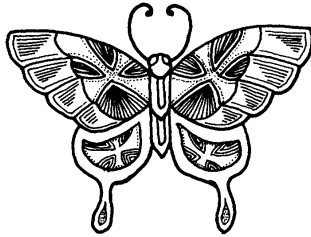


The Messenger

St. Philip's Episcopal Church
Laurel, MD
April 2008



Dear friends in Christ,

At our February Vestry meeting, we realized that we had not brought the parish up to date about our January Mutual Ministry Review. I offered to relay the highlights of this MMR to parishioners, as we all believe it is important to continue to keep communication lines open with everyone.

On January 20th, Canon Mary Sulerud, from the diocesan office, attended our 10:15 service, then led the Rector and Vestry in what we called a “Mini” Mutual Ministry Review. It is unusual to do an MMR within the first six months of a rector’s joining a community of faith; however, we decided to do this because we knew that, at our Annual Parish Meeting, the Vestry members who have been very involved in the challenges and transition of the past several years would rotate off Vestry.

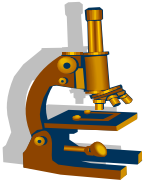
Canon Sulerud asked each person to review the St. Philip’s Parish Profile that had been produced by the Search Committee. She wanted us to consider what has remained the same, and what has changed since this profile was written, then come up with some general ideas about how to move forward this year together.

What has remained the same: Mission; future; leadership stayed in place; core stuck it out faithfully; need more involvement from congregation, especially as leaders; collegiality of Vestry; skittishness persists; we still bring people into pews, but don’t always keep them; transition in leadership is awkward; no more lone rangers.

What has changed: increasing diversity in congregation; energy is increasing, especially vis-à-vis outreach; optimism; budget improved (ended in black, able fully to fund 2008 ministry requests); Greeter/Sponsor system now dormant; office challenges; increased energy for stewardship.

Some highlights since Parish Profile was written: the fire truck arriving at the Celebration of New Ministry; Sheila’s arrival and her laughter; preaching reaches everyone, incl. kids; music is better; staff relationships better; good prospects for stability with acceptance of new rector; clear that Sheila is here for the long haul; not as much longing for what St. Philip’s used to be; clarity about search; good interim—keeping it real here; faithfulness of adult education participants; diocese responsive to our needs; diversity of congregation; Contemplative Prayer service during Advent; growing depth of relationships; overall honesty and humor; e-mails that communicate; openness of rector; freedom to work with liturgy, bulletins, etc.; pastor as evangelist; strong financial leadership; rector doesn’t over-do; honesty about debt.

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Focus on Philippians

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL:

Phyllis and Norman Iglehart, having been married at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary on March 24, 2008. WOW!!

Phil and Cynthia Chase have been very busy lately helping their daughter after the birth of her son. **Nathaniel Chase Fowler** was born on March 10th to **Tom and Rebecca Fowler**. Tom, a musician, and his family make their home in College Park.

Hayden Elizabeth Toole was born on March 4th to **Shannon and Jennifer Toole**. She attended church for the first time on Easter Sunday morning, and the whole family came up front so that we could do some blessing prayers for the new baby and the family.

Betsy Welsh shares with us: **The Welsh Clan Has Busy March!** For the first two weeks, we celebrated **Elizabeth's** 90th birthday. On March 1, her children gave a party for close to 90 friends and relatives. Elizabeth's actual birthday was March 12. That same week, son **Ivan Spence** opened his OWN bar, the SinBin, on First Avenue near 59th St., in Manhattan. To top it off, Betsy's first grandchild, **Josephine Eugene Spence** was born on March 18. Josie's proud parents are **Ivan** and his fiancée, **Andrianna Carmetrapoula**. Betsy celebrated Easter with her NYC family. A highlight of the day was hearing Josie's granda **Allen Whitehead's** solo at St. Mark's in the Bowery Episcopal Church. Those who remember Allen will be happy to know of this step in his recovery from a debilitating stroke.



Newlyweds Phyllis and Norman Iglehart at St. Philip's

LARS Silent Auction and Dinner Fundraiser

Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services, Inc. will be hosting their third annual silent auction and dinner fundraiser on Saturday, April 26th from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. at the American Legion, Post 60, in Laurel. Catering will be provided by Casey's Crab Co. Tickets are \$35 in advance, or \$40 at the door. Live entertainment and a cash bar will be provided. For more information on how you can purchase tickets or donate an item for the auction, call LARS at 301-776-0442, or visit the LARS website: www.laureladvocacy.org.

—Nancy Graham
Executive Director, LARS

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Labyrinth Walk to Follow April 19th Men's Breakfast

Attendees at the monthly men's breakfast on April 19th will have an opportunity to experience walking a labyrinth. After our 9:00 a.m. breakfast in Wyatt Hall, participants will head up to Marriottsville to use the labyrinth at the Bon Secours Spiritual Center, a peaceful hilltop site providing an ideal setting. If you have not been to a men's breakfast before, this is a good occasion to sample the food, the fellowship, and the program.

—Chuck Steinecke



The Labyrinth at Bon Secours

Spring Grounds Work Day

It's time to continue the work we started last fall in improving the grounds around St. Philip's. This time, we will tackle some tree pruning and will work on renovating the bed between the McKee Room entrance and the front door. We'll be getting together on Saturday, April 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you can help for even a small portion



of this time, contact Scott Aker at 301-446-0151 or at gardenaker@verizon.net to sign up, or simply sign up in Wyatt Hall.

—Scott Aker

BINGO!

Please mark your calendars NOW for an exciting afternoon of Bingo! Bring your family, friends, and neighbors.



When? Sunday, April 27th at 2:00 p.m.

Where? Wyatt Hall

**Bingo, Specials, Door, & Raffle.
Amazing prizes!**

Bingo and Raffle tickets will be available nearer the time.

**Funds raised will benefit the St Philip's
Playground and Equipment.**

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Any questions please just call one of us!

Bingo Committee:
Deb Fitzer, Eileen Collins,
Kama Hamilton, Linda Stapf

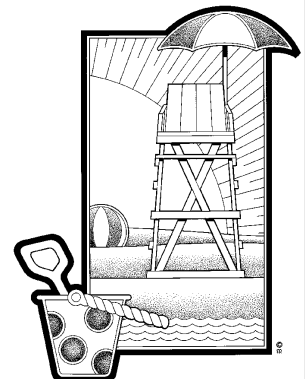
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Teas Are in Full Swing at Montpelier

If you love the ritual of taking tea, Montpelier now offers more choices. The Little Teapot Gift Shop at Montpelier now offers a Cream Tea (freshly baked scones with cream and jam, and a pot of tea) to customers on a drop-in basis, Tuesday through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. You will be able to select from 100 different varieties of loose leaf teas with English standards such as English Breakfast and Darjeeling to more exotic tastes like Dragon Jasmine Pearls, fruity herbals such as Blood Orange and Peach Paradise. You can also shop the delightful line of specialized tea



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accoutrements and unique china, stationery, and specialty chocolates and biscuits. Don't forget the nice array of Montpelier

Mansion memorabilia such as throws, collectible Mosser cup plates, T-shirts, history books, and post cards, which won a design award for the Prince George's Parks and Recreation Department's Graphics staff. Several of these items are currently on sale. The funds from the gift shop help to support educational programming. For more details, please call 410-498-8486.

For the upcoming spring season, our new Tea Hostess, Ann Thomas, will be serving full three-course teas in the East Wing of the Mansion on select Fridays and Saturdays by reservation. A full tea consists of savories (appetizers and tea sandwiches), scones made fresh daily with whipped cream and jam, and an assortment of beautiful desserts, featuring a selection of loose leaf English teas. For upcoming dates and to make reservations, please go to www.littletearoom.com, where you will also find fun tips and tea inspiration. You may also call 240-386-9424.

—Mary Jurkiewicz
Museum Manager,
Montpelier Mansion

Child Care Sign-Up and Building Security

In conjunction with our Diocesan-mandated child care security practices, St. Philip's *must have* at least *two adults* in the Nursery at all times. Marcella Dunivin has been in charge of our Nursery for several years now, and the Vestry has advertised for the paid assistant's position for over a year with no success in filling the position.

We will continue to attempt to fill the position, but, meanwhile, we have instituted a new policy of parents' rotating into the Nursery each Sunday. Initially, we are asking that all parents sign up on a voluntary basis—there will be a sign-up sheet placed in the Nursery immediately for this purpose.

Eventually, we envision changing this to a regular rotating schedule, much like acolytes, ushers, readers, and tellers.

Additionally, there have been some concerns about building security in Wyatt Hall, especially during the scheduled Nursery time of 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Effective immediately, the front and back doors of Wyatt Hall will be locked at 10:00 a.m. by one of the ushers. The west side door—the one closest to the sanctuary—will be the *only* door that remains unlocked for access by parishioners during the 10:15 a.m. service.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in helping to protect one of our greatest assets—our children.

—Douglas Hayes
Senior Warden

Episcopal Senior Ministries

The Episcopal Senior Ministries in the Diocese will be celebrating the volunteer contributions of seniors in the Diocese to their parishes as well as the larger community at two Senior Celebrations to be held in May 2008. The first service will be held on May 13, 2008, at St. Paul's Church, Piney Parish, in Waldorf, MD. The second service will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2008, at St. Paul's Church Center, Rock Creek Parish, Washington, DC. Both services will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Parishes have been asked to provide the names of their senior volunteers who will receive invitations to attend one of the services. St. Philip's has sent a list of over 50 senior volunteers compiled from names submitted by the various parish ministries. We have much to celebrate at St. Philip's because our seniors are involved in various and multiple ministries in the parish and in the Laurel community.

For more information about the Senior Celebrations, you may call me at 301-490-2844, or Marci Hunter, ESM Coordinator of Volunteers at 202-414-6314.

—Arleen Leis

Diversity/Heritage Dinner

Over 60 parishioners, young and old, new parishioners as well as "old-timers" enjoyed a wonderful variety of foods and talents at the Diversity/Heritage Dinner sponsored by the Absalom Jones Memorial Window and Scholarship Fund Committee, the Vestry and the Stewardship Committee on Feb. 24th.

Parishioners feasted on foods ranging from Caribbean, Indian, and African curries to Irish Chicken Stew and French Coq Au Vin to sushi (Japanese), Colcannon (Scottish), and many other diverse and tasty foods! St. Philip's has a wealth of good cooks!

Besides the sharing of food and fellowship, we also had a wonderful sharing of diverse talents such as Renee Williams and her daughter portraying a ventriloquist and her "dummy"; Winston Smith playing three Caribbean pieces on the piano; Tony Cain's "Danny Boy" done *a cappella*; Miguel Colindres dancing; and John Dusterwald demonstrating kung fu forms. There were many other wonderful talents shared by parish youngsters and adults. We have a diverse parish with diverse gifts and talents!

—Arleen Leis

Main Street Festival Book Sale

Save your books, tapes, videos, and DVD's for the sale on Saturday, May 10. More information will be in Sunday Bulletins.

See the article about Main Street Festival on page 12.

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Thanks from Phyllis Iglehart

There is hardly enough descriptive words for me to sincerely thank all of you for the prayers, cards and phone calls that I received while I was enduring such pain from a fall I had in attempt to getting ready to come to church on January 20. My special thanks to Sheila for coming to my home to give me communion prior to the beginning of Lent. I don't think I have prayed for relief so emphatically as I have done for a month and a half with still a ways to go!! GOD IS GOOD!!

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The challenges facing St. Philip's:

Some people don't like liturgy ("She isn't what I like. . ."); "I like. . ."; need for consistent leadership in office; Christmas Day service (in all sorts of ways); new member ministry needs energizing (resurrecting?); succession planning in key leadership positions is lacking; money issues (theological/spiritual root in relationship with God is missing); space is junky/cluttered; connection with larger community and increase in visibility; need to know new call of vestry with a rector; property (roof/water/unfinished space); condition of cemetery; lingering depression and anger; grounds in general; inward-looking; website; communication (all services).

After conversation about all of this, the results were . . . **the Vestry's goals for the next year:**

1. Newcomer Ministry
2. Leadership building, development, sustainability and succession.
3. Parish Administration

Now these are general areas, and so our goals will be developed in greater detail at our Vestry Retreat in April.

So . . . the building of the Kingdom of God goes on in this St. Philip's community of faith. As I continue to live, work, and worship with you all, I am more and more convinced that God has given us to each other as priest and people. Will things be perfect? No, they will not. We will agree about some things and disagree about others. But then, we're a family of sorts, and all of us know that families always have their challenges.

The important thing is that we continue to be faithful in breaking bread and praying together, and that we communicate with each other in healthy ways. And most important of all, we must remember that this particular family is one of faith. Neither you nor I are the center. Jesus Christ is the center, the foundation. The beginning, the end. May the risen Christ bless our work together.

With Easter blessings,
Sheila+

Vestry Meeting Highlights February 2008

Open Forum. There were no parishioners present for the Open Forum time.

Adoption of Minutes. The January 15, 2008 Vestry meeting minutes were adopted, as submitted.

Agenda/Consent Items. The February 2008 Vestry meeting agenda was adopted, as amended [including "Banking" as a New Business Item]; there were no Consent Agenda items.

Treasurer's Report. Amie Littmann, Treasurer, submitted a report reflecting financial reports through January 31, 2008.

She explained the report for the benefit of the new Vestry members, showing how the report breaks out information, by funds [Operating (General and Building Funds) and Designated], and includes a budget overview for 2008, profit/loss statements and profit/loss budget v. actuals. To date, the Operating Fund reflects a small loss of \$294 which is not unusual since expenses are generally higher in January.

Pledge Report. Doug Hayes, Pledge Treasurer, reported that as of January 31, 2008, we are approximately \$4,100 ahead of pledged giving for the month: Approximately 80% of pledgers met or exceeded their commitment, while 20% of pledgers did not meet their commitment. In

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comparison to 2007, however, our numbers are down. We have 10 less pledging units (117) down 9.2% from 2007, and the number of delinquent pledges has risen (23% delinquent in January 2007; 32% delinquent in 2008).

Finance Committee Report. The Vestry approved the Finance Committee's recommendation of adopting "Safe-Guarding Parish Funds" guidelines. The FC feels the process should be tightened up so as to avoid sloppy accounting and insure accuracy and integrity. As we grow as a parish, it is also good business to have a known and followed process in place. The appointment of a designated person to account for the monies collected at special events and fundraisers is extremely important, and the guidelines provide for this.

OLD BUSINESS:

Designation of Anna Earp Bequest. The Vestry approved the Finance Committee's recommendation that the Anna Earp bequest received in 2007 be designated for Building and Grounds (primarily to replace the two sets of double doors in Wyatt Hall with any residual funds being applied to repair of outdoor lighting for safety purposes/maintenance and repairs). This bequest is not a restricted gift.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Vestry Orientation. Incoming Vestry members were given binders (and CDs) containing relevant documents to review and familiarize themselves with concerning the organization and operations of the parish. The Senior Warden drew attention to the Vestry Covenant and asked that the new members look at the roles and responsibilities of members and the Wardens. Vestry communication, through staffing of

the Vestry Corner at coffee hours, Vestry folders, the Vestry list-serve and email "bomb" were outlined. Preparation before meetings is extremely important: review all the materials in advance of the meeting so that the meeting can be conducted in a timely manner.

Bishop's Visit. Bishop Chane will meet with the Vestry on Monday, June 16, 2008.

Chili Cook-Off Funds. Historically, the funds raised at the chili cook-off are used for St. Philip's annual community Thanksgiving dinner. The great attendance at the chili cook-off this year resulted in more monies being raised than expected and needed for the dinner. The Vestry approved the recommendation that the excess funds be used towards the completion of the playground.

Easter Services. Sheila+ researched attendance records for the past 7 years in making her plans for services during Holy Week. Attendance and times of services have fluctuated over the years. She stressed her strong desire to hold Easter Vigil and we have three young persons who will be baptized this year – in fact, one young man directly asked Sheila+ if he could be baptized at the Easter Vigil. Since attendance records indicate that three "regular" services are required on Easter morning, the Vestry agreed with Sheila+ to omit the sunrise service this year.

Infrastructure. It was agreed that the infrastructure at St. Philip's regarding growth needs to be revitalized. It is imperative to have a strong structure in place to recognize visitors so that they will come back and so that newcomers will be incorporated into parish life and ministries quickly. If we are not proactive about this ministry, we run the

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risk of losing the new folks who come through our doors. The New Member Ministry started by Bob Beasley will be revamped. This will also be a major topic at the Vestry retreat, along with long-range planning.

Sponsorship of Episcopal Senior

Ministries. Several years ago, the Diocese created the Episcopal Senior Ministries which offers programs and services to seniors in the Diocese and each church in the Diocese has a representative. Each year, a luncheon is held to honor seniors who have been involved in various ministries in their

parishes and communities as volunteers. The Vestry approved donating \$100 to ESM for this luncheon.

Banking. Jim Marchbank continues to monitor our accounts with PNC; since Citizen's Bank was bought out by PNC, things have been run differently, and we have had some problems.

Closing Prayer. The meeting ended with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Cain, Clerk of the Vestry

Vestry Meeting Highlights March 2008

Open Forum. There were no parishioners present for the Open Forum time.

Adoption of Minutes. The February 19, 2008 Vestry meeting minutes were adopted, as submitted.

Agenda/Consent Items. The March 2008 Vestry meeting agenda was adopted, as presented, along with one Consent Agenda Item: The Vestry approved that the budgeted amount for the Diocesan pledge for 2008 (\$6,000) be paid in monthly increments.

Bible Study. Sheila+ led a brief Holy Week meditation for our devotional time.

Treasurer's Report. Amie Littmann, Treasurer, submitted a report reflecting financial reports through February 29, 2008. The Operating Fund (General and Building Funds) reflects a slight deficit of \$2,500, which is not unusual (the last four years have reflected a deficit at the beginning of the year). Compared to the budget, we are on track.

Pledge Report. Doug Hayes, Pledge Treasurer, reported that, as of February 29,

2008, we ended the month approximately \$3,200 ahead of pledged giving. February showed the most equal distribution possible across the commitment categories (met 34% / exceeded 33% / delinquent 33%). The fact that the number of pledges is down 10% remains a concern. A 2007/2008 comparison of loose plate (cash) and general contribution (checks) offerings through mid-March reflects an approximate 25% and 18% increase, respectively, in those collections which indicates more people are coming through our doors.

OLD BUSINESS:

Replacement of Pew Racks. Rebuilding the pew racks has been an ongoing project for many years. Frank Lamancusa attended this portion of the meeting in order to give the Vestry a status report on behalf of himself and Stan Hunter. Of the 52 pew racks in the Sanctuary, 24 of them have already been replaced. The very specific, step-by-step process to assemble the racks is time consuming; they are crafted in sets of 8 racks; it is estimated it will take 2-3 months to complete a set. In the interests of stepping up the pace to finish the task, the Vestry will generate a schedule outlining target dates for

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each set of 8 to be completed. It will probably take at least a year, but with deadlines set, the process will be moved along.

Payment for Structural Engineering Work. The Vestry approved the payment of \$10,000 to Silman Associates for the design of structural engineering drawings and oversight of the project (this project has been discussed at prior meetings).

Nursery Issues. Staffing of the nursery and security of Wyatt Hall during church services are extremely important issues. As we have not been able to fill the assistant nursery aide position, the Vestry agreed to require parents to sign up on a rotating basis to staff the nursery until a second permanent nursery assistant is hired. A great deal of discussion was given to the issue of security in Wyatt Hall during services. Presently, the doors to the building are not locked, allowing parishioners and *anyone else* access to the premises. Several unknown individuals not related to the church have been observed entering the building and using the facilities. For the immediate future and until viable alternatives are reached, the front and back doors of Wyatt Hall will be locked at 10 am and will remain locked until the service is over; this information will be communicated to the congregation on Sunday.

NEW BUSINESS:

Absalom Jones Diversity Quilt (Hanging) Policy Regarding Hanging Artwork in Wyatt Hall. The Absalom Jones Committee would like to display the Diversity Quilt that was created by parishioners over the last year. The Committee has thought of several places (next to the Absalom Jones window/across the room/in the classroom) but wanted to check with the Vestry as to what, if any, policy there is for displaying artwork on the premises.

Concern was raised as to whether anything should be displayed in Wyatt Hall since it is rented (those renting might want a clean, uncluttered area); the opposite argument being that Wyatt Hall is also “our” space and should reflect different facets of St. Philip’s. The Vestry agreed to review the request and will discuss it in further detail next month.

New Member Ministry Schedule. A New Member Ministry schedule will be put out tomorrow by Paul Fitzer. This ministry will be discussed in depth at the Vestry retreat next month.

Parochial Report Approval. The Vestry approved the 2007 Report of Episcopal Congregations and Missions According to Canons I.6, I.7 and I.17 (otherwise known as the Parochial Report) that will be filed with the Diocese. The report contains statistical information regarding the Parish (e.g., attendance records, stewardship and financial information). The report is compiled using various sources: historical data passed down from previous reports, the Parish Register, membership database, treasurer's report, financial records, and the Data Information Cards completed last year by parishioners.

Bingo Fundraiser. The Vestry approved (via e-mail vote) the request to hold a Bingo fundraising event on April 27, 2008, from 3-8 pm to raise funds for the playground and equipment, with the stipulation that Elmer Jess be advised so that two Tellers can be assigned to count and deposit the earnings from the event (as per the recently adopted Safeguarding Parish Funds policy).

Closing Prayer. The meeting ended at 9:01 p.m. with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Cain
Clerk of the Vestry

Worship Notes about the Easter Season

Easter—like Christmas—is not just one day. Instead, it is an entire liturgical season. Easter begins with the first Eucharist that celebrates our Lord's Resurrection, and officially ends on the Day of Pentecost—fifty days later.

“The Great Fifty Days,” as this liturgical season is sometimes called, is when all Christians are to reflect on what our baptisms mean. At the Easter Vigil, three young men—ages ten, seven, and one—were baptized at St. Philip's. However, everyone else on that glorious evening reaffirmed our own baptismal vows. And during “the Great Fifty Days,” we wonder together about “the mysteries of faith expressed in sacrament, word, and life lived for others.” (*The New Prayerbook Guide to Christian Education*, 101).

As part of our exploration of what the Christian faith meant to the earliest baptized Christians, our first lesson every Sunday will be from the New Testament book of the Acts of the Apostles. And in the gospels, we are invited to see where the risen Christ appears in the lives of the first Christians—and in ours.

The liturgical color of vestments and altar hangings is white, to symbolize festival and joy. The paschal candle, which we lit for the first time with a new fire at the Easter Vigil—will burn every Sunday through the Feast of Pentecost. After that, it will appear every time we celebrate a baptism, or every day we have a funeral or memorial service.

After the solemn, stark days of Lent, we are now allowed to say or sing “Alleluia!”, and we once again sing the Gloria in excelsis or other hymns of praise after the Opening

Salutation. To contrast the penitential season of Lent through which we have journeyed, it is appropriate to omit the Confession and Absolution in our liturgy. It is also appropriate to **stand** during the entire Eucharistic Prayer, and I encourage you to do this.

During this Easter season, we will use *Prayer 2* in Holy Eucharist Rite One at the 7:30 service, as it is less penitential in tone than *Prayer 1*, which we used during Lent. At the 10:15 service, we will be using a Eucharistic liturgy from *Enriching Our Worship*. You may remember that we used one form of Eucharist from these supplemental liturgical materials during Advent. We will be using *Eucharistic Prayer 3* from *EOW* for Easter. These supplemental liturgies use more expansive language than does the *1979 Book of Common Prayer*. The language used expands our vocabulary of prayer, and bears witness to the fact that, as the Preface to *Enriching Our Worship* reads, “the mystery of God transcends all categories of knowing, including those of masculine and feminine.” You will notice that there are slight changes in the wording of the Nicene Creed, and a different Post Communion Prayer. The only nod we will give to traditional language in this liturgy is the more traditional wording of The Lord's Prayer.

—Sheila+

Montpelier Celebrates 225 Yrs

St. Philip's has very close ties with Montpelier Mansion. A Snowden donated the land on which St. Philip's was built 160 years ago. Montpelier Mansion will celebrate its 225th anniversary this year with many interesting events, including a photo contest. Get more information at http://www.pgparcs.com/places/eleganthistoric/montpelier_events.html

St. Philip's Vision: Every day, Saint Philip's proclaims Christ's love by nurturing our church family, young and old, and actively reaching out to our community. Through our words and deeds we inspire, welcome and encourage others to journey together in Christian faith and growth.



APRIL 2008

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p>Church Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; Phone Number: 301-776-5151.</p> <p>Pastoral Counseling Needs: Call <i>Pastoral Care Committee:</i> 301-776-5151, ext. 13.</p> <p>Wyatt Hall rental info: Call Sue O'Connor, 410-292-2313.</p> <p>Find updated information at our website www.stphilipslaurel.org.</p> <p>For weekly e-mail messages, send your e-mail address to admin@stphilipslaurel.org.</p> <p>Note New Date for Vestry Meetings: the THIRD Tuesday of the month.</p>		1	2 Bible Study 10a	3 Choir Practice 7:30 pm	4	5
<p>6 Holy Eucharist 7:30a & 10:15a -Sunday School 9a -Inquirers' Class 9a -Youth Choir 11:30 -Stewardship Cmte 11:45 am</p> <p>Youth Group</p>	7 Bell Choir 7:30	8 Afternoon Guild 1 pm -Crafts 7 pm -Quilters 7 pm	9 Bible Study 10a	10 Choir Practice 7:30 pm	11 Diocesan High School Senior Weekend	12 Diocesan High School Senior Weekend Spring Grounds Work Day 9a-3p (See p. 3.)
<p>13 Holy Eucharist 7:30a & 10:15a Name Tag Sunday Enhanced Coffee Hr -Sunday School 9a -Inquirers' Class 9a -Youth Choir 11:30</p> <p>Wyatt Rental</p>	14 -Worship Cmte 7 -Toastmasters 7p -Bell Choir 7:30p	15 "The Messenger" Article Deadline -Vestry 7 pm -Crafts 7 pm	16 Bible Study 10a Winterhaven Wrap-up Mtg. 6 pm	17 Choir Practice 7:30 pm	18 Vestry Retreat	19 Men's Breakfast 9 am, and trip to Bon Secours labyrinth follows Vestry Retreat
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Camp Is Around the Corner!!

This year's Camp St Philip's is scheduled for July 14-18. Put this on your calendar NOW! We need campers (starting at age 5) as well as teen and adult help. To offer help or ask about details, contact Betsy Welsh at betsywelsh@verizon.net.

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Laurel's Main Street Festival

Laurel's annual Main Street Festival is being held this year on Saturday, May 10, and we are now planning our participation at this year's event. St. Philip's will take part in the community celebration by hosting several activities on Main Street, on the front lawn of the church, in Wyatt Hall, and in the McKee Room.

We will operate a food booth, selling coffee and donuts in the morning, and hotdogs, hamburgers, drinks, and snacks in the afternoon. St. Philip's will also have a booth selling delicious baked goods, and a booth selling the creations of the Crafters. The lawn in front of Wyatt Hall will feature children's games and a yard sale, and there will be used books for sale in the McKee Room. Continuing from last year's success, we will have an indoor rest station for families with infants. We will also be parking cars in Dr. Warren's parking lot on Prince George Street. These are all excellent ways to get to get to know our St. Philip's family better in a really fun environment,

and raise money for the Church and our projects. Last year, we earned over \$2,000 for the General Fund, the Women of St. Philip's, and the Outreach Committee.

In order to repeat that success, we will need dozens of volunteers. There will be opportunities to donate food and dry goods, baked goods, and your time. The yard sale and the book sale will need donations, and individual ministries may also require help. Please watch the bulletin inserts and sign-up boards in Wyatt Hall for more specifics in the coming weeks.

The Main Street Festival is becoming a great tradition for St. Philip's. It's an occasion to show off our presence in the Laurel community in a fun way, and to strengthen the bonds we have with each other as we work together to make it a successful event. If you have ideas on how to make the festival even better, or especially if you would like to volunteer for the first time this year, please get in touch with me!

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