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St. Philip's United Church of Christ

10708 Lavinia Drive, St. Louis, Missouri 63123

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October 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



Unless I am convinced by proofs from Scriptures or by plain and clear reasons and arguments, I can and will not recant, for it is neither safe nor wise to do anything against conscience. Here I stand. I can do no other. (Hier stehe Ich. Ich kann nicht anders.) God help me. Amen.

Martin Luther's closing words in his defense at the Diet of Worms,
convened by Holy Roman Emperor Charles V in 1521

Dear Friends and Partners in the Way of Christ,

The month of October is a time for celebrating the life, history and faith of the ecumenical Christian Church. In this month, we at St Philip's will be celebrating World Communion with a neighboring congregation, receiving the Neighbors in Need Offering of the United Church of Christ, observing the Festival of Saint Francis with a blessing of the animals, holding our annual meeting, beginning our fall stewardship campaign, and recognizing the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation on "Reforming and Reconciling Sunday." We'll also see the beginning this month of our new family-centered Logos program on Wednesday evenings.

This festival month begins on Sunday, October 1, when St Philip's will join Eden United Church of Christ in Affton for World Communion Sunday worship. The service begins at 10:30 (one hour later than usual for St Philip's members). Eden has welcomed us to share in their service that Sunday, when our own sanctuary will need to be closed due to asphalt repairs to our parking lot. We're thankful for Eden's neighborliness, and look forward to the shared experience. Offerings for St Philip's that Sunday may be placed in our offering envelopes and put in the offering plates during worship or may simply be held for the following Sunday. Our church council has decided that any loose offering that Sunday should be retained by Eden Church for their congregation's ministries.

The Neighbors in Need offering at St Philip's is ordinarily received on World Communion Sunday. This year, the offering envelopes for NIN will be placed in the bulletins on the following Sunday, October 8. This UCC offering has traditionally gone for domestic relief efforts, Native American ministries, and justice advocacy. The ministries supported by this year's offering include these ministries and give particular support to environmental conservation, direct service grants, and bringing national church staff as consultants and speakers to regional church settings.

Start by doing what is necessary, then do what is possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.
St Francis of Assisi, 1181-1226

In recent years, many Protestant churches have been holding celebrations of the Festival of Saint Francis, on or near the date when it is celebrated in the Roman Catholic calendar. Francis died on October 3, 1226. At St Philip's, we will celebrate the extraordinary influence of this medieval friar on Sunday, October 8, with the traditional blessing of the animals service, which recognizes Francis' conviction that God is present in all creation. Martin Luther too seems to have shared this feeling. He is quoted as saying, "*All creatures are merely veils under which God hides himself.*" Worship that Sunday will be outdoors in the rear

churchyard. All church members and community neighbors are invited to come and bring their animal friends for blessing. Please feel welcome to invite others to join you for church on this fun occasion.

The ONA planning committee will be showing a brief video during worship on October 15 as a continuation of our congregational conversation about being a welcoming fellowship. The video comes from Pilgrim UCC in Carlsbad, California, and features the personal story of a young woman who expresses appreciation for the ministry of hospitality in that congregation. At the end of worship, there will be an opportunity for those who wish to comment or ask questions about the video to do so. This is also the Sunday when our choir begins singing again. If you've been thinking about joining the choir, we encourage you to speak with music director Mike Orzel, who will be pleased to hear from you.

Please pray for the success of our fall Logos Program which starts on Wednesday, October 18. Sign up sheets for Logos are available on a table in the gathering area of the church. Adults as well as children are welcome to sign up for this mid-week event, which includes relationship building across generations through recreation, religious education, worship activities and a common family meal. It's a great opportunity for sharing by parents and children, grandparents and children, and empty-nest adults who want to invite a neighbor child or a niece or nephew to experience the Christian fellowship. Even if you have no child to bring, you might consider Logos as a place to give some volunteer time as a group leader, cook, cleanup person, table parent, etc. The personal rewards for participation are abundant.

Our fall congregational meeting this year is immediately following worship on Sunday, October 22. On this day, we will have the opportunity to see and review the budget for the coming year and hear about our plans for the immediate future. This day also marks the beginning of our stewardship campaign, as the opportunity to commit ourselves to the support of the coming year's program and ministry and the reasons for doing so are set before the congregation.

Finally, Sunday, October 29, is the day set aside by the churches to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation – or, more precisely, the anniversary of Martin Luther's nailing of 95 theses on the church door at Wittenberg, Germany, in an effort to eliminate the practice in the church of selling indulgences. Luther believed that this practice, which had become corrupted in his time, subverted the clear teaching of the Scriptures that the church's message of salvation comes solely by grace through the faith of Jesus Christ. In the many years that have passed since the time of Luther, there have been countless reasons to realize that the Church of Jesus Christ in all its branches is in need of continual reforming, forgiving and reconciling as we seek to move forward in the Spirit of justice and compassion.

What a month! I look forward to the work and fellowship we will experience together.

Allen M. Fluent, Transitional Pastor

All Saints Day Service – November 5

The first Sunday in November is celebrated in our congregation as All Saints Day. On that Sunday, we will remember any member or friend of our congregation who departed this life over the last church year. A list of those who have died will be read as part of the remembrance. Please advise us if you know of someone whose name should be included who may be unknown to us. Also, if anyone has a parent or other close family member you would like to have named on this Sunday, please let us know.

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 5. Please remember to set your clocks!!!



*JoAnn Leber, Paula Williams,
Jay Williams, Ben Metz, Janet Remmers,
Tom and Pam Kelley and
Rev. Doug Anders*

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"



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

New email address-fluentallen1@gmail.com

- We received a thank you note from Habitat for Humanity thanking us for our gift of \$1,000. We should be especially pleased, since our donation was matched by St. Louis area ELCA Lutheran and Catholic congregations in commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation!

NO CHURCH SERVICE @ ST PHILIP'S ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 1ST
(see instructions below)

Special Thank You!

Dear St. Philip's Family,

I have so much to be thankful for. Many months of special prayers from so many of you. So many cards. Many visits from Pastor Allen while Ben was in the hospital, re-hab and at home. The support from so many helped me to get through a lot of difficult times. Also, the beautiful floral arrangement from the church was greatly appreciated. Thanks again for all the support my family and I received during this difficult time.

God Bless all of you.

Carole & Family

VISIT ECH

On September 29th, St. Louis Association Women will host a visit to Every Child's Hope (formerly Evangelical Children's Home). It will be a day of fun and fellowship with UCC women from across the area as well as an opportunity to learn about this amazing institution. The cost is \$10 and includes lunch. Further details are on the bulletin board.

SUNDAY AT EDEN UCC

October 1, 2017

While our parking lot is getting repaired and sealed, we are meeting at Eden UCC on Sunday, October 1, 2017 for worship. Please note that their worship service is at 10:30 AM. If you intend that your offering goes to St. Philip's on that Sunday, please be sure to put it in a St. Philip's offering envelope. Any loose change given will be part of Eden's offering that day.

Eden UCC is located at 8920 Eden Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63123.

Please sign up in the hallway to be liturgist or to lead children's time. Thank you for giving it consideration. Tammy Knoll

**ST. FRANCIS SUNDAY
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
October 8, 2017**

St. Francis Sunday - our Blessing of the Animals Sunday is coming up October 8, 2017. This will be an outdoor service where everyone is invited to bring their pets for a special blessing. Mark your calendars for a special day with God's creatures! We will be meeting at the rear of the parking lot on the grassy area. In case of inclement weather, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall for the service.



LOGOS

*We are excited to announce that **LOGOS** will begin on Wednesday, October 18 from 4:30 - 6:00p at St. Philip's U.C.C. and continue every Wednesday through December 13 (there will be no LOGOS on November 22). School aged children will be invited for a weekly intergenerational experience that will include bible study, worship arts, family time and recreation. Registration will begin at the beginning of September. The primary goal of LOGOS is building Christian relationships, and participation is open to St. Philip's members, students attending the Early Childhood Center, and children and youth from the community. There will be many opportunities for participants and volunteers. We are currently recruiting people to help with food preparation and table set up. If you are interested in being involved in this program, please contact Andrea Tukin our program director at (314) 566-8633.*

Outreach Ministry News: Our next project will be with Sharefest 2017, formerly Festival of Sharing. We will collect items for "Missouri Dental Packs" Each pack contains four Child size soft toothbrushes (in original sealed packages), two adult toothbrushes (in original sealed packages), One tube of fluoride toothpaste (6 oz, or larger) and one package of dental floss, any size. Individuals do not need to contribute all of the items for a pack, as Outreach ministry will assemble the packs. Please consider contributing some of the listed items. We will collect the items on Sundays Sept 10, 17, 24, and October 1, and 8. The packs will be delivered to Immanuel UCC Ferguson for distribution throughout the state. This is an important need, as last year Festival of Sharing requested 7,027 Packs and received only 1,088. The Missouri Dept. of Health says that "Oral health is essential for general health and well-being.



Women's Fellowship

Come join us on Tues., Oct. 17th at 10:00 a.m. at church.

Jeannine Navratil and her dog Genna will be showing the work she does in the ring for AKC titles and training for family living. Genna is 7 years old and was the highest scoring Dalmation in the U.S. for the year of 2016.

Genna was 2 years old when she came to Jeannine and they have been training together since.

Weather permitting we will be out front on the grass and in the shade. Please bring a lawn chair to be comfortable. If it is bad weather we will have to go inside and improvise.

Jeannine will be glad to answer questions and give a little history on the breed.

*Place for lunch to be announced later.

Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

If you have any questions, please contact Jan Freese @ (636) 256-9488.

VENDOR & CRAFT FAIR

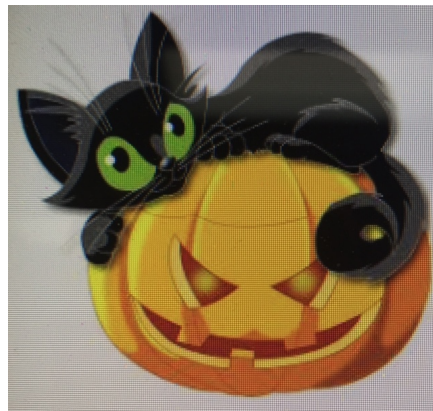
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Saturday, November 4th
Set-up starting at 8:00 AM
Doors open at 9:00 AM

Vendor spaces - \$20.00
Checks payable to St. Philip's UCC



For information and/or reserve spaces call:
Carole Armistead - 314-329-6776
E-mail: carolearmistead@sbcglobal.net
Brandi Armistead cell# 314-307-6310



Happy Halloween

Please join us for

Camp Mo-Val's Fall Festival

October 15, 2017
1:00pm - 5:00pm



2659 Camp MoVal Rd
Union, MO 63084

Hayride Hot Dogs Boating
S'mores Inflatables Costume Contest Games
Photo Booth Crafts
Hike Campfire ARCHERY

AND
MORE!

\$5.00 per person
\$20 price cap for families

Participate in a scavenger hunt and have a chance to
win a free week of summer camp!

For more information or questions
please call or email at 636-583-2730 or
campmoval@gmail.com



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)

Roger Decker	2	Betty Moore	17
Connie Moelm	4	Andrea Tukin	19
Chuck Knoll	6	Philip Shelton	19
Linda Kammerer	9	Sharon Jackman	20
Richelle Fischer	9	Linda Boucher	22
Harry Jennings	12	Bruce Eason	25
Claire Vogt	12	Susan Cochran	25
Samuel Vogt	12	Jamie Kotthoff	26
Curtis Kaiser, Jr.	14	Patrick Moran	29
Doug Stevenson	17	Pam Kelly	29