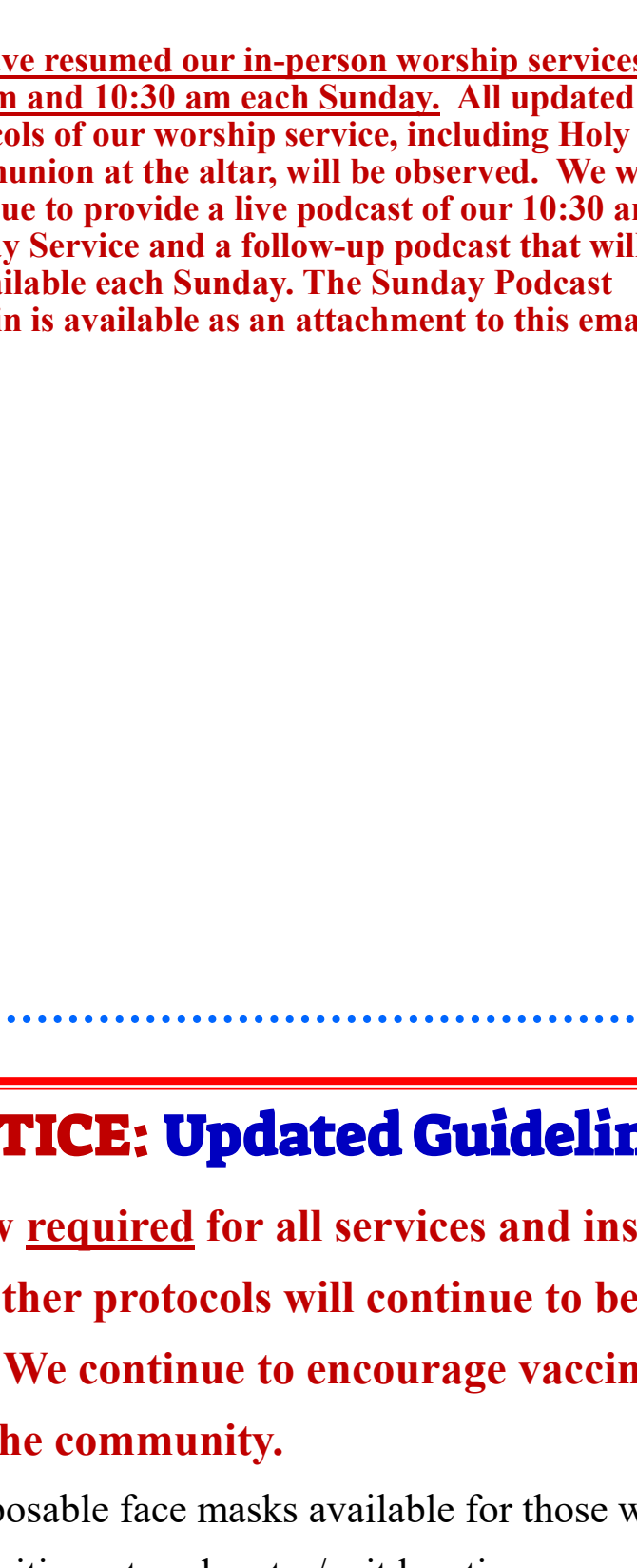


Weekly Parish Newsletter

15th Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 18
September 5, 2021

Scriptures:

First Reading Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Psalms Psalm 125
Second Reading James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17
Gospel: Mark 7:24-37



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

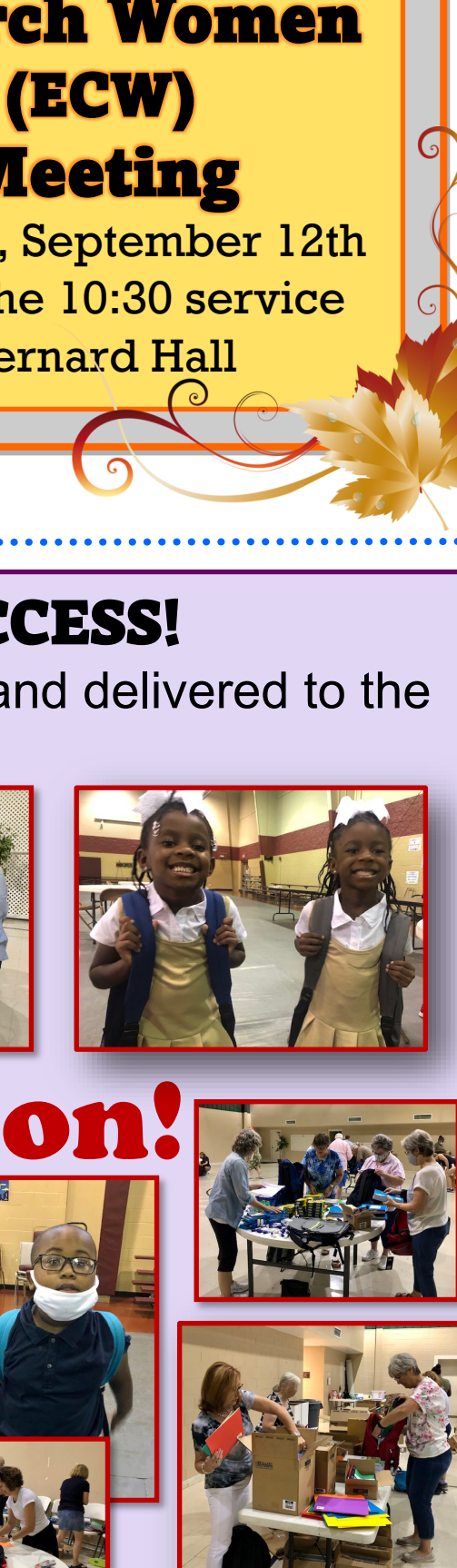
What if the Ten Commandments were not just a set of ancient rules, but a guide to experiencing the good life?

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.

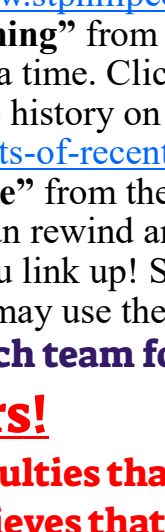
In this book of Scripture and inspiration, bestselling author Adam Hamilton brings modern eyes to the most important set of ethics in history. He considers the commandments in their historical context, considering the meaning of each commandment in Hebrew, unpacking how Jesus reinterpreted them, and 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!



Men's Club Meeting

Thursday, September 9th
6:30 pm
Parish Hall



Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Meeting

Sunday, September 12th
After the 10:30 service
Bernard Hall

Operation Backpack 2021—SUCCESS!

The Backpacks have been assembled and delivered to the Emmanuel Center!



Celebration!



Sunday Podcast Update

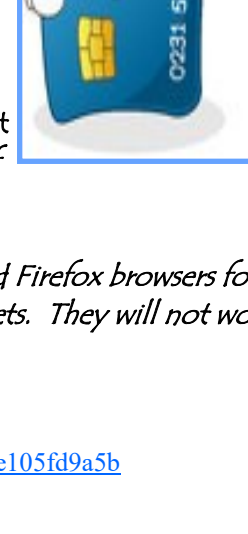
NEW

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.stphilipmemphis.org/live-streaming> or click on "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.

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 stream 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!

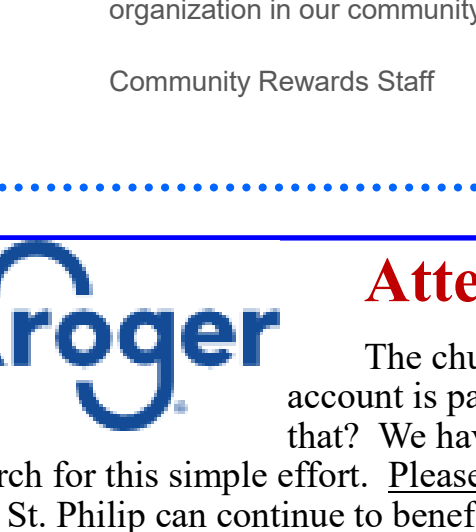
More than ever, it is important for our Parishioners to faithfully read all emails from St. Philip in a timely manner in order to receive the latest announcements, information and updates during this time. It also is a means by which we can stay and feel connected to our parish and Diocesan family during these turbulent times and period of isolation. You can find Bishop Phoebe's latest message at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe7_1mu1HDexaRW18g4ahu4/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/3p2wvkl>

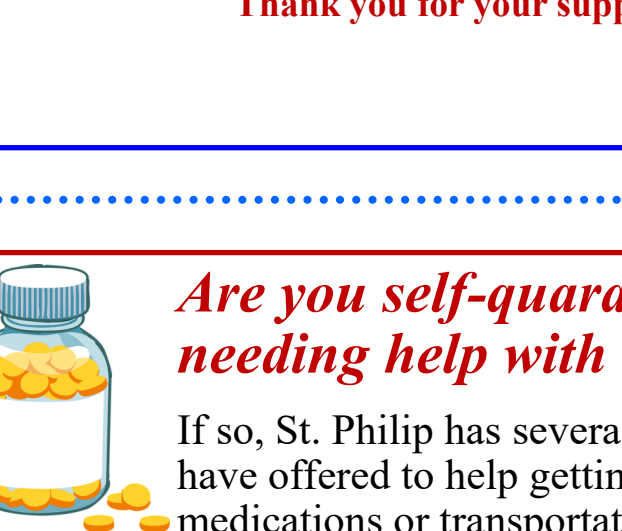
Jonathan Bennett's Weekly Blog

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



Attention LEM's and Lay Readers!!!

Your next set of readings, from the **15th Day after Pentecost** through **Thanksgiving**, is ready for you. They are on the office door. Thank you for picking up your readings.



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 know when they'll eat next because of Covid-19

1 in 4 Mid-southerners are living food insecure.

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

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

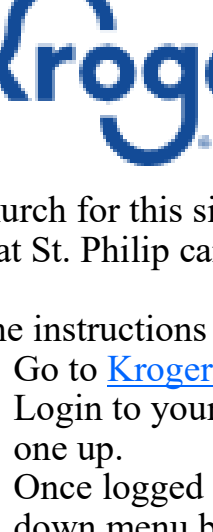
136,382 children are food insecure and hungry on a regular basis.

EVERY \$1.00 DONATED PROVIDES 3 MEALS!

Most Needed Items: (NO GLASS CONTAINERS)
Canned meats Canned Fruit (especially no-sugar) Dried Beans
Soup Canned Veggies (especially no-salt) Rice
Chili Canned 100% Fruit Juice Macaroni & Cheese
Peanut Butter 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.

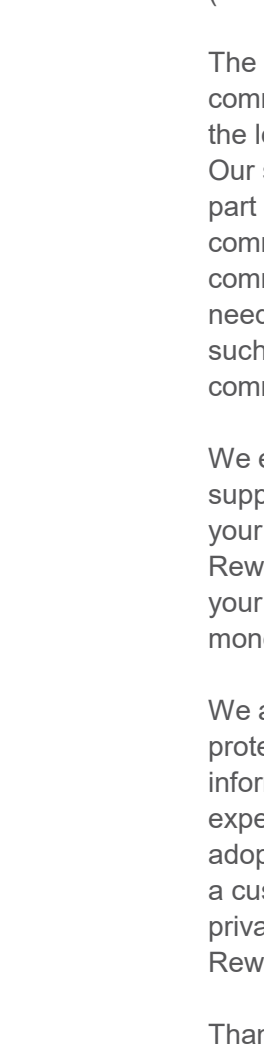


Be sure to pick up **Our Daily Bread** for September, October & November. They are in the hall and the narthex for your convenience. If you are unable to pick up a copy of **Our Daily Bread** from the church, you may order your **free copy** online at: www.odb.org/signup (Control + Click opens link).

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 recaps 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!



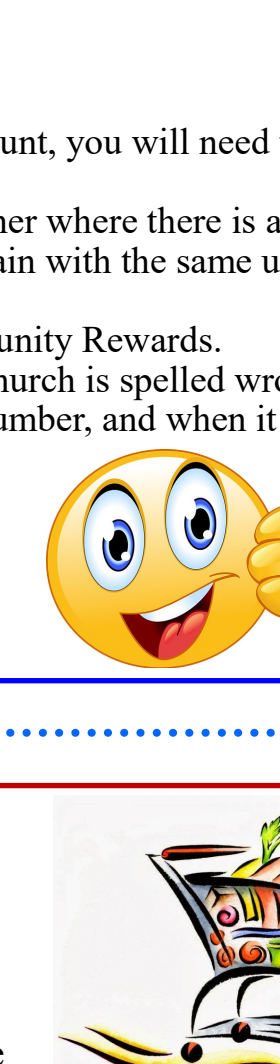
What About Our Pledges?

Welcome to the 21st century!
We now have the Pledge Card in a "Smart Form" on our Website: <https://www.stphilipmemphis.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. We 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.

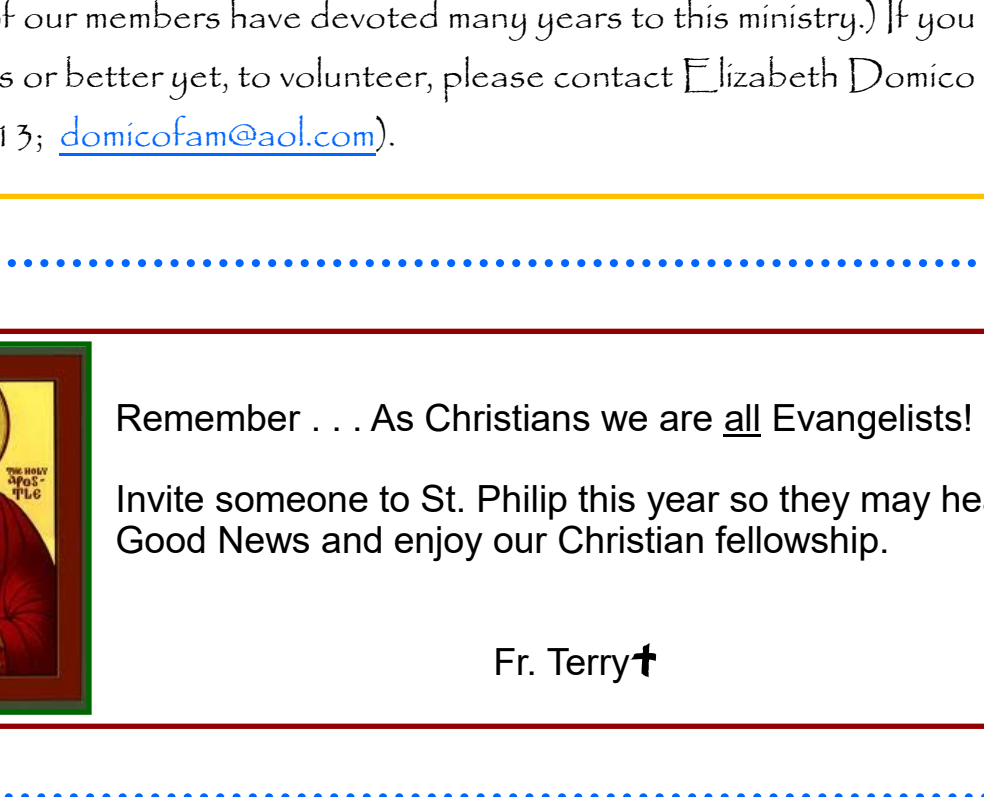
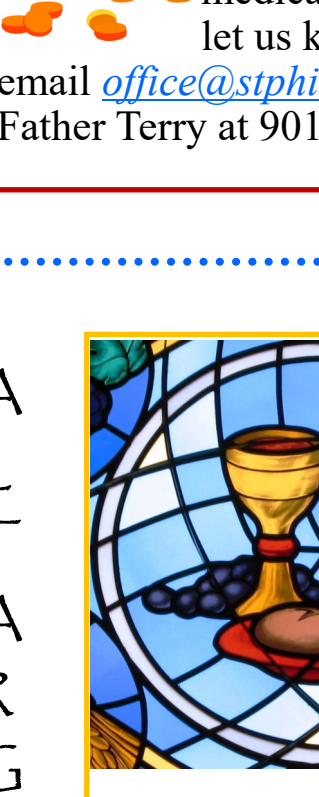
Credit Card Giving

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/pxy/8748c1661da34d02b334c8c105d09a5b>
DISCRETIONARY FUND:
<https://checkout.square.site/pxy/20ba847043449b99cd72cd36b601d45d>



Dear St. Philip Episcopal Church-Mphs (EA218),

The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission to not just part of, but to help create a stronger community. We recognize that every community has unique causes that need support. Thank you for being such an important organization in our community.

We encourage you to ask your supporter to link their rewards card to your organization. Community Rewards is easy to use. The more your supporters shop with us, the more money your organization will earn!

We are committed to carefully protecting our customer's personal information. In order to meet their expectation of privacy, we have adopted a simple policy to never share a customer's personal information. Our privacy policy applies to Community Rewards participation as well.

Thank you for being such an important organization in our community.

Community Rewards Staff

01-May-2021 to 31-Jul-2021

45 Households

\$ 157.26

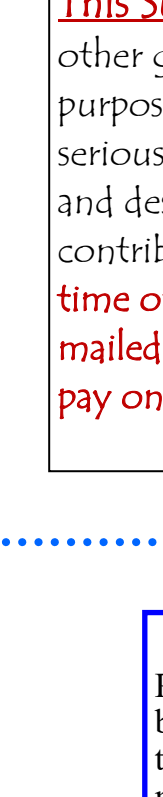
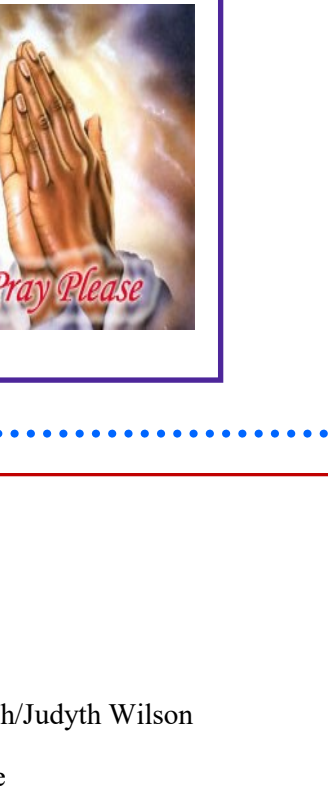
Total Donations

Attention Parishioners and Friends!

The church earns 5% of the purchases when your Kroger Card or account is paired with this special donation account. 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.

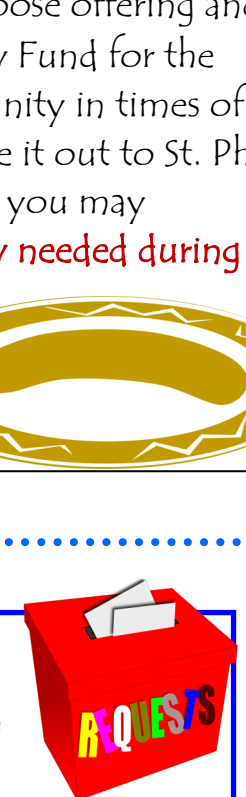
- The instructions to re-enroll or set up a new account are as follows:
- Go to Kroger.com website.
 - Login to your Kroger account; if you do not have a Kroger account, you will need to set one up.
 - Once logged in, go to My Account by going to the top right corner where there is a drop-down menu by 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!

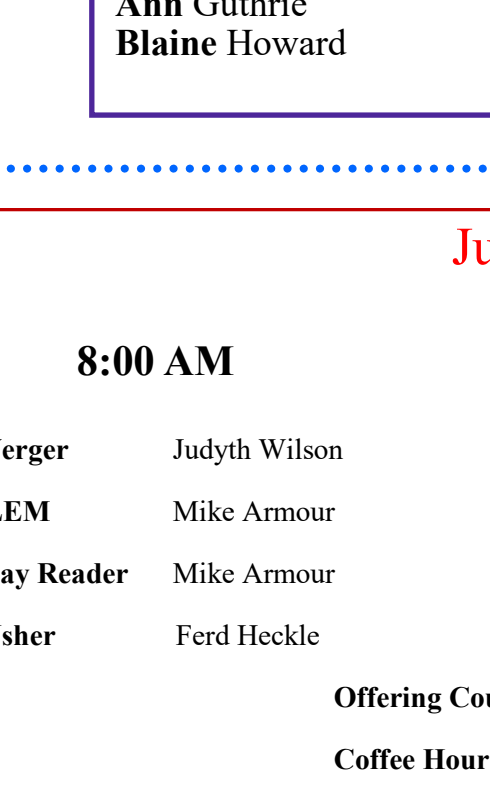


Are you self-quarantined and needing help with something?

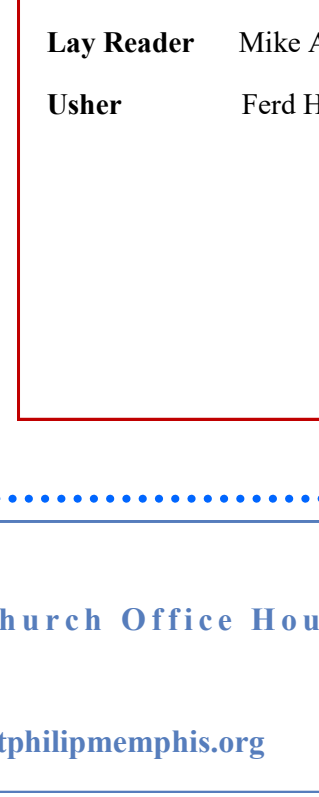
If so, St. Philip has several volunteers who have offered to help getting groceries, medications or transportation for you. Please let us know: email office@stphilipmemphis.org, or call the office at (901)388-9830 or Father Terry at 901-896-5106. We'll do our best to get help for you!



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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 Domino (299-5913; edmc@comcast.net).



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) 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.

Remember the St. Philip's Discretionary Fund

This Sunday is St. Philip's Discretionary Fund Sunday. The loose offering and other gifts so designated are given to St. Philip's 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's Discretionary Fund." Of course, you may contribute to this fund at any time. Your funds are especially needed during this time of crisis and great need. Your checks may be mailed to the church office at this time, or you can pay online through SQUARE.



PLEASE Update our Prayer List!

PLEASE be sure to complete a prayer request form from the box on the hall bulletin board. After 30 days, please update the office on the status of your person and let's consider moving them to the DOK prayer list if they are still in need of our prayers. Thank you for your cooperation.



St. Philip's Prayer List

Karen Cagle
Dune Carter
Ed Farler
Don Frazier
Ann Guthrie
Blaine Howard

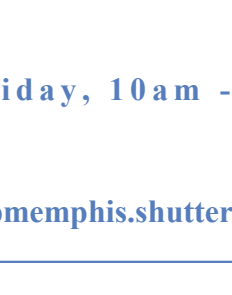
Fr. Colenzo Hubbard
Rudolph Jones
Larry Mooney
Ned Segar
Jason Webb



Just a Reminder!

September 5, 2021

8:00 AM		10:30 AM	
Verger	Judith Wilson	Verger	David Delich/Judith Wilson
LEM	Mike Amour	LEM	David Voye
Lay Reader	Mike Amour	Lay Reader	David Voye
Usher	Ferd Heckle	Usher	Bill Rogers
		Offering Counter	Mary Ely
		Coffee Hour	NONE
		Altar Guild	TBD
		Flower Guild	Gaye Wagner



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