



All Things St. Philip's During Our Blessed Interruption September 16, 2020

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The St. Philip's September 2020 Calendar can be found [HERE](#),
The September Birthday/Anniversary list is [HERE](#), and the
Sick, Shut-In, and Homebound list is [HERE](#).



A Meditation for the 16th Week after Pentecost

"Forward to Church "

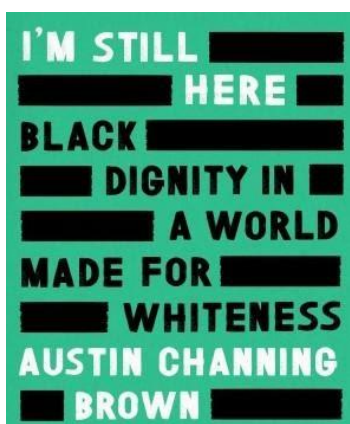
by The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff

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**Saturday, September 19th
10:00-12:00 on Zoom**

Look for an email this week with the Zoom Link.



Join Rev. Marlene for the Pastor's Book Club

**Every Monday from September 14-October 12
at 7pm on Zoom
as we read and discuss:**

**"I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for
Whiteness" by Austin Channing Brown**

From School Library Journal

This incisive memoir takes a penetrating look at race and the Christian faith while providing tools on how to cope with microaggressions and blatant racism. Brown perfectly and succinctly describes the corrosive weight of white supremacy embedded within American institutions, which African Americans and other people of color endure on a daily basis in schools, professional spaces, and places of worship. Brown's experiences and lifelong exploration of racial understanding and reconciliation offer a modern take on the double consciousness first written about by W.E.B. DuBois. From her days in elementary school, often as the only person of color in the room, to speaking on the national stage, Brown's lessons not only give allies the tools to do better but also provide advice for peers and up-and-comings on navigating hostile workplaces, lecture halls, and hearts and minds. This book is laced with gems that make it necessary reading for everyone, regardless of belief or identity. —Christina Vortia, Hype Lit, Land O'Lakes, FL

OUR READING SCHEDULE

Please Read the following Chapters for each week:

September 14: Opening Discussion: Chapters 1-4

September 21: Chapters 5, Interlude, 6 & 7

September 28: Chapters 8-9, Interlude & 10

October 5: Chapters 11, 12, Interlude & 13

October 12: Chapter 14 and Final Discussion

[RSVP HERE!!!](#)

[Visit the Amazon website to order your copy!!](#)

Let's Do Servant Sunday - September 27th



Join in as we partner with the St. James and partner congregation of Beth Ahabah in *Loving Our Neighbors*.



Over 20 ministry opportunities are available. Here's just a sample:

- Help make a home
- Help save lives
- Help people stay safe
- Help feed the hungry
- Brighten someone's day



Learn more on the St. James website:

[St. James Website](#)

**FIND YOUR
PLACE TO SERVE!!!**

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE
OPPORTUNITIES](#)



St. Philip's is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on **Tuesday, September 29, 2020 from 12:00pm until 5:00pm** in our Parish Hall.

We join the Red Cross in urging healthy donors to make an appointment [HERE](#) to give blood to support kids fighting cancer, patients with sickle cell disease and others facing serious illnesses. ***September is Sickle Cell and Children's Cancer Awareness Month.***

Red Cross staff already follow the highest standards of safety and infection control. In addition to their standard procedures, further precautions have been implemented during this time of COVID-19. Moreover, all donors, staff and volunteers will be required to **wear a mask, practice social distancing, and have temperatures checked prior to entering the blood drive.**

Eligible donors with blood types **O, B negative or A negative** are encouraged to make a "Power Red" donation at this blood drive.

A **Power Red** donation allows you to safely donate two units of red blood cells during one donation.

Read more about Power Red donations [HERE](#).

The Red Cross is now testing blood donations for COVID-19 antibodies, providing insight into possible past exposure to this coronavirus.

Test results will be available 7 to 10 days after a successful donation.

A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in.

Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in good health may be eligible to donate blood.

This is truly the time to take care of one another, and your blood donation is essential to ensuring the health of those in our community.

Our goal is 25 successful donations.

Please sign up [HERE](#) or call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767).

BLOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers Needed!



Are You? Your College-age or Young Adult Family member?

Available to assist with the blood drive
being sponsored by our church on

Tuesday, September 29

We need 4-6 healthy volunteers to work a 2.5 hour shift
registering the blood donors.

The shifts are 12:00pm-2:30pm or 2:30pm-5:00pm.

Each volunteer is asked to arrive 30 minutes before the start of the shift for training including the use of a registration computer and a touchless thermometer.

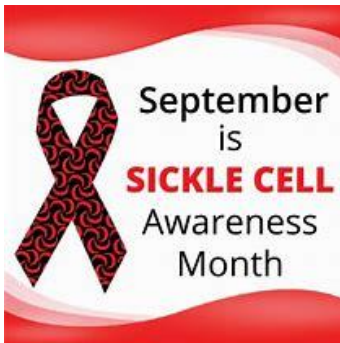
All volunteers, donors and staff will be required to -

**wear a mask, practice social distancing,
and have temperatures checked prior to entering the blood drive.**

If you are available to help, please contact:

the church office at 804-321-1266 or Vickie Seymour at 804-356-0864.

Thank you!



**Sunday September 20th is
Outreach Sunday. Make your
donations to The Sickle Cell
Association of Richmond -
OSCAR.**

WHAT IS SICKLE CELL DISEASE?

Sickle Cell Disease is an inherited, but not contagious, blood disorder where normal round shaped red blood cells change to a crescent (sickled) or “quarter-moon” shape. Sickled shaped cells have difficulty passing through small blood vessels so they often jam up, blocking the flow of blood and oxygen to body parts and tissues causing extreme pain. Lack of oxygen flow can also damage muscles, bones and internal organs and lead to other serious medical problems. Today, approximately 1 in 500 African American children is born with a serious sickle cell disease, making it the most common long term illness identified in this population. In Virginia, Approximately 1 in 325 babies are born with sickle cell disease, far higher than the national average.

Sickle Cell Disease is among the most prevalent of genetic diseases in the United States. It is one of the most common chronic illnesses found in African Americans. It is

estimated that over 4,000 persons in the Commonwealth of Virginia and over 400 in the Richmond area, are potentially living with the disease.

[Click Here for Sickle Cell Facts](#)



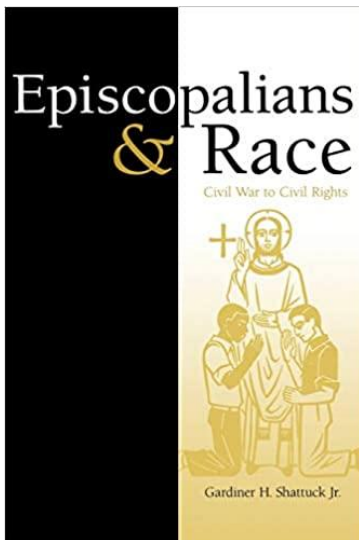
Triangle of Hope Youth Pilgrimage

The Triangle of Hope Pilgrimages are a three-year course of travel between Liverpool, England; Kumasi, Ghana; and Virginia. Participants explore through study, travel, dialogue, service and worship the history, legacy and ongoing impact of historical and modern human trafficking. Interested youth (rising 8th-11th graders) are invited to visit the [Triangle of Hope webpage](#) for more information and to apply.



Be on the lookout for more information about:

- Mid-Year Congregational Meeting
 - Fall Adult Formation Opportunities
 - Homecoming
 - All Saint's Sunday
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Bishop Taylor to Host Discussion Group on Episcopal Church and Race

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

There are three journey's to the Christian life: to go out, to go together and to go deep. Because the first two are difficult in this time of Covid 19, perhaps as leaders of the Church if we focus on going deep, we will also go together and be better equipped to go out.

I am offering this discussion group for two reasons. First, I want to know more about our clergy and laity than their photos on the screen. I want to have

conversations about issues that matter and get beyond the coffee hour conversations.

Second, it's essential that we as members of the Church, go beyond the confusion and the anxiety much less the anger and animosity of the culture around us to remember who we are as followers of Jesus and what we are called to do. A British theologian once said, "The Church is like a swimming pool: all the noise comes from the shallow end." In these times, our country has become a and even louder and more shallow swimming pool. My hope is that real conversations lead to mutual conversion which lead to communion.

Episcopalians and Race: Civil War to Civil Rights.

This group will examine our Episcopal identity around race. Gardiner Shattuck Jr. tells us the history we don't want to hear. He begins with the Civil War and comes up to the 1960's. My aim is not to make us historians, nor is it have an intellectual exercise. Rather it's to ruminate over—chew on—part of our church's history that we often avoid—not to feel guilty but to recognize that one's culture can blind one to his or hers sin. Perhaps by reading this chapter of our Church's history, we might recognize the effect of these patterns of behavior in today's time and respond accordingly.

This isn't intended to be a book group nor an intellectual exercise. Rather the intention is to own our past as a church in order to gain a greater mission of who and what we are called to be. The readings will be relatively short to leave time for discussion. Because the book is relatively expensive, I will do what I can to scan the pages for those who don't have the text.

The class will last 8 weeks—one week per chapter and a week for plenary. If you are interested, please notify Anita Lisk at alisk@thediocese.net and also indicate if you are clergy or lay.

Faithfully,
The Rt. Rev. Porter Taylor
Assisting Bishop
ptaylor@thediocese.net



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS *In Person and Virtual*

It is time for our fuzzy, furry, scaly, or winged friends to receive their annual blessing in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of Animals and Creation. The Blessing of the Animals will take place on **Saturday, October 3, at 10:00 am in the St. Philip's yard, on Zoom and Facebook Live.**

Face mask will be required and Social Distancing will be practiced.

All in person pets will receive a special gift and treat.
Please invite your family and friends!

More details to come!



Attention Parents and Students!!
Welcome back to
Church School for the 2020-2021
school year!

Classes start Sunday, October 4th at 11:00am

The classes will be held virtually via **ZOOM**.

Please click **[HERE](#)** and register
by **11:59pm on Friday, October 2nd.**

Once you've registered, the **ZOOM** link will be sent via email the Saturday (*October 3*) before classes start.

Looking forward to seeing you virtually on October 4th!



Get Out The Vote Question of the Week:

Question: When does early voting start?

ANSWER: EARLY VOTING STARTS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

The early voting period runs from **Friday, September 18, 2020 to Saturday, October 31, 2020**, *dates and hours may vary based on where you live.*

Question: Can I still get a mail application?

ANSWER: Yes, until **OCTOBER 23.**

Question: When does In Person/Absentee Voting close?

ANSWER: In Person/Absentee Voting closes on **October 31**

Question: When can I expect my ballot to be mailed out?

ANSWER: **September 18th** is when ballots will begin to be mailed to you.

Question: If I requested an absentee ballot but want to vote in person, what do I do?

ANSWER: You need to take your **ballot AND envelope** with you to your registrar's office in order to be able to vote in person.

For more information on Early/Absentee Voting click [HERE](#).

OUR VOTES MATTER

Voter registration deadline is Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

Confirm that you are registered prior to that date at

vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation/Lookup/status

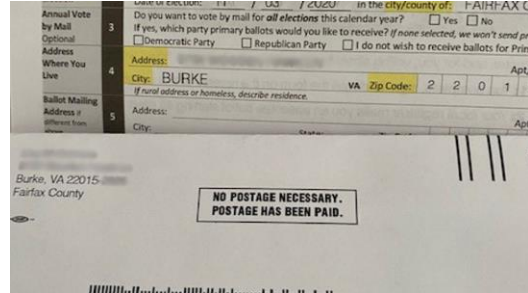
Mail-in ballots will be mailed in September.

Complete your ballot and mail it in immediately!

Click [HERE](#) for information on voting in Virginia!!

BE AWARE!

You may have received a vote at home ballot request form from The Center for Voter Information. If you use this application, please check the mailing address on the included postage paid return envelope. It was reported in the news that some of the addresses of the Registrars Offices are incorrect. There was some confusion with Richmond City vs Richmond County, among others. Please be sure that your Registrar's Office address is correct before you put the application in the mail.



**The correct mailing address for the
Richmond City Registrar is:
P.O. Box 61037
Richmond, VA 23261-1037**

GIVING INFORMATION

You can give by **sending a check** to St. Philip's Episcopal Church at PO Box 27492, Richmond VA 23261 or **by clicking here** to **donate with your credit card or bank account**. You can also **use your bank's online payment option** to send bank checks to our church.

Due to the pandemic, we are not going to the church as regularly to count donations and your checks may not clear your bank as quickly as before.

See below for more details and other ways to give and support our church.

Thank you!

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**ST. PHILIP'S ONLINE DONATION \*\***

Donate easily with your credit card or your bank account. When you opt to pay the transaction fee, it is added to your donation--so your total donation is more and the church pays no transaction fee expense! Everyone wins!  
**[Donate by clicking here.](#)**

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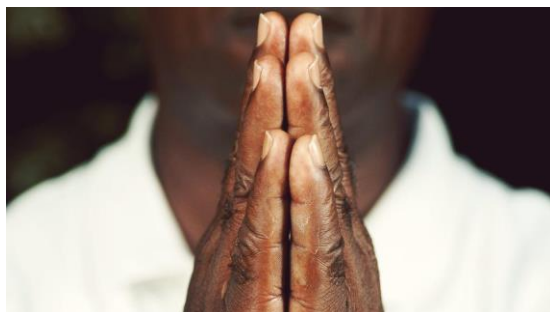
Conveniently donate via your phone. Text **GIVE** to **833-959-2287**. Either your credit card or bank account can be set up to make your financial gift. You also have the option to pay the transaction fee so our church doesn't have to!

ONLINE BANKING AND ELECTRONIC CHECKS

Donate using your bank's convenient online service that allows you to pay your bills through online banking. You can set up a payment to St. Philip's as a one-time gift or a recurring donation. An electronic check will then be mailed from your bank to St. Philip's. You no longer have to write and mail manual checks. And you save on stamps!

PAYPAL

PayPal is available on our website at GIVE or you can [click here](#) to donate.



Prayer of the Day

Collect for Proper 20, The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen
