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Dear Friends,

There is liberty, and there is grace. On July 4th, we celebrate the liberty we enjoy in this country. Most importantly for me, we celebrate the reality of the freedom to worship as we please. There is much talk today in the media about how religious freedom is being threatened. It baffles me how we are so concerned about this while at the same time attendance in American churches is in decline. To me, the most important hour of a Sunday morning is the one we spend with God in church. Yet, we let all things secular distract us. How can we do this knowing the religious freedom we enjoy? I feel, at times, the founding fathers must weep in heaven knowing that God takes second place.

There have been several things in the news in this country of late that have put folk on edge. Those feelings at times, I think, come from fear and not faith. We are a great nation, and we often say God bless America. I want God to bless America, and I want God to bless Iraq, France, Mexico, and all of the people that God created. I want us to put anger, hatred, prejudice, and fear behind us. My prayers are for all of the people of this world—those I like, and those I do not like.

The Philippian

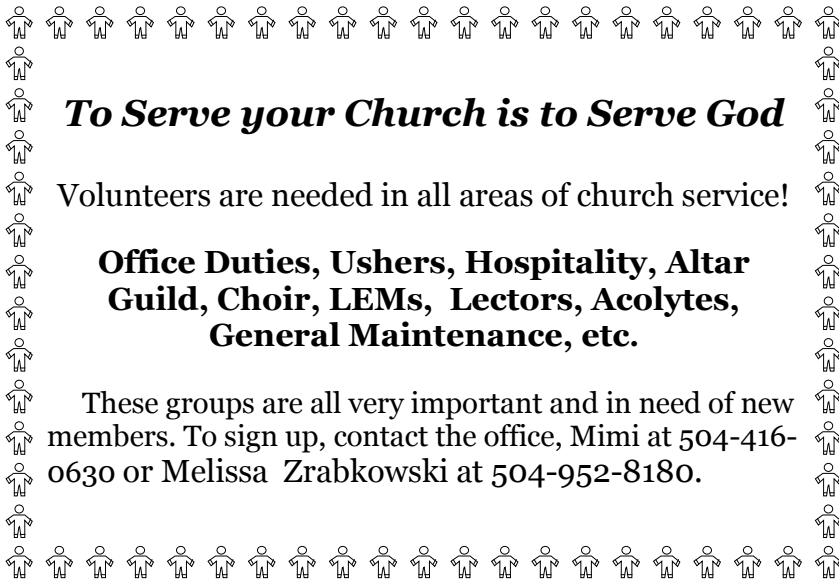
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Now grace. We have an unique position to feel and share God's grace. We have an opportunity as we celebrate our nations birthday to reach out in celebration of God's love for us. Grace is the unconditional love that God has for all, and it is in that grace that we find true liberty. Before we are Americans, we are children of God. How wonderful it would be for us who are in this unique American experience to worship God and give thanks for all God has given us by putting God first and secular things second.

The flag means more than the country. The flag means our hope in God. May we all have a wonderful Fourth of July, and may we all remember that day the origin of true liberty and grace.

In Christ,

Fr. Steve +



To Serve your Church is to Serve God

Volunteers are needed in all areas of church service!

Office Duties, Ushers, Hospitality, Altar Guild, Choir, LEMs, Lectors, Acolytes, General Maintenance, etc.

These groups are all very important and in need of new members. To sign up, contact the office, Mimi at 504-416-0630 or Melissa Zrabkowski at 504-952-8180.

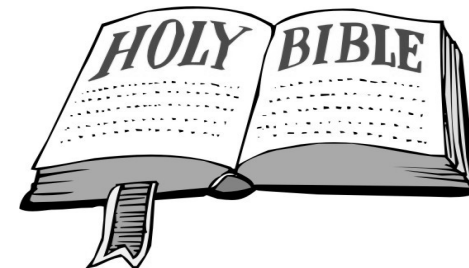


The Vestry and Vestry Notes

The Rev. Stephen Craft, Susette Bradley, Mark Bullard
Bobbie Durkovich, Norma Gatlin, Martin Lowe, Susan
Smith, Kayce Stackel, and Frances Webb

Vestry Notes:

1. The senior warden brought up the frustration of not being able to get our new technology to work with PayPal. There is a problem with our account, and it is being investigated.
2. We have a new ice machine, and the good news is it has been paid for by a special donation.
3. The outreach/evangelism committee is in place. We are going to begin to send mass mailings out to reach folk in the area. This is being paid for by our cancellation of the Yellow Pages book and online.
4. We discussed the renting of the parish hall for community events.
5. There will be research done to begin the process of replacing the carpet in the church.



Regular Worship Schedule

Weekend Services

Sunday:

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:00 AM Coffee and Fellowship
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:30 AM Children's Church
11:40 AM Coffee and Fellowship

Saturday:

5:00 PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Weekday Services

Monday:

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
2:00 PM The Landing

Tuesday:

8:30 AM Morning Prayer
6:30 PM Adult Bible Study

Wednesday:

9:00AM Holy Eucharist

Thursday:

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

Office Hours:

Secretary: 9AM - Noon, Mon.-Fri.
Bookstore Hours: 9:00AM - Noon, Sunday
Office & Bookstore: 394-2408; Fax: 394-2450
Email: stphilipsno@msn.com
Website: stphilipsno.org

St Philips' Second Annual Rummage Sale



Tell you friends to come shopping on Friday, July 24 from 8:00 AM to 4:00PM and Saturday July 25 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Also, please bring your unwanted treasures to sell.

Anyone interested in helping out, please let Pat Blackman know when you can help and what you are willing and able to do. She may be reached by cell phone at 504-579-4217 or email at patblackman@cox.net.

History of Church and State by:

Rob Zrabkowski will return in September after this short summer break. Watch for more info. When he returns, he will be focusing on events of the 17th Century.

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! We need to let our community know what is happening at St. Philip's!



July Flowers

5th Debra Bullard
12th Joy Miller/Sherri Hammatt
19th Open
26th Open

Sanctuary Farms and Wellness News.....

Hello Wellness Fans!

The veggie garden outside of the office is producing tomatoes, basil and squash and the dasher 2 cucumbers are finally catching. I have to say I think I have had my fill of cucumbers this season, but that doesn't seem to stop God from providing them. I know it's hot out there, but I hope you all have taken the time to get out and grow something. Gardening and just being outside to care for and observe God's creation is good food for the body and soul! Come visit the garden whenever you're at the church.

Last month I spoke about changing our priorities at Sanctuary Farms to focusing on the goals of growing our precious church community and spreading the word about the great things we are doing here. Sanctuary Farms is, in fact, an Outreach Ministry! On June 10th, we had our first meeting of the newly formed Outreach and Evangelism Committee. We had a great turn out and lots of interest. There were some wonderful ideas presented and some we have already put into place! We are actively reaching out to our community in a organized and specific way designed to make meaningful contact that is cost effective. We have big plans for the future which include keeping our church active so that our neighbors will find something here which sparks their interest. It is so important at this time that we do our best to inspire folk to come and see what is happening here so they too can find a home to praise and serve God. Watch for Outreach news and do what you can to help. Our next committee meeting will be in August (date to be announced).

Sanctuary Farms has also taken on the task of providing transportation to Camp Hardtner this summer. In the past, the children would ride up on a yellow school bus organized by the camp. For a number of reasons, Camp Hardtner staff decided not to provide this service this year. As a parent of a camper, I can tell you, no parent wants to make that 9 hour journey twice in one week. We have organized round trip transport in luxury motor coaches for the same cost to parents!

July Readings

5th Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 2:1-5

Psalm 123

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

12th Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 7:7-15

Psalm 85:8-13

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

19th Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 23

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-34 , 53-56

26th Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalm 145:10-19

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21

May Financial Statement

Income:	\$ 23,896.00
Expenses:	-\$ 14,635.00
YTD Projected Net Income:	-\$ 9,596.00
YTD Actual:	-\$ 6,171.00

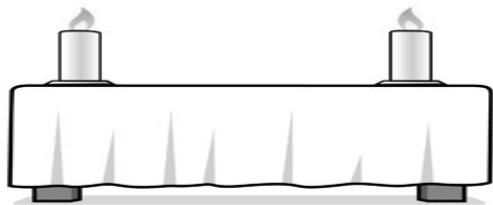
From the Parish Register...

The Sacrament of Baptism:

Blake Macmillan Warner 6/7

The Rite of Christian Burial:

Nell Landry 6/11



Altar Guild for July

- 5th** Betty Gaudet, Mary Olsen, Don Schwarzenbach, Frances Webb
- 12th** Joy Kaler, Connie Brechtel, Anne Cain
- 19th** Mary Ann Bass, Grace Benson, Anne Lewis, Pamala Judd
- 26th** Pat Blackman, Martine Lowe, Joy Miller

This has been a great opportunity to reach out to many, get St. Philip's noticed for the great things we can do and at the same time, make a few bucks for Sanctuary Farms! So, we are out there, getting the word out! If you would like to know more about how we are reaching out to the community or would like to help, you know where to find me!

Wellness Wednesday returns **Wednesday, August 12th, 6:30pm** in the Parish Hall after the summer break! **Prep and Prepare** for this meal will be on **Tuesday, August 11th from 9:00AM to Noon** in the Parish Hall. Please note that this is the **2nd Wednesday of August**. This change was made to accommodate some folks who have a standing engagement on the 3rd Wednesday. Hope to see you all there.

Lots of love, Mimi

July Church Opening

Joy Kaler, Grace Benson

July Church Closing

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|-------------|------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| 5th | Frances Webb
Mark Bullard | 19th | Kayce Stackel
Susette Bradley |
| 12th | Norma Gatlin
Martin Lowe | 26th | Bobbie Durkovich
Susan Smith |

July Hospitality Guild

St. Joan Team:

Team Captain : Anne Cain
Mildred Smith, Janet West, Connie Brechtel,
Martine Lowe, Noretta Stackel

Serving Our Worship in July

8:00AM Eucharist

Lectors

- 5th** Allen Hero
- 12th** Frances Webb
- 19th** Mark Bullard
- 26th** Allen Hero

Lay Eucharistic Ministers:

- 5th** Allen Hero
- 12th** Frances Webb
- 19th** Mark Bullard
- 26th** Norma Gatlin



Serving Our Worship in July

10:30 AM Eucharist

Lectors

- 5th** Don Schwarzenbach
- 12th** Martin Lowe
- 19th** Susan Smith
- 26th** Jamie Camardelle

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

- 5th** Don Schwarzenbach
- 12th** Jean Heintz
- 19th** Sherri Hammatt
- 26th** Pat Blackman

July Acolytes

- 5th** Sophia Lucurto
- 12th** Douglas Stinson
- 19th** Jamie Camardelle
- 26th** Tyler Hargrave

July Ushers

- 5th** Melissa Zrabkowski, Brett Heintz
- 12th** Jim Lyon, Jim Olsen
- 19th** Mary Ann Bass, Casey Bass
- 26th** Morris Judd, Pamala Judd

Please donate to the food bank!

Bring in just one item of non-perishable goods when ever you come to church and the combined effort will go a long way to support the food bank at The United Churches of Algiers (UCA). For years St. Philips has been a major supporter of the food bank. UCA recently advised our liaison, Norma Gatlin, that their coffers were severely depleted. Please, at this time of great need, let us pull together to help feel the less fortunate in our community.

