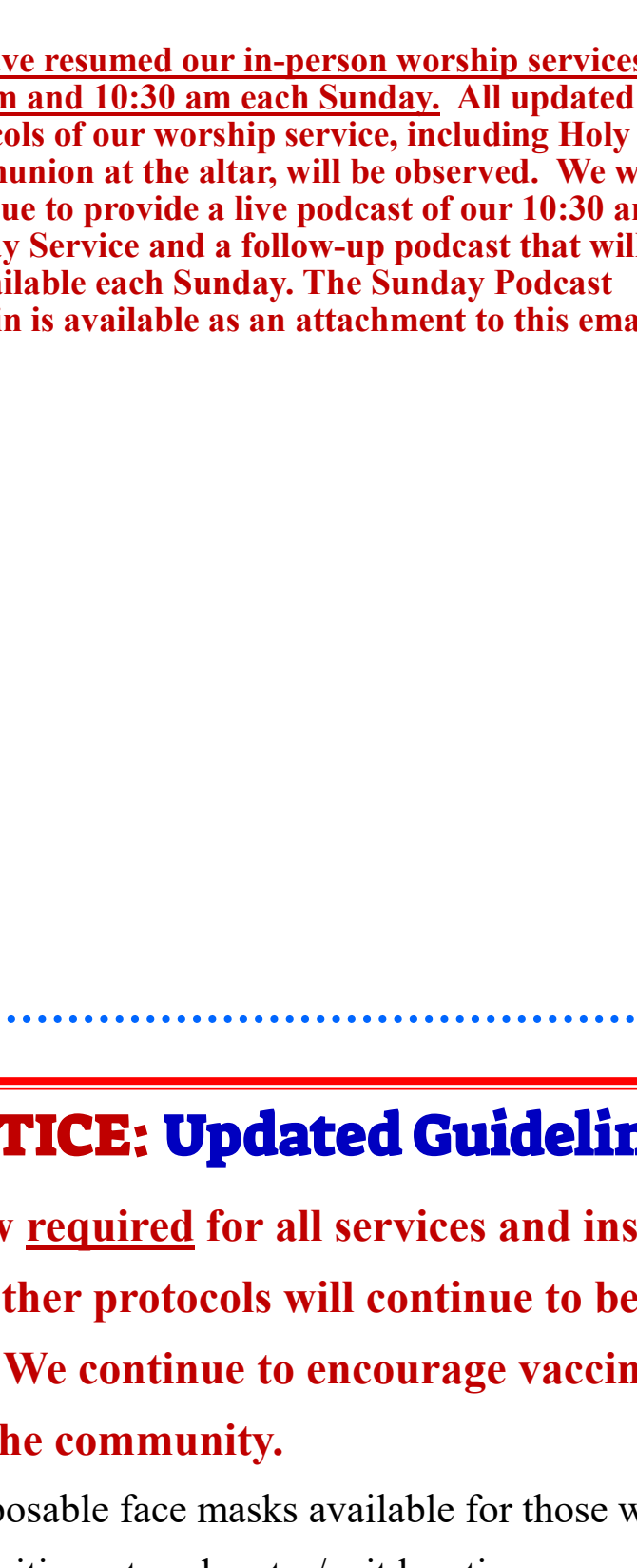


# Weekly Parish Newsletter

**17th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Proper 20**  
**September 19, 2021**

## Scriptures:

**First Reading** Proverbs 31:10-31  
**Psalm:** Psalm 1  
**Second Reading:** James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a  
**Gospel:** Mark 9:30-37



## Note:

**We have resumed our in-person worship services at 8 am and 10:30 am each Sunday. All updated protocols of our worship service, including Holy Communion at the altar, will be observed. We will continue to provide a live podcast of our 10:30 am Sunday Service and a follow-up podcast that will be available each Sunday. The Sunday Podcast bulletin is available as an attachment to this email.**

## NOTICE: Updated Guidelines

- Masks are now required for all services and inside activities. At this point, all other protocols will continue to be in place until further notice. We continue to encourage vaccinations in our parish and in the community.**
- There will be disposable face masks available for those who wish to wear them and hand sanitizer at each entry/exit location.
- Available seating will continue to be strategically marked to safeguard social distancing in the church.
- Readers will be able to return to their Sunday assignments.
- Service bulletins will continue to be published for congregational use.
- Congregational singing will now resume.
- Offering plates will now be circulated during offertory.
- Use of Holy Oil and personalized blessings will resume.
- Communion at the Altar will resume with the offering of the Host and/or the Host tintured (dipped) in the Wine.
- There will continue to be no Coffee Hour at this time.
- There will be no nursery at this time.

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

September 19th at 9am  
Ages 2½ - 12 years

## Youth/Adult Christian Formation Classes

September 19th at 9:15am  
Parish Life Center

**This Sunday!**

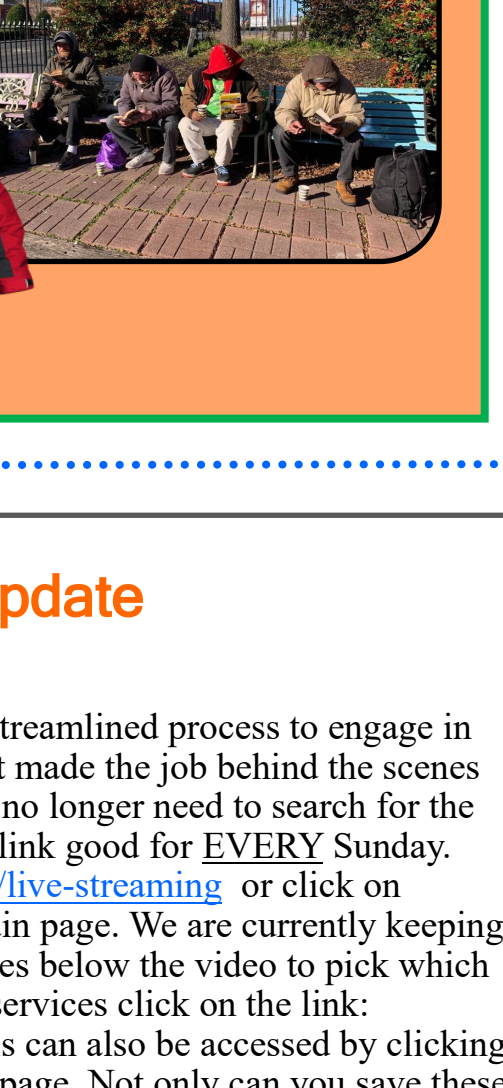
## What if the Ten Commandments were not just a set of ancient rules, but a guide to experiencing the good life?

### Fall - Adult Formation Class

Nearly everyone has heard of the Ten Commandments, the list of "thou-shalt-nots" found in the Bible. Jesus saw these commandments not as onerous burdens, but as guideposts to help us experience a good and beautiful life. These ten ancient "words" were given to us by a loving God who longed to set safe boundaries, create order out of chaos, help communities live peacefully, and protect us—often from ourselves.

In this book of Scripture and inspiration, bestselling author Adam Hamilton brings modern eyes to the most important set of ethics in history. He considers the commandments in their historical context, considering the meaning of each commandment in Hebrew, unpacking how Jesus reinterpreted them, and showing how every thou-shall-not was intended to point to a life-giving "thou shalt." He also explores how the latest research in science and psychology illuminates these commandments, rightly understood, as a way of ordering one's life beautifully in the present day. In a culture marked by workaholicism, materialism, and social media-driven envy, God has given us a time-tested path that leads to gratitude, confidence, and peace.

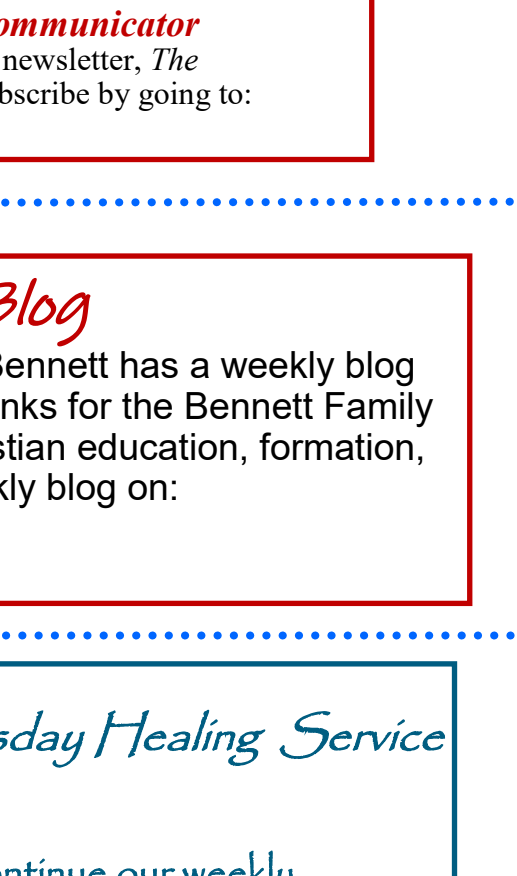
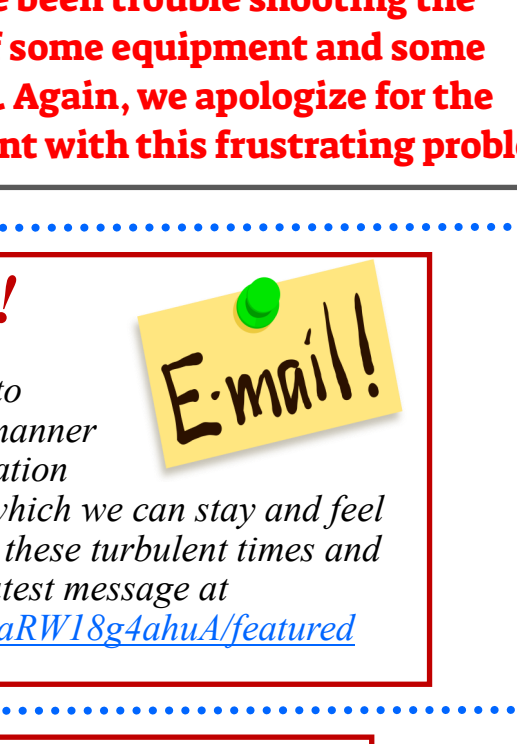
Come join us for this six week DVD guided study beginning September 19 at 9:15am in the Parish Life Center. The cost of the books will be \$15 and will be available prior to and during the first day of class. Checks can be made out to St. Philip with "Study Book" in the memo. This should be a very interesting and meaningful experience for us all! See you there!



## 2021 Fall Project

The Manna House is a place of hospitality for the homeless. The Manna House is appropriately named as it freely offers grace and comfort to those in need. Besides offering personal hygiene items like clean underwear, socks, and hot showers, the Manna House provides a safe and friendly "living room" for the community to gather over a cup of hot coffee.

This Fall, we will collect men's underwear (boxers), coats, scarves, hats and gloves to donate to the Manna House. The collection box will be in the Parish Hall. Please be a part of this needed hospitality effort to prepare for the Winter Season. Robert and Anita Poore will be the coordinators of this project. If there are any further questions, please contact Robert Poore at 219-8886.



## Sunday Podcast Update

We are pleased to announce we now have a more streamlined process to engage in our online Sunday morning service. Not only has it made the job behind the scenes much easier, the viewer gets a few perks, too! You no longer need to search for the Sunday email with the new link. Now there is one link good for EVERY Sunday. Save this link <https://www.stphilipcmemphis.org/live-streaming> or click on "Worship" - Live Streaming" from the church main page. We are currently keeping about four live streaming service videos at a time. Click the three lines below the video to pick which Sunday service you want to view. For more history on the recorded services click on the link: <https://www.stphilipcmemphis.org/podcasts-of-recent-sermons>. This can also be accessed by clicking "Worship" then "Recent Sermons Archive" from the main church page. Not only can you save these links in your faves or bookmarks, but you can rewind and fast forward during the service. Better yet, it will be there in full no matter what time you link up! So, you don't have to be "present" exactly at 10:30 to get the full service. Actually, you may use these links to enjoy the service any time.

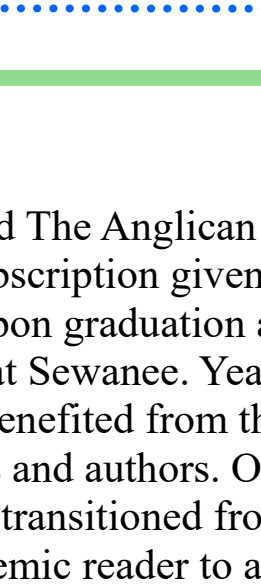
**Kudos to our film/tech team for this awesome advance!**

## Attention Podcast Viewers!

**We apologize for the technical difficulties that have interrupted some of our podcast Sunday Services. Our Tech Team believes that a recent storm that damaged several electrical devices may be the "ghost" in the technical difficulties of the recent live streaming podcasts. By process of elimination, they have been trouble shooting the potential problems. We hope with the replacement of some equipment and some technical tweaks that we have corrected the problem. Again, we apologize for the inconvenience and hope you will continue to be patient with this frustrating problem.**

## Communication Please!

More than ever, it is important for our Parishioners to faithfully read all emails from St. Philip in a timely manner in order to receive the latest announcements, information and updates during this time. It also is a means by which we can stay and feel connected to our parish and Diocesan family during these turbulent times and period of isolation. You can find Bishop Phoebe's latest message at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC67\\_lmuJHDxwRw18g4ahuJ/featured](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC67_lmuJHDxwRw18g4ahuJ/featured)

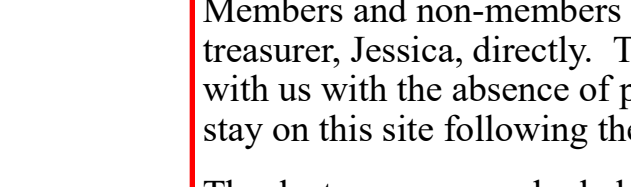


## To Receive the Diocesan E-Communicator

If you would like to receive the weekly Diocesan newsletter, The Communicator and Diocesan updates, you can subscribe by going to: <http://bit.ly/3bz2w6z>

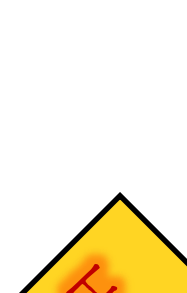
## Jonathan Bennett's Weekly Blog

For those of you who may not know, Jonathan Bennett has a weekly blog that is interesting and inspirational. We give thanks for the Bennett Family that continues to bless us with their gifts of Christian education, formation, and inspiration. You can follow Jonathan's weekly blog on: [publishedwiththanksgiving.com](http://publishedwiththanksgiving.com)



## Wednesday Healing Service

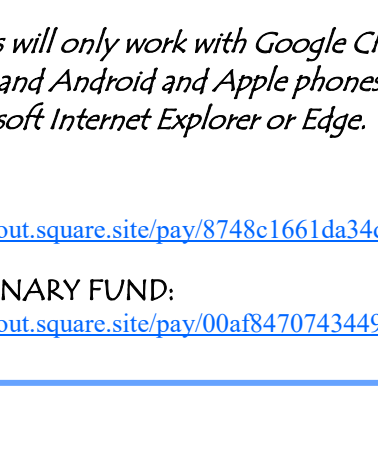
We will continue our weekly Wednesday Healing Service with Holy Communion at 12:10 pm. All previous and current protocols of a worship service, including Holy Eucharist, will be observed. We welcome anyone who would like to attend.



## HELP FEED THE NEED

Food Drive to Support Mid-South Food Bank

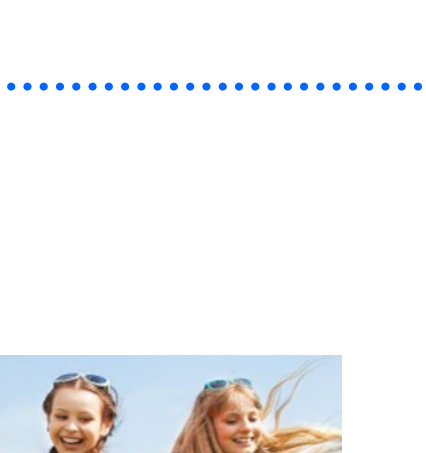
30% of children in the Mid-South don't have when they'll eat next because of Covid-19



1 in 4 Mid-southerners are living food insecure.



300+ food pantries, soup kitchens & shelters rely on the Food Bank.



24.5% of Mid-Southerners are living with hunger. Over 133,000 are seniors.



136,382 children are food insecure and hungry on a regular basis.

## EVERY \$1.00 DONATED PROVIDES 3 MEALS!

### Most Needed Items:

(NO GLASS CONTAINERS)  
Soup  
Canned meats  
Chili  
Peanut Butter

Canned Fruit (especially no-sugar)  
Canned Veggies (especially no-salt)  
Canned 100% Fruit Juice

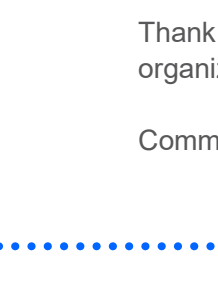
Dried Beans  
Rice  
Macaroni & Cheese  
ANY Non-Perishable

### Non-Food Items:

Paper towels, plates, napkins  
Toilet paper  
Personal care items

Laundry & Dish Detergent  
Other cleaning products

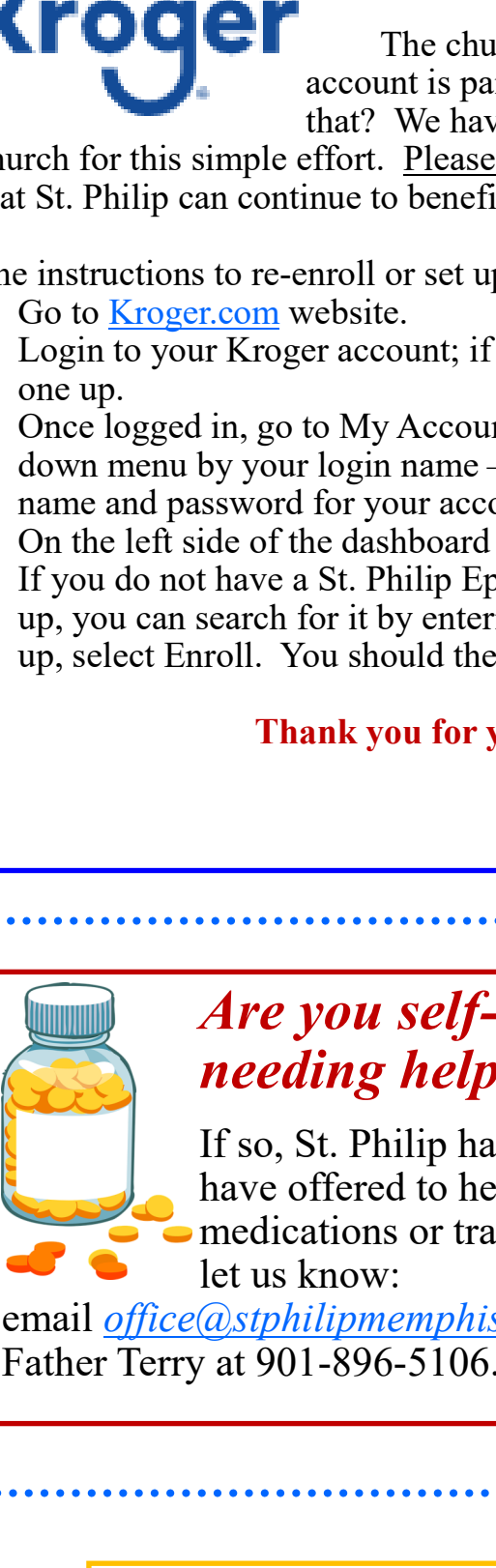
Food donations can be made at St. Philip in the Blue Container in the Parish Hall. Checks can be made out to St. Philip with "Food Bank" in the memo line.



Be sure to pick up **Our Daily Bread** for September, October & November. They are in the hall and the narthex for your convenience.

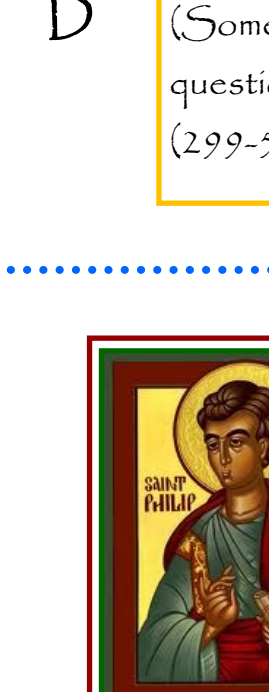
If you are unable to pick up a copy of **Our Daily Bread** from the church, you may order your **free copy** online at: [www.odb.org/signup](http://www.odb.org/signup) (Control + Click opens link).

## Pick Up Your New Fall Issue!



I have personally read The Anglican Digest since my first gift subscription given to all senior seminarians upon graduation at The School of Theology at Sewanee. Year after year, I have greatly benefited from the many inspirational writings and authors. Over the years, the Digest has transitioned from a more scholarly, academic reader to a more congregational reader of Christian education and inspiration. (It even has recipes and cartoons making it a very friendly read!) It seems to bend toward the traditional but it is refreshingly non-political. Thanks to the publisher, we have worked out a discounted subscription for 50 copies for our Parish at St. Philip. On a first come, first serve basis, please pick up a complimentary copy for your own devotions. The Anglican Digest is published quarterly by seasons. It has become a part of my once-a-week, weekend devotions. Pick up a copy and tell me what you think!

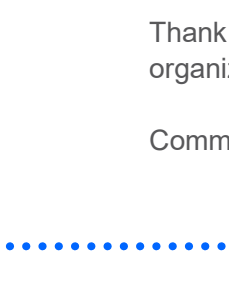
## What About Our Pledges?



## Welcome to the 21<sup>st</sup> century!

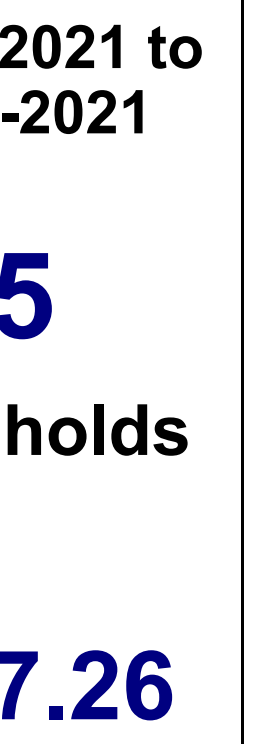
We now have the Pledge Card in a "Smart Form" on our Website: <https://www.stphilipcmemphis.org/pledge-cards-for-budget>.

Members and non-members can fill out the form online and submit to our treasurer, Jessica, directly. This was tested and it works. This will assist with us with the absence of people during our pledge campaign. It can even stay on this site following the campaign for those who may forget to pledge. Thanks to everyone who helped make this work.



## Credit Card Giving

We are excited to now offer online payments for offerings through **Square**. Click on these secure links\* for pledges or discretionary fund offerings. It will open up a secure checkout page on **Square**. Enter the amount of your offering, your email address, full name and credit card information. A confirmation email receipt will be sent to you confirming your payment. We hope this might be useful, particularly during this time. Please note that there will be a 3.5% charge to St. Philip for the use of this service.



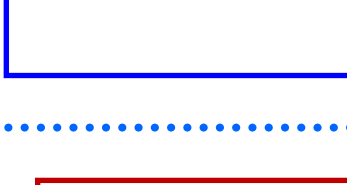
\*These links will only work with Google Chrome and Firefox browsers for computers and Android and Apple phones and tablets. They will not work with Microsoft Internet Explorer or Edge.

### PLEDGES:

<https://checkout.square.site/pay/3748e1661db34d07b334cbe105f09a5b>

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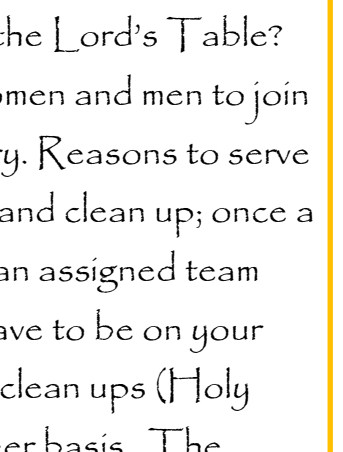
## Attention Parishioners and Friends!

The church earns 5% of the purchases when your Kroger Card or account is paired with this special donation card. How great is that? We have previously earned hundreds of dollars donated to the church for this simple effort. Please take a minute to re-enroll or enroll for the first time so that St. Philip can continue to benefit from this generous free offer.

The instructions to re-enroll or set up a new account are as follows:

- Go to [Kroger.com](http://Kroger.com) website.
- Login to your Kroger account; if you do not have a Kroger account, you will need to set one up.
- Once logged in, go to My Account by going to the top right corner where there is a drop-down menu by your login name—you may have to login in again with the same user name and password for your account.
- On the left side of the dashboard page, there is a link for Community Rewards.
- If you do not have a St. Philip Episcopal Church-Mphs (YES, church is spelled wrong!) set up, you can search for it by entering EA218, our organization number, and when it comes up, select Enroll. You should then see that enrollment status.

Thank you for your support!

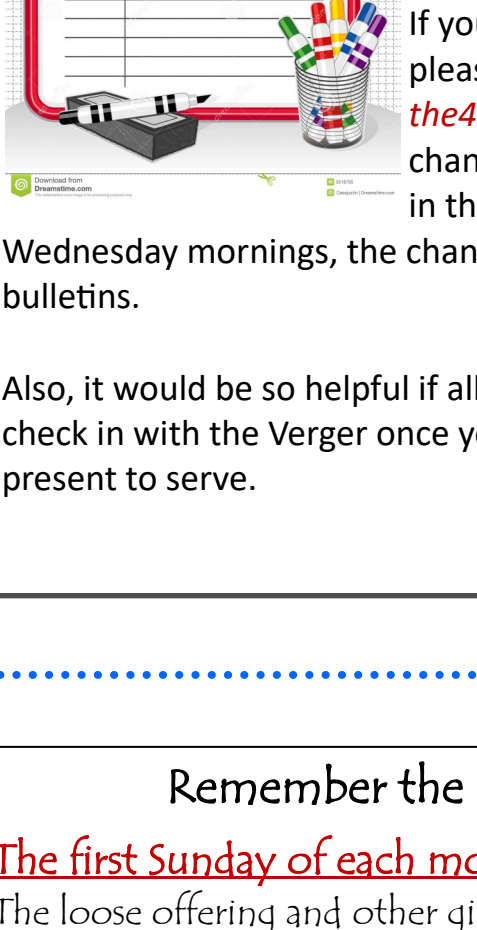


## Are you self-quarantined and needing help with something?

If so, St. Philip has several volunteers who have offered to help getting groceries, medications or transportation for you. Please let us know: email [office@stphilipcmemphis.org](mailto:office@stphilipcmemphis.org), or call the office at (901)388-9830 or Father Terry at 901-896-5106. We'll do our best to get help for you!

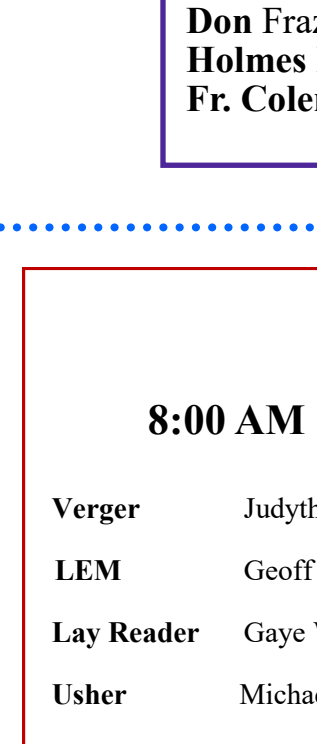


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Would you like to help set the Lord's Table?

The Altar Guild invites women and men to join us in this vital church ministry. Reasons to serve are: easy to learn to set up and clean up; once a month commitment; part of an assigned team each month so you don't have to be on your own; other special set ups/clean ups (Holy Week, etc.) are on a volunteer basis. The satisfaction that comes from honoring Christ in this special way and from playing a part in helping to provide hospitality to other parishioners and visitors is a blessing! We need and would appreciate volunteers for both service times. Please prayerfully consider helping us because help is needed! (Some of our members have devoted many years to this ministry.) If you have questions or better yet, to volunteer, please contact Elizabeth Domico (299-5913; [domicofam@aol.com](mailto:domicofam@aol.com)).



Remember . . . As Christians we are **all** Evangelists!

Invite someone to St. Philip this year so they may hear the Good News and enjoy our Christian fellowship.

Fr. Terry



## Service Schedule Changes & Updates:

If you are a volunteer who serves on Sunday mornings, please notify Liz Stephens (860-501-5536 OR [the4stephens@gmail.com](mailto:the4stephens@gmail.com)) if there are last minute changes to our Schedule of Servers published monthly in the EVANGEL. If your change is received prior to Wednesday mornings, the changes can be updated in the weekly email and bulletins.

Also, it would be so helpful if all Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Acolytes would check in with the Verger once you arrive at church letting them know you are present to serve.

Offering Counter: Kay Hill  
Coffee Hour: NONE  
Altar Guild: TBD  
Flower Guild: Leatrice Boren



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