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St. Philip's Ministry Opportunities



Our mission is to be about Christ's work by welcoming the stranger, celebrating all of life, accepting, forgiving, and loving each other, providing a place to grow in mind and spirit, teaching and living the scriptures, seeking and trusting God's guidance, and serving Christ in all persons.

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Adult Formation

Leaders: Danny Blanton and Lollie Everett Committee: Christy Dunaway, Annie Oeth, Ben Pyle, Lori McIntire, Susan Slaughter

All adults are welcome and encouraged to attend! Discussion on a variety of topics is planned each week and communicated to the parish. As always, we will have donuts, homemade goodies, and lots of coffee and good conversation. We are always excited to have new attendees and **EVERYONE IS INVITED!** Meets each Sunday at 9:15am in the Parish Hall.

Education for Ministry

Mentors: Ellen Hailey, Rita Hill, Marie Smith

Education for Ministry, affectionately known as EfM, is a program of theological education at a distance from the School of Theology of the University of the South. Students sign up one year at a time for this four year program. It covers the basics of a theological education in the Old and New Testaments, church history, liturgy, and theology. There is also a one year program that addresses the Christian life. We meet once a week from September through May. There are two EfM groups meeting at St Philip's, one in the daytime and one in the evening. Any of the mentors would be happy to speak to anyone interested in joining one of our groups for the 2027-28 academic year.

Red Hat Readers

Leaders: Rita Hill and Carol Parker

Red Hat Readers is a book club open to all women of St. Philip's. We meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month in the church library from 11:30 to 1 (feel free to bring lunch). Each month we choose a book to discuss. Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 13th, and we will be discussing "I See You Called in Dead" by John Kenney.

Altar Guild

Leader: Jean Schott

A volunteer group of the parish whose ministry is to care for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens of the parish. Altar Guild members prepare the sanctuary for services, and clean up afterwards. We continue to work at the Altar, with the flowers, and any place we can help. Our job is to keep the Altar beautiful and to help keep St. Philip's the warm, serene, and welcoming church that we all know. Our first meeting will be Saturday, October 3rd at 10am.

Flower Guild

Members: Michele Ates, Lind Bussey, Ellen Hailey, Sandra Hindsman, Anna Lee, Billy Ray Sigh, Julia Young

A subset of the Altar Guild, members of the Flower Guild create the altar arrangement for services, coordinate Church decorations for special services and occasions, and assist with flowers for events in the Parish Hall. Working with other guild members is an opportunity to enhance your knowledge and hone your skills; experience isn't a prerequisite. Scheduling is flexible, about once every five weeks.

Christian Education

Leader: Lisa Saucier, Director of Christian Formation

Children's Chapel - Open to children ages 5-10. The children start in the Nave, process out early in the service, and return in time for Eucharist. Volunteers needed to assist lessons on Sundays. Meets Sundays during the the 10:30 service.

EYC – St. Philip's and St. Columb's EYCs have combined and are meeting 3 times monthly at alternating locations. EYC is open to grades 6-12. Volunteers are needed to provide meals and occasionally supervision. EYC is staffed by our youth intern Millie Galarno and volunteer Geoff Lewis. In addition we have EYCentral, a gathering of central convocation EYC groups which meets once a month. EYC meets Sundays from 5:00 - 7:00, dinner is provided.

PreYC - PreYC is open to 4th & 5th grade students throughout the central convocation. Volunteers are needed to provide meals and for supervision. Lisa Saucier leads these meetings and another adult volunteer is needed to assist. PreYC meets select Sundays from 5:00 - 7:00. Dinner is provided.

Nursery –Volunteers are needed to help serve on a rotating basis. Nursery is offered Sundays during the 10:30 service, and special services throughout the year.

Vacation Bible School - Offered each summer, VBS is open to children ages 5 to 10. Volunteers of all ages are needed to lead activities, prepare and serve food, and provide general supervision. Opportunities open Summer 2027.

Coffee Ministry

Leader: Melanie Williams

A ministry committed to social gathering and fellowship of parishioners and guests every Sunday after the 10:30 service. Each Sunday is comprised of a team that provides snacks and beverages, and rotates through-out the months. Teams set up before the 10:30 service ends and cleans up once parishioners leave. We really need volunteers in this area!

Communications

Committee: Annie Oeth, Robbie Vance, Marie Smith

The St. Philip's communications team shares the good news of our parish with local media, on social media platforms and with the Mississippi Episcopalian. Our ministry includes opportunities for: Writing, Editing, Photography and Graphic Design.

Counters

Coordinator: Christy Howell

We need help with our weekly deposits. Counters work in teams of two and meet on Monday or Tuesday at the church to compile and complete the deposit. They then take the deposit to the bank. We would love to have a few more teams for this important ministry.

Creation Care “Green Team”

Leader: Ben Pyle

DioMS Creation Care Ministry was established by Bishop Seage in 2022. It is comprised of anyone who is interested in the work of caring for God's creation. Be part of the St. Philip's “Green Team” and help us spread the word to “Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle” in our parish and beyond.

ECW

Chairs: Carol Parker and Lynda Jungkind

What is ECW? ECW is the Episcopal Church Women. ECW is an international organization of women supporting women and all people in faith and love. St Philip's ECW meets the second Saturday of most months in the Parish Hall from 11:30 – 1:30. Think of Men's Breakfast. This is Ladies' Lunch! Come join us! Our next meeting is Saturday, November 7th.

Funeral Guild

Chair: Elizabeth Lott

One of the special things our Funeral Guild provides is pastoral hospitality to our families during this hard time in their lives. The Guild helps coordinate, prepare, and up small receptions for families during funeral visitations and gatherings. Please sign up to help if you can.

Bluegrass Mass and Goat Roast

2026 Chair: Ben Preston

St. Philip's Bluegrass Mass and Goat Roast is held annually on the 2nd Sunday of October. Live bluegrass and gospel music during the morning Mass, followed by the most anticipated event on St. Philip's calendar, the Goat Roast: a sumptuous BBQ feast. ALL ARE WELCOME to enjoy our beautiful church grounds celebrating with food, music, fun, and

friendship. We have numerous volunteer opportunities and leadership roles to fill. Come be a "goatherd." Our Bluegrass Mass and Goat Roast in Sunday, October 11th.

Grounds

Committee Members: Dick David, Ellen and Lester Hailey, Dottee Everett, Brandon Smith, Andy Robinson, Danny Blanton, Gerald McWhorter, and John Conway

For those interested in being part of and have a 'hands-on experience' with the Grounds Committee. We have different needs for the seasons and other chores around St. Philip's.

Men's Breakfast Group

Chair: Dick David

Our Men's Breakfast Group gets together the third Sunday morning of each month at 7:30a.m. to eat breakfast, have fellowship, and plan projects. We welcome a helping hand to cook and serve. Please join us! Our next project is to build a cooking pavilion in the Hollow. Our next meeting will be Sunday, November 15th.

Ministries with Young Families and Working Folks

Leader: Marie Smith

Do you have school-aged children and/or are you in the throes of your career? Are you looking for ways to be fed spiritually that meet at times when you can participate? Then let's build something together! Join Marie and Les as they begin this new ministry! Activities include formation opportunities, get-togethers, and more. Suggestions and ideas are welcome and encouraged. Our next Parents' Night Out will be Sunday, October 25th.

Music Ministry

Leader: David O'Steen, Organist and Choirmaster

Open to all aspiring singers, we provide appropriate music from a choir of faithful volunteers for every service. In addition to Sunday services, the choir presents special music for Choral Evensongs, all Holy Week services, Advent Lessons and Carols, and two Christmas Eve services with orchestra. Choir practice is on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm, and we sing at the 10:30 service each Sunday.

Newcomers (Sigrid Society)

Committee Leaders: Melinda Jackson, Lynda Jungkind

All are Welcome!! Yes, we mean it! This is why this ministry is so important to St. Philip's...to welcome ALL Newcomers (and Returnees) to our church. Volunteers sign up at their convenience to greet, answer

questions, and give the newcomers and returnees a delicious box of homemade cookies before the 8:30am or 10:30 am Sunday service and any special services we may have. Who did you first meet when you came to St. Philip's? For many of us, it was Sigrid Conway. We are continuing her spirit in welcoming ALL!

Outreach Committee

Christy Dunaway (chair) and Alicia Waits (co-chair)

Stewpot Community Services – Stewpot presents several opportunities for Philipians to be involved. Weekday Lunch Serving: Sub-Committee Chairs are Julia Young and Dottee Everett. We serve lunch Monday - Friday and need 5 – 6 servers each day. This year, we expect to serve five weeks, and each shift lasts about two hours. We would love a nice size group of volunteers to rely on this year.

Sunday Meal Prep and Serve - (searching for a subcommittee chair!) In addition to serving lunch during the week, we also cook and serve a meal approximately four - six Sundays a year. Various groups (i.e., EYC, Choir, Men's Breakfast) take turns cooking and serving these meals.

Pantry - *Sub-Committee Chair is Susan Slaughter*. St. Philips contributes to the Stewpot Food Pantry by purchasing food with funds donated by our parishioners as well as what is budgeted. We also work in the pantry Monday - Friday from 9am - 11am several weeks a year assisting consumers as they shop. We currently have a small but dedicated group of parishioners volunteering their time, but we need a few more!

Habitat for Humanity – *Subcommittee Chair is Bill Burke*. Habitat has built over 630 homes in the area since 1986 and St. Philips has been a part of that through the Episcopal Build. We are just one of several local Episcopal churches working together to build a home every few years. We participate in the annual fundraiser gala as well as providing volunteer builders on the site.

MadCAAP - *Subcommittee Chair is Virginia Hollingsworth*. MadCAAP also presents two opportunities each year for Philipians to be involved in assisting Madison County Youth. Backpack Heroes gathers school supplies and backpacks each summer to give to MadCAAP who then shares them with Canton youth just before the new school year begins. We also receive approximately 20 names of young people before Christmas to place on our Angel Tree. These children are adopted by parishioners and provided with items from their Christmas wish list.

Community Lunches - *Subcommittee Chair is Christy Dunaway*: This is an opportunity for leaders in the Northeast Jackson area to gather and share information with one another and find ways to work together to ensure that our local community thrives. St. Philips hosts these lunches, including providing lunch. Lunches are scheduled quarterly. We have a strong core group of committee members but would love a few more to help with cooking!

Neighborhood Picnic - *Subcommittee Chair is Christy Dunaway*: St. Philips has held two Neighborhood Picnics in early June. It is definitely an “all hands on deck” effort. We have a strong committee, but are always looking for more members. Our dream is to partner with one or two other organizations serving this area and grow the numbers of youth and families attending as well as the activities we offer throughout the day. The book drive and other activities offered this year were great and we plan to expand it further!

Iona House – *Subcommittee Chair is Lori McIntire*: Iona is a food pantry operated by St. Columb’s Episcopal Church in West Jackson. We have agreed to partner with St. Columb’s by serving at Iona House on the third Friday of each month from 7:00 am – 8:00 am. We have a strong core group of volunteers, but need a few more to ensure that we always have 5-6 volunteers a month to assist us with this project.

Working Together Jackson – *Subcommittee Chair: Grace Greene*

Arise2Read – We are proud to be working with McLeod Elementary on their Arise 2 Read initiative to help second graders who are below their grade level in reading.

Parish Life Committee

Committee: Elizabeth Lott and Billy Ray Sigh (chair)

We would love to have people join this great opportunity for social activities in the parish. Throughout the year, we have the following:

Game Nights – Usually every two to three months, we get together for a meal and various games (including trivia, board games, mah jong, bingo, etc.) Volunteers need to help with dinner, setup and hosting. Our next game night is Thursday, November 19th.

Dickens Dinner- Lovely Christmas tradition at St. Philip’s - Need committee members to help coordinate. This year’s dinner will be Thursday, December 17th.

Annual Parish Luncheon- Each year at our annual meeting, we get together for a meal to celebrate. Would love to have volunteers to help. Our Annual Parish Meeting is January 17, 2027.

Jazz Brunch - We have revived a great tradition at St. Philip's. The Sunday after Easter, we have a lovely Jazz service followed by a New Orleans brunch in the Courtyard. Volunteers needed to help. This year's Jazz Brunch is Sunday, April 4th, 2027.

Bob Rall Chili Cook Off – Usually in February, this is a great chance for everyone to show off their chili skills!

Boocharist / Trunk or Treat – A new fun tradition at St. Philip's! We have a service (costumes encouraged), followed by Trunk or Treating in the parking lot. Parish Life handles a light supper and coordination of the event. Volunteers needed! Boocharist and Trunk or Treat will be Thursday, October 29th.

Shrove Tuesday Dinner – The night before Ash Wednesday, we have a fun party to celebrate one last time before Lent begins. We have dinner, and activities for the kids. Volunteers needed. Shrove Tuesday is February 9, 2027.

Pentecost Potluck- This happens after the service and we need volunteers to help. Pentecost is Sunday, May 16, 2027.

Receptions – We always have receptions following Epiphany, Easter Vigil, and Easter Day. While we need assistance from the entire parish, it always helps to have coordinators.

Pastoral Care

Leaders: Pam David and Ellen Hailey

Working with our clergy, pastoral care is an activity which intersects and overlaps with every part of the church. The people of St. Philip's are exceptional in expressing care and concern for one another. Much of the care provided is an organic process where friends and volunteers check in with those in need of prayer, support, care and communicate this to the Pastoral Care Committee. We currently work in weekly team rotations, and would love to have other volunteers who feel called to this ministry. Our first meeting will be Sunday, October 25th.

Blooms to Go

Team: Carolyn Alford, Jeanne Burke, Pam David, Dottee Everett, Karen Evers, Sandra Hindsman, Lynda Jungkind, Elizabeth Lott, Linda Smith, Dorothy Thompson, Julia Young

Blooms to Go = pastoral care + flower guild = joy! After Wednesday's morning service and using Sunday's altar flowers, volunteers make several small arrangements and then deliver them to St. Philipians and the church office. You always have a partner, it takes about two hours, and you are scheduled about once every six weeks.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Leader: Lisa Saucier Committee Members: Annie Oeth, Cindy Allen, and Alicia Waits

Prayer shawls are offered in the narthex to give to people facing any grief or trouble. Shawls are hand made by parishioners and are blessed at the altar. Volunteers who knit or crochet are needed to help make the shawls. Don't worry if you don't know how to knit - we have someone willing to teach us! The prayer shawl ministry meets in the library after the 10:30 service on the last Sunday of each month.

Pumpkin Patch

A true St. Philip's tradition, the patch will be open this year from September 24-October 31st. Volunteers will be needed to help with various needs, and signups will be available soon!

Stewardship:

Chairs: Chad Espeland and Les Hegwood

Stewardship committee helps plan and implement the stewardship campaign each year.

Technology

Leaders: Jonathan Sanders and Marie Smith

The Technology Committee is a newly formed team that will be overseeing the technology needs of the church. From cameras to websites, we look to help the church become more effective and efficient with all the technology we have and with any potential new technology.

Wedding Guild

Chair: Lynda Jungkind

The Wedding Guild helps members and their families navigate an Episcopal wedding with the beautiful Episcopal rituals, music and service. We work with the Priest and Office Manager so that everything runs smoothly and the bridal party, families and guests experience a welcoming environment. The Wedding Guild is Southern Hospitality at its finest! Say these two little words, "I Do!", and serve on the Wedding Guild.

Worship

Leaders: Dottee Everett and Les Hegwood

Our Sunday worship is open to anyone who would like to participate! We have openings for ushers, greeters, acolytes (starts at eight years old), and readers. In addition, we have opportunities for Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Lay Eucharistic Visitors (these require additional training.) We hope you will join us in this ministry. Our first Verger meeting will be Sunday, January 10th after church.

