

# On the Spiritual Side

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## St. Philip's Episcopal Church "christens" parish house

As large as it may be in spirit, St. Philip's Episcopal Church in New Hope has long been challenged for space in its Chapel Road location, with neither an adjoining rectory nor a parish house to call its own.

That changed early this month when the 93-year-old church, housed in a former one-room schoolhouse dating from the early 19th century, opened a nearby parish house.

With the congregation looking on, the Rt. Rev. Edward Lee, coordinator of campus and youth ministries for the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, blessed and officially opened the parish house, which will also act as St. Philip's rectory.

"This is an incredibly exciting time in our life as a congregation," the Rev. Michael Ruk, rector at St.



Bishop Edward Lee of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania stands with the Rev. Michael Ruk on the steps of St. Philip's parish house.

Philip's since July 2012, said of the 2,900 square foot parish house, located at 10 Chapel Road, a quarter-mile's walk from the church. "At a time when many congregations face tough choices regarding their buildings, we feel very blessed to be adding to our footprint."

St. Philip's is adding on in other ways as well. This month, it received 12 members into its small but vibrant congregation, which totals approximately 85 people on an average Sunday.

While the two-story pre-fabricated parish house took only eight weeks to build, plans, permitting and fundraising for the structure began under the previous rector, the Rev. Peter Pearson, in 2009.

The majority of funds were raised directly from St. Philip's

congregation, with the rest coming from the church's annual Christkindlmarkt Christmas market. Proceeds from Christkindlmarkt will now be car-

marked for service projects.

For information about St. Philip's, contact Ruk at 215-862-5782 or Michael@stphilip-snewhope.org.



The congregation of St. Philip's opens the new parish house on Chapel Road.

## Methodist church celebrates ordination

The Rev. Christine N. Day, senior pastor at the Everittstown, Frenchtown and Pattenburg United Methodist churches, was ordained an elder in full connection May 31 at the annual Conference of the Greater New Jersey United Methodist Church in Wildwood, N.J.

Day was ordained by Bishop John Schol, the resident bishop of the Greater New Jersey annual

conference. A service of celebration was held at the Everittstown UMC on June 2 with members of all three congregations in attendance.

Day has been serving in her current appointment since 2008. She has also pastored United Methodist congregations in Adelphia and Farmingdale in Monmouth County. She is a graduate of The George Washington



REV. CHRISTINE N. DAY

University; she graduated with a Masters of Divinity from Drew Theological School.

## Archbishop ordains three Bucks men

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap. ordained 15 men to the Permanent Diaconate for service in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Three are from Bucks County.

The Rite of Ordination took place during Mass following the Gospel on June 1 at Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in

Philadelphia.

Permanent deacons are members of the clergy of the Catholic Church. They may be single or married. As ministers of God's Word, permanent deacons preach and teach. They baptize, may witness marriages, carry out the funeral rites at the vigil and the grave, and administer Holy Communion to the sick and dying.

Among those being ordained was R. Lyle Benner, a member of Saint Agnes Parish in Sellersville, where he resides with his wife, Donna. They have three children, Aaron, Elliott and Anna.

Benner holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Millersville University. He is president of TBW Industries, Inc.

Also ordained were Louis

Quaglia and Raymond N. Scipioni, members of Saint Charles Borromeo Parish in Bensalem, where they reside.

Quaglia lives with his wife, Marian. They have four children, Michele Donnelly, Danielle, Michael and Christopher. Quaglia holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from St. Peter's University. He is employed as a purchasing supervisor at Ocean Spray Cranberries Inc. in Bordentown, N.J.

Scipioni lives with his wife, Linda. They have three daughters, Lori, Carolyn and Isabelle. Scipioni holds an M.B.A. in Management Information Systems from LaSalle University. He is employed as a business development manager at Avalon Integration.

## COO and secretary for Catholic Education appointed

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia and Faith in the Future, an independent foundation that oversees the Office of Catholic Education, recently announced the appointment of Christopher Mominey as chief operating officer and secretary for Catholic Education in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Mominey is a Catholic school administrator and advocate of the church; his appointment marks an important milestone for Catholic schools in the Archdiocese and the implementation of the foundation's strategic vision to strengthen and grow Catholic schools across the region.

For the past 17 years, Mominey has served the Diocese of Syracuse, most recently as superintendent of schools. He was responsible for leading a team of education professionals in the central office and across seven counties of upstate New York with oversight of technology integration, curriculum implementation, professional development, school finances and personnel.

Mominey is the author of two books. He holds a bachelor's degree in theology from Saint Bonaventure University and a master's degree in religious studies from John Carroll University. He and his wife, Stephanie, have four children.

Mominey's full-time appointment is effective July 1. In June, he and Faith in the Future will begin intensive meetings with the Office of Catholic Education and key stakeholders.

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## HAPPENINGS

### Mission-trip bake sale, bible school offered

Peace-Tohickon Lutheran Church, 100 Old Bethlehem Road, Perkasie (off Route 313), is having a bake sale to benefit the Peace Youth Group's South Dakota mission trip this summer.

Bake sale items will be available from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 15 at Landis Supermarket in Perkasie.

The church holds its annual Vacation Bible School, with classes 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 23; 9 a.m. to noon Monday, June 24 through Wednesday, June 26 and 1 p.m. Thursday, June 28 (closing ceremony). Call 215-257-3294 for information, or to enroll.

### Friends hold young adult conference

The Young Adult Friends Conference will be held for those 18 and older at Pendle Hill

Conference Center in Wallingford June 14 to 19.

The six-day conference includes inspirational speakers, workshops and trainings, worship and worship-sharing, fellowship, discernment of gifts and ministry, and service.

For information, visit pendlehill.org/yald, or contact Emily at ehiggs@pendlehill.org.

### Zion Mennonite Church offers Pre-K class

Zion Mennonite Nursery School, Front Street and Cherry Lane, Souderton, is offering a pre-kindergarten class for children who need an extra year of preschool or don't make the cut-off date for kindergarten.

Classes will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, beginning on Monday, Sept. 9.

For information and registration, call the church office at 215-723-3592.

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