

Vestry: A strategic quest to guide our future.

The St. Philip's annual meeting has just been scheduled for December 4th, so mark your calendars. This year our Vestry Nominating Committee has four members: Dave Ham, Steve Russell, Holly Meiners, and Bill Carney. We are tasked with setting a slate of parishioners to serve on the 2023 Vestry and need to identify four candidates. Vestry terms run for three years, and the hope is that we will find candidates that are insightful, passionate, critical thinkers that are willing to put in the work needed to maintain and grow our church, St. Philip's.

Vestry membership is not a hard job and can be very fulfilling, but it does require effort, and it is not just sitting through a meeting on the third Tuesday of each month. Vestry is a strategic group; and in our ever-changing environment our task is to determine the direction of the church as we move forward. We also maintain relationships with the six ministry boards that help make the church what it is as well as minister to the congregation.

As mentioned earlier, we are looking for candidates that are willing to do the work needed. If you feel a calling to join us and run for election, we would really like to hear from you. There are some qualifications that you should know, and they are:

- *Adult Member* – A person who has received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism with water in the name of the Holy Trinity, whether in this Church, or in another Christian Church, and who's Baptism has been duly recorded in this Church.
- *Adult Communicant in good standing* – A member who is at least 16 years of age and has received Holy Communion at least three times during the preceding year. A member who for the previous year has been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and has been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.

As mentioned earlier, if you feel a calling and would like to consider running for Vestry, please feel free to contact any of the committee members; we would be glad to answer questions you may have.

We look forward to hearing from you,

Dave *Steve* *Holly* *Bill*