

THE CRIER

St. Philip's U.C.C.

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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

“Are you a leader?” Chancellor Smith asked the young woman, during her interview for college. Without hesitation she replied, “No.” “That will be all then,” said the Chancellor, dismissing her from the room. She sulked away, believing she’d just ruined her chances of getting into the school.

Within a week, she received a letter from the Chancellor, “He doesn’t waste any time sending our rejection notices,” she thought. With a deep sigh, she opened the envelope.

“Congratulations!” it read. “With all the leaders enrolled in our program, we felt it was important to admit at least one follower. We look forward to seeing you on campus next semester.”

The experience taught her a valuable lesson about character that carried her through life. You don’t have to pretend to be someone you are not when you are confident in knowing who you are.

Each year, millions of people work diligently at keeping New Year resolutions. Many of these resolutions are directed at becoming more like someone else. This year why not resolve to find out who you really are. Then, with God’s guidance, become the best at the purpose for which God has created you.

Happy New Year !

Pastor Brandon



THANK YOU



To St. Philip's Congregation and Council:

We wanted to take the chance to offer a sincere thank you for renting the parsonage to our family this past year. It has been such a blessing to us and we are very grateful. It was the home where we celebrated Brady's first steps and welcomed our sweet Brooklyn into our family! We're thrilled to be homeowners, but are a little bittersweet to leave such a special place that holds so many memories!

Thank you all again!

Chad, Theresa, Brady and Brooklyn King

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November, 2011

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your generous donation of \$125.00 to help Feed My People.

God's Blessing to You,

Signed (Carol and John DeGuire)

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St. Philip's,

Thank you for your prayers and the flowers were beautiful. I was so glad that Pastor Brandon could be there to do the service.

(signed) Lynn Bippen and Karen Brill

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Keep in your prayers-



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Our shut-in – Ann Davis, Vernon Hornung, Jacque Walker, Oscar Wenk, and Helen Wright; the family of William Brill, who passed away on December 10th.

CONGRATULATIONS



Births in the Church Family

Congratulations to Carl and Donna Philips on the birth of their granddaughter, Paige Ellen Randall, who is the daughter of Amy and Jason. Paige was born on December 7, 2011 and weighed in at 6 lbs. 11 oz.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS – JANUARY 8TH

A new member's class will be held after services on January 8th. If there are those who have been considering joining our fellowship, we invite you to be on hand. We will be talking about our Christian beliefs, the history and structure of the United Church of Christ, and about St. Philips. Presence at this gathering will not indicate a commitment to join but those wishing to do so will be received into membership on Sunday, January 15th.

This gathering will be a very casual and, hopefully, an informative one as well. If you are already a member of St. Philip's and wish to discover more about our Christian faith and background, feel free to be a part of the gathering.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP PLANNING MEETING



The Women's Fellowship group will meet on Tuesday, January 17th to plan their activities for the year. Be thinking about what you might like to do and bring your ideas to the meeting on that day. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

50+ GROUP

On Saturday, January 21st, the 50+ Group will be meeting at 9:30 a.m. to plan their activities for 2012. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Hope you can come up with some original ideas.

COMING EVENTS

January 1	Communion
January 2	Church Council 7 p.m.
January 8	New member class
	Birthday Sunday
January 11	Lunch Bunch
January 15	New members received
January 17	Women's Fellows planning meeting
January 21	50+ Group planning meeting 9:30 a.m.
January 23	Crier articles due



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	Joel Knoll	18	Jeff Stevenson
2	Charles Zikes	19	Jane Eason
3	Walter Knoll	22	Dan Kammerer
	John Mikusch		Jeremy Decker
4	Carl Schillinger	23	Marilynn Eason
	Jamie Jackson	24	Nick Harvey
7	Caylie Jean Armistead	28	Lois Decker
8	Gary York	29	Beth Hickman
12	Andrew Knoll	30	Harold Adams
14	Jordan Gross		Lester Krenning
17	Hannah Schillinger	31	Joyce Brand
	Lynn Bippen		Andria Brym
	Robin Knoll		



USHERS, ACOLYTES AND CHILDREN'S TIME FOR JANUARY

Liturgists



January 1
January 8 Ellen Disseler
January 15 Mike Shelton
January 22 Lois Decker
January 29 Bob Leber

Welcoming Teams

January 1 Betty Moore, Al and Mary Lou Farrow, Shirley Nottelmann
January 8 Sharon Jackman, Alice Hillyard, Mike and Kathy Shelton
January 15 Joy Lopez, Richelle Fischer, Al and Sue Bowles
January 22 Carl and April Schillinger
January 29 Joyce Thuston. Carole Armistead



Children's Time



January 1
January 8
January 15
January 22
January 29 Bob Leber

Acolytes

January 1 Joshua Hickman
January 8 Grace Williamson
January 15 Harrison Fischer
January 22 Madeline Williamson
January 29 Jordan Lewis



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Thanks to Janet Remmers for this email.

PASS THE BISCUITS

When I was a kid, my mom liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now and then. And I remember one night in particular when she had made breakfast after a long, hard day at work. On that evening so long ago, my mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage, and extremely burned biscuits in front of my dad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed! Yet all my dad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my mom and ask me how my day was at school.

I don't remember what I told him that night, but I do remember hearing my mom apologize to my dad for burning the biscuits. And I'll never forget what he said: "Honey, I love burned biscuits."

Later that night, I went to kiss Dad good night and I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burned. He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Your mom put in a long hard day at work today and she's real tired. And besides...a burnt biscuit never hurt anyone!"

You know, life is full of imperfect things... and imperfect people. I'm not the best at hardly anything, and I forget birthdays and anniversaries just like everyone else. What I've learned over the years is that learning to accept each other's faults and choosing to celebrate each other's differences, is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing, and lasting relationship.

So...please pass me a biscuit. And yes, the burned one will do just fine! And please pass this along to someone who has enriched your life...I just did!