GREETINGS ST. PHILIP'S

Over the past few years, we have been tested by periods of temporary clergy, hurricanes that damaged our facilities, and services at St. Bullwinkle's; we have also transitioned from a Pastoral to a Program church. Now with our Clergy, and a refocused Vestry leading us, the financial struggles following the storm behind us, and a new Fellowship Hall on the horizon, the future looks brighter.

Aside from the leadership, St. Philip's has 50+ individual ministries organized into six Ministry Boards. The work of the ministries supports both the congregation and the local community. The Vestry believes that the accomplishments of, and the opportunities within the ministries should be communicated more effectively both internally and externally.

Due to recent changes, we have improved how we provide information of interest to the congregation and community, but we think we can do even better with some help from you.

By maximizing awareness of our Ministry's activities, the ministries might grow, become more effective, and others might be encouraged to give support and participate. New ministries might be formed that would benefit the intended recipients, and ultimately the church. *The question remaining is ...how?*

We invite you, the congregation to help us develop a path forward by contributing your ideas. Our goal is to better communicate results that have been achieved and announce current and future opportunities both to St. Philip's and the local community. We are asking those who are interested in helping to participate in one of the scheduled "focus groups" to discuss how we can build on our strengths and mitigate our weaknesses.

Please join us and share your opinions in one of our four focus groups.

The four group sessions will be very informal, 30-45 minutes in length, conducted either before or immediately after 10AM services. The topics will be driven by questions for discussion, and through the suggestions and recommendations of the attendees. Thank you for your consideration and help and please remember, "We are St. Philip's!!"

To register please follow one of the links below for the session you would like to attend. We are using SignUp Genius as we have done in the past for limited seating services; very simple.

We're looking forward to hearing your ideas!!

November 14 – following 8:00 am service

November 21 – following the 10:00 service

<u>December 12 – following the 8:00 service</u>

<u>December 19 – following the 10:00 service</u>