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**ST. PHILIP'S COMMUNITY
THANKSGIVING DINNER,
NOV. 25TH
12:30 P.M.**



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Dear friends in Christ,

Fall is a time when all of us are besieged by demands of, or requests for, money. Parents have many demands by children who need sports equipment, fees, school fund-raisers, Girl Scout/Boy Scout camping trips, etc.

Adults get requests for money, too. In the past couple of weeks, I have been keenly aware of fund-raising, because I am an avid public radio listener. Most of the pre-sets on my car radio are tuned to public radio—either out of Washington, Baltimore, or Salisbury. Admittedly, I have done some channel-hopping lately, to avoid the persistent requests for money in fall campaign fund drives. On the other hand, the fall programming is so wonderful! Radio stations know that in order to lessen the “turn off factor,” they must offer high-quality programming during fund-raising weeks. So I have enjoyed incredible interviews and thoughtful programs that make it hard to hit the button.



Of course public radio offers wonderful incentives for pledging. Sometimes they offer CDs. This morning, on WETA, for example, I was offered a new generation Nano I-Pod—if I pledged \$1,000!

(I did not. . .)

As I have listened to radio station pledge appeals, I have wondered this: what is the difference between

funding for public radio and pledging in a community of faith?

Well, St. Philips has no Nano I-Pods or CDs to give you for certain pledge amounts. That's one difference. Now there are some practical aspects that are the same. It takes a certain amount of money to keep the lights on, the heat and AC running, the building maintained, the staff paid, programming, etc.. Yet there are major differences. My own desire to hear public radio programs is, on some level, selfish. I love classical music. I love in-depth news programs that attempt (especially in the current political environment) to be balanced and reasoned. I love Garrison Keillor's *Prairie Home Companion* on Saturday evenings. I do not have to endure advertising. So I admit—my love for public radio is for my own distinct pleasure.

Stewardship within, and out of, a particular community faith like St. Philip's, is very different. It is *not* self-centered. While there are some tangible results of our giving to a church, our giving to God's mission and ministry is not about anything tangible.

When they are young, we teach our children and grandchildren to say “thank you” when we give them something. Gratitude is something that must be taught, and learned in a deep way.

We adults must remember that stewardship is directly related to our saying “thank you”—thank you to God. God has given us so much for which to be thankful, and yet we take so many things for granted. Did you wake up this morning in your own bed, with a roof over your head? Did you get a hot shower last night or this morning? Did you earn more than \$2.00 today (if you're still working)? Did you have a meal today? Did you have clean water to drink? If your

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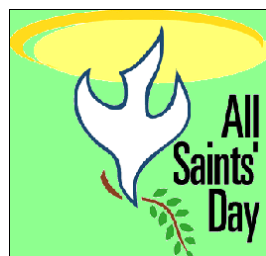
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Yes, we have a historic building and a physical plant to maintain. But we must ask ourselves this: if we locked the doors of St. Philip's tomorrow, would anyone in Laurel notice? Would anyone care? We must be good stewards of our physical resources of buildings. Yet mission and ministry goes far beyond bricks and mortar. God calls us to welcome and love folks who come in through our doors to worship and for fellowship. To reach out into the Laurel community to make a real difference in peoples' lives. To pass God's love to the next generations—which means we must have viable Sunday School and Youth programs for our children—programs that bring Christ's love so alive, they will want to invite their friends to come to church with them. We must continue to work at making worship a lively and deep experience of the risen Christ every Sunday.

If you have not already pledged to St. Philip's, I hope you will prayerfully consider how you can say "thank you" to God, and in doing so, how you can help build the Kingdom of God in real ways at St. Philip's Parish.

I promise you: whatever you receive in return will make a Nano I-Pod's value pale in comparison. That is because God's love and bounty has no dollar tag. Thanks be to God.

Faithfully, Sheila+



We will celebrate the Feast of All Saints on Sunday, November 7. On this special feast day, we will remember the saints who have gone before us into God's heavenly kingdom, especially those who have died in the past year. You will also have the chance to light a candle in his/her memory.

If you have someone you would like to have remembered in our litany for the saints, please either fill out the forms left at the end of the pews, or call Tracy in the parish office (Mon-Thur, 9-2) and give her the names. You may also email them to Tracy at admin@stphilipslaurel.org.

We must have all names by Tuesday, November 2. Sheila+

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answer to these questions is YES, then you are better off than most of your brothers and sisters around the world right this minute.

God has given us all that is good in our lives—yet we tend to give ourselves all the credit. We are well-educated and intelligent. So whatever blessings we have, we think it's because we worked hard or had a good upbringing. But not one of us would have any gifts except from the God who created us, loves us and sustains us.

St. Philip's is not a civic organization to which we pay annual dues. St. Philip's is not a public radio station that will hand out gifts for your pledge. St. Philip's is a community of faith that gathers to worship God. Out of our worship, we are hopefully transformed more and more into disciples who are rooted deeply in God's love. We follow the example of the life and words of Jesus the Christ, who tells us to go into the world and make disciples. To feed the hungry. To visit the sick and dying. To support one another in difficult times and to pray for each other. To celebrate with each other in times of joy and fellowship.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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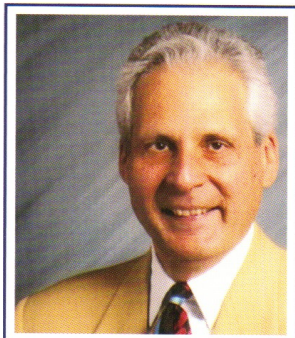
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Every day St. Philip's proclaims Christ's love by
nurturing our church family, young and old, and
actively reaching out to our community. Through our
words and deeds we inspire, welcome and
encourage others to journey together in Christian faith
and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

The painting of St. Philip's Episcopal Church appearing
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SENIOR MINISTRIES NEWS

- ♦ Seabury Resources for Aging (formerly Episcopal Senior Ministries) will be presenting "Across the Generations," a conversation between youth and senior adults on Saturday, November 6, 2010, from 2-4:30 p.m. This program will take place at Collington Life Care Community, 10450 Lottsford Road, Mitchellville, MD 20721. If you are interested in attending, call Arleen Leis at 301.490.2844 by Monday, November 1st. Carpooling can be arranged for interested parishioners. Some of the topics to be covered will be: building relationships via traditional story-telling as well as new media technologies like Twitter and Facebook; linking the generations through community service; worship and prayer that meets the needs of all generations; and new and old ways to incorporate scriptural study into the congregation. Speakers will include The Rev. Rondesia Jarrett, Assistant Rector, Transfiguration; Tyler Jones, Pastoral Care, St. Andrew's, College Park; and James Woody, Exec. Director, The Bishop Walker School.
- ♦ Springvale Terrace in Silver Spring joined the Seabury Resources for Aging family of senior retirement communities this past year. It is located in a charming residential community about a half mile from downtown Silver Spring. It offers both affordable Independent Living and a range of Assisted Living Services. Meals, housekeeping, and many other services are available, as well as a wide variety of activities. If you know anyone who is looking for such a retirement community, suggest that they call Springvale at 301.587.0190. Staff can also assist in locating financial assistance to help with the cost of rent and services.
- ♦ Did you know that elderly adults with a strong sense of purpose in life are almost 2½ times less likely to develop Alzheimer's disease. According to Medscape Medical News, research by the Rush University Medical Center in Chicago indicates that positive factors such as having a sense of goal-directedness may relate to a substantially reduced risk for Alzheimer's.

Arlene Leis

2011 PLEDGE
CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Goal:
120 Pledges \$325,000
Received as of 10/24/2010
18 Pledges \$116,118

Amount Still Needed
\$208,882



We've made a good start. Thanks to those of you who have already pledged!

ROOF & NAVE UPDATE:

- ♦ Received to date: 2010 Totals—\$126,712.96
2009 Totals—\$ 2,195.00
- ♦ Grand Total through October 24, 2010
\$128,907.96

IGIVE.COM

Do you book travel through Expedia or Travelocity? As a member of igive.com a portion of your travel will be donated to St. Philip's. Here are some examples of the popular travel sites that donate a portion of your travel to St. Philip's.

- ♦ Expedia gives 0.8%
- ♦ Hotels.com gives 2.4%
- ♦ Orbitz gives 1.2%
- ♦ Priceline gives 2%
- ♦ Travelocity gives 1.2%

Go to igive.com and sign-on as a member - selecting St. Philip's Episcopal Church as your cause. When shopping online - just start at igive.com and a portion of your purchase will be sent to St. Philip's.

Reminder



Eastern Standard Time returns at 2 a.m. on Sun., Nov. 7th! Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before turning into bed on Sat., Nov. 6th!

44th Annual Holly Days Bazaar

NOVEMBER 20, 2010
9:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M.

A Christmas village is coming to Laurel! On Saturday November 20 the Village of St. Philips will open for 6 hours only! 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Wyatt Hall. Begin your day with a lite breakfast at the Holly Inn then stop by the Wishing Well to purchase chances for a variety of door prizes. Shopping opportunities abound at the many shoppes. All things "Christmas" will be available at the Christmas Boutique. Gramma's Stitchery will have a huge variety of toys, children's items, aprons, table runners, wall hangings and decorations for the house. Do you need cards, jewelry, books and more children's items? The Village Card Shoppe will probably have what you want. Previously cherished items may be found at Mrs. Claus' Attic.



The Village Sweet Shoppe and Pizzelle Place are sure



to be favorite hangouts for those looking for those special preserves, jams, and bakery items. A hint...order your pizzelles as soon as you arrive to the Village; they sell out quickly! A return of the Vermont Cheddar cheese and

pecans for your holiday baking will be available for sale this year. Look for them

As with all shopping excursions, lunch time is very important. The Vestry will have the Holly Inn open for those hungry souls. Take time to enjoy a lunch and maybe some coffee as you visit with friends.

Children and those young at heart will be able to have their pictures taken as they whisper those special wishes in Santa Claus' ear. Last year Mrs. Claus left her place at the Wishing Well to sit, for quite a spell, with Santa. So you may have to get there early to get in line before her!

You are assured of a great day--come--stay awhile, stroll the Village, have a pizzelle, buy a chance on a door prize, bid on an auction item, sit with a friend and share memories of past Holly Days and watch



Santa arrive at 10:00 a.m. to a chorus of cheers. Share this St. Philip's tradition with your friends and neighbors. You'll be glad you did!

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY AWAITS MRS. CLAUS' ATTIC

Yes, a golden opportunity awaits you all! Instead of letting those previously cherished items gather dust, (which needs to be removed occasionally), you will be given that opportunity to donate them to Mrs. Claus' Attic. Mrs. Claus will be accepting items such as vases, pictures, knick-knacks, jewelry, crystal, china, and silver. As you do all of your fall cleaning and de-cluttering, please set aside these items and donate them to Mrs. Claus. She will thank you — her cupboard is relatively bare at this point. For information, please call Kathy Macoughtry at 301.776.8954, or Betsy Brothers at 301.604.1981.

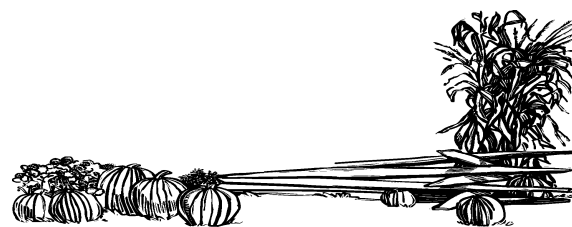
Thank You
Thank You

Harvest Tea Thank You

The Women of St. Philip's appreciates all the support they received for their Harvest Tea and Art Exhibit. It was an afternoon of delightful delicacies and warm fellowship. Wyatt Hall provided a lovely display venue for Zita Bowley's art which was viewed by all, with awe and appreciation. The tea and light fare was enjoyed by the many who attended. The WOSP consider the event a success and would like to thank all that attended, all that helped the event come to fruition, and specifically Zita for allowing her art to be shown and Tracy Holmes for her tracking of the reservations as they arrived in the parish office. The WOSP look forward to seeing everyone at the Holly Days Bazaar.



- 11/03 Tamara Baptiste
- 11/04 Carolyn Campbell-Flowe
- 11/05 Sheila McJilton
- 11/10 Elizabeth Newcombe
- 11/11 Olen Merson
- 11/11 Sophia Hughes
- 11/13 Bob Mamula
- 11/14 Caitlin Irvin
- 11/16 Nancy Marchbank
- 11/16 Martha Wren
- 11/17 Tracey 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
- 11/26 Thomas Hamilton
- 11/28 Donald Foster
- 11/28 Jennifer Gentile
- 11/28 Caleb Forssell
- 11/29 Cora Jean Smith
- 11/30 Wendy Bain
- 11/30 Jonathan Mann



Photos from St. Philip's Scrapbook



Amanda Colindres helps out some little ones at the Main Street Festival last May.



Casey Obringer, washing cars at the Youth Group's Car Wash fund-raiser on September 11. Proceeds raised by the youth group were donated to the St. Philip's Roof & Nave fund.

NUTS AND BOLTS



LARS: When you go to the grocery store this week, buy a few extra canned goods or non-perishables for LARS. As you come to church this Sunday, remember to bring them and put

them in the LARS basket in front of the organ.

Foods needed include: **peanut butter, jelly, rice, canned pasta with meat, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, canned vegetables, 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!

THE GYPSY QUILTERS will once again be selling their delicious pecans, beginning sometime before Thanksgiving. These make a lovely gift at Christmastime, so stay tuned to your bulletins and the November *Messenger* for additional information regarding pricing.



SPEAKING OF 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). For every card you buy, St. Philip's receives a

rebate. To purchase a card, see Vi Turley or Julie Waters and their crew after the 8:00 service, or Joan Rattigan, Kama Hamilton or Terry Betzer after the 10:15 service. It's easy, you get food and St. Philip's gets a \$\$\$ boost. All Good! (**Safeway shoppers:** If you participated last year, you must renew by Nov. 1 so that St. Philip's continues to earn contributions. Go to eScrip.com, click on "Yes Renew," enter either your phone number or your Safeway Club Card number. If you're new to Safeway, sign-up by going

to the eScrip.com site, click on "1-Sign-Up," and enter your Safeway Club Card Number. It's as easy as that!) St. Philip's number is 1036806.

APOLOGIES FROM THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE:

Did you sign a sheet in Wyatt Hall on Mission Opportunity Sunday in September, expressing interest in the work of the Outreach Committee? Are you wondering why no one has gotten around to calling you? And why the people you talked to that day walk past you at church without so much as a smile of recognition? The answer is: we misplaced the sheet. Please fill out a pew card and drop it in the collection plate, with a request that the Outreach Committee contact you. We're sorry for the inconvenience.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. PHILIP'S: St. Philip's offers many opportunities for ministry. If you are new to the St. Philip's family and would like to receive information about the various ministry opportunities, just contact the Parish Office to request a copy of the Ministry Opportunities Brochure.

NOVEMBER EVENTS AT MONTEPELIER MANSION:

Traveling Exhibition: Only a few more days remain to see *Between Fences*, a traveling exhibition from the Smithsonian Institution. Visitors may attend 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily through Sun., Nov. 7. In conjunction with *Between Fences*, Montpelier Mansion is also offering *Barriers and Gateways: The Immigrant Experience*. This exhibit explores the metaphorical boundaries faced by immigrants throughout history, and how they overcame them. **3rd Annual Taste of Laurel:** Sun., Nov. 7 from 1:30—3:30 p.m., visit the Laurel Museum for the Taste of Laurel. Explore and experience the diversity of the town's food at this affair which will be the closing event for the aforementioned *Between Fences* and *Barriers and Gateways* exhibitions. **History Lecture: "A River Keeper's Patuxent Journey."** On Wed., Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m., Patuxent River Keeper Fred Tutman will discuss the history of the Patuxent and its stewardship. All events are free.



The Messenger wishes all of its readers a very happy & blessed Thanksgiving!



ST. PHILIP'S 2010 THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER Thursday, November 25th

The Thanksgiving Day Dinner at St. Philip's Church is an established tradition. We count on your help and participation so that together, we can brighten the lives of many, as we give thanks for God's blessings.

We provide a free dinner to anyone in the community who would like to come. Our doors are open to families, singles, couples, and those who have no resources for a dinner. We'll also deliver meals and pick up anyone who needs a ride to church.

Below is a list of non-perishable items we will need for dinner. (A box for these items will be in Wyatt Hall starting the middle of October through November 21st. We also accept and welcome cash donations.)

- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Cranberry sauce
- Plain canned green beans (#10 size cans)
- Plain canned corn (#10 size cans)
- Canned and snack pack applesauce
- Stove Top Stuffing
- Grocery bags plastic or paper
- Fully cooked Turkeys or Hams (at least 15 lbs. or larger) (Carved meats would be a huge help; no turkeys or hams will be roasted/baked at the church.)
- Desserts such as pies, cakes, brownies

We Need Volunteers... Help, Help and More Help! (If you're able to lend a hand, please sign-up on the sheet posted in Wyatt Hall.) We'll need volunteers the afternoon of Wed., Nov. 24 to assist with preparations and set-up. On Thanksgiving Day, we'll need volunteers to serve in the Dining Room, along with the following areas:

Kitchen Worker

Manager of all Kitchen Help
(Available from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
Cooks

Servers at serving Table
Gravy person at window
Dishwashers

Back Room

Carry Out
Dessert table
Delivery of dinners
(11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. deliveries to homes)
Transport of people for dinner
Cleanup crew after 3:00 PM

Please think about how you would like to serve this event. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Dusterwald at 301-725-8288.



The Outreach Committee wishes to remind everyone of the following upcoming events:

- ♦ November 25 (Thursday) Thanksgiving Morning Turkey Trot to benefit LARS. The 5K run or One-Mile Fun Walk begins at the First United Methodist Church, 424 Main Street, at 8 AM. Registration before November 12th is \$25.00 and \$30.00 after the 12th. You can register on line at www.laureladvocacy.org.
- ♦ November 14 through December 12: Donating gifts for families adopted for Christmas through LARS.
- ♦ November 25 (Thursday) St. Philip's Thanksgiving Dinner for the community.
- ♦ December 26—January 2 (Sunday evening until Sunday morning) Providing food and shelter in Wyatt Ministry Center for 25-35 homeless men and women.

Kerrie Allen, Cynthia Chase & Jenny Wall

DIOCESAN NEWS

HELP BUILD THE NEW BOND MILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUND!

What's new, creative, and lots of fun? The new playground that is under construction at Bond Mill Elementary School. Do you know how to use a hammer, a saw, or power tools? Can you socialize and help out where needed or serve some food? If so, be sure to join us from



November 3—7 and come out on one or more days to help build the Bond Mill Community Playground.

On those days, (Wed-Sun), we'll be busy with 200 of our closest community friends building swings, zip lines, slides, an outdoor amphitheatre, and much more! Please come and volunteer a half day, a whole day, or two days on Saturday and Sunday, November 6th and 7th from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. These will be the Raising Days for the playground. It will be like a good old-fashioned barn raising, community event to build this wonderful, much needed play space!

If you've built a deck or have professional contracting experience we need you on Framing Days, too! Volunteer to frame the playground on November 3-5, 2010. On October 26-31, we will prepare the site for framing after our old equipment is removed. To sign up, go to the bondmillpto.org website www.bondmillpto.org and click on the Volunteer spot button. Follow the user-friendly instructions and sign up for the build. Tell all your family, friends, and colleagues about the build and ask them to sign up! We also need volunteers to bring plenty of tools to the build. A Volunteer Tool List is on the bondmillpto.org website. Questions can be e-mailed to playground@bondmillpto.org

~Amy Brennan

If you build it, the kids will come!

ECW Cathedral Evensong: Bishop John Bryson Chane will celebrate Evensong at 4 p.m. Nov. 7 at Washington National Cathedral to honor the Episcopal Church women (ECW), the United Thank Offering (UTO), and all women's ministries. There will be a reception afterward in the Churchill Porch at the cathedral's west end. The Cathedral's Washington Committee is co-hosting the reception. Carpooling is recommended. RSVP to ECW office: 202.537.6530 or ecw@edow.org Visit www.ecw-edow.org for further information.

HELP THE HOMELESS WALKATHON: Help the Homeless with a Mini-Walk or Walkathon: support Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington by participating in a mini-walk at your church or by taking part in the Nov. 20 Walkathon on the National Mall. Register at www.helpthehomelessdc.org or www.samaritanministry.org Contact Gayle Butzgy at gbutzgy@samaritanministry.org 202.722.2280 ext. 319 for more information.

SAVE THE DATE: BETHLEHEM SERVICE: The fourth annual simulcast service between congregants in Bethlehem and Washington is set for 10 a.m. Dec. 18 at Washington National Cathedral. Participants in D.C. include: Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop Mark S. Hanson of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop John Bryson Chane, Dean Samuel T. Lloyd, Bishop Richard H. Graham of the Metropolitan DC Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In Bethlehem, participants include Episcopal Bishop Suheil Dawani, Bishop Munib Younan of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and President of the Lutheran World Federation, and the Rev. Mitri Raheb of Bethlehem's Christmas Lutheran Church. For more information, contact Reverend Gwendolyn W. Tobias at WTobias@Cathedral.org.

SAMARITAN MINISTRY: Participants in Samaritan Ministry's Next Step Program are in need of personal items including razors and shaving cream, shampoo and conditioner, body lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine hygiene items, hand sanitizer and laundry detergent. Gift cards to grocery stores also are needed to purchase items such as meat, produce and milk. Some jobs require certain types of shoes or work boots so gift cards to places such as Target and Payless also are welcomed. Contact Gayle Butzgy for more information at 202/722-2280 or gbutzgy@samaritanministry.org

OCTOBER

VESTRY



HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of the October Vestry Meeting October 19, 2010 7pm—9pm

- ◆ During open forum time, Cathy Macoughtry stated that a religious icon artist will visit from St. Petersburg, Russia, and is willing to teach a week-long class in August. The vestry will consider whether he will be allowed to host this class in Wyatt Hall.
- ◆ The vestry listened to a report on the nave project, as well as a discussion of whether we would benefit from a full site survey that will outline and detail all of the church grounds' structural problems.
- ◆ The preliminary 2011 budget has been drafted and will be reviewed by the vestry at the next meeting. This budget hinges heavily on St. Philip's successfully refinancing its mortgage.
- ◆ Joan Rattigan and Amanda Colindres agreed to serve on the nominating committee for four new open vestry positions and the junior warden position. Two parishioners will be asked to also serve on the committee.
- ◆ Reverend Sheila asked the vestry members to contemplate ways in which we can be more welcoming to new parishioners, especially young families.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jean McGloin
Clerk of the Vestry



Children

Youth



Youth Christian Education News

St. Philip's 2010/2011 Sunday School and Journey to Adulthood programs are off to a roaring start! Our littlest ones (Pre-K through 2nd grades) are being led by Cynthia Chase and Rainey Smith.

Our 3-5th grade class is headed up by Amy Brennan and Sydney Littman. Rainey and Sydney were in our youth confirmation class last year, and we are truly blessed to have them back this year as teachers in the classroom!

Our Rite 13 class (6th - 8th grades) is being taught by Shannon Toole and George Wong. This is a fast paced class of middle school students who are grappling with modern day issues for Christian youth, and learning what it means to become an adult in the church. Last but not least, Krisa Arzayus and Donna Stinchcomb are leading a youth confirmation class for our high school students.

All of this takes place during the 9:00 hour on Sunday mornings. We're always looking for fresh new faces, both students and as teachers! We have a few openings for teachers remaining for the Winter and Spring sessions (10 weeks each) – please contact Jennifer Toole at jtoole@tooledesign.com or 410-772-2944 for more information.

Jennifer Toole