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Rector's Corner

**The Mission of:
St. Philip's Episcopal Church
To be an outward and visible sign of an
inward and spiritual faith lived out in our
prayers, presence, and talents to proclaim
the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

Our mission statement is a very good description of the Biblical theology of mission. The word "mission" comes from the Latin *mission* from the verb *mittere* which means "to send." The word "sending" implies movement. I have heard it said that there are two models of the Church. One might be termed the "supermarket" model. The supermarket church is lined with shelves full of God's grace, and the members come in and take items of grace only when they think they need them. The other model is the "caravan" model. The caravan church consists of members who are living their lives continually in God's grace and moving as a body through the world dispensing the Good News of God's grace everywhere and at all times. In other words, the caravan church is "faith lived out in our prayers, presence, and talents to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

In the Church, the word "mission" is used in several ways and it can be confusing. The plural "missions" often refers to those activities that involve evangelism and in many cases evangelism overseas to the unchurched. The Biblical concept of mission is much larger than that, and our mission statement hits the nail right on the head. Mission is holistic and begins in our own congregation by preaching the Gospel and creating a church where each one of our members can experience the presence of the Triune God and move forward in their spiritual development. Mission begins with the Bible and learning the story of God's movement through time in creating a world where the perfect love of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit can be shared with His people. Mis-

sion is found in the major Biblical themes of creation and covenant. It is found in God's calling of Israel to be a blessing to the nations of the earth, in His freeing of Israel from the bondage of slavery in Egypt, and in His sending of the prophets to call the Israelites to repentance. The ultimate expression of God's movement in the world is His sending His beloved Son into the world so that we might have eternal life. Mission for St. Philip's involves worship that includes meaningful and inspiring liturgy, music, and preaching and providing both spiritual and material support for those members who have need, but also reaching out into the community.

From the Gospel of Matthew 19: 21 *Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."*

Helping the poor is a basic Biblical principle, a basic principle of mission. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus is quite clear about how our lives will be judged. We are to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, and visit the prisoner. Jesus says that whatever we do to the poor and destitute, those whom he calls the "least of these my brethren," we do to the Lord himself. The Fund for the Poor was established at St. Philip's in August 2009, to meet the needs of those citizens of Palestine who are struggling financially. Money for the Fund has come from the generous contributions of the members of St. Philip's, and since June 2011, with help from the members of First Christian Church of Palestine.

Kelan Eckerman, St. Philip's Parish Administrator, with the oversight of the rector and the vestry, manages the Fund for the Poor. Since August 2009, help has been provided to more than 800 families totaling \$38,000. There are several food banks in Palestine, so most of the money provided by the Fund goes toward the payment of utility bills. We have also helped people with the cost of doctors' visits and prescription drugs. Kelan runs a tight ship.

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Each applicant is interviewed in person and the visit is recorded. Cash is not distributed except on very rare occasions. For the past two years, the Fund has provided a merry Christmas for two needy families with a Christmas dinner and toys for the children.

You may be wondering who we are helping. Many of the people who come to us for help have recently lost their jobs. One young family came to us to get money for prescription drugs. The husband was out of work, and the family home had been foreclosed. They were living in one of the low-cost motels in Palestine, and husband, wife, and young daughter all had bronchitis, and they didn't have the money to get the medicine that they desperately needed. Another family was referred to us by a teacher who was concerned that the family was about to be evicted from their home. The husband had been laid off from an oil field job, and then the business where he found part-time work had closed. There were five children, and the family was desperate. In the largest single donation, the Fund paid three months rent and enabled the family to get back on their feet. The husband has now gone back to work, and they are still in their house.

St. Philip's Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

An automated external defibrillator (AED) is a light-weight, portable device that delivers an electric shock through the chest to the heart. The shock can stop an irregular rhythm and allow a normal rhythm to resume in a heart in sudden cardiac arrest. Sudden cardiac arrest is an abrupt loss of heart function. If it's not treated within minutes, it quickly leads to death. Most sudden cardiac arrests result from ventricular fibrillation. This is a rapid and unsynchronized heart rhythm originating in the heart's lower pumping chambers (the ventricles). The heart must be "defibrillated" quickly, because a victim's chance of surviving drops by 7 to 10 percent for every minute a normal heartbeat isn't restored.

The St. Philip's AED is located on the right-hand side of the hallway that begins at the Parish Office and goes to the old kitchen. Following a training session arranged by Kay Chapman, we now have 17 people certified in CPR and trained on the AED

Alpha Begins on September 12

We will begin the third St. Philip's Alpha Course on Monday, September 12, 2011. Many of you have completed the course and can talk it up. For those of you who haven't done Alpha, please consider signing up this fall. It is 10 weeks of Christian fundamentals, food, fellowship, and fun. You can get more information at www.alphausa.org. Please start recruiting.

St. Philip's Dinner Theater

St. Philip's will present "Keep A Goin!", a one-person show by Michael Holmes on August 19 and August 20. This will be a dinner-show to benefit the St. Philip's Fund for the Poor. The dinner theater was the brainchild of Michael Holmes, who is donating his time and talent, and several of the women of St. Philip's Church, and was organized by a committee made up of people from several Palestine churches. 100 percent of the proceeds of ticket sales for this dinner theater will go to the Fund. Michael is the brother of our friend, Al Holmes, and has been in theater his entire life, spending 20+ years in New York and another 20+ years in Los Angeles. Tickets are \$20 per person and are available in the Parish Office for the performances. Seating is limited in the Parish Hall, so it is recommended that you get your tickets early.

Blessings in Christ,

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St. Mary's Guild

Marian Raney

**** Rally Day ****

** St. Mary's "famous spaghetti" lunch fund raiser!! **

** **When:** September 11th 11:15AM **

** **Where:** St. Phillips Church **

** **How:** Call office - make reservations!! **

** **EVERYONE WELCOME** **



ECW



Katherin Wardlaw

The next ECW meeting is scheduled for September 13 with Jeanette George and Mary Kolstad as hostesses. John Tanner, Director of Air Land Emergency Rescue Team, will present the program. All St. Philip's church women and their guests are invited to attend.

Treasurer's Report

Norwood Brenneke

	<i>June 2011</i>	<i>Year-to-Date</i>
Beginning Balance	53,354.74	39,944.82
Total Income	14,623.97	126,132.09
Total Expenses	17,328.15	115,738.23
Ending Balance	50,650.56	50,650.56

Leif Knippers

This month, the St. Philip's family is launching one of its own as Leif Knippers prepares to leave for college. Leif recently graduated from Cayuga High School, with many honors to his credit. During his high school career, Leif was active in Student Council (serving two years as president), served as FFA President, Interact (Rotary) Club Vice President, Band President, Band Beaux, National Honor Society, Student of the Month, and was twice voted Most Likely to Succeed.



Leif has joyfully served St. Philip's as acolyte and reader as well as often volunteering for many other duties before he was asked.

West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas is Leif's college of choice. He plans to major in Business with an emphasis in Finance. Upon completion of his Bachelor's Degree, he hopes to attend Mays Business School, Texas A&M University College Station, to complete an MBA with a focus block in International Business.

Leif's sister, Miranda, also attends West Texas A&M University in Canyon and is looking forward to sharing the WT college experience with her brother.

Mike and Kirsten Knippers are Leif's proud parents. He is the grandson of parishioner, Joann Evans, and the late Dr. John Evans.

We will miss you, Leif, and look forward to seeing you during the breaks from your studies. Godspeed!

Altar Guild

Beverly Beck

The Altar Guild continues to function in spite of vacations and a blistering hot summer. As usual, the dedicated and faithful service of the Altar Guild is appreciated by St. Philips.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry

There is a good supply of prayer shawls available. They are available through the church office!

Cursillo

Cursillo group meetings are now every Tuesday afternoon at 5:30 p.m. in the parlour.

The men's group continues to meet at 8 a.m. on Friday mornings at the Subs and Dogs. Martha Polasek

DOK

Kathleen Smith

Daughters of the King will meet Thursday, August 11 at 5:30 p.m. Kathleen will share some notes from a class entitled "Prayer, the Secret Weapon".

CPR/AED Training Kay Chapman

Here is information and pictures of the training.

Elkhart ISD Athletic Director John Adair generously donated a morning of his busy summer to train 15 St. Philip's parishioners in CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) and the proper use of our new AED (Automated External Defibrillator) on July 16. Coach Adair, who is also the Head Football and Head Baseball Coach has been responsible for training staff members at EISD for the past five years. Last year alone, he trained over 85 teachers, instructional assistants, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, maintenance staff and extra-curricular sponsors in First Aid, CPR, and AED use in an effort to enhance student and employee safety. The coach's broad range of experience was put to good use in the St. Philip's Parish Hall.

Coach Adair's instructional DVD's and multiple practice manikins for adult, child, and infant CPR made for an interesting "hands on" workshop. Each participant had the opportunity to practice CPR and AED use on each size manikin. Following each practice session, students were required to pass skills tests by demonstrating the proper techniques to the instructor's satisfaction. Every student passed! Certification cards will be ordered at church expense and are valid for a period of two years.



John Adair

Kelan, Albert, Cynthia, Martha, Bob and Terry receive instructions from Coach Adair prior to attempting Adult CPR.



Cynthia Dickey observes as Martha Styner practices infant chest compressions.



Martha administers sets of 30 chest compressions as Terry practices two consecutive one second breaths.



Curt, Norwood, Chris, Joann, Marian, David and Fr. Ted get final instructions before their skills tests.

Fr. Ted and Chris practice Infant CPR as Joann Evans awaits her turn.



Coach Adair monitors Terry's and Martha's skills tests.



Bob prepares for his first attempt at Adult CPR using a mouth shield.

At the conclusion of the training, Coach Adair said, "It is highly commendable that so many members of St. Philip's were willing to invest time and effort to learn CPR/AED. With this training and your purchase of an in house AED you have greatly improved your chances of effectively responding to emergency situations until professional help arrives." Another point the coach stressed was the importance of everyone in the parish knowing the location of the AED. Anyone, trained or not, can help in an emergency by calling 911 and fetching the AED. This allows the person administering CPR to stay with the victim until first responders are on the scene.

August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 5:30p Womens Cursillo Group	³ 10a Bible Study 5:30p Euch/Heal 6:30p Choir	4 Parish Hall Floor Cleaning	5 8:00a Men's Cursillo Group Parish Hall Floor Cleaning	6
7 7:30a Euch Rite I 8:45a Christian Ed 10a Euch Rite II	8	9 5:30p Womens Cursillo Group 6p Vestry Mtg	10 10a Bible Study 5:30p Euch/Heal 6:30p Choir	11 TVCC Nursing 5:30p DOK	12 8:00a Men's Cursillo Group	13
14 7:30a Euch Rite I 8:45a Christian Ed 10a Euch Rite II	15	16 5:30p Womens Cursillo Group	17 10a Bible Study 5:30p Euch/Heal 6:30p Choir	18	19 8:00a Men's Cursillo Group 7p Dinner Theater	20 7p Dinner Theater
21 7:30a Euch Rite I 8:45a Christian Ed 10a Euch Rite II	22	23 5:30p Womens Cursillo Group	24 10a Bible Study 5:30p Euch/Heal 6:30p Choir	25	26 8:00a Men's Cursillo Group	27
28 7:30a Euch Rite I 8:45a Christian Ed 10a Euch Rite II	29	30 5:30p Womens Cursillo Group	31 10a Bible Study 5:30p Euch/Heal 6:30p Choir			

Birthdays

- 2 Curt Winkler
- 3 Kathryn Price
- 6 Cathy Summers
- 13 Cynthia Dickey
- 16 Frank George
- 16 Joan Niece
- 17 Don Patterson
- 19 Mike Knippers
- 20 Ed Minton
- 21 Leo Mizell
- 23 Wanda Grimes
- 23 Molly Kolstad Jamison
- 24 Ronnie Elliott

July 2011							September 2011						
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24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30	25	26	27	28	29	30	

- 25 Scott Nicholson
- 29 Albert Holmes
- 30 Ann Davis
- 31 Nick Gouras

Anniversaries

- 4 Sid & Linda Walton
- 7 Bob & Merry Blackwell
- 8 Sparky & Barbara Kolstad
- 20 Norwood & Carol Brenneke
- 22 Tim & Janet Cornwall
- 25 Mike & Linda Paul
- 29 Nick & Sharon Gouras
- 31 Ted & Ann Welty

CHURCH INFORMATION

St. Philip's Staff

Parish Office Hours

Rector Ted Welty
 Church Administrator Kelan Eckerman
 Organist/Choirmaster Clarissa Delany
 Sexton Chris Rogers
 Sparky Kolstad (Senior Warden)
 Curt Winkler (Junior Warden)
 Norwood Brenneke (Treasurer)
 Cynthia Dickey (Vestry Clerk)
 Bob Blackwell Kay Chapman
 Frank George David Sullivan
 Marian Raney Martha Styner
 Charlie Nichols Albert Holmes
 Bob Beck Joann Evans

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