

Thanksgiving

December
2013

“In Joyful Hope!”

At the end of last month, the celebration of Thanksgiving served as a “hinge” holiday between the closing of another liturgical year and the beginning of a new liturgical year that is marked by Advent. The Feast of Thanksgiving gives us an opportunity to look back throughout the last liturgical year and count our blessings—all of the blessings of this life! Here at St. Philip, we have a “horn of plenty” that is filled with God’s blessings and grace. Our “horn of plenty” is filled with the many faithful and cheerful people that serve our church. Our blessings are to be counted in faithful leadership, faithful worship, faithful and sound teaching, and compassionate pastoral care. Blessings are to be found in our many ministries, programs, and activities at St. Philip. Blessings overflow with the many generous hearts of faithful lay leadership, service, and giving. We are blessed with the opportunities of outreach that have been given to us. We are blessed with a beautiful campus and a beautiful worship space. We are blessed that St. Philip may be counted as a lighthouse or tower of faith in Christ in the midst of an ever changing world of storms, stress, and secularization from religion and true faith. We are blessed to have a youth program and a caring youth minister to offer a moral compass to our youth who are particularly vulnerable to the empty trappings of our culture. With these and many other gifts, we truly have a “horn of plenty” to be thankful. I pray that we will not become complacent or take for granted these many gifts. “For to whom much is given, much is expected.” (Luke 12: 48)

Reflecting on our blessings and having a thankful heart is fitting as we now prepare ourselves in anticipation during the Advent season. Advent not only marks the beginning of a new liturgical year, it also brings to us a season of anticipation and preparation for the celebration of the Incarnation of the Nativity and for Christ’s Second Coming. During this Advent season, may we all wait “in joyful hope” for the coming of Christ, the King, that can be found in the manger and in his coming in Glory. Merry Advent! Merry Christmas! And in Joyful Hope!

The best is yet to come!

Fr. Terry 



The Rev. Terry Street, Rector

December at a Glance

- 3 High School EYC
- 8 Middle & High School EYC
- 10 Middle School EYC
- 15 St. Nicholas Celebration
- 15 UTO Fall Ingathering
- 15 Operation Joy
- 16 Men’s Club Dinner & Mtg.
- 17 Vestry Meeting
- 20 Zoo Lights Parish Outing
- 20 Youth Lock In
- 24 **Christmas Services**
- 26-27 Church Office Closed
- 26-1/1 Winterfest



Page 2



Page 3



Page 4



Page 2



Page 5



Page 7

www.stphilipmemphis.org
www.ecw2011.info
www.stphilipmemphis.shutterfly.com



- Saint Philip Episcopal Church



Music News

As the adult and children's choirs prepare to sing and ring bells for the Christmas Eve services, we are all in a bit of shock that Advent has begun and Christmas is rapidly approaching.

It has been a particularly busy and successful autumn at St. Philip thanks to the hard and reliable work of so many dedicated, creative souls.

Lisa Fairchild will return from sabbatical on January 1st with new energy and plans for exciting music this spring. It would be the perfect time (yes, I know I have said this before, but really is there a "bad" time) to join the choir and sing or ring bells in 2014, especially at Easter. Please consider it.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lisa Fairchild, Fr. Terry, the vestry and all of St. Philip for the opportunity to serve as Interim Director of Music Ministry for the past three months. It has been an honor and a privilege, not to mention a lot of fun. Thank you!

Marilyn Riehl,
Interim Director of Music Ministry
office@stphilipmemphis.org



ECW UPDATE

IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR!! I have been thinking that Christmas just wouldn't be Christmas without the scent of fresh Christmas trees, Christmas carols, fresh baked cookies, stockings hung by the chimney with care and the love of family and friends. What wonderful traditions!

Being with friends, old and new, during the Holiday Season is one of the best traditions I know. I looked forward to making new friends at our ECW Annual Ornament Exchange, December 7th, and we were all disappointed when the weather forced us to cancel.

We are now making it easier for you to do your holiday gift shopping right here at St. Philip. You can give a 'Taste of St. Philip' all in one beautiful gift basket. We have included our notecards with the amazing pictures of St. Philip, "Martyrs of Memphis" homemade soap, a wonderful handmade wash cloth, and our church family cookbook. What could be easier! Plus you can avoid the MALL!!

I wish you all very Happy Holidays and remember that to capture the true wonder of the Holidays we must also honor a bit of the child in all of us.

Kathy Ivey

GOD BLESS US EVERY ONE!



ECW Items for Sale

- New St. Philip Cookbook
- St. Philip Photo Greeting Cards
- Handmade Soap (variety of scents and colors)
- Handmade Face Cloths
- And More!!!



Christmas Shopping?



When shopping online,
support St. Philip by clicking:

www.bluepew.com

Questions? Need help?
Call Gannon Buckmaster 569-7389
or Marilyn Riehl 388-9830



The Seminarian's Spot



I hope that all of you are having a blessed Advent filled with hope and preparation, not just for Christmas morning, but for the coming of Christ! I look forward to being with all of you in a few weeks!

Chandler Whitman

Pre-YC NEWS

Pre-YC is a gathering of all children in grades 3-5. We meet the first and third Sundays from 12:30—1:30 PM for lunch and an activity.

Cancelled: Sunday, December 2nd

We will be meeting instead the following week for our St. Nicholas Celebration!

**Moved to Sunday, December 15th
12:00 PM
St. Nicholas Celebration**

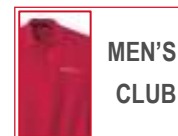
We will gather in the Parish Hall for a celebration and craft. This is always a lot of fun!

**Sunday, December 15th
2:00 PM
Operation Joy Party**

We will gather at the Emmanuel Center to host a Christmas party for the youth we have adopted. It is a fun time to celebrate together, so please join us!

If you have any questions about Pre-YC, please contact Rachel McDaniel.

MEN'S CLUB DINNER & MEETING



**DECEMBER 16TH AT 6:30 PM
THREE GUYS PIZZA ON HWY. 64**

MEN'S CLUB UPDATE

The The new year will be beginning soon, and the Men of St. Philip will have many items on their agenda. The first will be the 2nd Annual Mardi Gras Party. This years event will be held on Saturday, March 1st.

Last years event was truly an enjoyable evening offering a great food event, music, dancing and costume contest. Don't worry though, costumes are not required or necessary if you want to dress in casual attire...it is up to you.

The theme of the party will be the same as last year with the men cooking the main dish and the ladies and men of the church can enter their own favorite Mardi Gras themed dish. Last year saw over 30 wonderful and varying food entries.

Look for further details soon....

For further information:

Dave Ivey at 901-359-2017 or daveivey32@att.net

Ferd Heckle at 901-335-7977 or Ferdheckle@att.net

Jack Stephens at 860-501-5532 or jstephens53@gmail.com

MIDDLE SCHOOL EYC Calendar

December 8th
S'mores & Psychologist Game
 4:00-5:30 PM, St. Philip

December 15th
Operation Joy Party
 2:00-4:30 PM, Emmanuel Center

HIGH SCHOOL EYC Calendar

December 1st
S'mores and Mafia
 4:00-5:30 PM, St. Philip

December 15th
Operation Joy Party
 2:00-4:30 PM, Emmanuel Center

Youth Christian Education
 meets every Sunday at 9:15
 AM in the Youth Room. Join
 us to pray, play, and learn
 more about Christ's love for
 all of us!

****We will not meet
 12/29 or 1/5****



Winterfest Episcopal Youth Retreat



Who: Youth in grades 9-12

What: This retreat creates a welcoming and safe space for youth to grow in their relationship with God and Christ through creative worship, service, music, love, friendship, and understanding in a fun and relaxed environment.

When: December 28, 2013—January 1, 2014

Where: DuBose Conference Center; Monteagle, TN

Registration forms are available at
<http://duboseconferencecenter.org/winterfest>.
 Please see Rachel for more information.

WTN YOUTH SKI TRIP

Who: Youth in grades 6-12

What: Ski trip to Hidden Valley in Wildwood, MO

When: January 17th-19th of MLK, Jr. weekend

Cost: \$250 before January 5th. \$50 late fee after January 5th.



Registration forms are available on the Youth Bulletin Board! Financial assistance is available!

For any questions, please contact Rachel McDaniel, Director of Youth & Family Ministry, by calling 388-9830 or e-mailing rachel@stphilipmemphis.org.



Due to inclement weather, this celebration was rescheduled for Sunday, December 15th.

Saint Nicholas heard that we would be having a celebration in his honor again this year, and he was so delighted that he agreed to come back and join us! I hope that you can make it again, too!

Celebration of Saint Nicholas

Sunday, December 15th following the 10:30 AM Service in the Parish Hall

**Christian Education Schedule Change for the Christmas Season
No Catechesis or Christian Education on December 29 & January 5**

We will be giving our catechists, Teachers, and students a break during this Season. Please join us back on January 12!

CALLING ALL CHILDREN FOR THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 2013

On Christmas Eve, the children will share the story of Christ's birth with the church at the 5 PM Service.

Please sign up your children to participate on the bulletin board. We will meet in the Parish Hall at 4 PM on December, 24th.

No previous acting experience needed!

**St. Philip Episcopal Church
Profit & Loss Budget Performance—October 2013**

	October 13	Budget	Jan—Oct 13	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Ordinary Income /Expenses					
Income					
4100-Operating Income	25,434.00	25,642.50	245,175.62	259,425.00	311,140.00
4200-Investment Income	30.79	45.00	446.17	450.00	540.00
4300-Non-Operating Income	50.00		521.75		
5100-Non-Funded Receipts	0.00	250.00	-575.00	2,500.00	3,000.00
5200-Funds Transfer	0.00	58.33	15,429.72	9,056.01	9,172.71
Total Income	25,514.79	25,995.83	260,998.26	271,431.01	323,852.71
Expense					
6000-Operating Expenses	25,868.67	28,748.62	279,106.79	282,564.61	337,177.46
7000-Non-Funded Activities	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expense	25,868.67	28,748.62	279,256.79	282,564.61	337,177.46
Net Ordinary Income	-353.88	-2,752.79	-18,258.53	-11,133.60	-13,324.75
Net Income	-353.88	-2,752.79	-18,258.53	-11,133.60	-13,324.75

**St. Philip Staff &
Vestry Members
2013**

Fr. Terry Street 896.5106
Rector

Marilyn Riehl 262.7563
Parish Administrator / Interim
Director of Music Ministry

Rachel McDaniel 574.2888
Youth & Family Ministry

Margaret Brooks 755.4426
(2013)

Ferd Heckle 867.3102
(2013)
Sr. Warden

Steve Shelton 594-5554
(2013)

James Pitcock 848-3574
(2014)
Jr. Warden

Randy Randalls 371.0000
(2014)

Kathy Ivey 377-3431
(2014)

Gannon Buckmaster 569.7389
(2015)

Tracy Dain 737.6438
(2015)

Scott McGruder 237.5913
(2015)

Jessica Heckle 335.8117
Elisabeth Stephens 829.2775
Co-Treasurers

Stewardship Corner

Stewardship and Christmas

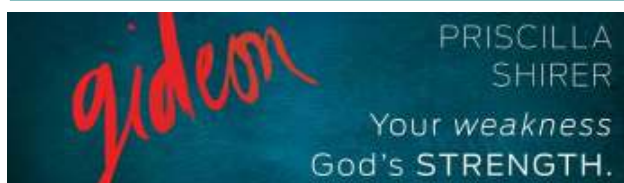
Let's see.....you're making your list, checking it twice. Have you forgotten anything or anyone? You've taken care of every detail for Christmas, but what about our Lord Jesus Christ? We receive His rich and generous blessings all throughout the year, and not just at Christmas time!

We can show our thankfulness by giving of our time, talent, and treasure to God's church at anytime.

The Stewardship campaign has been completed for 2013, but remember to keep Stewardship in your heart all year long.

I pray everyone has a Merry Christmas, and a healthy and prosperous New Year!

Skipper Staggs
Stewardship Chairman



Coming—
January 2014!

Ladies Bible Study begins January 7, 2014. We will be studying **Gideon** taught by Priscilla Shirer. Join us at 10:30 AM on Tuesday's for increased knowledge of the bible and the church family. A sign-up sheet will be posted.

Margaret Brooks
755-4426

SCOUTING CORNER



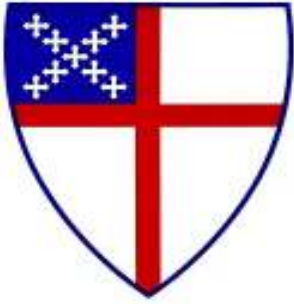
For the Boy Scouts, backpacking seemed to be the theme that would continue thru November. However, really bad weather caused a change in plans. Rain kept us from an outing to the Walls of Jericho State Park mainly because the trail is steep and mostly rock. Instead, we went bowling and out to get pizza. So in November, we camped with the Webelos at Fort Pillow and went bowling. We have two December trips planned. A "lock-in" at the Church on the 13th and then 4 nights of "Winter Camp" after Christmas at Kia Kima in Northern Arkansas.

The Cub Scouts continue to plug along with rank advancement and earning belt loops and pins. The older Cubs, the Webelos are almost finished with the requirements for their Webelos badge. Then, for the three oldest Cubs or Webelos 2's, will really focus on finishing the highest achievement a Cub can earn, the Arrow of Light. They should all "Cross-over" into the Troop in March at the Blue/Gold banquet.

The Girl Scouts meet every other Monday and always have a room or two full of girls. There is always something going on: arts and crafts, guest speakers and a lot of laughter. Come by on a Monday for the Girl Scouts or Cub Scouts or any Tuesday and meet our Boy Scouts. They are a great bunch.

James Pitcock

Girl Scouts
Meet every other Monday,
6-7:30 PM
Judy Green, Leader
Bernard Hall



Phone:
901-388-9830

Fax:
901-388-8519

E-mail:
office@stphilip
memphis.org

It's getting to be that time of year again!

OPERATION JOY!

If you are interested in helping an underprivileged, inner city child or youth have a joyous Christmas, please sign up on the Operation Joy sheet on the Bulletin Board. This will give the Emmanuel Center an idea of how many children and youth St. Philip parishioners will be able to adopt this Christmas. We hope that EVERYONE who is able will be a part of this important ministry! Families are encouraged to pair up if needed.

How: Adopt a Youth!

Choose a child from the tree in the Parish Hall, and sign your name next to the child's name on the list. The ornament includes the needs and wishes of the youth, as well as the appropriate sizes. It is not necessary to purchase everything or even anything on the list, but it is important to know that these are the only gifts this child will be receiving for Christmas. Feel free to pair up with someone else when choosing your child!

When: December 1- December 15

All presents should be purchased and wrapped no later than the morning of December 15. You may drop off your presents at any point ahead of time, as long as they are clearly marked. Everyone is invited to our Holiday Party with the Emmanuel Center on Sunday, December 15th. We will meet at the Emmanuel Center at 2:00 for the families to arrive at 3:00. The party will end at 4:00.

ALL are invited to the Holiday Party on Sunday,
December 15th, 2-4:30 PM.

St. Philip Episcopal Church
9380 Davies Plantation Rd.
Memphis, TN 38133

Sunday Schedule

8:00a Holy Eucharist

8:45a Coffee Hour, Parish Hall

(Christian Ed. and Catechesis will not meet

Dec. 29 or Jan. 5)

9:00a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

9:15a Christian Education

10:30a Holy Eucharist

11:45a Coffee Hour, Parish Hall

Wednesday Service

12:10 p Healing w / Holy Eucharist

The Rev. Terry Street, Rector

We're on the web...
www.stphilipmemphis.org