

St. Philip's inSPIRE



June 18, 2017

June 25, 2017

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

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No
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next week!

VBS begins on Monday, June 19!

Check-In / Other Instructions

We are so excited that many of your children will be joining us for St. Philip's VBS, *Surf Shack*, June 19-22. We have been working hard to make this a great event and have many activities planned.

Please be sure to have your child at St. Philip's prior to 9 a.m. on Monday as we will be starting on time. If you have not mailed in your check or consent forms, bring them to the registration desk.

Carpool will be available on Church Street for arrival and departure. We will give you a sign with your last name to put in the front window (passenger side) to help things move quickly, but please be patient as there will be traffic during carpool. Follow the signs and pull to the front. Do not let your children out of the car until one of the volunteers comes to get them. If you decide to park, bring your children in for check-in. Pick-up is between 11:45 and 12 noon daily. Please be prompt.



Volunteers Needed!

We are still in need of volunteer help with VBS to keep everything running smoothly. Even if you are available for only a few hours, or if you can help with decorating beginning June 14, we need you!

Sign up to volunteer now!

www.stphilipchurchsc.org/vbs-2017

Family Beach Party

Finally, please plan to join us on Thursday, June 22, from 6-8 p.m. for our Family Beach Party, a celebration of this year's VBS. We will have food, music, and dancing, and the children will perform some of our fun VBS music. This is also when you can pick up the craft projects from the week. We hope to see you there!

Questions?

Contact Amy Watson Smith

awatsonsmith@stphilipchurchsc.org



Please keep the team in your prayers:

Miles Barkley, John Rink, Jeff Rink, Crayton Walters, Hope Walters, Eliza Huey, Emily Huey, Mallory Moe, Olivia Long, John Harmon, Gerry McCord, and Suzanne McCord.

Haiti Annual Feast Day Mission Trip

JUNE 21 - 26

A mission team from St. Philip's will depart on Wednesday, June 21, to journey to Haiti to be with our sister church—St. Jean Baptist—for their annual feast day celebration of St. Jean Baptist. It is a blessing for this team to be with our Haitian brothers and sisters for this joyous occasion, offering them encouragement through a mission of presence.

Supplies for the trip are still being accepted: new or gently used wind, string or keyboard instruments; reading glasses from dollar stores (1.50 - 2.25 sight rating); and general dental supplies—adult and children's toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss. Financial donations for these items are also welcome.

Questions? Contact Gerry or Suzanne McCord, (G) 843-224-1342, (S) 843-224-1630.

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Pax – The Passing of the Peace

by Penn Hagood, Jr. Warden

As many of you know, I came home from our inspiring pilgrimage to the Holy Land to the news that my beloved husband, Ben, who has fought a courageous battle for seven years against the blood cancer Multiple Myeloma, had now been diagnosed with a second blood cancer, Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. As we each plunged into another dark night of the soul, we have been reflecting on various scripture lessons and signs from God.

This past Sunday, during the service at St. Philip's, one aspect of the liturgy leapt off the pages of the Prayer Book. Following an inspiring sermon, the recitation of the Nicene Creed, the Prayers of the People, our Confession of Sin and the pastor's Absolution and Comforting Words, the liturgy came to the Peace. The words "The Peace of the Lord be always with you" struck home quite powerfully. It was what my heart was craving.

In the early and Medieval Church, the Peace was a real symbol, a physical object. It was either a round, flat disc or some other small object with a flat surface made out of wood, bronze, brass or even gold. It was often decorated with an image of the crucifixion on it. It was known as the Pax.

During the liturgy, the priest would raise the Pax and kiss it with the Holy Kiss, also known as the Kiss of Peace. He would then pass the Pax to his associate, saying to him, "the Peace of God" or "the Peace of God be with you." This man, in turn, would then pass the Pax to the first person in the congregation repeating the verbal offering of the Peace of God. This person would then pass it to his neighbor and so on until the Pax had been passed neighbor to neighbor throughout the entire congregation. As the Pax was passed, each person addressed their neighbor and offered the Peace of God to them.

As Jesus commanded us in Mark 12:29-31, we are to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength, and we are to love our neighbors as ourselves. Yet sometimes we struggle with just how to do that.

During the dark moments in each of our lives, what we truly long for is the Peace of God which passes all understanding. Every one of us, in one way or another, is struggling with some challenge. It may be illness or disease as our family is right now; it may be with relationships; it may be with work or finances or family or children or parents. Challenges come to each of us from myriad sources.

Whether we are walking under the shadow of death or weaving and dodging rocks that pop up in our path, God has promised that we are never alone. He is with us. What a joyful opportunity we have each Sunday to remind each other of that central truth as we offer God's Peace to each other.

As Paul reminds us in Romans 8:28, for those who love the Lord, all things work together for good. On Sunday mornings, as we move past our own selves, our own problems and our own desires and turn our attention to God, seeking to give Him glory through worship, we have a chance to model the commandments of Jesus. Through the structure and design of our Sunday service, as we immerse ourselves in scripture, song, prayer and praise, we glorify God by worshipping Him with the fullness of our hearts, souls, minds and bodies. In this way, we move toward fulfilling the first part of what Jesus commands us to do.

In the center of that glorious worship, nestled into the midst of the service, we are given an amazing opportunity, to fulfill the second part of Jesus' commandment as we love and serve our neighbor by turning to them, and, in full agape love, offering them the Peace of God which passes all understanding. What a supreme way of truly loving our neighbors

as ourselves as we offer each other the gift of God's Peace and the hope that it may dwell in our hearts in the midst of whatever struggles each of us is facing.

Sometimes in the face of hardship and grief, it can be difficult to know the right words to say to offer comfort to one another. Other times, we may not know what trials those beside us are silently suffering. Yet subtly woven into our liturgy is the glorious gift to each of us of the opportunity to minister to each other by offering exactly what every aching soul needs, the Peace of God. What a simple yet truly marvelous opportunity for us, in just a moment of time, to live into the fullness of Jesus' commandments to us.

In the Sundays to come, I will eagerly look forward to sharing the Peace of God with you. Soli Deo Gloria - to God alone be the glory!



Pax,

Penn

Do you have news to share?

Submit your article by email to Jordan Gilbert at jjgilbert@stphilipchurchsc.org.

The inSPIRE prints on Tuesday each week. Submissions should be sent by noon on Friday prior to the weekly Tuesday printing. The inSPIRE is available as a weekly paper mailing to your home or as an electronic email newsletter, and it can be found on our website.

Please update your mailing preference with the church office.

The Calendar for the Next Two Weeks

Sunday, June 18 (The Second Sunday After Pentecost)

8:15 a.m. **Holy Communion, Rite I ~ Church**
Preacher The Rev. Brian K. McGreevy
Lector Lon Burris
Chalice Lon Burris, Colby Broadwater
Usher Hugh Davis
Altar Guild Claudia Philipps, Barbara Bremer
Flower Guild Bee Hamrick, Anne Crawford, Mary Anne Hanckel, Marsee Lee, Kim Meyer, Pat Wardlaw

9:15 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal ~ Choir Room
 10:30 a.m. Children's Church ~ Parish House, Ground Floor Room 109
 10:30 a.m. **Holy Communion, Rite I ~ Church**
Haiti Mission Team Commissioning
Preacher The Rev. Brian K. McGreevy
Lector Joanna Macmurphy
Ushers Jay Davis, Leigh Colyer, Maybank Hagood, Bryant Bair
Greeters Ann Hunley Harrington, Anne Meredith
Chalice Bill Philipps, Mike Mullins, Myron Harrington
Acolyte Mentor John Blincow
Acolytes Thomas Blincow, Harris Ayers, Cliffee Manuel, Lucy Manuel, Thomas Boulware, Isabelle Boulware, Nathaniel Ford, Eliza Ford
Altar Guild Katharine Bair, Amanada Ayers
Flower Guild Bee Hamrick, Anne Crawford, Mary Anne Hanckel, Marsee Lee, Kim Meyer, Pat Wardlaw

7:00 p.m. 20s/30s Bible Study ~ Hipp Residence

Monday, June 19 – (East Graveyard Closed for Repairs)

St. Philip's Youth return from Honduran mission trip.

9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School ~ Parish House (ends at noon)

Tuesday, June 20 – (East Graveyard Closed for Repairs)

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study ~ Prayer Room
 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School ~ Parish House (ends at noon)
 9:15 a.m. Staff Meeting ~ Parlor
 9:30 a.m. St. David Choir Camp ~ Choir room (ends at 12:30)

Wed, June 21 – (East Graveyard Closed for Repairs)

St. Philip's Mission Team departs for Haiti.

7:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study ~ Tea Garden
 8:00 a.m. **Morning Prayer 1928 BCP, Rite I ~ Chapel**
 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School ~ Parish House (ends at noon)
 10:30 a.m. NO inSPIRE MAILING PREP / NO inSPIRE PRODUCED
 6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal ~ Choir room

Thursday, June 22 – (East Graveyard Closed for Repairs)

7:30 a.m. Men's Lectionary Bible Study ~ Parlor
 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School ~ Parish House (ends at noon)
 9:30 a.m. St. David Choir Camp ~ Choir room (ends at 12:30)
 6:00 p.m. VBS Summer Family Fun Night ~ Parish House (ends at 8)

Friday, June 23 – (East Graveyard Closed for Repairs)

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study ~ Parlor
 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study ~ Tea Garden

Sunday, June 25 (The Third Sunday After Pentecost)

8:15 a.m. **Holy Communion, Rite I ~ Church**
Preacher The Rev. Andrew R. O'Dell
Lector Ann Harrington
Chalice Ann Harrington, Randell Stoney
Usher Burk Herrin
Altar Guild Elaine Bonner, Ginny Ravenel
Flower Guild Laura Jenkins Thompson, Kristen Barr, Mara Brockbank, Renee Defore, Susan Hemminger, Ann Rhett, Nancy Rhett

9:15 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal ~ Choir Room
 10:30 a.m. Children's Church ~ Parish House, Ground Floor Room 109

Cont'd Sunday, June 25 (The Third Sunday After Pentecost)

10:30 a.m. **Morning Prayer, Rite I ~ Church**
Preacher The Rev. Andrew R. O'Dell
Lectors Jimmy Bailey, Katharine Bair, Carroll O'Neal
Ushers Bill Thompson, Foster Gaillard, Ricky Hanckel, Kevin Wadley
Greeters Sam & Carol Robinson
Acolyte Mentor Brendan O'Shea
Acolytes Janie O'Shea, Frances O'Shea, Julian Ford, Betsy Bailey
Flower Guild Laura Jenkins Thompson, Kristen Barr, Mara Brockbank, Renee Defore, Susan Hemminger, Ann Rhett, Nancy Rhett

7:00 p.m. 20s/30s Bible Study ~ Hipp Residence

Monday, June 26 – (East Graveyard Closed for Repairs)

Tuesday, June 27 – (East Graveyard Closed for Repairs)

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study ~ Prayer Room
 9:15 a.m. Staff Meeting ~ Parlor
 9:30 a.m. Canterbury Choir Camp ~ Choir room (ends at 12:30)

Wed, June 28 – (East Graveyard Closed for Repairs)

7:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study ~ Tea Garden
 8:00 a.m. **Morning Prayer 1928 BCP, Rite I ~ Chapel**
 10:30 a.m. inSPIRE Mailing Prep ~ Parlor

Thursday, June 29 – (East Graveyard Closed for Repairs)

7:30 a.m. Men's Lectionary Bible Study ~ Parlor
 9:30 a.m. Canterbury Choir Camp ~ Choir room (ends at 12:30)

Friday, June 30 – (East Graveyard Closed for Repairs)

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study ~ Parlor
 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study ~ Tea Garden

Sunday, July 2 (The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost)

8:15 a.m. **Holy Communion, Rite I ~ Church**
Preacher The Rev. Marc R. Boutan
Lector Colby Broadwater
Chalice Colby Broadwater, Honoré LeClercq
Usher
Altar Guild Carol Robinson, Bertha Booker
Flower Guild Bonnie Schrimpf, Caroline Burns, Emily Grimball, Carol McLaren, Sarah Stuhr

9:15 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal ~ Choir Room
 10:30 a.m. Children's Church ~ Parish House, Ground Floor Room 109
 10:30 a.m. **Holy Communion, Rite I ~ Church**
Preacher The Rev. Marc R. Boutan
Lector Russell Barrett
Ushers Crayton Walters, Ryan North, Dexter Rumsey, Ted Honney
Greeters Ed and Elaine Pendarvis
Chalice John Paul, Andy Anderson, Ed Riggs, Jim Glenn
Acolyte Mentor Jay Davis
Acolytes John Kerrison, Cacky Davis, Morgan Davis, Lyles Parsell, James Parsell, Hope Walters, Lucy Mettler
Altar Guild Nancy Sifford, Judy Middleton
Flower Guild Bonnie Schrimpf, Caroline Burns, Emily Grimball, Carol McLaren, Sarah Stuhr

7:00 p.m. 20s/30s Bible Study ~ Hipp Residence

*Questions about the calendar?
 Need to reserve a room for a meeting or event?
 Contact Rachel Murphy: rmurphy@stphilipchurchsc.org*

Richard Washington House Fire

St. Philip's weekend sexton, Richard Washington, experienced a house fire a couple weekends ago. Thankfully, no one was hurt, but his family did experience a great deal of damage to their home and to their personal belongings.

They are in need of the following items: dining room set, pots & pans, dishes, king or queen size mattress, kitchen appliances, sheets & bedspreads, pillowcases, or any other household items that you think they might use. Monetary contributions are also welcomed and appreciated.

Can you help? Call Patricia Washington: 843-801-7637, or Richard: 843-425-1158.



Join A Choir This Summer!

Children's Choirs

Now is the time to sign your children up for St. Philip's Children's Choirs. Although we will resume choir rehearsals after Labor Day, auditions are now being held for the Canterbury and St. David Choirs (rising fourth grade and above). Please call Jo Hethcox at the church office, 843-722-7734, to make an appointment.

Auditions are not necessary for the Cherub, St. Nicholas, or St. Cecilia Choirs, and you may register for these three choirs on St. Philip's website.

www.stphilipchurchsc.org/music-ministry-choirs



St. Philip's Welcomes the Streett Family

SAVE THE DATE - JULY 23

The Rev. Ryan Street has accepted the call to serve as the Assistant to the Rector at St. Philip's. Ryan met his wife, Anna, while studying at Columbia International University, and they were married in 2011. Ryan served as a deacon and was ordained a priest in 2014 at Church of the Apostles in Columbia, SC. From there, he and Anna were sent to plant a church in Newberry, SC, where he has been serving for the past three years. While in Newberry, they were blessed by the birth of their daughter, Cecily, who is now 2. Ryan has a passion to see broken and wounded people find the healing grace of Jesus Christ both locally and globally; he is the co-founder of an indigenous mission agency called 10/40 Tribal Commission.

St. Philip's will welcome the Streett family on Sunday, July 23, with a "pounding" by bringing them supplies to fill their pantry such as coffee, flour, sugar, and paper products. Please save the date and plan to bring a "pound of welcome" for the Streets!



The inSPIRE is now on the summer publication schedule, produced every other week, with the remaining Wednesday mailing dates as follows:

June 28, July 12 & 26, Aug 9 & 23

The regular weekly schedule will resume with the September 6 mailing date.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

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Church Office Hours

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday | 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Friday



We pray for the sick: Debbie Anderson, Mac Baldwin, Gerda Clark, Jane Davis, Sally Fine, Tracy Graudin, Ben Hagood, Bee Hamrick, Harriet Hutson, Joe Livesay, Doug McAdams, William Morrison, Betty Owens, Trudie Owings, Robert Rhame, Sam Robinson, Benjamin Schools, Jerry Sifford, Jean Wallace, and Lindsay Wing.

We pray for our expectant parents: John and Sallie Robinson, Charles and Mary Baarcke.

We welcome the newly baptized: Frances McIver Guerry, daughter of Glynn and Mary Guerry, who was baptized on Sunday, June 11, by the Rev. Marc R. Boutan.

We pray for protection for: Becca, Janie, and Wills Baird, Graham Blunt, Michael Burris, Ellis Domenech, George Hoefer, and Edward Pritchard, serving in our Armed Forces.

We pray for our home missions: Open Door Committee and One-Eighty Place.

We pray for our world missions: Suzy McCall and LAMB, for the medical missions to Honduras, for Martha Vetter's mission to victims of genocide and AIDS in Rwanda, for Water Mission, and for St. Jean Baptist, our sister church, and the schools in Haiti.

Collect, 2nd Sunday after Pentecost (June 18):

Keep, O Lord, we beseech thee, thy household the Church in thy steadfast faith and love, that by the help of thy grace we may proclaim thy truth with boldness, and minister thy justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lectionary Readings:

Psalm 100
Genesis 18:1-15
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35-10:8

Collect, 3rd Sunday after Pentecost (June 25):

O Lord, we beseech thee, make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name, for thou never failest to help and govern those whom thou hast set upon the sure foundation of thy loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Lectionary Readings:

Psalm 69: 8-11, (12-17), 18-20
Jeremiah 20:7-13
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39



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June 2, 2017

My Dear St. Philip's Family,

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; He maketh me to lie down in green pastures...." For 22 years St. Philip's has been my green pastures. I have wanted for nothing. My cup runneth over.

Blessed is the day that God in his mercy saw fit to draw Nancy and me into your loving embrace. That love was never more manifest than in the farewell festivities of last weekend. Nancy and I are still reeling from the astonishing display of talent on Friday night; from the countless kind and loving remarks made both publically and privately; from the heartwarming gathering of so many of you on one of the busiest holiday weekends on the calendar.

Thanking people is a dangerous thing, especially in this case where so many people are due it. Over the next weeks I will be fully occupied writing notes to various people, but there are a few whom I must thank here.

I must begin by thanking my dear wife Nancy, who has loved and supported me every step of the way. She has sung in my choir for 42 of the 45 years of our marriage (itself deserving of a medal). When I get too full of myself she knows right where to stick the pin. She has brought laughter and balance to my life and work. Her intuitive wisdom has more than once saved me from error. So any accolades which have come my way are by rights hers to share equally.

In the last year and a half, Jeff Miller has been the ideal Rector and spiritual guide to me, as he has to all of you. And before him for many years Haden McCormick never wavered in his support for me personally and for my ministry. Similarly, the Vestry has again and again thrown their full support and backing to the many-faceted music programs of our church. That is especially true of the children's choir program, with their many trips abroad to proclaim the Gospel of Christ in foreign lands.

I have many times said that my choirs are my instrument. Without them I would have no voice. So it is to them that a huge debt of gratitude is owed. The Adult Choir which sang last Sunday morning had to have been one of the greatest ensembles to ever fill our chancel on a Sunday morning. The commissioned anthem which ended the service so gloriously is one of the greatest honors I've ever received. And, of course, one of the great joys of my life has been developing the children's choir program from their modest beginnings as a 15-voice "Junior Choir" made up of 3rd-6th graders, to the magnificent graded choir program in place today. I am grateful to Jolene Hethcox for taking over my work with the children and continuing to build the program so beautifully.

I cannot fail to thank Bill Warlick whose vision and tireless work brought to fruition Friday night's extravaganza. And I must thank the musicians who participated, from the praise team with whom I worked for many years, to the fabulous singers from years past who returned, some from as far away as California, New York, and even Italy, to honor me with their singing. The quality of the performers was at the highest level—of a sort that would cost big bucks to hear in New York.

Finally, I want to thank YOU—the parishioners of St. Philip's Church—who have provided a spiritual home for my family and me. You have nurtured, loved, and sustained me without ceasing. You have been both my anchor and my wings.

I bid you farewell, not in sadness, but with joy and thanksgiving for what came before and with confidence in what lies ahead. God bless you all.

Your brother in Christ,

Capers Cross



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June 2, 2017

Dear St. Philip's Family,

I'm not sure what words could properly express how amazed and blessed my family and I felt by being on the receiving end of your expression of love at the retirement celebration supper for Capers and me on May 26. The beautiful musical offerings and the personal messages given by each speaker were a rich blessing. And I can think of no better memento than an architectural rendering of St. Philip's from our historical archives, drawn by a professor of mine when I was studying at Clemson. You have a wonderful capacity to express love and I pray God will increase your opportunities to do so.

I am enjoying retirement and having the opportunity to do some things which had to be "put on the back burner" until now. Glo and I will continue to worship with you and it is my hope to continue to serve you in a volunteer capacity through the monthly men's lunches, ongoing small group involvement and offering worship assistance on Sundays.

Isn't it exciting how our new leadership under Jeff is so invigorating? I ask you to pray faithfully for him, the clergy staff, and the Vestry, that they will be filled with the Holy Spirit and discern and fulfill God's vision to bless all of us and make us a blessing to others in Jesus' name.

Gratefully,

Hank Avent