

St. Philip's Congregational Renewal Activities Overview - April 26-August 2, 2026

- Rev. Marlene's leave/sabbatical time – May 1- July 31, 2026.
- One service per Sunday at 9:30 am; casual dress encouraged.
 - Interim clergy, Rev. Zaccheaus "Zacc" Katta, will lead worship twice each month* and will also provide clergy support as required (e.g., pastoral care, sick/hospital visits, counseling, funerals.)
 - Lay ministers and congregation members will lead Morning Prayer services on the Sundays with no clergy.
- Our parish administrator (Diem) will serve as primary point of contact for administrative matters and routine operations; our Senior Warden (Joy) and Verger (Nathaniel) will oversee worship planning, church operations and pastoral care.
- The vestry and wardens (Joy and Larry C.) will be responsible for key decisions.
- There will be minimal contact with Rev. Marlene. Our church will be self-sufficient during this renewal period.

Mirroring the theme of Rev. Marlene's renewal period, **Rooted in Faith, Renewed in Mission**, we will engage in activities that foster rest, spiritual growth, cultural, history and genealogical exploration, and connection and engagement with our church family.

DATE	TIME	EVENT DESCRIPTION
SUN Apr 26	9:30 am + after service	Rev. Marlene's departure and send-off celebration
A "sending service" to bless and commission Rev. Marlene for her time of renewal along with a festive reception following the service. Celebration will include food and live music. In parish hall.		
SAT May 2	11:00 am -	Sip and Paint \$ (along with Knights Fish Fry)
Guided painting on canvas while enjoying conversation, wine and other beverages, light refreshments. In parish hall.		
SAT May 23	9:00-11:00 am	Introduction to Contemplative Prayers
Various forms of prayer will be introduced and practiced, including contemplative prayer and centering prayer along with the healing properties of sound. Led by Inez Tuck. In parish hall. Light refreshments afterwards.		
SAT May 30	9:00 -11:00 am	Introduction to Lectio Divina and Praying with Anglican Prayer Beads
Learn Lectio Divina, the practice of prayerfully reading and meditating on scripture, and praying the Anglican rosary with prayer beads. Prayer beads will be provided; those with personal beads are encouraged to bring. Led by Inez Tuck. In chapel. Light refreshments afterwards.		
WED Jun 3	5:30-7:00	Taizé service
A meditative, ecumenical Christian worship style originating from a monastic community in Taizé, France, characterized by candlelight, silence, and repetitive, simple chants. Led by Inez Tuck. Light dinner of soup and bread served at 5:30 in parish hall with service starting at 6:00 in sanctuary.		

SUN Jun 7	After service	Family Fun Day (after Youth Sunday service)
Food and fun in the parish hall and the church yard after the Youth Sunday service.		
WED Jun 10	5:30-7:00	Taizé service
See June 3 description		
SUN Jun 14	After service	Genealogy Exploration
Genealogy session facilitated by the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc., Greater Richmond Chapter. Includes presentation, hands-on workshop, and question/answer period. In parish hall. Light refreshments.		
WED Jun 17	5:30-7:00	Taizé service
See June 3 description		
SUN Jun 28	After service	Exploring Black Episcopal History with Riley Temple
Riley will discuss the history of enslaved Africans and the involvement of the Episcopal Church, and the history of black Episcopalians.		
SAT Jul 11	8:00am-5:00 pm	National Museum of African American History and Culture Bus Trip \$
Charter bus to Museum in Washington DC to enhance our individual and collective knowledge of our cultural and ancestral roots.		
SUN Jul 12	After service	Exploring St. Philip's History with Ken Anderson
Ken will talk about the history of St. Philip's based on his learnings from writing the book "Footsteps in Faith" which was published in honor of our church's 160th anniversary.		
SUN Aug 2	9:30am + after service	Rev. Marlene's Return and Welcome Celebration
A welcome home worship service followed by a festive celebration with food and live music in the parish hall and church yard.		

Events, times, etc. may be subject to change

* Dates of Eucharistic (Communion) Services led by Interim Clergy - May 3, May 24, June 7, June 21, July 12, July 26

\$ - Nominal fee