

The Philippian

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From the Rector

I'm Growing a Beard

It's been a while since I've had a beard, but I figured being on sabbatical seemed like the perfect opportunity to grow one again. I think it's starting to look pretty good. It's a nice combination of mature grey, dark brown, and, okay, okay, maybe a few flecks of white here and there. The problem with this decision to grow a beard, of course, is the reaction from my wife. She thinks my beard makes my face look like a basketball with fuzz on it. As I look in the mirror that's not at all true, but you know what they say, "Perception is reality." Anyway, I like it. Maybe as it fills out in a week or so she'll come around to actually walking side-by-side with me again, instead of asking people she doesn't know who that person is that keeps following her around.



This beard thing got me thinking about one of the characteristics of being on sabbatical. Change. Being on a sabbatical means you do new things, or you do them differently. Or, you go back to doing some things you got out of the habit of doing. Change usually gets a bad rap from people who have reached a certain age. We get comfortable with our lives: where we shop, where we live, the clothes we wear, the food we eat, the people we hang around with, the ... you fill in the blank. Now, don't get me wrong, there's nothing wrong with being comfortable with all those things. However, when our comfort zones become so entrenched that we exclude or create barriers to the engagement of new ideas, new people and new opportunities for growth, we lose sight of one of the most important reasons for being who we are as God's people.

God created us to serve God's purposes. That's your "God first, others second and self third" reminder. When openness to change becomes one of those things that gathers dust in our lives, we've lost sight of God's purpose for us. Last month I asked you to think about the question, "Why do we want to grow as a church?" Part of what I hope to accomplish on my sabbatical is some clarity around that question. When I'm discerning something new or something that takes me out of my comfort zone, I find it helpful to think about or do something 'outside the box.' Like growing a beard.

My brothers and sisters, thinking outside the box helps us dust off the natural tendency to get too comfortable with our own desires instead of remembering what God had in mind. So, I'm growing a beard to help me remember what God wants me to do on this sabbatical. What are you going to do?

God bless you and remember you are loved!

Fr. Barry+

St. Philip's 2011 Summer Worship Schedule

Sunday services

8:00AM – Chapel of the Cross

**We will alternate weekly between Rite I
and Rite II**

9:00AM – Register Park on Oak Island

**An informal Rite II service with guest preachers and Holy
Communion. Bring your own lawn chair.**

*** 10:00AM – St. Philip's Church**

Rite II w/Holy Communion

*** Note the change from 10:30AM to 10:00AM.**

**Our last Sunday service at Register Park will be on Labor Day week-
end. Our normal worship schedule resumes on Sunday, September 11th
with a combined worship service at 10AM followed by a covered dish
luncheon at the Community Center.**

Wednesday services

6PM – Chapel of the Cross -

Healing service with Holy Communion

ST. PHILIP'S BEACH MINISTRY CELEBRATES JULY

At Register Park Sundays at 9AM join us for natural beauty and fellowship. St. Philip's volunteers plan and host this outreach for the community and visitors. Our ministers for the month of July are:

July 3	Rev. Fiona Bergstrom
July 10	Rev. Fiona Bergstrom
July 17	Rev. Blair Both
July 24	Rev. David Everhard
July 31	Rev. Tim Dols

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday, July 10th – Thursday, July 14th

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Join us each evening as we look at different “food” festivals in the Bible. We start with the Israelites celebrating Passover (Exodus 13:3-10) followed by Leviticus 23 and Festival Celebrations for the Israelites. Moving into the New Testament, we will look at Jesus' of the Festival of Booths (John 7:37-44) and Jesus' celebration of Passover (Luke 22:8-20). On the final evening we will look at the Festival of Weeks and Pentecost (Acts2).

Please contact the parish office if you plan on attending so we can have enough materials on hand.

910.457.5643 or millie@stphilipchurch.org





STEPHEN MINISTRY UPDATE

Love One Another As I Have Loved You . . .

We like to think of summer as being a relaxing, enjoyable time. But hurts, struggles, crises, and problems don't take a vacation. Many times our difficulties seem even worse during the summer because everyone else seems to be enjoying life while you are feeling down. If you are experiencing a difficult time--emotionally, spiritually, or relationally--you don't have to suffer alone.

In John 15:12, Jesus says, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." Loving and caring for one another is not just the pastor's job--it's something Jesus calls us all to do! **Stephen Ministry** is a ministry in which people with special gifts for caring can put those gifts to use in an organized way, bringing Jesus' love and care to those who most need it.

Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide you with focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care and to help you experience the healing power of Christ's love in your life.

If you, or someone you know, are going through a difficult time consider talking with a Stephen Minister or Stephen Leader about how Stephen Ministry can make a difference.

Gene & Martha Myers (842-5160)
Stephen Leaders

ST. PHILIP'S SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Please join us at 4 PM on Sunday afternoon, July 17th, for a program presented by Dr. Barry Salwen of UNC Wilmington.

Dr. Salwen received a doctoral degree from the Juilliard School, and is an international pianist, giving performances and master classes in the United States, Europe, Israel, and Asia. He recently presented two weeks of master classes at the Shanghai Conservatory in China. As the recipient of a prestigious Fulbright Scholars Grant, he gave a semester's seminar at the Music Conservatory in Freiburg, Germany.

Among Dr. Salwen's nine CDs is the first recording of the complete solo piano music of the American master Roger Sessions. He is the first artist to record all of these works. In 2005 this recording was reissued on Albany Records. His recording of Sessions' piano concerto will appear on Albany as well.

We hope you'll join us on July 17.

July 17 at 4 PM

Dr. Barry Salwen, piano

August 21 at 4 PM

Bob Russell, guitar

Mike Waddell, woodwinds

Dean Carbone, vibe

We Have Survived and Thrived

Anyone entering the bright vaulted sanctuary through St. Philip's classic red doors would be enthralled by the stories of the people and events which have brought this parish along for 270 years. Indeed, as Father Barry writes, "We have survived and thrived..."

Over several weeks in May we've enjoyed tales of St. Philip's past. For those who may have missed, here are some highlights.

Brunswick Town historian Jim McGee told of the itinerant (then Anglican) priests who served "*His Majesty's Chapel*," the St. Philip's Parish of the 1700's, now part of the state historic site. Anyone attending the annual early May service inside the ruins can only imagine the heat and mosquitoes as the first church was being built over the course of 20 years!

Chuck Pollack spoke of the 1800's, noting the procession of soldiers and citizens on Independence Day, from Fort Johnston to the newly established Episcopal Church, when Southport was called Smithville. The building was named Chapel of the Cross by Col. Thomas Childs who built it with the help of the soldiers, in 1843 when he was commander of Ft. Johnston. (Chuck has already published *A History of St. Philip's Church*, with well-researched and interesting stories and pictures, available for purchase and proceeds going to the parish.)



John Carr Davis, vestry member in the 1950's, mentioned struggles with money ("We didn't have any!") and the era of the 1928 prayer book with its beautiful language. Ladies always wore head coverings and how "finally - having women on the vestry was the best thing". There were mostly lay readers (Cliff White and Bill Crowe) and monthly visits by priests from larger parishes.

Jimmy Moore, John Carr's nephew, lived in the Parkhill House, his family home, now the church office. The rest of the block was shared by a grocery store, hardware store and the State Port Pilot. His bedroom walls were basically what is now Father Barry's office. His grandfather helped stoke the furnace in the Chapel. His father paid the electrician when the fan died, and years later, helped pay a significant part of the debt for the new church building of today. All parishioners pitched in for whatever was needed. There was little reason for paper work or vestry approval. The infamous Hurricane Hazel caused terrific leaks in the Chapel, which is why the windows are still sealed today.

In 1972 the only traffic light in Brunswick County was on the corner of Moore and Howe Streets. The present post office was the high school and today's Southport City Hall was the court house.



This was the year the Fairley family, from Washington State, first walked into the church of about 12 people. "You had to be a real Episcopalian to come here because there was nothing else", said Bill Fairley. This was also the era when the church could only afford younger priests – and even then with financial help of the Diocese.

Towards the late '70s and '80s Rev Frank Ross guided the small church through the change to Rite II, and had the vision to acquire the Carr Jorgensen House, in spite of parish population only around 30. After an electrical fire burned the high school to the ground, this house was declared surplus property and only one bidder came to the courthouse steps -Reverend Ross –to buy it for the church, at around \$2500!



In the late 1970's Debbie Skillman, a recent music graduate of East Carolina, was recruited by Marie Hart, Millie's mom, to play for the church and direct its choir (of 3!), on a "tiny horrible organ." (Debbie was also Millie's music teacher at Southport Elementary School.)

At the recent community dinner Jan Fairley read from her mother in law, Jean Fairley's warm and witty "people column" in the early Philippean during the 1980's and 1990s. She had stories of members' vacations; angelic altar boys; community events.



Harriet Powell and Meezie Childs spoke about women's roles. Meezie and her small following of "flower ladies", created beautiful arrangements (as she does now). However, as the flowers were placed in tiny vases she and others would come down every few hours and at all hours, to keep the flowers fresh. They event went to the National Cathedral for a flower workshop.

Harriet and other young families participated in Sunday and bible school classes, changed into acolyte garments and practiced their music with space that was half the size of the present Parish Hall. She, Tedi Fairley and other parents wrote their own curriculum for upwards of NINETY children! Harriet beamed, "We packed into the Parish Hall and thrived". Harriet is still an outstanding Sunday school teacher and parents are missing out if they don't avail their children of these classes).



Millie told wonderful Chapel stories: Rev. Frank Ross' services were always shorter when there was a Carolina – State game, and Tar Heel fans sat on the pulpit side and State on the other. The beloved Bill Crowe donned true Colonial garb for the 4th of July parades and all the men working in the hotdog stand would tease George Ellis (a British parishioner) that 'They were coming to get him.' All members were involved; doing whatever was needed, including someone to ring the bell. And that bell ringer had best do it correctly; otherwise the bell could turn upside down, necessitating a ladder for someone to climb to right the poor bell.

Elsie Hinkhouse came in 1993, when the Southport Community Center was a USO Building and the area was beginning to draw retirees. Thus began many social events and the lobster sale.

May Moore began attending in '89, "after Jimmy sold the boat." She became part of the beach ministry (Corky Melcher's



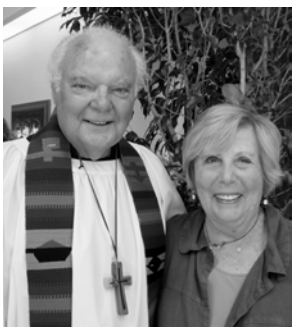
idea) and the planning for a new church. Back then a lay person participating in the distribution of the blessed Holy Eucharist needed a special dispensation from the Bishop. So they had a practice worship service one windy spring twilight at Register Park, where they quickly learned why wafers were not to be used outdoors.

Certainly the biggest project ever assumed by church members in recent history was the "gut wrenching" (Bill Fairly) decision to finally build a new church. After many weeks of intense discussions, and certainly disagreement from some, the parishioners set their course. The Chapel had three services with a closed circuit camera at the rear transmitting the video/audio into the parish hall for the overflow. The choices were few: move to another location at horrible expense and disfigurement of the Chapel; add onto the Chapel by going back into the parish hall or buy a nearby rental house on land that was no bargain. Rev. Beasley was moving on, so the project was shepherded by Dick Lee, senior warden, the interim pastor, and many others.



Now the small house bought for its land had to be demolished but its tenant repeatedly postponed moving. So when the Moores inadvertently caused a gaping hole in the house, in the removal of asbestos shingling, the tenant moved on.

Rev. Charles Supin (27 months as interim pastor) recalled a special gathering of people inside the new, barely hulled in church on a frigid December morning, a few months prior to its dedication. Participants held hands for the Lord's Prayer and Christmas carols without heat or pews. They wrote their names on the wall board which is now painted over and part of the rear wall of the church.



On Easter 2004 the new St. Philip's Church was dedicated and our little church reverted to its former name, Chapel of the Cross.

The word VISION was heard at times from our presenters. The vision to buy the Carr house, the vision to build a new church. Perhaps part of Father Barry's idea for a celebratory month of history is to encourage our younger folks to enVISION how St. Philip's will SURVIVE and THRIVE in the future.

Lyn Sutton

Music Reflections

Here we are midsummer and the Philippian deadline is looming once again. Perhaps inspiration will come as I begin to type. The idea that is running through my brain is a response to May's emphasis on the history of St. Philip's, and an excerpt from a newsletter article penned by Jean Fairley and shared by Jan at the church supper. The excerpt went something like this—anyone who can walk and hum at the same time please plan on singing in the choir Christmas Eve.

According to the dictionary, a choir is an organized company of singers, especially one performing church music or singing in a church. The word is derived from chorus. Chorus, the noun, as it pertains to music can be a choral composition that is usually written in four or more parts for a large number of singers and/or a body of singers who sing choral compositions, usually having more than one singer for each part. For purposes of this article I think I will focus on “usually having more than one singer for each part.”

Many moons ago when I accepted the job of organist and choirmaster at St. Philip's I was puzzled by the choirmaster designation because from where I sat, there was a trio, not a choir. The trio sang in two parts, soprano and alto. This was a far cry from the ideal SATB chorus I had prepared for in my choral literature and conducting classes. How does one downsize the Robert Shaw Chorale fantasy singing in the imagination? How does one indeed?

Through the years the numbers and voices in the choir have fluctuated. More often than not we have had ONE singer on a part. For a stretch of years the running joke among members was you joined the group so you could sing your part all “alone.” Forget safety in numbers if you are the only tenor, or the only alto, soprano, or bass. Four part music performed by three voices sounds harmonically weak and ill-conceived.

The challenge of enhancing our worship with choral music through the years and into the future is choir membership. There are still times when there is only one singer on a part. If you have considered joining the choir, I urge you to act on this inclination. I am sure the men of the choir would gladly welcome additional basses and tenors to their ranks. The women of the choir lost three members last year due to relocation and health, and would happily welcome new voices.

The choir resumes regular rehearsals in September. This means that those of you who have considered becoming a part of the music ministry, enjoy singing and learning new music, have two months to decide to become a member of the organized company of singers at St. Philip's.

DEBBIE

*Fourth of July at
St. Philip's*

**The BEST of AMERICANA at our
DOOR!**



St. Philip's is always the best place to watch Southport's famous 4th of July parade on your folded chair, munching (St. Philip's own) baked goodies and hot dogs/chili. This year the parade starts at 11:00 AM on Monday.

We need BAKERS and SELLERS with lots of PATRIOT SPIRIT!

MEN'S GROUP will set up, serve, sell hot dogs, chili dogs and cold drinks at the HOT DOG BOOTH. Please contact Enis Harden at 457-6842 or Doug Stone at 454-8469.

WOMEN'S GROUP needs bakers and vendors. Please bring small finger foods such as cookies, brownies, cupcakes and muffins, placed in bags or containers with 4 to 6 items per package. No large items needed. Please price and mark your goodies and bring either the day of the parade to the BAKE SALE table, or the day before to the Parish Hall. Further info call Dolores Foggo at 253-7784 or Ruth Smith at 253-9254 .

ALWAYS SPECIAL to bring friends and family into the Chapel of the Cross, our historic jewel. History pamphlets are available as you enter the Chapel.

REPORT OF THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Committee was formed in March 2011 and charged with the following assignment

1. Determine how St. Philip's can best meet the three most important issues identified by our congregation in both the 2007 and 2010 Long Range Planning Reports.
 - 1) Engage the services of an Assistant Priest
 - 2) Eliminate the current mortgage
 - 3) Initiate a capital campaign to fund a new Parish Hall

Note: There was substantial support for providing a maintenance reserve to protect against unknown maintenance related expenses. In view of the fact that the Vestry has already established and funds a reserve account this was not considered further by the Committee.

2. Submit a plan to address the needs identified that provides cost estimates as appropriate as well as proposed schedules for implementation.

FACTS UNCOVERED:

1. We have approximately 650 members of St. Philip's with 317 Giving Units. The average Pledge is \$1700 vs. a National Average closer to \$2300.
2. As many as 30% of our parishioners do not pledge.
3. The 2011 pledges for the operating budget are \$345K with Total Revenue from all sources of \$435K.
4. We have had to borrow between \$25 to \$35K for two years in a row from the

Mortgage Reduction/Building Fund to meet the Annual Budget. That Fund has approximately \$46k in separate Annual Pledges.

5. After purchase of the Red House/Land, the current mortgage balance is \$396K @ an interest rate of 5.85%. The monthly payment is \$2545 for an annual payment amount of \$30,540. There is a targeted extra mortgage payment of approximately \$21K planned for December 2011 pending revenue receipts and our overall financial position.
6. We have solid assets based on the recent tax appraisal with Land valued at \$1,245,150 and Buildings at \$2,061,913.

Note: All of the above can and should be reviewed and verified as necessary with the Vestry and/or Finance Committee.

PROCESS UTILIZED:

1. The Committee met 3/22, 4/5, 4/12, 4/28 and 5/5/2011.
2. Each Committee Member thoroughly reviewed the priorities and parishioner comments from the 2007 and 2010 Long Range Planning Reports.
3. Finance input was accepted as offered from Vestry persons Bittenbender, Meiners, and Harrelson.
4. After surfacing the Assistant Priest as the Number 1 priority, a meeting was held with Father Barry to discuss and better understand the need and responsibilities envisioned for the Assistant Priest utilizing the Position Description he had

already prepared. The possible profiles of several candidate options—recent seminary graduate, part time priest, or recently retired priest—were also discussed at some length, yet deferred for future additional deliberation once funding was to become available.

FINDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE:

1. There is unanimous support from the Committee for the procurement of an Assistant Priest. The recent addition of the Stephen Ministers will help reduce Father Barry's workload to some degree but clearly not enough. Most parishes of 600 would have at least 2 priests; St. Philips would have difficulty finding a future Rector without having at least an assistant.
 - The cost estimate for an Assistant Priest is \$75K per year for salary and benefits.
 - Father Barry will be insisting upon a 3 year commitment for any candidate but we need to provide the funding indefinitely.
 - The desired timeframe for availability is Easter 2012 but it is recognized that a more likely possibility based on available funds would be July to September 2012.
2. There does not appear to be the fullest possible understanding and acceptance by the congregation-at-large of the current financial condition of St. Philips's, specifically as regards the recent 2 year shortfalls in being able to meet the budget without the necessity to borrow

from the Mortgage Reduction/Building Fund in the amount of \$25 to \$30K.

3. There does appear to be strong support among the congregation to continue paying down the current mortgage.
4. Suitable and attractive facilities are recognized to be an important part and need of a healthy parish. Unfortunately, the Committee feels that due to current and proposed financial commitments, we are unable to recommend building a Parrish Hall at this time.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE VESTRY

1. Provide for an Assistant Priest As Soon as Possible
 - Do whatever is necessary through the Finance and Stewardship Committees to raise the additional \$75K to fund the Assistant Priest at least by late Summer 2012. Emphasize Father Barry's unacceptable current workload and the benefits for the entire parish from adding the Assistant.
 - Also raise the additional \$25K to eliminate the recurring Annual Budget shortfall.
 - Strongly and openly communicate to the Congregation about the current budget shortfall and the hard fact that it will not be possible to provide an Assistant Priest without raising additional funds in the form of increased pledges. A format is suggested that first shows from where we are what amount is needed to just close the current gap and then next shows the additional \$75K that is needed to fund the Assistant.

- Make the next Pledge Drive of the Fall of 2011 "The Future of St. Philips" and make additional funds needed for the Assistant the clear emphasis of the campaign. Do not dilute the need by relegating it to another separate "envelope" or fund.
- The Long Range Planning committee will submit specific additional thoughts and suggestions to Stewardship on how the next Pledge Drive might be organized. Some obvious recurring themes for a possible separate sub-committee might be:
 - -Grow out existing parishioner base
 - -Increase all existing pledge amounts
 - -Again "go after" the non-pledging members
 - -Visit/regain former members— why they left.
- Form a Search Committee with Father Barry by November 2011 once early indications for the 2011/2012 Pledge Drive support the likely availability of funding.

2. Continue to Pay down the Current Mortgage

Keep the current separate "Mortgage Reduction/Building Fund". Until the parish grows an additional 5 to 10 percent and while we find the funds to provide an Assistant, there's no harm in continuing to allow parishioners to pay down the current mortgage and to provide capital funds for a future new Parish Hall. It is fully anticipated that having an Assistant Priest will help grow the population to the point where expanded facilities are clearly needed. The existing separate fund appeals to many parishioners

as the right thing to do so let them continue to contribute as they will. Yes, they may reduce their giving to this "bucket" if we ask for more for the Assistant and Budget gap, but do not induce them to do so by suspending the fund at this time.

In addition, the existence of this fund may be useful in the future to cover any temporary pledge shortfall or other emergency need.

3. Start Capital Campaign for New Parrish Hall

The committee suggests that a capital campaign at this time would conflict with increased pledging needed to support the assistant priest objective.

-We do suggest that a building committee be formed by January, 2012 to decide upon the best path to accomplish the goal of building a new Parish Hall.

-Based on the footprint of our "campus" a decision should be made as to what is the most feasible, economical and functional use of our property.

-The Committee proposes that the Vestry budget \$10,000 -15,000 to get professional assistance starting with the 2012 budget to help in the planning and design of the new building along with the price.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee,
 John Kelliher David Forsyth Ruth Smith
 Norman Wheeler Ross Irwin

Vestry Members
 William Bittenbender Thomas Harrelson
 William Meiners

Opportunities for Christian Formation and Renewal July 2011

Sunday, July 3rd

Youth Sunday – Youth Ushers, Greeters, and Lectors.

Wednesday, July 6th

10:00 AM – Bible Study (Parish Hall)

Thursday, July 7th

5:00 PM – Christian Education Advisory Committee meeting
(Parish Office).

Sunday, July 10th – Thursday, July 14th

5:30 PM – Vacation Bible School Dinner (Parish Hall)

6:00 PM – Vacation Bible School for all ages

Monday, July 11th

10:00 AM – Seekers Adult Study (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, July 13th

10:00 AM – Bible Study (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, July 20th

10:00 AM – Bible Study (Parish Hall)

Friday, July 22nd

6:30PM – Movie Night ~ *Ratatouille* (Choir Room)

Sunday, July 24th

Acolyte Activity - TBA

Monday, July 25th

10:00AM – Seekers Adult Study (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, July 27th

10:00 AM – Bible Study (Parish Hall)

Sunday, July 31st

Youth Group Activity - TBA

SMILE! And Mark Your Calendars!

We are excited to announce we are going to create a new pictorial directory of our church family. The directory will help us connect names and faces. It will be an ideal outreach tool and will capture the history of the church congregation.

Is that you have your picture taken by the professional photographer at the church. Beginning the first Sunday in August we will be making appointments before and after service both at the church and the beach service. Please sign up as soon as possible to get the best time to fit your schedule.

- Every participating family/household that selects a pose for the directory will receive a free directory and a **complimentary** 8x10 Custom Natural Portrait.
- You will come to the church only once for photography and portrait viewing.
- The program is available at NO COST to the church budget.
- You will have the opportunity to order additional portraits during your scheduled appointment time.
- If you wish to purchase extras, the portraits with a 100% satisfaction guarantee.
- Whether or not you decide to dress formally or casually, you will want to make the most of this opportunity.

PHOTOGRAPHY DATES

SEPTEMBER 19-23

SEPTEMBER 26 – OCTOBER 1

Remember, our directory just **WON'T BE THE SAME WITHOUT YOU!**

Questions? Call Karen Sage 248-408-3267.

July Lectionaries

July 3rd

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
 Psalm 45:11-18
 Romans 7:15-25a
 Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 17th

Genesis 28:10-19a
 Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23
 Romans 8:12-25
 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 24th

Genesis 29:15-28
 Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
 Romans 8:26-39
 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

July 10th

Genesis 25:19-34
 Psalm 119:105-112
 Romans 8:1-11
 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 31st

Genesis 32:22-31
 Psalm 17:1-7, 16
 Romans 9:1-5
 Matthew 14:13-21

Can You See Me Now?

You've all seen the phone commercials that ask repeatedly "can you hear me now." Moving around to various places, the spokesperson checks and rechecks that some unknown person on the other end of the phone can still hear him. I want to rephrase that important question to "can you see me now."

Every time we have the opportunity for the majority of our young people to be together in church, inevitably I will hear many times from adults how they never noticed how many children are part of St. Philip's congregation. They are in disbelief when I tell them that most of our young people attend Sunday services on a regular basis; it is just easier to SEE them when they are grouped together.

I certainly hope that by now everyone knows that I love my job and I love my "children." Through baptism, each of our young people becomes part of "my children." Over the years I have noticed other people claiming the young people of St. Philip's as their own. It is an amazing transformation. Sunday school teachers refer to particular age groups as "their kids." Ricky Evans (our acolyte master) was recently offended when I referred to "my kids" when talking about the acolytes. He informed me that they were "his kids too" so now the acolytes are "our kids." A parishioner who has limited interaction with the children – he doesn't teach Sunday school, work with the acolytes, or any other activity the kids regularly participate in – makes sure that each Sunday he shakes the hand of each of the acolytes and thanks them for their service.

I encourage each of you to look around while at church or a parish function to see if there is a child close to you. Seek them out if they are not close to you. Once you have found a child, acknowledge their presence. Look them in the eye (don't worry, if you get down on their level and find yourself physically stuck, there are many around to help you back up) and start a conversation. Some-thing as simple as a non-parental adult looking a child in the eye, shaking their hand and greeting them can make an immeasurable difference in that child's desire to be in church. Children are not only the future of our church; they are a very active and important part of our present. Signs for our church say "The Episcopal Church Welcomes You." There is no designated age range that we welcome. Reach out to those younger than you. You will be glad you did.

Millie

SENIOR WARDEN'S COLUMN – JULY 2011

We are well into Fr. Barry's Sabbatical and it looks like we will survive. Fr. Gerry Blackburn has assumed the duties of Priest-in-Charge and Fiona has jumped into her pastoral ministry role. Before Fr. Barry could far out of town, our beloved "*Miss Patty*" Owens passed away at Doshier Nursing Center. Fr. Gerry took over the duties of the Wednesday morning Bible Study and Wednesday evening Healing Service beginning on June 1st. It didn't take long for our first crisis to appear. Fr. Gerry met Bonnie Johnson Shurman at Bible Study on June 1st, and she passed away the next day. Fiona was there to give her the Last Rites and she and Fr. Gerry officiated at her Memorial Service in the sanctuary on Friday, June 10th. This was a demonstration that we are ready and able to handle anything.

On a personal note, Carol and I just returned from a wonderful 15-day trip to Alaska. We flew to Vancouver and met our cruise ship there. The cruise lasted 7 days during which we visited Ketchikan, Juneau, and Skagway, before arriving in Whittier. There we boarded a train and spent 10 hours looking at the amazing scenery as we made our way to Denali National Park. We were among the fortunate few who get to see the summit of Mt. McKinley...3 days in a row! After 2 nights there we left by motor coach for Talkeetna at the base of Mt. McKinley, the highest mountain in North America, for another overnight stop. We then boarded a second motor coach to Anchorage where we spent another four days with some old friends we had taught with in Japan and had not seen in 41 years!

Last year Carol and I traveled to Antarctica on a refitted Norwegian icebreaker, to visit our 7th continent. This year we ventured to Alaska to visit our 50th state. Both of these trips were magnificent in revealing the grandeur of God's creation. Antarctica was more of a physical challenge than Alaska, but both were simply wonderful. Watching glaciers calve into the ocean and taking a narrow gauge railroad trip up a steep mountainside were nothing short of glorious.

After traveling to Antarctica, I thought I had seen everything I needed to see in the way of glaciers, icebergs, and mountains. I was wrong! Alaska was truly awe-inspiring. You simply cannot travel there without marveling at the wonder of God's work.

Yours in Christ,

Mo Beers

Bazaar Buzz

Raffle:

Sharon Sands and Jeannie Edens have solicited a marvelous lineup of raffle items for this year's Bazaar. We have 7 items and they are as follows:

Seashell Mirror – handcrafted by Ida Parker

Print – photographed and framed by Ricky Evans

Potting Bench – handcrafted by Bill Leschner

Porcelain Baby Doll – handcrafted by Karen Sage

Seaside Watercolor – hand painted by L. S. Drye

Pet painting of your pet from a photograph – hand painted by L. S. Drye

Yo-Yo Quilt – handsewn by many women in the church

The poster of pictures of the items is ready. Raffle tickets went on sale at the Lobster Sale. We need you to encourage friends and family to purchase tickets. The tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Sharon and Jeannie have lots of packets of tickets to distribute and need willing helpers to get them sold. They will have an 8 X 11 copy of the poster for you to show the items.

Calendar of Workshops:

Paper Bracelet Workshop, Friday, July 15 – 10:00 am to 12:00 pm – Parish Hall

Jenny Lee will be hosting this workshop and teaching us how to fold the paper bracelets. She has already made up kits for many bracelets. Lots of these bracelets sold last year so we can have fun folding and readying a supply for this year.

Jewelry Workshop, Friday, August 12 – 10:00 am to 12:00 pm – Parish Hall

May Moore will be hosting this workshop and teaching us how to make earrings, bracelets, eyeglass chains, and safety pin earrings as well as hair clips and pins. We sold a great deal of jewelry last year so come and help make an assortment of jewelry items.

Pine Cone, Acorn, etc. Workshop , Friday, September 9 - 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Ida Parker's – (278-6919) 604 E. Beach Dr., Oak Island

Bring glue guns, ideas for wreaths or other pine cone items, lunch to share. Call Ida (278-6719) or email (lparker@ec.rr.com) if you can attend.

Price Tags and Inventory Sheets:

Price Tags and Inventory Sheets are located in the “Bazaar” lime green plastic container on the office porch. Inventory sheets and price tags are in separately marked manila envelopes. Use red ink for pricing and your initials as the vendor. Be sure and put the information on the top half and bottom half of the perforated tickets. Susan Spann found these online and purchased them for use for the Bazaar. There will also be some tags with the information “Handmade by women of St. Philip's” that will be put in the green container later this summer.

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Bazaar 2011 is less than four months away. We are sure that you have a busy summer ahead but hope that you will be crafting as part of your summer days. If you need any kits to work on, we have some prepared, so just contact Jane Mitchell (338-0330) and she can leave them in the green container with your name on them. Have a great summer and hope to see each of you at several of the many functions going on in the next few months.

Jane and Susan

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Meals are delivered Monday through Friday out of the Senior Center in Southport and the Recreation Center on Oak Island. This leaves the week-end with no food delivered. St. Peter Lutheran, Antioch Baptist and Ocean View Methodist have taken care of all but delivery to the residents in Southport on the fourth Saturday.

We need volunteers to help prepare, package, and deliver 7 meals. We are also asking for contributions to help with the cost of the food (including food for the household pets). If you can help in any way, please call Joan Hayes at 457-0864.

It's all about choices!!

God gave us free will and throughout our lives we must make choices, establish our priorities and assume responsibility for our decisions. The commitment DOK members make is second only to the commitment they make to Christ the King. We strive to make The Sara Smith Chapter successful by making the choice to have successful meetings. We will:

BE there. BE on time. BE attentive. BE open.

BE active. BE kind. BE considerate. BE vulnerable. BE loving.

BE affirmative.



Stewardship Corner:

It's that time of the year when we look at our actual performance vs. our budget for the 1st third of the year. We are doing a good job controlling our expenses; however, our revenues are falling short of projections particularly in pledges for the year. Your church counts on a regular flow of income to meet our monthly expenses. If you are up to date on your pledges we thank you very much; if not, please bring your contributions up to date.

Thanks,

Bill Bittenbender, Bill Meiners, Co- Chairs Stewardship Committee.

2011 Lobster Sale

The 2011 Lobster Sale was a great success, yielding a net profit of \$7300 for St. Philip's Outreach Programs. Every aspect of the event went flawlessly thanks to the leadership skills of each of the team leaders. We wish to thank all who donated so generously their time and goods to create this success. We also wish to thank everyone who participated in the event with your purchases. We hope you enjoyed them.

Thanks to all.

Marv, Doug, and Peter



**Sunday, July 10th -
Thursday, July 14th
Dinner starts at 5:30
Program starts at 6:00**

***It's never too late to
register to participate. Call
Millie in the parish office at
910.457.5643***

July Birthdays

1st	Ernie Cordes	18th	Linda Rives
	Kathy Burke	19th	Kate Hardin
	Jack Huntley		Grant Raker
2nd	Pat Pittenger		Joie Mahler
	Jennifer Williams	20th	Everett Smith
3rd	Don Hill		Paxton Watkins
	Cindy Powell	21st	Bob Childs
4th	Barbara Farley		George Bishop
	Sally Banker		Bill Tomz
5th	Norm Wheeler	22nd	Judy Keen
	Ken Perry		John Skrief
6th	Bill Rabon	23rd	Mary Holt
	Jacob Beamer		Jeannie Edens
7th	Muriel Nelson		Ellen Engelhart
	Bob Spencer		Ruth Posey
8th	Keith Rogers	24th	Kenneth McMinn
	Jim Leshy	25th	Arlene Brown
9th	Susan Colby		Linda Brinson
	Steve Esakov	27th	Sue MacCallum
11th	Jim Norman		Michelle Spencer
	Joan Lofink	29th	Peter Miller
13th	Bill Wheeler		John Morgan
14th	Ann Larson		Jim Paxton
16th	Pete Frandano	30th	Anne del sol
	Will Kibler		Tedi Fairley
17th	Anita Dubois	31st	Carlee Grove
			Hunter Adkins

St. Philip's *Movie Night*

Friday July 22, 2011

6:30 PM



Rated G

Remy is a young rat in the French countryside who arrives in Paris, only to find out that his cooking idol is dead. When he makes an unusual alliance with a restaurant's new garbage boy, the culinary and personal adventures begin despite Remy's family's skepticism and the rat-hating world of humans.

Popcorn and drinks will be available

Dear Ms DOK:

I lead a busy life. With work, community, and family obligations I don't have time on Sundays to attend church. I'm doing ok, I pray every day, and I'm happy enough. Tell me why it's important for me attend church. *Super Stressed in Southport*



Dear Stressed:

Sounds like you have your hands full! First, a very good reason to attend church weekly is God's 4th commandment, *Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy*. EX 20: 8. On page 847 in the Book of Common Prayer our duty to God in the 4th commandment is to *set aside regular times for worship, prayer, and the study of God's ways*. By putting God first by attending church and Sunday school, you'll obey the 4th commandment. You'll also let God know how important your relationship with God is. Once you're in the worship service, with all the rest of us juggling busy schedules, you'll be surprised and blessed in ways you never thought possible. And for just that one day a week, by giving God one or two hours, you'll realize you have 22/23 others for yourself. See you Sunday! *Ms DOK*

Dear Ms. DOK:

I'm still not convinced that I should spend my Sunday mornings at church. I find that the peacefulness of the golf course is all I need to rejuvenate my spirit. Can you tell me more to convince me? *Still Stressed*

Dear Still:

You're keeping me on my toes! One of the blessings of attending worship services is your participation in Holy Communion, also known as The Lord's Supper or Holy Eucharist. Holy Communion is the sacrament commanded by Jesus in Luke 22: 19 when he instructs His followers to *do this in remembrance of me*. Benefits of the Eucharist are *forgiveness of our sins, the strengthening of our union with Christ and one another, and the foretaste of the heavenly banquet which is our nourishment in eternal life*. (BCP p. 859) Now that's a way to rejuvenate your spirit. See you Sunday! *Ms. DOK*

Dear Ms. DOK:

OK, I'm beginning to understand a little better why I should show up on Sunday mornings for worship services. Yes, God commanded it and yes, I can participate in Holy Communion. However, are there other reasons for me to attend church regularly? *Slightly Stressed*

Dear Slightly:

I had to enlist Fr. Barry to answer this one! Did you know that you/your sponsors were asked this question at your Baptism (BCP p. 304): *Will you continue in the apostle's teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?* Your answer was, *I will with God's help*. You said you would attend church and church functions regularly. When all of us gather together on Sunday mornings, we are gathering as Christ's body, ministering to each other in Christ's name. If you're not there, then the body is not complete. If you're not there, you deny all the rest of us the glimpse of Jesus that we could receive from you. And we all need a little more of Jesus in our lives, don't you agree? See you Sunday!

Church Organization

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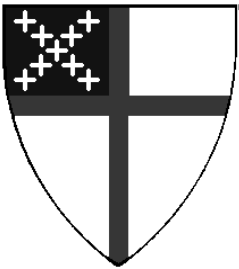
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