

September 2014

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Dear Friends,

As many of you know by now, one of the church's air conditioning units was stolen on the night of August 28th. This is the second time in three years that we have suffered vandalism on our several air conditioners. While we took extra measures for security in 2011, they were not enough. I will be asking the vestry to address further security measures including cameras, lighting, and fencing of the back of the church property.

I have always been troubled with the idea of fencing in church property. Christ's Church exists to be an open place of renewal and hospitality, and a fence seems to say stay away. However, in the reality of the world around us, we must protect ourselves. I believe we can protect our assets while maintaining a sense of welcome to all.

The Philippian

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St. Philip's Episcopal Church
3643 Aurora Drive
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It is troubling that some folk feel the need to steal, and it is more troubling for me that one would steal from a church. The church is the place people should go when in need to receive guidance and aid. God's house is the place where the words of Christ that tell us to give to those who ask are put into action. Please pray for those who would lurk in the darkness behind the church at night to be guided by the Spirit to come to the front of the church in daylight. Pray that those who would do harm to others may be overcome with the presence of Jesus in their lives.

May we at St. Philip's continue to give thanks for all of the blessings we receive through our community of faith.

In Christ,

Fr. Craft +

First Fridays

Listed below is the schedule for the remainder of the year. If you would like to host a First Friday event in the new year, please contact the office. And remember, you may host in the parish hall if you wish!

September 5th	Mimi & Sal Lucurto
October 3rd	Bobbie Durkovich
November 7th	Noretta & Gordon Stackel
December 5th	Grace Benson



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.

The Jr. Warden reported on several projects coming up including the repair of the sidewalk in front of the parish hall.

Many upcoming events were discussed including the rummage sale and a meeting of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament on September 11.

The majority of the meeting was devoted to property insurance. It was decided that as of September first we would switch from Church Mutual (a private company) to Church Insurance (owned by the Episcopal Church). This move will save us roughly \$6000.00 per year.

Office Hours:

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 ★ PRAYER INTENTIONS BOARD POLICY HAS
 ★ CHANGED
 ★ Remember that the Prayer Intentions Board in the
 ★ lobby area will now be erased on the last Sunday of
 ★ each month.
 ★ Please add your ongoing prayer intentions to the board
 ★ at the beginning of each month.
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FROM THE PARISH REGISTER:
 The Rite of Christian Burial.
 John Clifton Revels - 8/21/2014

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 will resume on September 10th)

Let us help!

*St. Philip's is offering
 free tutoring!*



Sessions are being offered here at the church starting
 September 2nd, Monday through Friday, 3:00PM to 6:00PM.
 Anyone who wishes to register children or would like to tutor,
 please contact the church office at 504-394-2408 or Jamie
 Camardelle 504-208-0054.

Scouts Corner

As fall gets closer and the schools waken from their
 Summer slumber, Boy Scout Troop 60 begins their regular
 meeting schedule. The first is Thursday, September 4th
 from 7-8PM. This Troop honored a large number of
 members who achieved Eagle status in the past year. If
 you know anyone who may be interested in joining Troop
 60, please contact Danny Baldassaro at 638-3441.

Sanctuary Farm and Wellness News...

Although it is still very warm outside, we are quickly approaching Fall. If you have been around to the back of the church, you have seen the progress of our friends at **Eco Urban** as they prepare the foundations of what will be over 1000 square feet of raised bed growing space for our use and enjoyment! Slowly but surely our plans are coming to life. I expect that progress to continue and hope to see edibles growing in those gardens by mid-Fall. Going forward, I hope to use the foods we grow in the Wellness Wednesday and Wellness-To-Go Programs.

The **Wellness Wednesday Program** returns! It has been a long and very busy summer, but it's time to get back to business! Join us **September 17th, 6.30pm** in the **Parish Hall**. We will be discussing Diabetes. I know several people affected by this condition and studies show that you do too! We will discuss what is happening in the body of a diabetic and how your nutrition can affect blood sugar levels. That's good to know for you and for your friends around you. The meal is, of course, a secret. However, I can tell you most of it is not likely to raise your blood sugar! Invite your friends! This program is free and open to the public although we do take donations to cover the cost of food and research materials. Childcare is provided. Also, the **Prep and Prepare Program** returns **Tuesday, September 16th, 9am to Noon** in the **Parish Hall**. Bring your chopping knife and board and come give us a hand as we get ready for Wednesday night!

Our website is very near it's "going live" date and I can't wait to show it to you all! I have been working very closely with our developer,

Serving Our Worship in September

10:30 AM Eucharist

Lectors

- 7th Martin Lowe
- 14th Jamie Camardelle
- 21st Susan Smith
- 28th Bonnie Warren

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

- 7th Don Schwarzenbach
- 14th Brett Heintz
- 21st Pat Blackman
- 28th Sherri Hammatt

Acolytes

- 7th Sophia Lucurto
- 14th Douglas Stinson
- 21st Jamie Camardelle
- 28th Deanna Lowe

July Financial Statement

Income:	\$6,562.00
Expenses:	-\$16,995.00
YTD Projected Net Income:	-\$7,953.00
YTD Actual:	-\$3,913.00

September Readings

7th **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Psalm 119:33-40

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

14th **Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 50:15-21

Psalm 103:1-13

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

21st **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Psalm 145:1-8

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

28th **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalm 25:1-8

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

Design the Planet, and all that is left is working out the kinks. It's time consuming work, but in the end will be well worth the effort. This web site will allow us ease in communicating with the public regarding everything we are doing as well as help us to fundraise in a much more efficient way! I think you're going to love it!

Oh! Did I mention the non-profit status? Come join us to find out what other exciting things happened this summer!

Lots of Love, Mimi

St Philip's Rummage Sale Update

Items are coming in daily to be offered for sale at our rummage sale, scheduled for Friday, September 26th from 8am to 4pm & Saturday, September 27th from 8am to 2pm. To drop off donations, stop by the office and pick up a key, then drive around the back building to the last door (blue). The key fits that door and items can be placed there.

We still need 3 or 4 freestanding clothes racks and someone to help with advertising/signage. Anyone interested should contact Pat Blackman at 504-579-4217. This promises to be a big event and lots of fun! There have already been some great donations!



Serving Our Worship in September

8:00AM Eucharist

Lectors:

- 7th Rob Zrabkowski
- 14th Mark Bullard
- 21st Frances Webb
- 28th Frances Webb

Lay Eucharistic Ministers:

- 7th Rob Zrabkowski
- 14th Mark Bullard
- 21st Frances Webb
- 28th Norma Gatlin

September Church Opening

Joy Kaler, Grace Benson

Altar Guild for September

- 7th Betty Gaudet, Mary Olsen, Don Schwarzenbach, Frances Webb
- 14th Joy Kaler, Connie Brechtel, Anne Cain
- 21st Mary Ann Bass, Grace Benson, Anne Lewis
- 28th Pat Blackman, Martine Lowe, Joy Miller

September Hospitality Guild

St. Ruth Team:

Team Captain : Trudy Bourgeois

Anne Lewis, Debbie Yates, Kimbel Burt, Karen Hargrave,
Sandra Lyon, Joy Miller

September Ushers

- 7th Melissa Zrabkowski, Brett Heintz
- 14th Jim Lyon, Jim Olsen
- 21st Casey Bass, Mary Ann Bass
- 28th Pamala Judd, Morris Judd

September Church Closing

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| 7th Susan Smith | 21st Norma Gatlin |
| Mark Bullard | Geneva Landry |
| 14th Kayce Stackel | 28th Ken Bradley |
| Susette Bradley | Gordon Stackel |

September Altar Flowers

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- * 7th D. Yates *
- * 14th C. Cecil & Hirschmann Family *
- * 21st G. Benson *
- * 28th S. Schwarzenbach *
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