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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



Dear Members of St Philip's Church:

Easter blessings!

A day that you have been waiting for is coming soon. On Sunday morning, April 8, the pastoral search committee that you commissioned last summer will be presenting to you the person they are nominating to serve as your new Pastor. The pastoral candidate will conduct the service of worship on that day and deliver the sermon. Following the worship service, the special meeting of the congregation will be called to order, and you will have the opportunity to vote to affirm your search committee's recommendation.

As your transitional pastor, I will not be present with you in worship that morning. That's in order for the day to belong completely to you and your new pastor. I will be thinking about you however, and giving thanks for the gifts and graces that you will discover in the person God has sent to you. This is a time of great joy and celebration. Our transitional journey is moving toward its successful conclusion. St Philip's Church is looking ahead to the coming days and the new ways that God will choose to call you into ministry.

The beginning of your new pastor's ministry among you will not happen immediately, of course. He will need some time to complete his work with the congregation he has been serving, and we will also use these days to prepare for his arrival. Our spring congregational meeting will be held on April 29. This is the meeting when we elect new leaders for our congregation and its ministries. It is an important time for members of St Philip's to ask yourselves what personal commitment you may be able to make to support our work together.

Let us rejoice in the joyful celebration of this season of the Resurrection! Thanks for everything you do to make known the presence of the living Christ in this church and among our neighbors everywhere!

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



*Frank Burow, Linda Kammerer,
Damianus Aditya Christie,
Roger Decker, Dorothea Holdener,
Paula Williams, Jay Williams,
Ben Metz, Janet Remmers,
Marilyn Milne,
Tom and Pam Kelley and
Rev. Doug Anders, Lukas Flucht
and Fernanda Gomes de Melo*



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!

BBB COMING!

Plan on staying after church on April 22nd for a presentation by the Better Business Bureau. Their representative will discuss consumer buying and giving tips, preventing fraud and many free services available through the BBB. You'll also be able to ask questions that you might have. The presentation should last less than an hour and could be well worth your time. P.S. We'll have some refreshments!



PILGRIMAGE TO CAROLINE MISSION

On Monday, April 30, St. Louis Association will host a visit to Caroline Mission, which has been a UCC (earlier E&R) sponsored organization in the St. Louis area for over 100 years. The cost is \$10 and includes lunch. It's a day to learn about UP (formerly Neighborhood Houses) and all the ways it is actively helping people in the St. Louis area. See the signup sheet on the bulletin board for more information. Carpooling will be available.

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.



Book Club News

At our next meeting on April 8, we will discuss Molola'i by Alan Brennert. Our next selection is Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker, by New York Time's bestselling, Jennifer Chaiverini. The novel unauthorveils the private lives of Abraham and Mary Lincoln through the perspective of the First Lady's most trusted confidant, her dressmaker, Elizabeth Keckley. We meet after church for discussion and a light potluck lunch. We welcome new members!



Women's Fellowship

Tuesday, April 17th

**Meet at the church at 11:00am to carpool
and Lunch at Peppe's Restaurant @
11:30am in Kirkwood, MO**

Contact Sue Myers if you have questions.



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

April Schillinger	1
Ben Kotthoff	3
Carley Nickel	4
Steve Werner	4
Grace Williamson	8
Judy Parkinson	10
Stan Parkinson	10
Alice Noland	15
Azin Kaiser	17
Rachel Azzara	23
Al Bowles	23
Steve Hladnick	24
Lucy Vogt	27
Kate Hausman	28
Mary Darr	28



BIRTHDAYS

THE BATTLE OF THE AISLES RESULTS!

The battle is over and the left side managed to have the most items. There’s a story behind that, however. Under the cover of near darkness, a couple of leprechauns smuggled in 216 cans of vegetables and placed them on the left side. The totals were 309 for the left and 175 for the right. Do the math and you’ll see that had it not been for that sudden infusion of leprechaun food, the right side would have won easily!

Whether you brought one item or a leprechaun load, your contribution is much appreciated. Be assured that the real winners are the clients of Feed My People. That’s what it’s all about!

APRIL CALENDAR 2018

Sunday, April 1

8a Easter breakfast

9:30a Easter Worship

Wednesday, April 4

4:30p LOGOS New Session begins

6:30p AFSP Support Group, Gathering Space

Thursday, April 5

6:30p-8p Choir Rehearsal every Thursday in the Sanctuary

Friday, April 6

7:30a-6p UCC Preschool, Conference Room

Saturday, April 7

Fellowship Hall - Reserved

Sunday, April 8

New Pastor's Trial Sermon/Vote, entire building reserved

Wednesday, April 11

Noon - Lunch Bunch at Merle's. Sign-up sheet is on bulletin board.

4:30p LOGOS

Sunday, April 15

9:30a Worship

Tuesday, April 17

11a Women's Fellowship meet @ church to carpool. 11:30a Peppe's Restaurant for lunch in Kirkwood.

Wednesday, April 18

4:30p LOGOS

6:30p AFSP Support Group, Gathering Space

Sunday, April 22

10:30a Worship & Better Business Bureau Presentation

Wednesday, April 25

4:30p LOGOS

Friday, April 27

7:30a - 6p UCC Preschool, Conference Room

3:30p - 10:30p UCC Bingo, Fellowship Hall, Classrooms

Saturday, April 28

Fellowship Hall Reserved

Sunday, April 29

10:30a - 1p Spring Congregational Meeting

Monday, April 30

Pilgrimage to Caroline Mission - See sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

***Note: Special Congregational meeting on April 8 to select our new pastor. Immediately following morning service.**

Vacation Bible School

VBS will begin July 16 - 20th, 2018.
The Theme this year is "ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE"



Bible School Workshop

We will need as many volunteers, so make sure to mark the date on your calendar. We will begin the workshop day on Friday, May 11th at 1:00p at Virginia's. Plan to be there, not only to work, but to have fun and fellowship. If you have questions, please contact Virginia at 314-843-3605. Virginia

KIDS KITS



We have Kids Kits available on the credenza as you enter the sanctuary for any little ones, grandkids, visitors, etc. who would like to use them. In each kit are some items for little ones to use to occupy their time during worship, such as coloring books and crayons, sewing shapes, etc. Feel free to take a kit as you come into worship and please return the kits after church.

Easter Flowers Memoriam and Honoriam

**Chloe, Gavin & Caylie Armistead
In memory of Grandpa**

**Barbara Barnes & Paul Harvey
In memory of Marvin & Clara Barnes
In memory of Ray & Fay Harvey**

**Robert & Lois Decker
In memory of Jeffrey J. Decker**

**Mary Dykstra
In memory of Thomas Dykstra**

**Pamela Henson
In memory of Earl, Jean, Rick, Barb & Dan Blaylock**

**Raymond Hoffstetter
In memory of Muriel Hoffstetter**

**Dorothea Holdener
In memory of Frank Holdener**

**Ken & De'Ana Holdener
David & Barb Holdener
In honor of Dorothea Holdener**

**Harry & Shirley Jennings
In memory of Our Parents**

**Knoll Family
In memory of Bradley and Loved Family Members**

**Bob & Joann Leber
In memory of Parents & Daughter Cheryl**

**Bud & Hilda Leonard
In memory of loved ones**

Sue Myers
In memory of Rev. John Altenbernd & David Myers

Jan Remmers
In memory of Richard Remmers

Merle Schuette
In memory of loved ones

Mike & Kathy Shelton
In memory of Loved Ones

Don & Patty Siewing
In memory of family & friends

Karen Walker
In memory of Bert A. Walker

Gary & Judy York
In memory of Shirley Rizzo

