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*YouthMinistry Liaison*  
*Report to Vestry*

**Date:**1/12/2020

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**Action Items Completed:**

Because of an increase in COVID-19 cases in the schools, the planned party on December 13th was postponed until a later date.

Notes from the Sunday School:

The Christmas Pageant included 33 kids from 16 families, and we had videos from children ensconced as far as Maine and Virginia, to name a few! Amanda Eiman, Daniel Bentley and I communicated around Thanksgiving about time-frame, script, and when the pageant would "premiere," and then I coordinated with the enthusiastic and hard-working parents to assign roles and lines and get all the footage we needed for Daniel to be able to stitch it together into a video pageant. In addition to a lot of terrific feedback from the families of the children, it seems to have been a hit with much of the grown-up congregation and many socially-distanced grandparents too!

I think the bow hanging was a success with several families who welcomed the winter exercise of kindness and remembrance with their kids.

**Action Items In Progress/Pending:**

Cross Trainers: We are planning to have a virtual gift exchange this month, postponed from last month. Leaders had a brainstorming session and are considering a get-together to get cocoa and take a walk around Cold Spring and a meeting for Mardi Gras, maybe outdoors with pancakes. The diocese sent out an invitation to participate in a meeting and curriculum to educate youth about Absalom Jones, which we will be encouraging our kids to participate in. Another idea is to reach out to the youth group at the Episcopal church in Beacon, St. Andrew and St. Luke's.

We are planning for a virtual family service at the end of this month (1/24), and coordinating our Sunday School families with Cross Trainer Dylan Horan who is running a "personal necessities items drive" in late Jan/early Feb as part of required service project through his camp. I am hoping we can teach a bit to the kids about giving to those in need during a difficult time.

**Items Requiring Vestry Vote:**

## St. Philip's Building and Grounds Report to Vestry - January 2021

### Projects to be Considered in 2021

- 1.) Organ Humidifier in the Church - The 10 year Warranty on our Church organ requires our installation of a humidification system. Schoenstein Organ Company agreed that we could study the humidification issue for a year before installing a system. With the excellent work of Ed Robinson, that year of study is complete, and the determination has been made that we need a humidification system. Chris Nowak has designed a system, and is in process of obtaining professional engineering review. The major cost is in bringing water in Winter to the Church; the humidification unit itself would cost about \$1,000. Two options are under consideration: 1.) installing three water tanks in basement, and filling them once a week, or 2.) running a "frost proof" new water line from Rectory to Church, which eliminates need for tanks (new water line installation has been proposed at some future point by the Restoration Committee).
- 2.) Roof Maintenance - Tom Clemmens estimates that replacing approximately 25 missing roof slates on our three major buildings and sealing two chimneys in Rectory will cost \$1,500.
- 3.) Tree Management - The 2020 approved phase of tree management and removal has been completed by Ian Kingsley. The highest priority future work will be presented later in the year for consideration by the Vestry.
- 4.) Handicapped Ramp and Bathroom for Parish House – Chris Nowak has completed an excellent, sensible plan make door on northern side of Parish House handicapped accessible, and to enlarge the first floor bathroom so it is also handicapped accessible. Later in the year, we will obtain cost estimates for consideration by the Vestry at some point.

### Projects Completed in last quarter of 2020

- 1.) Parish House – Additional electrical capacity was added to the first floor of the Parish House. This floor has had blackouts due to overload; in addition, we can now use space heaters in office space. A line was also run in the event that at a later date a heat exchange wall unit is installed in the Rector's Office.
- 2.) Annual Maintenance - The annual services were completed as follows: boiler maintenance in all buildings; fire extinguisher inspection in all buildings; gutter cleaning and routine maintenance; replacement of two U/V ray machines for water treatment.
- 3.) Fire Alarm in Church – Malfunctions in the modern fire alarm system at the Church brought the fire department to Amanda's front door at 2 am. Twice! Fire Commissioner Nat Prentice is arranging a visit by fire department, and exploration of installation of a "Knox Box" with key to Church accessible only to the fire department.



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Service to Others *Liaison Report to Vestry*

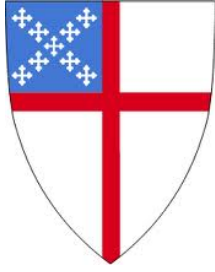
**Date: 1-13-2021**

**Author: J Plummer**

**Ministry/Action Items Completed this Month:** A call was made to St James Leland church/school in Kenya that included Bishop Emanuel Chemengich. The bishop expressed the desire of the local school to form a partnership with St philips and maybe another parish. While there were many technical problems Amanda, Kathy, Peg and Sue were able to see the students in their blue shirts. The partnership would be beyond material things and the grant from the diocese. Covid is an issue for them. The grant application is due by June 2021.

**Ministry/Action Items in Progress/Pending:** There is still a hold due to Covid on the Hedgewood and Peekskill lunch effort. San Miguel Academy has received state approval to accept girls. Father Mark would like to “restart” tutoring effort via Zoom soon if St Philips volunteers are positive. Jim Bopp will be checking with everyone who has tutored in the past and may also see if others are interested once technical issues are finalized.

**Items Requiring Vestry Vote:** Nothing at this time



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### *WORSHIP Liaison Report to Vestry*

**Date:** Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021

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**Ministry/Action Items Completed this Month:** Saint Philip's Worship continues with our Sunday Morning service conducted partially in person and mostly on line. In the church are the celebrant, the organist, a singer, the readers, and the tech crew. Thanks again to Daniel Bentley and Will Felder for their professional management of the electronics: it gives our worship an impressive theatre-like look.

We give thanks to Lana Kollath for playing the organ and piano for us during the month of December. Owen Borda will be our interim organist starting in January.

We give thanks to Phoebe Geer and the many parents and many children who performed in the on-line Christmas Pageant, and again to Daniel Bentley for editing it into a delightful and amusing program. Bravo!

**Ministry/Action Items in Progress/Pending:** With the arrival of Covid-19 vaccines, there is hope that things may get "back to normal," whatever that is, later this year. Please pray for that.

**Items Requiring Vestry Vote:** None.