

The Epistle

¹Our Father ²in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come.
³Your will be done
On earth

St. Philip Lutheran Church
March 2019

Pastor's Message

Dear Friends in Christ,

Have you ever wondered why colors of the paraments change, the eucharistic prayer is different, the tone and content of confession change, or why did the pastor choose this setting of the liturgy? I have been asked these questions often over the years. When I have answered we are following the CHURCH YEAR, the questions stop but some time later the same folks that asked the first set of questions come back and ask "What is the Church Year " and how is it different from the calendar on my fridge?

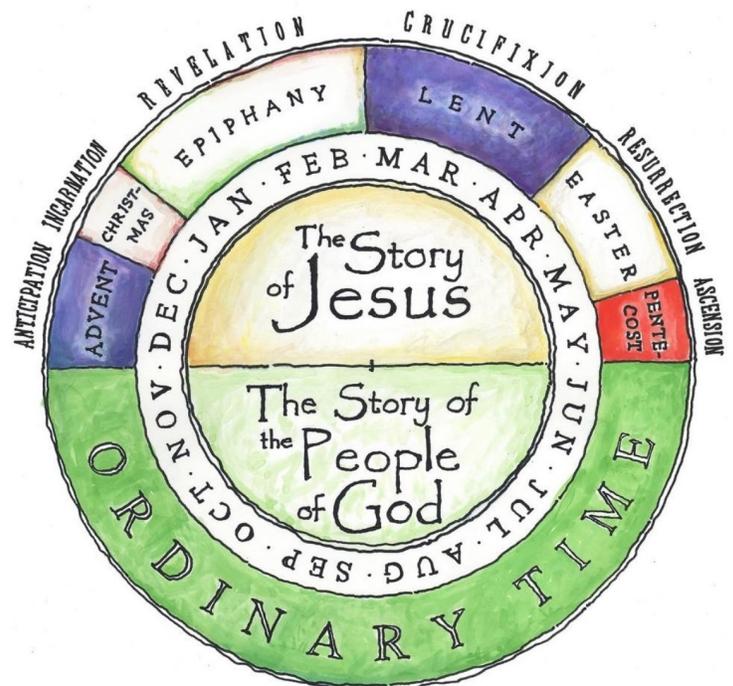
Over the history of the church we started with Easter as The Resurrection of Our Lord was remembered and celebrated from the earliest days, especially through times of persecution. People knew the general time of the crucifixion and resurrection as it related to the Jewish calendar and was accepted as historically correct. Easter became the time to Baptize. Lent was added as a time for preparation for Baptism. In a similar manner Epiphany, Pentecost, Christmas and Advent also were added.

It became clear then, that a pattern was at hand. Half the year were seasons that, when seen together were celebrations and focused on the life of Christ. Someone then figured out that after Pentecost the Church forms and answers the call to "make disciples of all people", remember and learn from the story of "The People of God".

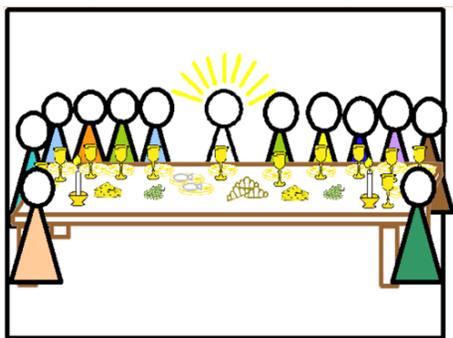
Then as they say "Voila" we have a church year, a calendar that provides a visual and recurring direction to remember The Story of Christ and The Story of The People of God. So the colors, tone of and setting used is able to reflect and bring attention to the season at hand.

See if you can guess the setting I have recommended for Lent . Enjoy the artistic presentation of the church year. There will be more on the Church year next month as we prepare to celebrate....

SHALOM, Pastor Jim



Lent 2019



Join Us for a Lenten Meal and A Look at Prayer

Wednesdays - 6:30-7:30

March 13 - April 10

Jesus gathered around a meal with his disciples many times and imparted upon them love and wisdom. We too will gather around a meal during lent to share love and wisdom with each other.

As we approach Holy Week we will break bread together and look at one of the gifts God gave us in the form of prayer.

We began focusing on prayer during our *I Love St. Philip* stewardship campaign in the fall, when we prayed very intentionally each week for shared purposes and, finally, took the name of a congregant with the intention to pray for them throughout the year. During lent let's recommit ourselves to prayer and study together the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray, the Lord's Prayer.

Ministries throughout our congregation will host each week providing our meal as well as set up and clean up. Just bring yourself and your stories! This will provide another great way for us to listen to each other and learn more about ourselves.

All are welcome!!!



Youth Dinner in the basement

Elise Saenger-Heyl to Preach

Please join us on March 24th at both worship services, to support our very own Elise Saenger-Heyl as she delivers a sermon adapted from a talk she delivered at a Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) weekend retreat.

Here's a little about Elise:

Hi! My name is Elise Saenger-Heyl and I graduated with my Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from N.C. State University. Go Pack! I currently teach 5th grade at A. B. Combs Leadership Magnet Elementary School. I enjoy my job and it is definitely equally difficult and rewarding! I was born and raised here in Raleigh, and I'm looking forward to staying in my hometown for a little. I love music, spending time with family and friends, traveling, and cheering on the Wolfpack! I currently bounce between worshipping here and at Holy Trinity in Raleigh.

Thanks for welcoming me in!



Visiting the Basement Through Service & Love

Last month, the youth group was blessed with an amazing meal and great company in the form of Kathryn and Joe Edwards! Kathryn and Joe prepared a meal for us and we gathered around the table for a family meal and conversations.

At the beginning of each youth group we share our recent highs and lows. Kathryn and Joe were there to hear the stories the youth offered and also shared their own.

It was an incredibly special experience for the youth who are not often visited in the basement by congregants other than their leaders. Kathryn and Joe taking time to share their interest in and support of the youth was just amazing! The time spent with the youth was such a blessing to them that they hope to keep it going, offering this opportunity to others as well. The youth were quite moved and immediately asked if we might be doing this again.

That's where you come in! If you would like to provide a meal and join the youth in the basement we would welcome you!

We meet at 6:30 each Wednesday and the youth are always hungry!! If you would like to take part in this ministry to our youth please contact Kathryn Edwards who is coordinating meals at itsmekge@gmail.com.

Planting Hope Update

Your Planting Hope team attended another training session on Saturday, February, 16th. We were in company with other Lutheran churches also Planting Hope in their congregations, hearing and sharing stories of success as well as concerns. It was an awesome time for exchanging ideas and hearing different perspectives as well as praying for St Philip and the other congregations.

There are two main points we would like to share with you all:

The Next Best Step



Planting Hope is a Spirit led process that is revealed to us as we go along. The Next Best Step is a result of listening and sharing through many conversations, through town hall meetings, and most recently, through the Acts Bible study during the Sunday school hour for the last several weeks, and most importantly, through prayer. We'll do our best not to anticipate and instead to listen to the Spirit to determine the Next Best Step!

Keeping the Main Thing the Main Thing

God's purpose is our purpose! We are always striving to understand the gospel in our own lives. We want to love like Jesus, serve like Jesus, forgive like Jesus. As we strive to become an ever stronger congregation, it's easy to brainstorm many, many, ideas and solutions. The question we must constantly ask ourselves is: are we keeping the main thing the main thing? Is living into God's purpose our true goal? We must constantly pause and listen for the Spirit's guidance!



To all of you who have attended a town hall meeting, congregational meetings, the Acts Bible study during Sunday school, and who have opened yourselves to listening and sharing, we thank you! If you haven't yet dipped your toes in the water, we invite you to please do so! Your stories are as important to our narrative and growth as any others'.

Please prayerfully consider where you may be able to be part of the conversation. Stay tuned for the Sunday school opportunities coming up and for times of celebrations and more conversation!

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Wednesdays in Lent

Join in the conversation
about prayer

OUR FATHER,
WHO ART IN
heaven.

6:30—7:30 pm

Each week a simple meal will be provided
by different ministries of St. Philip!

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

Lenten Dinner and Discussion for Families

Children are invited to participate fully in our Wednesday dinner conversations during Lent. Activities and discussion will be provided that they will also be able to enjoy.

Lets Go Skating!!

All ages are invited to join the fun as we meet folks from Grace at the skating rink. Saturday March 30, 10:00am-12:00pm

\$6 to skate, \$2 skate rental per person, parents skate free with a skating child.

[Jellybeans Skate Center](#), 10701 Common Oaks Dr, Raleigh, NC 27614. RSVP to [Pastor Elizabeth](#) if you'd like to go!

Agapé Day Camp at Grace June 24-28

Day Camp is for children who are RISING 1-8 graders. Registration is \$95 per camper and includes a t-shirt!

We will encounter daily Bible studies, nature activities, puppets, songs, crafts, games, group challenge activities, and FUN! Each day begins at 9:00 a.m. and concludes around 3:00.

Registration forms available from Pastor Elizabeth and outside the gathering office.

Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt and Social

St Philip Children's ministry will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt and social at 10:00am on Palm Sunday. Please invite your neighbors and friends for this festive celebration of Jesus' love for us.

We will, again, hide empty eggs that will be redeemed for goody bags following the hunt.

HOW YOU CAN HELP: small (non-food) prizes for participant goody bags, help assembling the goody bags, help assembling the resurrection eggs take-home kit, individually wrapped candy for the reception



If you would like to participate with any of these opportunities, please contact Pastor Elizabeth.

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 fun activities for our church families.



Agapé Day Camp

- Who:** Rising 1-8 graders
- Where:** Grace Lutheran
- When:** June 24—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

Who? Christ the King, Grace, St. Philip,
St. Paul's, TEC Community, Friends...

What? Lock In - Fellowship, Learning, and Fun & Worship

Where? Christ the King Lutheran Church

When? March 16th 7p - 17th 9:30a
following worship



RSVP to [Cathryn Hewett](#) at 919-606-2839
If you're not sure until the last minute, you
are still welcome to join us!!!

LYO Assembly 2019

February 22-24 we attended LYO (Lutheran Youth Organization) Assembly in Greensboro. There were over 500 youth from across the state for a giant youth group weekend making a completely booked LYO Assembly for the first time ever! The theme of the weekend was: This Is Me! Broken and Loved * Rooted In Christ * Living In the Light.

Below are some LYO 2019 fun facts:

- Our Tell It! Video **WON FIRST PLACE AND \$1000!!!** You can [check it out here](#)
- 18 youth and 3 adults attended
- We represent 3 members of the LYO Board: Gillian Kepley, Thea Barrett, and Cathryn Hewett.
- Our very own Meredith Bateman is a singer in the synod youth band and knocked our socks off!
- We had 8 youth who served as small group leaders facilitating activities and discussions throughout the weekend: Kadin Tallon, Grace Kindl, Katie Davidson, Aidan Albers, Kayla Overcash, Conor Darrow, Preston Hewett, and Matt Wiener!

- We took 7 youth from other congregations with us, otherwise known as St. Philip. ETC. These are folks that are very much part of our faith family through our TEC connections
- The food was...better this year!
- We all wore sports jerseys to the "pick your theme" banquet dinner. The dance had the best play list in years and there was A LOT of dancing!



Worshipping at St. Philip



Joyful Noise Kids Choir



Crossing Contemporary Service

2019 Youth Mission Week June 16-21



June 16-21

Deposit - \$100

TOTAL COST - \$400

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!

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 ASAP!!



St. Philip Lutheran Preschool News

February was filled with LOVE as we celebrated Valentine's Day showing our friends and families lots of love in many ways! At the end of the month, we began learning about those that help us in our community. An ambulance and paramedic from Wake County EMS visited the preschool! It was lots of FUN!!

In March, we will continue learning about more community helpers as a Dental Hygienist will visit and teach us how to take care of our teeth. Also, we will visit Fire Station 15 and learn about fire safety!!

We will have Circus Day and dress up as a character or animal from the circus and have FUN games set up to play!

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is ongoing! Some of the classes are filled, but if you or a friend is interested in attending next year please contact us at 919-870-5841. We have wonderful nurturing teachers, large classrooms and an atmosphere of love and caring!! Thanks for your continued support and love for the preschool!!

Saints and Sinners

We will meet on March 12th at 11:30 am for lunch and fellowship. After lunch we will have an interesting program presented Jonathan Wilson-Hargrove. He is a celebrated spiritual writer and sought-after speaker. A native of North Carolina and is a graduate of Eastern University and Duke Divinity School. Jonathan is a co-compiler of the celebrated *Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals* and the author of several books on Christian spirituality, including *Reconstructing the Gospel*, *Strangers at My Door* and more.

Please RSVP to reserve your place for lunch by calling Carole Mason at 919-872-1518 by 3/10/19. Lunch is \$7.00.



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



Senior Ministry Committee Meeting

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

We will be discussing our senior adult ministry needs and planning activities

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, March 7 at
Ruby Tuesday
6201 Capital Blvd. Lunch begins at noon.
Please make your reservation with Claire Muller,
919-752-6541 or claire6078@att.net.
Hope to see you there!



Puzzle Get Together

Tuesday, March 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!

Men's Breakfast Club

Will meet on March 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.

Our next meeting will be on March 26th at
6:30 pm, at Poppyseed Market, 8801 Lead
Mine 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@famiestogethernc.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.famiestogethernc.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 to prepare and deliver lunches to neighbors at Cedar Point.
- ◆ 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



Pray, fast and give during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving –

for the good of our families, our neighbors and communities around the world.

This Lent, you're invited to join together with fellow members and supporters of ELCA World Hunger to study, reflect and give during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving. Experience how the grace of Christ moves us to engage in transformative works of love around the world as God calls us into the ministry of hope, liberation and restoration for our world. Visit the [ELCA website](#) for more information.

NC Synod Congregation in Focus

Trinity Lutheran Church is a small and friendly congregation located in downtown Sanford in Lee County, proclaiming and living out God's grace in this "well-centered" city. We are the only ELCA congregation within a 15-20 mile radius (as the crow flies), and the only Lutheran church of any flavor in Lee County. Throughout its 75-year history, Trinity has been a church home for people who have moved to the area from throughout the country – for military service, for business, for proximity to grandchildren, for a warmer climate – as well as for people who have grown up in the area.

One of Trinity's strengths is our traditional and engaging worship service, each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Opportunities for faith formation include adult Sunday school at 9:00 a.m. and Trinity Kids during part of the worship service. Occasional Food & Inspiration evenings offer food, fellowship, and faith formation. Our Women of the ELCA group is very active.

Trinity serves as an overnight host for Family Promise clients four times a year. Oktoberfest is a festive new event over the last two years, in which we sold brats and homemade sauerkraut to raise a significant amount of money that was contributed to three of our nonprofit partner agencies in the community. Trinity's members are very active in their community as vessels of God's love, through



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.

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.

Nurturing Relationships Team

Hello! For those that don't know me, my name is Joanne Andrews. I have been a member of St. Philip for 31 years. My husband Mark and I raised three children, all three of whom were baptized, confirmed, sang in the Children's Choir, participated in youth activities, and attended St. Philip Lutheran Church on a regular basis. All three are now grown and live scattered along the East Coast.

I am writing to you today as a member of the Nurturing Mission Table; which has been in existence for nearly two years as a means to, obviously, "Nurture" and support fellow members of St. Philip and our community at large. You have heard of "outreach programs" and this is an "IN reach" program of sorts, if you will. Nurturing focuses on lifting up, celebrating, staying in touch with, and prayerfully supporting the members of St. Philip and beyond. Nurturing Mission Table meetings always begin with prayer, the Gospel reading from the week, a brief discussion of how the Gospel impacts us as people, and as a congregation; then business is discussed after. You may have participated in "Send A Card Sunday", one program Nurturing instituted. Or, you may have participated in the recent Planting Hope "Coffee and Conversations." The Nurturing Mission Table supported the small group settings of this task force.

As a member of this Mission Table (by the way, as any Mission Table/committee at St. Philip, it is open to any and all, and Nurturing would love to have the entire congregation be a part of this Nurturing movement), I have been participating in the Sunday Morning "Coffee and Conversation" Bible study and prayer time. For someone who has almost never participated in Adult Sunday School hour, I wanted to share with each of you the rewarding experience I found in participating alongside our fellow parishioners.

I have sat next to, prayed with, and shared meaningful discussions on the targeted Acts bible verses with people I otherwise may simply say a passing "Good Morning" to. While participating, I have felt a calm sense of Hope for my Faith journey at St. Philip, as well as for St. Philip as a whole. For someone that has felt reserved of such "classes" in the past, I am here to ask you to try out a small group

setting yourself! There is absolutely no pressure to do anything but sit there and listen. If you feel like you want to contribute, the atmosphere remains respectful and safe either way.

In the past, transparency and communication have been issues we have all complained about at St. Philip. I felt the need to share my experience in the hope that I will be sitting next to you in a small group session soon! Please try it!

In God's Grace-Joanne



Youth Group Dinners

Last week Joe and I had the pleasure of meeting with the youth of St Philip in the basement of the Education Building. We had learned that, due to their busy schedules and homework loads, many of our youth pick up dinner to bring with them to their meetings. We put together a simple meal and took it to them at 6:30 on Wednesday evening. They were so appreciative and welcoming! Joe and I had a wonderful time, felt honored to be included in their weekly recounting of highs and lows, and were quite impressed with the honest sharing that characterized their interaction. They are a delightful group of young people.

Wouldn't it be a great idea if someone would supply a meal each week and have the opportunity like we did to share a meal and conversation with these young Christians? From Ash Wednesday through Easter we will be having Wednesday night Lenten meals and activities for members of all ages. Beginning after Easter, on Wednesday, April 24th, the group will be meeting back in the basement each week. This is an invitation to anyone who would enjoy spending time with a great group of teens. Let me know if you are interested and we will find a time for you to take a simple meal and share time with them. I am certain you will come away feeling welcomed, appreciated, and uplifted from the experience.

Kathryn Edwards

Message from the Property Team

We want to ensure that all members are aware of how much maintenance is required and how much activity actually goes on behind the scenes at St. Philip and to give members ideas of where they can help in our efforts to maintain our wonderful facilities.

Recent accomplishments:

- ⇒ New security lights added in Columbarium area
- ⇒ Exterior lights wired on timers to keep exterior lights on during evening hours for safety reasons.
- ⇒ HVAC system inspection completed and the repair needs addressed.
- ⇒ Fire Alarm System Inspected and found fully functional.
- ⇒ Water back-flow preventer system inspected and found fully functional.
- ⇒ Preschool Sign and frame recently repaired.

The 2019 Spring Property Workday is scheduled for **Saturday morning, March 30, 2019**. Look for more information about how each member can participate in our Property Maintenance efforts!

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!

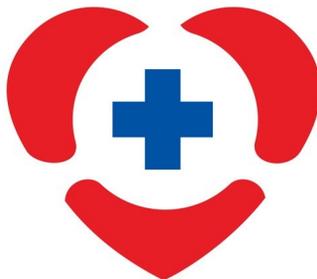


Send a Card Sunday

- March 10th – Before & after both services.
 - Nurture each other by sending a card or a note of hope and of gratitude. 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

Sign up now for the blood drive on March 31st!!

To help out at the 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

Our next scheduled blood drive is June 16th!!

Planting Hope Sunday School Opportunity



Stories of the Generations

Beginning March 10th during Sunday school (10:10-10:50), join us in Kepley Hall as we offer the gift of listening to panels of folks from different generations. Let's get to know each other better and learn cool things about each generations' faith stories!

We'll talk about ways we can pray for each group and discuss ways we as St. Philip can specifically serve every age group in our faith family.

We will listen to a panel of each generation, one at a time. The following Sunday we will then talk about what we learned from them, what surprised us, what we still don't understand. Here is the basic layout:

March 10th: Generation Z (iGen) - Our Youth

March 17th: Small Group Discussion

March 24th: The Pre-Boomers and Older Baby Boomers

March 31: Small Group Discussion

April 7th: Millennials and Younger Gen X

April 14th: Small Group Discussion

April 21st: Easter Sunday, No Sunday school

April 28th: Older Gen X and Younger Baby Boomers

May 5th: Small Group Discussion

If you are interested in being on a panel, please let us know! cathryn@st-philip.org

Generation Name	Birth Years	Ages*
Pre-Boomers	1925-45	74-94
Baby Boomers	1946-64	55-73
Generation X (Baby Bust)	1965-79	40-54
Xennials	1975-85	34-44
Millenials (Gen Y, Gen Next)	1980-94	25-39
iGen / Gen Z	1995-2012	7-24

* 2019



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.



2019 St. Philip Congregation Council

Letter from the President

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are all brothers and sisters in Christ, but that doesn't mean that we are all the same. If you grew up in a family with brothers and/or sisters, you know that each of you were different. You had the same last name, the same parents, maybe you enjoyed some of the same things, but there were differences.

It's not much different here at St. Philip. Some of us like working with our hands. Some of us love singing or playing music. Some of us enjoy quilting. Some like hanging out and helping our senior members. Some like working with children. Some love to cook and most, if not all of us, love to eat. We all have God as our Father and we enjoy singing songs and giving praise and worship to our Father. Some of us were raised using a traditional setting or find the traditional setting for worship more enjoyable. Some of us enjoy more current songs and current language, i.e. a more contemporary setting. Does it matter to our Father? I don't think so. The thing He LOVES is to see that we love HIM.

Over the years, we've sought to try and traditionalize the contemporary service and contemporize the traditional service. Why don't we just try to be excellent in traditional worship and excellent in contemporary worship? We don't have to change the traditional service to make it more meaningful to those who prefer contemporary worship. That simply dilutes and frustrates those who get more out of the traditional worship. Likewise, we don't have to change the contemporary service to make it more meaningful to the traditional folks. That only frustrates everyone.

People say that we have 2 congregations. Well, we've had that issue for as long as I've been here, it's just that it used to be the early service and the late service. So how do we build a community with both groups? We offer other opportunities to gather, share fellowship, pray for each other, and build those relationship.

Some people have complained of the wording used in the Crossing service for various parts. The traditional service has "standard" wording used for the Creed, The Lord's Prayer, and other parts. I've used those words long enough that I can say them from memory. It's comfortable, but sometimes I catch myself kind of going through the motions without thinking about what I'm really saying. The different wording used in the Crossing service has caused me to think about what those things mean. It causes me to look at the traditional words with new eyes and understanding. Not a bad thing.

One of the things I would offer up is that everyone honors and builds up both styles of worship. You might visit the other sometime. Who knows, you might like it. If you don't, that's ok. Stick with what you like and don't complain about the other. We are blessed to be able to offer both styles of worship. I personally enjoy both and play with the Crossing musicians about once a month. I sing in the choir and enjoy both styles of worship. By the way, I'm the only tenor and if you sing tenor, I could use the help.

I want to see us having more congregational, family oriented, fellowship events this year. Let's have some fun and get to know each other better. I'd love to see St. Philip become a place where you want to come, you want to invite others to come with you and others want to find out about what's going on here.

Yours in Christ,
Don Helmey

Continuing to Pray for Each Other





3/2 17 yrs. Kory & Jennifer Schroeder
 3/2 6 yrs. Wayland & Angela Smedley
 3/30 23 yrs. Corbett & Janis Lawrence

March Nonagenarian Birthdays!

March 11 James Harris will be 93
*c/o Laura Harris, 1910 Poplar Glen Drive
 Fuquay Varina 27526*

March 22 Esther Arne will be 93
*c/o Nancy Jones, 5324 Inglewood Lane
 Raleigh, NC 27609*

Thank you for your prayers
 for healing
 following my surgery.
 And to everyone who
 supported the Barger family.
 ~Pastor Jim



3/2 Martha Latta
 3/2 Carole Mason
 3/3 Lauren Wiener
 3/3 Parker Attanasio
 3/3 Amir Mehr
 3/5 Lauren Sullivan
 3/6 Lauren Sanders
 3/8 Joe Edwards
 3/8 Warren Sanders
 3/10 Jerry Rimmer
 3/10 Angela Smedley
 3/11 James Harris
 3/11 Karen Alexander
 3/11 Brian Pongracz
 3/12 Greg Scarborough
 3/13 Lindsey Bateman
 3/14 Victor Dronzek

3/14 Matthew Ubertini
 3/15 Jane Foil
 3/15 Robert Caple
 3/16 Alexandra Bruce
 3/17 Kristine Flora
 3/20 Sydney Hewett
 3/21 Mary Ellen Wrisley
 3/22 Esther Arne
 3/22 Maddy Mehr
 3/22 Niklas Travis
 3/24 Debbie Coccarelli
 3/25 Sandy Glass
 3/26 Paul Lester
 3/26 Wayland Smedley
 3/30 Marianne Van Tassel
 3/30 Chuck Wolfe
 3/31 Don Carpenter

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Sunday Morning Schedule

9:00—Crossing Contemporary
Worship with Holy Communion

10:00—Stories of the Generations

10:10—Sunday School for all ages

11:00—Traditional Worship
with Holy Communion



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