

Pip's Squeak

June 3, 2018

When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table.

(Luke 22:14)



Dear people of St. Philip's,

Bishop Mary is coming this Sunday for our BRUNCH CHURCH service: 9:00am (just one service this week, so we can all be together as big family!) We will have our worship in the midst of our meal, just as Jesus and his disciples did, just as Jesus told us we could do, to remember him.

The church sanctuary will be converted to a banquet hall, as we have done for a dinner banquet in the past. Everyone is encouraged to bring a breakfast food to share at your table. It will be both fun and faithful, sharing the spirit of God's holy presence among us in this different way. Bishop Mary has never had this experience herself, so she is looking forward to finding out what it's all about!

In the midst of the service we will have the sacred ceremonies of Confirmations, Receptions and Reaffirmation of Faith. This will be a time when all of us show our support of those making public commitments of faith in The Episcopal Church. All of us will have a chance to make our own affirmation of our faith in the sharing of the Baptismal Covenant.

At the end of the service we will all be invited to the Parking Lot where Bishop Mary will offer a blessing over our newly repaired steeple cross, shining brightly, reaching to the sky! We sincerely hope you will be with us on this special day!

Peace to you in Christ,

Pastor Mary and Jim Blessing

P.S. if you have time to come help with setting up the Sanctuary on Saturday, June 2 at 2pm, please do!

This Week: June 3—9

Tue., 11:30 AM, **Repair Project Status Meeting**, Sanctuary

Thu., 5 PM, **Food Pantry**

Sat., 5 pm, **Overnight Guests**, Parish Hall

FCS Dinner made & served by the Connor Family, St. Philip's

Save the Date

June 9, **Discovery Day Discernment Workshop**

June 10, **Potluck Picnic & Pool Party**

Things are Looking Up!

Look up the next time you are at St. Philip's - Our cross is repaired and we have new ceilings!

Phase 2 construction is now complete, just in time for Bishop Mary's visitation on Sunday, June 3rd. This completes water damage repair to the interior of the rear of the building, as well as repairing the cross.

The Bronze Works came out on Thursday morning and did a beautiful job of repairing our brass cross. Both arms now have full-strength welds. For a while our cross will have a brighter appearance - almost as if to celebrate its return to wholeness! Over the coming months it will build a patina and return to its more muted appearance.

We had a lot of water damage in the rear of our building, ultimately rendering it unusable. We have replaced damaged structural components and removed and replaced mold/mildew damaged drywall. This included rebuilding the severely damaged wall in the Library. Our new walls and ceilings have been textured and are being painted with primer. Then it will be our turn to do the final painting.

Soon we will be planning how we want to organize and use our new space. Stay tuned for more on this from Lori Kintz!

In coming months we will replace external doors, reroof the flat roof section at the rear of the building and rebuild the external stairs and stairwell.

Our weary building is getting a big rejuvenation and on Sunday we celebrate its revival with Bishop Mary. Let's carry that celebratory feeling through into our community outreach programs, that directly benefit from these improvements and also into our own community spirit as we release ourselves from the burdens of the past and look forward to an exciting future. "Dream Bigger" is starting to happen!

Yours in Christ, *Clive Ellis, Junior Warden*

Before: Note the missing arm. —>



← During: The artist-welder at work.



After: Done! A superior weld in place and shining in the sun. —>



June 10th Picnic Potluck Hidden Glen Picnic & Pool Area

June 10th we will have our special end of school year celebrations in worship service and at our picnic party after church. In addition to celebrating graduates, we will give thanks for the Mes-ser family who is moving to Texas. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to be enjoying the festivities with all of us.

YEARLY BIBLE STUDY CONCLUDES

Congratulations to those who completed our first Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study class! Well done! On May 29 nine of us gathered to enjoy a final session in which we celebrated completing reading through the Bible together, from Genesis to Revelation, supporting one another through the difficult times, laughing our way through the absurd moments, and exploring what it all means to us today. Thank you for being such a joyful part of ministry as we grew together this year. Here are some things people reflected at the end of our retreat on Spiritual Gifts, the culmination of our study year:

- ⇒ I so appreciated hearing different perspectives and interpretations of things. It enriched the whole experience for me as we participated together in community.
- ⇒ There were days when I wasn't sure about coming, I have so many other things to do, and I have another weekly Bible group. But then I would come to this one and always felt I got something important out of it. It was good.
- ⇒ We had a holy human experience today. I feel blessed to have been asked to participate.
- ⇒ Thanks again... to everyone for such a lovely and intimate day yesterday [while going through a difficult situation] I closed my eyes and thought of all of you and of the lovely spirit of unity in yesterday's time together. Those thoughts helped me through...!
- ⇒ I really needed the grounding/centering/nurturing that I felt this afternoon...God bless you all—you sustain me in ways that you may never know!