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The Philippian

Dear Friends,

It is once again time for this country to celebrate Independence Day. It hardly seems a year, but July 4th is upon us. The first weekend in July, I am certain, will prove to be quite festive, and this is appropriate. We should celebrate who we are and the liberties that we have realized through the efforts of those whose ideas and sacrifices resulted in our Constitution.

While July 4th is viewed by most as a civil holiday marked with cook-outs, special music, and fireworks, it is also a major feast in the Episcopal Church in this country. The collect for the 4th in the Book of Common Prayer begins “Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn...” Many of those founders were Anglican/Episcopalian (or at least grew up as such), and a majority of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were Episcopalian. Today, the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., one of the great symbols of faith in this country, is an Episcopal church.

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As a Holy Day, we celebrate our freedoms, but I think it is okay to celebrate the role played by those who were members of our part of God's Holy Church.

The liberties we celebrate and experience daily were intended by God for all of God's people. However, we know that many do not know freedom in this world. The children of the Almighty were not created to live in slavery or oppression of any kind. This July 4th, as we celebrate, please take a moment to pray that the hearts of those whose sins keep others from knowing freedom and peace be turned toward God Almighty.

In Christ,
Fr. Craft+

First Fridays

There is no First Friday in July. Listed below is the schedule for the remainder of the year. If you would like to host a First Friday event, October is still open! For more information, please contact the office. And remember, you may host in the parish hall if you wish!

August	Fr. Craft
September	Mimi & Sal Lucurto
October	Open
November	Noretta & Gordon Stackel
December	Grace Benson



VBS

Vacation Bible School will be July 21st through the 25th. If you are interested in volunteering for this great ministry or have a child you would like to attend, contact the office or see Vicki Korosi for more information. The program will be at St. Philip's this year and will include St. Stephen's Lutheran Church.

Regular Worship Schedule

Weekend Services

Sunday:

- 8:00AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 10:30AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 11:40AM Coffee and Fellowship

Saturday:

- 5:00PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Weekday Services

Monday:

- 2:00 P.M. The Landing

Tuesday:

- 6:30 P.M. Adult Bible Study

Wednesday:

9:00AM Holy Eucharist (Wednesday morning Bible study is suspended for the Summer and will resume in the Fall.)

The Vestry and Vestry Notes

The Rev. Stephen Craft, Susette Bradley, Ken Bradley, Mark Bullard, Norma Gatlin, Geneva Landry, Gordon Stackel, Susan Smith and Kayce Stackel.

1. There were several issues concerning the school building. The Orkin contract will be canceled. Greg Guzzardi will be contacted for a quote for the church's alarm company to take over monitoring the school's system. We will also be exploring the possibility of having a church phone line put in the building.
2. Church Mutual Insurance has been notified to cancel the school liability and workman's comp policies as of June 13th.
3. The vestry made a walkthrough of the school building.
4. It was reported that the sidewalk in front of the chapel/narthex has a raised spot that needs to be repaired. The Jr. Warden will look at options.
5. The new sound system was discussed. It should be installed by July.

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTER:

United in Christian Marriage:

On June 7th, 2014

**Katherine Kratzig
and
Steven Portenga**

On June 27th, 2014

**Lauren Adams
and
Rian Palmisano**

Rite of Christian Burial:

Lois Mae Norris

PENNIES FOR PROJECTS JAR is ready to receive more change! Next time you empty your pockets or dump the change from your purse, bring it to church and place into the "Pennies for Projects" jar. All funds collected go towards our many ongoing projects!



Coming up....

St. Philip's Rummage Sale

The rummage sale will return at the end of September...date be announced.

Start looking around your home for treasures you would like to donate. We will begin accepting donated items after July 1st.

For more information, see Pat Blackman.

Sanctuary Farm and Wellness News...

Although Wellness has taken a summer break, the Sanctuary Farms projects are in full swing! You may have noticed the fence that has gone up along the back of the property. This was part of the first phase of our plan with **Eco Urban** to revitalize our property. They have leveled the garden area and moved a citrus and fig tree to our ash garden area. Next begins Phase 2 where they will lay the foundations for the over 1000 square feet of raised bed gardens for our growing pleasure. Phase 2 is scheduled to begin towards the end of this month.

I am currently writing the content for our web site. I have had several meetings our developer, **Design the Planet**, to proof and approve the over-all look and feel of the site, and they are now patiently waiting on me to complete the content of each page of the site. I am certainly taking advantage of the break from Wellness. I believe that this web site will be a big advantage to us in getting the word out about what we are doing here at St. Philip's and getting folks to come visit us. Watch for announcements for our web site to go live!

Remember that everything we do takes funding from loving supporters. If you or someone you know would be interested in becoming an individual or corporate sponsor for our projects, please see me. I do my best to get out there and talk to folks in our community about all of the great things we do, but I need your help. Remember, our financial supporters will be permanently acknowledged in the garden! Eco Urban staff and I are working together to design a special project to go into the garden to do just that!

Serving Our Worship in July

10:30 AM Eucharist

Lectors

- 6th Don Schwarzenbach
- 13th Jamie Camardelle
- 20th Susan Smith
- 27th Bonnie Warren

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

- 6th Don Schwarzenbach
- 13th Brett Heintz
- 20th Don Schwarzenbach/ Pat Blackman
- 27th Brett Heintz / Jean Heintz

Acolytes

- 6th Sophia Lucurto
- 13th Jamie Camardelle
- 20th Tyler Hargrave
- 27th Deanna Lowe

May Financial Statement

Income:	\$16,385.00
Expenses:	-\$13,455.00
YTD Projected Net Income:	-\$6,439.00
YTD Actual:	\$8,949.00

July Readings

6th **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

Zechariah 9:9-12

Psalm 145:8-15

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

13th **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 55:10-13

Psalm 65:1-14

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

20th **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 44:6-8

Psalm 86:11-17

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-43

27th **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Kings 3:5-12

Psalm 119:129-136

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

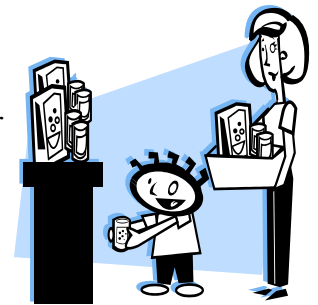
There will be more information on that project coming soon.

Mark your calendars. Wellness returns on September 17th and keep watching! It's going to continue to be an exciting summer!

Lots of Love, Mimi

This summer, Remember United Churches of Algiers' Food Bank

When school is out many children suffer from poor nutrition from lack of food to eat. They no longer have access to the breakfast and lunch programs at school. It is now that the food banks need a boost. Drop off cans of tuna or chicken, soup, stew, spaghetti, at the church. Some will be used in our own food pantry and the rest will be delivered to the UCA Food Bank. Lets try to help keep our communities' kids fed!



Are you on "Facebook"?

You can help your church grow in two easy steps! Search St. Philip's New Orleans and become a friend! Then invite your friends to become friends too!

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8:00AM Eucharist

Lectors:

- 6th Frances Webb
- 13th Allen Hero
- 20th Mark Bullard
- 27th Rob Zrabkowski

Lay Eucharistic Ministers:

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- 27th Rob Zrabkowski

Altar Guild for July

- 6th Betty Gaudet, Mary Olsen, Don Schwarzenbach,
Frances Webb
- 13th Joy Kaler, Connie Brechtel, Anne Cain
- 20th Mary Ann Bass, Grace Benson, Anne Lewis
- 27th Pat Blackman, Martine Lowe, Joy Miller,
Jerry Milburn

July Church Opening

Joy Kaler, Grace Benson

July Hospitality Guild

St. Joan Team:

Team Captain : Anne Cain

Mildred Smith, Janet West, Connie Brechtel,
Martine Lowe.

July Ushers

- 6th Melissa Zrabkowski, Brett Heintz
- 13th Jim Lyon, Jim Olsen
- 20th Casey Bass, Mary Ann Bass
- 27th Pamala Judd, Morris Judd

July Church Closing

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| 6th Susan Smith | 13th Kayce Stackel |
| Mark Bullard | Susette Bradley |
| 20th Norma Gatlin | 27th Gordon Stackel |
| Geneva Landry | Ken Bradley |

July Altar Flowers

- 6th Debra Bullard
- 13th Joy Miller
- 20th The Lyon Family
- 27th Open