

St. Philip's Newsletter

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

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Upcoming Service and Clergy Schedule



Sunday, 12/4 : The Rev. Chris Hamby
Sunday, 12/11: The Rev. Jan Cottrell
Sunday, 12/18: The Rev. Bruce Boss
Saturday, 12/24: The Rev. Bruce Boss
Sunday, 12/25: No Service
Sunday, 1/1: The Rev. Bruce Boss
Sundays, 1/8, 15, 22, 29: Bishop Larry Maze

Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 24

Music begins at 4:45 p.m.

Service with Holy Eucharist at 5 p.m.



YOUTH Christmas Presentation

Sunday, December 11th after church in Parish Hall

Refreshments provided:

Christmas cookies, hot cocoa and apple cider

United Thank Offering Ingathering

The UTO Ingathering will take place this Sunday, December 4.

This will be a special day when we celebrate our many blessing that we acknowledged the past few weeks with thanksgiving to God and making an offering for each blessing in the UTO blue box.

Please bring your blue box or a check (made out to St. Philip's and UTO on the memo line) to place in the offering plate during our worship service. If you are unable to attend this Sunday's worship service you can bring your offering next time you are able or send to the church office.



Advent Calendars

We have the **Slow Down. Quiet. It's Advent** calendars available again this year. These calendar posters suggest ways to mark each day in Advent and help you focus on the true meaning of Advent. You may pick one up at church or call the church office and request one be sent to you.

Prepare the way for the Lord; clear a straight path for him. Isaiah 40:3

St. Philip's Cookbook

Give the gift of a St. Philip's Cookbook this Christmas.

These cookbooks are a treasure trove of great recipes and available for the low price of \$10.

You may purchase the cookbooks at church or in the Parish Office.





Coffee Time after Church- 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month

This is a great time to catch up with each other!

You may Sign-up in church or contact the church office to bring snacks to go along with coffee. Thanks to all who have helped with Coffee time!

**Come and join St. Philip's YOUTH
1st-3rd Sundays during church**

**Special Christmas Presentation with
Refreshments in the Parish Hall
December 11th, after church**



ECW (Episcopal Church Women) Morning Prayer— 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall

Upcoming dates are Tuesdays, December 6 & 20 at 10:30 a.m.

All women are invited to attend and bring a friend as together we participate in the liturgy of the Morning Prayer Service and fellowship. It is a wonderful way to start your day.



Daughters of the King- DOK is now meeting on the first Sunday of the month after church. Please contact Vicki if you have prayer requests or updates.



To all the wonderful people of St. Philip's Harrodsburg:

During my recent lengthy stay at U of L Health Hospital in Louisville following a complex surgery for bladder cancer, I received an abundance of support and prayers from y'all. On a Sunday afternoon Fr. Steve came to visit and brought a shopping bag full of get well cards from young and old. Reading through them brought laughter and tears. Each signature gave me the opportunity to visually place each of you in "your respect pews!" And the hand drawn cards from so many young folks - let's just say when I was discharged a few days later, I left a trail of glitter around my room! They say that good things come in small packages. The folks at St. Philip's are living proof of that adage. Thank you from the bottom of my heart to each and everyone of you for your prayers, your love and your support, your cards. You've made this journey of mine, that much easier!

*Blessings one and all,
George Abbott-Maze*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December Birthdays

- Mallory Roach- 12/15
- Dalila Wince-12/22
- Greta Chamberlain-12/29
- Leonard Mackey-12/29
- Bella Joseph-12/30

January Birthdays

- Cawood Carey-1/7
- Karen Evans-1/7
- Diana Hayslett-1/27

February Birthdays

- Kenn Klun-2/2
- Jamie Wince-2/4
- Joshua Stine-2/6
- Mary Stine-2/6
- Roman Stine-2/20
- Pat Perkins-2/22
- Pam Moblely-2/23

Please contact the church office with prayer requests and address & birthdates updates & corrections!

They Shall Call Him Emmanuel

By Richard Shelby

The Psalms often speak of God's love and concern for people. In one place a psalmist says:

Why should the wicked revile God?
 why should they say in their heart, "You do not care"?
 Surely, you behold trouble and misery;
 you see it and take it into your own hand. (Psalms 10:13-14, *BCP*)

The writer affirms that God not only sees what happens to us but that God gathers our woes into his hand and pulls them close to him. God wants to be involved in our trials and travails; God is moved by events in our lives because God cares. It is God's nature to love and this love blossoms into compassion. Our trouble and misery aren't forced into God's hand; God chooses to reach out and take them.



Throughout the Old Testament we read of God acting to be closer to people and to bring people closer to God. In the law (Torah), the prophets, and other writings we are told of God's work to bring us closer. The building of the temple in Jerusalem is one of the high points of this story. David planned, and Solomon built, a house for God's presence in Israel. God, who cannot be contained in any building, accepts the temple as a place for God's presence. (1 Kings 8,9). The temple is God in Israel's midst; it is a place for God's eyes and heart (1 Kings 9:3).

Despite God's presence in the temple, and God's words through prophets, the people moved away from God. We read the results of disobedience in 2 Kings and other books. One result of the disobedience is that the temple was destroyed. But the destruction of the temple and the punishments for disobedience did not negate God's care and concern. God still desired to be close to the people and for the people to be close to God. God's desire did not abate.

The best way the psalmist had to tell us of God's caring is by saying that our trouble and misery are taken into God's own hand. God watches from the heavens and reaches out to us. Later writers of scripture have a newer, and more sublime, way of speaking of God's love and concern for us: "The Word became flesh and lived among us." (John 1:14, *NRSV*) *In that short phrase John the evangelist revises the psalmist's statement. God had reached out a hand (repeatedly); God had accepted the temple as a place for God's eyes and hearts; God had spoken through prophets; what more shall God do to be close to us? God shall come and live among us. The way to be closer to us was to become one of us, so the Word, which was in the beginning, and was with God, and was God, came to live with us as one of us. (John 1:1)*

This is how God came closer to us: God the Son became flesh and lived a human life. Jesus was born, grew up, loved, laughed, cried, made friends, had his heart broken, grieved, suffered, and died. This was a human life lived by the Son of God, the Word made flesh. These human experiences, the trials, the thrills, the joys, and the pains, were not just put into God's hand. They went into Jesus' heart – God's heart. In the New Testament we learn that God, not being content to take our misery into his hand, instead took it into his heart. The heart of Jesus, the heart of a man, is also entry into the heart of God.

God wants to be close to us, and wants us to be close to him. There was a gulf between God and us. We could not bridge the gulf so God bridged it for us. Why would God do this? There is nothing we can add to God, the eternal, omnipotent, omniscient creator and sustainer of the universe. Let's face it – God does not require us. The Word became flesh not because God needed the experience and not from curiosity about human life but because God loves us.

God shared in our life so that we may share in God's life. This is the meaning of the incarnation: God is love, and that love covers all of creation, including, perhaps especially, us humans. The mystery of the incarnation is the mystery of God loving us and longing to be ever closer to us, and wanting us to be closer to God. This is what we celebrate in the Nativity.

Merry Christmas!



Oktoberfest: Fr. Steve Blessing of the Beer: September 30th



Blessing of the Animals with Harrodsburg Presbyterian Church



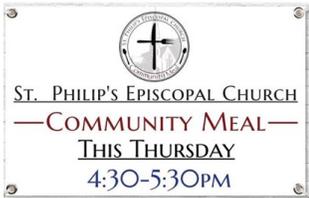
Bishop Mark Visit/Confirmation of Troy Lay



"Rest with God" on the new bench in the garden



Farewell luncheon for Fr. Steve Hines



St. Philip's Community Meal Ministry
Thanks to everyone who helps at and contributes to the Community meal! At the last meal / frozen food giveaway on November 17, we distributed 174 + and 65 bags of food! Thanks to all who helped prepare, package and give out the food.

The next Community Meal is Thursday, December 15 at 4:30 p.m. We are still collecting non-perishable food for the December Meal! A collection box is in the back of the church. The items given in November were a great addition to the food boxes given out. We welcome anyone who would like to help on the Wednesday before or on the day of the Meal...*or come by and grab a meal!* Contact Katie for more information.

The Community Meal continues to be a ministry of love and more!



Special Advent Offering Collection

During December, the loose offerings are going again this year to do something special for the children at Sunrise Services Woodlawn campus in Danville. The Woodlawn campus is a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility and provides around-the-clock services to boys ages 6 -18 with severe emotional and behavioral problems.

Since the boys never get restaurant food, last year we provided a meal from LaFondas. This year we plan furnish a meal from a Mexican, pizza, or chicken restaurant for 45 people which includes the kids and house parents.

If you would like to donate to this Christmas dinner, please place your cash or check (with Christmas meal written on the memo line) in the offering plate on Sundays during Advent or drop off or mail to the church office.

Finance and Stewardship Committee Update

As of December 1, we have received 19 pledges totaling \$ 70,755. *If you haven't turned in your Time/Talent and pledge card for 2023, you are encouraged to do so as soon as you are able.* We estimate non-pledge giving, miscellaneous and Kroger card income to add approximately \$20,600 for a total budgeted income \$ 91,355. Also, the capital and interior repair campaigns continue which provides funds needed for maintenance and building related improvements. *Thank you for your continued financial support of St. Philip's during and 2022.*

REMINDER: *Donations need to be in the church office by 12/31 to be listed on your 2022 Contribution statement for tax purposes. Thanks!*

St. Philip's Episcopal Church Estimated 2023 Budget

Pastoral Care, Leadership in Parish:

Worship Services with Eucharist, Pastoral visits and care, Spiritual formation
 (Part-time priest &/or supply priest salaries and travel reimbursement) \$ 29,600

Worship Services:

Worship space and experience
 (Church building utilities & insurance, grounds, music, video, worship & altar supplies, child care) \$ 33,000

Fellowship, Youth and Outreach:

Space & utilities for gathering and teaching & for serving the Community Meal ministry
 (Youth leader salary, Parish Hall & CER Youth building utilities & insurance, Fellowship, Convention) \$ 26,905

Ministries, Education, & Support:

Parish administration, Miscellaneous expenses & Other support
 (Office staff salaries, Office supplies, Diocesan investment, Website.) \$ 31,611

Total: \$ 121,116

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Vestry Members

Vicki Mackey, Senior Warden
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Katie Lay
Melanie Yankey
David Taylor
Jamie Wince, Clerk

**If you have a need or prayer request,
please contact the church office or a
vestry member.**

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Altar Flower Sign-ups



If you would like to donate flowers for the altar in memory or in honor of someone, please contact the church office or sign up on the calendar on the wall in the back of the church. Flowers are \$50.