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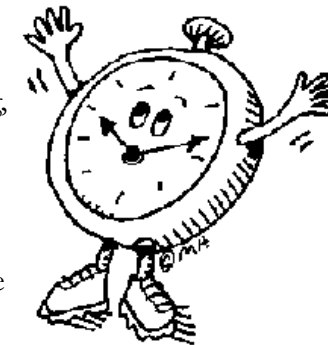


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Redeeming Time

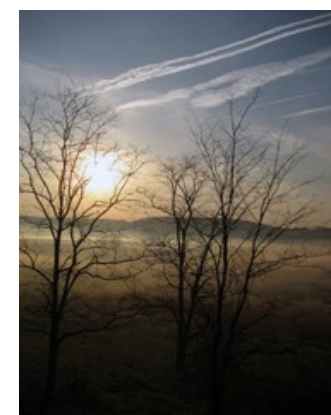
Dear friends in Christ,

Years ago, the Steve Miller band song "Fly Like an Eagle" opened with this: "Time keeps on slipping, slipping, slipping into the future." Time seems to be one of those things of which we never seem to have enough. Not enough hours in the day. Not enough days in the week. (And when did it get to be November anyway?)



The Church has always had a good way to deal with time: liturgical worship. Have you ever stopped to think about **TIME** and its relationship to the 1979 Book of Common Prayer and regular services of the Church?

I am reading a book entitled *Redeeming the Time* by Byron David Stuhlman—a historical and theological study of the Church's rule of prayer and the regular services of the Church. In his preface, the author admits to having borrowed a phrase from Rabbi Abraham Heschel: "the architecture of time."¹

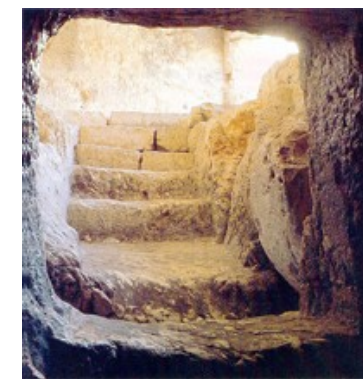


He argues that our 1979 *Book of Common Prayer* holds a deep treasury of prayer which we often take for granted as "tradition." In truth, however there is deep theology about the architecture of prayer in that wonderful resource. Stuhlman writes about *redeeming* the time. For example, the rhythms of our days and nights can be redeemed through the practices of Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer, which

Archbishop Cranmer intended for every person (lay or clergy) to pray daily.

¹Byron David Stuhlman, *Redeeming the Time* (New York: The Church Hymnal Corporation, 1992), x.

How do we redeem the **WEEK**? That happens with the Holy Eucharist on the Lord's Day (with the Lord's Day Sabbath time originally both imitating on some level, but distinguishing itself from, the Jewish Sabbath). If you ever wondered why we gather on Sunday for worship, it is because the early Christians still worshiped in their Jewish synagogues, so they continued to honor the Jewish Sabbath. However, they also gathered on Sunday, "the first day of the week" to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus.



As Stuhlman puts it, "the resurrection of Jesus from the dead was the new focus for their experience of God's redemption, and the day of the resurrection displaced the Sabbath as the day around which the week was organized. The creation of light on the first day of the week was refracted for them in the rising of the 'sun of righteousness' on that same day."²

How do we redeem the **YEAR**? On a larger level, we do that as we celebrate Easter, Pentecost, Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Holy Baptism—all of the feasts in the BCP, and the liturgical seasons that make up the liturgical architecture of our worship.

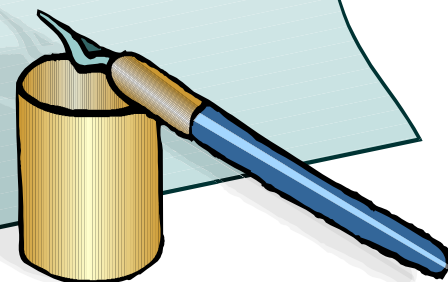
There is so much scripture and prayer in our Anglican tradition. I know at the present time we are putting everything for worship in our bulletin while we are worshipping in Wyatt Hall. However, I hope that when we get back in our worship space, we may explore some ways to get better acquainted with the literal Book of Common Prayer. It has a richness and depth that all of us would do well to explore and plumb.

I pray that each one of us will pause to reflect on how we redeem the hours, days, weeks, months and years of our life.

²Ibid. 70

SAVE THESE DATES

- ◆ **HOLLY DAYS BAZAAR**
Saturday, November 19
9am—3pm
- ◆ **COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER**
Thursday, November 24, 2011
12:30pm



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thoroughly cleaned. Vestry was informed that the curtain had been removed and this opened a discussion about cleaning the curtain and whether or not the curtain should be returned to the altar space. At the October 18 Vestry meeting, Vestry members examined the altar area. Concerns were raised about the stability of the retable (narrow structure behind the altar, and directly in front of the curtain) and the safety issue with this since this is where the candelabras are placed at Christmas, Easter and for weddings. Although the curtain was deemed flame retardant, inspection revealed wax on the curtains—possibly due to the closeness of the candles to the fabric. The Vestry voted to move the retable back to the wall where it can be more securely fastened; this will eliminate the space between the retable and the wall that was formerly occupied by the curtain, so at this time the curtain will not be returned to its previous location. In addition to the safety concerns, the Vestry realized that moving the retable back against the wall will result in adding about four more inches of space in the altar area for the celebrant and altar servers. Because this area has had issues with the lack of room to move about, the additional space will be most helpful to those who serve in that area.

This was a difficult decision. The curtain is made of very high quality flame retardant fabric and was purchased by the Women of St. Philip's at considerable expense seven to nine years ago. It is still in very good condition, so the Vestry will get the curtain cleaned so that it may be repurposed in some way.

Scott Aker, Sr. Warden

Practical Stewardship Guidelines



Every year about this time, we hear local public radio stations asking for pledges from listeners. Isn't it ironic that we don't mind that kind of pledge drive, yet when our church begins to think about a pledge drive, we all get nervous?

Church is not supposed to be about money, you may say. It's about worship, fellowship, outreach. It is true: we gather for worship every Sunday, and we are spiritually fed. We gather for potlucks, barbecue cook-offs, chili cook-offs and are physically fed. We do outreach projects. Yet there are practical aspects of parish life. When we give money to a particular parish, we show our support for the mission and ministries here and now.

For example, when we pledge a specific amount of money to St. Philip's, that enables our Vestry and Finance Committee to make specific plans for next year—i.e. programs for children and youth, outreach, resources for Adult Spiritual



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Don't let them slip away into the future without the timeless nourishing presence of God to redeem all of them.

Faithfully, Sheila+

(Pictures of Sunrise at Claggett Retreat Center and Bread & Wine taken by the Rev. Sheila McJilton. Picture of clock accessed through Google images.)

Notes on the Altar Curtain from Vestry

We were excited to think we could move our worship back into the church on October 16 with the roof project complete. Sexton James Hall went about cleaning the worship space on Wednesday, October 12, but our Altar Guild Team of Betsy Brothers and Leslie Cain discovered that black dust was continuing to sift down into the space as they worked on October 15 to prepare for worship the next day. Your wardens, Scott Aker and Brian Stinchcomb, met at the church to assess the situation. We quickly determined that we would be forced to continue to hold our services in Wyatt Hall until the cracks between the roof planking can be cleaned to eliminate the problem. As I write this, we are working to get a cleaning company in to complete this task.

In the course of removing and covering items to make way for the cleaning crew, we discovered that the curtain behind the altar had accumulated the black dust. We removed the curtain and its hardware so the curtain, the hardware, and the wall could be

November Calendar

†SUNDAY SERVICES

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I—WH
- 10:15 am Holy Eucharist Rite II—WH
- 11/01
 - 3:00 pm Music Lessons—McKee
 - 6:00 pm Smart Recovery—PHBCR
 - 6:00 pm Smart Recovery for SO—PHBCR
 - 7:00 pm Rector's D. Min Group—PHCR
- 11/02
 - 10:00 am Bible Study—WHCR
 - 3:00 pm Music Lessons—McKee
 - 7:00 pm Yoga—WH
- 11/03
 - 3:00 pm Music Lessons—McKee
 - 7:30 pm Adult Choir—WH
- 11/04
 - 3:00 pm Music Lessons—McKee
 - 7:00 pm NA—WH
- 11/05
 - 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry—WH
 - 10:00 am Holiday Beading Workshop—WH
 - 10:00 am Smart Recovery—WH
- 11/06
 - 12:00 pm Property Corp Team—PHCR
- 11/07
 - 3:00 p.m. Music Lessons—WH
 - 6:30 p.m. Vestry Executive Committee—PHCR
 - 7:00 p.m. Rector's D.Min Group—PHCR
 - 7:30 p.m. Bell Choir—WH
- 11/08
 - 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Guild—WH
 - 6:00 p.m. Smart Recovery—PHBCR
 - 6:00 p.m. Smart Recovery for SO—McKee
 - 7:00 p.m. Crafts & Quilts—WH
- 11/09
 - 10:00 a.m. Bible Study—WHCR
 - 7:00 p.m. Yoga—WH
- 11/10
 - 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir—C
- 11/11
 - 7:00 p.m. NA—WH
- 11/12
 - 10:00 a.m. Smart Recovery
- 11/14
 - 6:30 p.m. Worship Committee—PHCR
 - 7:00 p.m. Rector's D.Min Group—PHCR
 - 7:00 p.m. Toastmaster's WHCR
 - 7:30 p.m. Bell Choir—WH
- 11/15
 - 6:00 p.m. Smart Recovery—PHBCR
 - 6:00 p.m. Smart Recovery for SO—McKee
 - 7:00 p.m. Crafts & Quilts—WH

- 11/15
 - 7:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting—WHCR
- 11/16
 - 10:00 a.m. Bible Study—WHCR
 - 7:00 p.m. Yoga—WH
- 11/17
 - 7:30 p.m. **Holly Days Set-up in WH**
- 11/18
 - 7:00 p.m. **Holly Days Set-up in WH**
- 11/19
 - HOLLY DAYS BAZAAR**
 - 9:00 A.M.—3 P.M.**
 - INGATHERING OF PLEDGES**
 - Absalom Jones Cmte Mtg—WHRCR
 - Seminarian Lay Cmte Mtg—WHRCR
 - 7:00 p.m. Rector's D. Min. Group—PHCR
 - 7:30 p.m. Bell Choir—WH
- 11/20
 - 12:00 p.m. **No Crafts Tonight**
 - 2:00 p.m. **Thanksgiving Dinner Preparations in Wyatt Hall**
- 11/21
 - 10:00 a.m. Bible Study—
- 11/22
 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**
 - COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER—WH**
 - 12:30 p.m.**
- 11/23
 - 7:00 p.m. NA—WH
- 11/24
 - 10:00 a.m. Smart Recovery—WH
 - No Sunday School Today**
- 11/25
 - 7:00 p.m. Rector's D. Min. Group—PHCR
 - 7:30 p.m. Bell Choir—WH
 - No Crafts Tonight**
- 11/26
 - 10:00 a.m. Bible Study—WHCR
 - 7:00 p.m. Yoga—WH
 - 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee—PHCR
- 11/27
 - 10:00 a.m. Bible Study—WHCR
- 11/28
 - 7:00 p.m. Yoga—WH
- 11/29
 - 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee—PHCR
- 11/30
 - 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee—PHCR



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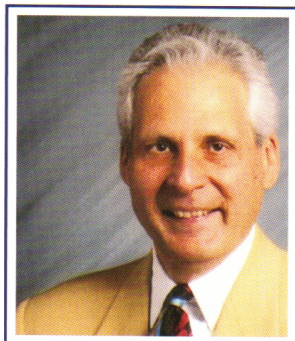
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nurturing our church family, young and old, and
actively reaching out to our community. Through
our words and deeds we inspire, welcome and
encourage others to journey together
in Christian faith and growth.



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No Pun Intended

A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel
and were standing in the lobby discussing their
recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the
manager came out of the office and asked them to
disperse. "But why," they asked, as they moved off.
"Because", he said, "I can't stand chess-nuts boasting
in an open foyer." Groan.....

The painting of St. Philip's Episcopal Church appearing on
the masthead is by Michelle Ben, © 2005

Formation. Plans can also be made for maintenance and upkeep
of our historic buildings, as well as for reduction of our mort-
gage on Wyatt Hall. Some of this is not glamorous, but if you
think about what you must do to maintain and repair your own
home, you will better understand what it takes to maintain a his-
torical campus like we have.

Perhaps you are not sure how much of your resources you
should pledge to St. Philip's for 2012. The biblical guide for giv-
ing is the tithe, or 10% of household income. However, you
may give to other charities, so we ask you to consider seriously at
least a pledge of 5% of income. Perhaps you could give prayerful
consideration to working towards the tithe in the next few years.

Here are some specific guidelines:

Your Income	5% Pledge
\$ 20,000	\$ 1,000 (Abt \$20/wk)
\$ 30,000	\$ 1,500 (Abt \$30/wk)
\$ 40,000	\$ 2,000 (Abt \$40/wk)
\$ 60,000	\$ 3,000 (Abt \$60/wk)
\$ 80,000	\$ 4,000 (Abt \$80/wk)
\$ 100,000	\$ 5,000 (Abt \$100/wk)
\$ 150,000	\$ 7,500 (Abt \$145/wk)
\$ 200,000	\$ 10,000 (Abt \$190/wk)
\$ 250,000	\$ 12,500 (Abt \$240/wk)

You can pay your pledge weekly, monthly or quarterly. NOTE:
2012 is a Leap Year and this means there are 53 Sundays, not 52.
So if you pledge weekly, remember that! You can put a check in
the offering plate—either using a pledge envelope or not. You
can mail a check to the parish office.

However, an easy way to make your pledge is to set up a direct
payment to St. Philip's with your bank. If you do on-line bank-
ing, this takes about four minutes on your computer to set up a
weekly or monthly payment (by bank-generated check—they
send it to St. Philip's.) Your account number is your pledge
number.

If you do not do online banking, then the next time you go to
your bank, you can talk with an account representative about
setting up a direct payment. This is a very simple method, and
you don't need St. Philip's bank account number—just St.
Philip's Episcopal Church, 522 Main Street; Laurel, MD 20707.

Some folks have wondered what the Building Fund is used for.
It is a way that helps the Vestry designate monies each year out
of the General fund specifically for repairs and maintenance.
This fund does not, as it is currently set up, pay off the mortgage
on Wyatt Hall. It is used for "bricks and mortar" kinds of things
around our physical plant. So if you've never designated part of
your pledge for that, please consider it.

If you do not currently pledge, the Vestry, Stewardship Commit-
tee and I encourage you to consider doing so for 2012. Your

commitment to St. Philip's out of thanksgiving for what God
has done for you is appreciated so very much by your brothers
and sisters who benefit from the ministries at St. Philip's.

This parish has much good energy and a sense of growth. We
hope to continue building the children and youth ministries here,
the music ministries, the outreach ministries, and other impor-
tant programs.

In addition, the Vestry really needs the financial resources to do
some much-needed repairs and maintenance, so that we can
finish work on the basement area of Wyatt Hall. We can do
these things with your help, with your financial gifts. Just as an
example, if every member of St. Philip's pledged or gave \$10 a
week in 2012 (or more!), there is so much we could do. Each
one of us is an important part of this parish. Please prayerfully
consider your own financial gift, then give to St. Philip's for
2012.

Sheila+



"Gifted 2 Serve:
Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts"

As we continue on our journey of discovering, learning about,
and test-driving our spiritual gifts, the Stewardship Committee
thought it would be helpful to share with you some additional
spiritual gifts resources. The following websites offer free
on-line spiritual gifts questionnaires. These can be useful in
affirming the results of the in-church questionnaire, or in reveal-
ing additional spiritual gifts:

- <http://www.churchgrowth.org/cgi-cg/gifts.cgi?intro=1>
- <http://mintools.com/spiritual-gifts-test.htm>
- <http://buildingchurch.net/g2s.htm>

If you missed the self-administered questionnaire on Sunday,
Oct. 16, we have copies of the questionnaire, along with the
handout of spiritual gifts definitions, scriptural references, and a
matching of those gifts with St. Philip's parish ministries. These
are available in Wyatt Hall near the stewardship progress boards.
Feel free to pick one up, and let us know if you need any help or
have any questions.

You'll notice that we have two Stewardship Progress Boards this
year. The first board, **The 2012 Annual Pledge Campaign**,
displays our progress towards the 2012 goal of 130 pledges and

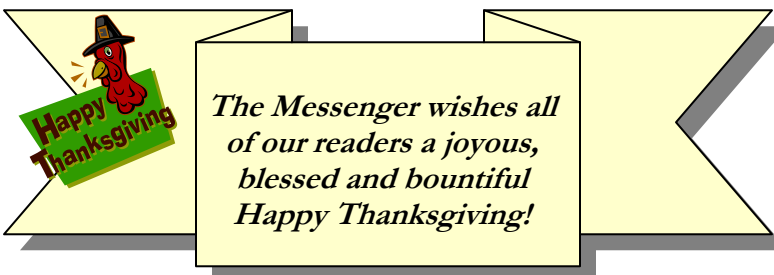
\$335,000* in total pledges. Each pledge is represented by one mosaic tile of the chalice, and total dollars pledged is represented by the filling in of the church walls and roof. Pledge packets were mailed a few weeks ago, and include the 2012 pledge form. These are also available in Wyatt Hall. Completed pledge forms can be placed in the pledge mailbox, the offering plates, or mailed to the parish office. We hope you prayerfully consider making a financial pledge to the ministries and mission of St. Philip's as part of your personal stewardship of the treasures which God has placed under your care. The pledge campaign officially concludes on Sunday, Nov. 20 with an In-Gathering of, and Thanksgiving for all pledges received.

The second board, **Gifted to Serve**, displays spiritual gifts identified and offered to the mission and ministry at St. Philip's. We encourage each of you to fill out a Spiritual Gifts Pledge Card at some point in your journey of discovering and offering your spiritual gifts to build up the body of Christ. These cards are available in Wyatt Hall by our progress boards (and will be in the pew racks once we return to our worship space). Completed cards can be placed in either the pledge mailbox in Wyatt Hall or in the offering plates. Each spiritual gift offered is represented by a starburst with the name of the spiritual gift. We can't wait to see the many spiritual gifts our parish is blessed with!

What's next on our spiritual gifts journey? Our seminarian, Ginny Wilder, will lead three more Adult Forums on the topic of Spiritual Gifts on Oct. 30, Nov. 6, and Nov. 13 from 9—10am in Wyatt Hall Class Room. We hope that many of you can attend these forums! The Stewardship Committee is planning other exciting steps for us to share along this journey over the next few months, but for now, we encourage you to take time to prayerfully identify and embrace your Spiritual Gifts, and consider how you might feel called to use these gifts.

Libby Lamancusa and Gale Massiah,
Co-Chairs, Stewardship Committee

*Errata: In last month's issue of the *Messenger*, the Stewardship goal total for 2011/2012, erroneously read \$135,000. **The correct goal is \$335,000.** *Messenger* regrets the error.



Dear Readers, recently Nancy Marchbank sent the *Messenger* word that our former Rector and friend, The Rt. Rev. Jane Holmes Dixon and journalist Jim Lehrer, had been selected to receive the 2011 Interfaith Alliance Walter Cronkite Faith & Freedom Award. Following is excerpt from the *Episcopal News Service (ENS)* press announcement.



Bishop Jane Holmes Dixon, Jim Lehrer to receive Faith & Freedom Award

Interfaith Alliance announced Sept. 26 that the 2011 Walter Cronkite Faith & Freedom Award will be presented Nov. 13 to the Rt. Rev. Jane Holmes Dixon, the second woman to be elected bishop in the Episcopal Church, and award-winning PBS anchor and journalist Jim Lehrer.

The Walter Cronkite Faith & Freedom Award, established by Interfaith Alliance in 1998, recognizes individuals "who courageously promote democratic values, defend religious freedom and reinvigorate informed civic participation. Jim Lehrer and Jane Holmes Dixon represent the best of what Walter Cronkite stood for as one of the most respected journalists of his time and as a citizen of this country deeply committed to protecting religious freedom," the Rev. C. Welton Gaddy, Interfaith Alliance president, said in the release.

Gaddy said Dixon "has been a trailblazer within her own church, opening doors for women and members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community, and demonstrating compassionate inclusion in her ministry." Dixon is a past chair of organization's board and member of its staff, and Gaddy said her "impact on this organization and on the nation cannot be overstated."

excerpted from article By ENS staff, September 27, 2011

2012 PLEDGE YEAR UPDATE

A quick alert to all of our pledgers that if you have selected or will select "Weekly" giving for your 2012 Pledge, the total amount for 2012 will be calculated based on the fact that next year will have 53 Sundays. Just a head's up - so while you're thinking of 2012 and pledging, pledge now if you haven't already!

Doug Hayes, Pledge Treasurer

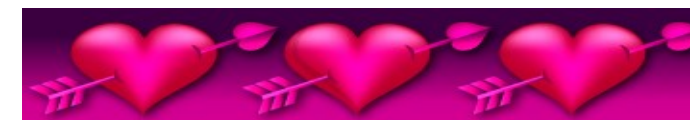
In Our Prayers This Month



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: Andy Anderson and Cindi Spicer, Reese Armstrong, Gail Bernhard, Carol Bracht, Jane Burke, Charles Chesgreen, Judy Cramer, Jack Dunn, Laurie Dusterwald, Amy Elmquist, Gus Eustis, Pat Bentley-Fisher, Albert Fons, Paul and Caryne Forster, Patty French, Brandon Fubrman, John Greenhorn, Laurie Herbert, Phyllis Iglehart, Georgette Inman, Kathleen Inman, Ann Jess-Johnson, Brenda Johnson, Charles McLaughlin, Susan Miranda, Tom Penn, Esther Robinson, Rev. Janice Robinson, Kristen Ruiz, Phyllis Skelton, Audrey Shumway, Andrew Sumner and parents Carey and Susan, Otto Thiele, Charmaine Truesdell, Frank Unger, Stephen Wheeler, Margaret Willet, Dennis Williams, Dylan Williams, Ken and Mary Wilson, Thomas Woody and Fay Wentworth Yoder



- 11/03 Tamara Baptiste
- 11/04 Carolyn Campbell Flowe
- 11/05 Sheila McJilton
- 11/10 Elizabeth Newcomb
- 11/11 Olen Merson
- 11/11 Sophia Hughes
- 11/13 Bob Mamula, Sr.
- 11/14 Caitlin Irvin
- 11/16 Nancy Marchbank
- 11/16 Marti Wrenn
- 11/17 Tracy McCracken
- 11/18 Danielle Rolle
- 11/19 Amaka Omeronye
- 11/21 Mildred Latlief
- 11/22 Kieron Bryan
- 11/22 Omar Kofie
- 11/24 Betty Caron
- 11/24 Brendan Smith
- 11/25 Vi Turley
- 11/25 Chinedu Omeronye
- 11/25 Justin Mann
- 11/26 Thomas Hamilton
- 11/28 Sonald Foster
- 11/28 Jennifer Gentile
- 11/28 Caleb Forssell
- 11/29 Cora Jean Smith
- 11/30 Wendy Bain
- 11/30 Jonathan Mann



Wedding Anniversaries

- Scott Myers & Rebecca Shearin—Nov. 21
- Stephen Murray & Beverly Ann St. Louis—Nov. 21



If you do not see your name in the birthdays (or wedding anniversaries) 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.

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS



Highlights of the October 18, 2011, Vestry Meeting

The Vestry meeting started officially with a discussion on future Vestry nominees. Carol Rascon, Debbie Dusterwald, and Jenny Wall-Smith have all agreed to sit on the Vestry Nominating Committee with Vestry members, Amy Brennan and Linda Stapf. Amy and Linda have reached out to a few parishioners about running for Vestry, but still have several more to speak with. Sheila and many of the Vestry members offered names of people that they felt would be good candidates for the Vestry. Scott Aker encouraged that the potential candidates be given a very clear idea as to what is required in Vestry so to better clarify what he or she is agreeing to and also to reassure that the time commitment is not overwhelming in the least.

Scott Aker discussed the current status of the worship space. Unfortunately, while the roof is completed, black dust continues to fall from the ceiling, making it impossible to move services from Wyatt Hall at the present. Professional cleaning cannot and should not take place until all of the dust has settled. He clarified that cleaning was not in the contract with the Wagner Roofing Company, but that other professional cleaning companies with a more competitive rate, such as ServPro, were being sought out. Moreover, he felt that some of the cleaning could be done by the Vestry and volunteers in the parish. Once costs were negotiated, the decision will be brought before the Vestry.

Scott also brought to the attention of the Vestry the green curtain that hung behind the altar. It had been given as a gift from the Women of St. Philip's about ten years ago and would need to be professionally cleaned before being returned to the wall. There was concern over the safety of having the curtain behind an unstable retable that often held candles. The Vestry visited the altar and worship space and spent time studying and discussing the matter. Ultimately, they decided as a whole that, while the curtain was aesthetically pleasing, it compromised the integrity of the retable and altar structure by limiting the space between the two and creating an unstable surface and potential fire hazard.

Pam Brown discussed the matter of the raising the rent by 5% for the congregation using the Little Chapel. While the multi-year contract stipulated that the rent could go up as much as 7% each year, Pam felt that this increase might negatively affect them. Most importantly, she felt that this parish, St. Philip's, has been so blessed with generosity in the past year. Incredible amounts of money have been raised in order to see through major repairs on the church. She would like to see us pay this generosity forward by keeping the rent at the same rate for the next year. Several Vestry members agreed this could be a wonderful gesture and agreed to

discuss it further at the next meeting pending discussions with the Finance Committee and also with Sue O'Connor, who manages this contract.

Several maintenance items were also brought up in the October meeting. The tree by the back drive is dying and could potentially become a safety issue. The Vestry decided that the PCT should seek appropriate bids to cut down this tree and remove the stump as quickly as possible. This should be done before winter. The insurance audit recommended two actions take place in the near future: first, a video record should be taken of the inside of the church and its belongings for insurance purposes; and second, a formal contingency plan should be created in the event of a disaster, natural or unnatural. Both the video records and the official contingency plan should be stored off-site. While the video record could potentially be created by volunteers within the church in the form of a service project, the contingency plan will have to be discussed in much more detail in a future meeting. The diocese does offer a template for how this could be created.

Respectfully submitted by:
Angie Galt
Clerk of the Vestry



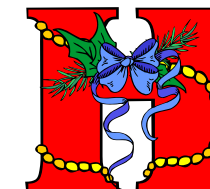
Eastern Standard Time begins at 2 a.m. Sun., Nov. 6, 2011. Don't Forget to Turn Your Clocks Back 1 Hour!

Mrs. Claus' Attic Appeal



Mrs. Claus' Attic is in need of replenishing before the Holly Days Bazaar. Kathy would like re-giftable items, e.g. vases, china, jewelry, nick-nacks, figurines, pictures, and decorative items. Please no rummage type items. For more information please call Kathy at (301) 776-8954; Betsy at (301) 604-1981; or Kama at (301) 317-1204.

Holly Days Beading Workshop



There will be a beading workshop to make jewelry items for the Holly Days Bazaar on Saturday, November 5, 2011, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The workshop will be held in Wyatt Hall. (The Prayer Shawl Ministry) will also be meeting at that time.) If you are interested in learning to make bead jewelry or want to refresh your beading skills, plan to attend the workshop. Supplies will be available. Contact Arleen Leis by phone (see St. Philip's Directory) or email her at arleen.leis@gmail.com to let her know you will be attending.

Arlene Leis



Angel Tree Morphs Into Other Options!

We have for MANY years enjoyed gathering gifts for St Philip's "Angel Tree". Sadly, Reality House has had management issues this year and is not operational. BUT DO NOT DISMAY!! We have adopted several families from LARS for this holiday season and will thus have many opportunities for sharing joy and gifts and being Angels. Be on the look out for the WISH LIST of families we adopt. ~Betsy Welsh



Can you believe it? Forty five years and still going strong. We're NOT referring to the ages of those who plan and execute the big day on the Saturday before Thanksgiving each year. We are referring to the number of years that the Women of St. Philip's have sponsored the **HOLLY DAYS BAZAAR**. This event has traditionally been an opportunity for St Philip and the community to come together and enjoy the beginning of the countdown to Christmas. This year, the Holly Days Bazaar will take place on Saturday, November 19 from 9 a.m.— 3 p.m.!

Are you looking for Autumn or Thanksgiving crafts and decorations. What about Christmas gifts and decorations? Maybe you want birthday, anniversary or "because you are my friend" gifts. You will find all that and more at the Holly Days Bazaar. A bake sale, a lunch counter, a re-giftable booth, Santa Claus, pizzelles, a silent auction, door raffles--the list goes on. The most important gift you'll find is the gift of fellowship which is in abundance on that day.

In the early days at 6th and Main the women held bazaars as fund raisers to help finance the church. Now is no different. The WOSP have sponsored this event to raise funds for its many but needed projects. In 1967 the women decided to give this event a name, Holly Days, and to hold it on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. This tradition continues and 2011 is the 45th year for this named event. If you have never been to the bazaar, do plan on coming this year. We promise that you will enjoy your visit. You might even find that special hand crafted gift for the special people in your life. Bring your friends, neighbors, and children. **Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 19 and plan to join us from 9 a.m.—3p.m.**

Betsy Brothers



**St. Philip's 2011 Thanksgiving Day Dinner
Thursday, November 24, 2011**

It is that time of the year again to start thinking turkey, hams, desserts for Thanksgiving Day. The Thanksgiving Day Dinner has been a long-time tradition at St. Philips. We count our blessings and brighten the lives of many. St. Philip's provides a dinner to anyone in the community who would like to come and join us for the day. Our doors are open to families, singles, couples and those who may not have the resources for a dinner. We, also, deliver meals and pick-up anyone who may need a ride to church.

We need Volunteers... Help, help and More Help!!!
Donate a **cooked AND sliced** Turkey or Ham (15 pounds or larger) **(We will not cook turkeys or hams at church)**; Donate desserts: Pies, cakes, brownies; Donate your time: Volunteers are needed. Tuesday evening set-up, Servers in the Dining Room, Kitchen Workers, Dishwashers, Carry Out, Dessert Table, Delivery of dinners, Transport people to church or Clean-up Crew. Please think about how you would like to serve. A sign-up sheet will be posted in Wyatt Hall beginning the middle of October.

Below is a list of non-perishable items we ask to be donated:

- ◆ Instant Mashed Potatoes
- ◆ Cranberry Sauce
- ◆ Green Beans canned (#10 size can)
- ◆ Corn canned (#10 size can)
- ◆ Applesauce (Jars or snack pack)
- ◆ Stove Top Stuffing
- ◆ Grocery Bags Plastic or paper

A box for these items is in Wyatt Hall through November 20th. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Dusterwald at 301-725-8288.

Debbie Dusterwald

WinterFest 2012 is Coming! Donations Wanted!

Planning is underway for WinterFest 2012, which takes place on Saturday evening, February 11, 2012. The proceeds of this year's event will go to the Sunday School Classrooms designated fund. In 2010, WinterFest raised \$7,000. In 2011, we set a goal of \$10,000, and raised \$11,000. We've set the 2012 goal at \$13,000, and hope to exceed this! Want to help us reach this goal? It's easy! The more awesome our silent auction items are, the more money we raise. You can help us in two ways:

1) ASK for donations from businesses you frequent and from people you know. We already have an AWESOME

item from DisneyWorld (more about the item later!) just from asking and completing an online request form. The WinterFest committee has a running list of businesses we are contacting, so it would be very helpful if you could check with us first to make sure we do not ask the same place twice.

2) Donate something yourself. No sales skills needed! Buy and donate something you think a handful of people will want to bid on. Offer a service. Sponsor an event. Donate an item to be used in a themed basket. Donate a gift certificate. Donate money for the committee to use to buy a hot item. Easy, right?

Want some specific ideas? Consider these:

- **Tickets/Passes** to Shows, Performances, Sporting Events, Theme Parks, Museums, Airfare, Recreation SUCH AS... the Kennedy Center, Laurel Playhouse, Venus Playshack, the Ravens, Capitals, U of MD, Baysox, Bush Gardens, King's Dominion, Spy Museum, Science Center, Luray Caverns, Airlines, Boating, Skiing, Horseback Riding, Ice Skating, Golf, Bowling, Paintball, Fitness Centers
 - **Overnight Accommodations:** local (DC, Annapolis, Inner Harbor, area beach resorts) or chain hotels, Bed n Breakfasts, Rental homes, Resorts, Time Shares, Cruise lines.
 - **Gift Certificates** to Restaurants, Retail Stores, Service Providers (The committee may bundle these with other items or use them to purchase a specific item(s) for use in a themed basket) SUCH AS... Pasta Plus, Green Turtle, Sakura, Starbucks, PF Changs, Panera Bread, Harris Teeter, Trader Joe's, REI, Dick's Sporting Goods, National Cathedral Store, Barnes and Noble, Best Buy, Corridor Wine, GameStop, Behnke's, William Sonoma, Toys R Us, Target, Home Depot, Landscaping or Lawn Care, House Cleaning, Painters, Music/Art/Sports Lessons, Spas or Salons
 - **Hot Tech Gadgets** – iPods, ipods, Kindles or other e-readers, Nintendo 3DS, videogame systems, GPS devices, 3D TVs, laptops
 - **You-Can-Do Services and Events:** Computer Services, Car Detailing, Babysitting, Dinner Delivery, 4 Months of Homemade Cookies, Paint an Interior Room, Yard work, Host a Dinner Party, Chick-Flick Movie Night, Macho Manly-Man Movie Night, Wii Bowling or MarioKart Competition
 - **Unique Items:** Sterling silver pieces, original works of fine art, fine jewelry, unusual small furniture pieces
- THEME BASKET IDEAS:**
- **Wine and Cheese** (wine, cheese, and accessories)
 - **Antioxidants** (dark chocolate, red wine, pomegranates)
 - **BBQ Time** (Laurel Meat Market certificate, spice rubs, grill tools, grill cookbook, apron)
 - **Spa Days** (robe, lotions, eye mask, slipper socks, gift certificate)
 - **Fitness Fun** (pedometer, % body fat assessor, water bottle, log-book, gift certificate)
 - **Dog Lovers** (dog toys, treats, blankets, doggie decor/accessories, gift certificates)
 - **Cat Lovers** (cat toys, treats, blankets, kitty decor/accessories, gift certificates)
 - **Gardener's** (basket, gloves, pruners, shovel, kneeler pad, watering can, gardening tip book, seeds)

- **Mexican Fiesta** (salsa, chips, Mexican dishware, recipe cards, accessories)
- **Pasta Lovers** (pastas, sauces, big pasta bowl, pasta scooper, recipes, parmesan cheese grater)
- **Gourmet Chef** (gourmet tools, specialty food items)
- **Movie Lover's** (Movie passes, dinner/dessert gift certificates, Netflix certificate, popcorn)
- **Soup's On** (soup mixes, recipes and ingredients, large soup pot, ladle, bowls)
- **Nature Lovers** (bird feeder, wind chimes, hammock, butterfly/bird/plant identification book)
- **Get Outside!** (outdoor games such as bocce, horseshoes, etc., sunscreen, outdoor blanket)
- **Coffee Lovers** (Starbucks gift card, travel coffee mug, free-trade coffees)
- **Breakfast in Bed** (Tray, flower vase, crossword book, pancake mix, breakfasts recipe book)

Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Libby Lamancusa, WinterFest Chairperson
(LibbyLamancusa@aol.com or 301-774-6221).

Senior Ministries

Seniors who are dealing with chronic disease such as diabetes, arthritis, high blood pressure, heart disease, chronic pain or anxiety may be interested in looking into a workshop offered by the National Council on Aging (NCOA).

The workshop on "Better Choices, Better Health" is free and offered online over a 6-week period. It is based on Stanford University's widely tested Chronic Disease Self-Management Program.

The subjects covered are:

- ◆ Practical ways to deal with pain, fatigue and stress;
- ◆ Better nutrition and exercise choices;
- ◆ Making informed treatment decisions;
- ◆ Better ways to talk with your doctor and your family about your health.

For more information about the workshop, go to: <https://selfmanage.org/BetterHealth/SignUp>.

Support Seabury Resources In Workplace Giving

If your workplace participates in the United Way or Combined Federal Campaign, please designate Seabury Resources for Aging in this year's workplace giving campaigns, #8904 in the United Way and #63211 in the Combined Federal Campaign.

Senior Ministries articles by Arlene Leis

Seabury Resources for Aging was selected as one of the best smaller charities for the 2010/11 website of the Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington.

The mission of Seabury Resources is to provide personalized, affordable services and housing options to help older adults in the greater Washington, DC area live with independence and dignity.

Seabury has also been designated as the organization that provides leadership and coordination of aging services in the Diocese. It provides resources and support for senior ministries in congregations in the Episcopal Diocese of Washington.



• Thursday, November 24th, 8 AM, THE TURKEY TROT, First United Methodist Church, Laurel. A "new" Laurel tradition. A 5K run/one-mile fun walk on Thanksgiving Day to benefit Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services. Entry fee: \$40.

LARS Holiday Program

The Christmas wishes of LARS's neediest families will be posted in Wyatt Hall. Please brighten this holy day by purchasing and wrapping a gift for a child or adult. Deadline for the delivery of gifts to Wyatt Hall is Sun., Dec. 11th. Cynthia Chase chase707@verizon.net

WinterHaven

Saint Philip's will host Winterhaven for both men and women the week of January 1st. We'll need volunteers for the early evening and overnight shifts; bag lunches; donations of breakfast food, plastic cutlery, and paper products; and "dinner teams"—several people who will work together to prepare, serve, and clean up after the evening meal served at 7 PM each night.

The same kind of help is being sought from all 20 of the Laurel congregations belonging to Winterhaven for "Greenview Cabana Week," (December 18th through December 26th), when the men and women will be housed at the club house at the golf course on Route 197. If you can help in any way during Greenview Cabana Week, please contact Jenny Wall Smith by email at vaguemin@aol.com.

Little Known Fact

One million die each year of malaria. The majority are children under 5 who have not yet built up immunity to the disease. ERD partners with "NetsforLife" to distribute life-saving mosquito nets in sub-Saharan Africa.