

The Crier

July 2023

servicing St. Philip's and St. John UCC

"So let's strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up." Romans 14:19

Greetings St. Philip's UCC and St. John UCC!

Check out this year's VBS theme Bible verse above! This year's VBS theme is "Hero Hotline," and our kids will learn all about some of the great heroes of our faith. They're going to learn that heroes "follow Jesus," "help others," "work together," "listen to God," and "show grace." They'll hear some important Bible stories, play some fun games, make some awesome crafts, and learn more about their faith and what it means to be a disciple of Christ.

St. Philip's UCC will have VBS July 10-14, from 9am-12pm each day. St. John UCC will have VBS July 24-27, from 5:30-8:00pm each day, with a special celebration in the evening on Friday, July 28. Both churches are sharing the same curriculum, and St. Philip's has graciously agreed to share their decorations with St. John (THANK YOU!!!). Registration for St. Philip's UCC can be found at www.stphilipsucc.com. Registration for St. John UCC can be found on St. John's Facebook page. Both churches have paper copies of the registration forms in the area outside each sanctuary. Volunteers for BOTH are still needed!

Here's the thing about VBS: we spend a whole week (and a whole bunch of time and energy preparing for that week) to focus on sharing the Good News of God's love with as many children as possible. It's a beautiful thing! Kids who don't go to church are dropped off at VBS by exhausted parents looking for a brief respite in the busy summer season. Kids who attend other churches pop in to check out our VBS program. Kids who occasionally come to our churches attend VBS. And, kids who come to church every Sunday come to VBS. It's a beautiful mixture of all kinds of kids and families who wouldn't ordinarily bump into each other in the same church who we get to spend one week pulling out all the stops to share God's love with!

As we prepare for these crazy, chaotic, full energy, joyful, laughter-filled weeks of love, love, and more love for children and families in our communities, we are already embodying the theme scripture verse for the week: *"So let's strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up"* (Romans 14:19). Bringing such a diverse mix of families of various relationships with the Church and with varying understandings of their faith together is exactly the kind of stuff that brings peace! Spending a week filled with expressions of love and care for children and families in our community is exactly the kind of thing that serves to build each other up!

So... THANK YOU! Thank you for your support, in all the ways—from time and energy volunteering, to helping with the preparations, to inviting neighbors and friends to come, to donating resources and materials, to encouraging and supporting those who will be spending a week (or even a day or two!)

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Facebook
stjohnstclair.com

9:00am Services are Livestreamed on Facebook

Facebook
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9:30am Services are Livestreamed on Facebook

Mission Statement

Pray together.
Play together.
Serve together.

Mission Statement

St. Philip's United Church of Christ is a loving Christian community believing in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit

St. John UCC Online Giving

https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give/1303503?widget=0

St. Philip's 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.

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hanging out with a bunch of kids, to bringing your own kids/grandkids, to praying for the children and families who we will serve, and everything in between! Because of ALL the ways YOU support the work and effort of making VBS happen, children and families in our communities get to hear about how much God loves them AND get to experience that love through all the volunteers who will share it extravagantly with them. For some, it may be the first time they are introduced to our God of unconditional love and unending grace. THANK YOU for being a part of building that connection and relationship!

Indeed, may we continue to strive for the things that bring peace, and may we continue to build each other up. May our living testimonies of this way of life be an example to our children, in VBS, and in all the places we encounter them.

With joy,
Pastor Laura



July Birthdays

Ken Behnen
 Joyce Brand
 Victoria Dawson
 Grace Heady
 Virginia Hladnick
 Marilyn Milne
 Sue Myers
 Jered Nagle
 Paul Shrout
 Lily Swanson
 Paula Williams

Happy Birthday to our St. John and St. Philip's members who will be celebrating a birthday in July.

The following words will be heard on the 1st Sunday of each month....

*"Happy Birthday to You!,
 Happy Birthday to You!,
 Happy Birthday Everybody!,
 and God Bless you!"*



St. John

Brad Wideman	5
Kelsey Pagan	9
Jim Mills	10
Noah Mills	10
Riley Ostendorf	12
Gary Lampkin	13
JoAnn Alves	20
Julie Girardier	24
Makinley Anson	28
Carl Stahlman	31

Anniversaries

Dolph & Cindy Schallenberg	31
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St. Philip's

Barbara Barnes	3
Dolores Zikes	3
Ellen Bell	8
Joshua Brym	8
Erin Hickman	8
Patty Siewing	10
John Rawlings	14
Judy Hickman	19
William Matthews, Jr	20
Merle Schuette	25
Sydney Stevenson	27
Jim Wodicker	30

July Worship Plans!

June 2, 2023 (Rev. Donna Kendrick-Philips filling in at St. Philip's UCC)

Matthew 10:40-42

July 9, 2023 (Pastor Laura at St. John UCC, Rev. Dori Hudson preaching)

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 16 (Pastor Laura at St. Philip's UCC)

Genesis 25:19-34

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 23, 2023 (Rev. Dori Hudson filling in at St. John UCC)

Genesis 28:10-19a

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 30, 2023 (Pastor Laura at St. Philip's UCC - fifth Sunday)

Genesis 29:15-28

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



LOGOS Service Project Date

August 9

...more info
to come!

St. Philip's
Habitat for
Humanity
October 28



Habitat
for Humanity®

Volunteers Needed

St. Philip's has volunteered to send 10 people to work on the UCC Habitat for Humanity House on **Saturday, October 28**. If you are interested in volunteering, please let Andrea Tugin know at andreatugin@gmail.com or (314)566-8633 Or [RSVP HERE](#). If you have any special skills in regards to construction, etc. please note that as well.

Pastor Laura's July Schedule

June 30 - July 4

Pastor Laura will be attending the UCC's General Synod (the biennial national meeting of our denomination) in Indianapolis.

July 5 - 7

Pastor Laura will then be attending Family Camp at Camp MoVal.

July 17 - 23

Pastor Laura will be on vacation.

In case of emergency pastoral care needs during these times, please reach out to your Council President (St. John UCC: Linda Rucker, St. Philip's UCC: Sandy Stevenson)

ST. JOHN

SUNDAY SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS

St. John UCC is going to Hurricane Harbor!

On **Sunday, July 23**, after worship, we'll head to Hurricane Harbor at Six Flags for a fun filled afternoon of fellowship in the waterpark! Please let Pastor Laura know if you plan to join us, and if you already have a park membership/pass or if you will need to purchase a ticket.



This is a family event—all children must be accompanied by a responsible adult for the duration of the outing. Adults without kids are invited to join the fun too—all are invited! St. John extends a special invitation to St. Philip's to come and play together at Hurricane Harbor!

Reach out to Pastor Laura with questions.

CELEBRATION

*of the Lives of
Ted and Pat Kramme*

On **Saturday, July 8**, we will gather at **1:00pm** at St. John UCC for a service of remembrance and celebration of the lives of Ted and Pat.

Following the service, the family is hosting a BBQ at Ted and Pat's farm at 3:00pm. All are invited. If folks from St. John would like to bring a dessert to contribute, that would be appreciated! Reach out to Pastor Laura with questions.

St. John UCC's July Special Offering

Our July special offering will be for CASA of Franklin County. Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) are trained volunteers who advocate for the best interest of children of abuse or neglect who are under the protection of the Franklin County and Gasconade County Juvenile courts.

Financial donations contribute to ensuring that each child's needs are heard, researched, and advocated for throughout the duration of the child's time before the court, thus securing a safe and permanent home for all such children. If you'd like to contribute, please indicate "CASA" on your checks or envelopes.

Outreach Ministry

St. Philip's has no new projects at this time. The Emergency Medical Forms and Angel Team forms have been revised, and copies will be included in upcoming bulletins.



The greatest needs at Agape House right now are dry goods, noodles, ramen noodles, hamburger helper, tuna helper, cereal, and oatmeal. All food donations can be placed in the barrels in the entryway at St. John UCC. Thank you for your generosity!

LITURGISTS NEEDED!

Both churches always need liturgists for the Sundays Pastor Laura is physically at "the other church," and St. John also needs tech operators to run the PowerPoint presentations those same Sundays. A sign up sheet is up on each church's respective bulletin boards. THANK YOU to those who have volunteered already! If you're considering it, please reach out to Pastor Laura with any questions or concerns you might have. Having proactive volunteers sign up instead of needing to scramble to find someone the week of makes God smile (Pastor Laura can only assume ☺).

ST. PHILIP'S PRINTER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING

Thanks to each of you who brought computer cartridges to be recycled. Not only did we keep them from going into the landfill, but St. Philip's also received \$120.00! Keep them coming!

As a reminder, at the present time only Canon and Hewlett Packard inkjet cartridges that have not previously been refilled are accepted. Please continue to put them in the collection box in the entry space.

PIETRO'S

Since 1960

LUNCH BUNCH

Please join us for St. Philip's July Lunch Bunch at **noon** on **Wednesday, July 12** at Pietro's located at 3801 Watson Road.

See the RED signup sheet on the bulletin board and signup by Sunday, July 9.

If you have any questions, contact Dave Schiele at 314-369-3450.



HAPPY 4TH
OF JULY

Fire & Brimstone/ Beer & Bible

We gather on the **SECOND** and **FOURTH** Tuesday nights for our Fire & Brimstone/Beer & Bible tradition at 6:00pm - - next up: **July 11!** This is a family-friendly gathering, typically around the firepit in the grove behind St. John. It's BYOB and snacks to share (we typically roast hot dogs and make s'mores). In case of unpleasant weather, we will meet at Brothers On Main. This is an informal gathering to chat about our lives together and wonder about God's movement in the world around us. All are welcome!

Note: No meeting on July 25.

ST. PHILIP'S WORSHIP LISTENING DEVICES

Listening devices used during worship are now available in the Admin Assistant Office. You can find them as you walk in the door to the right.

St. John UCC's

Building and Grounds Team

Meeting will be held on **Monday, July 31** at **6:00pm**. All who are interested are invited to attend!



BOOK CLUB



We will meet on **July 23** after church to discuss 'The Guest List'.

Our next selection has not yet been booked, but we hope it will be a good one! Consider joining us...books are available in kit form from the library.

We meet after church, share a pot-luck lunch and always have a good time! It is not necessary to read the book to attend!



St. John UCC

Vacation Bible School!

In partnership with St. Clair UMC and Fairview UMC, St. John UCC will host VBS July 24-27, 5:30pm-8:00pm each evening. Here's the link to register (also posted on Facebook): <https://forms.gle/M177kZmDhTV9CbnMA>. Paper copies of the registration form are available in the Friendship Room. If you'd like to volunteer to help during the week, please let Pastor Laura know. Thank you!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER FOR ST. PHILIP'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Join us this summer at St. Philip's for Vacation Bible School the **week of July 10**.

At **Hero Hotline VBS**, your kids will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they are called together to serve God. They will become Heroes and discover that answering God's call together means striving for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up! With singing, dancing, games, skits, snacks and crafts, it's going to be a great time!

Registration forms are available on the credenza outside church or you can register online at: <https://forms.gle/yNstoS9Mc2LrAUe2A>

Please contact Andrea Tugin at andreatukin@gmail.com or (314)566-8633 if you have any questions.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19 ~ FAMILY POOL PARTY

Join us for an evening of swimming, slip n' slides, food and fun at Virginia Hladnick's House! Just come around to the back of the house. The Plan:

5:00-5:30: Head to Virginia's House and get ready to have some fun! Snacks will be out. 11004

Valdamere Drive, St. Louis, MO 63123

5:30-7:00: Eat, Play and be Merry

If you have any fun lawn games or pool toys you'd like to bring, feel free!

St. Philip's will provide Burgers, hot dogs, potato salad, chips and dessert. If you'd like to bring a dish to share, you are welcome to do so! RSVP to Andrea Tugin at andreatukin@gmail.com or (314)566-8633.

ST. PHILIP'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

Ways you can help:

- **HELP DECORATE on Saturday, July 8** (we will be there 9:00am until about 1:00pm). There will be food for volunteers (bagels, coffee, juice and then lunch). **If you can only come for an hour, we'll take you!** [SIGN UP HERE](#) or [on Sign up Sheet](#) on bulletin board.
- **CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING ONE MORNING OR ALL DURING VBS:** take a part in the bible story skit, help distribute snacks, help at crafts, help lead recreation games, be a group leader and go to stations with children. [Give your availability/interests HERE.](#)

Questions? Please contact Andrea Tugin at andreatukin@gmail.com or (314)566-8633 or any of the below Learning Ministry Team Members

Rachel Fischer, Virginia Hladnick, Cindy Lewis, Jordan Lewis, Missy Ruffino, Andrea Tugin, and Pastor Laura ~ Learning Ministry

St. Philip's
May 2023 General Fund Summary

Receipts

Sunday Offering	5,740.00	
Interest Income	182.70	
MPR Rental	25.00	
Recycle Income	30.33	
Early Childhood Center	<u>9,500.00</u>	
Total		15,478.03

Expenses

Spiritual Life Ministry	270.00	
Learning Ministry	409.36	
Financial Ministry	1,346.06	
Church Property Ministry	5,572.68	
Personnel	<u>7,637.77</u>	
Total		<u>15,235.87</u>

May Surplus		242.16
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Previous Balance		<u>16,770.46</u>
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May 31 Balance		17,012.62
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May Building Fund Summary


Beginning Balance		6,407.23
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Building Fund Offering		339.00
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Capital Improvement Fund		<u>(417.00)</u>
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May Ending Balance		6,329.23
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2 Rev Donna @ St. Philip's 9:00 SJ Worship 9:30 SP Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook 9:45 SP Sunday School	3 7:00 SP Church Council Meeting	4 	5	6	7	8 9:00-1:00 SP VBS Setup 1:00 SJ Cel of Life for Krammes	
9 Pastor Laura & Rev. Dori @ St. John 9:00 SJ Worship 9:30 SP Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook 9:45 SP Sunday School	10 9:00-11:30 SP VBS 6:00 SJ Church Council Meeting	11 9:00-11:30 SP VBS 6:00 SJ Fire & Brimstone	12 9:00-11:30 SP VBS noon SP Lunch Bunch @ Pietro's	13 9:00-11:30 SP VBS	14 9:00-11:30 SP VBS	15	
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