

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings, I am writing this on a Sunday afternoon after worship and I can't help but think about how good it is to be worshipping in person once again. I am also so very grateful to all of you for your continued flexibility as we learn together how to worship in person safely. This has driven home for me that Liturgy and Worship are the work of the people. Without you, worship wouldn't happen. As we look forward to the fall months I and the Worship Committee will be looking at our current Liturgy and making changes to it for the fall. We will be bringing back some of the "old" familiar pieces such as the Gospel Acclamation, while also introducing some new aspects. I hope that this will keep worship fresh and new while also familiar and reassuring.

As I begin to think about this change in liturgy/worship I continue to ponder a question we explored in a recent Adult Forum, *What draws you to God? What draws you to Church?* In my faith journey and the conversation at the forum, a few similarities were the importance of invitation and community care. These responses were not a surprise to me and confirmed what I suspected would come from our conversation. This led to me question how these two things might be incorporated in worship/liturgy. How do we invite participation and how do we offer and receive care in worship?

At first glance, I came up with some pretty simple ways that we do both. First is an invitation to a time of confession and forgiveness or the thanksgiving for baptism, this is a direct invitation (I often say something along the



### PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS:

**Monday: 10:00—1:30**

**Tuesday:**

**By Appointment**

**Wednesdays: 10:00—5:00**

**Thursdays: By Appointment**

**Friday & Saturday (Days Off)**

**Sunday Afternoons: By Appointment.**



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lines of “I invite you to join me in a time of Confession and Forgiveness.”) to participate in a practice that requires participation. When it comes to giving and receiving care two parts of the liturgy come to mind instantly, the prayers of intercession and the passing of the piece. As I mentioned before, these are pretty direct examples, and I am wondering how the liturgy currently or could be developed further to provide more invitation and more care? I invite you to ponder this with me and let me know what you think.

Blessings,

Pastor Tony

## ADOPT A HIGHWAY PROGRAM

For the past two years, St. Philip's has sponsored the trash pick up from the 2-mile mark on Carmel Valley Road to the 4-mile mark. For this effort, our church gets a sign with our congregation's name at the beginning and end of the stretch. The Pedersens have spearheaded this effort and since we are nearing the completion of the 2-year commitment we are wondering if there is any interest from others in the congregation to help with the cleanup. We would need a solid commitment to continue.

The pick-up is four times a year. September, December, March, and June - usually any time between the 10<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. There is a total of 4 miles (2 each way) which takes approximately 5 hours. We have found that 2 miles is enough for two people to complete in one day.

If you have questions please call us or e-mail us.

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Alan and Lesley

### BIRTHDAYS

#### August:

6<sup>th</sup> Amy Ericson

24<sup>th</sup> Janis Steinmann

#### September:

2<sup>rd</sup> Carolyn Berry

Mary Kramer

4<sup>th</sup> Jim Anderson

13<sup>th</sup> Sally Conrad

14<sup>th</sup> Katie Anderson

18<sup>th</sup> Thom Trotter

24<sup>th</sup> Lesley Pedersen

27<sup>th</sup> Sarah Berry  
MacGillivray

## **GOLF TOURNAMENT WRAP-UP**

The SPGA (St. Philip's Golf Association) hosted a total of 12 players in the 11<sup>th</sup> annual St. Philip's Invitational Golf Tournament held June 20th at the prestigious Monterey Pines golf links, our home course. Set amongst the backdrop of the Monterey Bay and nestled next to the Monterey Peninsula Airport, our field of competitors enjoyed a gorgeous afternoon of brilliant sunshine and gentle off-shore breezes.

The leader-board consisted of 4 different threesomes. First off the tee and paving the way for the other competitors were the dynamic duo of Jim and Katie Anderson with Lowell Battcher anchoring the threesome. They were followed by George Isaac, "Long-Drive" Keith Johnson and Mike Berry who once again proved he should consider other athletic pursuits such as billiards. The power threesome of Mike Alaga, Mel Kelly and Anke Richter were next off the tee, preceding the final threesome of Mike Mahoney, Mick Mahoney and Mick's father-in-law, Daryl Kenyon. The impartial Monterey Pines golf pro collected the score-cards at the conclusion of the round and utilized a modified Callaway scoring system best suited for team scramble competition which equalizes individual handicaps. You may want to Google Callaway Scoring System to learn the gritty details.

Admittedly it was a tense moment when the team scores were announced as there was a tie between Team Mahoney and the power trio of Alaga, Kelly and Richter. Using a highly scientific and statistically accurate tie breaking mechanism, Team Mahoney placed first. Congratulations to the Mahoney clan, again. Although the competition was fierce the camaraderie amongst the athletes was unparalleled and our competitive spirit took second place to enjoying our friendships.

More importantly, our post-round gathering at the 19<sup>th</sup> hole, aka "The Anderson Estate," for libations and sustenance was off the charts; a perfect ending to a glorious day. The congregational dinner was well attended by a cross-sectional sampling of St. Philip's golfers and non-golfers and proved to be an ideal setting for so many of us to say our farewells to Keith and Anita. The food was amazing. Rumor has it that the Andersons are being considered to be the recipients of their second Michelin Star rating. Please follow the local news media for the coming announcement. Jim and Katie, we can't thank you enough for your generous hospitality.

## EXPLORING THE MEMORIALS OF ST. PHILIPS

A trip around St. Philip's can encompass some memorials to and from people who have a part of this congregation. As you enter the narthex, the stand that holds the visitor sign-in book also holds two memorial books that honor many members and friends of the congregation.



Starting outside at the cross, a plaque honoring Mary Beth Fearson. The walkway had long been a would-like-do-to project and one that Mary Beth supported. Memorials raised following her death, along with a generous donation from a family friend, allowed for that to be completed. Mary Beth was a continued force within the congregation. She served on council, committees, served as Assistant Minister, reader, acolyte. She helped to organize the 50th Anniversary celebration.



At the front of the sanctuary are two memorials. To the right is the hymn board dedicated to Ruth Bullock by her husband Ken. Ken and Ruth were long-time members of the congregation joining in 1973. Ruth died in 2007 and Ken in 2019. To the left, the eternal flame, when replaced several years ago, was donated in the name of Howard Kramer, Mary Kramer's father. While he was not a member of the congregation, he worshipped here on many occasions. The lectern Bible was given in honor of Mike and Carolyn's family. Mike's grandparents and Carolyn's parents and grandparents. A memorial from Don and Elsie Gault provided money to create new banners for the sanctuary. Memorial funds from several people that had been undesignated went towards the purchase of the new organ in 2017.



Out in the narthex, the doors that were added to the fellowship hall with the remodel of the narthex are dedicated to Ma'ene and Bill James. They were members of the congregation from 1982 until their deaths. Ma'ene in 1996 and Bill in 1997.



Down the hall to the classrooms is a plaque honoring Helen Anderson and Helen Hunt. Helen Anderson is the mother of Jim Anderson and Helen Hunt was his brother-in-law's mother. These two women contributed funds to the church to install the outdoor lights at the church.



Hiding in the room where communion is prepared is a shell. This shell was given to the St. Philip's by Freddie Miller. The shell was a gift from a young girl to her grandmother. The young girl was asked why she was giving it to her grandmother. She responded that it was her favorite thing and wanted Grandmother to have it. Since Freddie donated it to St. Philip's, it has been used for baptisms and is currently used to hold the gluten-free wafers for communion. Freddie was a member at St. Philip's along with her husband George, from 1981. Freddie died in 2015 and George in 2008.



Further down the hall, in the library are two remembrances. One is a plaque honoring the men and women of St. Philip's who had been members of the military up until 1994 when the room was dedicated in honor of those who served. The list at this time would be much longer. The other item in the room is a music stand dedicated to Earl Slade. Earl was a member of the St. Philip's choir. He and his wife Ruth were long-time members of the congregation joining in 1980. Earl died in 1997. The library itself was the dream of Illah Hjort, another member of the congregation.



In the fellowship hall, there are four large paintings done by Amy Aamodt. One is dedicated to Lloyd and Helen Knopp and Tessie Strand who joined the church in 1981. Given by Nancy Knopp. Tessie and Nancy also made many of the banners that we have used in the sanctuary over the years. Also in the fellowship hall is a wooden statue of the Apostle Peter donated to St. Philip's by Glenna Alsberg. She and her husband Dieter got the statue while on a trip to Europe. Dieter's book "A Witness to a Century" is in the St. Philip's library.

Thanks for taking the tour. And thank you to all those people who have passed through the doors and left their mark on St. Philip's.

## I-HELP UPDATE

Starting August 10, St. Philip's will once again host the I-Help men at the church. They will also stay at the church on August 31, the fifth Tuesday of the month. There are 10 men in the program as of this writing. The men have all been fully vaccinated thanks to the Monterey Fire Department. Any new members of the group will be required to be vaccinated. The women's program is still currently suspended. Thanks to all of you who have continued St. Philip's participation in this program during the pandemic.

## FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION

The weekly distributions of food ended in June with the volunteers from Granite Construction ending their commitment to the Food Bank. Thanks to all those who helped over the months. Our commitment continues with a monthly distribution on the first Friday of each month which started in July. This distribution happens between 9 and 10 am. Thank you to Barb and Lowell for helping on August 6. We also have the opportunity to return to the monthly volunteer days at the Food Bank in Salinas. The next time will be October 16 at 9 am. If you are interested in joining this group of volunteers, please contact Mary Kramer (m\_kramer@att.net). The more the merrier and the more we get done.



**God's work.**  
**Our hands.**

## GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

This is a motto of the ELCA, and once a year, congregations throughout the country set aside one day in September to do that work as a larger community. Each congregation chooses its project but is working to show the strength of many hands doing God's work. The day this year is September 12. The project selected for St. Philip's is two-fold. A collection of staples for the Food Bank and a workday to spruce up our building. Donations of food can be left in the box in the narthex. There is a sign-up sheet for the workday. The workday will take place the afternoon of September 12 following worship. There will be food served to get you through the work., Come join the fun!

## **CURRENT FINANCIAL UPDATE**

### **Year to Date**

**Total Revenue:** \$108,566.24 (includes \$24,181.42 in Stock Appreciation)

**Total Expenses:** \$88,789.57

**Net Revenue:** \$19,776.67

### **June**

**General Offering:** \$15969.91

**Expenditures:** \$12,769.67

**Net Revenue:** \$3,200.24

### **July**

**General Offering:** \$8524.00

**Expenditures:** \$9363.17

**Net Revenue:** \$-803.17

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