called to be our new full-time rector.

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

Our acolytes on Pentecost Sunday.





- As Sr. Warden, Kaie Stephenson is now first point of contact for leadership issues/question.
- Average Sunday attendance is currently 86.
- **A private email box is exclusively for the use of the search committee - [rectorsearch@stphilipsioplino.com](mailto:rectorsearch@stphilipsioplino.com)** You can share your feedback/comments/questions to this email box in complete confidentiality.
- **The parish profile can be found on our website - <https://stphilipsioplino.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/PDF-2024-Parish-Profile-Pics-in-Pages-1.pdf>**
- WOSP is soliciting donations for the backpack drive – please bring backpacks for kindergartners before mid-July. Cash donations are requested for purchasing needed supplies to fill the backpacks. Please make checks out to St. Philip’s and show “WOSP backpacks” in the memo field.
- Watch for a future announcement on donations needed for home essentials for the elderly.
- Fall Bazaar plans are underway – watch for additional details to be forthcoming.
- Summer is a time for relaxation – Adult forum, Sunday School, and Choir are suspended during the summer months.
- The vestry approved the continuation of retaining our greeter, Wyatt, who 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. If you are interested in supporting this effort with a financial contribution of \$40 per Sunday, call the parish office or write a check to St. Philip’s and include ‘greeter’ on the memo line.
- Can you help our parish? Please take a look at all we do at St. Philip’s. Do you have a gift that you can offer? Do you have a passion? Is there something you would like to learn about? Please feel free to step in and help- if you aren’t sure how, ask someone – call the parish office. **WE NEED EVERYONE’S HELP!!**

# CELEBRATIONS!

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 3 Brady Dermott     | 14 Kaie Stephenson    |
| 3 Jacquie McConnell | 23 Lindsay McReynolds |
| 8 David Kumbier     | 23 Glenda Kiger       |
| 9 Judy Turner       | 23 Wayne Stephenson   |
| 10 Michael DeGuerre | 25 Morgan Larson      |
| 11 Carolyn Wiggans  | 26 Ella Schwab        |
| 11 Walter Webster   | 26 Brock Sapp         |
| 12 Lacey Johnson    | 26 Craig Inscore      |
| 13 Phyllis Sapp     | 28 Patrick Gold       |
| 14 James Gray       | 28 Branch Stephenson  |
| 14 Leslie Webster   |                       |



## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Brett and Kristi Schwab
- 6 Bob and Missy Larson
- 9 James and Deborah Barlos
- 13 Jason and Sara Bruner
- 16 Patrick and Courtney McFarland
- 19 Craig and Tina Inscore
- 19 Bob and Carolyn Wiggans
- 27 William and Jane Hoover



## Altar Flowers

### June 2<sup>nd</sup>

- The high altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Jacquie McConnell in loving memory of Ron on what would have been our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- The children's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Maria and Sharrock Dermott in honor of Brady's 25<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- The sanctuary candle is given to the glory of God by Jacquie McConnell in thanksgiving for Fr. Ted and Mindy Estes.

### June 9<sup>th</sup>

- The high altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Phyllis Sapp in memory of Joe Sapp and Ray Payne and in honor of all fathers in the parish.
- The children's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Jane Hoover in honor of her son, Brooke Porter's birthday.

### June 16<sup>th</sup>

- The high altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Carol Wiggans in our honor of our anniversary on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

### June 23<sup>rd</sup>

- The high altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Alex and Cindy Curchin in memory of Anne Walker Curchin.
- The children's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Kaie Stephenson in honor of Wayne and Branch's birthdays.

### June 30<sup>th</sup>

- The high altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Lyter and Tom Isenmann in honor of their anniversary.

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

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

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

Zeke Ambrosius, Mike Baker, Hailey Burge, George Butler, James Clark, Jim Collins, Tiffany Dalgleish, 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

**Pray for those who are traveling**

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



# JUNE 2024

JUNE 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MAY 26	MAY 27	MAY 28	MAY 29	MAY 30	MAY 31	JUNE 1
<b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b> <b>9:00AM</b> Adult Forum <b>10:00AM HE – Rite II</b>	<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> Parish Office Closed 	<b>6:30PM</b> Choir Practice	<b>5:30PM</b> HE w/unction			<b>9AM – NOON</b> Garden & Grounds
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Proper 4</b> <b>9:00AM</b> Adult Forum <b>10:00AM HE – Rite II</b> Fr. Ted and Mindy's last Sunday			<b>5:30PM</b> HE w/unction			<b>10AM – 2PM</b> Maker's Market
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Proper 5</b> <b>10:00AM HE – Rite II</b> After Service Outreach Mtg Supply Priest			<b>5:30PM</b> HE w/unction			
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Proper 6</b> <b>10:00AM HE – Rite II</b>  Supply Priest	<b>6PM</b> vestry		<b>5:30PM</b> HE w/unction  Newsletter Deadline	<b>6PM</b> Serving Dinner at Watered Gardens		
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Proper 7</b> <b>10:00AM HE – Rite II</b> Supply Priest			<b>5:30PM</b> HE w/unction			
<b>30</b>	<b>JULY 1</b>	<b>JULY 2</b>	<b>JULY 3</b>	<b>JULY 4</b>	<b>JULY 5</b>	<b>JULY 6</b>
<b>Proper 8</b> <b>10:00AM HE – Rite II</b> Deacon Carol - Reserved Sacrament			<b>5:30PM</b> HE w/unction	 Parish Office Closed		

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

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

<b>June 2 Proper 4</b>	<b>June 9 Proper 5</b>	<b>June 16 Proper 6</b>	<b>June 23 Proper 7</b>	<b>June 30 Proper 8</b>
<b>Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Camera Streamers – GAYLE TUCK, Coordinator</b>				
10AM – Nancy Messick EM – Judy Turner  Camera – John Messick	10AM – Tammy Macy EM – Gayle Tuck  Camera – Karen Ames	10AM – Jane Hoover EM – Sharrock Dermott  Camera – John Messick	10AM – John Moback EM – Michael DeGuerre  Camera – Karen Ames	10AM – Pam Volkl EM – Harvey Hutchinson  Camera – Mark Kiger
<b>Wednesday Service – 5:30PM HE/with unction</b>				
Wed, June 5 HE/unction Harvey Hutchinson	Wed, June 12 HE/unction Judy Turner	Wed, June 19 HE/unction Harvey Hutchinson	Wed, June 26 HE/unction Jane Hoover	Wed, July 3 HE/unction TBD
<b>Counters – Parish Secretary, Coordinator</b>				
If any count team needs a replacement, feel free to contact Gay Currence or Judy Turner. They cannot count together -- only separately with another individual. Their numbers can be found in the Parish Directory or call the church office.				
Gail Campbell Gayle Tuck	Barb Majzoub Jane Hoover	Rose Paul Gayle O'Hare	Leigh Frogge Lyter Isenmann	Sandy Blackford Jacquie McConnell
<b>Acolytes – Rebecca Fick, Coordinator</b>				
<b>Crucifer –</b> Micheal Fick <b>1<sup>st</sup> Server –</b> Louisa Curchin <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Server –</b> Brenner Kumbier <b>Gospel Book –</b> Grey Kumbier	<b>Crucifer –</b> George Webster <b>1<sup>st</sup> Server –</b> Gaddie Stephenson <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Server –</b> Ben Webster <b>Gospel Book –</b> Walt Webster	<b>Crucifer –</b> Micheal Fick <b>1<sup>st</sup> Server –</b> Lily Farmer <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Server –</b> Leo Farmer <b>Gospel Book –</b> <b>Branch Stephenson</b>	<b>Crucifer –</b> TBD <b>1<sup>st</sup> Server –</b> TBD <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Server –</b> TBD <b>Gospel Book –</b> TBD	<b>Crucifer –</b> Louisa Curchin <b>1<sup>st</sup> Server –</b> Micheal Fick <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Server –</b> Alex Curchin <b>Gospel Book –</b> Sophia DeGuerre
<b>Altar Crew – Gail Campbell/Gayle O'Hare, Co-Directress</b>				
Lyter Isenmann Gayle O'Hare Meredith Murray  Wed, June 5 Gayle O'Hare	Gail Campbell Leslie Daniels Rose Paul  Wed, June 12 Jacquie McConnell	Stacy Turney Carol Wiggins Melissa Braun  Wed, June 19 Marilyn Johnston	Nancy Messick Ann Turney Jacquie McConnell  Wed, June 26 Jacquie McConnell	Judy Turner Maria Dermott Gail Campbell  Wed, July 3 Jacquie McConnell
<b>Ushers – Andrew Campbell, Coordinator</b>				
Andy Campbell Wayne Stephenson Bo Hutchinson	Melissa & Bill Braun	Phil O'Hare Sander Curchin	Wayne Stephenson volunteer	Blake Webster Andy Cambell

# FINANCIALS

## STEWARDSHIP - ST. PHILIP'S FINANCIAL INFORMATION

April 2024

Line #	April	YTD
<b>ORDINARY INCOME</b>		
1 From Regular Support for Operations.....	\$ 18,192	\$ 78,561
2 Interest from Operating account.....	\$ 2	\$ 11
3 From Investments Used for Operations.....	\$	\$
4 Transfer from Endowment.....	\$ -	\$ -
5 Total Ordinary Income (add lines 1,2,3,4.....)	\$ 18,194	\$ 78,572
<b>ORDINARY EXPENSES</b>		
6 From Regular Monthly activities.....	\$ 28,185	\$ 95,645
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] ..	\$ (9,991)	\$( 17,073)

Summer can be a time of vacations, time away from home and more casual living. Thank you for continuing to send your pledge payments even if you are not attending church every week during these next few months. Expenses continue even during playtime!



# LET'S STAY CONNECTED

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

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



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

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

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



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## St. Philip's Episcopal Church Joplin, Missouri

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

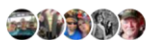
The church presence on Facebook. All Facebook users are encouraged to “like” the page if you haven’t already done so. Daily prayers, links to live streamed services and news from around the Episcopal Church, The Diocese of West Missouri and elsewhere.

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



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# MINUTES OF THE VESTRY

## Vestry Meeting Minutes

**Monday, April 15, 2024 6PM**

Vestry Members: Attendees: In Person: Kaie Stephenson, Andrew Campbell, Judy Turner, Maria Dermott, Tammy Macy

Via Zoom: Chris Smiley

Absent: Calvin Cassidy

Others Present: Fr. Ted Estes and Jacquie McConnell

**Call to Order/Roll Call:** Fr. Estes called the meeting to order and the roll. A sufficient quorum was present to conduct business. Those in attendance are listed above.

**Invocation:** The Rector Search Prayer served as the invocation.

**Agenda:** Andy Campbell moved, and Maria Dermott seconded, adoption of the meeting agenda. Passed unanimously.

**Previous Month's Vestry Minutes:** Judy Turner moved, and Tammy Macy seconded, approval of the March 18 Vestry Minutes. Approval was passed by majority vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** March 2024 Notes & Changes Greater than \$1000

### Balance Sheet:

1. Account #1110 SMB Checking Account up \$9,099.54 from February.
2. Account #1120 Stifel Investment up \$5,213.31 from February. Account #1130 Stifel Endowment up \$23,468.25. Account #1140 Stifel Bonds up \$946.78.
3. Account #2420 Payroll Taxes Withheld down \$2,742.44. 4th quarter 2023 Missouri payroll withholding payment of \$1,342 was made in March and I made an adjustment of \$742 to lower Missouri withholding liability as the 3rd quarter 2023 Missouri withholding payment was originally not recorded to reduce the liability, but instead was recorded as an expense. Another reason the Payroll Taxes Withheld liability is down from February is due to employees who are paid on a monthly basis not being issued March paychecks. The paychecks were issued in early April.
4. Account #3129 Columbarium 709 down \$2,351.63. The main reason for this change is due to \$3,000 of \$6,437.50 check to 3D Lawn & Landscaping coming out of this account.

### Income Statement:

1. Account #4110 Pledge Payments up \$18,095.
2. Account #4115 Unpledged Donations up \$2,017.
3. Account #4130 Easter/Lenten Income up \$2,304.
4. Account #6020 Gas Service down \$1,224.69. Two payments in February is the cause of this decrease.
5. Account #6120 Grounds Maintenance up \$4,063.37. The main reason for this change is due to \$3,437.50 of a \$6,437.50 check to 3D Lawn & Landscaping coming out of this account.
6. Account #6140 Property Insurance down \$2,527.50.
7. Account #6410 Rector Salary down \$5,791.67, March paycheck written on April 4.
8. Account #6420 Rector Housing down \$1,000. This is included on March paycheck written on April 4.
9. Account #6510 Lay Employee Wages down \$1,893.52. This corresponds with earlier note about payroll tax liability being down. Monthly paid employees did not receive March paycheck, as they were paid in early April.
10. Account #5710 Income and Distributions up \$1,630.98 and Account #5720 Change in Securities Value up \$6,969.36.

Judy Turner moved, and Andy Campbell seconded, reception of the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed unanimously, with no abstentions or nay votes.

### Calendar:

Additions:

May 5 - Patronal Feast of St. Philip

May 8 - Meal & Bingo

May 12 - Mother's Day

May 13-17 - Kim Siers Vacation

May 19 - Pentecost Party

May 27 - Office Closed Memorial Day

Chris Smiley moved adoption of the May Calendar and Maria Dermott seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### Junior Warden's Report:

- Doors to courtyard - changing handset to prevent people from getting locked out.
- Getting bids to repair defective Nave Light on the Southside of the Nave
- Getting Bids to Repair timer and fixture that lights Epiphany Window

- Getting Bids to Update fixture that lights Resurrection Window
- Request funding for additional Parking Lot signage and post brackets.

Kaie Stephenson moved to allocate \$500 for additional Parking Lot Signage and post brackets. Kaie Stephenson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Senior Warden's Report:**

- Recruiting Supply Priests June 9, 16, & July 7
- Submitted a grant to the diocese to cover the cost of HVAC for the offices.

**Rector Search Report:**

- Judy Turner reports that Search Committee is working well and is on target to publish the St. Philip's Rector Position on May 1, 2024.
- Rector Position Profile will be made public on our website, through our Diocesan Transition Member & his network, and through the Office of Transition Ministry.

**Deacon's Report:**

- No Report

**Rector's Report:**

Leadership Saturday on April 6

- Developed Calendar of Events scheduled for June 2024 to January 2025
- Identify Leadership Teams and the goals/activities needed to support good church functioning
- Teams Identified
  - COMMUNICATION
  - WORSHIP / SPIRITUAL LIFE
  - PARISH LIFE / FELLOWSHIP
  - EDUCATION
  - BUILDING & GROUNDS
  - OUTREACH
  - Further work is needed to identify/recruit leaders and members for all teams.
  - Vestry discussed a plan to divide members up for vestry to recruit leaders and team members.

Holy Week / Easter

- Average attendance for the Holy Week days of April 27,28,29 was 24
- Easter Vigil & Easter Day Attendance was 213+

2024 Average Sunday Attendance as of April 14 is 86.

On April 14, Fr. David Wilcox, Diocesan Youth Missioner preached at the 10am service and met with Parents and Youth to answer questions and build relationships for future participation of youth in diocesan events. He will also send links to us regarding curricula and other resources for child and youth education and formation.

I will be on vacation from Thursday, April 18 through Friday April 26.

I have 48 days of opportunity to do essential activities until my final Sunday on June 2, 2024. I am prioritizing the following activities:

- Working with leadership to identify leaders and develop teams.
- Train Ms. Siers to take on specific communication tasks related to group emails & website, as well as other administrative tasks.
- Prepare Baptismal Candidates & their families for Pentecost baptisms.

**Suggestion Box:** - No material.

**Old Business:**

Greeter/Security: Positive discussion of the work done by Wyatt Guy as greeter. Position has been funded by specific member donations solicited by Fr. Estes to fund a trial of this activity. **Vestry will consider if it wishes to continue this position beyond May 2024 at its May 20 Vestry Meeting.**

**New Business:**

Kim Siers approved to take vacation on May 13, 14, 15, 16, & 17.

**Adjournment**

Kaie Stephenson moved adjournment, seconded by Judy Turner, and passed by unanimous vote of members present. Meeting adjourned.

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**Rector – in Search process**

**Deacon – Carol Peterson**

**Parish Secretary – Kim Siers**

**Newsletter Editor - Jacquie McConnell**

**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.