"The Light of the New Year"

At the beginning of a new year, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. "Epiphany" literally means "appearing" or "appearance". The Feast of the Epiphany refers to the appearance of the star in the East, leading the wise men or Magi to the Christ-child so that they may honor him with their gifts. Only Matthew, out of the four Gospels, tells of this delightful story about the Magi all dressed in their colorful robes, riding their camels slowly over the long stretch of desert sand and a bright star with a glowing tail leading them to the humble place of Bethlehem where they will greet the Christchild with their most valued gifts.

This wondrous Christmas story has two important theological themes that have significant relevance to our mature faith and to our daily lives.

The first theological theme of the Epiphany story is the Theology of Inclusivity: God's revelation and redemption is universal and inclusive. In Matthew's story these wise men, the Magi, these scholars of astronomy and astrology were foreigners, Gentiles in search of Israel's Messiah. The Gospel is symbolically proclaiming that Jesus is sovereign over all people, over <u>all</u> nations, regardless of any social, political or religious realities. Grace abounds in the light of the Epiphany. The power of this illumination has no boundaries and gives light to every path. The grace of the universal revelation in the Light of the Epiphany breaks down the barriers of cultures, religion, economics, and Science. As Christians, we can be thankful for the coming of the Magi signifying the inclusion of God's grace to all people, not just the Israelites. As Christians, the Epiphany story challenges us not to view the Church as a social club with restricted membership but to become God's partners in welcoming and caring for everyone including the marginalized.

The second theological theme, the Theology of Light, can be found in the significance of the Epiphany Light. As the light exploded and pierced the darkness in creation, as the light from the burning bush gave guidance to Moses, and as the pillar of light led Israel out of darkness, so does the Light of Christ continue to give hope and guidance to God's people. The Light of Christ can illumine all darkness in the dark and shadowy places of humanity and in our own lives.

Many of us may be understandably troubled or feeling low over circumstances in our lives. Shadows are cast through tragedies home and abroad, a loss of a spouse, the loss of a child, the loss of a loved one, the loss of a marriage, the loss of health, the loss of a job or finances, the loss of self-esteem, the loss of a relationship or the loss of unmet dreams or expectations. The Good News is The Light of the Epiphany, the Light of Christ, has already come and is upon us, above us, below us, in us, and around us. The Light of the New Year is a divine spark that is already in us and is waiting to shine forth in our lives. All things are possible with God and all darkness can be illumined by the Light of Christ. The Light of Christ is our hope and our guide.

The Epiphany Light reminds us of the hope and guidance that we can find in Christ throughout the shadows, dark corners, difficulties, challenges, and concerns that we may have in the coming year.

In the upcoming year, may God make an "appearance," an "Epiphany" in our own hearts and in our lives. May our New Year's resolution be that we will follow the Light of Christ in our daily lives and that the Light in us may so shine that it will reflect the Light and love of God to others. Amen.

The best is yet to come! Fr. Terry



WATCH for dates printed in red throughout this newsletter and add them to vour calendar for January through May!

January at a Glance

- Feast of Lights at St. Mary's
- 6 The Epiphany of Our Lord
- Women's Bible Study begins
- 17-19 Youth Ski Trip
- Baby Shower for Cara Sandlin
- 18 Scout Trip to U.S.S. Alabama
- Scout Archery Class





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Music News

Happy New Year! I am most excited about returning to St Philip **January 1, 2014**! I have learned SO MUCH during my 5 months at St. Mary's Cathedral.

I encourage all of you in joining me to make this year our best year in the music ministry. The more people involved, the better!

The choir meets for warm up at 10:00 AM on Sunday mornings. Please come, even if you have not sung in the choir for a while.

Choir rehearsals are on **Wednesdays at 7:15 PM**. I have obtained a lot of new beautiful choral music, and I hope for the choir to sing an anthem once per month this year.

Please contact me with any questions!

Lisa Fairchild, Director of Music Ministry office@stphilipmemphis.org

Men's Club

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that 2014 is here and last year is just a memory. The Men's Club has many projects in store for 2014 from the Golf Fund Raiser to the Churchmen of Tennessee weekend at the DuBose Center.

The New Year is going to start with a bang...with the second annual Mardi Gras Party on March 1st. Our first Mardi Gras Party was a great success. An evening of food, music, dancing, conversation and a little competition was enjoyed by all. The event is a Parish wide event to benefit the ministries of St. Philip. The men will be cooking and serving a main dish. However, the event is a POT LUCK party. Members are encouraged to bring a Cajun themed entrée. Those dishes will be voted on by our members for the "best" themed main dish. And of course, appetizers and desserts are appreciated...and needed. The dress is considered casual for the party. If you want to dress in a "Mardi Gras" themed outfit, we will be awarding trophies for the best costumes. Your choice if you want to participate.

Other upcoming events for the first half of 2014 will be the 3rd Annual Golf Fund Raiser (April 25th) and the Summer Pancake Breakfast mornings beginning on June 1st. The Men of St. Philip will also be continuing monthly dinner support of the EYC dinner nights, Lenten dinners and support of several other church wide events.

Meeting the second Thursday of every month, (January 9th coming up), the men of St. Philip come together for worship, dinner and great conversation. All men of the church are welcome!

For further information:

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

ECW UPDATE

Happy New Year everyone! New is the year, new are the hopes and the dreams, and new are our resolutions. Let's gather around and celebrate the dawn of a sparkling New Year. May the New Year bring you gifts of joy, good health and surprises.

The ECW women meet the first Sunday of every month for worship, great food and great conversation. See you Sunday!

Your new ECW Board 2014:

Kathy Ivey 901-497-0870 or <u>kathyivey2@gmail.com</u> **President**

Jessica Heckle 901-335-8117 or jjheckle@yahoo.com

Vice President

Martha Wilburn 901-377-0118 or mdwpcw@aol.com **2nd Vice President**

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Treasurer

Kathy Ivey





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Questions?

Need help?

Call Gannon Buckmaster 569-7389 or Marilyn Riehl 388-9830 JANUARY 2014 PAGE 3

Set Your Spring Calendar and Don't Miss a Thing! **Important Dates at St. Philip!**

Jan. 5—ECW Lunch & Meeting (Meets at 12:30 PM the first Sunday of each month)

Jan. 5—Feast of Lights at St. Mary's Cathedral

Jan. 5—Canterbury Choir begins and meets at 12:00 PM each Sunday

Jan. 7—Women's Bible Study on Gideon begins and meets weekly on Tues. 10:30 AM

Jan. 9—Men's Club Dinner, Compline, & Meeting, 6:30 PM (Meets 2nd Thurs. of each month)

Jan. 12—Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Youth Christian Education & Adult Education resume

Jan. 12—Pre-YC, 12:30 PM

Jan. 12—EYC, 4:00 PM

Jan. 17-19—Youth Ski Trip

Jan. 18—Vestry Retreat, 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Jan. 25—Scouts Archery Class

Jan. 26—Jean Logan Shawl Ministry begins (meets the 4th Sun. of each month)

March 1—Mardi Gras Party

March 5—Ash Wednesday, Services at 12:10 PM & 6:30 PM

March 9—Daylight Savings Time begins (The First Sunday in Lent)

March 30—Confirmation & Bishop's Annual Visitation



April 13—Palm Sunday

April 17—Maundy Thursday

April 18—Good Friday

April 19—The Great Vigil of Easter

April 20—Easter Day









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

We will not meet 1/6

HAPPENING #51: February 14-16

What is Happening?

Happening is a renewal weekend retreat for youth in grades 10-12. It is a time for youth to explore spirituality while living and learning in community with others. The weekend includes small group discussion, large group activities, and great music that is ALL led by youth!!

What do I do if I want to go?

There are registration forms on the bulletin board.

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<u>Who:</u> Youth in grades 6-12 <u>What:</u> Ski trip to Hidden Valley in Wildwood, MO

<u>When:</u> January 17th-19th of MLK, Jr. weekend

<u>Cost:</u> \$250 before January 5th. \$50 late fee after January 5th.

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



Sunday, January 5th

Feast of Lights: DYC Event 4-7:30 PM, St. Mary's Cathedral

Sunday, January 12th

Jenga Challenge 4:00-5:30 PM, Saint Philip

Sunday, January 19th

WTN Youth Ski Trip
No EYC

Sunday, January 26th

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4:00-5:30 PM, Saint Philip

What is EYC?

EYC stands for Episcopal Youth Community.

Each Sunday afternoon, young people in grades 6-12 are invited to gather for fellowship, fun, and food at Saint Philip. Most Sundays, we meet from 4-5:30 at the church where we play and pray together.

Friends are always invited and encouraged to join us as we build our own community!

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

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MEN'S CLUB DINNER & MEETING



2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH 6:30 PM, PARISH HALL

Kroger Cards



We are anticipating receiving the the next check from Kroger.

Keep up the good work!

Call the office if you do not have a card or if you have questions. 901.388.9830

Jean Logan Shawl Ministry

Join us for our next meeting on Sunday,

January 26th at 2:00 PM. The items knitted or crocheted comfort the ill or troubled. Caps and scarves are especially needed and appreciated by the homeless.

In Christ, Jessica Heckle

Cell: 335-8117 or jjheckle@yahoo.com



The members of the St. Mary - St.

Martha Chapter of Daughters of the King
maintain a confidential prayer list. After her
six week training study, each Daughter
adopts a Rule of Life to faithfully wear the

Cross of the Order and pray the prayer list every day. The Daughters are committed to maintaining the confidentiality of every name and need on the prayer list.

Do you have a need for prayer? There are prayer request cards in the pews. Or you may call Jessica Heckle, president of the Chapter. You may also contact Daughter. We are easy to find because of the silver cross we wear.

For His Sake, Jessica Heckle

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

	Nov 13	Budget	Jan—Nov 13	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Ordinary Income /Expenses					
Income					
4100-Operating Income	23,414.95	26,042.50	268,590.57	285,467.50	311,140.00
4200-Investment Income	30.62	45.00	476.79	495.00	540.00
4300-Non-Operating Income	0.00		521.75		
5100-Non-Funded Receipts	0.00	250.00	-575.00	2,750.00	3,000.00
5200-Funds Transfer	0.00	58.33	15,429.72	9,114.34	9,172.71
Total Income	23,445.57	26,395.83	284,443.83	297,826.84	323,852.71
Expense					
6000-Operating Expenses	21,944.92	26,764.29	301,051.71	309,328.90	337,177.46
7000-Non-Funded Activities	0.00		150.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expense	21,944.92	26,764.29	301,201.71	309,328.90	337,177.46
Net Ordinary Income	1,500.65	-348.46	-16,757.88	-11,502.06	-13,324.75
Net Income	1,498.03	-368.46	-16,760.50	-11,502.06	-13,324.75

St. Philip Staff & Vestry Members 2014

Fr. Terry Street 896.5106 Rector

Marilyn Riehl 262.7563 Parish Administrator / Interim Director of Music Ministry

Rachel McDaniel 574.2888 Youth & Family Ministry

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)

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Scott McGruder 237.5913 (2015)

Daphne Hughes 496-7421 (2016)

Mike Moss 568-3891 (2016)

Jessica Heckle 335.8117 Elisabeth Stephens 829.2775 Co-Treasurers

Girl Scouts

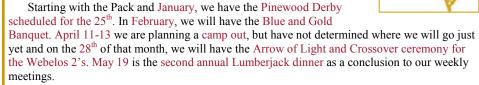
Meet every other Monday,
6-7:30 PM

Judy Green, Leader

Bernard Hall

SCOUTING CORNER

The Pack and the Troop have an active spring scheduled.



The Troop just returned from 4 days at winter camp and has even more on the annual plan. January 17-20th we are going to Mobile Alabama to spend the night on the USS Alabama battleship. In February, we will go to Cumberland Caverns and sleep in the cave. March10th we plan to backpack in the Walls of Jericho State park. April brings the Council spring camp out called Camp-o-ree where we will compete with other Troops in several Scouting skill events. We may try to squeeze a canoe trip in on another weekend, as well. In May we plan to take on another backpacking trip. June 8-14 the Troop is going to break tradition and try a new summer camp and attend Boxwell near Nashville. July 7th there are 7 or 8 young men and adult leaders heading off to the New Mexico Scout ranch known as Philmont. For 12 days they will travel, hike and see the most glorious scenery you could hope for. While the Troop is at summer camp, the Philmont contingent will do a "shake down" trip.

James Pitcock





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In Our Parish Community

January Birthdays

Suzy Voye Melissa Rinks Elisabeth Stephens Rachel Stephens Gannon Buckmaster Patrick Domico Tommy Taylor Charles Wilburn Debbie Nelson Ray Harvell Catherine Johnson Megann Fickle Ethan Smith Nelda Marr Matthew Nelson	1 3 4 7 9 10 12 12 13 15 16 17 18 20 25
Matthew Nelson Alison Nelson Tom Kerlin	25 29 31

Sunday Morning Readings For the Month of January

January 5—Epiphany

Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14 Ephesians 3: 1-12 Matthew 2: 1-12

January 12—Epiphany 1

Isaiah 42: 1-9 Psalm 29 Acts 10: 34-43 Matthew 3: 13-17

January 19—Epiphany 2

Isaiah 49: 1-7 Psalm 40: 1-12 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9 John 1: 29-42

January 26—Epiphany 3

Isaiah 9: 1-4 Psalm 27: 1, 5-13 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18 Matthew 4: 12-23

January Anniversaries

Ross & Kristy Jordan 2



Did you know?

According to Barna Group, widely considered the leader in church and congregational research, 73% of people who do not go to church, have never been invited.



If the Book of Common Prayer you are using during worship has pages which have come loose or are missing, please give it to an usher after the service. —

The Vestry of St. Philip

Memorials and Honorariums Received during the Month of December

Honorarium: Ferd & Jessica Heckle From: Phoebe W. Heckle

Military Personnel Currently Deployed Overseas

Jim Beamish, Gary & Sarah Moore, Brian Legan

On the Prayer List

Luís Aguilar Charlie Baer Cindy Bottenfield Carter Bucciero Don Cavette Colie Chandler Pam Chiles Craig Clemmensen Colby Family Coughlin Family Eric Cross Jeff Cummings Alice Drake Mark Duck Jathan Fields Richard Flanagan Betty Fowler Garlington Family Elizabeth Gillespie George Harper & Family Carmen Graves Mallory Harrison Craig Kleimeyer Lewis Family McCraw Family Larry McDaniel Donna Maginn Connie Manning Meagan Manning Lou Martino Stan Miekicki Miesen Family Mike Neal Bill Neumann O'Kelly Family Thomas Page Pat Sandy Powers Jerry Pyrtle Phillip Ragen Rev. John Rice Mary Ann Romer Betty Shelton Sipes Family Charles Stephens Grant Stockbauer Nikki Thomas David Thompson

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FEAST OF LIGHTS EPIPHANY SERVICE & THE BURNING OF THE GREENS



Sunday, January 5th
6:00 PM
St. Mary's Cathedral
700 Poplar Avenue
Memphis, TN 38105
Come celebrate Epiphany with
the diocese. All are invited for
this special evening service at

the Cathedral!

DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENT

4:00 PM

Downstairs Level of the Cathedral
All youth in grades 6-12 are invited for dinner, fellowship and fun
before the Feast of Lights Service. Please bring \$5 to cover the cost of
dinner.

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

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