



Dear Partners in Ministry,

At the meal following the Memorial Service for John Schuette, the daughter of one of our charter members said something like this. She said, "How can you stand to look out at the congregation week after week and see how many people have died?"

I don't think that way. As I prepared for that service, I did think of all the dear souls who had formed and shaped St. Philip's and several names and faces came to mind. I realized how much we all missed them and what a gift they had been to the church. Every church that is about fifty years old is experiencing the same loss as the charter members go home to God. A generation has passed and that has profound significance for all of us. But do I dwell on that every week? No.

I'm sure that for the woman who asked, it is very difficult to see the adults who shaped her life and were her parent's friends gone. I think I finally answered her with, "I prefer to think of it as we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses." And that is how I truly feel. If we give in to "what was" we do our cloud of witnesses a disservice. They laid the ground work for us and we are bound to do the work of the church in service of God and in memory of them.

So, on a Sunday I don't dwell on who is gone, because they are at home and at peace. Instead, I rejoice in those who are with us and in the life and vitality of our congregation. Thanks be to God for both groups of people and the call to service that gives us purpose.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Sue



Thank you for all the get well cards and concern after my surgery. I'm on the mend and hope I can be driving in a few weeks.

Alice Hillyard

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Just want to let you know how much my family and I appreciated all the cards and words of sympathy we received on the death of my brother, Ken. It just proves what a caring church family St. Philip's is. Thank you very much.

Shirley Nottelmann

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KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Walt Miller (our shut-in); Merle Schuette and her family on the death of her husband, John on June 12, 2009; and Nick Balzer who is doing well after having a seizure two weeks ago.

ST. PHILIP'S SUNDAY ENVELOPE

Enclosed with the Crier is the St. Philip's Sunday envelope. We hope you will consider giving an extra Sunday to church. Let's see if we can come out ahead for July. Thank you in advance.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER LUNCHEON

Come join us for a fun picnic meal together on Saturday, July 11, 2009 in the MPR. All mothers and daughters, in-laws, like a mother, like a daughter are invited to attend. Dress is casual. We are carrying out a picnic theme with box lunches from Kenrick's. Join us for this St. Philip's first Mother-Daughter Picnic Luncheon. Tickets are available through July 5th.

Adult box lunch \$7.00 Children's bag lunch \$3.00

Tickets are limited, so buy your tickets soon!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Learning Ministry would like volunteers for summer Sunday School. You can work in pairs. It is enjoyable and fun and easy. I will help you. See or call Virginia. The program will be videos of Bible stories. See the bulletin board for the sign-up sheet.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

The Women's Fellowship is sponsoring a Christmas in July sale on Sunday, July 19th. If you have any "nice" extra Christmas decorations you no longer need or use, bring them up to church on Saturday, July 18th, between 9 am and 10 am.

The items will go on sale Sunday for a goodwill offering. Any questions call Alice Hillyard 849-1907.

ALL MEMBERS –

Please check the bulletin board for liturgist, children's time and welcoming team sign-up sheets. If we get enough people to sign up, we won't need to pass around during Sunday worship. We need volunteers for July, August, and September Sundays.

LYDIA'S HOUSE COMMUNITY MEAL

What a wonderful assortment of food you provided for the last community meal on June 3rd. There has never been a time when so many people got involved and it is really appreciated. Rev. Carolyn Held, Lydia's House chaplain, called to report on the success of the meal. She started naming what were particular favorites and ending up saying, "Everything was wonderful. Philip's did a great job as usual. The people really enjoy the diversity so everyone can find items they really like." So, thank you to the twenty-two ladies that provided this much enjoyed and appreciated meal: Lois Decker, Linda Kammerer, Dolores Zikes, Dorothea Holdener, Hilda Leonard, Janet Remmers, Betty Moore, Joy Lopez, Nancy Krenning, Kathy Shelton, Shirley Nottelmann, Frances Kalbfleish, Pat Siewing,

Tara Siewing, Clara Hornung, Sue Leary, Judy Hickman, Barbara Barnes, Joyce Brand, Joan Schumacher, Jacque Walker and Ardelle Dischinger. You are great!

FREEDOM FROM HUNGER

Again this year we'll be collecting for the July Freedom from Hunger collection done by the St. Louis Food Pantry. Our donations will go directly to your nearby neighbors at Feed My People. Please bring an item (maybe every Sunday in July?) and put it in the drum by the front door. Hunger is a constant problem and with the economy and joblessness, together with the fact that kids don't receive free lunches or breakfasts over the summer months, these food items are really needed. Can you help – even a little bit?

JOINT NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRY TEA

We held a wonderful tea to benefit Joint Neighborhood Ministry on June 14th. There were sixty-one paid participants and rave reviews from everyone. While the totals aren't in yet, we will have made just under \$1,000 for a very good cause. Not only that but it got the story of JNM out to the community and it showed all present that St. Philip's cares for those outside of its own walls. Thank you to those who came to the tea, to those who set up and cleaned up, those who baked, loaned serving plates, bought clothes, and donated money. Particular thanks go to Nancy Krenning for her donations of teas and the use of her wonderful cup and teapot collection and especially to Janet Remmers, Jan Freese, and Dorothea Holdener who spent two days on their feet preparing food and serving. We couldn't have done it without you!

Virginia and Sandy

DISCOVERY DAY

Boys and girls who have completed grades Kindergarten – 6th grade can take advantage of Discovery Day, Wednesday, July 15th. Virginia and 1-2 more adults will take this group.

This is a fun faith filled day at Camp Mo-Val. There will be a taste of many favorite camp activities – including swimming, pedal boating, crafts, and singing.

Camp will be 9:30 a.m. to about 3:00 p.m. We will leave church at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$10.00. There will be staff leadership.

Children bring swimsuit and towel, sturdy closed-toe shoes, a sack lunch, and a water bottle. We will provide a drink for lunch.

Call the office or Virginia by Sunday, July 12th, if you would like for your child to attend this fun filled day.

Learning Ministry

SANDWICHES

We will make sandwiches on July 19th after church. Plan to stay and get involved in supporting a needy cause for needy people.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – CAMP E.D.G.E. – JULY 27-31

As we are getting closer to VBS the ladies are busy working – cutting, gluing, painting, making racks, boulders, things needed for the assembly, storytelling, and crafts. If you would like to help and get involved in the excitement, fun, and fulfillment to make this a long memory of God's love for these children, call the church office of Virginia. We can always use the help.

FOOD COLLECTION

There will be no Joint Neighborhood Ministry food collection of food during July because of the Feed My People "Freedom from Hunger". However, do continue to bring folded plastic or paper grocery bags.

We will be collecting school items in July through August 9th for JNM. The items they need are:

loose-leaf paper

notebooks

spiral bound notebooks
folders
box of crayons
box of markers
pack of #2 pencils
black or blue pens
red pens
scissors
ruler
bottle of glue or glue sticks
erasers

pencil case
back pack
boys/girls underwear
(all sizes)
adult underwear
socks (all sizes) adult
and children

Optional items

calculators
scotch tape
stapler
paper clips
Hi-liters

JUST A NOTE –

Tammy Knoll informs us that one of our past church members, Melissa Mills, was married on May 23rd at the City Museum to Scott Mitchell.

COMING EVENTS

July 2	Yoga Class 6:30 p.m.
July 5	Communion Sunday
July 6	Bible Study 9 a.m.
	Church Council Meeting 7 p.m.
July 8	Free Lunch Day – 12 noon – Virginia's House
July 9	Yoga Class 6:30 p.m.
July 11	Mother/Daughter Luncheon 1 p.m.
July 12	Birthday Sunday
July 13	Bible Study 9 a.m.
July 15	Discover Camp Mo-Val Day
	Outreach Ministry Meeting 10 a.m.
July 16	Yoga Class 6:30 p.m.
July 19	Christmas in July Sale after worship
July 20	Bible Study Class 9 a.m.
	Crier articles due
July 23	Yoga Class 6:30 a.m.
July 27-31	Vacation Bible School

JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 3	Barbara Barnes Dolores Zikes
July 4	Walt Miller
July 6	Matt Lawler
July 7	Meredith Saulka Philip Ricks
July 8	Ellen Bell Joshua Brym Ardelle Dischinger Rachel Kelly Erin Hickman
July 10	Pat Siewing
July 11	Christine Steele
July 15	Dawn Williamson
July 18	Susan Leary
July 19	Roy Hagemann Judy Hickman
July 20	Marjorie Hagemann
July 24	Jacob Nickel
July 25	Merle Schuette
July 27	Sydney Stevenson
July 30	Jim Wodicker Jan Mittler

LITURGISTS, USHERS, ACOLYTES AND CHILDREN'S TIME FOR JULY

Liturgists



July 5	Harry Jennings
July 12	Mission Trip Sunday
July 19	Ellen Disseler
July 26	

Welcoming Teams

July 5 and 12	Bob Kammerer, Joy Lopez, Russ and Judy Hickman
July 19 and 26	Alice Noland, Shirley Nottelmann, Bob and JoAnn Leber

Acolytes



July 5
July 12
July 19
July 26

Children's Time

July 5	Sandy Stevenson
July 12	
July 19	
July 26	Bob Leber



SPECIAL GROCERY LIST

Louise Redden, a poorly dressed lady with a look of defeat on her face, walked into a grocery store. She approached the owner of the store in a most humble manner and asked if he would let her charge a few groceries. She softly explained that her husband was very ill and unable to work, they had seven children and they needed food. John Longhouse, the grocer, scoffed at her and requested that she leave his store at once. Visualizing the family needs, she said: 'Please, sir! I will bring you the money just as soon as I can.' John told her he could not give her credit, since she did not have a charge account at his store.

Standing beside the counter was a customer who overheard the conversation between the two. The customer walked forward and told the grocer that he would stand good for whatever she needed for her family. The grocer said in a very reluctant voice, 'Do you have a grocery list?'

Louise replied, 'Yes sir.' 'OK' he said, 'put your grocery list on the scales and whatever your grocery list weighs, I will give you that amount in groceries.'

Louise hesitated a moment with a bowed head, then she reached into her purse and took out a piece of paper and scribbled something on it. She then laid the piece of paper on the scale carefully with her head still bowed.

The eyes of the grocer and the customer showed amazement when the scales went down and stayed down. The grocer, staring at the scales, turned slowly to the customer and said begrudgingly, 'I can't believe it.' The customer smiled and the grocer started putting the groceries on the other side of the scales...The scale did not balance so he continued to put more and more groceries on them until the scales would hold no more. The grocer stood there in utter disgust. Finally, he grabbed the piece of paper from the scales and looked at it with greater amazement. It was not a grocery list, it was a prayer, which said:

'Dear Lord, you know my needs and I am leaving this in your hands.'

The grocer gave her the groceries that he had gathered and stood in stunned silence.. Louise thanked him and left the store. The other customer handed a fifty-dollar bill to the grocer and said; 'It was worth every penny of it. Only God knows how much a prayer weighs.'

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