

The Messenger



JULY & AUGUST 2011

As everyone settles in for a long and hopefully not too hot summer, the Messenger plans to also take a breather and will not report again until September. We hope you enjoy this combined issue of events occurring in July & August and wish you a blessed, peace-filled, and happy summer! The Messenger

Dear friends in Christ,

This month, I have chosen to feature a letter written recently by Ms. Ginny Wilder, our seminarian at VTS. It is a letter written to her friends who have supported her in this process towards ordination, and it may give you a good glimpse into the life of someone who in in this journey. We at St. Philip's walk with Ginny in part of her journey. Please include her in your prayers as she completes her summer internship and begins her final year at VTS. Sheila+



I regret that I will not be representing my class as the senior class president. I enjoyed being the class president for our first two years, but in late January I began to discern that I was called to another leadership position.

In March I was elected, and I will represent VTS as the 2011-2012 Student Body President. This position brings with it many more responsibilities and I ask your prayers as I begin to take on this new role. I am excited for the chance to represent the whole school as a member of the VTS Board of Trustees for the next two years and to continue being the voice of our students as choices and changes are made for Virginia Theological Seminary.

This summer finds me spending time at my sending parish, the Cathedral of All Souls in Asheville, North

Carolina. I am looking forward to giving back to the church that has sponsored and supported me during this seminary journey. I will be preaching, doing pastoral care visits, working with the young adults and also working on a congregational development project. While at All Souls, I will be supervised by the Cathedral Dean Todd Donatelli and Sub-Dean Brian Cole. In addition to the work at All Souls, I have been hired by VTS to be a consultant for the Episcopal Christian Education Sunday School curriculum overhaul that is currently taking place. Needless to say I will be very busy, but I hope to be able to spend some time hiking and camping and soaking in all the beauty of God's creation.

I cannot believe that I am two-thirds of the way through this seminary experience. God continues to be revealed in many new and exciting ways on this journey. I feel so blessed to be fully able to embrace the calling to ordained ministry, and I am grateful for your presence and support. I could not be doing this without you.

I am reminded of a verse from the Servant Song written by Richard Gillard:

*We are pilgrims on a journey; we are travelers on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.*

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ROOF REPLACEMENT....JUST AROUND THE CORNER

After many months of planning, measuring, securing bids, making decisions, and most importantly, working together to raise the funds (Thank you St. Philipians!), the long-awaited replacement of the roof will commence once St. Philip's has received approval from the Laurel Historic District Commission (LHDC).

Senior Warden Scott Aker and Junior Warden Brian Stinchcomb, joined by our Project Manager, Mike Tolle (who will oversee the actual roofing work), and Property Core Team (PCT) Chair Bill Macoughtry are scheduled to meet with members of the LHDC on Tuesday, July 19th seeking approval of the materials that will be used in the replacement of St. Philip's roof.

We are, of course, very hopeful that the LHDC will render an expeditious approval. Once the work begins, the entire project is expected, weather permitting, to take approximately one month. While this work is being done, services will be held in the Wyatt Hall Ministry Center. In the meantime, we are still short of our needed goal of an additional \$35,000.00. From June 1, 2011, to July 3, 2011, St. Philip's received a total of \$12,996.00 in contributions for the roof replacement. We still need about \$22,000.00.

If you have not yet made a donation (all amounts help), we hope you will do so today.

Ginny's Letter....continued from p. 1

Thank you for being my traveling companion, my fellow pilgrim, for helping walk the miles and shoulder this load. You are a blessing to me.



Please continue to hold me in your prayers and I will continue to pray for you. If all goes according to plan I will be ordained as a transitional deacon on Saturday, December 17, 2011, in Asheville, North Carolina, along with two of my fellow VTS students and one additional student from General Theological Seminary. I still pinch myself and ask, "Am I dreaming?" I doubt I'll be bored!

May God bless you and keep you,

Ginny Wilder
 VTS class of 2012!
ginny_wilder@hotmail.com

July Calendar...continued

Sat., July 23	10:00 am	Smart Recovery—WH
Tues., July 26	6:00 pm	Smart Recovery—PHBCR
	6:00 pm	Smart Recovery SO—McKee
	7:00 pm	Crafts—WH
Wed., July 27	7:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting—PHCR
	7:00 pm	Yoga—WH
Fri., July 29	6:00 pm	Battle Wedding Rehearsal—C
	7:00 pm	NA—WH
Sat., July 30	10:00 am	Smart Recovery—WH
	1:00 pm	Battle Wedding—C
		Battle Wedding Reception—WH

Wed., Aug. 17	7:00 pm	Yoga—WH
Fri., Aug. 19	7:00 pm	NA—WH
Sat., Aug. 20	10:00 am	Smart Recovery—WH
Tues., Aug. 23	6:00 pm	Smart Recovery—PHBCR
	6:00 pm	Smart Recovery SO—McKee
	7:00 pm	Crafts—WH
Wed., Aug. 24	7:00 pm	Yoga—WH
Fri., Aug. 26	7:00 pm	NA—WH
Sat., Aug. 27	10:00 am	Smart Recovery—WH
Tues., Aug. 30	6:00 pm	Smart Recovery—PHBCR
	6:00 pm	Smart Recovery SO—McKee
	7:00 pm	Crafts—WH
Wed., Aug. 31	7:00 pm	Finance Committee—PHCR
	7:00 pm	Yoga—WH

August Calendar

†SUNDAY SERVICES

	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I
	10:15 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II
Mon., Aug. 1		Vestry Exec. Cmte—PHCR
Tues., Aug. 2	6:00 pm	Smart Recovery—PHBCR
	6:00 pm	Smart Recovery SO—McKee
	7:00 pm	Crafts—WH
Wed., Aug. 3	7:00 pm	Yoga—WH
Fri., Aug. 5	7:00 pm	NA—WH
Sat., Aug. 6	10:00 am	Smart Recovery—WH
	10:00 am	Car Wash Fundraiser—Chick-fil-A
Mon., Aug. 8	7:00 pm	Worship Committee—PHCR
Tues., Aug. 9	6:00 pm	Smart Recovery—PHBCR
	6:00 pm	Smart Recovery SO—McKee
	7:00 pm	Crafts—WH
Wed., Aug. 10	7:00 pm	Yoga—WH
Fri., Aug. 12	7:00 pm	NA—WH
Sat., Aug. 13	10:00 am	Smart Recovery—WH
Mon., Aug. 15		MESSENGER DEADLINE
Tues., Aug. 16	6:00 pm	Smart Recovery—PHBCR
	6:00 pm	Smart Recovery SO—McKee
	7:00 pm	Crafts—WH
	7:30 pm	Vestry Meeting—WHCR



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July Calendar

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8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:15 am Holy Eucharist Rite II



Table with columns for Day, Time, and Activity. Includes dates from Fri., July 1 to Fri., July 22 with various activities like NA-WH, Smart Recovery, Yoga, etc.

WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

Dear friends in Christ,

I have just returned from a three week residency at Virginia Seminary for my Doctor of Ministry degree. It was an intense time of academic study—much reading, writing, and sitting in classes. Finally, I am finished with my coursework, and I hope to do my project this winter—more on this later.

What I want to reflect about is worship. While I was at VTS, we had worship every day at noon—Holy Eucharist on some days, Noonday Prayers on others. We worshiped in Scott Lounge, a space that, during my time in seminary ('96-'99) was a social gathering place adjacent to the Refectory where we ate meals.

Last fall, the historic chapel at VTS burned. In a social media age, thousands of us watched in horror on Facebook as students and faculty posted videos and pictures in real time as the chapel burned. Thankfully, no one was injured. However, millions of dollars worth of stained glass windows (including a Tiffany one), altar furnishings, pews, organ and grand piano were destroyed in a few hours.



Since that time, the VTS students and faculty have worshipped in a re-configured Scott Lounge, now called "The Prayer Hall." As I came in for worship one day and picked up a hymnal

and prayerbook, I noticed the clean new smell of the books. While I am a book lover, and have always loved the smell of a new book, this smell and the feel of the prayerbook and hymnals suddenly made me feel sad and wistful. The books are new because they have to be. The old prayerbooks and hymnals were burned in last fall's fire. Every time I smelled that new smell, I was reminded that this new worship space has been "carved out" because the old one is nothing but a burned-out shell. Soon, all but two walls of the old chapel will be demolished because the scorched brickwork is too unstable to rebuild there. But the

space will become a Prayer Garden and labyrinth, with benches and places to sit and pray. So it will still be holy ground.

We at St. Philip's will soon "carve out" a temporary worship space in Wyatt Hall. However, it is (thanks be to God) not because of fire. Instead, it is because we have found the energy and resources necessary to have our trusses repaired and will soon have construction workers installing a much-needed new roof on our historic worship space. We will take our "old" hymnals and prayerbooks with us, then once our new roof is installed, we will return to our "old" worship space.

Being at VTS and seeing the charred ruins of an old chapel, while worshipping in a new space, made me understand more deeply that the Church is not



about being in a historic space. The Church is not a building—however loved it may be. The Church is Christ's Body, gathered together for prayer, to hear God's Word proclaimed, and to join in breaking bread together in Christ's name. Once fed and nurtured at God's Table—wherever we find it—we then go out to feed the world with Christ's love.



Our sojourn into Wyatt Hall is temporary. Our being part of a community of faith, centered in the risen Christ, is not. God is with us, wherever

we gather. Thanks be to God, who makes all things new in Christ Jesus our Lord.

~Sheila+

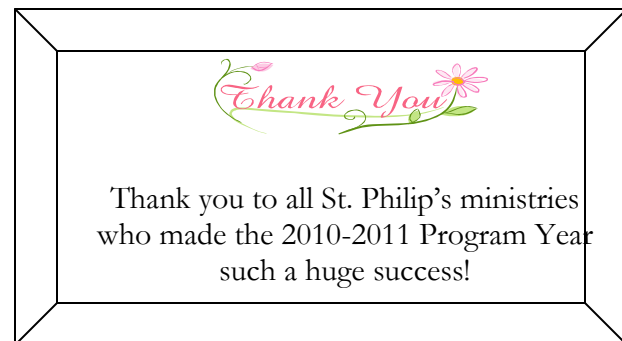
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MEET OUR NEW BISHOP-ELECT



mission God has entrusted to you. My thanks to Bishop Chane and all those gathered today. May God bless us all in the days ahead.”

Pending the consents from a majority of bishops with jurisdiction and standing committees of the Episcopal Church, Bishop-elect Budde will be consecrated as the 9th Bishop of Washington at a ceremony on November 12, 2011, at the Washington National Cathedral.



**CHRISTMAS SHOPPING
WOSP Cookbook Update!**



Remember those recipe requests we asked for? We received over 125 favorite recipes from St. Philipians! THANK YOU.

Included in the cookbook are winning recipes from the Chili

Cook-off, BBQ Cook-off and family favorites that have been shared at other church events. The WSOP Cookbook is now at the printers. We hope to have them available for sale at the Harvest Tea, which will take place in October 2011. So yes, they will be available to let you finish your Christmas shopping early. Look for more information in the coming months. In the meantime, for a sneak peak at one of the favorite recipes included in the book, turn to page 6.) *And remember, you cannot really complete your Christmas shopping until you have attended the Holly Days Bazaar.*

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On Saturday, June 18, clergy and elected delegates from throughout the Diocese of Washington, gathered at the Washington National Cathedral to cast their votes for the 9th Bishop of Washington. The Rev. Dr. Mariann Edgar Budde, currently rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Minneapolis, MN, was elected on the second ballot. Bishop-elect Budde received 102 of the 163 lay votes cast and 137 of the 175 votes cast by clergy. St. Philip's was ably represented by Rev. Sheila, and Delegates Frank Lamancusa and Susan Miranda, joined by Alternate Delegate Stacy Avilla-Harper.

Bishop-elect Budde, who is 52, speaks fluent Spanish and has a long history of work among Spanish-speaking people. A well-regarded preacher, teacher and conference leader, she is the author of *Gathering Up the Fragments: Preaching as Spiritual Practice*, published in 2009. She earned an MDiv and a DMin from the Virginia Theological Seminary and a bachelor's degree from the University of Rochester, N.Y., where she majored in history. She has been married to Paul Budde for 25 years, and has two sons, Amos, 23, and Patrick, 20.

Following her historic election, Bishop-elect Budde said, "I am honored and overjoyed to accept the call to serve as the next bishop of Washington. I pledge to serve God, our Lord Jesus Christ, and the people and ministries of the Diocese with my whole heart, doing everything I can to support and strengthen the

In Our Prayers This Month



The Pastoral Care Team and St. Philip's Parish are currently praying for those in our community who need prayers for healing, comfort and strength, especially for: Lorna Adair, Andy Anderson and Cindi Spicer, Reese Armstrong, the Ballou Family, Ilan Betzer, Gail Bernhard, Carol Bracht, Betsy Burke, Jane Burke, Susan Burke, Leonard Cain, Charles Chesgreen, Bonnie Connors, Judy Cramer, Harriett Crowther, Kathleen Dalphonse, Amy Elmquist, Gus Eustis, David Fales, Pat Bentley Fisher, Ruth Fletcher, Albert Fons, Paul and Caryne Forster, Patty French, Tom Greenhorn, Linda Hall, Laurie Herbert, Phyllis Iglehart, Georgette Inman, Kathleen Inman, Ann Jess-Johnson, Brenda Johnson, Ruth Kent, Tom Miller, Susan Miranda, Tom Penn, Homer Preston's family, Patricia Quintus, Esther Robinson, Audrey Shumway, Phyllis Skelton, Barbara Smith, Jonathan Smith, Karl Staufenbeil, Andrew Sumner and parents Carey and Susan, Becky Thomas, Charmane Truesdell, Frank Unger, Stephen Wheeler, Dylan Williams, Margaret Willet, Ken and Mary Wilson, Thomas Woody and Fay Wentworth Yoder. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please contact the Leslie Cain and the Pastoral Care Committee at cainsoflaurel@verizon.net



JULY

- 7/02 Judith Williams
- 7/02 Ana Miranda
- 7/02 Patrick Britt
- 7/03 Patricia Hammer
- 7/04 Chic Brothers
- 7/04 Stacy Harper-Avila
- 7/05 Joshua Rullmann
- 7/08 Scott Aker
- 7/08 Chidimma Onyilofor
- 7/09 Carmen Lamancusa
- 7/09 Kellyn Meadows
- 7/15 Kerrie Allen
- 7/15 Brian Redmond
- 7/16 Colin Foley
- 7/18 James Horris
- 7/18 Tina Higgins
- 7/18 Theodore Abshire
- 7/22 Irene Sylvester
- 7/22 John Leis
- 7/22 Patricia Evans
- 7/29 Sarah Beall
- 7/30 Deb Fitzer
- 7/21 Mary Hellman

AUGUST

- 8/02 Adrian Yang
- 8/04 Peter Boycan
- 8/04 Brendan Gentile
- 8/05 Thomas Penn
- 8/05 Jordan Britton
- 8/06 Sally Bucklee
- 8/07 Jordan Higgins
- 8/08 Susan Miranda
- 8/09 Sharon Herbert
- 8/12 Jane Smith
- 8/13 Andrea Britton
- 8/13 Irvin Moira
- 8/14 Denise Redmond
- 8/14 Libby Lamancusa
- 8/15 Debbie Dusterwald
- 8/16 Marcia Richards
- 8/18 Joseph Gordon
- 8/18 Norma Laverty
- 8/19 Ruth Fletcher
- 8/19 Marcella Dunivin
- 8/20 Mitzee Teague
- 8/20 Jonathan Campbell-Flowe
- 8/22 Cynthia Chase
- 8/23 R.J. Bain
- 8/24 Robert Bain, Jr.
- 8/28 Clif Collins
- 8/31 Ginny Timian
- 8/31 Jim Rogers., Jr.
- 8/31 Munachiso Onyilofor



If you do not see your name in the birthdays for this, or any month, it means that we don't have your vital information in our data base. We need, name, and date of birth, including the year. We aim to please and celebrate everyone's natal day, so contact the Parish Office so that we can make sure not to miss your special day again.

Wedding Anniversaries

- Happy Anniversary to the following St. Philipians!
- Earline & Charles Richardson, Jr.—July 2
- Linda & Jim Keane—July 4
- Maureen & Charles Steinecke—July 7
- Cynthia & Phillip Chase—July 14
- Scott & Laura Rullmann—July 30
- Arleen & John Les—July 31
- Marlene & Paul Schrecengost—August 6
- Libby & Frank Lamancusa—August 8
- Betty & Otto Thiele—August 9
- Denise & Gims Philippe—August 17
- Patricia & Steven Hammer—August 18
- Jennifer & Shannon Toole—August 18
- Carol & Richard Lichty—August 20
- Becky & Bill Thomas—August 24
- Marilyn & Ingham Mack—August 29



NUTS AND BOLTS

THE Messenger: If you would like to submit an article for the monthly newsletter, please email it to admin@stphilipslaurel.org, or drop it in the Parish Administrator's folder in the Crate, or mail it to the church office by the **15th of the month**. We invite updates on the activities of your ministry, as well as any other information important to the St. Philip's family.



GROCERY CARDS are available for Giant, Weis and Shoppers in denominations of \$10-\$100. (A \$300 grocery card is also available for Giant Foods). St. Philip's receives a rebate on every card purchased. See Vi Turley or Julie Waters after the 8 a.m. service to purchase your cards; after the 10:15 a.m. service, see Joan Rattigan, Kama Hamilton or Terry Betzer. **Safeway shoppers:** To sign up today, go to eScrip.com and click on "1-Sign-Up." Enter your Safeway Club Card Number. It's as easy as that! **St. Philip's number is 1036806.**

LAUREL REGIONAL HOSPITAL WILL SPONSOR A LOOK GOOD...FEEL BETTER workshop on Mon., July 18 from 3:30—5:30 pm. **Participants must register by July 11.** This a free, hands-on, group workshop dedicated to helping female cancer patients cope with and address the appearance-related side effects of chemotherapy and radiation treatments. You will learn skin care and special tips on make-up applications. Participants will receive a free gift of full size name-brand cosmetics to use during and after the workshops. To register, call 301-497-7914.

MONTPELIER MANSION will host Family Fun Day on Sun., July 24 and on Sun., August 7 from 4—6 p.m. This free program is the Mansion's way of saying thank you to the community for their support throughout the year. Visitors can participate in hands-on activities to learn about life in the 1700s; explore the boxwood maze, flower & herb garden, or take a free tour of the mansion. All are welcome to bring a picnic (be sure to have a rain plan, because there are no inside eating facilities at Montpelier). On July 24 there will be kite making and kite flying. On August 7, there will be performances by the Laurel School of Music. Please remember to bring canned foods for donation to our local area food banks.

YOUTH GROUP: St. Philip's Youth Group provides Christian fellowship for youth in grades 7 – 12. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, from September – June. Contact Betsy Burke at 301.953.1805, or Pam Brown at .301.490.2829, for more information.

THE GYPSY QUILTERS are currently selling raffle tickets for this lovely and colorful "Key West Batik" Queen-sized quilt pictured below. Though our black and white print does not do it justice, the quilt is in lovely and vibrant colors of lavender, green, violet, aqua, and hot pink. Tickets are \$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5. See Vi Turley or Pat Higgins to purchase your tickets today! The drawing will take place when a sufficient draw has been reached.



Ministry Opportunity Sunday



Ministry Opportunity Sunday (MOS) will be held on September 14, 2011. Over the summer, we will be working to update the MOS brochure which lists all of the min-

istries here at St. Philip's, including the current contact and contact numbers. If you are currently heading up a ministry, please send your name and contact telephone number and/or email address to Tracy at admin@stphilipslaurel.org by July 31, 2011.

CAR WASH FUNDRAISER FOR ROOF



CALLING ON ALL ST. PHILIPPIAN VOLUNTEERS!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2011

10 A.M.—12:00 P.M.

CHICK-FIL-A RESTAURANT PARKING LOT

13600 BALTIMORE AVENUE

@ CONTEE ROAD

LAUREL, MD 20707

CAR WASH IS FREE; HOWEVER, DONATIONS GREATLY ACCEPTED & APPRECIATED

We need your help to prepare signs, wash cars, and purchase raffle tickets for a basket of Quality Car Wash Supplies. Raffle tickets can be purchased in advance each Sunday in Wyatt Hall for a chance to win a Quality Car Wash Basket. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

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IT'S SUMMER ... BUT DON'T LET YOUR PLEDGE TAKE A VACATION!

This time of year finds all of us at St. Philip's very active and frequently gone for several weeks at a time, or maybe even several weekends at a time. Of course, the maintaining and running of St. Philip's does *not* take a vacation ... ever!

So please remember to keep up your pledge commitment to the church. During the summer, our treasurer and her staff still have to pay the bills, and our paid staff still receive their paychecks.

Just to keep you up-to-date, as of the end of June, we are *behind* in keeping up with our annual pledge commitment by \$4,665! Additionally, the Building Fund Pledge is also behind, by \$426. At the six-month mark, 56% of pledgers are meeting or exceeding their pledge commitment - that means 44% of us are *not*. I want to extend a sincere thanks to that 56% - we appreciate your continued commitment.

Don't wait until September - that has been, the past few years, our *worst* month of the year in terms of keeping up with our pledges. Thanks for reading this, and God bless!

Douglas Hayes, *Pledge Treasurer*





Deb Fitzner had the opportunity to meet His Royal Highness Prince Charles Philip Arthur George, Prince of Wales, during his visit to Washington, DC in May of this year. This photo was taken at the British Ambassador's residence in Washington, DC.

WSOP Cookbook....continued from p. 4

Winning SECRET RECIPE --- This recipe is included in the WSOP cookbook, due out soon! A key ingredient and step are missing. To ensure a complete copy of the recipe - plan on purchasing the cookbook later this autumn....

New England Sweet Cornbread:

- 1 cup yellow cornmeal
- 2 cups flour
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 beaten eggs
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 3/4 teaspoons salt
- 1 Tablespoon melted butter
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1 drained can of whole kernel corn

PREHEAT oven to 400°F. Grease 8-inch-square baking pan. If recipe is doubled; greased 13x9-inch baking pan. Mix sugar and beaten eggs. Sift flour, baking powder and salt together and add to first mixture. Add cornmeal, melted butter, milk and drained can of whole corn kernels. Beat enough to mix. Pour into prepared pan, Bake for 25 minutes or until tooth pick inserted into center comes out clean.

Harvest Tea Redux!

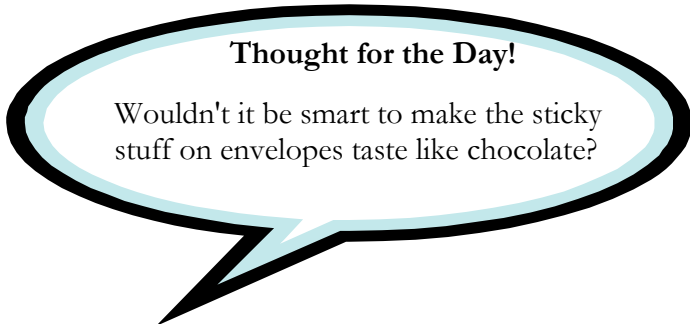


Did you attend the Harvest Tea and Art Auction last October? The WOSP are planning a second *Harvest Tea* for 1 October



2011. Plans are just beginning, so if you are interested in helping with the planning, cooking, advertizing, or providing event day support, please contact Kama Hamilton or Leslie Cain. We will need a dozen or so people to run this event, so please consider volunteering. The event was quite successful last year, and we hope to continue our success and provide additional outreach support to a needy organization or two. With your support, we can make this goal a reality!

Kama Hamilton



Thought for the Day!

Wouldn't it be smart to make the sticky stuff on envelopes taste like chocolate?

JUNE

VESTRY

HIGHLIGHTS



**Highlights of the June Vestry Meeting
June, 21, 2011**

Scott Aker and Brian Stinchcomb attended a meeting regarding the Roof and Nave project the night before the Vestry meeting. They discussed with the Vestry what remains to be done before the roof and nave project commences. The tasks include, meeting with the Historic Society to ensure approval of the construction plans, ordering supplies, and raising the rest of the necessary funds to complete the project. It was also confirmed that the project will not begin before the week of Camp St. Philips.

Scott Aker discussed the current status of the Columbarium project, stating that the Columbarium and Memorial Garden Committee would like to change vendors for the project. For several reasons, the Vestry expressed the need to have more discussion about the specifics of this project before any final decisions are made. As the construction on the Columbarium cannot begin until the Roof and Nave are completed, the Vestry feel it even more important to take advantage of this time and ensure the project is completed in accordance with St. Philips' policies and to everyone's satisfaction.

After deliberations in their June 1st meeting, the Finance Committee recommended to the Vestry that the following two actions be taken as soon as possible. They would like there to be a physical inventory of the possessions inside St. Philips, as recommended by the auditor, and they feel that an IT Committee should be formed to help with the basic maintenance of the computers.

Brian Stinchcomb presented the most recent decisions made by the Property Core Team. They reported that the air conditioning unit has been working better after adding more coolant, and that the vapor barrier in the floor needs to be repaired shortly after the roof is completed. More importantly, there was much discussion regarding the possible re-pavement of the back parking lot and repair of the handicap ramp. Once building codes are thoroughly consulted, specific options will be further explored.

Respectfully submitted by:
Angie Galt
Clerk of the Vestry



LARS: Summer is a challenging time for poor families in the Laurel community because their children are out of school for two months. Our gifts of food to LARS are greatly needed right now. So as you do your grocery shopping, please buy some extra non-perishables and bring them with you on Sunday to put in the LARS food basket, located in front of the organ. Foods needed include: **peanut butter, jelly, rice, canned pasta with meat, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned tuna, canned chicken, "just-add-water" pancake mix and canned soup with lots of "stuff" in it.** Pull-top cans are particularly welcome for our homeless brothers and sisters.

Car Wash...continued from p. 5

For a successful, we need 20—25 Adult and Youth Volunteers to Wash and dry Cars on Saturday, August 6th. Please help us ensure the success of this event by signing up on the board in Wyatt Hall.

For additional information or to volunteer, please contact Denise Redmond at (410) 878-5597; email d05redmond@aol.com., or Pam Brown at (301) 490-2829; email pbrown1958@yahoo.com

Denise Redmond & Pam Brown