

Vestry Notes

2007 Proposed Budget Reviewed. The proposed budget to be presented to the parish at Stewardship Sunday, Oct. 29, is for \$566,000, a 7% increase over 2006. The increase comes primarily from personnel and program additions in response to our parishioners' call for programs of excellence in music and children ministries.

Stewardship Sunday—October 29. The Vestry approved a program to communicate our financial goals to the parish throughout October with lay talks, letters and parish presentations. Following the Service on Oct. 29, the congregation will be invited to listen to a brief presentation by Father Kahl and others on the exciting developments and vision for St. Philip's. Coffee, desserts and Q&A following in Sewanee Hall. "Time, Talent and Treasure" cards will be available for your 2007 pledges, which we hope to have returned by November 5.

Christian Education & Youth Ministry. The Vestry officially welcomed Trey Solms as our new CEYM director. Several youth groups that Trey inherited from Emily Geyer are very active. Bill and Allison Holly are forming a committee to help Trey evaluate and re-energize our Christian Education program.

Visit Our New Website—Saintphilips.net. The Vestry encourages everyone to visit our website. Although it was primarily developed in response to the parish's call for better communications, it also offers a great opportunity for evangelism—to introduce friends and newcomers to St. Philip's and what we have to offer.

Bach Society Performance at St. Philip's. And regarding music programming excellence, Chris Harrell announced that on Nov. 5 at 4 PM at St. Philip's, he will be performing one of the Miami Bach Society's sponsored feature presentations. He will be accompanied by the String Quartet from the University of Miami

Newcomer Program. M.B. Witt has agreed to be the Vestry liaison for a re-energized St. Philip's Newcomer Program. She will be contacting a number of people for involvement in newcomer welcoming and social events. Please give her your support when she calls, or if you have a passion for bringing new families to St. Philip's, please call M.B.

Church/School Building Program. Alex Milton reported that we are at a pause period in our construction. Major projects completed include the Church Office, Arts & Science Building, Seabury renovation, refurbished Nursery, Church courtyard paving and landscaping. Major projects for the future include the Memorial Garden, a Media Center, Berkley Hall renovation. The Capital Campaign has approximately \$800,000 currently available and an ad hoc Church/School committee is now in the process of assessing how best to sequence our next projects and the fund raising that will be required to complete them.