

“Wait for it . . . wait for it!”

At the end of last month, we celebrated the Feast of Thanksgiving. The Feast of Thanksgiving gives us an opportunity to look back at “all the blessings in this life” (BCP, p. 101) and to give thanks. At St. Philip, we have a “horn of plenty” that is filled with many faithful and cheerful people that serve our church. Our blessings are to be counted in faithful leadership, faithful worship, sound teaching, compassionate pastoral care and our love for each other.

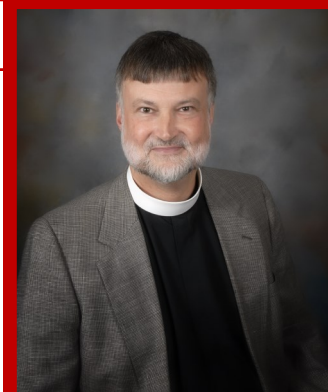
Blessings can be found in the many ministries, programs and activities at St. Philip that are led by lay leadership giving themselves to service and generous giving. We are blessed with a beautiful campus and worship space and with a measure of financial stability. The Feast of Thanksgiving also serves as a “hinge” holiday between the closing of the previous liturgical year and the beginning of a new liturgical year that is marked by the First Sunday of Advent.

It is fitting that we begin the new Christian Year with Advent as we turn our focus on the Incarnation first found in Bethlehem. The Advent season is structured to prepare ourselves through prayer, self-evaluation, instruction, watchfulness and in a “holy waiting”. In Advent, we recall in joyful hope and wait as we anticipate the coming of the Christ-child and look forward to his Second Coming. Waiting is an essential part of our Christian life and journey together. This waiting is not an empty waiting like in the Samuel Beckett play: “Waiting for Godot”. Our waiting is a waiting with a promise.

As Christians, we are always waiting. The Christian journey is all about waiting. We wait during Lent for the celebration of Easter. We wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. In Advent, we wait for the birth of the Christ-child and we wait for Christ as he returns in glory in the Second Coming. To anticipate the Incarnation of Christ in Advent is also to anticipate the Second coming of Christ where all of Creation will become complete at the “End Time”, the final Advent!

In this season of Advent, may we wait, watch, worship and love to prepare ourselves in the “joyful hope” for the coming of the Christ-Child that will be King! Have a joyful Advent and a Merry Christmas!

“The best is yet to come!”
Fr. Terry†



The Rev. Terry Street, Rector

December at a Glance

- 12 Men’s Club
- 14 ECW Ornament Exchange, 11a
- 15 Operation Joy, 2-330p
- 17 Vestry Meeting, 6:30p
- 24 Christmas Eve Service, 7p
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The 2019 Stewardship Campaign: “Feel-Good Giving”

“Each of you should give as you have decided from the heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

(2 Corinthians 9:7)

This year’s Stewardship Campaign’s theme is “Feel-Good Giving” (See front page article in the November EVANGEL). The idea is instead of the often used stewardship phrase, “Give until it hurts”, we would suggest that we give until it feels good — Feel-Good Giving!

Dwight Wagner is this year’s 2019 Stewardship Campaign Chairperson. Please pick up a pledge card and prayerfully consider a generous and joyful giving to the needs and ministry of St. Philip.



Christmas Eve Music Service MONDAY - DEC. 24

Christmas Eve at St. Philip will feature a choral concert at 7:00 pm on Dec. 24, followed by our Eucharistic celebration of the Nativity of our Lord at 7:30 pm. Come experience special Christmas music along with many beloved traditional carols. This is one of the highlights of our musical and liturgical year; please bring your family and friends as we celebrate the Incarnation together in community.

One Christmas Eve Service?

As we have the last several years, there will be only one service this year beginning at 7 pm. Over the years, there has been a dramatic shift in attendance toward an earlier service. Many people, including all age groups, have preferred to attend the earlier service leaving the later service option as a scantily attended and seemingly less than desirable true celebration for this glorious feast. We realize that this time frame may not fit everyone’s schedule but hope you can make arrangements to join us for this sacred celebration within our faith community.

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A PREMIER MEN'S VOCAL ENSEMBLE
William Schoeg, Artistic Director

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CHRISTMAS VI

All free and open to the public

SATURDAY, DEC. 7TH, 7:00PM
BALMORAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6413 QUINCE RD., MEMPHIS, TN

SUNDAY DEC. 8TH, 4:00PM
ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
2425 S. GERMANTOWN, RD., GERMANTOWN, TN

SUNDAY, DEC. 15TH, 4:00PM
ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH,
155 MARKET ST., MEMPHIS TN

Save the Date for Operation JOY!

Sunday, December 15th

From 2—3:30 pm

Details are firming up for this wonderful event. We have a few children to be adopted; if you are interested, please contact Liz Stephens at the4stephens@gmail.com or 860-501-5536. If you are not able to adopt a child, you may support the purchase of bikes, helmets, and gift cards for the families by making a financial donation. Just mark the contribution "Operation JOY!" and drop it in the offering plate. Please plan to attend the Christmas Party at the Emmanuel Center on Sunday, Dec. 15th from 2-3:30 pm. Looking forward to a wonderful afternoon!



A THREAD OF GOD IN EVERYTHING

Winterfest 2019

Monteagle Mountain, Tenn
At the historic DuBose Conference Center

We invite you to Winterfest (Dec.28—Jan.1), a Tennessee Episcopal Youth Retreat for students grades 9th-12th. This four day program encourages you to grow in your relationship with Christ through a fun and fearless environment tailored especially for teenagers. Existing since the 1990's and held annually during the New Year Celebration, Winterfest unifies young Episcopalians in a community of faith. Register online!

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Our ECW "Soup, etc. Sale" was a BIG Success!

AND the ECW Ornament Exchange . . .

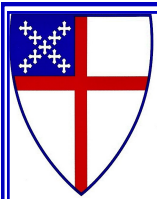
The **ECW** Ornament Exchange will take place on Saturday, December 14th beginning at 11:00 am, with set-up on Friday December 13th at 10 am. All ladies of St. Philip are invited! Bring an ornament to exchange and since this is a potluck, also bring your favorite dish. It is a wonderful time of fellowship. Hope to see all of you and those considering joining St. Philip. ***Next Meeting: January 5th***

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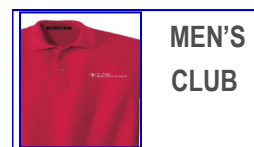


The sign up is on the bulletin board to order a beautiful poinsettia in honor or in memory of loved ones. The plants are \$20 each. Your dedication will be published in a special insert in the service leaflets at Christmas time.

**Girl Scouts
Bernard Hall
Meet every Thursday,
5:00-8:30 PM
PLC & Bernard Hall
Julie Tolbert &
Amy Brown, Leaders
Brownies, Juniors, &
Cadettes**



**MEN'S CLUB
Dinner & Meeting**



2nd Thursday of the month
6:30 PM, Parish Hall

This month's meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 12th.

Important Dates in December

Saturday - Dec. 14

ECW Ornament Exchange, 11:00a

Sunday - Dec. 15

Operation Joy

Tuesday—Dec. 24

Christmas Eve Service, 7:00p



Welcome to the Flower Guild!



We all enjoy the beautiful arrangements on the altar every Sunday. You can help supply them, whether you choose to create the designs

yourself or order from our florist for delivery. We welcome (and need!) new members. If you'd like to attend a training session or discuss joining, please contact Tracy Dain—901-497-5344 or tracy.dain@yahoo.com.

St. Philip Episcopal Church

Profit & Loss Budget

October 2019

Oct 19	Budget	Jan - Oct 19	YTD Budget	Annual Budget	
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
4100 · Operating Income	22,350.76	17,162.20	232,184.86	216,943.20	275,875.00
4200 · Investment Income	46.20	101.25	1,822.84	1,021.50	1,225.00
4300 · Non-operating Income	400.00	125.00	975.00	500.00	500.00
5200 · Funds Transfer	0.00	625.00	642.00	6,925.00	7,500.00
Total Income	22,796.96	18,013.45	235,624.70	225,389.70	285,100.00
Expense					
6000 · Operating Expenses	24,965.35	26,714.05	244,579.69	258,647.98	311,542.89
Total Expense	24,965.35	26,714.05	244,579.69	258,647.98	311,542.89
Net Ordinary Income	-2,168.39	-8,700.60	-8,954.99	-33,258.28	-26,442.89
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In Our Parish Community

December Birthdays

Herkie Hill	2
Steve Glenn	3
Martha Wilburn	3
Cathy Hollowell	4
Ann Randalls	4
Elizabeth Domico	6
Caroline Rinks	6
Mary Hendricks	9
Duane Carter	10
Terry Street	18
Joe Namie	24
Jennifer Temple	28
Robert Turner	28
Mary Anna Tonole	30

December Anniversaries

James & Polly Pitcock	1
Mike & Tina Stephens	2
Steve & Carol Shelton	9
Ferd & Jessica Heckle	30
Jack & Liz Stephens	30
Bill & Vicki Rogers	31

On the Prayer List

Akers Family	John Lewis
Kathryn Appleton	Kim Mills
Ricky Blount	Larry Mooney
Cindy Bottenfield	MK Potlock
Scott Carpenter	Ted Allen Rice
Steve Chester	Robinson Family
Suzy Cunningham	Robert Ruegge
Margaret Dischler	Sipes Family
Susie Gilmer	Mark Smith
Shirley Goergens	Fr. Terry Street
Carol Green	Julie Tolbert
Julia Gregory	Valenti Family
Jean Harvell	David Voyer
Phoebe Heckle	Holly Whitsett
Kelsey Knight	William Wilkins
Max Lawrence	Jerry Windham

Honorariums & Memorials Received in the Month of November

In memory of **Bill Domico**

By: Elizabeth, Patrick & Adam Domico
for Nativity Altar Linen Set

In memory of **Charles Brooks**

By: M/M Don Holmes

In memory of **Fr. James Newsom**

By: M/M Ferd Heckle

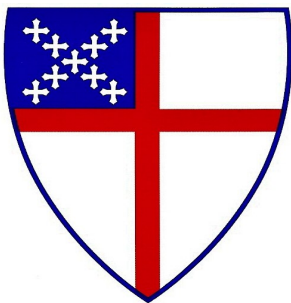


Inclement Weather Policy

Unless there are some rare, unusual circumstances, all services will be held at the normal times regardless of weather conditions. It is so difficult, if not impossible, for everyone to get the message of a last minute cancellation, so I will be present for those who may come to these services. Having said that, please make your own decision of safety and well being (You will be forgiven!) about attending services during inclement weather.

Fr. Terry +





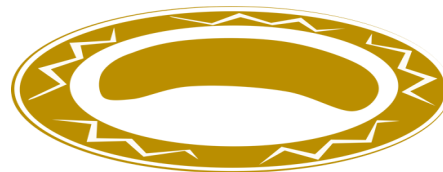
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Remember the St. Philip Discretionary Fund

The first Sunday of each month is the St. Philip Discretionary Fund Sunday. The loose offering and other gifts so designated are given to the St. Philip Discretionary Fund for the purpose of helping parish members and others in the community in times of serious need. If you wish to Contribute by check, please make it out to St. Philip and designate it "St. Philip Discretionary Fund." Also, one can contribute to this fund at any time.



Merry Christmas!



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Sunday Schedule

8:00a Holy Eucharist

8:45a Coffee Hour, Parish Hall

10:30a Holy Eucharist

11:45a Coffee Hour, Parish Hall

Wednesday Service

12:10 p Healing w / Holy Eucharist

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