

A Word from the Wardens

Spring has sprung with the azaleas, redbuds, and camelias in full bloom on our beautiful St. Philips campus. Thanks to all the groundskeepers that tend the grounds year-round.

As you know, all COVID protocols were lifted recently by our bishop. This means masking remains optional and our entire sanctuary including the balcony no longer will require social distancing. Communion is also back to normal with the option to receive wine via Common Cup OR a shallow vessel for intinction (dipping the host into the wine). Thanks to the Eucharistic Ministers for their assistance during communion.

We continue to see the visible progress on our new fellowship hall. Bill Bittenbender continues to work daily with Urban construction to ensure our project remains their priority. We don't have a CO (certificate of occupancy) date yet...but stay tuned...it's coming soon. The Parish Life ministry is working towards a grand opening that will probably include a special guest(s). Be on the lookout for more information.

By now I'm sure you've all noticed the recent reduction of church parking spaces. To improve pedestrian safety in Southport it was determined by NC DOT that the line of sight was compromised by the parking spaces located on Moore Street leading into downtown. This resulted in the loss of parking in front of the Chapel as well as a few spaces in front of the sanctuary. This is disappointing due to the lack of communication with St. Philips. We are fortunate to have parishioners with ties to our local government and they are engaged to see if it's possible to find a solution that works for everyone.

It's hard to believe but it's only a few weeks before the Beach Service at Register Park on Oak Island begins Memorial Day weekend. This service will continue to begin at 9AM. If you are looking for something different bring a beach chair, wear comfortable clothing, and worship with us on the ICW.

We hope you are enjoying the Ministry Minute each Sunday. We are always surprised by the breadth and variety of the many ministries within St. Philips. There's a ministry for everyone no matter your interest or skills. Consider this your "tap on the shoulder" from the wardens and a personal invitation to volunteer for your ministry of interest.

Best Regards...Dave & Steve