

The Crier

November 2023

serving St. Philip's and St. John UCC

"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!"

-1 Chronicles 16:34

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

'Tis the season for giving thanks! And you better believe that right now I am beyond thankful for more than I could even begin to name! Real close to the top of my list of blessings this year is... YOU! Thank you, St. John UCC and St. Philip's UCC, for being you, for being the Body of Christ, for doing good ministry and being incredibly awesome congregations who continue to boldly leap forward with faith! Thank you for the gift of officially getting to continue this journey of ministry we're on together— indefinitely!

So, here's just a few "thank you" shout outs:

- Thanks to those who serve as liturgists and ushers and tech operators on Sunday mornings—and thanks to those who go above and beyond the job description when needed!
- Thanks to those who serve on committees and on our Councils, and thanks to those who volunteer to help when needed!
- Thanks to those who share their gifts of music with the congregation, and thanks to those who make a joyful noise!
- Thanks to those who teach, and thanks to those who learn!
- Thanks to those who help the children in our midst know God loves them, and thanks to the children who remind us to enter God's kingdom like children!
- Thanks to those who remind the Church of our story so far, and thanks to those who envision what our story might look like in the future!
- Thanks to those who pray- for one another, for our community, for our world!
- Thanks to those who occupy the pews—even the "pews" online! ☺
- Thanks to those who study scripture and experience God outside of the sanctuary!
- Thanks to those who bring joy and laughter and hope wherever they go!
- Thanks to those who give generously of their time, talents, and treasure!
- Thanks to those who take care of our buildings and grounds!
- Thanks to those who create meals and make the coffee, and thanks to those who eat and fellowship!
- Thanks to those who care about others, who work for God's Kingdom, who are God's hands and feet in the world!
- Thanks to those who are God's beloved children (that's all of us!)- thanks for just being YOU!

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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/#/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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Thank you, St. Philip's UCC and St. John UCC, for all of this, and so much more!

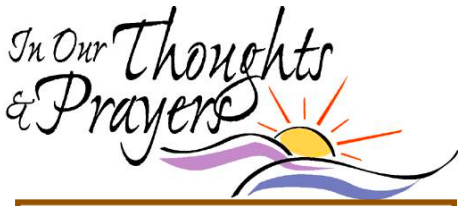
May you be reminded of such an abundance of blessings in your life, that your list of "thank yous" never ends.

Thanking God for YOU, for blessing upon blessing, for more than we can ask or imagine!

With thanks and joy,
Pastor Laura



Daylight Saving time
will end at
2:00am on
Sunday, November 5
Set clocks back 1 hour
before you go to bed



- Iveta Boyanchek
- Joyce Brand
- Bob Eillson
- Grace Heady
- Virginia Hladnick
- Mary Ann Krewson
- Marilyn Milne
- Jered Nagle
- Shirley Nottelmann
- Paul Shrout
- Lily Swanson
- Paula Williams

November Worship Plans!

November 5, 2023 (St. Philip's UCC)

- Communion and Observe All Saints Day @ St. Philip's UCC during worship
- Joshua 3:7-17
- Matthew 23:1-12

November 12, 2023 (St. John UCC)

- Communion @ St. John UCC
- Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
- Matthew 25:1-13 E

November 19, 2023 (St. Philip's UCC)

- Judges 4:1-7
- Matthew 25:14-30

November 26, 2023 (St. John UCC)

- Hanging of the Greens @ St. John UCC during worship
- Ephesians 1:15-23
- Matthew 25:31-46

November Birthdays

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

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
	3 Renee Maxwell	1	Olivia Witte
	4 Janelle Anson	3	Scott Remmers
	4 Eddie Wachter	9	De'Ana Holdener
	11 Delmar Wachter	15	Sarah Bobmeyer
	11 Brad Rucker	15	Jan Freese
	12 Marilyn Webb	15	Rob Harvey
	15 Marcie Rucker	19	Samantha Mahoney
	20 Genea Hays	28	Shirley Jennings
	24 Michele Penrod	30	Jamie York
	24 Brenda Phye		
	Anniversaries		
	24 Tim & Melissa Scheer		



St. John UCC
Hanging of
the Greens
November 26

St. Philip's
Hanging of
the Greens
December 3

St. Philip's
Family
Christmas
Party
December 9

St. John UCC
Christmas
Program &
Lunch
December 10

St. Philip's
Youth
Christmas
Program
December 17

St. John UCC
Blue
Christmas
Service
December 20

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

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

November Council Meetings!

St. Philip's

Monday, November 6 7:00pm

St. John

Monday, November 13 6:00pm



Free Concert of Negro Spirituals

Come to hear beautiful gospel music in a gorgeous church setting. Many Local choirs will participate, including the St. Louis Community Gospel Choir with over 60 members. St. Philip's very own Barbara Barnes is one of the choir members.

The concert will be held on:

Sunday November 5

3:00pm-5:00pm

St. Alphonsus Rock Church

1118 North Grand

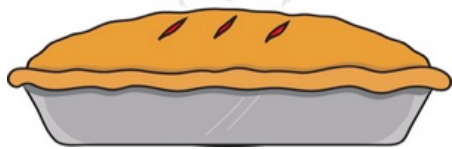
All are welcome!

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 ☺



St. John UCC Thanksgiving Pie Monetary Donations!

Our UMC friends are once again hosting the Community Thanksgiving Dinner this year (yay!), and we have a 4-H group ready to make some pies for the cause... but, we could use some monetary donations to fund the pie supplies.

If you would like to contribute, please indicate "thanksgiving pies" on your checks or envelopes throughout the month of November. Thank you for your generosity!



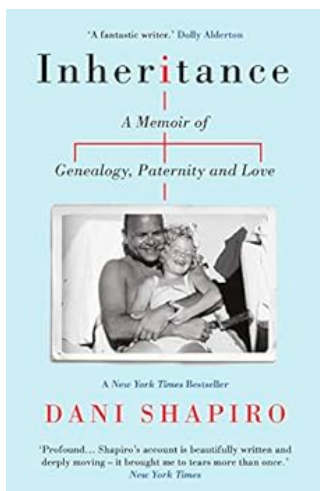
Agape House is very low on canned goods and dry goods—all donations are appreciated! Please place food donations in the barrels in the entryway. If you'd like to contribute financially, please indicate "Agape House" on your checks or envelopes. Thank you!

St. John UCC's NOVEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING

Our November Special Offering is for the Christmas Fund (formerly Veterans of the Cross), one of our five special UCC offerings. This offering supports active and retired clergy in the United Church of Christ who are facing financial hardship. If you'd like to contribute, please indicate "Christmas Fund" on your checks or envelopes.

Thank you for your generosity!

BOOK CLUB

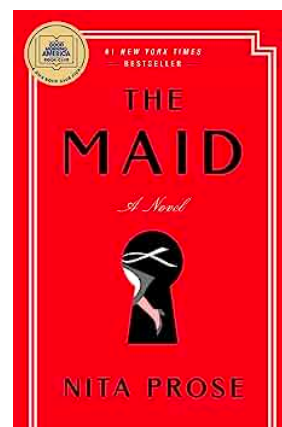


Sunday
November 19
10:15am

We will meet after church on Sunday November 19 to discuss *Inheritance*.

Our next selection is *The Maid: A Novel* by Nita Prose. This New York Times bestseller has been described as a "cozy whodunit, with a one-of-a-kind heroine who will steal your heart."

Consider joining us to read this book! We share a potluck lunch, and always have a good time. New members are always welcome. You do not have to have read the book to join us!



December's Selection

St. John UCC:

Third Thursday Open Church!

On the **THIRD THURSDAY** of the month, we are going to open the building for kids who are picked up from our parking lot after school to come inside, have a snack, and just hang out. We'll have the building open from **3:00pm to 4:00pm**, and would love to have adults to just be present and supervise.

If you're interested in volunteering to ***just show up*** please let Pastor Laura or Melissa Scheer know.

St. Philip's

Youth Christmas Program

Our Christmas Program will be **December 17**.

Plan to stay after church with Mike Orzel for about 10-15 minutes **each Sunday in November through December 10 to practice our songs**.

On December 10 please plan to stay about 30-45 minutes to do a rehearsal.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Tukin, 314-566-8633 or andreatukin@gmail.com.



St. John UCC Escape Room Field Trip!

Our Sunday School is going on a field trip to work together to complete an Escape Room on **Sunday, November 12 at 2:00pm**. This is for youth 9 years old and older. Contact Melissa Scheer or Pastor Laura with questions!

St. John UCC's

NEW Tri-Church

Children's Ministry!

In partnership with St. Clair UMC and Fairview UMC, we invite all kids to gather at St. Clair UMC on the **THIRD MONDAY** of the month, **thru December**, from **6:00pm-7:30pm** for a light dinner and Bible story themed programming.

We need adult volunteers to help make this happen! Please contact Pastor Laura if you'd be willing to help or donate toward this ministry for children in our churches and in the community.

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 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,
Andrea Tukin
(314) 566-8633 (call/text)
andreatukin@gmail.com

Signup here:

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



LOGOS FALL SCHEDULE

November 1, 15, 29
December 13



Meals/Dessert

LOGOS Fall 2023 Dates	MEAL	Dessert
November 1	Kathy Shelton	Tammy Knoll Cupcakes
November 15	Andrea Tukin~ White chicken chili & Chili w/hot dogs & all the fixings 🍷🍁	Andrea Tukin~ Pumpkin Pie w/Cool Whip & M&M cookie bars 🍷🍁
November 29		Gisele
December 13	Andrea Tukin ~ 🎄 Chicken fettuccine alfredo, garlic bread, salad, veggies 🎄	Andrea Tukin~ Chocolate cheesecake & rice krispy treats 🎄🎄🎄



Online Auction Update

Thanks to all who donated auction items and placed bids! The online auction was a big success and raised more than \$5,000!



LUNCH BUNCH

Please join the St. Philip's Lunch Bunch on **Wednesday, November 8 at noon**. We will meet at **Bob Evans** located at 6528 South Lindbergh.

See the GREEN signup sheet on the bulletin board or call Lois Decker at 314-843-0183 by Sunday, November 5th to signup.

ST. PHILIP'S OUTREACH MINISTRY NEWS

As in recent past years, St. Philip's will participate in Feed My People's "**Adopt a Family**" Program. Since Covid, Feed My People has encouraged the giving of gift cards instead of food items and wrapped packages. We will collect funds for a gift card for each family member and a grocery card for a holiday meal. We have requested a family with school-age children this year, and LOGOS has expressed interest in buying one gift for each of the children in the family.



Since we need to take our package to feed my People well before Christmas, we will start collecting funds now. Contributions can be made in the offering plate or by mail. Please write "Adopt a Family" on the Lower left side of checks or specify "Adopt a Family" on the outside of your church contribution envelope.

Cap and Mitten Tree: a skinny little tree will appear in the gathering area during Hanging of the Greens on December 3. We will "decorate" it with scarves, mittens and gloves during advent, with items going to a charity, most likely Caroline Mission. All sizes, children's thru adult, are appreciated!

Thanks in advance for your generosity!
Outreach Ministry

Fall Bible Studies Continue in November!

Both churches are studying the Lord's Prayer this fall. Even if you haven't participated in the first couple of gatherings, fear not, you can still jump in at any time!

St. John UCC

November 7 and 14 we'll meet at Brothers On Main at 6:00pm in partnership with our UMC friends. All are welcome to join the discussion!

St. Philip's UCC

October 31, November 7, 14, and 21 at 2:00pm on Zoom (link below). All are welcome to join the discussion!

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#

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





*Hanging of
the Greens*

**St. Philip's
Hanging of the Greens ~
Kids & Families**

Families...please plan to stay after church on **Sunday, December 3** to help decorate the church for Christmas. There will be Christmas crafts and activities for the kids!

[RSVP HERE](#) if you know you'll be there so we can plan ahead (you're still welcome if you don't). Looking forward to getting into the Christmas spirit with you!

**St. Philip's
Young(er) Adult Brunch
Sunday, November 19
11:00am**

Location to be determined
Babysitting at church will be available
[RSVP HERE](#) or contact
Andrea Tukin at 314-566-8633 or
andreatukin@gmail.com

**St. Philip's
Family Christmas Party
Saturday, December 9
5:00-7:00pm**

Potluck (bring a dish to share)
Christmas games, Christmas
Karaoke, Christmas Crafts and
more!

Location at St. Philip's unless someone
wants to host!

[RSVP HERE](#) or contact Andrea Tukin at
314-566-8633 or andreatukin@gmail.com

St. Philip's

September 2023 General Fund Summary

Receipts

Sunday Offering	7,831.00	
Interest Income	250.66	
Early Childhood Center	<u>9,500.00</u>	
Total		17,581.66

Expenses

Learning Ministry	473.43	
Financial Ministry	1,410.23	
Outreach Ministry	1,000.00	
Church Property Ministry	5,926.78	
Personnel	<u>8,622.04</u>	
Total		<u>17,432.48</u>

September Surplus		149.18
Previous Balance		<u>17,973.35</u>
September 30 Balance		18,122.53
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September Building Fund Summary

Beginning Balance		6,536.23
Building Fund Offering		515.00
Capital Improvement Fund		<u>(417.00)</u>
September Ending Balance		6,634.23
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>NOVEMBER</h1> <p>SJ = St. John UCC SP = St. Philip's UCC</p>						
5 Pastor Laura @ St. Philip's 9:00 SJ Worship 9:30 SP Sunday Worship-All Saint's Day, In-person & Facebook 9:45 SP Sunday School 3:00-5:00 SA Choir Concert	6 7:00 SP Church Council Meeting	7 2:00 SP Fall Bible Study 6:00 SJ Fall Bible Study	8 noon SP Lunch Bunch @ Bob Evans	9 5:00-6:00 Rawlings Scout Mtg	10 4:00-5:30 SP ECC Takeout	11 Set clocks back!
12 Pastor Laura @ St. John 9:00 SJ Worship 9:30 SP Sunday Worship In-person & Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 2:00 SJ Youth Escape Room	13 6:00 SJ Church Council Meeting	14 2:00 SP Fall Bible Study 6:00 SJ Fall Bible Study	15 5:30-7:00 SP LOGOS	16 3:00-4:00 SJ Open Church for Kids 6:00-9:00 SP Quilters	17	18
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