

A Word from the Wardens

Greetings St. Philip's

Here's hoping all are enjoying the warmer weather that May has brought to the area. As we move toward the summer months, some exciting things are on the horizon. The long-awaited completion of the Parish Hall looks like it's right around the bend, and we can look forward to enjoying the expanded capabilities that it will provide, like greater meeting room, a new kitchen for events, and the administration offices will once again be close to the church. There is also new landscaping for all to enjoy.

The end of May will bring back beach services at Register Park on OKI for those that enjoy outdoor worship. Some good news, a new sidewalk has been installed and grass planted; both will help to make services a more enjoyable experience. Bring your beach chair and dress casually.

In this month's article we would like to highlight a group that isn't very visible but does a lot of work in the background to make our lives at St. Philip's more secure. The Safety & Security Committee is a group of five parishioners and reports to the Executive Committee component of the Vestry. Their backgrounds include law enforcement, security, emergency healthcare, and military, so they are experts in these areas. Their charter is to keep the congregation safe, and they do this by developing the means to facilitate treatment in medical emergencies, evacuate the facilities in an emergency, and locking down the campus, if necessary, among others. They maintain a close relationship with local emergency agencies such as police and fire departments. They are also in the process of providing training for select parishioners on emergency treatment such as CPR. As we move forward, expect to hear more about their activities as we all have the opportunity to learn more about how we can react to emergencies and keep ourselves safe.

Our "From the Vestry" article is provided by Margaret Bearden, who is in the first year of her current term. She is a member of the Growing the Church, and the upcoming Mission Priorities Initiatives. Margaret is familiar to all the Vestry members since she previously served as our clerk. Margaret also serves on Finance & Facilities where she provides excellent investment advice and management as well as acting as clerk of that ministry board. She briefly addresses the various functions of the Vestry as well as what goes on in our meetings. Thanks Margaret!

If you would like to join us for a meeting, you are welcome. They are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month at 5:00pm. If you find that you are interested, please contact Lorraine Beamer in advance of the meeting.

Best Regards,

Dave & Steve