

# The Messenger



## FROM THE RECTOR

Dear friends in Christ,

By the time you read this, we will be poised to enter Holy Week. This most sacred and important week of the liturgical year has much to offer you as a Christian, and I hope you will enter into it fully.



## HOLY WEEK

The Worship Committee and I have done much planning and work to make all of our Holy Week services rich and meaningful, and we invite you to experience *all* of them. If you have children, this is particularly important, as some of our liturgy appeals to all of our senses.



**Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion** is our liturgical entry into Holy Week. This service on April 5<sup>th</sup> begins with Hosannas and waving of palm branches, but very quickly moves to the Passion of our Lord and the Way of the Cross.

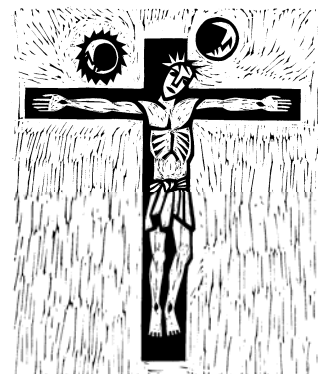
This year, we will once again offer a creative and dramatic reading of the Passion narrative. You will not want to miss this experience.

On Wednesday evening of Holy Week, I will offer a **Contemplative Prayer and Healing service at 7:00**. I have written this creative liturgy, and it is my gift to the community of faith. For about an hour, you can sit in our worship space, listen to selections of music, pray in long spaces of silence, and if you wish, come forward at the end of the service for anointing and healing prayers. Many of you suffer with

health issues, chronic disabilities, or grief. This service is offered with particular intention for you.

Our **Maundy Thursday service, at 7:00 p.m. on April 9<sup>th</sup>**, is the Institution of the Lord's Supper, and includes the washing of feet. I plan to do a teaching sermon that is child-friendly, and children love this service that includes foot-washing. If you have never allowed someone to wash your feet while they pray silently for you, I invite you to experience that this year. It is a wonderful offering that we give each other in this gesture.

**Good Friday service is at Noon on April 10<sup>th</sup>**. This most solemn service of the church year takes us to the ultimate moment of our Lord's Passion, and it is the only service when we both enter and leave in total silence.



After the Good Friday service, our worship space will be open for three hours. There will be times when music is playing, and times of silence. If you have a devotional book or book of prayers, or you want a quiet place to journal or sketch, please feel welcome to do that. In fact, if you want to bring a floor pillow and sit in front of the first pews and do your prayers, reading, or sketching there, you can do that as well. You may find your rector doing the same thing!

**The Easter Vigil**, which begins close to sunset on Holy Saturday, is the most ancient, first and most festive celebration of the Resurrection. We'll begin this wonderful service at 7:00 p.m. with the lighting of the first fire of Easter. This year, we have at least two baptisms, maybe three, and this is another service that children enjoy—so bring your children and grandchildren. The Easter Vigil is a unique and wonderful celebration of the resurrection of our Lord.

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**Youth Group Easter Activities****Y  
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Youth Group leaders have planned a couple of fun activities for Easter, beginning with Easter Egg Dye Day on Palm Sunday, April 5th. Youth are invited to gather from 12:30—2:30 p.m. to prepare the eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt that will take place on the following Sunday—Easter Sunday—April 12th, immediately following the **9 a.m. service**. (Note: there are three services on Easter morning: 7:30; 9; and 11:15 a.m.)

Please bring one dozen hardboiled eggs for the Dye Day. The 'little ones' at St. Philips really look forward to the Easter Egg Hunt, so let's get together and dye some great looking Easter eggs. A pizza lunch will be provided.

On Easter Sunday, the Easter Egg Hunt will begin immediately following the second service. Youth group volunteers will help hide the eggs and 'work' the Easter Egg Hunt to make sure everyone gets at least one beautiful Easter Egg for his/her Easter basket! Please let Pam Brown or Betsy Burke know if you plan to attend either of these upcoming events.

Pam Brown

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

Thanks to all acolytes/crucifers who served, (weren't they great waiters)? It's always nice to be served by our children! Thanks to all the friends and family who came and ate! We sold out of pancakes again this year! It was a huge success! We are going to order new albs and cinctures (Thanks to Sue O'Connor for her help with that). I want to thank my kitchen crew: Denise and Cory Redmond and Jim and Mary Rogers. We look forward to serving you again next year.

Amanda Colindres



*The Hayes family relaxing at the Pancake Supper!*  
photo courtesy Amanda Colindres

**Wanted: Children's Games & Toys  
(for Main Street Festival)**

The Children's games are back! Last year the games took a hiatus but this year they are back at Main Street Festival, which takes place on Saturday, May 9th! If you have any toys from children's meals that are lying around your house, this is the perfect opportunity to get them out of your house. We will use them as prizes at the games. There will be a box in Wyatt hall to drop them off. Also, if you are interested in volunteering to help out, there will be a sign up sheet in Wyatt Hall. Thanks for all your help.

Amanda Colindres



## Safeguarding God's Children

If you currently teach Sunday School or plan to teach Sunday School, work with Youth group, or plan to help with Camp St. Philip's this summer, you must take the Safeguarding God's Children course offered by our diocese. This half-day course is required by EDOW for standards of conduct. (One of our parishioners, Sue O'Connor, has now been trained to be a trainer for this course. Congratulations, Sue!)

There are several offerings for this course, all of which are held beginning at 9:30 a.m. and concluding at 12:30 p.m. on a Saturday.

- ◆ Saturday, April 18, 2009  
Our Saviour, Hillendale
- ◆ Saturday, May 9, 2009  
St. Mark's, DC
- ◆ Saturday, June 6, 2009  
St. George's, Valley Lee
- ◆ Saturday, June 27, 2009  
St. John's, Norwood

If you attend one of these courses, please make sure to get your certificate of completion in to the parish office so that we have it on record. ~Sheila+

## Celebrating our Diversity at St. Philip's

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Diversity Dinner took place on Sunday, February 22, 2009, in Wyatt Hall. Over 60 adults and youth enjoyed the variety of foods brought by church members representing St. Philip's diverse cultural and ethnic groups. The Stewardship Committee presented a skit and sponsored a Talent Show after the dinner.

Laurie Herbert invoked the memory of her mother, Ellen Washington, who Laurie was sure would have been pleased with the fellowship shared by everyone that evening. Debbie Dusterwald remembered Jim Whitney who inspired so many over the years to become involved in Toastmasters which meets at St. Philip's the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month.

A good time was had by all. Thank you to everyone who brought the delicious foods, to those in the skit, and to the ones who shared their awesome talents. And last, but not least, thank you to the many hands that helped set up and clean up. The assistance of

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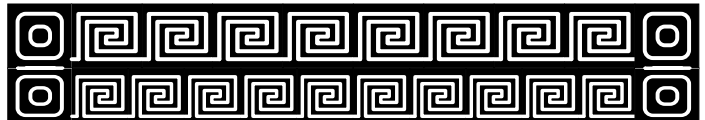


Jr. Warden Tracy McCracken enjoys a moment with Laurie Herbert at the Diversity Dinner.

James Hall, our church sexton and fellow member, was greatly appreciated.

Mother Sheila blessed the evening with this Absalom Jones Prayer: *Set us free, Heavenly Father, from every bond of prejudice and fear: that honoring the steadfast courage of your servant Absalom Jones, we may show forth in our lives the reconciling love and true freedom of the children of God which you have given us in your son our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen*

Diversity Dinner Committee: *Tabitha Clark, Pat Evans, Laurie Herbert, Arleen Leis, Tracy McCracken, Denise Redmond and her daughter Annette Redmond, Eleanor Redmond, Becky Thomas, and Johnathan Washington.*



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## THE VESTRY WANTS YOU...

Mother Sheila and the Vestry want your opinions! One of the goals for this year that came out of our recent vestry retreat is **“to connect with parishioners in specific ways, so that commitment and community are deepened.”** Accordingly we would like to invite all of you to participate in an interview held either individually or in a group setting. These interviews will help Mother Sheila and the Vestry know what St. Philip's as a church offers you spiritually, as a parishioner, where you feel energy in our community life now, and where our growing edges are, as a community of faith. As the rector and vestry do some strategic thinking, planning and creative visioning, we want to stay connected with you. We want to talk to as many folks as possible, so you will have lots of options—some interviews will be done on Sunday mornings, at 9:00 or 11:45, and some will be done in evenings.

Mother Sheila will be doing some more detailed, individual interviews for her D. Min project (she has to do a Congregational Study this year), but she will also be participating in some of these group interviews. Please know that there is no agenda behind these interviews other than connecting with parishioners. As you can see from the article in this month's *Messenger* about our recent Mutual Ministry Review, things are going well, and Mother Sheila and the Vestry are on the same page about the ministry and mission of St. Philip's.

There will be signup sheets for these interviews in Wyatt Hall in the coming weeks. Please sign up and help us help you.

*Mother Sheila and Vestry Members (Doug Hayes, Sr. Warden; Tracy McCracken, Jr. Warden; Clif Collins, Debbie Dusterwald, Maureen Steinecke, Jenny Wall Smith, Nate Allen, Amanda Colindres, Carol Rascon, Joan Rattigan, Pam Brown, Nelson Kofie, Linda Stapf, and Joanne Woytek.*

## Holy Week...continued from p. 1

On **Easter Sunday** morning, St. Philip's will offer three services: **7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.** We will sing joyful Easter hymns, see beautiful flowers for the first time since the beginning of Lent, and renew our baptismal vows.



The planning and execution of so many liturgies, with so many people needed, in one short week, takes much time and energy. I am most grateful to members of our Worship Committee (Saunders Allen, Betsy Brothers, Amanda Colindres, Eileen Collins, Susan Hayes and Jennifer Toole) for their collective wisdom, creative ideas, time and energy. Together, I hope our ministries glorify God and enrich this parish.

As we enter the deepest, richest and most solemn week of the liturgical year, I invite you to join me for as many services as possible. The experience may change your life.

With prayers and blessings,

Sheila+



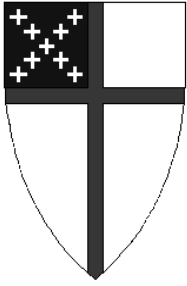
### Mutual Ministry Review

On a snowy evening in late January the Rev. Dr. Frank Dunn led the Rector and Vestry in a Mutual Ministry Review. The review is done annually, as a way of focusing on what is working well in the parish and what needs attention. In addition, the Rev. Dr. Dunn asked what specific things the Vestry had to say to the Rector and what she had to say to them.

There was general agreement that things are going well. People prize the nature of the community, value church friendships and appreciate the spiritual nourishment St. Philip's gives.

Concern was expressed about unmet goals, lack of follow-through in some areas, and a perception that the Vestry might have taken on too many things.

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**ANNOUNCING!! CAMP ST PHILIP'S 2009 ON THE EDGE**  
**EXPERIENCE & DISCOVER GOD EVERYWHERE**

When: July 13-17, 2009  
 Where: St Philip's Church 522 Main St. Laurel, Md  
 Why: ***You'll have Fun and Learn Lots***  
 Who: Campers entering Kindergarten to entering grade 8;  
 Counselors in training: younger teens (entering grades 7& 8) who enjoy working with kids;  
 Counselors: older teens who assist in presenting program; and  
 Concerned adults who can share time and talent.

Camp will run every day from 9 AM, with breakfast and snack, until 4 PM for a cost of \$100 per child. Each camper must bring lunch from home. If a family has more than one child there will be a cost reduction for each additional child. The second, third, etc., child's fee is \$65 each. Before and after camp care from 8-9 AM and 4-5 PM will be available for a fee of \$40 per week per child. There will be a tuition sliding scale for those whose family adults are actively involved in camp. We traditionally offer a few scholarships. There will be a field trip and a Friday night dinner to cap the week. *Registration will be closed on June 21.* Please fill out the registration form on the bottom and put it in the offering plate or mail it back to St. Philip's, attention: Betsy Welsh Please take additional forms home to share with your neighbors!

There will be follow-up information as well as questions regarding your child's specific needs and health issues.

We guarantee fun, fellowship, singing, goofiness, learning, crafts, worship, and surprises!

Questions? See or write [betsywelsh@verizon.net](mailto:betsywelsh@verizon.net)

Camper's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in Aug '09 \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone/email for acknowledgement of this registration:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 T-Shirt size: PLEASE CIRCLE

Child S(6-8) M(10-12) L(14-16)      Adult S M L XL XX

Amount included with form: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you need before/after care? \_\_\_\_\_



**Prayer List Reminder:** When you wish to have someone added to the prayer list, please call the office with pertinent information, including an address, so that the person can receive a card from the parish if you wish. Also, please notify Leslie Cain so that she can ensure that the cards are sent: [cainsoflaurel@verizon.net](mailto:cainsoflaurel@verizon.net) or (301) 317-1742.

**Grocery gift cards** are available for purchase after each service on Sunday mornings. We offer cards from Weis, Giant, and Shoppers Food Warehouse. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of these cards benefits St. Philip's, so we hope that you'll line up to purchase yours from "the lady with the green bag" on Sunday! (By the way, these grocery cards make a great Easter gift!) (Safeway stores will also automatically give a percentage of purchases to St. Philip's (and other charitable organizations.

**Here's How It Works:**

- You [register](#) your existing Safeway Club Card for use in the program.
  - Each time you use your Safeway Club Card at check-out, Safeway will automatically give a percentage of that day's purchases to your designated charitable organization (school, church, non-profit youth group).
  - These purchases are tracked with reports available to you online, allowing you to see just how much you are earning on your child's behalf!
- Our ID number is 1036806.** Simply go on line to [eScrip.com](http://eScrip.com) and follow the link to sign up!

**Ministry Opportunities:** If you would like to serve on the Altar Guild, or as a Lay Reader, Acolyte, Teller, Usher, or Eucharistic Minister (also called "Chalichists"), please contact the head of each ministry: Betsy Brothers for the Altar Guild; Dave Littmann for the Lay Readers; Amanda Colindres for the Acolytes; Elmer Jess for the Tellers; Linda Stapf for the Ushers, and Eileen Collins for the Eucharistic Ministers.



**The Gypsy Quilters** are selling raffle tickets for their QUEEN SIZE QUILT in Wyatt Hall after each service. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00 -Drawing will be held when reserve is achieved. Contact Char Tolle if you have questions.

**Montpelier Mansion** continues its Spring History Lecture Series, on the third Wednesday in April at 7:30 p.m. The April lecture is entitled "*Sweetmeats and Conceits: A Brief Social History of Sugar*. From Asia via the Arab world to Elizabethan England and the Age of Exploration, sugar became a significant force in transforming trade, economies, foodways and rituals for people all over the globe. Food historian Katy Hayes will offer some glimpses into the power and enduring love of sugar. Light refreshments served. Admission is free.

**St. Philippians** who enjoyed the *Kenyan Samosas*, served up at the Diversity Dinner by Tabitha Clark, will have fun making the recipe at home. Happy Cooking!

## 20 Kenyan Samosas

### Ingredients:

- 1.3 lbs of ground beef (turkey works too)
- Fresh bunch of cilantro; use the leafy part)
- half an onion
- half a green pepper
- 2 beef bullion cubes
- One packs of large egg roll wraps
- Option: crushed red pepper to add some spice

### Directions:

#### Step 1

1. Mix the bullion cubes and the beef, & cook until brown. You have to stir in the bullion as you cook.
2. Drain as much of the grease as you can (the grease will drip through the egg roll)
3. Finely chop onion, pepper, and cilantro.
4. Mix together beef, onion, pepper, and cilantro.

#### Step 2

1. Egg roll wraps come in a pack of 20, it looks like a square. Cut stack in half down the middle. Your two stacks should look like a rectangles.
3. You must now fold them one at a time.
4. Take one corner from the bottom of the rectangle and touch it to the opposite corner at the top of the rectangle to form a triangular flap. Dip finger in water and run it along the edges of the triangle.
5. Fold the flap. Run your finger along the triangle to make sure you have a seal.

#### Step 3

1. You now have a samosa pocket; open the pocket a bit with your finger.
2. Spoon the beef mixture into the pocket.
3. Dip finger in water and run it along the upper triangle.

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## BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!

Happy Birthday to St. Philipians celebrating a birthday this month. *(Please note: If you are born in April, but not listed below, it is because we do not have that information on file. We'll be happy to correct the omission; just call the Parish Office to provide Tracy with the information.)*

4/03 Andrew Scott Meid  
 4/5 Kama-Lynn Hamilton  
 4/11 Dorothy Todd  
 4/11 Scott Rullmann  
 4/14 Richard Lichty  
 4/14 Shari Boyce  
 4/15 Elizabeth Thiele  
 4/16 Sue O'Connor  
 4/16 James O'Connor  
 4/16 Kay Gentile  
 4/17 Charles Steinecke  
 4/17 John Smith  
 4/19 Leah VanDer Meid  
 4/20 Norman Iglehart  
 4/21 James Toole  
 4/22 Brian Bain  
 4/24 Saunders Allen  
 4/24 Olalmani Omeronye  
 4/24 Mary Toole  
 4/24 Aidan Shearin-Myers  
 4/27 Sydney Littmann  
 4/30 Doug Hayes

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We also discussed the need for the Rector's self-care (being sure to take days off, honor vacation time, etc.). The area of new member ministries drew a lot of energy and response; the consultant felt that more work is needed in this area.

He recommended that instead of rushing to set five-year or one-year plans, the leadership take time for discernment of what God is calling us to do in this place. With that as a base, we need to set realistic priorities for our work as parish leaders. Using new member incorporation as an example, he suggested we avoid the temptation of rushing into technical fixes (name-tags, schedules, coffee hour hosts, for example). Instead we should ask at each step "What in ourselves do we need to change in order for better new member incorporation to become a reality?" Once we've determined that, we can move on to the important work of instituting the needed technical fixes.

Based in part on the results of the Mutual Ministry Review, much of the time at the Vestry Retreat in early March was spent on discernment and priority setting.

Maureen Steinecke

## The PCT Desperately Needs Your Help!!!

We all really need to take better care of St Philip's property and in particular our doors. A few Do's and Don'ts!

Please **DON'T EVER** wedge any doors open at the hinge as this just causes long term problems (and costs us money we don't have!). If you need the Wyatt Hall French doors unlocked for an event, please arrange in advance with Sheila, Doug, Tracy, James or a Vestry Member who will unlock the bars with the Allen key to keep the doors unlocked— they can show you how to use it, if required, to re-lock them when leaving the building. Please **DO** make sure that when you leave a building you check to make certain you have closed and securely locked the door.

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## A Note of Thanks from Zita Bowley

*Zita sends her heartfelt gratitude to all of the ministry angels who gave so much of their time, their love, their caring during her recent illness. To all who sent their love heavenwards in prayer for me, I bless you!*

Laurel's Main Street Festival

Laurel's annual Main Street Festival is being held again on Saturday, May 9th 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, 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 again this year, and there will be used books for sale in the McKee Room. We will also be parking cars on Prince Georges' Street. These are all excellent ways 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, and we hope to do even better this year.

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.

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**Help Needed for Easter Week Services:** Please contact Amanda Colindres if you would like to participate as a reader, Eucharistic Minister or acolyte. **The meeting concluded at 8:58 p.m.** after a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Brennan  
Clerk of the Vestry

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**Double check it too (just like you do at home!). Please DO treat the doors gently too (just as you would at home).**

As you know, St. Philip's has a very, very tight budget this year and our PCT budget has been cut significantly, thus we just don't have the funds to pay for door repairs. With everyone's help, we can ensure we don't waste our money. Thanks in advance!

Deb Fitzer & Jim Rogers  
Property Core Team (PCT)

Kenyan Samosas....*continued from p. 6*


4. Fold the triangle to seal the beef in the pocket.  
*(Important: the main cause of bad samosas is a bad seal. If the corners of your samosa have little circular holes, you have a bad seal and you will compromise the samosa! It just takes a little practice.)*
5. Make and fill all the samosas before you begin to cook.

Step 4

1. Heat some corn oil on medium heat (or 350 degrees if you have a fryer) in a wok or pan or anything really just so long as you have enough oil to submerge the samosas. Cook until done and drain excess oil on brown paper bag, or several paper towels. Enjoy!  
Tabitha Clark




**Errata**

In the March *Messenger*, the citation for Mother Sheila's letter was inadvertently omitted. It should have read <sup>1</sup> Quoted from Gary Shockley, "Who Locked the Gates," adapted from *Imagining Church: Seeing Hope in a World of Change*, (© by the Alban Institute, 2009).



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# APRIL VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

The Vestry met on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. The meeting began with Opening Prayer and Bible Study, *Exodus 18:13-27*. The passage introduced a reflective lesson about Moses' leadership. Moses had taken on too great a burden of responsibility. The solution was to delegate leadership responsibilities to a number of honest and trustworthy leaders.

**Instead** of reviewing and discussing reports at each monthly Vestry meeting, the Vestry will now receive reports one week prior to the Vestry meeting and place these items on a consent agenda. The reports will only be discussed at the Vestry meeting if there are questions. Reports on the consent agenda include the reports of the Rector, the Junior and Senior Wardens, the Pledge Treasurer and the Treasurer. The consent agenda was approved with the exception of the Treasurer's report as Vestry members had a couple of questions about the report which will be answered after the meeting.

**The Pledge Accounts Analysis** submitted by Pledge Treasurer Doug Hayes shows that in February, 2009, 71% of pledging members met or exceeded their pledged amount and 29% did not meet their pledged amount. Both general pledges and Building Fund designations presently exceed the pledged amount (pledges by \$3, 418.66 and building fund by \$172.68).

## **Old Business – Vestry Retreat**

**Review:** The Vestry Retreat took place on February 28-March 1. New Vestry members felt that the Retreat was a good opportunity to get to know everyone on the Vestry. Members agreed that using Meetings to delve into important issues rather

than reviewing written reports was a more productive use of the Vestry's time. A goal for the Vestry this year is to focus on smaller, obtainable and achievable goals for the parish, rather than setting lofty goals that are not specific enough to realize.

## **Old Business – Discussion of Connections with Parishioners through Interviews:**

One of the goals from the Vestry Retreat was to “connect with parishioners in specific ways so that commitment and community are deepened.” Vestry members, including Reverend Sheila McJilton, will conduct individual and group interviews with as many parishioners as possible in order to strengthen the personal link between the Vestry and the Parish, identify what is important to parishioners at St. Philip's and discern what the goals of the Vestry should be for the next few years.

## **New Business – Revisit or**

**Redefine Vestry Norms:** At the Vestry Retreat our facilitator, the Reverend Janice Robinson, suggested that Vestry Norms should be posted on the wall during Vestry Meetings. These norms reinforce the manner in which Vestry members and attendees should conduct business, and clarify expectations and rules of order. Vestry Norms will be posted at the April Vestry Meeting.

## **New Business – Review Yearly Goals by Priority:**

1. Generating New Revenue Streams – This involves improving existing fundraisers and coming up with new ones;
2. Developing Christian Education/Youth Program for Middle/High School students—The architecture for this is in place

for the fall. We will have a group of young members preparing for confirmation; and

3. Connecting with Parishioners in Specific Ways—Discussed above, this is a current priority. The priority of annual goals is fluid. At different times one goal may take precedence over another.

## **New Business – Discussion of Vestry Liaisons:**


Each Vestry member is expected to be a liaison between the Vestry and one or more of St. Philip's ministries. The goal of the liaison will be to facilitate communication between the Vestry and the ministry. At least two Vestry members will serve on our three standing committees; Finance, Stewardship and the Property Core Team.

## **“Big Hairy Audacious**

**Goal” (BHAG) – Generating New Revenue Streams:** Main Street Festival -- The Vestry will be responsible for the rest and relaxation station, an offer of hospitality particularly for families with young children who might need to come inside for a diaper change, a drink of water or an opportunity to decompress. Children's games on the front lawn will return after a short hiatus. We will try to advertise our book sale to try to make more money and move our books. Donation and volunteer sign up sheets will be posted in Wyatt Hall in April.

**Idea for the Future:** Maureen Steinecke suggested that it would be nice to find a time, not during Main Street Festival, to give tours of the Church. Jenny Wall Smith will check with the Laurel Historic Society to see if we can participate in their next historic house tour.

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SUN	MON.	TUES	APRIL 1 WED	APRIL 2 THURS	APRIL 3 FRI	APRIL 4 SAT
			10 am Bible Study  7 pm Yoga/Pilates	7:30 pm Adult Choir		10 am Teenage Moms' Friends Club—PH
<b>5 Palm Sunday</b>  7:30 am HE Rite I & Liturgy of the Palms 9 am Sun School 10:15 am HE Rite II & Liturgy of the Palms 11:30 am Youth Choir 11:45 am Stewardship Cmte. 4 pm Assembly of God of New York Church—WH	<b>6</b>  7:30pm Bell Choir	<b>7</b>  7 pm Vestry Exec. Cmte. Crafters Quilters	<b>8</b> 10 am Bible Study  7 pm Contemplative Prayer—C  7 pm Yoga/Pilates  7pm Girl Scout Troop 5865 – PH	<b>9</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b>  7 pm HE II w/ Footwashing & Stripping of the Altar	<b>10</b> <b>Good Friday</b>  12 pm Good Friday Liturgy	<b>11</b> <b>Holy Saturday</b> 10 am Teenage Moms' Friends Club—PH  7:00 pm Great Vigil of Easter HE & Holy Baptism
<b>12 Easter Sunday</b> 7:30 am Festive Eucharist Rite I 9 am Festive Eucharist Rite II 10:30 am Easter Egg Hunt 1:15 am Festive Eucharist Rite II 4 pm Assembly of God of New York Church—WH	<b>13</b> Parish Office Closed  7pm Toastmaster's - WH  7:30 pm Bell Choir	<b>14</b> 1pm Afternoon Guild—WH  7pm  Crafters Quilters	<b>15</b> <i>Messenger</i> <b>Deadline</b> 10 am Bible Study  7 pm Yoga/Pilates	<b>16</b>   7:30 pm Adult Choir	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  9 am Men's Breakfast—WH  10 am Teenage Moms' Friends Club— PH
<b>19</b> 7:30 am HE Rite I 9 am Sun School 9 am PCT Meeting—PH 10:15 am HE Rite II 11:30 am Youth Choir Youth Group 4 pm Assembly of God of New York Church— WH	<b>20</b>  7:30 pm Bell Choir	<b>21</b>  7 pm  Vestry Meeting Crafters Quilters	<b>22</b> 10 am Bible Study  7 pm Yoga/Pilates  Girl Scouts— PH	<b>23</b>  7:30 pm Adult Choir	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  10 am Teenage Moms' Friends Club—PH
<b>26</b> 7:30 am HE Rite I 9 am Sun School 10:15 am HE Rite II 11:30 am Youth Choir 4 pm Assembly of God of New York Church—WH	<b>27</b>  7:30 pm Bell Choir	<b>28</b>  7pm  Crafters Quilters	<b>29</b> 10 am Bible Study  7pm Yoga/Pilates Finance Cmte	<b>30</b>  7:30 pm Adult Choir		



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**Holy Week Schedule**

April 8—Holy Wednesday  
7 pm Contemplative Prayer Service

April 9—Maundy Thursday  
7 pm Maundy Thursday Service  
With Institution of the Lord's Supper  
& Foot-Washing

April 10—Good Friday  
12 pm Good Friday Liturgy

April 11—Holy Saturday  
7 pm The Great Vigil of Easter  
with Holy Baptism

April 12—Easter Sunday  
7:30 am Festive Eucharist Rite I  
9 am Festive Eucharist Rite II  
11:15 am Festive Eucharist Rite II