



St. Philip's Episcopal Church

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Parish Life Update
Come and See
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On the last Sunday of Advent at St. Philip's, it was great to sip coffee, tea, or hot chocolate with our church friends in the Chapel Annex. There is something special about an informal time where we can spend a few minutes together and share our life's journeys with each other. As we now celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ during this Christmas season, I am excited about the "new birth" that lies ahead in 2022 with Parish Life at St. Philip's. Once we officially move into the Parish Hall this winter/spring, it will be the beginning of many new opportunities for our parish family to celebrate!

There are many plans in the works to celebrate life at St. Philip's in 2022 (of course all of the plans below will happen after the Parish Hall completion.) This will include the First Sunday Breakfast that will be held at 9AM (between services) in the Parish Hall on the first Sunday of each Month. Please reach out to Mike Bearden if you are interested in this ministry opportunity. In addition, upon completion of the Parish Hall, there will be coffee hour on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays following each service. If you are interested in assisting with coffee hour, or any hospitality event of Parish Life, please contact Deborah Jordan or Shannon Alan.

While we are very excited about the future of 2022, there was an active return of events during the past year: Annual picnic at Brunswick Town, ECW Fall Festival, monthly ECW luncheons, ECW holiday luncheon, completion of odd jobs for church members, newcomers reception, greeters ministry, and opportunities to "break bread" with our Gather Round the Table dinners.

As we move into 2022, I am excited about the future of Parish Life at St. Philip's. Our fellowship and hospitality will be evident all through Southport as we shine our light brightly. As we begin 2022, the following quote / question from the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. really sets the stage for Parish Life at St. Philip's - "Why is the church always a tail light rather than a headlight?"

I can't wait for our light to shine bright!

Peace,
Steve Moore
Chair, Parish Life Committee