



One of the most dramatic advancements in manufacturing was the development of interchangeable parts. This meant that when a machine broke, it was no longer necessary to have a new part custom crafted; a job that could be long and expensive. An identical part to the original could be secured and installed quickly and inexpensively.

The same principle does not apply to organizations. People are not interchangeable. This means that you are important in your own unique way. You may not be aware of it or have forgotten that you are a vital part in the life of our congregation. Whether in worship, group meetings or a special event, if you are not there you cannot be replaced. Someone else may fill the space that is left but it is never the same. Unlike the parts of a machine, people are not interchangeable. Each person brings a special gift that cannot be offered by anyone else. That is the way God has created us.

It's easy to convince yourself that if you miss just one Sunday, a meeting, choir rehearsal or stay home from that one gathering, you won't be missed but you are. Even though many others are present, no one else can bring the unique gift that is yours. Don't forget, you are an important, irreplaceable and vital part of our St. Philip's family. Share the gift of your presence and ability as we seek to continue the work to which God calls us.

## THANK YOU

July 12, 2011

Greetings:

Thank you for helping us to aid his C.O.G. (children of God) through your donations of bags, food, personal care items, and financial aids. Your donations mean more to us than we could tell you. We truly appreciate all the prayers, love, and support you send our way.

Yours in Christian service,  
(signed) Johnnie B. Henry  
St. John's Community Services Ministry, Inc.

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July 15, 2011

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your gift to the United Church of Christ Spring Storms USA Appeal Relief fund. We recorded your gift of \$120.00 on 7/12/2011.

To date, six states have been severely impacted by flooding, with more states likely to reach emergency status due to rain fall and already high lake, river, and creek levels. In addition to floods, more than 150 tornadoes have swept across the mid-section and southeast United States, in what authorities describe as the worst-single stretch of tornadoes in more than four decades.

Among the states hit hardest by these devastating weather conditions are Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Missouri, Tennessee, North Carolina, and North Dakota. More than 200 deaths have been reported.

The United Church of Christ's immediate response in working with local partners includes providing safety equipment (Tyvek suits, respirators, goggles, and gloves) to homeowners and volunteers cleaning up damaged homes.

The UCC's long-range response will include assisting communities to repair and rebuild safe and affordable homes.



The United Church of Christ is committed to walking alongside our brothers and sisters during this disaster and stands firm in its commitment to move communities toward recovery.

You may follow the ongoing response at: [www.ucc.org/disaster/from-texas-to-minnesota.html/](http://www.ucc.org/disaster/from-texas-to-minnesota.html/)

Thank you so much for your support of United States relief efforts.

Peace,  
(signed) Susan M. Sanders  
One Great Hour of Sharing Administrator

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July 11, 2011

Many thanks to the congregation for attending the reception celebrating my years of service as the Bell Choir director. The pin and restaurant gift certificates are greatly appreciated. It's always nice to be honored in a special way and this certainly was that. I enjoyed every minute of directing and wish all the best to their new director as she takes on their leadership and I know they will continue to give it their best effort.

Shirley Nottelmann

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A big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the food drive. Everything has been divided up to go to three food pantries; St. John's North Grand, Joint Neighborhood Ministries, and Feed My People. This is always a great mission project for St. Philip's Outreach Committee.

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**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**



Our shut ins – Helen Wright, Vernon Hornung, Jacque Walker, Ann Davis, Elvira Rebienne at The Quarters at DesPeres, and Oscar Wenk at Delmar Gardens – Meramec Valley.

**Please Pray For:** Beth Hickman had her tonsils out this past week and according to her it wasn't any fun.

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

Women's Fellowship will be filling 20 backpacks with school supplies. We have the backpacks but will need the following things to put in them:

- New pencils with erasers
- 2" erasers
- Notebook filler paper
- 12" rulers
- Ink pens (medium point)
- 3 ring binders (2 1/2 to 3 inch)
- 3 hole pencil holder that fits inside the binder
- Box of 24 crayons
- Child sized metal scissors
- Folders with pockets and prongs



If you would like to help us please bring the things to church and put on the table by the door. If you have any questions call Janet Remmers 845-7796. They will be assembling the backpacks on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>.

**MUSIC! MUSIC! MUSIC!**



It is my pleasure to announce that Hand-bell Choir and Adult Vocal Choir will begin practice the week of August 21<sup>st</sup>. Dates and times will be forthcoming. If you are a returning member or considering becoming a part of St. Philip's Music Ministry, sign-up sheets will be available after worship service on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Thank you for allowing me to become a part of your wonderful community, and I look forward to this unique opportunity.

Respectfully yours,  
Karen Bolinger  
Music Director

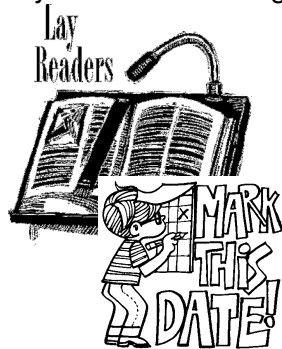
**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

The St. Philip's work day on the UCC Habitat house has been moved to Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. We will be landscaping, and there was concern about laying sod in the heat we've been having. No

experience is required! Just plan to bring your willing hands and join in this visible sign of service to our community. Look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board! Contact Terri Karcher at 842-8739 with questions.

**COMING EVENTS FOR AUGUST**

- 2 Bible Study 9 a.m.
- 3 Lydia's House Meal
- 7 Communion Sunday  
Reception for new music director
- 8 Church Council 7 p.m.
- 9 Bible Study 9 a.m.  
Women's Fellowship (assemble backpacks)
- 14 Birthday Sunday
- 16 Bible Study 9 a.m.
- 22 Crier articles due
- 23 Bible Study 9 a.m.



**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Ken Holdener
- Jean Mullgardt
- 2 Terri Karcher
- 8 Leetah Nickel
- 11 Peggi Werner
- 15 Chris Armistead
- 16 Megan Comstock
- 18 Tammy Knoll
- 19 Hilda Leonard
- 20 Claire Schillinger
- 22 Connie Caldwell
- 23 Al Farrow
- 28 Wally Knoll  
Jennifer Larsen  
Paul Shrout
- 30 Harry Headley
- 31 Judy York



**USHERS, ACOLYTES AND CHILDREN'S TIME FOR AUGUST**

**Liturgists**

- August 7 Terri Karcher
- August 14 Ellen Disseler
- August 21 Mike Shelton
- August 28 Bob Leber

**Welcoming Teams**

- August 7 Sandy Stevenson, Betty Moore,  
Roger and Lois Decker
- August 14 Patty Siewing, Bob Leber, Mike  
and Kathy Shelton
- August 21 Joy Lopez, Bob Leber, Joan  
Schumacher, Tom Nottelmann
- August 28 Sharon Jackman, Ellen Disseler,  
Connie Moelm, Carole  
Armistead

**Children's Time**

- August 7 Pastor Brandon
- August 14
- August 21
- August 28 Bob Leber

## **WHY GO TO CHURCH ?**

Thanks to Dave Schiele for this email.

If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this! If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it. If you are spiritually curious, there is still hope!

Why go to church?

A churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this...they all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!" When you are DOWN to nothing....God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!