

The Crier



St. Philip's United Church of Christ
10708 Lavinia Drive, St. Louis, Missouri 63123
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MARCH 2018

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 Friends and Companions on the Journey,

As the month of March begins, we have already entered the Season of Lent, and by the end of this month, we will be in Holy Week, looking forward to Easter Sunday, on April 1. March holds the markers of springtime: daylight saving time begins on Sunday, March 11 (don't forget to change your clocks), and the evening of March 20 is the Spring Equinox (exactly halfway from winter to summer). Spring is also the season for our annual church fundraiser, Trivia Nights, on March 9 and 10.

Two important wider church events take place this month: on Thursday, March 1, the new Deaconess Center building on Vandeventer will be consecrated as a facility dedicated to ministries for the youth of St Louis. The building is being constructed by the Deaconess Foundation, which manages a large part of the endowment established when the Evangelical Church's Deaconess Hospital ended its ministry as a hospital a number of years ago. The Foundation will have its office in the new Center, where it will continue its work of providing grants to churches and other organizations doing creative ministries with and for children and young people. The Rev. Starsky Wilson, Pastor of St John's United Church of Christ, is the Executive Director of the Foundation. Also occupying the building will be the new offices of "UP," (Unleashing Potential, formerly known as United Church of Christ "Neighborhood Houses," our ministry to children and youth through after school programs, early childhood ministries at Caroline Mission, and life skills and job readiness programs for teenagers. These organizations are a big part of the proud heritage of our churches. All are welcome to attend the consecration event and the reception.

The second important wider church event this month is the ONA Convocation, which will bring several knowledgeable speakers, discussion leaders and local church members and pastors to Parkway UCC on Saturday, March 3, for an all-day worship and learning experience that is devoted to developing a growing understanding of our many sexual orientations and identities as we live and work together to be mutually caring members of the Body of Christ. Many St Philip's Church members have attended this annual spring event in previous years, but every year brings new experiences and thoughts to share. Advance registration is required for this event, and there is a modest fee of \$15, primarily to cover cost of the lunch provided and materials. Sign up using the registration form available at church.

Throughout the Lenten Season, members are invited to bring canned goods and nonperishable food to church to help Feed My People, our local ecumenical food pantry, distribute assistance to people in our community.

Our worship services during the Lenten Season will focus on our spiritual readiness for our personal journeys and St Philip's Church's journey in the year ahead. On Sunday, March 4, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Christian Baptism for Jake Bobmeyer, who will become our newest baptized member on that day. Palm Sunday is March 25. During Holy Week, we will be remembering Jesus' Last Supper on Thursday evening, March 29, with a soup supper at 6 PM followed by a Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service at 7 PM. On Good Friday, in remembrance of the day of Jesus' crucifixion, our sanctuary will be open for individual meditation from 11 AM to 6 PM. At 12 noon, a brief service will be held and will include the reading of the story of the crucifixion as it is told in the Gospel of Mark. Throughout the day and during the noontime worship, the opportunity to light a candle as an expression of faith or in memory of someone will be available in the sanctuary.

As in past years, toward the end of the month, you may choose to purchase a lily or other springtime flower for the decoration of our sanctuary for Easter. On Sunday, April 1, the sanctuary will be filled with flowers, and we will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion with the Risen Christ in the Festival of the Resurrection.

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"

*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

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: _____

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

Tammy Knoll

"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"



Women's Fellowship

*Will meet @ Miss Sherris on
Lindbergh March 20th, 2018 @
11:00am*

*Everyone is welcome!
Please sign up on the bulletin board.*

*If you have questions, please contact
Dolores Zikes 314.282.0197.*



rehearsals are on Thursday
nights from 6:30 - 8:00p

Come Join Us!

Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Jake Michael Bobmeyer, born October 2, 2017

Parents

Mark James Bobmeyer & Sarah Christine Bobmeyer

Godparents

Scott and Julie Williams

**Flowers are given in Celebration from Grandparents,
Mike & Kathy Shelton**



March 29 Maundy Thursday 6:00 PM Communion and worship service in the Gathering Space, followed by a soup supper. Watch for a sign up sheet as the date gets closer.

March 30 Good Friday 11 AM to 2 PM The sanctuary will be open for individual meditation. Devotional materials will be available.
12:00 PM Brief service where the story of the crucifixion will be read and prayers offered.

April 1 Easter 9:30 AM Festival of the Resurrection and Sacrament of Holy Communion.



Lunch Bunch

Noon
March 14th @ the Church

Spagetti will be served.

A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board.

Virginia

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.



MARCH CALENDAR 2018

Sunday, March 4

9:30a - Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Jake Michael Bobmeyer

12:30p-6p Fellowship Hall Reserved

Wednesday, March 7

4:30p - 6:30p LOGOS, Fellowship Hall

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

Every Thursday

6:30p-8p Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Friday, March 9

2:30p - Until Trivia, Entire Church Reserved

ECC Parent's Night Out

Saturday, March 10

All Day-Evening Trivia, Entire Church Reserved

ECC Parent's Night Out

Sunday, March 11

Daylight Saving Time begins

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Tuesday, March 13

1p Outreach Meeting, Conference Room

Wednesday, March 14

12 noon Lunch Bunch PTBA

4:30p - 6:30p LOGOS, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 20

11:00a Women's Fellowship Lunch and Cards or Games @ Miss Sherri's on Lindbergh

Please sign up if you would like to attend. If you have questions, please contact Dolores Zikes.

Wednesday, March 21

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

Newsletter Articles & Announcements Due to admin@stphilipsucc.com

Saturday, March 24

3p-5p Fellowship Hall Reserved

Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 31

9a St. Philip's U.C.C.'s Easter Egg Hunt

*Note: Special Congregational meeting on April 8 to select your new pastor.
Immediately following morning service. More details to come.

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

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EASTER EGG HUNT



FREE EVENT
ACTIVITIES & PHOTOS with
the EASTER BUNNY

STARTS 9AM
10708 LAVINIA DR.



Happy Birthday to our members who will be celebrating

(We will sing “*It’s Your Birthday*” on the 1st Sunday of each month)

Pam Tangeman	1
Karen Moran	2
Pam Schiele Stang	4
Joyce Thuston	5
Dawn Knoll	11
David Schiele	12
Debby Wodicker	12
Scott Karcher	14
Frances Kalbfleish	15
Jason Karcher	21
Ava Kaiser	25
Ellie Blum	26
Clara Hornung	26
Meghan Mikusch	27
Elaine Kimker	28
Kali Hladnick	29
Shirley Nottelmann	29
Bob Kammerer	30



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.

THE BATTLE OF THE AISLES IS ON!

As our Lenten project, we’re collecting food items for Feed My People and, you guessed it, we’re having the Battle of the Aisles! As of now, the right side is winning. What, you usually sit on the left side of the church and didn’t know about it? Sorry about that! But now you know and we’re expecting a good (and fair) battle with the last day being March 18. There are a lot of our neighbors in need, so let’s see what we can do.



Let's help beautify the sanctuary with spring flowers for Easter. You may order Easter Lilies, Mum, Hydrangea or Tulips.

Please let us know if the flowers are given in memory or in honor of someone.

Please fill out the order form below and place it in the offering tray. Order/Money needs to be turned in by March 18th.

I/We _____

Would like _____ Easter Lilies - 6" (5+bloom) \$9.99

_____ Mum - 6" \$9.99

_____ Hydrangea - 6" \$19.99

_____ Tulips - 6" .99

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Please make checks payable to Walter Knoll Florist.