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St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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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:

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

Isaiah 43:18-19

Dear Friends and Partners in the Gospel:

The year 2017 is coming to a close. For St Philip's Church, it has been a year of transition. We've said goodbye to our pastor of the past few years, given thanks for her teachings and her pastoral care for us, wondered about how things would be for us now, what directions we might take, what we will keep and what we will let go. We've thought about who we are, and who we want to be. We've tried a few things, and learned some lessons from how they went. We've brought some things to an end. And then we planted some seeds: we wrote a description of ourselves, our values and our dreams; we commissioned a small group of people to seek a new pastor to partner with us in ministry; we began a series of events to help us reflect upon the inclusiveness of our welcome; we decided to develop a new avenue for ministry to families through a mid-week program for children and adults. We've found that we have a reservoir of commitment within our congregation, as people have come forth to make this ministry work, and we've experienced some success and expressions of appreciation from community families.

Now a new year is opening up before us. Our mid-week Logos program has brought new families into fellowship with us. Our pastoral search committee is interviewing pastors of many different backgrounds and gifts. Soon we will commit ourselves to a common vision with one of them. We do not know where that vision will take us, or how it might be amended as time goes by. We have some notion that there will be successes and disappointments along the way, but we also have the feeling that it is God's work that continues to call us. As your transitional pastor, I feel honored to be here with you in this time.

Isaiah's warning about remembering the former things does not mean that we should not remember the good things God has done. Only we cannot allow our memories to limit our vision of the future. The good news that comes from God never intends to bring back the "good old days." It comes instead to lead us in new pathways in which we too will change, according to the rhythm of God's grace.

Allen M. Fluent, Transitional Pastor

First Sunday of Epiphany Season

Sunday morning, January 7, is the day of the liturgical year for remembering Jesus' baptism in the service of worship. Since this is the first Sunday of the new year, it is also a day when we at St Philip's Church will celebrate Holy Communion. As a part of our worship this Sunday, we will remember our own baptismal vows (or the vows our parents took on our behalf). We will reaffirm our commitment, and experience the sign of baptism as the assurance of God's grace in the Christian fellowship.

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"

Please sign up on the bulletin board to be liturgist. Thank you for giving it consideration.

Tammy Knoll



*Paolo, Roger Decker, Dorothea Holdener,
JoAnn Leber, Paula Williams,
Jay Williams, Ben Metz, Janet Remmers,
Marilyn Milne, Tom and Pam Kelley and
Rev. Doug Anders*



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



rehearsals are on Thursday
nights from 3:00p - 5:00p

Come Join Us!

"Now that the Christmas hustle and bustle is behind us, please don't forget about the quilt raffle going on to benefit St. Philip's. Tickets are \$1.00 each or treat yourself to a real bargain and get 6 tickets for \$5.00! This is one of the prettiest quilts I've made (in my humble opinion) and it would give me a lot of incentive to make another quilt if sales would set an all time record. Thanks
Joan Hemingway"

From the Search
Committee

A copy of the St. Philip's church profile for the search process is in the church office. If you would like to read it, contact Marsha so she knows you will be coming to church. The profile should remain at church.

Carl Philips,
Chairperson



Women's Fellowship

Planning Meeting for the Upcoming Year!

@ St. Philip's UCC

January 16th, 2018

@ 10:30 AM

Conference Room

Mark your calendar - St Philip's 27th Annual Trivia Night -
March 9th and 10th

LUNCH BUNCH CELEBRATES DOROTHEA'S 101st
(WITHOUT DOROTHEA!)

On November 27th, a large group of Dorothea's friends gathered to celebrate her 101st birthday. Unfortunately, Dorothea wasn't able to share brunch. A few days before she had fallen, was hospitalized and then transferred to Delmar Gardens where she is doing well and having a ball! We were all able to talk with her by phone that day to wish that remarkable lady a very happy birthday.



Book Club News: We are currently reading Hillbilly Elegy and will discuss it after church on January 21. Our next selection is Nothing to Envy by Barbara Demick, a highly acclaimed glimpse into life in North Korea. In March we will read a story about love and friendship, set in Honolulu, Maloka'i. Book club is a casual group, and all are welcome, even if they have not finished the book. We enjoy a potluck lunch, and generally laugh a lot. We are always looking for new members. Consider joining us. Book kits are checked out from the St. Louis County Library, and copies are available in the blue bag in the church office. If you take a book, please sign your name to the list on the outside of the bag.

Barbara

JOIN US!

Join the fun with LOGOS at St. Philip's U.C.C.

Wednesday evenings this spring!

Session begins January 10



Children, youth and adults grow Christian relationships through recreation, Bible study, worship arts, and a Family Time meal. Please check the website or office for registration. Please contact Andrea Tugin at andreatukin@gmail.com or (314) 566-8633 if you would like to volunteer.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to our members who will be celebrating
(We will sing "It's Your Birthday" on the 1st Sunday of each month)

Joel Knoll 1

Charles Zikes 2

Walter Knoll 3

John Mikusch 3

Nancy Lamprich 4

Carl Schillinger 4

Caylie Jean Armistead 7

Gary York 8

Paula Williams 9

Andrew Knoll 12

Hannah Schillinger 17

Robin Knoll 17

Jeff Stevenson 18

Jane Eason 19

Dan Kammerer 22

Jeremy Decker 22

Marilyn Eason 23

Nick Harvey 24

Lois Decker 28

Beth Hickman 29

Joyce Brand 31

Andria Brym 31

Joe Morris 31



CALENDAR

January	1	New Year's Day Office Closed
	7	First Sunday of Epiphany Season
	10	4:30p - 6:30p LOGOS After School Program - New Session Begins
	15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Office Closed
		6:30p Search Committee Meeting - Conference Room
	16	10:30a Women's Fellowship Planning Meeting - Conference Room
		1:00p Outreach Ministry Meeting - Conference Room
		4:30p Spiritual Life Ministry Meeting - Conference Room
	19	6:00p -10:30p Family Game Night - Fellowship Hall
	25	6:30p Quilters - Fellowship Hall

Outreach Ministry News: Many hats, gloves, mittens, scarves and toys were delivered to St. John's Community Service Ministry on December 11. We collected money for 200 jumbo apples and 200 jumbo oranges, which were purchased at cost from Walter Knoll Floral. While this year's party was cancelled, Johnniest Henry was very happy to give the gifts and fruit to food pantry customers during the weeks before Christmas. Thanks to everyone at St Philip's who made this venture a success.

Barbara

