

# The Crier

St. Philip's UCC

314-843-5100

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2017

## St. Philip's Mission Statement

St. Philip's United Church of Christ is a loving Christian community believing in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit to share God's love with all people.

## Vision Statement

We are called to the body of Jesus Christ with:  
Minds to study God's word, Mouths to proclaim the Gospel,  
Eyes to see the needs of others, Arms to welcome all,  
Hearts big enough to share God's love with all God's children.

“ God is still speaking



From the Pastor

*Turn away from bad things! Do good! Seek peace and go after it!*  
*Psalm 34:14*

Dear friends and partners in the Gospel,

Temperatures reached the three-digit mark this July in St Louis, but activities at St Philip's Church continued unabated. During July, we sent a group of young people off to Appalachia for a week-long experience which included repairing a family's home in a community where resources are scarce. We conducted a week of Vacation Bible School for more than 80 children, focussed on being God's superheroes by following the guidance of Psalm 34 (see above). We completed our small group gatherings to assess our congregation's interests and values in preparation for developing our congregational profile. Our women's fellowship filled bags with rice and beans to be distributed by St John's Community Services. Our book study group has been reading an historical novel about the time of King David, and members have been participating in an individual self-guided study of the Book of Acts, based on weekly "Think About" flyers that are included in the Sunday bulletins and also made available on our church website. Ray Hoffstetter offered our "blessing testimony" in worship at the end of June, and Bob Leber is bringing the testimony for July.

The responsibilities of our Director of Youth Ministries, Andrea Tukin, have been shifted for this fall to give greater emphasis to developing relationships with families of children in our Early Childhood Center and to planning our efforts to expand programming for families through a midweek evening program called Logos that is designed to offer faith formation activities combined with a fellowship meal. Training for facilitators of the Logos program will be attended by some members of St Philip's this August. Anyone who is interested is welcome to participate.

The number of volunteers engaged in ministry this summer at St Philip's is truly extraordinary. The Vacation Bible School would not be possible without the many people who created scenery and costumes, acted in the various dramatic roles, led music, craft and game activities, prepared refreshments, and worked with Virginia Hladnek to develop the overall plans for the experience. Thanks also to those who volunteer each week for building maintenance, children's talks, worship leadership, set up and operation of our audio and visual worship technology, and assistance as ushers and greeters for Sunday morning.

Congratulations to Carl Philips, who was honored in July with a certificate of appreciation from the Missouri Mid-South Conference for his service on the Conference Council.

As church calendars go, August is usually one of the more laid-back months of the year, but we'll continue to be engaged in ministry at St Philip's. There is much planning and thoughtful preparation to be done for the fall, as we seek new ways to meet the needs of people in our community. On August 6, I'll be away for a Sunday, and Donna Kendrick-Philips will be our guest worship leader.

Pray for the ministries of St Philip's and give thanks for the many dedicated volunteers among us. Thanks for everything you do.

Allen M. Fluent, Transitional Pastor

### Schnucks Grocery Card

These cards are not bought like the others we use... You get this one free from the Service counter at a store or ask the people selling cards some Sunday... On the card are the directions you use to register it then keep the registered card(s) with you when you shop there. You get one wallet sized card and one key chain sized card. Registration can all be done with a toll free call. A small sheet of paper that has all the information you will need about the church to register it is also available with your new cards picked up at church. Once it's registered you just show it to the cashier BEFORE they start to ring you out... The purchase amount with their contribution to us is automatically added to our monthly check from them... Some of you only purchase from Schnucks part of the time but would be surprised to see how these infrequent visits add up... IF YOU BUY AT SCHNUCKS BE SURE TO HAVE A CARD TO USE.... "The Sales Crew"



*Paula Williams, Jay Williams, Ben Metz,  
Ben Armistead,  
Janet Remmers, Tom and Pam Kelley and*



### Pastor's Office Hours

**Mondays: 10:00AM - 2:00PM**

**Tuesdays: 10:00AM - 2:00PM**

**Please feel free to call for an  
appointment (314) 971-9041 Cell**

## Telephone Directory

The new St. Philip's telephone directory is ready! Pick up your copy at church. Due to the cost of postage, the directories will not be mailed. If you are unable to come to church and have no one to pick it up for you, call the church office and we will make arrangements to get a copy to you.

## ALOHA SUNDAY

We are having an Aloha Sunday on August 13, 2017! The literal translation of "aloha" is "presence of breath" or "the breath of life". Aloha is a way of treating each other with love and respect. Its deep meaning starts by teaching ourselves to love our own beings first and afterward to spread the love to others. Aloha is living in harmony. It means mutual regard and affection and extends warmth in caring with no obligation in return.

So get into the spirit of "aloha" on August 13 by wearing a Hawaiian shirt. Don't have one? No problem - any flowered or bright colored shirt will work! If you have a lei, wear that too! If not, we are happy to provide you with a lei. Mark your calendars! ALOHA!

Rev. Fluent has changed his primary email. Please send future emails to [fluentallen1@gmail.com](mailto:fluentallen1@gmail.com).



**Women's Fellowship**

Backpacks  
St. John's Community Services  
August 1 @ 11:30 am

**Please sign-up if you are interested.**

Virginia

### LITURGIST AND CHILDREN'S TIME SIGN UPS

We need liturgists and Children's Time leaders every Sunday. If you missed signing up on the bulletin board or if you needed to check your calendar before committing to a Sunday, you can always shoot an email to Tammy Knoll at [tammy@wkf.com](mailto:tammy@wkf.com) or Marsha Jacques in the office at [stphilipsucc1@gmail.com](mailto:stphilipsucc1@gmail.com).

**We all appreciate your time.**

**Tammy Knoll**

Outreach Ministry: The Prayer shawl ministry continues. Dori Hudson, and a friend of Patty Siewing have donated shawls, and Jan Remmers, is the most recent recipient. Jeannine Navratil coordinates this program. Let her know if you would like to make a shawl. The Early childhood center has donated the \$130 proceeds from their bake sale to Outreach Ministry. We have decided to add the money to our Sweet Celebrations fund, which provides Birthday Parties for homeless children.

Book Club News: We are currently reading American Heiress by Jeffrey Tobin, the story of Patty Hearst, with discussion on August 13, after church. Our next selection is Leaving Time by Jodi Picoult, followed by My Life in France by Julia Childs. We have a good time at book club, and always welcome new members. Consider joining us!

## VENDOR & CRAFT FAIR

St. Philip's United Church of Christ  
10708 Lavinia Drive 63123  
314-843-5100

Saturday, November 4th  
Set-up starting at 8:00 AM  
Doors open at 9:00 AM

Vendor spaces - \$20.00  
Checks payable to St. Philips UCC



**For information and/or reserve spaces call:**  
Carole Armistead - 314-329-6775  
E-mail: [carolearmistead@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carolearmistead@sbcglobal.net)  
Brandi Armistead cell# 314-307-6310



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

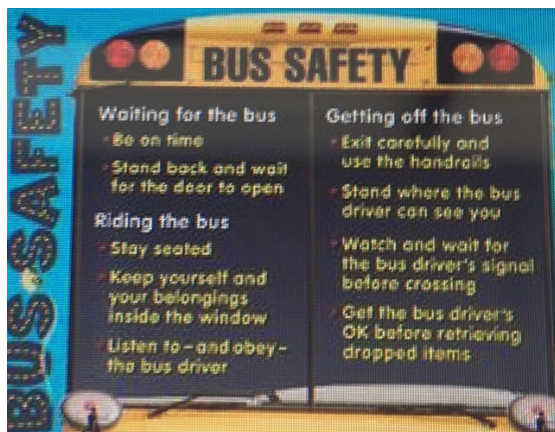
### “Hero Central”



*I want to thank each and every one of you who helped with VBS. It could never have happened without all your dedication and time.*

*Thanking you again,  
Virginia*

**BACK TO SCHOOL IS ALMOST HERE!**





# Sweet Celebrations

Little Celebrations \* Big Impact



**Happy Birthday to our members who will be celebrating**  
(we will sing Sweet Celebrations on the 1st Sunday of the month)

Jackie Thurmond	1	Tammy Knoll	18
Ken Holdener	1	Hilda Leonard	19
Terri Karcher	2	Connie Caldwell	22
Leetah Nickel	8	Wally Knoll	28
Peggi Werner	11	Harry Headley	30
Chris Armistead	15	Joe Williams	30
Megan Comstock	16	Judy York	31