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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

LOVE



This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!

Mark 9:7b

Dear Friends and Partners in the Gospel,

These words, reminiscent of those spoken to Jesus at his baptism, are spoken out of the cloud on the Mount of Transfiguration, where the disciples Peter, James and John have just experienced the last of the wonders known as the Epiphany. The first, recorded only in Matthew's Gospel, was the story of the star that led the Magi to discover the infant Jesus. The second was the day when Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan River, and had a great revelation of who he is. This third manifestation of Jesus as the anointed one of God is the last event celebrated by the church before the Season of Lent begins. Thus the Gospel writers set the stage for the dramatic story of Jesus' confrontation with the demonic powers of his day, culminating in his willing sacrifice of his own life to bring life to the world.

Ash Wednesday feels early this year, when it oddly coincides with Valentine's Day on February 14. The Word for the season following is "Lent," which means "springtime," though it doesn't yet feel very much like spring. Within the church, the Lenten Season is a time of reflection, when we examine our own lives as individuals and as a fellowship of faith in the context of remembering Jesus. In this season, we give attention to the word spoken to Jesus' followers on the mountain, calling us to pay attention to the one who has taught us how to love, inviting us to "Listen to him!"

During the Lenten Season this year, we will be bringing canned goods to the church for an offering to be given to Feed My People, our local outreach for people in need of food assistance. Monetary offerings are also welcome for this agency, which involves many church volunteers and goes beyond the simple distribution of food to provide an array of social services, vocational training and assistance, and referrals for people in financial need. Remembering the hunger of our world is more than charity for us at this time of year; it is part of the lenten discipline to reflect upon the hungry world that Jesus loved, and to reach out with help in remembrance of him.

The coincidence of Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday provides a special though unusual opportunity for what promises to be an enjoyable fellowship event at St Philip's: At 4:30 that day, our Wednesday after-school Logos group will be meeting for their usual lessons and activities, focussed on Valentine's Day. At about 5:45, we will be having a potluck dinner for all members of the church and, Logos families, in the church's gathering area. Following the dinner, at 6:30, everyone is invited to share in the Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary. This service will be done in a family-friendly spirit. Reflecting on Valentine's Day as a celebration of love (and a day that actually has Christian origins), we will be interpreting the observance of Ash Wednesday as a time for remembering our calling to care for one another. The ashes used in the service will be interpreted as an expression of our love and God's love for all of us.

We look forward to sharing this sacred time together.

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"

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

Tammy Knoll



*Roger Decker, Dorothea Holdener,
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 6:30 - 8:00p

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

February 20th, 2018

@ 11:00 AM

Conference Room

February 14th Lunch Bunch is Cancelled in support of the Ash Wednesday & Logos Potluck. Lunch Bunch will resume in March on Wednesday the 14th. Thank You!

ASH WEDNESDAY POTLUCK AND WORSHIP SERVICE

We are having a potluck dinner on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 5:45 PM. Immediately following the dinner will be an Ash Wednesday worship service in the sanctuary at approximately 6:30 PM. The dinner will be held with the Logos Wednesday dinner, so try to come and meet some of our Logos families. If you cannot attend the dinner, please come to the worship service. Watch for a sign up sheet in the Gathering Space.

Book club News: We are currently reading Nothing to Envy, a National Book Award Finalist, about life in North Korea. Copies are available in the church office. Discussion scheduled for February 25. Please consider joining us! We meet after church, enjoy a potluck lunch, and have a good time!

DECORATE OUR ALTAR WITH FRESH FLOWERS

If you would like to decorate the altar with fresh flowers, please sign up to do so on the Fresh Flower chart which is located outside the church office. You are welcome to bring garden flowers or to purchase fresh flowers and bring them in. There is a spot on the chart for your name and any occasion or person you would like to honor with the flowers.

Outreach Ministry: Posted on the bulletin board is a Thank You note from "It's Your Birthday, the group that provides Birthday parties for homeless children. We send them funds collected each month when we honor our members with birthdays. The \$300+, we sent them recently will provide lots of Birthday Cakes, and lots of smiles. Thanks for your contributions! We also received Greetings and thanks from Johnniest Henry at St. John's Community Service Ministry. Since they had no heat, and could not have a party, fruit and toys were passed out to pantry recipients, when they picked up their foot allotments. Over 100 toys were shared with parents to give their children at Christmas. The letter from Johnniest is also posted on the bulletin board. Our prayer shawl ministry continues. Please let Outreach members or Pastor Fluent know of anyone in need of a shawl. Watch for details about the upcoming Lenten project.

St. Philip's 27th Annual TRIVIA NIGHT



Questions by: Dave Burton 'The St. Louis Trivia Guy'

Bring your own Beer and/or Wine. As always, soda, water and coffee will be provided

Where: St. Philip's United Church of Christ
10708 Lavinia Drive St. Louis, MO 63123

When: Friday, March 9, 2018 and Saturday March 10, 2018
- New questions each night -

Time: 7:00 pm - Doors open at 6:15 pm

Cost: \$160.00 for a table of 8 (payment in advance requested)

*** Bring your own food to share with your table *** Bring your own beer and/or wine if desired. ***

***We'll provide complimentary soda, water and coffee ***

Raffles!! 50/50's!! Fun and Entertaining!!

To reserve a table or get more information, contact:

Kathy @314-843-4223 or kathyshelton@swbell.net

Tear off and mail with payment to: St. Philip's UCC / Attn: Kathy / 10708 Lavinia Dr. / St. Louis MO 63123

Name: _____ Phone Number _____

Address: _____ Zip Code _____

Email address _____

Night Attending: FRIDAY SATURDAY Amount paid: _____

JOIN US!

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

Wednesday evenings in 2018!

Session is January 10–March 14 from 4:30–6:30 (dinner at 5:45)
for school-aged children and their families



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.

Annual St. Patrick's Day Lunch and Dinner To Benefit Habitat for Humanity

March 17

Samuel United Church of Christ



Make plans to attend now!

Samuel's annual St. Pat's Lunch and Dinner is prepared by Professional Chefs in partnership with the Kern Meat Company.

- ▶ Irish Stew and soda bread at lunch
- ▶ Corned Beef and Cabbage, potatoes, soda bread at dinner
- ▶ Homemade Dessert Buffet
- ▶ Tea, coffee and soda
- ▶ Great company

▶ Every cent of the proceeds helps build another UCC Habitat for Humanity House in St. Louis.

When: March 17, 2018

Where: 320 North Forsythe Blvd.
Clayton, Missouri 63105

Lunch: 11:30am to 1:30pm

Children (5-13) \$5, Adults \$10

Dinner: 4:30pm to 7:30pm

Children (5-13) \$5, Adults \$15

Call 314-727-9540 for tickets and more information



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

JoAnn Leber	1
Bud Leonard	2
Rachel Fischer	3
Elizabeth Vogt	9
Aidan Scheidenhelm	11
Dustin Knoll	14
Kathy Vogt	17
Harrison Fischer	18
Gavin Armistead	20
Cara Holdener	21
Virginia Hladnick	23
Emily Mikusch	27
Joan Hemingway	28
Dave Schiele	28



February Calendar 2018

Thursday, February 1

6:30p-8p Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Saturday, February 3

9:30a -1p Search Committee Meeting, Conference Room

Wednesday, February 7

4:30p - 6:30p LOGOS (5:45p Dinner), Fellowship Hall

6:30p A.F.S.P. Support Group, Gathering Space

Thursday, February 8

6:30p-8p Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Tuesday, February 13

1p Outreach Meeting

Wednesday, February 14 - Lunch Bunch cancelled

4:30p - 5:45p LOGOS, Fellowship Hall

5:45p Ash Wednesday Potluck & LOGOS Dinner combined, Gathering Space

6:30p Worship Service, Sanctuary

Thursday, February 15

6:30p-8p Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Sunday, February 18

10:45a Book club discussion on Nothing to Envy and Potluck Lunch, Gathering Space

Tuesday, February 20

11a Women's Fellowship Planning Meeting, Conference Room

Wednesday, February 21

4:30p - 6:30p LOGOS (5:45p Dinner), Fellowship Hall

6:30p A.F.S.P. Support Group, Gathering Space

Newsletter Articles & Announcements Due to admin@stphilipsucc.com

Thursday, February 22

6:30p-8p Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

6:30p Quilters, Fellowship Hall