

*"For we are God's fellow workers' you are God's field, God's building." 1 Corinthians 3:9*

## *An Extraordinary Response!*

Our Stewardship season has drawn to a close for now, and we have had an extraordinary response to our direct appeal for an increase in pledging from our church family.

For the pledges we have received to date, over 75% of pledging units have increased their pledge from last year. A pledge card symbolizes a commitment to St. Philip's and is extremely significant for the church, allowing us to plan for the next year.

For those parishioners completing their 2017 pledge or wishing to prepay their 2018 pledge, checks are due by **Sunday December 31st**. Please consult your tax advisor to see if you would benefit from prepaying your 2018 pledge due to the upcoming changes in the tax code.

*Thank you again for your continued generosity to St. Philip's ministries and property.*

Faithfully,  
Greg Kintz, Stewardship Chair

## What's Happening

### **This Week: Dec. 17 - 23**

Today: 9 AM, **Bible Study**, Room #2  
Today: 10 AM, **Pageant Rehearsal**  
**No Meditation** this week or next  
Fri., 6 PM, **Youth Christmas Party**  
Sat., **Overnight Shelter Group**

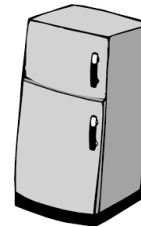
### **Save the Date**

Dec. 24, 7 PM, **Christmas Eve Svc.**  
Dec. 24, 10:30 PM, **Midnight Svc.**  
Dec. 25, 10 AM, **Christmas Svc**  
Jan., 8, **2nd Monday Book Group**  
Jan. 9, **Bible Study**  
Jan. 28, **Annual Meeting**  
June 3, **Bishop's Visit**



**TODAY!**

**WHEN: Today at 5pm.** Coffee/tea & cookies to follow. Bring treats to share!  
**Rehearsal Today! during the 10am service, finishing by 1:30 pm—Lunch is provided**



### **Food Pantry Needs a Refrigerator**

Our Food Pantry is getting ready to move into a new room here at St. Philip's that is safe and dry, with room for a refrigerator. We are looking for a donation of an energy efficient refrigerator. If you have any suggestions we would be so very grateful. Please contact Lori Kintz at lori@kintz.net.

### **14th Annual New Year's Eve Interfaith Vigil for Peace**

December 31st, 8:00 - 10:45 PM

*Come when you wish; stay as long as you wish*

Holy Cross Parish Hall

126 High Street, S.C. - across from Mission Plaza Park

*Silence Meditation Walk the labyrinth*

*In the shared hope for global peace.*

**All are welcome**



*Christ  
is the Light  
of the World*

### Christmas Eve - December 24

- 8 AM Holy Eucharist
- 10 AM Holy Eucharist with music  
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- 6:30 PM Musical offerings
- 7 PM Family Service,  
w/ carols, stories, & communion  
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- 10:30 PM Musical Offerings
- 11 PM Candlelight Service w/ Communion

### Christmas Morning - December 25

- 10 AM Family Service,  
w/ carols, stories, & communion

St. Philip the Apostle Episcopal Church  
5271 Scotts Valley Drive 831-438- 4360  
www.stphilip-sv.net



## LOST

A plastic bin filled with round Christmas table cloths.

If you know where it is,  
please contact the church office — 831-438-4360 –  
or Pastor Mary — 408-219-5306.

The  
Church  
Office  
  
Will Be  
Closed:

Monday, December 18th  
Monday, December 25th  
Monday, January 1st



### Phase 1 construction work started!

The goal is to complete the following before Christmas:  
Cross repair; Sanctuary atrium window and wall repair;  
Church Office wall and ceiling repair plus window into  
Foyer; box in the pipework in the foyer and wall  
reinforcement; new Food Pantry drywall ceiling, and  
replacement of window by drywall, installation of  
humidity-sensing extractor fan; old food pantry  
ceiling repair. **Hurray!**

**And our deepest thanks to all  
who made this possible!**

*We don't foresee any major  
disruptions, but we ask for your  
patience as this work proceeds.*



If the front side door has a sign saying, "Locked for Construction,"  
you can unlock the glass doors to enter.