

The Epistle

St. Philip Lutheran Church Newsletter

July 2016

A Reflection on Luke 12 by Vicar Molly Markley

Do Not Worry

There are plenty of things for us to worry about in this world, plenty of things for us to fear. Stressors seem to pop up everywhere. Here we see Jesus teaching about many things that cause angst – needless worrying, waiting, divisions, disputes, and much more! These teachings linger on, much like our anxiety. But thankfully, God is greater than our worries and greater than our fears. God’s very being creates peace and comfort. Yet when we look around, that’s sometimes terribly difficult to see! Our society is messy, and finding the good is often tough. Yet, at the heart of this chapter we hear Jesus’s voice calling us: “Do not be afraid, little flock.” We, the flock, sometimes feel feeble, barely hanging on, bogged down by our fears and worries. We find ourselves scattered, lost, and in need of God’s herding.

Maybe that’s why Jesus tells us “do not be afraid/fear” twice in this chapter and “do not worry” four times in this chapter. That’s six exhortations from Jesus. Six times Jesus urges us towards peace and comfort. Six times we receive reassurance from Jesus. Jesus cares for the holistic well-being of his people...and perhaps we need to hear that again and again.

To Ponder:

- At this current moment, right now, what do you see as messy in your life?
- How is God calling you to find peace and comfort in this midst of this chaos?

Let us pray. *Nurturing God, we boldly pray that you will meet us in the midst of our fears and anxieties. Guide us, your flock, towards you life-giving peace that we seek. Amen.*

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Vicar Molly begins her internship at St. Philip on Aug. 7, 2016. She will be installed as Vicar during worship on Sunday, Aug. 7. Please make plans to welcome her! A reception, sponsored by the Internship and Fellowship Committees, will be held in her honor following worship.

When the congregation decided to host an intern, we committed to raising an additional \$17,000 to support this ministry. Let’s do what we can to meet our goal by Aug. 1. To help us do that, a generous member of St. Philip has offered to match contributions to the Internship Fund up to \$4,000.

Be sure to note “Internship” on the memo line of your check or select the Internship Fund when giving on-line. Thank you!



Summer Worship 2016 at 9:30 am

July 3 – A patriotic service where we'll give thanks and pray for our nation.

July 10, 17, and 24 – these Chicago Folk Services will bear the content of a Lutheran liturgy but in a slightly different order and set to different arrangements led by acoustic instruments.

July 31 – in a global service we'll worship celebrating the rich diversity of music from different places around the world. Pastor Chad Rimmer will be preaching.

Aug 7, 14, and 21 – these worship services will incorporate elements of jazz through song arrangements, harmonies, and instrumentation.

Aug 28 and Sept 4 – these worship services will celebrate our Celtic heritage as we give thanks for God's presence through prayers, litanies, music, and silence.

Sept 11 – the ELCA marks "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday on this day. We'll worship at 9:30 and then engage in a variety of outreach service projects.

Be sure to invite a friend or neighbor to worship!

Welcoming Vicar Molly

To help Vicar Molly get settled and her Pantry stocked we are going to have a St Philip version of an old fashioned "Pounding". What is a Pounding you ask??? A "pounding" is the gift of groceries and other household items for someone setting up their home. It is an old custom whose name probably comes from the time that general stores sold most items by the pound.



On August 7 we will have a donation basket in the entryway near Luther Hall for pantry items for Vicar Molly since she will be coming without many items of that sort. She is basically re-setting up her apartment from scratch in terms of pantry items. As we get closer to the date we will have a list of recommended items...so you can reach in your pantry and grab an item or pick up something during your weekly shopping trip the week before. Contact Edwina Bruce, chair of the Internship Committee, at asbcebecb@aol.com or 919-846-0142 if you have questions.



Natalie Rimmer is undergoing treatment for a recurrence of cancer. She welcomes your prayers and messages of encouragement. Her address is: 5735 Sentinel Dr., Raleigh, NC 27609.

Happy Birthday to Betsy Voress who will be celebrating her 91th birthday on July 27. Please join in the celebration and send a birthday card to Betsy. Her address is 5938 Whitebud Drive, Raleigh, NC 27609-3956



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men's Breakfast Club is scheduled for 8:30 am on Tuesday, July 26, at Big Ed's in Quail Corners Shopping Center, 5009 Falls of Neuse Road. Come into the air conditioning and enjoy good food and fellowship. To reserve your place: talk to, call, or email Frank Bouknight at 919-302-1812 or bouknightf@yahoo.com.

The next Ladies Lunch will be held at Sake House, 1141 Falls River Avenue, Suite 128, on Thursday, July 7th, beginning at noon. Sake House is in the same shopping center as Nantucket Grill. Mark your calendar now. Sign up with Sandra Kelly, 919-247-1038 or sankelly55@hotmail.com.



New Time! New Time! New Time!

Our next **Puzzle Get-Together** is scheduled for Tuesday, July 26th, at 12:30 p.m. in the music room at church.

Come, relax, enjoy good conversation, and help complete a puzzle. Contact Claire Muller, 919-900-8443 or cmuller4@nc.rr.com if you have any questions. Hope to see you there.



BOOK CLUB

The book club is taking a break in July and August. They will meet again on Tuesday, September 27 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. The next book for discussion is *Leaving Church* by Barbara Brown Taylor. You may also want to read *An Altar in the World* to learn more about her theology. Contact Kathryn Edwards or Carol Williamson if you need more information.

Adult Summer Sunday School



Sunday Morning Adult Study

The Augsburg adult class continues to meet throughout the summer. Following a brief fellowship after the worship service, the class will begin about 10:45 a.m. in the Music Room. The Augsburg series is based on a theme for a three months period. The title of this study is "Toward a New Creation" and includes a study of selected scriptures in Zephaniah and Romans. Each session includes a study of the given scripture and how it applies to our lives as individuals and as members of St. Philip. All adults are invited to participate!



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Philip quilters for Lutheran World Relief can use your sheets in good condition including fitted ones. Double and larger are best but we can make other sizes work.

We can also use fabrics for the tops. Cottons or cotton/poly are best. Please no knits or upholstery fabrics.

If you have any of the above please call Judy Eise at 919-571-0934 for directions to donate.

Thank you for your help as we hope to have more than 50 quilts to donate at the collection time in November.

The Quilting Group meets at 9:30 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month in the basement under Luther Hall.

There will be no Senior Ministry Committee Meeting in July.

Please join us for our next meeting on Wednesday, August 3rd, 10:00 am, in the Music room. Want to help **plan future bus trips?** Join us on Wednesday, August 3rd, 10:45 am, in the Music room. All are welcome to attend.



Financial Report for May 2016

Category	Current Month Actual	Current Month Plan	%	YTD Actual	YTD Plan	%
Income						
General Fund	\$30,654	\$35,909	85%	\$182,673	\$179,545	102%
Other Income	\$4,232	\$8,523	50%	\$18,233	\$39,133	47%
Total Income	\$34,886	\$44,432	79%	\$200,906	\$218,678	92%
Expenses						
	\$39,702	\$42,707	93%	\$202,714	\$213,535	95%
Net Gain/(Loss)						
	(\$4,817)	\$1,725		(\$1,808)	\$5,143	

May resulted in a net loss of \$4,817 against a budgeted gain of \$1,725. This worse than expected performance is due to both general fund and other income giving being under what was expected. Expenses were \$3,005 lower than expected which helped to offset the impact of lower overall giving.

Year-to-date we have a net loss of \$1,808 against a budgeted gain of \$5,143. General fund giving is \$3,128 over what is planned which helps reduce the impact of lower than expected other income giving. Expenses continue to be lower than expected. It is important that we be attentive to our giving patterns and not fall further behind during the summer months.

St. Philip Lutheran Church—2016 Income Plan

Total revenue needed
to meet expenses is
\$529,755

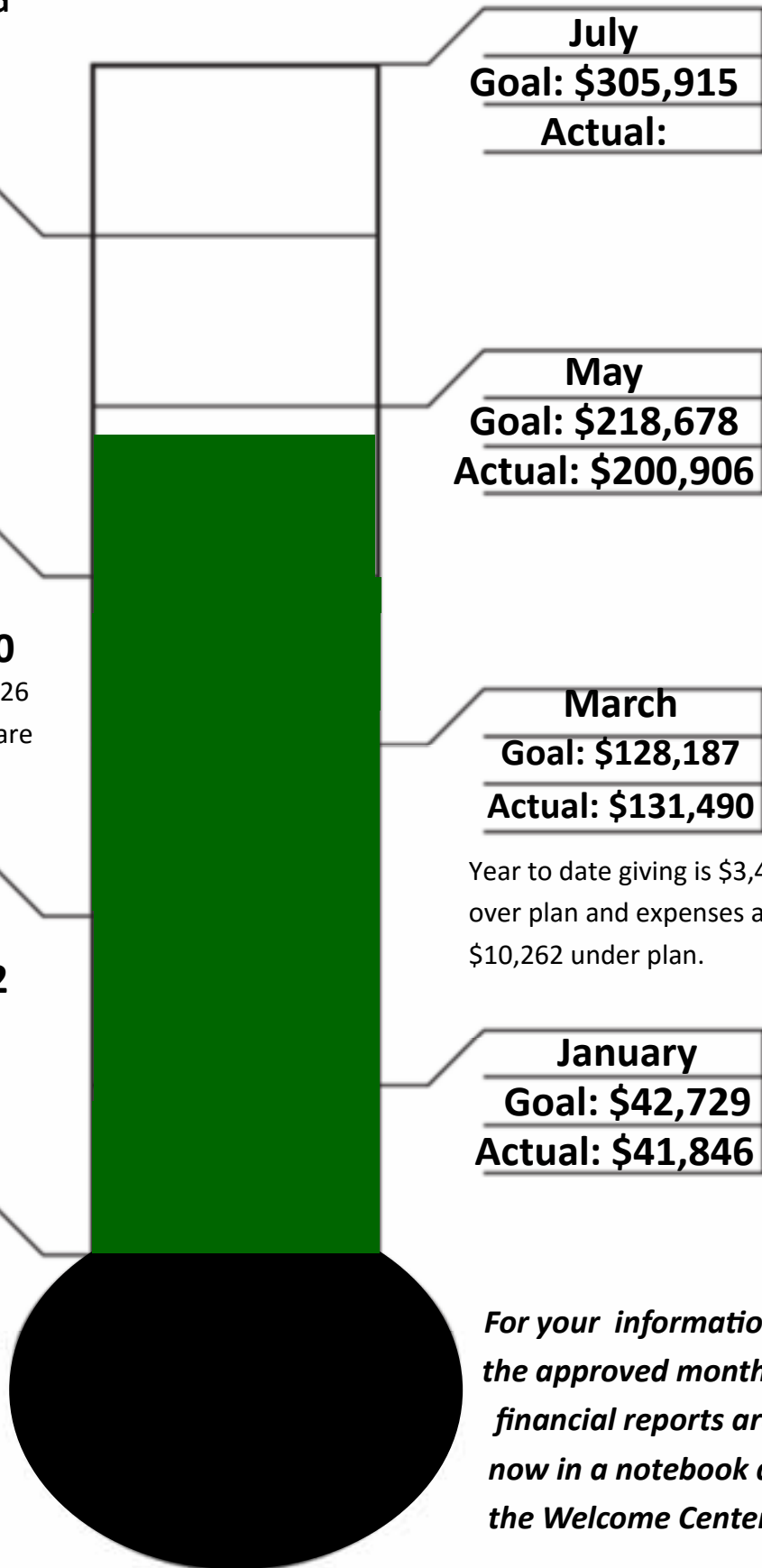
June
Goal: \$261,483
Actual:

April
Goal: \$172,619
Actual: \$166,020

Year to date giving is \$8,226
under plan and expenses are
\$7,816 under plan.

February
Goal: \$85,458
Actual: \$76,012

God has blessed us
with all that we
need to do the work
of ministry in this
place!



July
Goal: \$305,915
Actual:

May
Goal: \$218,678
Actual: \$200,906

March
Goal: \$128,187
Actual: \$131,490

Year to date giving is \$3,417
over plan and expenses are
\$10,262 under plan.

January
Goal: \$42,729
Actual: \$41,846

*For your information,
the approved monthly
financial reports are
now in a notebook at
the Welcome Center .*



Stephen Ministry Training Class begins on
Sunday, September 18, 2016
from 4:00—6:00 p.m.

Ever Thought about Becoming a Stephen Minister?

Stephen Ministry is a lay care giving ministry. This ministry is grounded in Jesus' command to love one another. Through one-to-one caring and confidential relationships, those who are hurting receive the love and care they need to support them.

Training to serve as a Stephen Minister is a wonderful opportunity for you to grow in faith, develop stronger relational skills, and bring Christ's love into the lives of hurting people. As you prayerfully consider your participation in this ministry, it is important for you to know that:

A Stephen Minister is NOT:

- A counselor or therapist;
- A problem-solver;
- A casual visitor.

A Stephen Minister is:

- A child of God who walks beside a hurting person;
- A caring Christian friend who really listens;
- A lay person who has received 50 hours of training in how to provide distinctively Christian care.

Stephen Ministers work alongside our pastor to care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness.

If you have gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening, please prayerfully consider whether you might want to be part of this exciting ministry.

Application packets can be picked up on the table in the entryway near Luther Hall.

Frequently Asked Questions about Stephen Ministry

Question: How much time will serving as a Stephen Minister involve?

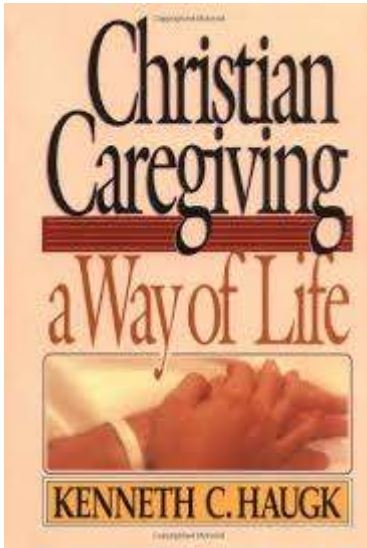
Answer: After the initial training, the time commitment as a Stephen Minister includes one visit (approximately one hour) per week with the person receiving care from you. Also after the initial training, Stephen Ministers are expected to attend two meetings per month for supervision, support and ongoing continuing education.

Question: What is the cost of becoming a Stephen Minister?

Answer: The total cost for training each Stephen Minister is \$50. This includes two training workbooks, 3 books, and other associated costs.



To learn more about Stephen Ministry, speak to one of our Stephen Leaders: Kathy Blum at 919-641-2742 or kathyblum821@gmail.com; Linda Bossert at 703-216-5046 or lbossert52@verizon.net; or Pastor Pam.



*Learn more about Christian Caregiving
at a three-session series on
Sundays August 14, 21, and 28 at 10:45 a.m. in Kepley Hall.*

“I believe it, but how do I live it?” Christianity is more than a set of beliefs; it is a way of life. If our beliefs do not affect our living, what good are they? So, how do we live what we believe? This will be a three part mini-series that will be an introduction to Stephen Ministry founder Kenneth Haugk’s book “Christian Caregiving, a Way of Life.” This is a practical, “how-to” manual for relating and caring in distinctively Christian ways. The experiential class will be offered August 14, 21, and 28 at 10:45 and last one hour.

Dedication Service Scheduled for Building Independence Lake Wheeler

Lutheran Services Carolinas (LSC) is excited to announce the anticipated opening of Building Independence Lake Wheeler – three homes that will serve nine low-income adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.

To celebrate the completion of this project, LSC is hosting a dedication service and open house scheduled for **Sunday, August 21 at 4:00 p.m.** The service will be held on the grounds of the homes located at 2610 Lake Wheeler Road in Raleigh and will feature special speakers and fellowship with the organizations, donors, and volunteers who made this project possible. A barbecue, sponsored by Thrivent Financial, will take place following the service.

Each energy efficient home includes three private bedrooms and bathrooms, and common kitchen, living, and dining space. LSC will operate the homes, which will include offering services that empower residents on their journey to independence. Residents will benefit from affordable monthly rents, access to public transportation and shopping, life skills coaching, opportunities for paid jobs and vocational training, and continuous encouragement from LSC staff.

The project was initiated as a collaboration between The Serving Cup, Habitat for Humanity of Wake County, and LSC. Other Building Independence partners include the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency, Wake County Lutheran congregations, Thrivent Financial, Wheat Ridge Ministries, and many other generous individuals and organizations. For more information about the August 21 service, please contact Ellen Watts, LSC donor relations specialist, at 704-603-1696 or ewatts@LSCarolinas.net.





JOIN THE CAROLINA HURRICANES SUMMER FUN!

During the four days of fun activities at the PNC Arena next month, you can drop off donations of school supplies that will support children in the Families Together program. Help make sure they start the school year equipped to learn. We thank the Carolina Hurricanes for partnering with us!

The drive will run from Wednesday, July 6 through the end of Summerfest on Saturday, July 9. Collection bins will be located at the VIP entrance of PNC Arena throughout the week during normal business hours (9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.). Bins will be also placed in the East Priority Lounge during Prospects



Development Camp public practices and the Summerfest Celebration on July 9.

Visit <http://hurricanes.nhl.com/club/page.htm?id=90170>

Items needed include:

No. 2 pencils	Pocket folders	Pencil cases
Colored pencils	Expo markers and erasers	Graph paper
Black and blue pens	Construction paper and colored paper	Rulers
Notebook paper (college & wide-ruled)	Poster board (white and colored)	Compasses/protractors
Binders	Individual pencil sharpeners	Glue sticks
Clear tape	Children's scissors	Markers
Backpacks	3- and 5-subject spiral notebooks	Yellow highlighters
	TI-84+ and graphing calculators	

CAMPAIGN TOPS \$200,000

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of 10 awesome fundraising teams and the hundreds of you who donated in support of our mission, the "HOPE BEGINS WITH A HOME" campaign rolled right past the goal of \$156,000 to well over \$200,000!

We are deeply appreciative of your generosity and compassion. Every day the phone rings with desperate parents searching for a place to call home. Your gifts will help us expand our work so that even more families and children can secure permanent housing, move forward in their lives, and thrive.

When we say "**We can't do it without you,**" we mean every word. I look forward to sharing our community's progress with you.

Lisa Rowe, Executive Director

HELP WITH OUR NEW COMMUNITY GARDEN

The raised beds have been built, the dirt is in, now we're getting ready to move to the next steps in the creation of our on-site community garden, planting fall crops! If you'd like to be part of this project, please contact **Meghan Olesen** (Meghan@famiestogetherNC.org), at (919) 212-1123 ext. 232.

In-depth Bible Study Kicks Off in September

The Divine Drama is an intermediate-level Bible study course from Crossways International. It's ideal for those who want a more in-depth study of scripture. Its 16 units on the complete biblical storyline (*The Biblical Narrative*) and 14 units on the themes arising from scripture (*Our Narrative*) provide a solid foundation for lifelong faith-formation.



The titles for each unit are:

16 units – Biblical Narrative	14 units – Our Narrative
Biblical Stage	Some Biblical Basics
The Divine Drama in miniature	Our Baptismal Exodus
Beginning and purpose	Blest Be the God and Father
Enter Chaos	Jesus the Messiah
A people – a Mission	The Holy Spirit
Compassion and Covenants	God's Grace – Human Response
Wilderness and Wantonness	When the End Comes
Kings and Kingdoms	With Angels and Archangels
From Kingdom to Captivity	Preparing for the Banquet
Thus Saith the Lord!	Kingdoms in Conflict
A New Exodus – a New People	The Privilege of Prayer
Between the Testaments	The Lord's Prayer
The Messianic Age Has Come! The Claim.	Redeemed to be Responsible
The Messianic Age Has Come! The Verdict	Therefore, Beloved Brothers and Sisters
The Messianic Age Today	
Covenants – Old and New	

The cost of this study is \$34.00. This includes two student course books with full color graphics and two student workbooks with study questions for each unit.

If two people want to share 1 set of the full color manuals and each have their own copy of the student workbooks the cost is \$44.00. You would get 1 copy of the manuals and 2 copies of the workbooks.

Make checks payable to St. Philip and note Bible Study on the memo line. Drop your check in the offering plate or turn it in at the church office.

Classes will be held on Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. and on Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the Music Room beginning on Sept 12, 2016.

Please register by Aug. 31 so that the materials can be ordered and received by the start of class. Registration forms are on the last page of the newsletter or in the entryway near Luther Hall.

Happy Anniversary

Luisa & Matthew Mahler	7/2/2004	11
James & Betty Deal	7/5/1953	62
Mathias & Amy Lindstrom	7/6/2003	12
Bob & Jane Foil Sr.	7/14/1957	58
Laura & John Carlson	7/18/1998	17
Stephen & Venetia Gentzler	7/19/1980	35
Jim & Kenny Beck Sr.	7/23/1971	44
George & Debbie Coccarelli	7/26/1985	30
Allen & Cathryn Hewett	7/27/1996	19
Steve & Brady Gibson	7/29/1989	26

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jon Loughry	7/1	Heather Roslinski	7/15
Sophie Smyre	7/1	Zachary Thoren	7/15
David Coccarelli	7/2	Kathy Croft	7/17
Kyle Rodabaugh	7/6	Matthew Snyder	7/17
Joshua Berning	7/7	Joyce Hinton	7/18
Donna Edwards	7/7	Garrett Wessler	7/18
CJ Rogers	7/7	Fernando Puente	7/19
Steve Burdette	7/8	Howard Cunningham	7/20
Vickie Herring	7/8	Sophie Holmes	7/20
Douglas Thoren	7/8	Willson Hooks	7/21
Joseph Krynock	7/9	Emma Faircloth	7/22
Alexander McKeithan	7/9	Nancy Grant	7/23
Myron Kelly	7/10	Don Helmey	7/24
Todd Travis	7/10	Laurent Pumu	7/25
Cindy Hales-Kepley	7/11	Carolyn Smyre	7/27
Y'Sang Milo	7/11	Betsy Voress	7/27
Sandy Kelly	7/12	Laura Harris	7/28
Diane Schaaf	7/12	Kelly Kavcsak	7/28
Alan Swartz	7/12	Zack Reter	7/28
Carol Woodyard	7/12	Ralph Perhac	7/29
Alicia Carlson	7/13	Alyssa Adams	7/30
Venetia Gentzler	7/14	Hannah Wessler	7/30
Doug Vinsel	7/14	Erin Kepley	7/31
		Miriam Loughry	7/31

July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 10:00 AM Al-Anon 7:00 PM AA	2 7:00 PM AA
3 Give Kids the World Mission Trip 9:30 AM Worship Service with Communion 10:30 AM Indoor Picnic 10:45 AM Augsburg Study	4 Give Kids the World Mission Trip Office Closed Holiday	5 Give Kids the World Mission Trip 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 11:30 AM Abundance Ministry	6 Give Kids the World Mission Trip 7:15 PM Chicago Folk Service Rehearsal	7 Give Kids the World Mission Trip 12:00 PM Ladies Lunch at Sake	8 Give Kids the World Mission Trip 10:00 AM Al-Anon 7:00 PM AA	9 10:00 AM Brown Bag Ministry 7:00 PM AA
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24 9:30 AM Worship Service with Communion 10:45 AM Augsburg Study	25	26 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:30 AM Puzzle Get-Together 6:30 PM Women's Fellowship	27 9:30 AM Quilting	28	29	30
31 9:30 AM Worship Service with Communion 10:45 AM Augsburg Study						

Welcome Our New Office Administrator

On July 1, 2016, Jane Gue began working as our Office Administrator. Jane is a member of Fuquay-Varina United Methodist Church. She is a trained Stephen Minister and has served as a DivorceCare Leader. She participates in Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network when families are being hosted at her church. Jane was raised in a Methodist minister's family and so understands the dynamics of life in an active and growing congregation.

She worked as Office Manager for her church for many years and brings a lot of experience and knowledge to her position. She will be working full-time at St. Philip. You may reach her at through email at admin@st-philip.org or by calling the church office at 919-846-2992.

Please be patient as Jane settles into her role on our staff and gets to know everyone. Be sure to stop by or call to introduce yourself.

Registration Form for In-depth Bible Study

I'll/We'll attend the class on:

_____ Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

_____ Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

Order _____ full set(s) of materials for me/us.

Order _____ partial set(s) of only the workbooks.

This is only if 2 people are sharing the manuals and each wants their own workbook.

The cost of the full set (2 full color manuals and 2 workbooks) is \$34.

The cost of the 1 set of manuals and 2 sets of the workbooks is \$44.

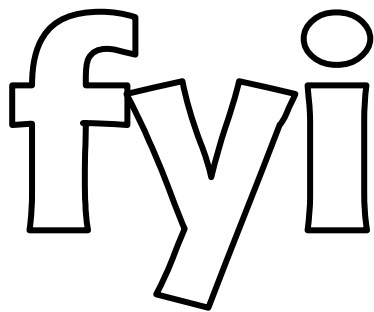
My/our check for _____ has been:

_____ placed in the offering plate

_____ mailed/delivered to the church office

_____ Paid on-line

Name(s): _____



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Deadline for the August Epistle is **Friday, July 15**. Submissions should be sent to admin@st-philip.org. Submissions received after the 15th may be sent out in the weekly E-News.

Deadline for E-News and BBN is **Tuesday** at 12:00 noon.

Sunday Morning Schedule (June 12 - September 11):

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:45 a.m. Augsburg Adult Study

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

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