

## *A Word from the Wardens ....*

It's early September and officially still Summer but starting to feel like Fall; schools are back in session, tourists are gone, and it's only a couple months before the start of holiday season. September also marks the end of another successful beach service ministry. Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup> 10-11AM will be time to regroup as one St. Philip's community in the sanctuary for Homecoming.

We at St. Philip's have many things for which to be grateful, so let us give thanks...

Thanks to...those that serve and lead St. Philips daily especially Father Eric, Mother Lisa, Deacon Pam, Lorraine, Debbie, Ricky, and Karla.

Thanks to...the ministries and the numerous people who give freely of their time and talents to support their important missions and goals.

Thanks to...the Building Committee. The new Parish Hall is beautiful and spacious, and the surrounding grounds and portico provide a serene place to sit, think, pray, and relax.

Thanks to...all of you, the parishioners of St. Philip's that support our church community with your stewardship, prayers, friendship, and love.

St. Philip's is known for its many ministries that serve Southport and the community at large. There is a ministry for everyone no matter your interest or skills. More importantly this is both a personal and group opportunity to grow in your love of God. Please consider sharing of your time and talents to whichever ministry calls you.

At the next annual meeting the congregation will be electing four new members to the Vestry. The Vestry is largely focused on the future needs and direction of St. Philip's. If you have any of the following skills: collaborator, strategic thinker, creativity, dreamer, visionary, please consider the Vestry as your calling. Both wardens are in their senior year on vestry and are members of this year's Nominating Committee; we would be glad to talk with you about becoming a vestry candidate.

Homecoming brings memories of football games, alumni reunions, barbeques, and renewed fellowships. Here at St. Philips, we plan to celebrate our own **Homecoming on Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup> from 10-11AM** by gathering for one worship service (please mark your calendars).

A **potluck luncheon will follow** immediately in the new Parish Hall. Everyone, including guests and visitors, are invited to be part of the luncheon. BBQ pork and fried chicken will be provided by the Hospitality Committee. Tea and water will also be provided. Attendees are encouraged to bring a side dish based on the first letter of their last name: A-I vegetables, J-O salads, P-Z desserts.

Homecoming is a time to reflect on the talents we have and the time we are willing to commit to St. Philip's and our community.

**Come join the Homecoming celebration!!!**

Best Regards...Dave & Steve