

## “Lent and the Baptismal Covenant”

Our recent Ash Wednesday services mark the beginning of the Lenten Season. During the Epiphany season, we experienced the mountain top themes of the promise of the Light of Christ to the whole world, the assurance of our membership in the Family of God through Baptism, and the comforting knowledge that we serve a powerful God that cares about us even in our mundane and everyday life. After receiving the assurance and comfort from the “Epiphany” that the Divine is with us, in us, and around us, we now go down the mountain to the places that we live our everyday lives.

Before we truly go into the world attempting to live and act between our humanity and the Divine, there is a base camp, “Camp Lent”, to prepare us for the great celebration of Easter. It is in the celebration of Easter where we receive the blessing of being “Easter People” and are given our roadmaps and marching papers as we go out to live into the world with mission and purpose. Like Jesus before us who came down “the mountain” from his acclaimed Baptism and entered into the “wilderness of preparation”, so do we enter into a Lenten journey of preparation.

In our present times, I fear that this historically spiritual time of preparation through self-evaluation, reflection, spiritual discipline, fasting, spiritual formation, meditation, prayer, self-denial, and repentance has been reduced to a church game of giving up gumdrops or filet mignon. The notion of giving up red meat but eating lobster is not the ascetic principle that gave Christians the nickname of “fish people”. Times have changed where fresh and exotic fishes are now more of a luxury item than most meats. The point is that many Christians have lost the point.

I would suggest to make sure that we stay on track for the true meaning, purpose, and benefit of Lent that we start by looking at our Baptismal Covenant. The Baptismal Covenant is not only our “birth certificate” into the Kingdom of God but it is also our promise to God as a sacred covenant. The written document of our covenant is found in the Book of Common Prayer (p. 304). The first part of the Baptismal Covenant tells us what we believe and the second part of the Covenant tells us what we will do. Our Baptismal Covenant is a confession or promise that is co-signed with the very blood of Jesus.

Would it not be most prudent and beneficial to evaluate where we are and how we are doing with our birthright promises to God on a regular basis and especially during Lent? Admittedly, this will be more challenging than passing up a slice of chocolate pie. It would be far more beneficial in faithful discipleship to see where we may fall short in our promises to God and to reevaluate, plan, and act on increased awareness and needed changes during Lent.

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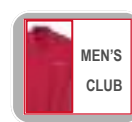
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The Sunday Christian Education Lenten Series is designed to remind us of our Baptismal Covenant to “love your neighbor as yourself” and “to respect the dignity of every human being”. I have invited 4 guest speakers for 4 Sundays of Lent to represent 4 different populations who are our neighbors in need of love, care, and sustained dignity. Please come and support this program.

I pray that in this Lenten season that you will consider how important it is as a part of our Lenten journey to take a deep look into your Baptismal Covenant so we can fully live into our Baptismal Covenant.

*“The best is yet to come!”*

Fr. Terry 

## MEN'S CLUB



**Oh What A Night!**...and not the song made famous by Frankie Valli, but the Mardi Gras Party enjoyed by close to eighty attendees. An evening of great food, dancing and conversation took place in February at our own St. Philip Church. The ladies of the ECW (special thanks to Peggy Frasier and Ann Guthrie) decorated the PLC to look just like Bourbon Street... New Orleans style. Pictures are on the church website.

The Men's Club made a great recipe of Red Beans and Rice with Cajun Sausage (thank you Richard and Kathy Staggs for your kind donation). The highlight of the evening were the almost twenty entrée entries into the best New Orleans style food contest. The sampling of food went on all night long, while participants voted for their favorite. The results were #1 Kathy Ivey; #2 Charles Wilburn and #3 Tracy Dain.

A “Best Costume” contest was held and a record number of entries tried to earn the coveted first place. Taking first place was Ron & Peggy Frasier, second place Steve & Carol Shelton and third place, Jack & Liz Stephens. (Pictures are posted on the church website, under “Church Life” – “Men's Club”).

The Men's Club activities do not stop with the Mardi Gras Party. Back by popular demand, will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Scramble and Fund Raiser. Last year the Men of St. Philip raised \$5,000 that was used to help support the continuation of our youth ministry. This year hopes to be even bigger and better.

Even if you don't golf, come and join us at this fun event. Over a dozen volunteers from the ECW and church helped at last year's tournament. It was truly a church wide event. This year, the outing will take place on Friday, April 26, 2013. A barbeque lunch buffet will kick off at 11:00 AM, with a “shotgun” start at noon. We purposely moved the event to Friday and an afternoon time slot so that more folks could enjoy a long weekend. And...what better way to kick it off! Beautiful Glen Eagle Country Club will again host our event.

We are looking for foursomes. Not just from St. Philip, but from friends, people you work beside and neighbors. The more golfers, the more money we have to fund our youth ministry and other important ministries.

What if you don't golf? That's okay. We are looking for volunteers to help put the event together. Why not volunteer? The other way that you can mean so much to the Men's Club is to sponsor a hole...for a small donation; your name is placed on the tee box of a hole at the golf course. Better yet, why not ask people you work with; deal with in business and are friends with to sponsor a hole. It is quite simple, just as – “our church is having a fund raising golf tournament, can I put you down to sponsor one hole?” You would be surprised at how easy it is.

To make the event successful, we also need major sponsors. Why not think of putting your name or your company's name on the major sponsorship banner? Enclosed is a registration form.

For the month of March, we will be meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Charles Wilburn will be providing his “special fish fry” in the PLC. You can't miss this one...it is really some great food. The men of St. Philip come together for worship, dinner and great conversation monthly. All men of the church are welcome!

For further information:

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**Check out the Mardi Gras Pictures at:**

<http://www.stphilipmemphis.org/photo-galleries/our-community.html>

## Did you know?

There are 116 households at St. Philip and only 23 of those have linked their Kroger Rewards card to the church! See the simple step-by-step instructions on the insert to this newsletter or ask Liz Stephens.



### Episcopal Church Women

To ALL women of St. Philip:

ECW will meet Sunday, March 3rd, in the Parish Hall, immediately following the Bishop's reception. In lieu of our usual potluck lunch, we will have refreshments at the reception before our meeting. Please sign up to bring a "finger food" for the church wide reception immediately following the 10:30 service.



### The NEW St. Philip Cookbook is Coming!

Calling all cooks:! Don your chef's hats, find your favorite recipes, and submit them to be immortalized in the soon to be new St. Philip cookbook!!! Sandra Booth [sandrabooth@att.net](mailto:sandrabooth@att.net)

### Wednesday Lenten Series

Each week, you are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings as we journey through the Season of Lent together.

- 6:15 PM Fellowship Dinner in the PLC
- 6:45 PM Stations of the Cross for ALL Ages in the church

Don't forget about Blue Pew when you shop online.



Generate funds for St. Philip at no extra cost to you!

[www.BluePew.com](http://www.BluePew.com)

# Pre-YC

### Want to provide lunch for PREYC?

Lunch is provided for the Pre-YC group every Sunday that they meet. If you would like to help out and sign up for a lunch, please go to [www.takethemameal.com](http://www.takethemameal.com) and sign up!

Last Name: **PREYC** Password: **Lunch**

Reimbursement up to \$40 is available.

### Sunday, March 3rd

We will finish watching our movie and make a stained glass window!  
12:15-1:30 PM

**Pre-YC is a gathering of all children in grades 3-6.**

### Sunday, March 17th

We will be playing with science! Come play!  
12:15-1:30 PM



# EYOC CALENDAR

## Sunday, March 3rd

Sky Zone

**4:00-5:30 PM, Sky Zone**  
(5355 Distriplex Farms Drive,  
Suite 102  
Memphis, TN 38141 )

## Wednesday, March 6th

Lenten Program

**6:15-7:315 PM, St. Philip**

## Wednesday, March 13th

Lenten Program

**6:15-7:15 PM, St. Philip**

## Sunday, March 17th

Buffalo Wild Wings Dinner

**4:00-6:00 PM Buffalo Wild Wings**  
(8385 US Hwy 64, Ste. 101, 38133)

## Wednesday, March 20th

Lenten Program

**6:15-7:15 PM, St. Philip**

## Sunday, March 31st

**Happy Easter!**

**No EYC**

**Christian Education** meets every Sunday at 9:15 AM in the Youth Room. Join us as we address the characteristics of spiritual development!

## EASTER EGG HUNT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH, 9:00 AM**

Youth are needed on Saturday morning to volunteer for our community-wide Easter Egg Hunt. Youth will help with set-up, clean-up, and will assist with the various hunts for different ages. The Easter Egg Hunt begins at 11 AM and will be finished by 1 PM.

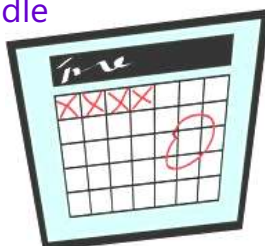
## EYC in Lent

Wednesdays during Lent, the EYC will join the Lenten programming. Our EYC time will move to 6:15 PM to enjoy dinner with the congregation, and we will all take part in Stations of the Cross.

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

### THIS SEMESTER:

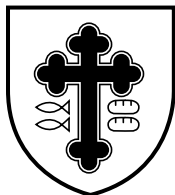
- March 30 Easter Egg Hunt
- April 5-6 DYC Spring Fling: Middle School Lock In
- April 12-13 St. Philip Lock In
- April 14 Youth Sunday
- May 5 Senior Sunday



More information will be provided as it gets closer to each event.

*For any questions, please contact Rachel McDaniel, Director of Youth & Family Ministry, by calling 388-9830 or e-mailing [rachel@stphilipmemphis.org](mailto:rachel@stphilipmemphis.org).*





## Thoughts on Stewardship

When we speak of Stewardship one can almost see fear on the face of the listener. But God did not intend for it to be so. God wants all his children to be happy.

In II Corinthians 9 vs 7 Paul tells the needy believers that they should give not with regret or out of sense of duty; for God loves the one who gives gladly.

Giving to God and his church is a good thing when done prayerfully and with cheerfulness of heart.

In Christ  
 Skipper Staggs  
 2013 Stewardship Chair

### The Mission Statement of St. Philip Episcopal Church:

To **worship** God in the Anglican Tradition,  
**seek** God's truth, **grow** in Christ,  
 and **proclaim** God's Word to the world.

## St. Philip Episcopal Church Profit & Loss Budget Performance January 2013

Ordinary Income /Expenses	
Income	
4100-Operating Income	26,257.00
4200-Investment Income	45.50
Total Income	26,302.50
Expense	
6000-Operating Expenses	30,950.05
Total Expense	30,950.05
Net Ordinary Income	-4,647.55
Net Income	-4,647.55

## Daughters of the King

What do the silver crosses worn by some ladies of St. Philip mean? If it is a modified Greek Fleury cross, small or large, it is the emblem of The Order of The Daughters of The King. It is inscribed with a Latin motto which translates into "with heart, mind and spirit uphold and bear the cross." FHS is engraved at the base of the cross, meaning "For His Sake."

The only way to obtain this cross is to join The Order. We wear it daily as a constant reminder of our vows. It is our "habit".

When a woman takes her vows her cross is blessed by the celebrant, and placed in her right hand as the celebrant administers her vows. The cross is the property of The Order. When a Daughter dies her cross may be buried with her or attached to a marker. Otherwise, it is returned to The Order by her family. It may not be bequeathed to anyone.

Wearing the cross daily provides opportunities for witness and evangelism. Whenever a Daughter gets a chance to answer questions about her cross, she is able to explain who Daughters are, what we do, and offer prayer and love. Many of us have had amazing conversations at the gas pump or in the grocery store!

If you wish to learn more about The Order, we have brochures in the parish hall on one of the side tables. You may also talk with any Daughter, or call or email. The website for the National Office is [www.dok-national.org](http://www.dok-national.org).

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## Girl Scouts

Meet Mondays,

6-7:30 PM

Bernard Hall

Judy Green, Leader

901.568.3143

## SCOUTING CORNER



Scout Troop 458 spent the weekend of the 16<sup>th</sup> camping at Fort Pillow on the Mississippi River watching it snow. There was never enough to make a snow ball, but there were flurries. After the flood of our last trip, we are looking forward to some warm dry days. There is hope that the March camp out to Shelby Forest will break the tradition. We will have several new Scouts with us and we don't want to scare them off.

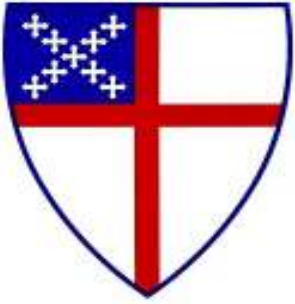
The Cub Scout Pack enjoyed hosting another area Pack to the Pinewood Derby race and both Packs will be sending representatives to the regional race at Hope Church on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The Pack will have its annual Blue Gold banquet on the 23<sup>rd</sup> where all the boys will advance to the next level of Scouting. Several parents are stepping forward to assist with the running of the Pack. Thank you. There is a camp out planned for the middle of April but the destination is not yet determined.

The Girl Scouts are still meeting on Monday nights and there is a rumor that they will be delivering their cookies soon. Several new girls have joined them but they always welcome more.

James Pitcock







## FLOWERING THE EASTER CROSS

Bring flowers cut from your garden on Easter Sunday at the 10:30AM service. Children will be invited to meet at the front steps before the service to help flower the cross. Children are invited to join the procession and receive a special Easter Blessing before heading to the nursery or joining their parents.

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## EASTER EGG HUNT

**Saturday, March 30th, 11:00 AM**

**Open to ALL Ages**

We will have different hunts for all children in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and under. This is a great time to invite a friend or a neighbor. We will have an Easter story, games, crafts, and lunch!

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**Memphis, TN 38133**

## Sunday Schedule

**8:00a Holy Eucharist**  
**9:00a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**  
**9:15a Adult Christian Education**  
**9:15a Youth Christian Education**  
**10:30a Holy Eucharist**

## Wednesday Service

**12:10 p Healing w / Holy Eucharist**

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