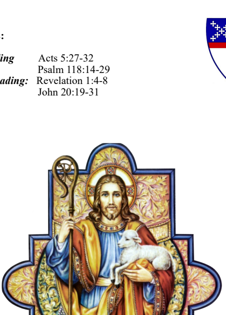
Weekly Parish Newsletter

Second Sunday of Easter
April 24, 2022

Scriptures:

First Reading	Acts 5:27-32
Psalm:	Psalm 118:14-29
Second Reading:	Revelation 1:4-8
Gospel:	John 20:19-31



Important Announcement!

Beginning Easter Sunday, all Covid protocols and guidelines will be discontinued, and all activities and liturgical observances will return to a "normal" status as approved by our St. Philip Vestry. The exception will be a continuation of tincture only with the Common Cup of Communion wine until further notice. We will continue to monitor any new or changing health concerns and will adapt accordingly. Until then, celebrate and enjoy this current reprieve during our Eastertide Season!

Note:

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.

Beginning this Sunday, we will be returning to the smaller formatted bulletins. This will be a cost saving change as well as encouraging us to return to using our actual Prayer Books as "Prayer Book People" of the Episcopal Church.

A message from the Priest:

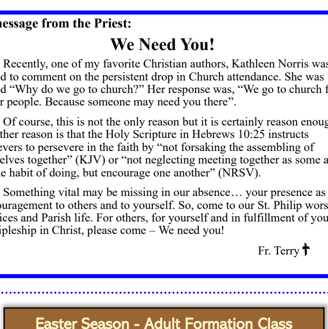
We Need You!

Recently, one of my favorite Christian authors, Kathleen Norris was asked to comment on the persistent drop in Church attendance. She was asked "Why do we go to church?" Her response was, "We go to church for other people. Because someone may need you there".

Of course, this is not the only reason but it is certainly reason enough. Another reason is that the Holy Scripture in Hebrews 10:25 instructs believers to persevere in the faith by "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together" (KJV) or "not neglecting meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but encourage one another" (NRSV).

Something vital may be missing in our absence… your presence as encouragement to others and to yourself. So, come to our St. Philip worship services and Parish life. For others, for yourself and in fulfillment of your discipleship in Christ, please come – We need you!

Fr. Terry ✝



Eastertide Observances

During the Eastertide season or the "Great Fifty Days of Easter", there are some liturgical customs and observances that highlight the redemptive and celebratory nature of the Eastertide season. As a reminder, some of them are:

- The liturgical color is white used during the entire Fifty Days.
- The Paschal candle is moved from its normal position near the baptismal font to a prominent place near the altar to remind us of our Baptismal Covenant in our celebrations.
- The "Alleluia" which is omitted during Lent is restored to the liturgy as the premier expression of joy celebrating the Resurrection.
- The "Gloria" which is omitted during Lent is also restored to the liturgy as a point of praise and Celebration.
- The Acclamation of "Alleluia! Christ is Risen!" is said at the beginning of each worship service.
- As Rite I is celebrated during the Lenten season, Rite II, Eucharistic Prayer B, will be observed during the Eastertide season.
- Standing during the Eucharistic Prayer acknowledges that Christ has made us worthy to stand before Him.

Have a blessed "Great Fifty Days of Easter" with joy, celebration and a song in your heart!

This Saturday!

Looking for something fun to do? Bargains and a chance to support our sister church in Millington?

St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Millington, TN is hosting their annual Attic Treasure & Plant Sale!

St. Anne's Huge Attic Treasure & Plant Sale
Saturday, April 23
8 am – 2 pm
4063 Sykes Rd, Millington
Bargains Galore!

ECW SPRING GOODIE SALE!
Sunday, May 1st
After Both Services!

Want to contribute to our goodie sale?
Drop off your goodies Saturday, April 30th in the Parish Hall between 10am and noon or before services on Sunday!
Please bring your goodies packaged & priced to sell.
If you want to preorder goodies, call Margaret, 901-755-4426

Remember the Pickle Packing Party is this Saturday in the PLC at 10am!

Coffee Hours NEEDED!

We are in need of a few more volunteers to host coffee hour following each service starting with the May rotation. No experience necessary & training available, if needed! Please contact the office.

Support Our Girl Scout Troop! Buy Cookies!

There is an order form for Girl Scout cookies in the Parish Hall. Please record your order, prepay using the provided envelopes and place the payment in the box.

All flavors are available!

Girl Scouts

HELP UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

Episcopal Relief & Development is working closely with Anglican agencies and ecumenical partners to meet the urgent humanitarian needs of Ukrainian refugees in Europe. People quickly packed up and fled Ukraine to safety and will need long-term support. Your contribution to the Episcopal Relief & Development International Disaster Response Fund will help provide clothing, food, water and other items.

To make an online donation, to the International Disaster Response Fund

Click Here: episcopalrelief.org/ukraine-crisis.

Thank you for your compassion and prayers. With your partnership, we are working together for lasting change.

Thistle & Bee Ministry: Learn How Love Heals

Thistle & Bee offers women hope and healing through a holistic residential and therapeutic clinical program and employment in their social enterprise paving the future for the next generation. The women's experiences of trafficking has brought us to a place where we are seeing the multi-system failure that has led to prostitution are at an unprecedented high. Thistle & Bee provides each woman services based on her needs. The clinical program is two years and the social enterprise offers up to 18 months of employment in a supportive environment, with the potential for employment and mentoring roles beyond that. The model works!

CLICK HERE to see the Fall 2021 Honey Harvest.

Our ECW group is proud to host Rev. Dr. Eyleen Farmer, Founder and President Emeritus of Thistle & Bee on Sunday, March 20th at both services. She and ladies from the program will be at St. Philip to share information and to sell some of the products they produce while here. ECW will also collect personal items for the ladies of Thistle & Bee for our Lenten/Spring Ingathering. The collection bins will be in the Parish Hall. The "Hive" needs the following items:

Kitchen
Trash Bags
Cleaning Supplies
Paper Towels
Aluminum Foil
Paper Plates
Plastic Eating Utensils
Zip Lock Bags
Laundry/Bathroom
White Bath Towels/Washcloths
Tide Laundry Pods
Toilet Paper
Kleenex
Dial Bar Soap
So the ladies can keep in touch with family:
Books of Stamps for 11 ladies
Stationary/Notecards for 11 ladies

Another Opportunity to GIVE to Thistle & Bee!

Simply login to smile.amazon.com using the same login you use to log in to Amazon.com. The site will prompt you to select a charity. Simply type Thistle and Bee and then select it. That's it!

Every purchase you make going forward, Amazon will donate a percentage to that charity. It doesn't cost you a thing. Plus every quarter, Amazon will send you an email as to the amount they donated on behalf of everyone who has Thistle and Bee selected as their charity.

Last quarter it was well over $500.00!

That makes me SMILE!

~Becky Holley

Prescription Bottle Ministry
(Sponsored by Men's Club)

Free clinics through out the world distribute medications from bulk containers and not in the amber / blue bottles we are used to. More often than not medications are distributed to patient in a folded tissue or envelope with dosage and other information written on the envelope or on an accompanying piece of paper. The patient must then put the tissue in their pocket for the trip home. The medicine may be lost or deteriorate on the way home. Working to end that situation, Matthew25Ministries.com working with Morning Sun Cumberland Presbyterian Church and now St. Philip Episcopal Church by recycling these pharmaceutical bottles we usually discard.

Thanks for all the Pill Bottles! Keep them Coming!

Acceptable collection items include:

- Prescription pill bottles (Large & Small)
- Pill Bottles with and without secure caps (child-resistant)
- Pill bottles that are not appropriate for medical supplies are recycled and will generate revenue that supports Matthew 25: Ministries' programs. If you wish to prepare bottles for medical use following guidelines:

Prep Instructions:

- Bottles included in shipments of medical supplies must have all no plastic lid.
- Remove labels, leaving no glue or residue.
- Wash bottles in very hot water and dish soap.
- Rinse and dry thoroughly.
- Replace lids on clean, dried bottles.
- Place clean, recapped bottles in large ziplock bag marked "Clean Bottles." These will be blended with medical supplies.
- Any member may give the empty bottles to David Delich of the Men's Club or place in a basket located in the Parish Hall with a "Pill Bottle Ministry" sign.

We hope we can collect enough bottles to make monthly shipments to Matthew25 Ministries.

St. Philip Men's Club

Sunday Podcast Update

We are pleased to announce we now have a more streamlined process to engage in our online Sunday morning services. 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.stphilipecmemphis.org/live-streaming or click on "Worship", then "Live Streaming" from the main church 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 wish to view. For more history on the recorded services click on the link: www.stphilipecmemphis.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 on your home screen 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 get 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.

Communication Please!

More than ever, it is important for our Parishioners to keep us all informed in a timely manner by faithfully read all emails from St. Philip 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 this period of isolation. You can find Bishop Phoebe's latest message at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe7_tmxUHDrxaRW3Jg4ahwA/featured

Email!

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/3hlo4ek

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

EVERY BY HIS STRIPES WE ARE HEALED

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 with food insecurity

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)		
Canned meats	Canned Fruit (especially no sugar)	Dried Beans
Soup	Canned Veggies (especially low salt)	Rice
Chili	Canned 100% Fruit Juice	Macaroni & Cheese
Peanut Butter		ANY Non-Perishable
Non-food Items:		
Paper towels, plates, napkins	Toilet paper	Laundry & Dish Detergent
	Personal care items	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.

Our Daily Bread

Be sure to pick up *Our Daily Bread* for March, April and May. 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 Spring Issue!

SPRING A.D. 2022
The Anglican Digest
St. John's Church Tampa, Florida

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 devotion. 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?

Now You Can Pledge Online!

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

Members and non-members can fill out the form online and submit to our treasurer, Jessica Heckle. This will assist our congregation especially those who might be absent, during our pledge campaign.

Here it is!

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/8748c1665da34d82b33a9e10508a9b

DISCRETIONARY FUND:
https://checkout.square.site/pay/00a8b47074344909ad72ed360a014fd

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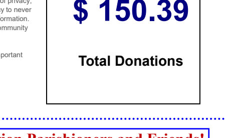

Dear St. Philip Episcopal Chruch-Mphs (EA218),

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 supporters 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-Nov-2021 to 31-Jan-2022

45 Households

$ 150.39

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 raised 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 is 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 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!

Do you need 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!

A L T A R G U I L D

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; you bring Christ in this special way and from satisfaction that comes from honoring the Christ in this special way and the blessing of providing a part in helping to provide hospitality so that visitors is a blessing! We need and would appreciate volunteers for both special services. Please prayerfully consider helping us because help is needed! Some of our members have devoted years to this ministry. If you have questions or better yet, to volunteer, please contact Elizabeth Domico (299-5913; domicoe@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 thelizstephens@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.

Thank you very much for your consideration in this matter.

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 moving them to the DOK prayer list if they are still in need of our cooperation. Thank you for your cooperation.

Remember the St. Philip's Discretionary Fund

The First Sunday of the month 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 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*.**

St. Mary - St. Martha Chapter
St. Philip Episcopal Church

The Order of the Daughters of the King
With heart, mind, and spirit uphold and bear the cross. For His Sake.

If you or someone you know needs confidential, long-term, or immediate prayers, please contact one of us by our cross, or fill out a card in the pew box to give to a daughter or place in the DOK prayer box found on the bench in the foyer.

You may also contact the office at anytime.

See a member

Are you seeking a deeper way to pray? See any DOK member to learn more about joining.

Memorials March 2022

In Memory of Cathy Hollowell Mr. and Mrs. Ron Edmonds	**In Memory of Pat Rodman** Debra E. Herr
In Memory of Martha Chase Mr. and Mrs. Ron Edmonds Margaret Brooks	**In Memory of Francis Russell** Elizabeth Domico

St. Philip's Prayer List

Jessica Heckle (Parishioner)
Tom Hutcheson (Elizabeth Domico - brother)
Thomas Malone (Wilburn Family)
Larry Mooney (Mary Ely - cousin)

Jacob Wagner (Dwight Wagner - nephew)
Weather Family (Linda Bellis)
Patsy Webb (Judyth Wilson)
Holly Whitten (Vicki Rogers - sister)

Just a Reminder!
April 24, 2022

	8:00 AM		10:30 AM
Verger	Judyth Wilson	Verger	David Delich
LEM	Michael Armour	LEM	Shannon Mullins
Lay Reader	Michael Armour	Lay Reader	Elizabeth Domico
Usher	Dwight Wagner	Usher	Robert Poore

Offering Counter	Elizabeth Domico
Coffee Hour	Ferd Heckle - 8am Liz Stephens - 10:30am
Altar Guild	TBD
Flower Guild	Paula DeStefanis

Reminder!

CONTACT US
Church Office Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, 10am-4pm, Friday, 10am - 1pm
Office Phone: 901.388.9830 E-mail: office@stphilipmemphis.org
Website: www.stphilipmemphis.org