

St. Philip's Church
Charleston, South Carolina



Annual Report 2014

Annual Meeting

April 19, 2015

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Minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting May 4th, 2014

At 12:05 PM the annual meeting was called to order by the Reverend Haden McCormick, Rector of St. Philips Church. The Reverend McCormick declared a quorum was present. The Reverend Hank Avent gave the invocation.

Haden McCormick appointed Foster Gaillard, Esq. of St. Philips Church the Parliamentarian. Haden McCormick appointed Crayton Walters as the Recording Secretary.

The names of four nominees for the vestry were presented as nominated by church members. There was motion by Myron Harrington, seconded by Charlotte Williams, to close the nominations for vestry. A motion was made by Mark Phillips to approve the nominations to vestry by acclamation. Seconded by Gerry McCord. No discussion. Vote was unanimous in favor. ML Love, Maybank Hagood, Jim Stelling, and Dana Hiekes were each elected to a three year term.

The election of four delegates to the Convention of the Diocese of South Carolina began with nomination of the Senior and Junior Wardens, by title. Motion by Gerry McCord, Seconded by Carroll O'Neill. No discussion. Motion was passed unanimously.

Ed Pendarvis made a motion to nominate Myron Harrington as a delegate. Andy Anderson made a motion to nominate Mark Phillips as a delegate. Gerry McCord made a motion to nominate Miles Barkley as a delegate. Myron Harrington made a motion to nominate Ann Harrington as a delegate. Ballots were distributed and collected for voting. Mark Phillips and Myron Harrington were elected as Delegates with Miles Barkley and Ann Harrington as alternates.

Lynn McCormick presented gifts to the outgoing members of the vestry. Guv Gottshalk, Catherine Jones, and David Grubbs were each given a gold cross.

Haden McCormick asked for comments on the distributed financial report and annual budget. There were no questions or comments.

There was no further business before the church.

Carroll O'Neal motion, seconded by Ed Pendarvis to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

The Reverend Marc Boutan gave the Benediction.

Submitted: Crayton Walters, Recording Secretary.

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Report of the Rector—The Reverend J. Haden McCormick

Your Mission:

Glorify God,

Make Disciples of Jesus Christ.

Your Vision:

See People

Redeemed,

Healed,

Delivered,

Discipled,

Empowered,

and Equipped to Serve.

In Memoriam

Gordon Lyle

Elizabeth Harrigan

Michael Farrow

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David Soliday IV

Harriet Fellows

Marilyn Kneisley

Marianne Wichmann

George Orvin

Ruth Hood Smith

W. Pettigrew Clare

June Yates

James Jervey

Arthur Wilcox

Kathryn Matthews

Dorothy Rhett

Lucinda Schachte

Betty Geer

John Wilson

James Edwards

Heyward Harvey

Angie LeClercq

Bo Kerrison

Rosalie Orvin

Ann Lesesne

St. Philip's Church - 2015 Budget

BUDGETED REVENUESBudgeted Revenues

Giving	\$1,744,870
Other Income	322,837
Income Property	448,358
<u>Total Budgeted Revenue</u>	\$2,516,065

BUDGETED EXPENSESMinistries

Clergy	\$398,704
Adult	19,250
Youth	88,140
Children	131,273
Pre-School	256,036
Music	194,932
Outreach	210,000
Guilds	18,350
<u>Total Ministries Expenses</u>	\$1,316,685

Property

Church	\$109,712
Chapel	12,538
Parish House	85,293
Ministries Hall	67,776
Cemeteries/Grounds	12,875
Church St. Parking Lot	3,435
Kaiser Parking Lot	1,101
Rectory	31,292
Tea Garden	5,403
<u>Total Property Expenses</u>	\$329,425

Administration

Ministerial Support	\$193,862
Office Support	471,572
<u>Total Administration Expenses</u>	\$665,434

Total Budgeted Expenses **\$2,311,544**

PROJECTED SURPLUS **\$204,521**

Financial Report—2014

	2014 BUDGET	2014 ACTUAL	2015 BUDGET
Revenues			
Giving	\$1,799,948	\$1,743,884	\$1,744,870
Other Income	\$321,525	\$305,083	\$322,837
Property Income	\$469,624	\$394,271	\$448,358
Total Revenue	\$2,591,097	\$2,443,238	\$2,516,065
Expenses			
Ministries	\$1,669,297	\$1,560,074	\$1,316,685
Property	\$353,490	\$334,202	\$329,425
Administration	\$617,108	\$629,574	\$665,434
Total Expenses	\$2,639,895	\$2,523,850	\$2,311,544
<u>(DEFICIT) /SURPLUS</u>	(\$48,798)	(\$80,612)	\$204,521

Assistant to the Rector—The Reverend Hank Avent

2014 has passed and 2015 is in full gallop toward mid-year. Once winter's grip is finally broken and spring has "sprung", Easter arrives and then graduation seems only a few weeks later. As I think about how quickly time passes, it occurred to me that this year marks a milestone for me. I've served the Lord with you for ten years at St. Philips. That comes as a surprise to me. I can't figure how ten years could have passed so quickly!

As I begin my eleventh year, I'm grateful to God for the opportunities I've had to get to know so many of you. The most meaningful connections seem to happen when we can get together in a study group or a class or meet personally in a social setting. Thank you for those opportunities.

At present, my life and ministry are focused on the quest to know God more deeply, identifying and correcting inadequate conceptions of God that I've internalized over my lifetime. It's inevitable that we all have misconceptions of God. God reminds us this is true when he says,

"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord.
"And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine.
For just as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so my ways are higher than your ways
and my thoughts higher than your thoughts. (Isaiah 55:8-9, NLT).

And in his letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul echoes Isaiah, saying,

"We know only a portion of the truth, and what we say about God is always incomplete"... (1 Corinthians 13:9-10, The Message).

So, I continue this struggle to know God and especially to demonstrate God's grace through my life. Its disturbing how easily, especially in my attitude, I "miss the mark". I guess that's why this Christian life is called the "cure" of souls. I have much to learn and much growing to do, and that's good news, for God is up to the task of redeeming me and all of us.

I look forward to the upcoming year with all of you. And I hope I get to know many of you more personally through opening the Bible together.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Hank Avent

Assistant to the Rector - The Reverend Matthew W. McCormick

God's peace be with you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In response to Bishop Mark Lawrence's call for our church to be a missional church, St. Philip's has participated in supporting a thriving gospel mission in North Charleston.

My main responsibility is serving as the Vicar of Church of the Resurrection, North Charleston. This is a church plant that St. Philip's has assisted since February of 2013 and has committed itself to funding until January 2020. We are grateful for the monetary support that allows this ministry to continue and impact the North Charleston area with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Resurrection has grown from 10 committed members since 2013 to 56 committed members as of today and has an average Sunday attendance of 41 folks. We meet every Wednesday Night and Sunday to worship and study God's Word in the Water Mission's International Building, which our close friends Molly and George Greene offered as our church home. The Lord is growing this congregation and working mightily through this church. Please swing on by sometime. Our wonderful crowd will warmly welcome you.

This year Resurrection

- Baptized 4 folks who came to faith in Christ
 - Conducted 2 Weddings
 - Fed over 1500 homeless people
 - Helped contribute to the building of a Water Missions Filtration System
- Shared the gospel with over 1200 folks this past fall in a one on one conversation

Quite simply, God is amazing!!!

Our service is @ 10AM on Sundays, why not come on by? You can find more information @ www.cot-res.org

We hope to see you soon.

God's peace,
Matt+

Report of the Wardens

St. Philip's Church has had quite a year. The congregation, the ministries and the Diocese have all seen changes and transition. For the Senior and Junior Wardens the year has been prayerful, challenging and encouraging as we see the future of the church evolving as we move into 2015.

The year of 2014 saw an enormous amount of time and resources being spent on the trial in Dorchester County Courthouse in July. This monumental case, which will decide the future of the Diocese, was played out in July in a two week long trial. As we know, Judge Goodstein handed her decision down in favor of Bishop Lawrence and our Diocese. This decision has already survived more legal maneuvers and is certain to be headed to the South Carolina Supreme Court sometime later in 2015 or early 2106. We are prayerful for a favorable ruling again.

After nineteen years as part of the clergy and sixteen of those years as Rector, Haden McCormick is stepping down, leaving behind a legacy of Gospel driven teaching. Haden and Lynn have been powerful leaders during their many years at St. Philips, using their enormous faith as a cornerstone of building the body of our church. Haden presided over countless baptisms, confirmations, weddings and funerals, making significant lifelong Christian impressions on many St. Philippians. He will go down in history as a beloved Rector, a powerhouse in the Diocese and a gifted minister. Please honor Haden, Lynn and their entire family with thanks as we remember them as devoted, loving and caring people during their time with us.

As we look forward, Mark Phillips will lead a newly formed search committee tasked to conduct a national search for the next Rector. This committee will work closely with Bishop Lawrence. We anticipate possibly a year-long effort. Surveys of the congregation will help determine the basis and vision for the committee as they begin their search.

We have the beauty, history and faith of a 300 year old church. Bricks and mortar do not make a congregation, but our unique place in this historical city defines our place in Christian worship. Sometimes this block of history comes at a price. We have seen a decline in financial stability in 2014. The good news is that our giving has come back in the past few months, due to a great effort by ML Love and his stewardship team. This committee is working hard to help educate and inform the entire congregation about the joy of stewardship.

Working with ML, Charlotte Williams is developing plans for assimilation of the congregation into more of the life of the church. Missions also play a big role in this well-rounded effort of inclusivity of all facets of the church. Please look for more of this approach in 2015.

We would like to thank all of the vestry for the hard work and time they have spent this past year for St. Philip's. Every single member of the vestry is devoted and cares about our church.

Thank you all for your support during the past year.

Crayton Walters, Senior Warden

TJ Parsell, Junior Warden

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

2014 has been an interesting year at St. Philip's. Although we had a second operating deficit in a row, it was an improvement over the previous year. Last fall our new stewardship efforts under M. L Love and his committee also began to bear fruit producing a 30% increase in the number of pledges for 2015. This momentum seems to be carrying forward with very good giving results in the first quarter of 2015.

St. Philip's continues to have a small but very effective administrative staff centered around our administrative associates; Carol Burk, Juli Garland, Donna Stouffer, Felicia Lescow and Jordan Gilbert. Carol not only is our creative director; but handles all of our publications, the web site and so much more it's hard to grasp. Juli is our financial administrator and is involved in every financial transaction in this church including all receipts and disbursements of every kind, shape, and description; as well as our computer systems. Donna has been our clergy administrator but will be retiring in 2015 after almost fourteen years of service. Felicia coordinates our vast army of volunteers and answers a lot of questions at the front desk, while directing much of the high volume of traffic in the church office. Our newest part-time associate, Jordan Gilbert will be assuming much of Donna's responsibilities and continuing with her very capable focus on membership incorporation and data base administration. Also Florance Anderson handles our audio/visual needs and she records Sunday sermons and special events. Our indispensable Sexton, Ben Singleton, has hundreds of bosses and is assisted on weekends by our part time Assistant Sexton, Richard Washington. We continue to be thankful for the dedication of this small staff as well as their attitude and professionalism. Parish Administration also thanks the many volunteers and other associates who really help get the job done.

St. Philip's is blessed to have six historic buildings, along with our State and Cumberland Street office building with useable space in the annex and its entrance on Philadelphia Alley. We also have three parking lots and the use of a fourth, the Charleston County Municipal parking garage on Cumberland Street, which can be used for all church services as space is available. Our historic and magnificent Church along with our Chapel, Ministries Hall and Parish House including the graveyard and cemetery, gardens and playgrounds, give us a superb combination of facilities that support our growing and expanding ministry.

Our challenge is to continue our administrative and stewardship efforts working with various committees and groups to preserve this Church and expand our ministries for future generations. Parish Administration works closely with the Property, Cemetery, Stewardship, and the Finance Committees to assist in this important work. We would particularly like to thank their respective chairmen for all the time and effort they devote to St. Philip's; Bill Thompson, Richard Hutson, Harry Gregorie and Andy Anderson. Additionally, thanks to Jim Stelling and M.L. Love who put in many hours as the Financial and Property Vestry Council Heads.

Respectfully submitted,
W. B. Chisolm Leonard

Music Ministry—Capers Cross

The Music Department at St. Philip's underwent some major changes this year. Capers was away on sabbatical for large blocks of the spring and summer—a time of rest and recuperation which was greatly needed and appreciated. During that time Jo Hethcox kept things going in an admirable way.

Beginning in September, Capers went to $\frac{3}{4}$ time (in anticipation of going to half time in January 2015). He turned over to Jo most administrative duties, including full responsibility for the children's choir program. Capers will continue to be responsible for the adult choir, the 10:30 Sunday service, and all weddings and funerals.

Jo has a host of helpers with the children's choir program, including Jean Breza, who was brought back to direct the St. Cecilia Choir. Anne Warf and Shanelle Woods assist Jo with the Cherub and St. Nicholas Choirs, as well as the Canterbury and St. David Choirs.

The highlights of the 2014 musical calendar are as follows:

On Feb. 23, the Society of the Cincinnati were guests at our 10:30 Sunday morning service. A group from the Charleston Men's Chorus provided the music for the day.

In March Capers and Jo attended the Southeast Regional ACDA (American Choral Directors Association) Convention in Jacksonville. St. Philip's had two choristers accepted into the ACDA Honors Choir: Jillian Hethcox and Julian Ford.

In April the Holy Week and Easter services dominated the month's musical offerings. On April 25, St. Philip's provided rehearsal space for the Charleston International Choir Festival.

In May the Adult, Canterbury, and St. David Choirs joined forces with the Porter Gaud Choir to lead the music for Brian McGreevy's Ordination Service. St. Philip's concert schedule for Spoleto was lighter this year than usual, with only five concerts.

In September all choirs resumed their regular schedules. In October St. Philip's hosted three musical events—a concert by the Charleston Symphony Orchestra Spiritual Ensemble on October 4; a Junior Organ Event and Recital, designed to encourage young musicians to consider organ study, on October 25; and on October 26 a concert by the College of Charleston University Chorus.

On December 1, the Charleston Symphony Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Rob Taylor, lead a "Messiah Sing-Along" at St. Philip's, where the audience joined the chorus in a performance of the Christmas portion of Handel's *Messiah*. The annual Lessons and Carols service took place on December 14. The year drew to a close with the 3 Christmas Eve services.

Children's Ministries—Angela Clark and Lee Moore

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love.

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

We had a fun and busy year in Childrens Ministry! The Sunday School program is booming! A huge thank you to all of our Sunday School teachers: Jane Jilich, Franny Slay, Beth Bailey, Katharine Bair, Dorothy Lancaster, Dan Russler and Libby Russler, John Kerrison, Ed Morrison and Courtney Agosti.

The annual egg hunt was very successful in blending the preschool with the church families.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 15th - 19th. We are so appreciative to Brian McGreevy and all of our volunteers that make this a huge success!

Cooking Camp is still going strong and one of our favorite things! We include a bible study and activity. One of the Chefs from Rue de Jean helps us and it is a great way to spend a Wednesday morning.

Lee and I continue with Joy and Thanksgiving to serve the Lord and the children of St. Philip's Church.

Angela

Youth Minister—David Gilbert

Dear St. Philippians,
Glory be to God! Christ is King and worthy of our praise and thanksgiving! Amen.

“Remember Thy First Love...” Rev. 2:4-5

What a year it has been! I love this scripture above because it is a call and a challenge to keep Jesus the center and source of all in your life. He is our first love and we like lost sheep go astray and allow the day to day activities of our busy lives to pull us away from our “First Love.” That is why the word *remember* is paramount to us as Christians, and why I strive to keep that word alive and in the common vocabulary at youth group. It calls us to think and relive and enter into divine grace, which is eternity, and encounter the living God and to live in God's Kingdom power now in this present time and space. Remember to brush your teeth, remember to do your homework, and remember to look both ways before crossing the street. We hear the word all the time and seldom does it invoke the love of God within us. Remembering Jesus, my first love, is my way of clinging to the hem of Jesus' garment. It is a source of healing, a path of life, and a constant reminder of joy. I pray that the youth of this generation will grow strong and not wane in their passion for his kingdom fulfillment. I pray that Jesus Christ the righteous will be their “first love” all of their lives on this planet, and that they will remember to keep him at the forefront of their minds and hearts. I hope that they will remember His promises declared unto mankind and that they will remember to love one another. I pray that in times of temptation and persecution that they will not grow cold, but keep their first love kindled and burning bright into the darkness of our culture.

This past year at youth group we have covered a variety of topics and scriptures seeking to expand the knowledge base and the heart development of the Gospel. I asked Haden to put the youth in our prayers during the liturgy this year, and it is a constant remembrance of my mission to this church and our collective mission as a community of believers. We all need to pray, in all times and in all places, for all the circumstances of life. I am so thankful for the core group of teens that we have at this church. Please remember them in your prayers.

Please encourage your children and grandchildren to continue to come to youth group and grow in grace. Remember to pray for the volunteer leaders, who after busy weeks at school and work come to build up and bless your kids. I could not do what I do with out the faithful crew of leadership that supports me, prays for me, and blesses me on a weekly basis. THANK YOU!

Our ski trip was one of the best that we ever had, and it was a powerful time of healing for our group as we remembered Shriver Soliday, our dear brother in Christ, who passed away last summer. His Grandfather, Frederic Jones, gave a scholarship to aid several students to go on the trip. The fellowship and student lead devotionals on Hope, were in one student's words, “The best part of the trip!”

Haiti was a blessing to our youth group as we went on the annual mission trip this past summer. We are gearing up to take another group of youth this June 19-24. Please pray for us and also consider joining us if you have never been. I promise that it will bless you more than you could possibly imagine. This is a special spring for me, too. I will be sending off several seniors who I had the privilege of teaching first grade to when I taught at Porter-Gaud. What a joy it has been to watch these young men grow! St. Philip's, “Remember Thy First Love...”

In Christ,
David Gilbert, Youth Pastor

Buildings and Grounds Council

The Buildings and Grounds Council is the liaison between the Vestry and the property and cemetery committees. At times they also get involved in capital maintenance, property maintenance, up grading equipment and construction issues. This includes our six historic buildings; church, chapel, ministries hall, parish house, tea garden, rectory, as well as the graveyard, cemetery and grounds. Additionally, we, along with the Finance Committee, monitor our State Street Office building and two owned and one leased parking lot. Together, with respective committee heads and the parish administrator, we strive to keep our properties in excellent condition.

During 2014 we experienced various and expected mostly routine maintenance and repairs to our various properties. The focus has been to make repairs and improvements that are of high quality with long term warranty to protect the interest of St. Phillip's into the future and that are economical in construction cost as well as to maintain.

The State Street Office building experienced issues with the heating and air conditioning system requiring replacement of the system components. Proposals were received to replace the inoperable components of the system. The work has been completed and the State Street Office Building now has it heating and air conditioning system but in good operating condition. The swing motors in the belfry were replaced last year and they are now also under an extended warranty; however, a lightning strike damaged electrical components that had to be replaced. Insurance claims were submitted and payment was received for the insured coverage.

There have been several issues with the Rectory that have been evaluated and addressed as normal events in the maintenance of a historic residence.

The cemetery committee continues restoring grave stones and markers in an on-going program under the direction of Francis Ford. Grounds maintenance is also an on-going program to keep our facilities and church in good condition under the capable leadership of Tommy Anderson.

The property committee headed by Bill Thompson and the cemetery committee headed by Richard Hutson along with the parish administrator are dedicated and diligent in their monitoring, managing and improving the facilities of our historic properties to ensure their preservation for the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Miller L. Love, Jr. PE

Communications

By Suzanne McCord

Carol Burk: All Print Publications and Website Primary Administrator

Jordan Gilbert: Membership Database Administration, Website Secondary Support

Florance Anderson: Audio/Visual for all events at St. Philip's, Website Support

Communications Committee began 2014 with the search for a new website for St. Philip's. After looking at all possibilities from the most expensive and professional to the less expensive, more do-it-yourself versions and after looking at live website examples from other church sites, school sites, retirement community sites, and many more, we finally settled on a website hosted by Church Plant Media, a cost effective, do-it-yourself site with a very supportive staff. As we all know, websites should never be static. A good website is a constantly evolving tool.

(I would like to take a minute here to give a shout out to Bob Nutall for his creation and maintenance of our previous website. When he was senior warden, Bob agreed to take on the job of updating our website. Then for the next 10 plus years he and Carol Burk keep it up and running all by themselves. He also has been the one who has faithfully communicated with Visitors and prospective members who request information by filling out cards in the church pews. For his excellent, and often unrecognized service, we are truly grateful.)

When we started the 2014-2015 year in September with the Welcome Back Lunch, we were ready to introduce the congregation to our new website. We were excited to share that this new website would have a few very important new features. We would soon have on-line giving AND an on-line member directory. The Welcome Back luncheon was the perfect venue to hand out member information forms and take pictures of each family/member so that our information would be up to date and current.

Now as said before, Carol Burk, had done an amazing job building and maintaining our earlier websites, but we all knew that she was not going to be able to maintain this new website, with its new features, all by herself while still performing all of her other responsibilities. So the good news of 2014 was the hiring of Jordan Gilbert as a part-time Database Administrator. Without Jordan on staff, all the data and photos that we collected in September would probably still be sitting in a box somewhere. Instead, after months of dedicated and detailed data input from Jordan, we now have all that useful member info ready to be easily accessed through a password protected portal by our members and staff. Finally, we all can simply go to the "My St. Philip's" link on our website or even better J go to our "Church Life" phone app to find a phone number or email of a friend at church. You can also see the small groups and ministries you are currently involved in and request to learn about or join others. To learn how to get this app or how to use the app go to our website and click on the "Resources" tab, then the "Membership Directory" tab. There you will find easy instructions to follow.

Of course, we have been very careful to only make available the information our members approved. And we are using the tried and trusted Church Management Software, ACS, which has been providing this type of service for over 30 years. Rest assured that the whole church staff has taken every precaution to make your information as safe and secure as possible. Juli Garland, our Church Finance Administrator, has worked diligently to check out, research, and read the manuals about the on-line giving to make sure your information is safe and secure. Now we can make a donation on line, and check our giving totals at any time.

The on-line version of the survey that was handed out in September is still available on our website. So, if you would like to be a part of our directory, you can fill it out anytime. The survey also allows you to sign-up for a lay ministry, share your testimony and even ask a question and/or give suggestions. You can find the form on the website under "Resources" then click on "Membership Directory."

Communications—continued

The website is also the place to look for buying tickets to events at St. Philip's like the Canterbury Concert, and to find forms to either fill out on line or download and print out. For example your Tea Room volunteer form and vestry forms were on line.

In 2015 we hope to get the calendar/event tab on the website and app integrated

On average we have about 1,700 visits to our website over a week; 5,600 a month.

Meanwhile, thanks to Carol Burk, *The Inspire* continues to be mailed every Wednesday, except during holiday periods. We have a group of "Inspire ladies" who come weekly to label, stuff, and seal the envelopes in order to get it ready for mailing. This group is led by Grace Creel, who is a valuable asset to this important project.

Juli Garland faithfully delivers the Inspire to the Post Office Business Mail Entry center on Cross County Road.

Carol also makes sure *The Inspire* is uploaded to our website and emailed out as the *E-Spire*.

Florance Anderson also plays an important role in our Church Communications. She not only makes it possible for us to hear what is being said while we sit in church, Sunday school or special events, but she also provides recordings of them. Florance records the sermons, Sunday school teachings and some special speakers and then uploads them to our website. All you have to do is click the "Resources Tab" on our website, then click the "sermons" link out the right side then the page comes up that lets you filter by: speaker, category, series or month. It is really simple and there are some amazing sermons and teachings to choose from. For example: Penn Hagood's history lesson given in Sunday School, Brian McGreevy's teachings on the books of Acts and Matthew, Teachings given by Alan Runyan and Betsy Cahill, Sermons by our Rectors as well as Bishops and other Guests. There is room for growth as well. Maybe one day we can even put up video of the sermons and set-up regular podcasts. If you would like to help Florance with our AV communications, please let us know.

We also started a Facebook Page for St. Philip's Church in 2014.

There is a new button that Facebook created for pages. It allows people to click and be taken directly to another website page. So now you can click the "buy now" button on our Facebook page and be taken to our website page where you can buy tickets to the Canterbury Choir Concert. We have 217 "likes" on our page. If you have a Facebook page be sure to go to St. Philip's page and like us. The beauty of Facebook vs the website is the ability to be quickly shared and get the news out fast. So the more of our members who are following our Facebook the better our communications can be.

So 2014 has been busy and productive. We have talented and committed people involved. Together they have put in place powerful tools for communicating what is happening at St. Philip's and for interacting with each other and with the church. In 2015 we hope to expand and improve these capabilities, while encouraging more of our members and the larger community to take advantage of them. Communication is a two way process. The better the communication the better the relationship. Let us all work together to continue to improve communications at St. Philip's in 2015.

"...effective communication requires more than an exchange of information. When done right, communication fosters understanding, strengthens relationships, improves teamwork and builds trust."

Liz Papadopoulos, "Let's Chat" Professionally Speaking: the Magazine of the Ontario College of Teachers, March 2014

Outreach—World Missions

Proverbs 11:25 The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped.

God continues to bless our world mission efforts and those we serve through being faithful in prayers, sending teams, and financial support. We give God the glory for the privilege of partnering with Him in building, strengthening and deepening relationships throughout the World.

Through our presence and encouragement, we connect one part of God's world to another part of God's world.

St. Philips continues her servant roll building relationships and encouraging in the following areas:

LAMB – Honduras-representative - Susan Keller

Suzy McCall – Honduras – representative –Susan Keller

Honduras Medical Missions – representative - Ken and Pat Holden

Honduras Medical Missions – representative – Laurie Harrell

Fig Tree- Rwanda / Martha Vetter – representative – Tammy Gottshalk

Haiti – St. Jean Baptist Episcopal Church –representative – Gerry & Suzanne McCord

Water Missions – World Wide –representative – Sam Robinson

2014 was another full year with mission teams and families going to visit Suzy in Tegucigalpa serving her with the needs of LAMB and the students. A number of St. Philipians serve on the LAMB board traveling to meet with her annually.

Suzy McCall celebrating **25 years in Tegucigalpa, Honduras** serving now as ordained priest in addition to L.A.M.B and numerous outreaches with her love for the Hondurans.

Ken and Pat Holden celebrating **25 years** in Honduras leading medical missions, assisting with critical needs. Ken has been part of the lead team with “Telemedicine” now active through the MUSC and a Hospital in Tegucigalpa on a weekly basis.

Laurie Harrell celebrating **8 years in Honduras** leading medical teams including several of our youth and parishioner parents.

Laurie was also the lead Physician 2011 with our mobile medical clinic in Haiti and continues to assist with ordering the children vitamins, meds and supplies that we hand deliver.

Many Parishioners participated in the vital support of the “**packing pills**” for the Honduras Medical Trip.

Haiti- celebrating **25 years** with our Sister Church and schools on La Gonave Island. Our 2014 trip was very special last June as this was our first youth initiative with seven boys and girls along with our youth director David Gilbert and four other parishioners. The youth returned energized and excited to the point of starting a “missions club” at Ashley Hall. They also had a fund raiser and participated in a “lunch program” capital campaign to insure the children would have a hot meal at least once a day during school.

Martha Vetter our Rwanda missionary has been back in the states battling a serious health issue however continues her work long distance. Please pray for her complete healing.

Water Missions International very active throughout the world with St. Philips volunteers assisting on a regular basis assembling the Purification Units for delivery when emergency and ongoing potable water needs arise. The youth are in progress of helping Water Missions with one of its projects in Mexico and hope to go this summer.

World Mission brochures are available in the narthex and office .World Mission moments and announcements are also found in the INSPIRE and on our web site www.stphilipschruchsc.org.

We welcome any parishioner interest in our current focus areas or perhaps God is calling you to another part of the world. Please contact any one of the representatives above or call the church office.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerry McCord

Parish Life

As the Vestry Member who oversees Parish Life, please find submitted the following annual report.

Archives/History:

Archives and History is overseen by Bill McIntosh and Dorothy Anderson. As they have for many years, Dot and Bill make sure the history of St. Philip's Church is documented and preserved, with an emphasis on using archives as a vehicle to bring Christ to the congregation through the Church's history. Both of these Church members have taken advantage of the vast information and resources of the archives of the Church to recently write books about the history of St. Philip's Church.

Dorothy Anderson, along with her niece Margaret "Peg" Eastman, has written a wonderful new book focused on the early history of St. Philip's Church from 1670 to 1860. This book has been published by The History Press, which will sell the book at its outlets for \$29 per book. For an initial sell period, the Church is selling the book to its members and friends for a discounted price of \$20 per book. Approximately 250 books have been sold to date. Proceeds go to benefit the Church.

Bill McIntosh published his book *The Spiritual Journey of St. Philip's Church*, about the spiritual leadership of St. Philip's Church from the early 1900's to present day. This book is for sale on Amazon and also through the Church office for \$20 per book. To date approximately 1,500 books have been sold. Proceeds go to benefit the Church.

Kanuga:

The annual St. Philip's Parish fall retreat was once again held at the Kanuga Conference Center in Hendersonville, N.C. It was well attended and a spiritual success with Dr. Klaus Detlev Schulz as the featured guest.

Church Street Mission:

Bill McIntosh is currently managing the Church Street Mission. His volunteer group, as much as resources and volunteers allow, greets visitors in the Church Narthex, handing out booklets on the Gospel of John and providing a spiritual message.

Newcomers:

Haden and Donna Stouffer have traditionally overseen the greeting of Newcomers and processing them for possible membership in the Church. Ed Pendarvis regularly reviews the Church pews to make sure the yellow cards from the pew racks are collected and visitors are then contacted by the Church. Volunteer greeters continue to do a great job welcoming visitors before and after worship services each Sunday.

Alpha:

Alpha is a class for members and new members of St. Philip's Church. With Haden leading, a traditional Alpha class was offered in the fall, with 14 participants, and a Lenten study was just completed in lieu of an Alpha course in the spring, with over 100 participants.

Mere Anglicanism:

The Mere Anglicanism conference was held in January 2015 at the Music Hall in downtown Charleston. The sold out event was a tremendous success, with numerous speakers and very thought provoking topics. Next year's conference will be held January 21-23 in Charleston and the theme will be the Christian response to (militant) Islam.

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Miles Barkley
Vestry Member

Pastoral Care Council

The committees under the aegis of Pastoral Care include the Compassion Committee, the Prayer Chain, the Stephen Ministry, and the bereavement Committee.

The Compassion Committee under Callie McLaurin and Monti Hanger has continued its excellent work in providing flowers, meals, plants, comforting notes, and visits to those in the congregation who have undergone loss and duress in the preceding year. Their Spirit-inspired service has touched the hearts of many within the congregation. This is a ministry which makes itself available to all, but it is not intrusive. Members of the congregation are urged to inform the clergy and the committee if they know of an individual in need.

The Prayer Chain headed by Ann Yarborough prays for our people and their concerns in response to special requests. This is a confidential offering of intercession. The power of the Holy Spirit works within these members to appeal to our Lord and Savior for aid to those in their hour of need.

The Stephen Ministry headed by Catherine Jones has brought a request to the Vestry for a reorganization and reinvigoration of this great spiritual resource. As a member of the Vestry, I promise to work with Catherine and other interested members of the Stephen Ministry and the clergy to renew this skilled and dedicated organization.

It has also been requested that a more formal method of organizing funeral preparations be established within St. Philips. This issue has been laid before the full Vestry and it is hoped that progress will become evident during the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana L. Heikes, M. D.

Spiritual Formation

St. Philip's is blessed to have dedicated and creative leadership represented in the teaching of our children, youth and adults. Angela Clark, Lee Moore, David Gilbert, Al Phillips, our ministers, and a host of adult study coordinators and Sunday School teachers work tirelessly each week to ensure that St. Philip's congregation has the opportunity to experience God's Word.

The Sunday School Program, under the direction of Angela Clark and Lee Moore, has 80 children enrolled from age 3 years - 6th grade.

The combined Youth Group, led by David Gilbert, has a roster of 52 St. Philip's families (often with more than one child in a family attending) represented each week. David's program is so compelling that many young people from other churches in the area attend.

Al Phillips' Confirmation Class had 49 students this year. In addition, 7 adults were confirmed.

There are a host of Bible studies offered throughout the week and on Sundays. The Lenten Study of *Soul Keeping*, which was offered at church and at homes around Charleston, saw a consistent attendance of 80 each week.

Jordan Gilbert is gifted and enthusiastic. She coordinates the information of all of our members, making it possible to reach more of our congregants than ever before. With Jordan's help, St. Philip's is able to encourage each member to participate in the life of the parish.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlotte M. Williams

Youth Council

Enriched with the Holy Spirit, David Gilbert continues to lead the Youth Ministry at St. Philip's (now serving his 12th year!) with great enthusiasm for our children and the mission of our church.

The Youth Group represents the future of St. Philip's and thanks to David and his vibrant helpers including Polly Dickson, Will Hefner, and John and Sarah Gottshalk, we are providing our youth with "a safe, warm, caring environment that promotes unity, respect for self and others, fellowship, biblical knowledge, and worship that glorifies Jesus Christ and produces a fruitful body."

With weekly meetings on Friday and Sunday evenings from 6-8pm throughout the school year, the 2014-2015 St. Philip's Youth Group includes over 70 members, split between Jr. High (6-8th grade) and Sr. High (9-12th grade) students. The meetings allow for students to first unwind and relax in the youth room, then move to worship and the reading of scripture in the Parish Hall. David "The Ninja Minister" Gilbert reminds our children that Christ surrounds us throughout our lives, visibly and invisibly. Small groups allow the students to discuss how the scripture can be applied to our daily walk with Jesus in our busy lives, and each person is given the opportunity to pray for their schools, families, and friends, and for the world to receive the Gospel. Thanks to the dedicated families that volunteer to prepare meals for the youth group functions throughout the year, the weekly gatherings conclude with dinner and more fellowship in a community table setting.

David has encouraged a mission-minded youth council at St. Philip's. Each student is given the opportunity to be an active participant in the 2015 Youth Group goal of raising \$2,000 for Water Missions International. Furthermore, students view slideshows each week of Water Missions efforts worldwide and are encouraged to consider participating in a future St. Philip's Haiti mission trip.

The annual Sr. High Youth Group ski trip this year was formally named "The Shriver Soliday Memorial Ski Trip" and 17 members made their way to Lake Tahoe for a very memorable event. David emphasizes a "discipleship-minded" journey for the Sr. Youth Group attendees and the trip offers an extraordinary opportunity for our youth to witness God's beauty in first hand on the mountain.

Please continue to pray for the youth of our church and the leadership of David Gilbert. The Youth Council represents the foundation for our future, and we are truly blessed to have the volunteers and directors that make this organization such a vital part of our St. Philip's family.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dexter Rumsey