

Pastor's Message

Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ,

February is a very peculiar month. It is short, has fewer days than other months. Usually Ash Wednesday falls somewhere in it. It can be a very wintery month or quite pleasant and mild. Right smack dab in the middle there are Presidents Day and Valentine's Day. This year since Easter is so late, we don't get Ash Wednesday till next month but for a short month it still has a lot going on. We are kind of a reflection of the month, a lot going on.

As you read this issue of the Epistle please note all the variety of things happening. Just to round things out a bit let me mention what I discovered as I read through the Time and Talent assessments. There are a host of areas where we need open hearts and willing hands. I can't say that I am surprised. I think that has been the case in many churches for a long time. Most of us just check the things we did in the past, or the things we feel we are good at. Instead this Time & Talent thing could be a time to dream or imagine learning something new or pursuing and experience we have always wondered about. Well take heart you may have turned in your Time & Talent sheet, but you are not out of chances to check out new ventures.

Valentine's Day puts a focus on love. The legend about St. Valentine, puts a focus on love and sacrifice that can inspire us to look at some new possibilities. I read a book some years ago titled "Love Is A Choice". All the weddings and premarital counselling I have done over the years I know I have focused a lot on decisions as couple make as family.

Every now and again I Corinthians 12 comes into a bible study or as a text for a Sunday and this love can only be a choice. So, I hope we can be open to responding to God's choice to love us by being open to choosing to venture into some new choices ourselves. (Golly, I used *Choice* a lot there) The choice is ours. HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!

SHALOM,
Pastor Jim



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Message from Pastor Elizabeth, Director of C.M.S.M. (Children & Middle School Ministries)

Children's Sunday School

Although Valentines Day has never been a favorite holiday of mine, I do appreciate the theme of love. It pushes me to think about warmth in the midst of the cold and comfort in the midst of discomfort.

Spending lots of time with a small person makes me think about the variety of ways that we show and receive love. Have you thought about that lately? What might it look like to show your love to someone? Does it look like gift-giving? Or helping with tasks? Does it look like time together? Or words of affirmation? Does it sound like a mushy hallmark card? Or a funny one? How do you show love? Conversely, what do you need to feel someone's love for you? Do you need gifts? Or help? Do you want time together? Or words of affirmation? How do you receive love?

Have you ever thought about that in the context of your family? Do you show love in the same ways your loved ones receive love? Or do you sometimes miss each other by showing and receiving love in different ways? Now, what about your church family? What does it look like to show your love to your church family... attendance? words? time? involvement? financial support? How do you feel love from your church family?

Now, what about the God's love? We *know* God loves us, we can sing about it and use the right words, but how do we experience it? Do you feel God's love in the warmth of a sunbeam? Or see it in the colors of a sunrise or sunset? Do you feel God's love when you are frightened or alone? I'm reminded of a Veggie Tales song... "God is bigger than the boogie-man... and he's watching over you and me!" And what do you do when you feel God's love? Do you hold it close, just for yourself or do you share it with others? How do you share it with others?

As we head through this season of pink and red hearts, I encourage you to think about how you share the love of God and how you experience the love of God. Think about God's love as an active and living thing and watch how it grows as it is shared. Look for God's love everywhere and consider ways to share it so that others may also know God's love.

GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) for preparation for Affirmation of Baptism (formerly Confirmation) Parent Meeting following Crossing worship February 10. Join Pastor Elizabeth in the Gathering Office (across from the library) to discuss the updated program and timeline.

Are you interested in being a part of the Children's Sunday school teaching team? With our teaching team in place, you have the opportunity to teach and to be a part of your own Sunday school hour opportunities. Sunday school curriculum is provided for the class that meets the needs of the various ages present in our classroom. Contact Pastor Elizabeth for more information!!

Children's Ministry social activities!! Would you like to go to the park together? Or go roller skating? Would you like to attend a Saturday Safari at Camp Agape? Let's make it happen!! Contact Pastor Elizabeth to host and plan a fun activities for our church families.



Agapé Day Camp

- Who:** Rising 1-8 graders
- Where:** St. Philip
- When:** June 23—28
9:00 am—3:00 pm
- Why:** To learn about creation, God, themselves.
To enjoy the company of other young folks.
To have fun singing, dancing, crafting, playing, serving...

**Contact Pastor Elizabeth
for more information!**

PastorElizabeth@st-philip.org

2019 Youth Mission Week June 16-21



We're headed to Philadelphia!!!

Philadelphia is a city full of history and character. There are many opportunities to serve the needy in the City of Brotherly Love, especially in the areas of immigration reform and working for an end to poverty.

The city is full of non-profit organizations advocating and working for social justice that could really use our help. Also, no trip to Philadelphia is complete without a visit to Fairmount Park and the Liberty Bell!

June 16-21

Deposit - \$100

TOTAL COST - \$400

Where will we stay while serving?

We will have housing at an ELCA congregation in the community in which we work. 10% of our registration fees are gifted to the host congregations for their ongoing mission in the community. At most of our sites this means that you will be sleeping on the floor, so be sure to bring an air mattress!

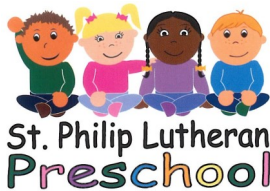
What does a typical day look like?

A typical day begins breakfast and devotions by 9am, followed by serving at a worksite until around 3pm. The late afternoon and early evening have time scheduled for showers, free time, dinner and a variety of evening events. The day concludes with worship, a time for church groups to check-in, and a little more free time before lights out. Sleep fast after a full, fun and meaningful day!

Do we get to do anything fun?

Yes! Besides the awesomely fun days of service, we will have free time in the afternoon and events are planned for each evening. These events take advantage of some of the cultural attractions in the community we are serving, as well as simply providing opportunity to be social and get to know and spend time with old and new friends alike.

Please let Cathryn know of intent and get a \$100 deposit to her by the end of February!!



St. Philip Lutheran Preschool News

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is now open. If you are interested in signing your child up or would like to tour the classrooms, please contact Leigh Anne Barham at 919-870-5841 or 919-818-9585. St. Philip Preschool has caring and nurturing teachers, a theme-based curriculum and large, inviting classrooms.

Please tell your friends and neighbors about us!

January was a fun month as we talked about wintertime fun! We had "Pajama Day" one day and came to school wearing our pajamas and had a "slumber party!" Everyone enjoyed wearing their pajamas to schoolespecially the teachers! Our Parent/Teacher conferences will be held at the beginning of February. Valentines Day will be celebrated as we share our love with our families and friends!

Thank you, St. Philip Lutheran Church for opening your doors and hearts to young children in our community! We LOVE you ALL!!

In His love and ours, The Preschool

Planting Hope Update

The St. Philip Planting Hope initiative is alive and well in 2019 and off to a great start! Planting Hope is the result of the NC ELCA Synod's work to design a dynamic 18-24 month program to help "declining" churches in NC to "re-imagine" their mission and discover the path to long term viability, vitality and sustainability. Currently, 4 other churches along with St Philip in eastern NC are participating.

Phase 1 Accomplishments in 2018 at St. Philip included:

- formation of a core team and participation in two off site training sessions with the NC ELCA Triangle area Planting Hope leaders/advisors and PH teams from the other churches that are involved

- held 3 meetings at St. Philip in December to share the results of the congregational survey and to expand the conversation around the results. The highlight of these meetings was the open, honest engagement with each other and a heightened understanding, respect and appreciation for the the issues most important to us collectively.

For Phase 2 beginning Jan 6, the Planting Hope team kicked off a Coffee and Conversation hour between services. Assisted by the Nurturing Relationships Small Group Ministry Team, we have completed the first 3 of 8 lessons from the book of Acts. These lessons provide a common foundation to prepare us collectively for re-imagining what God's call for St. Philip is. We have had great attendance at the first 3 sessions and hopefully attendees have found a safe environment for additional conversation, further building of relationships and discernment.

The next Triangle area Planting Hope meeting is scheduled for Feb 16 in Durham along with the other 4 churches that are participating. The theme for this meeting is "Making the Main Thing the Main Thing." This training will be to help congregational leaders make God's Mission/Purpose for their congregations the top priority, central to how the congregation lives and makes decisions. We cannot allow the building, people's personal preferences, money, or devilish distractions to become more important than God's mission for us.



Please plan to join us on Sundays from 10-10:45am in Kepley Hall for our upcoming Coffee and Conversation sessions. The entire Planting Hope/ Nurturing Relationships teams are excited as we continue to build strong relationships by exploring the Scripture in a deeper and meaningful way. Coffee and refreshments are provided.

Please contact any of the team members with any questions, comments or suggestions regarding the Planting Hope initiative.

Planting Hope Team Members

Michael Fagan Chairman,

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Senior Adult Book Club

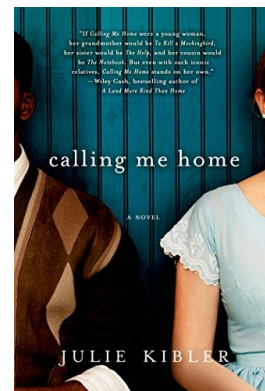
We will meet on Tuesday February 26th at 10:00 am in the parlor, to discuss *Calling Me Home* by Julie Kibler. *Calling Me Home* is a soaring debut interweaving the story of a heartbreaking, forbidden love in 1930s Kentucky with an unlikely modern-day friendship.

Eighty-nine-year-old Isabelle McAllister has a favor to ask her hairdresser Dorrie Curtis. It's a big one. Isabelle wants Dorrie, a black single mom in her thirties, to drop everything to drive her from her home in Arlington, Texas, to a funeral in Cincinnati. With no clear explanation why.

This book is available at the Wake County Library. Everyone is invited to join the group, bring book suggestions with you!

The Senior Ministry Book Club welcomes all, visitors and regular attendees alike!

Contact [Kathryn Edwards](#) or [Carol Williamson](#) w/questions.



Senior Adult Day Trip

reported by Mark Tarquinio

The first trip of the year has been taken and in the words of a "Planting Hope" trainee, the result was outstanding. That is, we gathered at 1:00 in the church parking lot and immediately went into a huddle with Pastor Jim. While the pastor did not go, he was there to see us off, like the scene in Top Gun after Maverick messed up and was threatened with flying rubber replicas out of Hong Kong. I braced, said, "Yes Pastor," we shook hands and began the mission.

The first leadership decision of the day was when we had 3 drivers and 3 cars. LTC Edgar Helmey, USAF (ret.) recommended us all into his vehicle and I was told to move out. After a brief check ride in the technologically advanced Buick, we settled down to a scenic ride to the farm. On the way out I noticed large numbers highlighted on the all glass instrument display, Ed told me that was actually the speedometer and that he would not pay for my ticket.

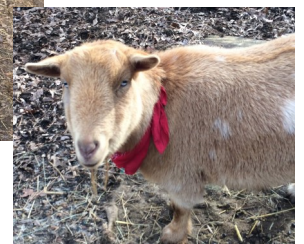
Upon arrival at the farm we all marveled at the serenity of the moment. Then the short horn goats formed a skirmish line of 4 to 6 and advanced slowly towards us. Quickly swinging into action all of us did something: I laughed, Ed reminded us he was raised on a farm, Carole Mason squatted down to take it on the chin, while Farmer Mary interceded to herd the herd away until they got to know me better.

After becoming one with our inner goat and giving some serious ear scratching: we bonded with a burro; gazed at peacocks as they fanned and stowed their fans; we heard pigs snore, saw them wake and waddle around; chickens clucked; roosters cock-a-doodled; the emus made a hollow sound akin to a log drum— they lay an egg that is a cross between an avocado and a small football. I felt sorry for the rabbits who are kept in cages, because they, well, multiply like rabbits.

Farmer Mary's dogs do her proud and are quite a talented lot, they included dogs that; played ball, were diplomatic ambassadors, shepherds to the flock, all of which enjoyed our visit.

Amid the suburban sprawl of our daily lives, Winterpast Farm is an island of tranquility that is teaming with diverse life.

All manner of animal species made a fine effort, to get along with visitors to their homestead. The work and resources of time and money that are required, are but what is needed for a labor of love. To visit or volunteer at Winterpast Farm, is to interact with life on a most basic level, just as God must have intended.



May God bless us all.

Saints and Sinners

We will meet on February 12th at 11:30 am for lunch, fellowship, and music.

After lunch we will have an interesting program presented by a representative from North Carolina's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Osher is part of the McKimmon's Center for Extension & Continuing Education at North Carolina State University.

Please RSVP to reserve your place for lunch by calling Carole Mason at 919-872-1518 by 11/11/18. Lunch is \$6.00.



Men's Pub Ministry

Watch the Friday eNews for details about our next get together in February.

Men's Pub Ministry is an opportunity for men in the congregation to meet and socialize once a month. We select places where we can talk and have a beer or other beverage and, perhaps, a meal.

All men are welcome, hope to see you there!

Questions? Contact Mark Glass at

mark.glass@gmail.com



Puzzle Get Together

Tuesday, February 26th at 10:00

Come, relax, and have fun completing a puzzle.

Questions? Contact Claire Muller at 919-752-6541 or claire6078@att.net

Hope to see you there!

Senior Ministry Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 6th at 10:00 am
in the Music room.

We will begin our planning for 2019.

New ideas are welcome.

You do not need to be a member of the committee to attend. All are welcome.

Ladies Lunch

Will be held on Thursday, February 7 at laMadeleine French Bakery & Café, located at 6320 Plantation Point Center Drive, Raleigh.

Lunch begins at noon.

Please make your reservation with Claire Muller, 919-752-6541 or claire6078@att.net.

Hope to see you there!



Men's Breakfast Club

Will meet on February 19th at 9:30 at **iHop** at Six Forks & Sawmill Rd.

Come and enjoy good food and fellowship—there's room for you at the table!

Questions? Contact Frank Bouknight 919-302-1812 or bouknightf@yahoo.com



Women's Fellowship Group

St. Philip women meet on the 4th Tuesday evening of the month at a local restaurant for good food and fellowship.

On February 26th at 6:30 pm, we will meet at Taza Grill, in Sutton Square, 6325 Falls of Neuse Rd. All women are invited!

Questions? Contact Carol Rogers at parakayaker@gmail.com





**FAMILIES
TOGETHER**
a PLM organization

Employment Fair

On March 14, 2019, the Families Together Employment and Resource Fair will be held at Hillcrest Baptist Church from 3-6 pm. This event will connect families affected by homelessness to prospective employers and other related resources that can assist them in moving from homelessness

to home. We are looking to partner with community agencies and local employers that are looking to hire within the community.

Any churches with relevant services, prospective employers, or people interested in volunteering should contact Tasheika Fulmore via tasheika@families-together-nc.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

At Families Together we have a long history of providing volunteers meaningful and rewarding ways to help out in our community. When volunteers give their time and their talent, they are increasing our impact on the families we serve. We are still in need of a "pop-up" group who can lend their skills in performing small maintenance jobs for our short-term apartment units. Also, on February 14, we will need volunteers for our exciting new Self Care event for parents and children at Marbles Kids Museum.

Attending a new Volunteer Orientation is your first step to getting started. Learn more or sign up for a session at www.families-together-nc.org. Advance registration is required to attend an orientation so we can be properly prepared for you. Please contact Meghan Olesen Meghan@FamiliesTogetherNC.org with any volunteer-related questions.

Please visit our website to give FamiliesTogetherNC.org, or reach us by mail at Families Together, P.O. Box 14395, Raleigh, NC 27620 to learn more. Questions? Email Jennifer@FamiliesTogetherNC.org or 919-212-1123 ext. 231. We are sincerely grateful for any support you can provide at this critical time if you haven't already.



Brown Bag Ministry



Brown Bag Ministry

- ♦ BBM meets every month on the 2nd & 4th Saturday morning at 10:00 in Luther Hall.
- ♦ This is a great opportunity to serve for the whole family!
- ♦ We need your hands to help make and distribute the lunches.
- ♦ Food donations are usually needed to round out what food comes from the NC Food Pantry, watch your email for donation needs.
- ♦ Questions? Email Stacey Bell at raleighbells@yahoo.com



DIAPER BANK
of North Carolina

St. Philip gives baby diapers every month through our partnership with The Diaper Bank. Contact Stacey Bell for information on how you can contribute. Raleighbells@yahoo.com



Quilters

The Quilters are looking for willing hands who can use scissors, tie a knot and who enjoy a warm blanket—to help us every 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the lower level under Luther Hall.

Please consider becoming involved in this worthwhile endeavor. Questions: contact Barbara Burdette at bburd45955@aol.com

Christ Caring for People Through People

That's the motto of Stephen Ministry. The Stephen Minister's role is to bring God's love into the lives of people who are going through a difficult time or experiencing a crisis. What do Stephen Ministers do? They listen, care, support, encourage, and pray with and for a person who is hurting. And during this confidential, one-to-one, caring relationship, God's healing love comes pouring through.

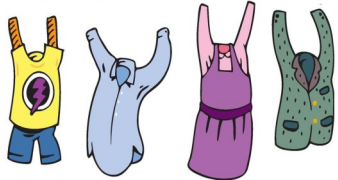
If you or someone you know is going through a difficult time—large or small—and could benefit from the caring presence of a Stephen Minister, talk to a St. Philip Stephen Leader—[Kathy Blum](#) or [Kathy Cunningham](#).



Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!



Abundance Ministry



Due to several factors, but especially the decline in new arrivals in the Raleigh area, Abundance Ministry will no longer operate as it has been.

Abundance Ministry will now be geared towards *targeted collections* for the residents of Cedar Point. We are working closely with Michelle, who leads Refugee Hope Partners (the programs that serve the Cedar Point Community and are based largely out of the community center) to support and enable ministries they provide through these collections.

Currently, we would LOVE new or gently used sports shoes. Beginning in January there will lime green bins for collections outside of Kepley Hall and Luther Hall as well as in the narthex.

Many families still need laptops to continue education, increase technical skills, and search for jobs. If you have a laptop you are not using in your household, but are not sure how to 'wipe it' and reinstall the operating system, our very own Jason Smith is a pro and will be happy to do that for you! Contact Stacy Bell for information at raleighbells@yahoo.com.

ABUNDANCE MINISTRY IN
COLLABORATION WITH REFUGEE HOPE
PARTNERS AND NEW LIFE CAMP

ATHLETIC SHOES COLLECTION

...all purpose athletic shoes (like new tread), basketball, & soccer

DURING THE MONTH OF
JANUARY

PLEASE PUT DONATIONS IN
THE LIME GREEN BINS
OUTSIDE OF KEPLEY AND
LUTHER HALLS ALONG WITH
IN THE NARTHEX.

Let's rally to support the children
at Cedar Point in their involvement
with sports teams at New Life
Camp!



DAVE RAMSEY'S

FINANCIAL *Peace* UNIVERSITY

The new year is here. If one of your resolutions is to get out of debt and become totally debt free, what better way to do that than registering and attending Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University.

The money class that will

**CHANGE
YOUR LIFE**

Chuck and Cindy Wolfe are facilitating the 9 week class at St. Philip on Sunday evenings at 6:30 pm starting January 27, 2019.

Sign up here: <https://fpu.com/1076066>

Don't miss this awesome opportunity to learn to tell your money where to go rather than wonder where it went. Get out of debt and learn the importance of Charity giving, Life Insurance, Investments and other important decisions to make with your money.

Stop keeping up with the Jones'... they're broke too. Come to FPU!

CALL PROCESS

Call Committee—

Jim Beck
Stacey Bell
Kathy Cunningham
Liese Faircloth
Brian Kanupp
Jerry Rimmer



Time & Talent Survey—

If you haven't completed your Time & Talent survey, please [click here](#)



New Church App

The church's database that has been in place for the past few years, Elexio, has moved to a new, 'google-like', easier to use and manage format. We are working to fine tune the database for St. Philip.

There is a new App to download for your devices from the App store, the name is [Elexio Community](#). You will be able to continue to use it as a member directory, checking in to worship and other events at church and even see your contribution statement. The domain name you'll need is **stphilip** then use your current log-in user & password.

If you have questions or need a change made please contact Jane in the church office 919-846-2992 or admin@st-philip.org.

Men's Softball

Men's Softball will be starting in April 2019. We need new recruits.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Mike Davis at mdavis6364@gmail.com or 321-356-6673.

We expect to get back to Championship Game and take down Bayleaf!



Send a Card Sunday



February 17th—Before & after both services.

Nurture each other by sending a card or a note of hope and of gratitude. *Did you know that Sunday, 2/17 is National Random Acts of Kindness Day?* Enjoy sending a card—doing an act of kindness—not only is it positive for the receiver, but for the giver too!

Hebrews 10: 24 - And let us consider each other carefully for the purpose of sparking love and good deeds. Common English Bible

Send God's Light into the world with a card. We have the cards, postage and will deliver to the Post Office.

Send a card to

- ♥ a member
- ♥ friend

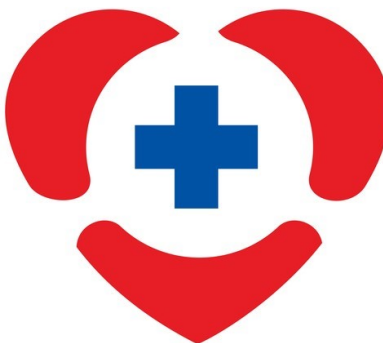
- ♥ military person
- ♥ a neighbor

Blood Drive

Helping out with the blood drive was an awesome experience! As someone who's anemic and can't give blood, it was an awesome feeling to know I got to make a difference in someone's life through helping to run a blood drive. The staff was extremely helpful and kind to me and Katie as we set up, and seeing all the members coming in to give blood with a smile on their faces put a smile on my face! It was a really good time and I'm very thankful for the opportunity. ~Thea Barrett

**Our next scheduled blood drive is
March 31st!!**

To help out at the next
St. Philip Blood Drive, on
March 31st—contact
Cathryn at
Cathryn@St-Philip.org



To schedule your life-saving
appointment visit
redcrossblood.org
and
enter our sponsor code:
St Philip

Giving				December 2018 Financial Summary		
	Actual	Plan	%			
December 2018	\$75,589	\$48,793	155%			
Year to Date	\$470,636	\$582,210	81%			
Category	Current Month Actual	Current Month Plan	%	YTD Actual	YTD Plan	%
Income						
General Fund	\$71,915	\$ 38,835	185%	\$432,482	\$466,025	93%
Other Income	\$ 3,674	\$ 9,957	37%	\$ 38,154	\$116,185	33%
Total Income	\$75,589	\$ 48,793	155%	\$470,636	\$582,210	81%
Expenses	\$ 36,056	\$ 47,546	76%	\$475,986	\$582,210	82%
Net Gain/(Loss)	\$ 39,533	\$ 1,247		\$ (5,350)		

The Annual Budgeted Revenue needed to meet expenses is \$582,210

eGiving

If you are so moved to join others who regularly give electronically, please sign up by clicking the "Give" tab on the [St. Philip web site](#).



REMINDERS:

- ★ Deadline for the weekly eNews & BBN-Tuesdays
- ★ Deadline for the Epistle-the 15th of the month
- ★ Turn off the lights when leaving a room.
- ★ Last to leave? Please secure the doors & check for lights on.
- ★ Wash any cups/dishes & wipe down counters & if dish towels are used, please take them home to launder.



THE CALL PROCESS AT-A-GLANCE

PASTORAL TRANSITION AND CLOSURE

Transition

- ☒ Council receives resignation of the pastor and chair of council contacts bishop
- ☒ Council chair is given "*Call Process Booklets*" for guidance in the process
- ☒ Council/Congregation brings about appropriate closure with resigning pastor
- ☒ Council meets with bishop's staff person assigned to call process 10/14/18
- ☒ Council and bishop's office establish an interim ministry

Study

- ☒ Plan for congregational study _____
- ☒ Call committee is _____ elected according to the congregation's constitution and installation planned
- ☒ Bishop's staff person meets with entire congregation for study 11/3/18
- ☐ Congregation study report received by council and shared with congregation _____

Ministry Site Profile (MSP)

- ☐ Ministry Site Profile task force chairperson and task force appointed
- ☐ Task force chairperson leads council input session
- ☐ Ministry Site Profile completed _____
- ☐ Ministry Site Profile shared with congregation

SELECTING A PASTOR

- ☐ Call committee is trained using Ministry Site Profile _____
- ☐ Call committee seeks God's guidance as they begin interview process for pastor
- ☐ Call committee receives rostered leader profiles from bishop's office
- ☐ Call committee makes contact with candidates shortly after rostered leader profiles are supplied through bishop's office
- ☐ Call committee continues the interview process keeping in frequent contact with congregation council, congregation and bishop's staff person
- ☐ Call committee narrows selection to one candidate, whom they believe has been led to them by God, and asks that person to be the primary candidate

EXTENDING A CALL

- ☐ Call committee recommends primary candidate to the Congregation Council
- ☐ Council meets with the candidate and makes a recommendation to extend call
- ☐ Congregational meeting is set.
- ☐ Congregation meets the candidate
- ☐ Congregation votes to extend the call and approves compensation and benefits
- ☐ Pastor discerns and accepts the call
- ☐ Plans are made to say farewell to interim pastor and welcome the new pastor

WELCOMING AND SUPPORTING THE NEW PASTOR

- ☐ Installation arranged with conference dean
- ☐ Mutual Ministry team is formed/approved

2019 St. Philip Congregation Council

Name	Council Position	Email	Term	
Rev. Jim Huffman	Interim Pastor	pastor@st-philip.org		
Don Helmey	President	dhelmey@earthlink.net	2017	2019
Mike Davis	Vice President	mdavis6364@gmail.com	2019	2021
Mark Andrews		mark@tmeinvestments.com	2019	2021
Sandy Glass		Mark.glass@gmail.com	2018	2020
Dawn Kanupp		dawnmmorton@yahoo.com	2019	2021
Grace Kindl	Youth Representative	gksweetie@icloud.com	2019	2019
Mike Maness		mikeandlois@bellsouth.net	2017	2019
Crystal Ridenhour	Executive Board	crystalridenhour@gmail.com	2018	2020
Ed Seames		evseames@aol.com	2019	2021
John Sullivan		jsull77@gmail.com	2017	2019
Mark Tarquinio		woodyardcarol@att.net	2018	2020
Betty Wahlstrom		bwahl0256@gmail.com	2017	2019
Carol Williams		just1carol@gmail.com	2018	2020

Appointed Positions

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Liese Faircloth	Treasurer	lbfaircloth@yahoo.com
Sue Kearney	Financial Secretary	sue.kearney49@gmail.com

Letter from the President

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

2019 is going to be a great year for St. Philip! I'm excited about the opportunities we have to grow in our faith, grow our membership, and grow in our relationship with each other and our surrounding communities. I'm excited to join with my fellow council members as we follow the path God has for us and our ministries. I'm excited to hear fellow members talk positively about St. Philip's future. God has great plans for us!

Our mission statement says "Rejoicing in God's grace, our mission is to invite, worship, nurture, and serve." We invite and welcome ALL of God's children to come, worship and feel God's love. We worship giving honor, glory and praise to our Creator and Savior. We nurture and build our relationships by listening, talking, and being respectful of one another. Jesus calls us to serve everyone, in and outside of our church walls.

I've been a member of St. Philip for 26 years and I'm embarrassed to say that there are people in our congregation I don't know.

I'm challenging myself to talk with at least one person I don't know each week. At times, not knowing whether someone was a member or a visitor, I found myself walking on by. Not any more!

If I talk with one person I don't know each week, I'll know 40, 50 or more people by the end of 2019! Some of those people may be visiting us for the first or second time and after we talk a bit, I'm going to make sure they meet Pastor Jim. To me that's what welcoming is. So, if we haven't talked before, I look forward to talking with you the future. I encourage you to try this too. If we all get to know 30, 40, 50 or more people within St. Philip this year... that would be really special!

St. Philip is more than just the "church across from Ravenscroft"! There are a lot of loving, caring and committed people here. I pray that we become closer and stronger.

Blessings,

Don Helmey
Council President





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1 10:00 am Al-Anon 7:00 pm AA	2 7:00 pm AA
3 9:00 am Crossing Contemporary Service 10:00 am Coffee & Conversation 10:10 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service 1:00 pm Restoration Ministry Worship 5:00 pm Handbells 6:30 pm Financial Peace	4 10:00 am Morning Bible Study	5 6:00 pm Personnel 7:00 pm Property Team 6:30 pm Nurture Relationships Table	6 10:00 am Senior Adult Ministry 10:00 am Staff 6:30 Adult Bible Study 6:30 Youth Groups 6:45 Joyful Noise Kids Choir 7:30 Voices of Praise	7 12:00 pm Ladies Lunch 6:30 pm Crossing Rehearsal	8 10:00 am Al-Anon 6:00 pm Council Retreat 7:00 pm AA	9 9:00 am Council Retreat 10:00 am Brown Bag Ministry 7:00 pm AA
10 9:00 am Crossing Contemporary Service 10:00 am Coffee & Conversation 10:10 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service 1:00 pm Restoration Ministry Worship 4:00 pm Stephen Ministry 5:00 pm Handbells 6:30 pm Financial Peace 6:30 pm Nurturing Relationships 6:30 pm Worship & Music	11 10:00 am Morning Bible Study	12 11:30 am Saints & Sinners 6:30 pm Nurture Relationships Table 7:00 pm Preschool Board 7:00 pm Finance & Responding	13 9:30 am Quilting 10:00 am Staff 6:30 pm Youth Groups 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study 6:45 pm Joyful Noise Kids Choir 7:30 Voices of Praise	14 6:30 pm Crossing Rehearsal	15 10:00 am Al-Anon 7:00 pm AA	16 7:00 pm AA
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Sunday Morning Schedule

9:00—Crossing Contemporary
Worship with Holy Communion

10:00—Coffee & Conversation

10:10—Sunday School for all ages

11:00—Traditional Worship
with Holy Communion



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