

## A Word from the Wardens ....

“Time sure goes by fast”. Where has 2022 gone? It’s hard to believe that the holiday season is upon us with Halloween behind and Thanksgiving with Christmas looming not too far away. If you need to be reminded, just go to any retail store, and look at the abundant Christmas displays and holiday items for sale.

Congratulations to the ECW for what we hear was a record revenue total. You amaze us all with the work and planning you do each year. It was wonderful to be able to hold this annual event in our new fellowship hall, and just imagine what those proceeds can do for our community.

Our next annual meeting is right around the corner, December 4<sup>th</sup>. The congregation will be electing four new members to the Vestry. Nominations “from the floor” are still being accepted if you feel you, or someone you know has a calling to serve. Moving forward, the Vestry will be largely focused on the strategic future needs and the direction of St. Philip’s. If you feel you have any of the following skills: collaborator, strategic thinker, creativity, dreamer, visionary, please consider a position on the Vestry. You may contact anyone on the nominating committee for more information (Bill Carney, Holly Meiners, Dave Ham, Steve Russell).

We would like to end with a Thanksgiving prayer for St. Philip’s.

Thank you, God, for those that serve you and lead St. Philips every day, especially our clergy and talented staff. Bless all St. Philips ministries, those that are called to serve, and those helped by each ministry. Bless those who helped grace us with a wonderful new space to gather, share, and grow. Lord, bless the entire community of St. Philips as we strive to love you and others in all that we do.

Warmest Regards,

Steve and Dave

On a personal note, 2022 challenged me (Steve) in ways that helped strengthen my faith. Earlier this year I lost my dear mother who lived a life of service as a registered nurse and never-ending volunteer in her church and community. My father passed a couple of years ago and he was very much the same as my mother. My sister likes to say, “We won the Parent Lottery” and I couldn’t agree with her more.

