

Fallon and I moved to Southport in 2003. It was a small town then, but because of all the Yankees (and I do not mean fans) moving into town, the area has grown in population and diversity. I have been told by a native that I am no longer a visitor but a resident. We have been coming to St. Philip's since 2005 with regular attendance since 2007. We have worshiped under 1 Canon and 7 Priests. Yet one thing has never changed and that is the feeling of family with the parishioners of St. Philip's. The willingness to volunteer and help others as needed is a Southern trait and is being carried on by all at St. Philip's, whether born and raised here or are becoming residents.

St. Philip's is now a "Program" church in the eyes of the national church, but in the eyes of Southport and Brunswick County we are Community church. We help with Health Care at New Hope Clinic, we help the homeless, we help kids go to camp Trinity Youth Camp, we help the hungry (Food Pantry), we are members of the interfaith community, we provide needed supplies through our diaper ministry to name only a few of the ways of how St. Philip's is involved.

Like all families, we have our differences, but guess what "We put them aside to help one another and others outside of the family." From our spring service at Brunswick Town to our Fall Festival, we join together for fellowship and FOOD.

Now that we will have a new parish hall we will be able to have more Family Time, because there are a great number of very fine cooks in our family.

So Come and See the Family that is St. Philip's.

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