

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

If you realize that it's August now, and are wondering where the year has gone, you are not alone. It has been a busy year at St. Philip's with a new parish hall and landscape, as well as many other things. We have just completed our soft opening of the Parish Hall and are looking forward to the grand opening in late September.

A lot has happened this year and it doesn't just occur organically and without a good portion of the congregation putting in many hours of planning and work. One of the nice things about the parish is the involvement of the members, and opportunities to become part of making the church what it is today, and what it will become tomorrow. Thus, the reason for this article...

This is the time of year when the senior class of the Vestry starts to plan for the annual meeting and election with a search for candidates to replace them. The congregation elects four new members each year. Vestry terms run for three years, and the hope is that we will find parishioners 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 a lot of effort sometimes, and it is not just sitting through a meeting on the third Tuesday of each month. Each year we have strategic initiatives and goals that determine the direction of the church, and we 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. A member sixteen years of age or older.

**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 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 vestry members; we would be glad to answer questions you may have. We are listed on the website or in the weekly bulletins; we are the ones with the red badges (that don't say USHER).

As we progress into Fall you will hear and read more about this opportunity. For now, give it some thought.

Best Regards...Dave & Steve