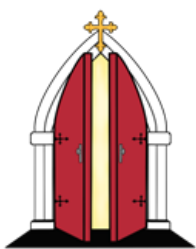


St. Philip's Newsletter



St. Philip's Episcopal Church

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Sunday worship at 10 a.m.



Priest Update and Schedule

On Sunday, January 7, Fr. Jim Winborn shared with the congregation that he has metastatic prostate cancer and he needs to focus on his treatment so that was his last Sunday at St. Philip's for now. He said he will be back when he is well. We are very saddened by the news and will miss Fr. Jim but are thankful he remains in good spirits and for his time with us. Please keep Fr. Jim in your prayers!

Below is our priest schedule going forward. We welcome back two familiar and much-loved priests - Fr. Bruce Boss and Fr. Steve Hines.

DATE	PRIEST
1/28	Fr. Bruce Boss
2/4	Fr. Bruce Boss
2/11	Morning Prayer
2/14 Ash Wednesday	Fr. Bruce Boss
2/18	Canon Amy Chambers Cortright
2/25	Fr. Bruce Boss
3/24 Palm Sunday	Mtr. Anne Fore
March - September	Fr. Steve Hines

Sunday, January 28, February 11 & 25, after church: **Coffee Time**

Saturday, February 3, 10:30 a.m.: **Worship Committee meeting in Parish Hall**

Tuesday, February 6 & 20. 10:30 a.m.: **ECW Morning Prayer in Parish Hall**

Thursday, February 22 & March 21, 4:30: **Community Meal**

Tuesday, February 13, 5-6:30 p.m.: **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner in Parish Hall**

Wednesday, February 14, 6:30 p.m.: **Ash Wednesday Service (Fr. Bruce Boss)**

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER



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You will not have to cook dinner on **Tuesday, February 13**-the ECW will do it for you!

Everyone is invited to the Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner in **the Parish Hall ~5-6:30 p.m.**

There will be a lot of decadent toppings and homemade syrups for the pancake bar along with sausage links and even a King Cake. **This is your time to load up on rich food before Lent.**

So let the ECW do the cooking for you and you can sit back and enjoy some wonderful food and fellowship.

Ash Wednesday Service ~ February 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Please join us at St. Philip's for Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes



If Church Service/Event is canceled due to weather this information will be:

emailed churchwide, displayed on our Facebook page and will appear on WKYT -"Closings & delays" (online and on tv).





Coffee Time after Church *February 11 & 25*

This is a great time to have a snack, a cup of coffee and catch up with each other! A sign-up sheet is in the church or contact the church office if you would like to bring snacks to go along with coffee. You may also make a monetary donation.

St. Philip's YOUTH

1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays during church.



YOUTH Christmas presentation

ECW (Episcopal Church Women) Morning Prayer February 6 & 20, March 5 & 19, 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

Join us! Bring a friend!
It is a great time of
prayer and fellowship!

ECW Christmas luncheon at
the Combination



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

Adult Christian Formation during Lent

Please join us in a new formation class on Sundays during Lent that will meet February 25 – March 24 after worship service. The class will use the book *Will You? A Lenten Study of our Baptismal Promises*
This is a five-week Lenten study that offers an invitation to think in new ways about the promises we make to God, to each other, and to ourselves in baptism.

This will be a great way to deepen and support your faith journey.
Please let the office know if you are interested so that we order enough books.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February Birthdays

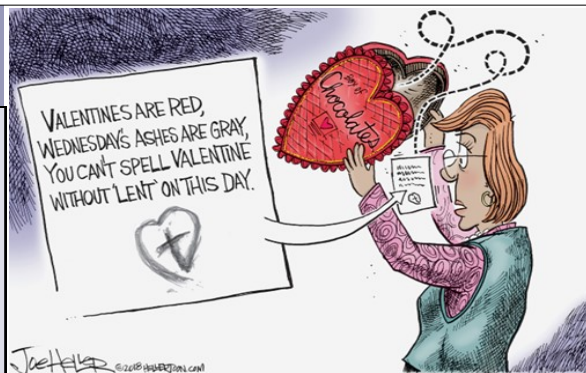
- Kenn Klun-2/2
- Jamie Wince-2/4
- Joshua Stine-2/6
- Mary Stine-2/6
- Roman Stine-2/20
- Pat Perkins-2/22
- Pam Mobley-2/23
- Troy Lay-2/28

March Birthdays

- Woodrow Wilson-3/10
- Elise Christian-3/13
- Marie Rice-3/15
- Hannah Ayala-3/20
- Anne Donnally-3/20
- Darrell Ward-3/20
- Vicky Thurman-3/26
- Daniel Lay-3/29

April Birthdays

- Kathy Dedman-4/5
- Sallie Jo Ball-4/14
- Jack Hankla-4/14
- Fr. Bruce Boss-4/19
- Jim Tanner-4/23
- Susanna Thomas-4/30



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

St. Philip's Community Meal Ministry

The next Community Meal dates are Thursdays, February 22 and March 21 at 4:30 p.m.

You are invited to help on the Wednesday before or on the day of the Meal...or come by and grab a meal! You will be blessed. Contact Katie for more information.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Advent offering! We provided 40 take home meals of canned ham and sides to easily prepare later for our Community Meal guests.

Many thanks to all the volunteers and especially the YOUTH who helped prepare the take home meals!



Evangelism: Transforming People's Lives and St. Philip's



Invite • Welcome • Connect

Evangelism! I admit I used to find the word scary and upon hearing the word I would have visions of standing on a street corner holding a sign to repent or go to hell. But after researching evangelism, I do not feel that way anymore. In fact, I find evangelism to be an interesting and exciting topic. We are called to evangelize in our Baptismal Covenant where we are asked, "Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?" (BCP p. 305) There are multiple times in the Bible we are called to share the Good News: "Jesus told him, go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." (Mark 5:19) **Will you answer the call?**

Evangelizing is important and challenging work for Christians. **The wonderful part of evangelism is not only will you help transform people's lives but you can help grow St. Philip's too.** If you would like to be part of this rewarding work, we are forming an Evangelism committee. The committee will develop and implement strategies and ideas for St. Philip's from the book. *Invite, Welcome, and Connect* along with other resources.

Please discern if you are willing to answer the call to use your God-given gifts to help with this exciting work, let Jamie Wince (jwince85@gmail.com) know by February 5. No previous experience is needed. *I promise you will not be put on a street corner with a repent sign.* 😊

Thanks to everyone who helped clean and decorate the church to make it beautiful for Christmas.

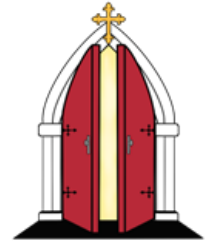


Mission and Vision Statements

Last year we started the process of writing new mission and vision statements for St. Philip's. Some of you completed a survey and we used your responses to help write the statements. The mission statement describes the identity of St. Philip's – who we are and why we exist. The vision statement describes the impact we pray our mission will have on our congregation and community. It is what we are hoping to achieve. These statements will help guide our decisions and our planning, as well as, give meaning and purpose to our common life at St. Philip's.

St. Philip's Mission Statement:

***We worship and serve the Lord.
We seek to spread the love of God.***



St. Philip's Vision Statement:

***The heart of St. Philip's is love, compassion, hope, and welcome.
By using our God-given gifts, we nurture each other and reach out
to feed our community – spiritually and physically.***

St. Philip's Vestry Retreat Highlights -January 13

The Vestry met for their beginning of the year retreat at 10:30 in the Parish Hall Saturday, January 13. It was opened with worship from the [Daily Prayer for All Seasons - Wisdom.](#)



The purpose of the meeting was:

- Orientation for our two new members and first of the year business
- Review of the assigned Areas of Oversight for the Vestry members. These are listed in the front cover of the St. Philip's directory.
- Melanie gave a report on Safe Church training and who should complete or renew their certificate as required by the Diocese.
- Anne explained the monthly financial reports and the 2024 budget.
- The Sr. Warden shared the priest schedule for this year so far.

Strategic thinking and writing goals for the next six months to a year

- Members discussed St. Philip's' strengths and weaknesses.
- We made a list of what needed our attention and focus and used those items to list some goals for St. Philip's.
- Those goals include: to be more deliberate about evangelism, offer adult formation, inquirer's class, and youth activities.
- Finally, we came up with some strategies to reach the goals.

After lunch we briefly discussed an overview of the book [SIGNS OF LIFE Nurturing Spiritual Growth In Your Church](#) and how we could use the strategies to grow our church's love of God and neighbor. We will continue this study and developing strategies during our regular monthly Vestry meetings.

The retreat ended with worship from [Daily Prayer for All Seasons - Love.](#)

Our next Vestry meeting will be February 18 following Sunday worship. All are welcome to attend.

Bulletin Prayer Requests, Annual Reports, 2024 Budget & church directories

Prayer request cards, 2023 Annual Reports with the 2024 budget AND updated Church directories are available in the church. Please contact the church office if corrections needed for directory OR if you would like a copy of any emailed to you,



Prayer, Practically Speaking by Richard Shelby

Prayer is a common topic in Christian study groups and classes. It's also a common topic for books; Amazon lists more than 60,000 books on prayer. It's good that we spend time thinking about prayer, and even better when we spend time praying. **Prayer is vital for the Christian life.** If you are not praying daily then you shouldn't expect to mature in the Christian faith. *The most common questions people seem to have about prayer is how to pray and how to pray effectively.* To deal with the questions, we first need to think about what prayer is.

Prayer occurs when we turn our hearts and minds to God. That's all we must do in order to pray. If one's heart and mind is fixed on God, then whatever one does, one is praying. Usually we say words during prayer, but this isn't necessary. Sometimes we think of God and are filled with thanksgiving and gratitude. Words don't seem necessary in this situation, and they aren't. This is prayer, and it is very good prayer. There are other times when we are so heartbroken that we think of God but we're unable to put into words the anguish in our hearts. This also is prayer. These prayers without words are very effective prayers; they are perhaps the purest prayers we make. Words are not a necessary part of prayer. What is essential in prayer is the focusing of our attention and desire toward God. Paul speaks of prayer without words: "*Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God*" (Romans 8:26,27).

If words are not necessary for prayer then we shouldn't worry much about what words we use when we do pray with words. Our words in prayer sometimes flow automatically from the concerns of our hearts. Sometimes words don't come easy during prayer. There are resources available to help us find words for our prayers. One of our best resources is the *Book of Common Prayer*. *The BCP has prayers for many occasions, and if you want to improve your prayer life, you should become familiar with the contents of the BCP. Most of the prayers are fairly short, but there are also long litanies. The BCP has general prayers, and prayers for specific events or concerns. I'm quite sure that if you have a concern, then you can find a prayer in the BCP which addresses that concern.*

If you want to work on your prayer life but you're not sure how to start, try this method. Get a piece of paper (or open a note app on your phone or tablet). **List your needs and desires – the things you would like to see happen.** Be sure to include the concerns of others: Susan is sick, Joe is having financial problems, Alice is mourning the passing of a loved one. Make your list. It doesn't have to be extensive, and you don't have to pray for everything and everybody; list the things that are weighing on you the most.

Next, write down things for which you are thankful. What good things have happened? What things raise your spirits on this day? What gifts have you received? And, especially, have you witnessed an answer to a prayer petition? Giving thanks in prayer is at least as important as making requests.

Third, write down your sins and failures. Ouch! This is hard. The fact is, we are all sinners, and we all sin (1 John 1:8,9). You probably didn't murder anyone today, but did you speak angry words to someone, perhaps in a social media post? Jesus warns that anger and insults are the path to murder and are sin (Matthew 5:21,22). We must consider the "little" things in our daily life which were wrong. Little sins are still sins. We must examine our behavior critically and objectively to discern where we have failed to express God's love for others and ourselves. God will forgive our sins, but we need to confess them and ask for help in avoiding sin.

Now we are ready to pray. Grab your BCP and look at the prayers for all occasions starting on page 810. Select the prayers which match items on your list – but don't use them yet!

Okay, we're ready to start the act of prayer. Begin by relaxing and taking a few deep breaths. **Lift your heart and mind to God.** It is best to begin praying with a confession of sin. That's why the BCP rites for Morning and Evening Prayer begin with a confession. We start by "clearing the air" and confessing. *I suggest you use the prayer of confession from the Offices (BCP pp.41,62,79,116).* Don't rush through the confession. In addition to admitting our sins, we need to consider how to avoid repeating these missteps in the future.

The next phase of your prayer will be thanksgiving. The BCP daily offices have a nice prayer of general thanksgiving (BCP pp.58,71,101,125) which you can use in conjunction with telling your specific thanksgivings. Say "thank you" to God for the gifts and help you have received.

Finally we come to the phase which people often think of as the essential part of prayer – petitions and intercessions. These are important but they are only one part of prayer. The purpose of prayer is not to give God a "to do list" but rather to spend time in conversation. Telling our needs and desires is part of the conversation, but it is only one part. Easing into our petitions by first confessing and giving thanks helps to ground our petitions in God's love, and in our love for God. Praying for the needs of others assists us in growing in the love of God and of each other. Of course, it isn't necessary to use *BCP prayers, or printed prayers from any source. However, reading these prayers can help you find words to express your thoughts.*

Well, that's my advice for a practical way to start or jumpstart a prayer life. It's fairly simple but it works. **My advice for the next step is to use the rites for Morning and Evening Prayer in the BCP.** These rites are the outgrowth of centuries of Christian experience in prayer. The form is rooted in the practice of people who took prayer seriously, and viewed regular (and thoughtful) prayer as a necessary component of the Christian life.

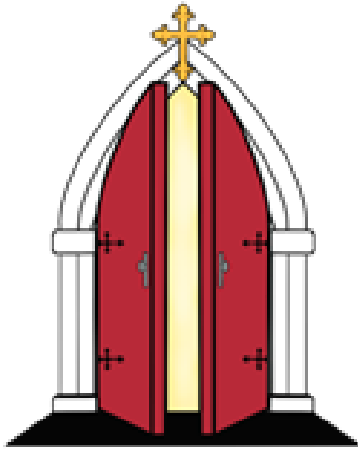


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Come Worship with us!

Sundays, 10 a.m.

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

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.