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OCTOBER 2010

THE GIFT OF PASTORAL CARE

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” (Matthew 25:40b)

Towards the end of the gospel of Matthew, just before Judas' betrayal of Jesus and his trial and crucifixion, we read Jesus' teaching about “the judgment of the nations.” In this final teaching (at least for this gospel writer), Jesus lets us know that treating each other compassionately—as we would him—is very important at the last day when we stand before God.

“. . . I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothing. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.” (Matt 25:35-36)

Recently, I had an accident. As I stepped off the treadmill at the gym, my right ankle rolled under me. Diagnosis? a “severely sprained ankle with a bone chip fracture.” As I write this, it has now been nine days of challenges—including two falls when my crutches misbehaved. It is the first time in my life when I have been so limited in my ability to do anything—I cannot drive yet, I have had a lot of pain, and I've been dependent on the kindness of many people—family, friends and parishioners. Since I have always been fiercely independent, this reliance on others has been a challenge. It has also caused me to reflect on what pastoral care is and what pastoral care isn't—as far as St. Philip's is concerned.

Many church folks tend to think that the only person who can do pastoral care is the rector. In past history, this was true. Anglican parishes were often small. The



parish priest was responsible for entire villages. Pastoral care fell on one set of shoulders.

Today, we understand better the theology of our 1979 Book of Common Prayer, which encourages the ministry of **ALL** the baptized. Every Christian has the responsibility and privilege of caring for another human being. It is not (thank God) just the rector's job. In the teaching to his disciples, Jesus makes it clear that each person will be judged on his/her care for, and welcome to, others. We are to do this as if we are doing it for, and to, the Christ himself.

In a 21st century world, pastoral care is both easier **and** more difficult. Technology like e-mail or texting on cell phones can mean that information about someone who needs pastoral care gets transmitted more quickly. However, bureaucratic guidelines (i.e. HEPA regulations, which promote an individual's privacy) mean that unless a person's family member or close friend calls and lets someone at a parish

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OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8:00 AM-10:00 AM Confirmation Class - WH 9:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Youth Choir 11:30 AM Vestry Meeting	7:30 PM Bell Choir	8:00 PM SMART Recovery-PHOCR 7:00 PM Crafters 7:00 PM Quilts 7:00 PM Vestry Ex Committee	10:30 AM-11:00 AM Bible Study-WHCR 7:00 PM Yoga-WH	7:30 PM Adult Choir		9:00 AM-12:00 PM Grounds Work 10:00 AM Smart Recovery-PHOCR
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ride, or you cannot get to church to worship because of illness and would like Home Communion, or it would be helpful to you to just have a telephone call occasionally because you can't get out. . .these are times that Pastoral Care can minister to you.

Again, there is a Pastoral Care (non-emergency) line on our church phone system. You can leave a message, and someone from Pastoral Care checks that regularly as well.

Sometimes folks want prayer for a specific issue, but do not want to be listed in the bulletin. That is okay too. Group members take their responsibility of praying regularly for folks on the prayer list, and you can be on "the private list." I also pray for folks in my own morning prayers.

It is only difficult to follow Jesus' teaching and minister to each other when we do not *know* that folks are ill, or in the hospital, or need compassion and help in some way. So if you need a drink of water, or to be fed, or to be welcomed, or to be ministered to with pastoral care, you or your family just needs to say so. Either I or someone on Pastoral Care Team will respond. Your rector can now personally attest to how quickly, and what a balm in Gilead that has felt like. Thanks be to God for all of God's healing mercies.

Faithfully, Sheila+



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know, we have no way of knowing that one needs help.

At St. Philip's, we are blessed with a wonderful Pastoral Care Team—a number of individuals who do all sorts of things to help me. I thought it might be helpful to sketch out a guide for those who might be new to the parish.

When should you call the rector? In a crisis or emergency. If someone has gone to the hospital suddenly, if your loved one needs Last Rites, if you have a confidential issue that you only want her to know about, if someone is dying and needs care that only an ordained person can provide, you must call the clergy. St. Philip's has a dedicated line for the rector's voicemail, which is checked regularly (unless she is out of commission herself!!)

When should you call someone on the Pastoral Care Team? If you want to put a loved one on the Prayer List, or you are ill and would like a meal or two (thanks, Kitchen Angels!), or if you cannot drive and need to get to the doctor's office and so you need a

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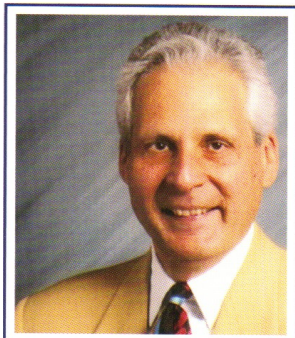
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Every day St. Philip's proclaims Christ's love by
nurturing our church family, young and old, and
actively reaching out to our community. Through our
words and deeds we inspire, welcome and
encourage others to journey together in Christian faith
and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

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



BBQ COOK-OFF

The Stewardship Ministry invites you to St. Philip's 4th
Annual BBQ Cookoff, **Sunday, October 3, 2010, at
5 pm.** Our friendly competition will include BBQ,
Baked Beans, Cole Slaw and the ever popular Dessert
categories. Vegetarian entries will be welcomed! Dust
off your cookbooks in search of that winning recipe
and don't forget to sign up on our board in Wyatt
Hall. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 5-10
and children under age 5 are free. Tickets will be on
sale at the door. The Stewardship Ministry Team's
Really Not Ready for Primetime Players will also
provide some entertainment at the event in the form
of a short skit. We hope to see you all there for this
fun, fellowship event.

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PLEDGE AND BUDGET UPDATE

Regular Pledges

Pledged through 09/26/10:
\$205,438.00

Received through 09/26/10:
\$200,667.20

<\$ 4,771.00>

Building Fund Pledges

Pledged through 09/26/10:
\$ 17,453.00

Received through 09/26/10: 15,957.00
<\$1,495.00>

Total deficit in pledges: <\$6,266.00>

At the Sept. Vestry Meeting, the monthly report
shared by our treasurer, Amie Littmann, showed that
our overall budget is <\$15,035.> We have had
several unexpected building maintenance and repair
issues. We have also lost our renters in the Little
Chapel two months ago, thereby losing that income.
Please know that we are trying to be good stewards,
minimizing costs and not being extravagant or
wasteful. We are also working on re-financing Wyatt
Hall, to help our cash flow for 2011.

While some parishioners have given *over and above*
pledged amounts for Regular and Building Fund
Pledges, many folks have given *less* than they
pledged. If everyone who is behind with pledges
would catch up, that would go a long way in reversing
our overall deficit.

If you have a reason that you cannot fulfill your
pledge for 2010 that pertains to a loss of job or other
financial difficulties that your rector needs to know
(for pastoral reasons), please share it with me. I would
be glad to pray with/for you and we certainly under-
stand why you can't fulfill a pledge under such cir-
cumstances. If it has simply slipped your mind, we
would greatly appreciate your taking care of things as
soon as possible.

Your rector and Vestry believe in asking for what we
need. However, we need all of our parish family to do
your part! Thanks so much.

~Sheila+



WOSP COOKBOOK- RECIPES NEEDED



The Women of St. Philips is planning on publishing a cookbook in the Spring of 2011. We would love to have your favorite recipes for the book. Do you have a special item that you make for each event? Or perhaps a winning entry from the Chili

Cook-off? Or perhaps a favorite cookie exchange recipe? How about sharing with the St. Philips community? The cookbook will have a 'heritage' theme so that it shows the diversity of the church. Thus, recipes should reflect either family heritage, geographic heritage, a church or personal tradition of some sort. Inclusion of Information about the recipe and what it means to the person submitting will enhance the value of the recipe. Please consider sharing so all favorites will be made at so many homes around Laurel. To share a recipe, a copy of the recipe should be available to Cheryl MacLean, (clgmaclean@yahoo.com), Pat Higgins (bipahiggins@verizon.net), or Kama Hamilton (kamham@verizon.net). Contact one of them for more details.

HARVEST TEA AND ART EXHIBIT

The Harvest Tea and Art Exhibit may well be **THE** event of the year for the Women of St. Philips (WOSP). Will you know before we announce it at the services? Please consider making reservations soon, you don't want to miss out! Payment for the event confirms your reservation. Reservations are possible from the church website, through the Parish Office (301.776.5151), and after services on Sundays. The cost is \$20 with \$5 going directly to the Roof and Nave fund. ... Enjoy fragrant teas, tasty treats and the company of friends while viewing art work by local artist and parishioner, Zita Bowley. (See our ad at the bottom of this page.)

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY AWAITS

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.

Harvest Tea and Art Exhibit

Saturday, 23 October 2010, 2pm
Wyatt Hall, St. Philips Church
Laurel, Maryland

\$20 (includes \$5 donation
to Roof and Nave Fund)

Limited Seating
To reserve a seat, call the
church – 301-776-5151

Or see the website
www.stphilipslaurel.org

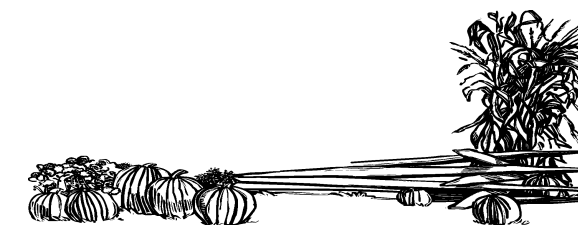
Local Artist, Zita Bowley
will be exhibiting her art
while we enjoy
some tasty treats and sip tea.



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HALF-DAY SATURDAY RETREATS

Contemplative Outreach of Metropolitan Washington is offering a series of half-day retreats on Oct. 2, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4. The retreats are designed for individuals with a regular practice of centering prayer for at least three months. Participants are invited to attend one or all three retreats. The Oct. 2 retreat is set for 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 12319 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring. Preregistration is encouraged and a donation of \$10 is suggested. To register or to obtain additional information, contact LJ Milone at 301/622-1122 or adultdre@sjbsilverspring.org. On-site registration is available.



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Dining Room
Servers in the Dining Room

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.



- 10/03 James Kaifer
- 10/04 Sarah Christopher
- 10/05 Benda Bushell
- 10/05 Sara Mitres
- 10/07 Richard Sylvester
- 10/07 Thomas Hunter
- 10/07 Gabrielle Boyce
- 10/08 Janice Rattigan
- 10/10 Paul Fitzer
- 10/12 Kathy Bundens
- 10/13 Amoge Omeronye
- 10/13 Michael Woytek
- 10/14 Allison Bernhard
- 10/14 Philip Hayes
- 10/15 Mary Windsor
- 10/15 Chidi Azubike
- 10/16 Dylan Williams
- 10/18 Mark Higgins
- 10/19 Gail Bernhard
- 10/21 Craig Troisi
- 10/21 Kayleigh MacLean
- 10/22 Jaimie Cooper
- 10/25 Mary Rogers
- 10/25 Maura Cherry
- 10/16 Ann Jess
- 10/27 Edward Johnson
- 10/29 Amanda Rascon
- 10/29 Cory Redmond
- 10/31 Janice Kaifer



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.

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MONTPELIER MANSION: There are many exciting programs and lectures, as well as a play, planned for the month of October. To obtain a list, visit the Mansion's website at montpeliermansion@pgparks.com



HOLY BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be administered during the 10:15 a.m. service on All Saints' Sunday, November 7, 2010. (The next Holy Baptism service will not take place until Sun., January 9, 2011.) If you would like to have your child/children baptized on this day, please contact Mother Sheila or the church office at (301) 776-5151 to initiate the preparation for Holy Baptism.



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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

BISHOP SEARCH NEWS: The Diocesan Profile and Bishop Application (in English & Spanish) are now posted at www.search.edow.org The Diocesan Profile presents a snapshot of the diocese for prospective applicants. The Search and Nominating Committee will be accepting applications for Bishop until October 15. To receive regular updates on the search process, sign up for the Bishop Search News listserv at <http://lists.edowmail.org/mailman/listinfo/bishopsearch>

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OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

News from Senior Ministries



On Ministry Opportunity Sunday, several parishioners indicated that they were looking for resources for their frail elderly parents who lived elsewhere. However, they were not sure what kinds of resources to look for or how to begin to research them. Annie Shaw, Director of Congregational Resources at Seabury Resources for Aging (SRA, formerly Episcopal Senior Ministries), suggested that interested parishioners can call Mary Ann Buckley, MSW, LICSW- Director of Client Services at SRA at (202) 364-0020 for assistance.

Many seniors have been concerned about the impact that Health Care Reform will have on Medicare. The National Council on Aging (NCOA) has an informative write-up on this subject at: <http://www.ncoa.org/assets/files/pdf/Straight-Talk-for-Seniors.pdf>. If you are unable to access this website and would like a copy of the information, contact Arleen Leis or leave me a note in the "Senior Ministries" folder in the plastic crate in Wyatt Hall as you enter from the sanctuary.

Did you know that research has shown that people with strong social connections exhibit stronger immunity against disease. In addition, a 2008 Harvard School of Public Health study showed that an active social life slows memory loss.

Arleen Leis

ELDERCARE FROM THE CAREGIVERS' PERSPECTIVE

Our Saviour, Brookland will host a free seminar: "Eldercare from the Caregivers' Perspective" from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 2, featuring current family caregivers, an elder attorney and a funeral director. Contact 202/635-7804 or OurSaviourDC@gmail.com to register.

Thank you to everyone who has donated food this summer to keep the pantry at Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services (LARS) stocked. The items parishioners have donated have been just the things the LARS needs—canned pasta, canned meats, fruits and vegetables, etc. Thanks also to Terry Betzer, who shelves food once a week at LARS. It's a never-ending job, and sometimes a challenge to decide where to put an item. Just where do you put cocktail onions? (You'd be surprised at some of the random items that show up.)

Thank you also for your generous donations of school supplies. Executive Director Nancy Graham reported that demand outstripped supply this year for the first time ever, but donations from St. Philip's certainly helped close the gap.



Upcoming events:

- ◆ October 3 (Sunday): Help the Homeless Mini-Walk for all ages, 9 AM-10 AM.
- ◆ 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 25 (Thursday) St. Philip's Thanksgiving Dinner for the community.
- ◆ November 14 through December 12: Donating gifts for families adopted for Christmas through LARS.
- ◆ 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

Blessing of the Animals



On Sunday, October 3, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis (yes, a day early!) with the **Blessing of the Animals** at the **10:15 service**. This means that the 10:15 service will be held outside in the church yard, just in front of the Administration Wing. You can bring your dogs, cats, ferrets, birds—all creatures great and small. Please make sure your pets are either leashed or in cages. If some folks would like to contribute doggy treats or kitty treats, those would be welcome. Please invite your neighbors and friends to come and bring their four-footed or winged children to this fun, informal service at 10:15 next Sunday. It's a great time to introduce them to the St. Philip's family!

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING DATES ANNOUNCED:

All full-time employees **and** volunteers) in the Episcopal Church who work with Children and Youth are required to complete **"Safeguarding our Children"** Training. The dates and locations for the fall schedule of classes follows: Online registration is required and will be available at www.edow.org/prevention

- ◆ Oct. 2 – Ascension, Lexington Park (Region 6): 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- ◆ Oct. 23 – St. Mary Magdalene (Region 4): 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- ◆ Nov. 18 – St. Columba's (Region 2): 7-10 p.m. (Weeknight)
- ◆ Nov. 20 – Calvary (Region 1): 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- ◆ Dec. 11 – St. George's, Glenn Dale (Region 5): 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



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

It's time to begin thinking about our annual St. Philip's Thanksgiving Day Dinner

The Thanksgiving Day Dinner at St. Philip's Church has been a long-time 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. Also, we deliver meals and will 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. Also, we 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

We Need Volunteers... Help, help and More Help (there will be sign-up sheets by the middle of October in Wyatt Hall)

Donated, cooked turkey and hams 15 pounds or larger. (Carved meats would be a big help; we will not cook turkeys or hams at church.)

Donated desserts; pies, cakes, brownies

Volunteers are needed:

Set-up on Wednesday afternoon

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SEPTEMBER VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

St. Philip's Church Minutes of the Vestry Meeting for Tuesday, September 21, 2010

Meeting Called to Order

Rev. Sheila called the meeting to order at 7:09pm.

Open Forum

Mike Tolle spoke to the vestry, giving an update on the nave construction progress. He stated that we are making good progress, but having a few issues with truss #2. At some point, someone cut a chunk out of truss 2; it has been patched in a less than ideal way. The engineers will fix this so that it is structurally sound, which may delay the completion of the project by a week or two. Mike also recommended that we seriously consider hiring an expert in historical roofing when we move on to replacing the roof. Finally, he urged the vestry to consider getting a full site survey so that we are fully aware of any and all structural problems with the entire property.

Amie Littman discussed the treasurer's report. We are currently running at an \$15,000 loss for the year after our bank corrects an error it made.

Old Business

Status of Nave and Roof Project: The vestry agreed that a decision must be made soon regarding who will supervise and handle the roof project. Conversations about findings from Building Walk: Now that the vestry has taken stock of the items in the church, we need to pursue ways to dispose of them. The vestry decided to do a "spring cleaning" on a weekend in the spring, when we would rent a dumpster.

ACTION ITEM: We will discuss in January when we will have this spring cleaning day and precisely how it will move forward.

PCT Issues

The PCT has been operating without a budget for the entire year, which has handicapped their ability to pursue or complete any projects in earnest. Scott Aker offered a motion that he will ask the PCT to select a firm (of the two we have estimates from) to create a statement of work for the roof, which will serve as a base for bids to do the work. The vestry will provide them with the money to fund this statement of work. Scott Aker offered a motion to allow PCT to select one of the firms to get a statement of work, and that we fund it from the roof and nave fund. Bill Todd seconded and all were in favor except for one abstention.

ACTION ITEM: Scott Aker will ask the PCT to select which firm we should have prepare a statement of work.

New Business

Review Current Fundraising Request Forms: English Tea and the BB were supported as fundraisers for the roof and nave.

Stewardship Liaison: Linda Stapf conveyed that the Stewardship committee has asked vestry to provide pledge goals for 2011. Vestry decided that 120 pledges at about \$325,000 would be a goal for next year.

Community Connections Discussion

Both Scott Aker and Rev. Sheila said they would like vestry to consider the ways in which we can improve and strengthen our community outreach. Amanda Colindres said that during the fall, we are very active in outreach. After Winterhaven, we tend to slow down on this front. She does not believe that "now" is the problem. Rather, our energy should, at present, be focused on the budget. Joanne Woytek suggested that we push 2011 as our year of outreach – really pursue it as a primary goal.

Meeting Evaluation

Meeting ended at 9:17pm

Respectfully submitted:

Jean M. McGloin, September 23, 2010

HELP THE HOMELESS WALK

St. Philip's annual "Help the Homeless" walk will take place on Sunday morning, October 3rd, during the Sunday School hour (9—10 a.m.). Meet in Wyatt for a 20-minute walk to raise money for our homeless neighbors and enjoy a short educational quiz (with prizes!) and afterwards. Last year's Help the Homeless Mini-walk raised \$115,000 for and Referral Part of this amount was a \$50,000 bonus for registering over 3,000 walkers city-wide.



All registered walkers will get a T-shirt. Registration is \$15 for youth, and \$25 for adults (anyone over age 25.) All money raised comes back to LARS. If you would rather not walk, consider making a donation to help pay the registration fees for others. Registration forms will be available in Wyatt the day of the walk.