

# The Crier

October 2023

servicing St. Philip's and St. John UCC

*"Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come."*

-Proverbs 31:25

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

Welcome to full fall mode--pumpkin spice everything, leaves changing color, a crisp chill in the evening air, and the most important mission of the autumn season: finding the perfect Halloween costume!

Do you hunt down a new costume every year? Or maybe you rotate through the ones already in your closet? Do you go for the pre-packaged, one-stop costumes, or do you strategize and toil over a DIY, hot glue gun, safety pins, and duct tape montage of random garments (and objects) from your closet? Do you look for something spooky and scary, or do you put together something cute and sparkly?

Or, maybe your days of donning costumes are behind you, and you just appreciate and delight in the costumes of kids who ring your doorbell and offer a joke in exchange for a sweet treat? Or, maybe costumes aren't just reserved for one night of the year—maybe every day is a fashion show you or your neighbors participate in?

Some kids wear costumes of people or characters that they admire, that they consider heroes, or that have qualities that they appreciate. Some kids choose costumes that are a glimpse into their aspirations, hopes, and dreams—they dress up as ballerinas, astronauts, or adventurers they imagine they could become in the future. And some just have fun dressing up for one night as something completely opposite of who they really are—villains or zombies or spooky creatures of darkness. We don't always know if a costume is representative, or antithetical, or just plain silly without any deeper meaning to it at all.

Halloween is a fun time to dress up and wear a costume. But, every single day, year round, we clothe and present ourselves in one way or another to the world. The textiles themselves may or may not be representative of the threads we strive to weave together in the world.

What if we were to be intentional about how we present ourselves to the world around us, to our neighbors, to friends and strangers alike, not just on Halloween, but every day? What if we clothed ourselves like the strong woman described (and celebrated) in Proverbs—with strength and dignity? What if we clothed ourselves with love and compassion? What if our costumes were grace and peace? What if, when others see us, regardless of the garments we put on our bodies, what if they saw the embodiment of love and compassion, grace and peace?

Maybe it's aspirational. Maybe it's authentic. Maybe it's a costume we hide ourselves in on days that we feel especially un-grace-filled or un-compassionate? We all have those days. Maybe some days

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Facebook  
stjohnstclair.com

9:00am Services are Livestreamed on Facebook

Facebook  
stphilipsucc.com

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/#/tithe/give/1303503?widget=0](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithe/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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we wear love and grace like a costume, and even more days we wear peace and compassion like it's our best fashion foot forward, like a well-fitting glove.

Maybe we can wear silly costumes on Halloween, whether they're spooky or sparkly, and maybe every day, including the days when even the silliest costumes hide our faces, we can wear love and grace boldly.

BOO! May we startle our neighbors with love, grace, compassion, and joy—this Halloween season, and always.

Trying on all the costumes, striving to boldly wear love,  
Pastor Laura



## October Worship Plans!

### October 1, 2023 (St. Philip's UCC)

World Communion Sunday, Outdoor Worship, Blessing of the Animals @ St. Philip's UCC

- Exodus 17:1-7
- Matthew 21:23-32

### October 8, 2023 (St. John UCC)

Communion and Sausage Dinner @ St. John UCC

- Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
- Matthew 21:33-46

### October 15, 2023 (St. Philip's UCC)

Congregational Meeting @ St. Philip's UCC

- Exodus 32:1-14
- Matthew 22:1-14

### October 22, 2023 (St. John UCC)

Congregational Meeting @ St. John UCC

- Exodus 33:12-23
- Matthew 22:15-22

### October 29, 2023 (St. John UCC)

Observe All Saints Day @ St. John UCC (9:00am @ St. John UCC and 1:00pm @ Mt. Hope)

- Deuteronomy 34:1-12
- Matthew 22:34-46

Iveta Boyanchek

Joyce Brand

Victoria Dawson

Bob Eillson

Grace Heady

Virginia Hladnick

The Jennings Family

Mary Ann Krewson

Marilyn Milne

Jeanette Monroe

Jered Nagle

Shirley Nottelmann

Paul Shrout

Lily Swanson

Paula Williams

## October Birthdays

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

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		St. Philip's
9	Charli Penrod	6	Chuck Knoll
11	Martha Guinn	9	Richelle Fischer
12	Robert Van Leer	12	Claire Vogt
12	Liam James	12	Samuel Vogt
12	Patsy Schallenberg	17	Doug Stevenson
12	Virginia Donoho	17	Betty Moore
13	Evelyn Dietzler	19	Andrea Tukin
13	Karen Dietzler	20	Kevin Mahoney
15	Darlene Coons	22	Linda Boucher
15	Robin Juergens	23	Laura Mignerone
17	Rachel Wideman	25	Bruce Eason
23	Laura Mignerone	26	Jamie Kotthoff
		29	Patrick Moran



### St. John UCC

Annual  
Sausage  
Dinner  
**October 8**

### St. Philip's

Fall  
Congregational  
Meeting  
**October 15**

### St. John UCC

Fall  
Congregational  
Meeting  
**October 22**

### St. Philip's

Spaghetti  
Dinner  
**November 3**

**St. Philip's**  
Vendor &  
Craft Show  
**November 3-4**

**St. John UCC**  
Hanging of  
the Greens  
**November 26**

**St. Philip's**  
Hanging of  
the Greens  
**December 3**

**St. John UCC**  
Christmas  
Program &  
Lunch  
**December 10**

**St. Philip's**  
Christmas  
Program  
**December 17**

**St. John UCC**  
Christmas  
Eve Service  
**December 24**  
**5:00pm**

**St. Philip's**  
Christmas  
Eve Service  
**December 24**  
**8:00pm**

### October Council Meetings!

St. John and St. Philip's both have their October Council meetings on **Monday, October 9**. Note the times:

St. John 6:00pm  
St. Philip's 7:00pm

### Conference Annual Gathering!

This year's Missouri Mid-South Conference Annual Gathering will be October 12-14 in Jefferson City. More information is posted on the MMSC website.

### Fall Congregational Meetings!

(Immediately following Worship)  
St. Philip's UCC - October 15  
St. John UCC - October 22



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 Tukin know at:

[andreatukin@gmail.com](mailto:andreatukin@gmail.com)  
(314)566-8633  
or [RSVP HERE](#)

If you have any special skills in regards to construction, etc. please note that as well.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE - ST. PHILIP'S FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OCTOBER 15, 2023

Along with voting on the budget for the upcoming year, members will also vote on whether to call Rev. Laura Mignerone as the permanent part-time pastor of St. Philip's UCC.

The meeting will be held immediately after the church service. It's very important that you come and vote so your voice can be heard.

## St. Philip's Outreach Ministry

Collection of dental items for Festival of Sharing will **conclude on Sunday October 1**. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

Items needed include:

- adult tooth brushes (in single or two packs)
- children's toothbrushes (in individual or multipacks that can be separated while still being sealed)
- full-sized tubes of toothpaste (6 ounces or larger)
- dental floss

Emergency Medical Information forms and Angel Team forms have been revised and will appear in Sunday bulletins soon. Please fill out new ones even if you have done so recently, as we have made some changes that we feel are important.

## St. John UCC's OCTOBER SPECIAL OFFERING

Our October Special Offering is for Neighbors In Need, one of our five special UCC offerings. Two-thirds of the Neighbors In Need offering supports Justice and Witness ministries across the nation, and one-third supports UCC ministry with Native Americans. Please indicate "Neighbors In Need" on your checks or envelopes.

Thank you for your generosity!

## LITURGISTS and TECH OPERATORS NEEDED!

Thank you to all who have already signed up, continue to sign up, and agree to serve when Pastor Laura reaches out to you in slight desperation. Sign up sheets are posted at both churches for the Sundays that need liturgists (and PowerPoint operators at St. John).

Never done it before? Pastor Laura would LOVE to acclimate you to the wonderful world of liturgist-ing and/or PowerPoint-ing! ALL are invited to participate in making worship possible each Sunday! Want to buddy up and share the liturgy with a friend? We can help you make that happen! Know someone who isn't a part of the church, but has gifts for reading liturgy? We can work with that! Have a grandchild who could run the PowerPoint in their sleep? We don't care if they're in their pajamas! (Are you sensing the rising desperation...?). Sign up and make God (or at least Pastor Laura) smile a little bigger 😊



Agape House is very low on canned goods and dry goods—all donations are appreciated! Please place food donations in the barrels in the entryway. If you'd like to contribute financially, please indicate "Agape House" on your checks or envelopes. Thank you!



# St. Philip's LOGOS

We would LOVE to see you there!! LOGOS is a laid back, intergenerational ministry where families come together to grow in their relationship with God and each other. Every other Wednesday from 5:30-7:00 pm, join us for dinner, family centered games, a simple bible study, crafts and more. It's a great opportunity for faith and family during a busy week. Anyone is welcome! All ages!



If you are interested or have questions, please contact Andrea Tukin, St. Philip's Youth Director, at [andreatukin@gmail.com](mailto:andreatukin@gmail.com) or (314) 566-8633.

Would you be interested in making a meal for our LOGOS ministry?  
If so, we'd **love** to try your cooking (and have you join us for an evening)!  
Receipts may be turned in for reimbursement.

## Need ideas on feeding 30 people?

Here are some meals we've had in the past that have been successful for our group:

- Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad
- Baked potato bar with soup
- Chili & hot dogs
- Taco night! (beef, chicken or pork)
- Build your own sub/sandwich night
- Lasagna
- Ham & cheese, Turkey & cheese Sliders
- Pulled pork & macaroni & cheese
- Enchiladas
- Chicken Alfredo
- We'd love to try your ideas too!!

**If you are interested, please see the schedule on the next page.** →

If you have questions, please let Andrea Tukin know  
or sign up below!

Thank you for your support,  
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[andreatukin@gmail.com](mailto:andreatukin@gmail.com)

**Signup here:**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/14C6IB45->



## LOGOS FALL SCHEDULE

October 4 & 18  
November 1, 15, 29  
December 13



LOGOS Fall 2023 Dates	MEAL	Dessert
October 4	Lindsey Rawlings Mac-n-Cheese Hot Dogs Peas & Fruit	Alline Doughnuts
October 18	Cindy Lewis Ravioli Bake, Garlic Bread and Italian Salad	Barbara Barnes Cake/Brownies
November 1		Tammy Knoll Cupcakes
November 15	Kathy Shelton	
November 29		
December 13		

## St. John UCC

### Fall Book / Bible Study!

On **Tuesdays, October 17 through November 14** (but NOT meeting on Halloween), we will gather with our friends from St. Clair UMC and Fairview UMC at **6:00pm** at Brothers On Main for a book study using Riva Tabelisma's "Living the Kin-dom: Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation."

Please sign up on the bulletin board (or let Pastor Laura know) to order a book (\$24—please indicate "Fall Book Study" on your checks/envelopes given through St. John UCC). If you'd like to participate but cannot afford the book, please reach out to Pastor Laura. All are invited to participate!

*Living the Kin-dom*  
Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a  
Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation  
RIVA TABELISMA



# Blessing of the Animals



## St. Philip's UCC Outdoor Worship and Blessing of the Animals and World Communion Sunday!

On **Sunday, October 1**, for our regular **9:30am** worship, we will gather outside on the church grounds for an outdoor worship experience!

AND, all are invited to bring an animal to be blessed during our worship experience (leashed/restrained; please be prepared to clean up after your animal). Be as creative as you'd like as you think about an animal to bring (a pet, a picture of a pet or animal—past or present, a stuffed animal, etc.). We'll celebrate God's magnificent creation and the animals that share it with us as we worship together outdoors!

If possible, please also bring your own chairs. AND, this is also World Communion Sunday, which we will celebrate with human communion elements and treats for pets too!

# Let's Rock

Join us for a concert at St. Philip's UCC on **Friday, October 20 at 7:00pm!** We'll rock out with Eric Moeller, who, in addition to being the Associate Pastor at St. Peter's UCC in Washington, is also a very talented musician, songwriter, and performer.

His style is progressive Christian rock music, and the evening will be a worshipful experience. Good music, a good message, and a rocking fun time! Invite your friends—all are welcome!

## LUNCH BUNCH at



# OUTBACK

STEAKHOUSE®

Please join us for St. Philip's October Lunch Bunch on **Wednesday, October 11** at noon. We will meet at Outback Steakhouse located at 5240 S. Lindbergh. Lunch Specials are available.

See the **ORANGE** signup sheet on the bulletin board or call Lois Decker at 314-843-0183 by Sunday, October 8th to signup.

## St. Philip's Fall Book Study

On **Tuesdays at 2:00pm, October 17-November 21**, we will gather via Zoom to work our way through "Living the Kin-dom: Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation" by Riva Tabelisma.

Please see the PINK sign up sheet on the bulletin board (or let Pastor Laura know) to order a book (\$24—please indicate "Fall Book Study" on your checks/envelopes given through St. Philip's UCC). If you'd like to participate but cannot afford the book, please reach out to Pastor Laura.

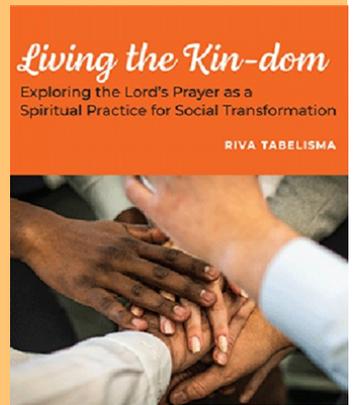
Also, if Zoom is an issue for you, please reach out to Pastor Laura. (This winter, after Christmas, we plan to do an evening "Beer and Bible" style gathering - - so if Tuesdays at 2:00pm don't work in your schedule, fear not - - we're trying to balance schedule needs with an evening option after the first of the year!). The Zoom info is below:

To join from smartphone/tablet/computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8352544400>

To dial in from cell phone/landline:

1-312-626-6799 and then 8352544400#



## All Saints Day Observances

**St. John UCC will observe All Saints Day on October 29**, both during our regular 9:00am worship and at 1:00pm at Mt. Hope.

**St. Philip's UCC will observe All Saints Day on November 5** during our regular 9:30am worship.



On these dates, we will recognize and name those in the church who have died within the past year, as well as have an opportunity for individuals to name, honor, and light a candle for any loved ones they'd like to remember that day.

## 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: **October 10 and October 24!** 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!



**Habitat**  
for Humanity®

# The UCC Habitat Online Auction



The UCC online auction to benefit Habitat For Humanity is in the homestretch and bidding **will close October 15th at 8 pm**. There are many items available -- goods, services, gift items, etc. For details, use this link:

<http://biddingowl.com/ucchabitat>

and please share the auction website with your family and friends.

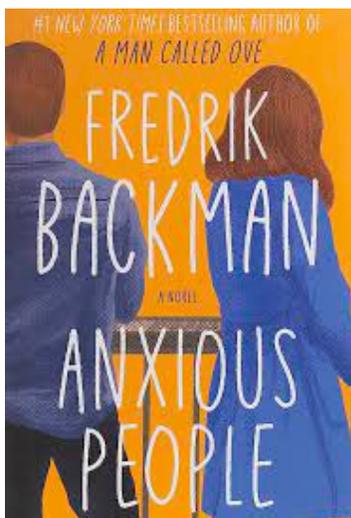
Remember... all proceeds will directly benefit Habitat for Humanity St. Louis! Please help continue to build affordable housing in our community. Contact Terri Karcher with any questions.

**Vendor &  
Craft Fair**

**Friday, November 3 3:00-7:00pm**  
**Saturday, November 4 9:00-3:00pm**

Mark your calendar! Many items will be for sale at the Vendor and Craft Fair, which runs at the same time as the Friday evening Spaghetti Dinner and on Saturday. Booths available - - contact Carole Armistead for reservation form or questions.

**BOOK CLUB**

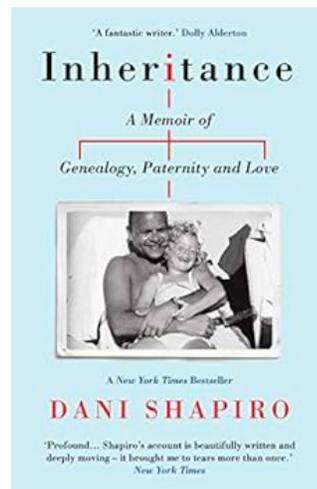


**Sunday  
October 22  
10:15am**

We will meet after church on **October 22** to discuss *Anxious People*.

Our next selection is *Inheritance : A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love*, about a family secret revealed by genealogy testing and the emotional and ethical consequences.

Consider joining us, we share a potluck lunch, always have a good time, and finishing the book is not required, as there are no tests!



# **SAUSAGE & SAUERKRAUT DINNER**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>

11:00 to 3:00

ST. JOHN UCC

920 EAST GRAVOIS, ST. CLAIR, MO 63077  
636-629-3235



*Serving Family Style – All You Can Eat*

*Dine In or Carry Out*

Sausage, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Applesauce,  
Dessert and Beverage



Adults \$15.00 – Children 5-12 \$7.00

Children 4 & under – Free

*Be sure to visit our bazaar and bake sale!*

# St. Philip's

## August 2023 General Fund Summary

### Receipts

Sunday Offering	6,391.25	
Interest Income	328.36	
Early Childhood Center	<u>9,500.00</u>	
Total		16,219.61

### Expenses

Learning Ministry	172.90	
Financial Ministry	1,745.76	
Church Property Ministry	6,524.19	
Personnel	<u>7,672.20</u>	
Total		<u>16,115.05</u>

August Surplus		104.56
Previous Balance		<u>17,868.79</u>
August 31 Balance		17,973.35
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## August Building Fund Summary

Beginning Balance		6,570.23
Building Fund Offering		379.00
Capital Improvement Fund		<u>(413.00)</u>
August Ending Balance		6,536.23
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Pastor Laura @ St. Philip's 9:00 SJ Worship 9:30 SP Outdoor Worship and Blessing of the Animals, Worldwide Communion 9:45 SP Sunday School	2	3	4 5:30-7:00 SP LOGOS	5	6 5:00 Carpets Cleaning - no access	7 all day Carpets Cleaning - no access
8 Pastor Laura @ St. John 9:00 SJ Worship 9:30 SP Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook 9:45 SP Sunday School 11:00-3:00 SJ Sausage & Sauerkraut Dinner	9 6:00 SJ Church Council Meeting 7:00 SP Church Council Meeting	10 6:00 SJ Fire & Brimstone	11 noon SP Lunch Bunch @ Outback Steakhouse	12	13 11:00 Memorial Service 4:00-5:30 SP ECC Takeout	14 8:00-noon SP ECC CPR Class
15 Pastor Laura @ St. Philip's 9:00 SJ Worship 9:30 SP Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 SP Fall Congregational Meeting 8:00 Habitat Auction Ends	16 6:00-7:30 SJ Children's Ministry	17 2:00 SP Fall Book Study 6:00 SJ Fall Book Study	18 5:30-7:00 SP LOGOS	19 3:00-4:00 SJ Third Thursday Open Church for Kids	20 7:00 SP Concert Eric Moeller	21 5:00-8:00 Trunk R Treat
22 Pastor Laura @ St. John 9:00 SJ Worship & Fall Congregational Meeting 9:30 SP Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook 9:45 SP Sunday School 10:15 SP Book Club	23 Happy Birthday Pastor Laura!	24 2:00 SP Fall Book Study 6:00 SJ Fall Book Study/ Fire & Brimstone	25 November CRIER Articles Due	26 6:00-9:00 SP Quilters	27	28 Youth @ Habitat for Humanity
29 Pastor Laura @ St. John 9:00 SJ Worship-All Saints' Day Observance 9:30 SP Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook 9:45 SP Sunday School	30 4:45 ECC Board Meeting	31 2:00 SP Fall Book Study	SJ = St. John UCC SP = St. Philip's UCC			

# OCTOBER