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Dear Friends,

It is September, and a new year has begun for our children in school. It also means a new beginning for our parish family and the youth in the church. It has been several years since we have had programs for the younger folk, but that is changing as of this month.

There are two important activities which we will be kicking off this month. One is a new Christian education program for kids from birth to twelve years old. Callie Fitzgerald is heading a new Sunday School/child care offering on Sunday mornings. The children will begin the service in Sunday School with activities that reflect what we are doing in big church. They will have scripture lessons that are fit for their ages which are the same as the lessons the adults are reading. The idea is that they have the same information so families can discuss the theme of the day when they go home. We will have a small altar, the youth will do the readings, and there will be a craft of some sort that they can bring home. At the offertory, they will come into the church for communion. For the older children, this will be a lead into the sacrament of Confirmation, and they will be learning about our faith and who we are as Episcopalians. Callie will need volunteer help; so, please let us know if you can help. Having a child in the program is not required to volunteer!

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The other program is a youth mass. To start, we will have once a month on a Saturday at 6:00 P.M. a Eucharist that will be similar to the services many of our youth experience at various events such as Camp Hardtner or Happening. There will be musicians providing contemporary worship music, and the youth will do everything in the service other than what I must do as priest. This will be open to all youth, Episcopalian or not, and we hope to have folk from around the diocese to attend. There will be food and activities afterward. While focused on the youth, everyone who would like to experience this type of mass will be welcomed to attend (but the adults must find their own food afterwards!).

While these are youth events, the outreach and evangelism committee is working on many other events and services for everyone. More information will be coming soon about everything, and please pray for these ministries as well as our faith community as a whole.

I remain extremely blessed to be your rector, and I am very excited about the growth of ministry in our church.

In Christ,

Fr. Steve +

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Now, in addition to mailed in and weekend plate offerings we now have the convenience of setting up one-time or scheduled monthly donations on line. To set up your donation, just log onto the church's website at **stphilipsno.org** and click on **Donate by PayPal**. Fill out the form to set your offering. We also have a device on site allowing us to accept credit or debit card donations of any kind! If you need help with this process, please contact Mimi or Dagny at the office!

September Church Opening

Joy Kaler, Grace Benson

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6th Frances Webb
Mark Bullard

20th Kayce Stackel
Susette Bradley

13th Norma Gatlin
Martin Lowe

27th Bobbie Durkovich
Susan Smith



To Serve your Church is to Serve God
Volunteers are needed in all areas of church service!

**Ushers, Hospitality, Altar Guild, Choir,
LEMes, Lectors, Acolytes,
General Maintenance, etc.**

These groups are all very important and in need of new members. To sign up, contact the office or Melissa Zrabkowski at 504-952-8190.

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Sanctuary Farm and Wellness News.....

Hello Wellness Fans!

For those who attended the Wellness Program last month, I hope you can join me as we work to be observant of our busy minds which distract and misguide us and remain consciously living in the present moment. That's a mouthful and if you don't have a clue what I am talking about, check out what you missed at www.sanctuaryfarmspc.org. Under the education tab, look for "**Wellness 21, Presence and the Ego**" or contact me or Dagny and we will email or print the info to you.

Thanks to those who came out for "*Prep & Prepare*". I can't do this program without you!

Wellness Wednesday returns **Wednesday, November 18th, 6:30pm** in the Parish Hall. **Prep and Prepare** for this meal will be on **Tuesday, November 17th from 9:00AM to Noon**, also in the Parish Hall. Please note that this event is on the **3rd Wednesday of the month**. In the future, although the program will remain on a Wednesday, we will be moving around in the month to accommodate for the church's sometimes crowded schedule.

I would also like to thank those contributing to our outreach program. We are getting lots of great ideas which we are working to make reality, including several children's and youth programs. Focusing on the younger generations is vital to the success of our church community. Please watch your calendars and bulletins for more info. If you would like to participate in our efforts, let me know. The next **Outreach and Evangelism (O&E) meeting** will be **October 21st at 6:30pm in the ministries center**. Everyone is welcome. Come see what we are doing and bring your ideas for the future!

Do you remember that big USDA grant we applied for back in March? Well, the programs which are chosen for funding will be announced late this month! Please, please, please keep Sanctuary Farms and this program in your prayers. If it is God's will that we are funded, we would be able to advance our plans significantly faster

September Readings

6th Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalm 146

James 2:1-10,[11-13], 14-17

Mark 7:24-37

13th Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 116:1-8

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

20th Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22

Psalm 54

James 3:13-4:3,7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

27th Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Psalm 19:7-14

James 5: 13-20

Mark 9:38-50

September Hospitality Guild

St Ruth Team

Team Captain: Trudy Bourgeois

Ann Lewis, Debbie Yates, Kimbel Burt, Sandra Lyon,
Joy Miller, Stephanie Palmisano

First Fridays

September 4th, at the home of Sal & Mimi Lucurto

October 2nd, Fr. Steve in the Parish Hall

Consider signing up to host a First Friday. It's a wonderful opportunity to share time with your church family and have lots of fun too!

Call the office to reserve your month today!

504-394-2408



From the Parish Register...

Rite of Christian Burial:

Raleigh Williams, Jr. 8/31

End of Life Planning

End of life planning is not something most of us want to deal with, but making wishes known for you and those you love is important and can relieve much stress when our earthly life ends. Information on end of life advanced planning and the things we all need to know when someone in our family dies is now available. Please contact Fr. Steve to make an appointment to receive this information and to make certain your wishes are known.

July Financial Statement

Income:	\$13,946.00
Expenses:	-\$15,823.00
YTD Projected Net Income:	-\$17,254.00
YTD Actual:	-\$12,803.00

which would allow us to get on with the business of helping others in our community.

And, speaking of helping others, just today I had an exciting meeting with a leader from the largest food bank in the area about partnering with us to work together in our community. More info on that to come very soon!

Stay well!

Lots of love, Mimi

The Vestry and Vestry Notes

1. The required diocesan asking for 2016 was approved in the amount of 19,694.00.
2. Notification will be given as soon as possible to Konica Minolta that we will not be renewing our contract for the leasing of our copier. This will save the parish several hundred dollars a month.
3. We are going to begin to advertise that our parish hall is available for rental. The fee will be 300.00 for four hours and 50.00 for every hour after. There will be a deposit for cleaning.
4. Stewardship will begin in late September.
5. The rector gave a report on new initiatives for youth ministries.
6. Fr. Steve notified the vestry that the bishop has named him as the chair of the diocesan ecumenical commission and ecumenical officer for the diocese.
7. The second annual indoor picnic for Labor Day will be after the 10:30 service on September 6th. Gordon and Noretta Stackel will be providing the food.

Altar Guild for September

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

Serving Our Worship in September

8:00AM Eucharist

Lectors

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



Lay Eucharistic Ministers

- 6th** Frances Webb
13th Mark Bullard
20th Norma Gatlin
27th Allen Hero

Serving Our Worship in September

10:30 AM Eucharist

Lectors

- 6th** Alicia Schwarzenbach
13th Tiffany Stinson
20th Martin Lowe
27th Susan Smith

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

- 6th** Don Schwarzenbach
13th Brett Heintz
20th Pat Blackman
27th Rob Zrabkowski

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!



September Acolytes

- 6th** Jamie Camardelle
13th Douglas Stinson
20th Sarah Hargrave
27th Sophia Lucurto

September Ushers

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



Please donate to the food bank!

Bring in just one item of non-perishable goods when even 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 feed the less fortunate in our community.