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## **From the Rector**

### **Lent & Human Nature**

In response to the devil's three temptations in the wilderness Jesus says, *'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God'* – and, *'Again, it is written, Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'* – and finally, *'Away with you Satan! For it is written, Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'* Those responses, from Matthew's Gospel on the first Sunday in Lent, highlight the path I believe we travel through the season of Lent.

Jesus' first response, that we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God, reminds me that I cannot pick and chose, or rationalize, the character of my witness to God's call on my life. What God says, about all things, is important for me to remember and act upon.

Jesus' second response, not to put God to the test, is again, an ongoing reminder that God is God, and I am not. God's commands are mine to obey, not rearrange for my own purposes. And, thirdly, Jesus' response that we worship and serve only God, not Satan, highlights the challenge of living in a world that would supplant God with more earthly and transitory things – things that do not last, and ultimately, do not matter.

My brothers and sisters, it is our human nature, as it was Jesus' human nature, to be tempted by many things that are not of God's making, or for God's purposes. When, unlike Jesus, we succumb to those temptations, seeking our own selfish will, instead of the will of God, sin warps our discernment and choices, distorting our relationship with God.

However, there is Good News on our journey through Lent, found in the redemptive act of God that sets us free from the power of evil, sin and death. And that redemptive act was/is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As we enter this Holy season let us reflect over the next 40 days on the Good News God has so graciously bestowed upon us. And let our prayer truly be:

*Almighty God, come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

God bless you and remember you are loved!

Fr. Barry+

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## March Lectionaries

### March 6th

Exodus 24:12-18  
Psalm 2  
2 Peter 1:16-21  
Matthew 17:1-9

### March 13th

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7  
Psalm 32  
Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11

### March 20th

Genesis 12:1-4a  
Psalm 121  
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  
John 3:1-17

### March 27th

Exodus 17:1-7  
Psalm 95  
Romans 5:1-11  
John 4:5-42



This year we are holding the Lenten Forum at **5:00PM** in the parish hall prior to the Healing Service in the Chapel of the Cross at 6:00PM. A simple soup supper will follow the Healing Service.

The opening session on **March 16<sup>th</sup>** will provide an "Introduction" to Lent: some of its tradition and history, some practices you may want to try, as well as an orientation to the remaining sessions. Father Barry will facilitate this session.

The three middle sessions (March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, & April 6<sup>th</sup>) will look into the question of how a loving God can allow suffering and evil in the world.

- **March 23<sup>rd</sup>**: *Evil, Suffering, and a Loving God*, facilitated by Judy Bowers, will focus on how a loving God can allow evil to exist in the world.
- **March 30<sup>th</sup>**: *Near Death Experiences*, led by Nan Bush, who has done extensive research on near death experiences over the last 30 years, will address how these experiences changed lives.
- **April 6<sup>th</sup>**: *Spiritual Response to Evil*. Gene and Martha Myers will explain the role of Stephen's Ministers and how the referral process works.

The last session (**April 13<sup>th</sup>**), facilitated by Bonnie Shurman, will anticipate Easter with a discussion of contemporary interpretations of the resurrection as we move from "practicing Lent" to "practicing resurrection."



**Ash Wednesday Services**  
Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes  
7:00 AM - *Chapel*  
6:00 PM - *Church*

## MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES OF THE SOUTHPORT-OAK ISLAND INTER-CHURCH FELLOWSHIP, 2011

DATE	HOST CHURCH	PREACHER
MARCH 9TH	Trinity Methodist, Southport	The Rev. Barry Kubler, St. Philip's Episcopal
March 16th	Mt. Carmel A.M.E. Southport	The Rev. Joe Tursi, St. Peter Lutheran
March 23rd	St. Peter Lutheran, Southport	The Rev. Ann Jahnes, SPT Presbyterian
March 30th	St. Philip's Episcopal, Southport	The Rev. Philip Blair, Mt. Carmel A.M.E.
April 6th	Ocean View United Methodist, OI	The Rev. Walter Taylor, OI Presbyterian
April 13th	Oak Island Presbyterian	The Rev. Jim Shaver, Ocean View UMC

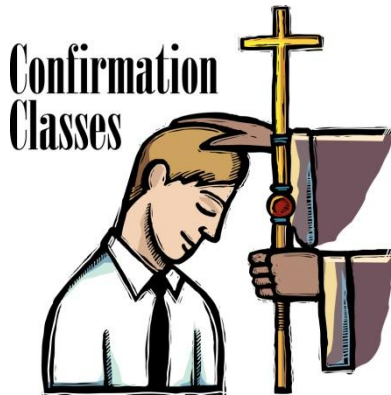
All Lenten Services begin at noon and should conclude by 12:30 followed by the luncheon.

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### EVENSONG

The music ministry of St. Philip's invites you to begin your observance of Lent by attending a fully choral Evensong to be held on Sunday evening, **March 13th at 6:30PM** in the sanctuary. Evensong is a meditative service that includes the singing of hymns, canticles, and anthems, the intoning of the creed, the Lord's Prayer, and collects. The service of Evensong is held in cathedrals and churches throughout the world and St. Philip's is proud to offer this opportunity to worship through music. A reception will follow in the parish hall.

## Coming - A Newcomers/Confirmation Class



**Saturday, March 12th at 9AM**, Fr. Barry is offering a Newcomer/Confirmation Class. The Canons of the Episcopal Church state: *'It is expected that all adult members of this Church, after appropriate instruction, will have made a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism and will have been confirmed or received by a Bishop of this Church ... Those who have previously made a mature public commitment in another Church may be received, not confirmed.'*

Those whose baptisms have been registered in the Episcopal Church are considered baptized members. However, as stated above, the expectation is that you will be confirmed and/or received at some later date. The foundation for that expectation is baptismal. In our Catechism we say that the ministry of lay persons *'... is to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever they may be; and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church.'*

On Saturday, March 12th at 9AM, we will begin an 8 week class that will introduce you to the polity, faith, history and traditions of the Anglican Communion and Episcopal Church. I invite you to join us. Please call the church office (457-5643) and let us know if you will be a participant. I look forward to seeing you.

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### Watch Night Movies

Youth 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to a Watch Night party at St. Philip's Episcopal Church Friday, April 22, following the Good Friday worship service. The festivities will be inside the church and will include watching seasonally appropriate movies, popcorn and other snacks, and will include reflective time on the significance of Good Friday. All youth must be picked up from the church at 8:00 AM Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. You are welcome to bring friends; extra copies of necessary forms are available from Millie. RSVP to Millie at 457-5643 or email [millie@stphilipschurch.org](mailto:millie@stphilipschurch.org) by Monday April 4<sup>th</sup>.

\*Adults who are willing to help chaperone this group do not have to spend the entire night and can volunteer by contacting Millie. In the event enough chaperones are not available we will have to cancel the event. \*

## SEEKERS

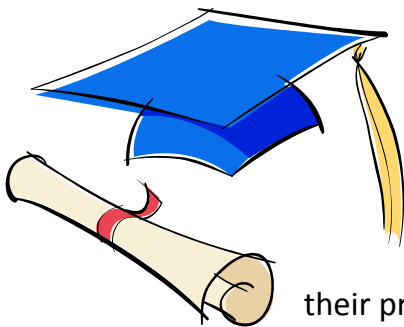
A new adult group will explore questions in contemporary theology, using the discussion series *Living the Questions*. The series features thirty theologians known for their work in Progressive Theology—people like John Dominic Crossan, Marcus Borg, Matthew Fox, Walter Brueggemann, Elizabeth Schussler Fiorenza, Hans Kung, John Spong.

Representing a broad range of Christian denominations, they share the common experience of finding themselves questioning literal interpretations of the tradition and searching for new ways of understanding and expressing their faith. The program description explains the purpose of the series:

*People know that at its core, Christianity has something good to offer humanity. [A program for] seekers and "church alumni/ae" convinced that Christianity still has relevance in the 21st Century. Living the Questions can help people explore the future of Christianity and what a meaningful faith can look like in today's world.*

The new group, called Seekers, will meet in the parish hall the first Monday morning of the month. The next session is Monday, March 7 at 10AM - Noon.

With questions or for more information, contact Nan Bush at 201-1484 or [nanbush5@gmail.com](mailto:nanbush5@gmail.com).



## Graduation Recognition Sunday

High school and college graduates of St. Philip's will be honored on **Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**. The class of 2011 will be recognized at the 10:00 service followed by a luncheon for the graduates in the Parish Hall.

We hope our entire parish family will surround these graduates with their presence and prayers on this special Sunday. Our High School graduates are **Sharon Dei-Tumi, Michael Forte, Emmy Holland and Tyrone Roberts**. Our College graduate is **Beth Strickland**. If you know of a graduate we may have missed please contact Millie at 457-5643 or email [millie@stphilipchurch.org](mailto:millie@stphilipchurch.org) before April 15th. If you would like to help with this joyful celebration please contact Debbie Raker at 457-5724 or email at [graker@ec.rr.com](mailto:graker@ec.rr.com) before April 29<sup>th</sup>.

## From Our Senior Warden

As I recover daily from my recent medical misadventures, it seems appropriate to highlight some of the wonderful people and ministries, which have sustained me over the past several weeks. I have had the opportunity to learn first hand what a wonderful caring family we are, here at St. Philip's.

From the time I began this odyssey, there has been nothing but support from everyone at St. Philip's. When she realized my limited mobility, Millie offered me a "lift" chair that was her parents'. The Odd Jobbers delivered it the next day! It was a minor miracle to be able to get in and out of the chair without so much pain. The Odd Jobbers is a great ministry - believe me!

Once the medical community finally determined my problem - Idiopathic Avascular Necrosis and the solution - total replacement of my right hip - Carol and I have been flooded with offers of assistance and care.

Father Barry arrived at my bedside in the hospital as soon as I was out of surgery with the wonderful gift of a Prayer Shawl. I now know first hand how comforting and welcome this ministry is. Comforting in both the spiritual and warmth sense.

I cannot give enough praise for the Home Eucharist and the team members who provide this ministry. I only needed to have this ministry for three weeks, but it was like a breath of fresh air. Not only the Eucharist itself, but also the visits with the team members. They brought news from church and cheerful good wishes with them.

I am very fortunate that we have four wonderful children who were here for us during the surgery and for more than three weeks after. Because of the "kids" we did not need to call on much of the offered support from St. Philip's. But that doesn't mean it was any less appreciated and treasured.

Thank you St. Philip's!

Mo Beers

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Please remember that *Daylight Savings Time* begins on March 13th.  
Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour.



# Vestry Commissions

## **The Worship Corner**

Nearing the end of the Sundays following the Epiphany, we are preparing for the season of Lent. Many are the opportunities to praise God and be thankful for the gifts we have received, through participation in the many services that are scheduled at the church and in the community. Other opportunities to worship God present themselves in our daily activities. Whether we are at work, at play, running errands, or speaking with friends, our demeanor can reflect an inner joy and peace, which in turn can serve as an invitation to share in the worship experience. On those occasions when we are with friends who may not attend church, take the opportunity to invite them. If they are not comfortable in coming to a Sunday morning service, consider inviting them to the upcoming Even-song service. Sharing the opportunity to experience God . . . seems like a pretty good way to worship.

Peace, always.

John Reinsburrow

## **Stewardship Corner**

### **Time, Talent and Treasure**

I learned about volunteering during basic training in the army. I was in a line waiting for lunch in the Mess Hall at Ft Dix, NJ. I stood in the middle of the line, because I knew that the recruits in the front of the line were likely to be chosen to wash pots after lunch, an undesirable duty. While I stood in line, I noticed that everyone else moved behind me, but I shrugged my shoulders and stood my ground. The Mess Sergeant handed me a manual clicker and told me to count the lunch guests. I strained my thumb with the clicker and my face with the broadest smile I have ever attempted. Yes, all you have to do in order to volunteer is stand in place and be visible, but you, our parishioners, have done more than that. As usual, we have a great many people who stepped to the front of the line, by adding their names to the various ministries listed on the stewardship survey. We appreciate everyone who participates in whatever activity they choose and we assure you that you will all receive your clickers (chosen assignments), by the end of February.

But what about treasure? If we had to calculate what all your work for St. Philip's ministry is worth, I'm sure we would realize that we are rich, indeed.

Bill Meiners

## 2011 Budget

Your Stewardship Commission felt that it was appropriate to make all of our members aware of the 2011 budget as approved by the Vestry. Our Pledge Revenues are the most significant portion of our income, and our net income is positive thanks to our building fund contributors giving us permission to use a portion of those pledges to reduce our mortgage. Funds from our building fund/mortgage reduction pledges are used specifically for making our mortgage payment, and reducing the principal with any excess in that fund at the end of the year.

As always, if you have any questions about the budget please feel free to contact us, our Senior Warden Mo Beers or Father Barry.

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<b>Revenues</b>		<b>Expenses</b>	
Pledges	\$346,426	Parish Staff	\$225,047
Flower Revenue	\$5,200	Christian Ed & Youth	\$10,975
Identified Offerings	\$25,000	Music	\$2,600
Loose Plate	\$12,500	Outreach	\$45,936
Summer Ministry	\$800	Property	\$88,535
Interest Received	\$400	Administration	\$44,185
AA Contribution	\$620	Worship	\$7,830
Misc Receipts	\$45,455	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$425,158</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$436,401</b>		
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>		<b>\$11,243</b>	

### Report Month: January, 2011

	Month Actual	Month Budget	Month Difference	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Difference
Revenues	\$35,918	\$36,167	\$(248)	\$35,918	\$36,167	\$(248)
Expenses	\$36,975	\$32,812	\$(4163)	\$36,975	\$32,812	\$(4163)
Net Revenue	\$(1056)	\$3,355	\$(4411)	\$(1056)	\$3,355	\$(4411)

Wayne John, Finance Officer



## STEPHEN MINISTRY UPDATE

Our Stephen Minister Trainee Team of 13 is now fully engaged in their weekly 2.5 hour training sessions, learning, sharing, and bonding as a group. Some of the areas they have covered, or will cover over the next few months, include listening effectively, dealing with feelings, confidentiality, using resources of Christianity, being assertive, and a number of topics dealing with specific life crises. Throughout, the training will emphasize the theology of caring for the whole person.

Following successful completion of the training, these men and women will be commissioned as Stephen Ministers to carry out ministries of caring within our congregation and community, with people experiencing such problems in life as hospitalization, grief, depression, loneliness, and many other life crises. Working under our guidance, and the guidance of Fr. Barry, the Stephen Ministers will extend the capacity of our congregation to care for others.

The people who are attending this Stephen Ministry training are committing to 50 hours of training, plus two years as Stephen Ministers. Please keep them, as a group, in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to receive this training for caring ministry here at St. Philip's.

Gene & Martha Myers, Stephen Leaders

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### **'Proposed Anglican Covenant'**

*The resolution included below (see next page) was passed unanimously by St. Philip's vestry at its January 2011 meeting. It has been sent to our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel, 3rd, and forwarded to the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church and those newly elected clergy and lay deputies who will represent our diocese at the 2012 General Convention of The Episcopal Church.*

*St. Philip's delegates to the February annual convention of our diocese were given an opportunity to ask questions and dialogue on a similarly presented resolution. Our delegation voted in the majority that our diocese not proceed with approval of the 'Proposed' Covenant.*

*While St. Philip's study of the 'Proposed' Covenant was widely advertised, if you have any questions concerning the vestry's resolution, please feel free to contact any member of the vestry.*

## **ST. PHILIP'S VESTRY RESOLUTION ON THE PROPOSED ANGLICAN COVENANT**

*WHEREAS*, the 2009 General Convention of The Episcopal Church approved resolution D20 committing The Episcopal Church to continuing engagement and discernment of the draft covenant process begun in 2004; and

*WHEREAS*, the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church has further facilitated the process of discernment through the publishing of a study guide for use by The Episcopal Church and its Provinces, Dioceses and congregations; and

*WHEREAS*, St. Philip's Episcopal Church, a congregation of the Diocese of East Carolina, has engaged in a deliberative and prayerful process of discerning the merits of the Proposed Covenant; and

*WHEREAS*, the Vestry of St. Philip's Episcopal Church has read, studied, heard and received the views represented by the members of St. Philip's Episcopal Church; hereby

*RESOLVES*, that it is the position, and unanimous agreement, of the Vestry of St. Philip's Episcopal Church that the Proposed Anglican Communion Covenant falls short in its current form and intent, with specific attention to Section 4, to frame a covenant which would engender unity and discipline within the Anglican Communion while at the same time respecting the autonomy of individual Provinces within the Anglican Communion. The Vestry of St. Philip's Episcopal Church strongly recommends that this Covenant not be approved.

SUBMITTED AND SIGNED THIS 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2011

The Rev. Barry P. Kubler, Rector

Morris Beers, Senior Warden

Thomas Trivett

William Bittenbender

Linda Brinson

Debbie Evans

Jacob Pfohl

Thomas Harrelson

Joan Hayes

Lorraine Richardson

John Reinsburrow

Dana Richardson, Clerk

## Reflections on the Diocesan Convention

*Below are reflections from St. Philip's lay delegates to the Diocesan Convention. A complete summary of the convention, including the full text of resolutions, reports, sermons and addresses are available at <http://www.diocese-eastcarolina.org/628096.ihtml> (Ed.)*

### **Frank and Maryann Darzano**

The 128th Convention of the Diocese of East Carolina was marked by two very powerful addresses. The first was by Bishop Marray in his Sermon at the Opening Eucharist of the convention. He addressed one of the important issues confronting this convention, the Anglican Communion Covenant. Bishop Marray was able to focus the congregations' attention on the problems presented by the Covenant without making any direct reference to it. He made his position quite clear with the following; "Some believe unless the church continues to maintain the status quo, or the idyllic view of discriminate inclusivity, the work of mission and ministry stops. It is held hostage by those who believe that, unless the Church follows the path of my interpretation, I shall have nothing to do with it", and "Jesus mission was first and foremost to invite his followers to learn the discipline of co-existence". It was with those thoughts in mind that the delegates passed Resolution # 1 which said we cannot concur with Covenant in its present form but we are willing to consider future revised drafts.

In his address to the convention Bishop Daniel focused on the "frontiers of ministry" of the diocese for the coming year. These included the future of Trinity Center and a capital fund drive; ministry among Hispanics; mutual responsibility and interdependence within our own diocesan family; ministry for the military and their families; expanded ministry among youth, college campus and young adults; caring for health and well-being of ordained and lay employees of the diocese and smaller churches. Some of these proposals seem ambitious at best and some impossible in light of the actions at the convention. In the area of Campus Ministry the 2011 budget was cut and the programs at UNCW/CFCC and ECU will not be able to function after this May. There was considerable debate about Resolution # 3 calling for the restoration of the funds for the Campus Ministry and the resolution was passed with the recommendation that funds be restored if additional income becomes available. This disbursement would be at the discretion of the Diocesan Budget Committee.

It was pleasure to be a part of the St. Philip's Diocesan delegation this year. If you have any questions or concerns as they pertain to the convention feel free ask us. You can also go to the Diocesan web site to see the convention report.

## **Harriet Wheeler**

I have been to several Diocesan Conventions and was pleasantly surprised to see the new two-day format work out so well. The Convention was very well organized, and the necessary business moved along very quickly. There was still plenty of time allotted for input and discussion. I attended the discussion concerning the Budget and discovered that the Diocese is again facing a crisis in funding. The Campus Ministry Program and support for retired clergy faced the biggest cuts. I hope St. Philip's will continue or increase our support for the Diocese in any way we can.

It is always interesting to observe the role of the Diocese and how we, as a congregation, fit into the bigger picture. Bishop Daniel quoted a John Donne poem to remind us that just as "No man is an island," we are interconnected with the larger church community.

We are very fortunate to have Bishop Daniel and Bishop Marray in leadership roles in our Diocese. I would encourage everyone to read Bishop Marray's sermon and Bishop Daniel's address. I was especially inspired by Bishop Daniel's address concerning "Borders". Read it and think about what borders we might want to cross this year.

If you have never been to a Diocesan Convention, please consider being a delegate some year. It is a very rewarding experience.

## **Mandy Tomz**

I have just recently returned from attending the 128th Annual Convention of the Diocese of East Carolina in New Bern. Although the weather was miserable I found the experience most rewarding. Inasmuch as I had never attended one of the Diocese Conventions, it was certainly a learning experience for me. I felt quite honored to be in the presence of so many devoted and knowledgeable Christians and left with a feeling of fulfillment and hopes of one day being able to contribute in some meaningful capacity.

Bishop Marray's sermon at the opening Eucharist at Christ Church was very inspiring and set the mood for attempting to tackle the challenges the Church is facing with a budget that has been cut to reflect the current economic conditions. The church and the service were beautiful.

The hearings on the Resolutions were interesting, informative and provided an opportunity for discussions and questions. All five Resolutions presented were passed unanimously with some amendments.

Throughout the two days, I continued to hear the words "stepping out of our comfort zone" in an effort to inspire all of us to take a chance and place our faith in God and pursue the ministries God sets before us. I came home hoping to keep this in mind in the coming year as I continue to grow in my Christian faith.

## **DON'T STOP NOW!**

*This presentation was made at the Diocesan convention and it's good news. We sometimes forget amongst all the media hype about conflicts around the globe that some people are working quietly away to achieve long sought development goals, create lasting stability, and reduce the inequities that diminish all of us. These things didn't happen by accident or 'laissez faire' approaches, but are the result of concerted investment and action. I personally went to Bangladesh on assignment some years ago to document girls' school enrollment programs, which were government led with World Bank investment and NGO cooperation. NGOs had learned that through small stipends to girls to pay for books and other school expenses, and by improving school sanitation and privacy to accommodate girls, and similar measures, barriers to girls' enrollment could be overcome. Results were dramatic, as reported below.*

*We're hoping this year to take concerted action within St. Philip's to increase our contributions to ERD. The Outreach and Evangelism committee has made it a goal to organize new leadership and objectives for supporting ERD, and our Haiti work. If you are interested in working as a leader in this area please give me a call: 910-269-7357.*

*Jake Pfohl*

### **Convention address 2011 – The Rev A. Michael Singer**

The eight Millennium Development Goals were formulated at the United Nations in 2000 for the purpose of reducing poverty, increasing health care, primary education and empowering women. In 2003 the Episcopal Church committed to these goals. As of 2009, 82 dioceses, including ours, have included a 0.7% line item in their budgets for global mission and ministry. At General Convention a 0.7% line item was included in the three-year budget.

The MDG Committee's theme at this year's convention, seen on many buttons worn by delegates, is **DON'T STOP NOW!**

The Millennium Development Goals are the world's most ambitious, targeted and comprehensive set of objectives ever set to address extreme poverty in its many forms. Despite serious challenges, such as the global food crisis and the recent economic slowdown, huge gains are still being made. These stories of success not only speak to the millions of lives that have been improved, but also to the potential for even greater breakthroughs moving forward. The following are some examples of successes that are demonstrating the feasibility of meeting the Goals (and more) by 2015:

#### **Declining Child Mortality**

Immunizations are an important tool in public health efforts to eradicate childhood diseases. One of the most successful global health initiatives in the world is a campaign to vaccinate children against measles. Led by the American Red Cross, the UN Foundation, WHO, UNICEF

and the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Measles Initiative has vaccinated over 600 million children since 2001, helping to reduce global measles mortality by 74% between 2000 and 2007. During the same period, measles deaths plunged by 89% in Africa alone. Estimates show that measles immunizations have helped avert almost 7.5 million deaths from the disease. Please, **Don't Stop Now!**

### **Surging Primary School Enrollment Rates**

No child should be denied access to primary education because of an inability to pay school fees. Developing countries that have eliminated fees have seen incredible surges in primary school enrollment—34 million more children enrolled in primary schools between 1999 and 2006. For example, when Malawi abolished school fees in 1994, enrollment surged from 1.9 million to 3.2 million children in just three months. Uganda eliminated school fees in 1997 and enrollment increased by 58% within the first year of implementation. In 2001, Tanzania eliminated school fees and primary school enrollment grew by 50%, from 4.4 million in 2002 to 6.6 million in 2003. And in Kenya, since the first week of tuition-free school in January 2003, more than 1.3 million children entered school for the first time, pushing national enrollment from 5.9 million in 2002 to 7.2 million in 2004. With these achievements, sub-Saharan Africa is moving closer towards the MDG target of universal primary education for both boys and girls. To achieve this target, additional progress must be made to boost enrollment and retention of students and to improve quality of instruction.

When the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) were formulated nearly a decade ago, Bangladesh had few advantages in the struggle to reach the targets that would lift its people out of poverty. In the area of secondary education, to the surprise of many, the country exceeded expectations.

Bangladesh has been described as in the “vanguard” globally in how it has achieved a tremendous jump in girls’ presence in the classroom. The number of girls being educated has nearly quadrupled, from 1.1 million in 1991 to more than 4 million in 2008. Please, **Don't Stop Now!**

### **Malaria No More: a Dramatic Drop in Cases and Deaths**

Increasing access to malaria control, including the distribution of insecticide-treated bed nets for prevention and effective anti-malarial drugs for treatment, has helped countries decrease the number of deaths from the disease. For example, Rwanda experienced a 64% reduction in incidences and 66% decline in deaths from malaria within one year of distributing bed nets and making available malaria treatments available. In Ethiopia, these same interventions resulted in a 60% reduction in incidences and 51% decline in deaths between 2005 and 2007. Please, **Don't Stop Now!**

We, as a diocese, have committed to supporting these Millennium Development Goals

even in the midst of our own budget cuts. Many of our congregations are doing the same, either through developing their own partnerships or supporting Episcopal Relief and Development. You all have some great stories to share of the many wonderful things you are doing. We have been given so much. We stand in direct line from the prophets and in the call of Jesus to heal the sick, care for the lost and needy and build up the kingdom of God right here and right now.

0.7% isn't much. But all the 0.7%*s* together can change the world. As individuals, as parishes, as dioceses, as a Church, please, **DON'T STOP NOW!** Keep up your support for the Millennium Development Goals.

My thanks to the members of the Millennium Development Goal's committee for their insight and all their hard work.

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## St. Philip's Men's Group Donations

The St. Philip's Men's Group has approved the following donations:

- Fill Dirt: It is estimated that leveling the LRH lot will require 105 yards of dirt. The Men's Group will provide up to \$1000 of funds, to be matched by the congregation, to purchase fill-dirt to level the vacant lot. We hope to raise sufficient funds to also install an irrigation system for the sod / grass that will be planted.
- Brooke Munroe: Brooke has been selected to attend two major youth events this summer: 1] an urban mission to New York City with the Diocese of North Carolina; and 2] Diocesan Representative at the 2011 Episcopal Youth Event at Bethel University in St. Paul, MN. The Men's Group will provide \$300 towards Brooke's participation in these events.
- Acolytes: St. Philip's Acolytes will participate in the Diocese Acolyte Festival this May at Nags Head, NC. The Men's Group will contribute \$300 to help defray the cost of the entrance fee, van rental and rooms.

## A Day That Changed Us

March 24, 1968 may not be significant to the rest of you but it is a day that forever changed my life. No, it's not my birthday. It is the date of my baptism. While watching our newest addition to St. Philip's family being baptized, I found myself thinking about days that have changed my life; births, deaths, baptisms, etc.

We all have days in our history, both individually and collectively, that have been life altering. In my family we acknowledge February 13<sup>th</sup> as *Whammy Day*. It was a day that drastically changed our lives. My mother went into the hospital for a routine procedure and by the time it was over she had suffered a massive global head injury. The results of this head injury affected each of us in a different way. My mother's beloved career was over. The dynamics of the family was forever altered. I have often wondered as much as that day changed our lives, did it change the life of the anesthesiologist who was directly responsible for this *Whammy*?

November 22, 1963 is a day that changed our collective lives. How many of us still remember everything about that day; where we were, who we were with, what we were doing when we heard the news that President Kennedy had been assassinated? Those of my generation remember in great detail January 28, 1986 – the day of the shuttle Challenger exploded. September 11, 2001 is such a day in our collective lives. For most of us, we sat mesmerized by the images we saw on the television. For others, their lives were more directly impacted by the loss of life. Families who had loved ones killed that day and those that have lost family members due to the wars that have followed have been much more directly impacted than I.

Each time we baptize a baby, I am reminded of the day my parents and godparents (and probably my older brother) stood up in front of a congregation in a southwest Georgia church and welcomed me as the newly baptized. I was only three months old so I don't actually remember the day but I get to relive it each time we renew our baptismal covenant. As generations pass, the stories of these other days will be passed along. I know where my mother was when she heard the news of Kennedy's death even though I wasn't born. My children have heard me talk about the Challenger explosion and now study about it in school.

Such is the nature of days that change our lives. We remember them in details. We pass the stories of them on to our children and their children. Because of the impact the day had on our lives, we don't want to belittle it by allowing others to forget it. But we all have another of those days that forever changed our collective lives; in fact, it changed the collective lives of generations of people worldwide. The resurrection of Jesus Christ forever changed those who were witnesses. They passed their stories on to those who would listen. They carried their stories of Jesus' teaching around the world. The stories have been passed on from generation to generation for 2000 years. What impact does it have on your life today? Does it directly impact you or is it just another day that changed our collective world but doesn't directly affect you? May you take time during this Lenten season to assess the impact Easter makes in your daily life.

Millie

## Choristers Prayer

*Bless, O Lord, us Thy servants,  
Who minister in Thy temple.  
Grant that what we sing with our lips,  
We may believe in our hearts,  
And what we believe in our hearts,  
We may show forth in our lives.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

If you were in church Sunday, February 6, you probably noticed that “water” was the focal point of two pieces of music included our worship. One of those pieces was *Wade in the Water*, a traditional spiritual, and the other was *Down to the Water to Pray*. *Down to the Water to Pray*, was published in **Slave Songs of the United States** in 1867 and attributed to George H. Allan of Nashville. Originally known as *The Good Old Way*, the lyrics entreated worshippers to go down in the valley to pray. Over time the word valley was replaced with water. The lyrics call brothers, sisters, and sinners to come to the river and pray. During the rite of baptism, we are called to renew our baptismal covenant, pray over the water of baptism, and welcome the newly baptized into the household of God. The lyrics of the song are symbolic of the baptism of Christ in the Jordan and remind us we are all sinners called to a new life through the water of baptism.

*Wade in the Water* is interesting in its catholic view of Baptism. Aside from Episcopalians in Virginia and Roman Catholics in Maryland, the cotton fields and tobacco farms from which spirituals sprang were largely owned by Baptists and Methodists. American church historian Sydney Ahlstrom maintains that the Baptists and Methodists “defined the moral and religious ethos of the region” (*A Religious History of the American People*, Yale University Press, 1972). New converts to these denominations were baptized but opposition to formality and ritual in worship prevented the blessing of baptismal water. This makes the words of the choral response, “God’s a-gonna trouble the water” interesting. Most historians believe it is a reference to John 5: 4. In the scripture a paralytic visited a pool in Bethesda. An angel was sent to trouble the water in the pool. After the troubling, the first person to step into the pool was cured and made whole. The spiritual’s words mean that the waters of Baptism are “troubled” or blessed and symbolize the healing and transforming of life.

This all comes back to the chorister’s prayer that began this article. Grant that what we sing with our lips, we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts, we may show forth in our lives. Through baptism we have been healed and transformed. Thanks be to God.

Debbie

## BAZAAR BUZZ

The Bazaar will be October 1, 2011 from 9 am to 2 pm.

At the organizational meeting for the 2011 Bazaar in January, we had 20 ladies present with a wealth of ideas and got busy planning for the year.

Your 2011 Bazaar Committee:

Co-chairs: Susan Spann and Jane Mitchell

Publicity: Carol Miller

Bake Sale: Carol Parnell and Julie Skrief

Raffle: Sharon Sands and Jeannie Edens

Theresa Zell has agreed to coordinate our sewing projects so if you have a suggestion for an item or want some things to sew, call Theresa (457-9032). She has lots of material and would just love for you to come and relieve her of it. She has several websites where you can find patterns.

There were many ideas of workshops and those being planned with dates having been determined or being determined in the near future:

Shells: Ida Parker – Tuesday, May 3 10:00 – 2:00 at Ida's (278-6719)

Corks: Ida Parker – Friday, June 3 10:00 – 2:00 at Ida's (278-6719)

Paper Bracelets and Boxes: Jenny Lee

Puzzle Pieces Magnetic Picture Frames: Wanda Luey

Sake Bottle Lamps: Joan Stewart

Ornaments, Candles, Votives: Jane Mitchell and Susan Spann

Friday, March 25 10:00 - 12:30 at Parish Hall

Friday, April 1 10:00 - 12:30 at Parish Hall

Monday, May 16 10:00 - 12:30 at Parish Hall

Bring glue guns and corks, ribbons, stones, etc. for decorating

Contact Jane or Susan if you are coming and for questions about what to bring -- Lunch afterwards for all who want to go out – more later.

Jewelry: May Moore

Pine Cone, Acorn, etc.: Ida Parker – Friday, September 9 10:00 – 2:00 at Ida's

Bring glue guns and materials to work with for each of the workshops at Ida's. Please give her a call (278-6719) if you plan to attend and need directions or specifics about what to bring and a lunch dish to share.

For those of you knit or crochet, Harriet Wheeler (253-3159) or Jane Mitchell (338-0330) would love for you to call with ideas for items or if you need yarn or patterns, we can provide some.

If you are not getting emails from Jane and want to be included for information, please contact her at 338-0330 or email: [twc9199291470@earthlink.net](mailto:twc9199291470@earthlink.net).

## St. Philip's Auction 2012

The Auction Committee met and set a date for our next Auction. Please mark your calendars for **Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012** at the Community Center.

Yes, you are reading this right...we wanted to get a BIG head start on this event.

If you are interested in helping in anyway on the Auction please contact Shay Watkins at [shay@southport-realty.com](mailto:shay@southport-realty.com). Ida Parker at [lparker@ec.rr.com](mailto:lparker@ec.rr.com) or Wanda Luey at [wanda921@msn.com](mailto:wanda921@msn.com). We can put you and your ideas to good use.

We would like for each of you to be thinking about what **YOU** can do or give to this Auction. You could start by looking around your home. Did you get something for Christmas that you don't want or need??? Could you offer a service...a dinner party? Bake or cook something for a special date? Do you speak another language that you could give a few lessons? Or play the guitar? Do you have a house in the mountains or elsewhere that you could give a week's stay?? Do you have a boat in which you could take someone out on the ICW? Do you sew—what could you make?? Do you have jewelry that you don't wear??? Do you paint?? Can you and some friends make a quilt? Can you make some placemats or make handmade note cards?

See, there are a million and one things that our members can do or make---so put on your thinking caps and donate to our Auction 2012!!

If each one of us does just a little thing will be able to do something really BIG!!!

We look forward to hearing from you very soon.

The Auction Committee

Shay Watkins, Ida Parker, Wanda Luey and Ruth Smith

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## LECTURE SERIES

The ladies group will sponsor a mini-lecture series this spring. The first one will be held on **Saturday morning, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m.** The lecture will take place in the chapel, following by a reception in the parish hall. We are pleased to announce the first speaker will be our own Marianne Smith, a published author and lecturer. Mark your calendar for this exciting event.

# Community

## PARISH BREAKFAST

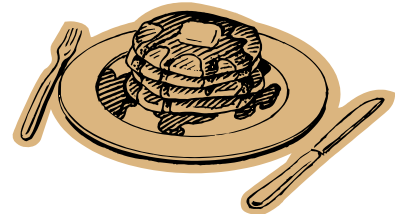
*Sponsored by St. Philip's Men's Club*



Join us **Sunday, March 6th** for another great breakfast from 8:30 - 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall. The delicious hot country-style breakfast includes *sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, grits, biscuits, cereal, coffee, orange juice and milk*. If you were at our last breakfast you know how good it is! It's the best deal in town: \$4.00 per adult, \$2.00 per child. Bring your whole family.

## SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Come enjoy a pancake feast on **Tuesday, March 8th, 5:00-7:00 PM** in the Parish Hall. The cost for the meal is \$3.00 per person and \$7.00 for a family. Come, be a part of the fellowship. *Sponsored by St. Philip's Men's Group.*



## IRISH SODA BREAD BAKE SALE

We will be selling loaves of Irish Soda Bread in the Narthex of the church on Sunday **March 13<sup>th</sup> at both 8:00 a.m. service and 10:30 service**. The cost is \$5.00 per loaf. We have matching funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and will receive \$3.00 for every \$1.00 raised. Proceeds will go to the Human Needs Fund of the Inter-church Fellowship. Several churches in the area are participating. This will be St. Philip's first year to join with local churches in selling bread. We also still "knead" two more ladies to help bake. The recipe will be furnished. For more information contact Joan Stewart at 253-8141.



Opportunities for Christian Formation and  
Renewal, March 2011

**Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
10:00 AM –Bible Study (Parish Hall)  
7:00 PM – Wednesday With Women

**Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> – YOUTH SUNDAY**  
9:15 AM – Christian Education for ages 3 – adults

**Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**  
10:00 AM – Seekers Adult Study (Parish Hall)  
5:30 PM – Acolyte Meeting (Parish Hall)

**Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> - ASH WEDNESDAY**  
10:00 AM –Bible Study (Parish Hall)

**Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**  
9:15 AM – Christian Education for ages 3- adults.

**Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**  
10:00 AM –Bible Study (Parish Hall)  
5:00 PM – Lenten Series *Why Bad Things Happen to Good People* (Parish Hall)  
7:00 PM - Wednesday With Women (Parish Office)

**Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**  
6:00 PM – Movie Night ~ *Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium* (Choir Room)

**Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**  
9:15 AM –Sunday School for Children & Youth  
5:30 PM –Youth Group (Parish Hall)

**Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
10:00 AM –Bible Study (Parish Hall)  
5:00 PM – Lenten Series *Why Bad Things Happen to Good People* (Parish Hall)

**Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**  
9:15 AM –Sunday School for Children & Youth

**Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**  
10:00 AM –Bible Study (Parish Hall)  
5:00 PM – Lenten Series *Why Bad Things Happen to Good People* (Parish Hall)

**St. Philip's Movie Night**  
**Friday March 18, 2011**  
**6:30 PM**



Rated G

When the 243-year-old Mr. Magorium (Dustin Hoffman) discovers his health is failing, he turns over his fantastical toy store to his manager, Molly Mahoney (Natalie Portman), a talented pianist and aspiring composer who isn't sure she's ready to take the reins. Since the store reflects the energy of those who run it, Molly must work to lift her spirits and help the shop recapture its magic. Jason Bateman co-stars.

**Popcorn and drinks will be available**

## Church Organization

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Clerk: *Dana Richardson*

Junior Warden: *Tom Trivett*

Finance Officer: *Wayne John*

2009-2011: *Mo Beers, Linda Brinson, Bill Meiners, John Reinsburrow*

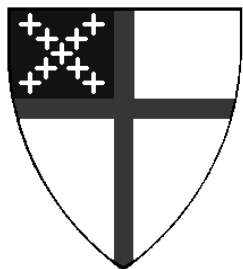
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2011-2013: *Debbie Evans, Thomas Harrelson, Jake Pfohl, Lorraine Richardson*

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