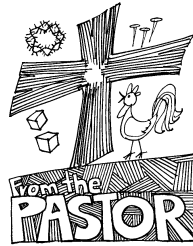


Dear Partners in Ministry,

Well, the letter is out and the reality of my decisions is beginning to settle in. I want you to know that I made my decision to buy a house and take a leave of absence from ministry after much prayer and much discussion with Conference staff and friends. It was God that was the primary mover in the decision. I believe that God led me through the steps to arrive where I am. I also believe that God will lead St. Philip's through the steps to arrive at a new place.



One of my prayers is that God will help me find a new place to serve and maybe a new way to serve. I know that for the immediate future, I need to rest a bit and put my energies into my family. My ministry is not over and neither is yours.

Now, let me assure you that St. Philip's is a wonderful Christian community, a wonderful church. I know that you compare yourselves to other churches. Please don't do that. Look at all the great things you do. The Conference staff will work with you to find an Interim Minister and then guide you through the "search and call" process. Most of all, God will be with you.

Change is frightening for every one of us, but it can also be positive and good. We can cling to the words of God in Isaiah 43. ***"See I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland. The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls because I provide water in the desert and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise."***

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Sue



Thanks to all who remembered me while I was recovering from my knee replacement. Phone calls and greeting cards make the days go by. Thanks again. With a few more weeks of physical therapy I should almost be as good as new.

Lois Decker

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Prayer Requests

Please keep in your prayers the family of Walter Knoll. Walter's sister, Donna Shannon, of Bettendorf, Iowa passed away Friday, June 4th.

Also the family of Paul Harvey/Barbara Barnes. Paul's brother passed away earlier this month in Seattle, Washington.

Ann Davis will be having knee replacement surgery at St. Anthony's Hospital on Monday, June 28th. Please keep her in your prayers as well.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please make the following change of address for Kirk and Pam Tangeman:

2 Higgins Ranch Drive
Wellsville, MO 63384-9207
401-7248 (Pam's cell phone)



POND TOUR

The St. Louis Water Gardening Society is having their 10th anniversary pond tour on June 26 and 27 with 55 ponds on tour around the St. Louis area. Chris Siewing and Dave Schiele will have their ponds on tour Saturday June 26 from 9 am to 5 pm and are inviting all St. Philips members to be their guest and visit them at their home. Addresses are in the church directory.

Cameras are always welcome. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call Dave.

HOPE FOR HAITI



Inspired by a prayer of a sixth grader for his church to do something for Haiti, a benefit concert has been planned. It will be on July 10th at 7 p.m. at Parkway UCC. Tickets are \$10. The proceeds from the concert will go to the Global Ministries of the UCC, which is already in place with several mission partners in Haiti. If you would like to go, please sign up on the bulletin board or talk to Nancy Krenning (314-481-3916). We will meet at church at 6 p.m. and carpool to the concert. Bryan Sirchio and Karen Hylton will be the featured musicians. They are also putting together a program booklet with ads starting at \$40.00, if you know of any business that would like to place an advertisement.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Beginning the end of June, the Learning Ministry will start projects for Vacation Bible School. Since these will be time consuming projects, we would appreciate if you could bring any of these items by June 20th, if possible. We will have a box by the front door. Some items could be put in the youth director's office.



Light switches
Dryer vent hoses
Lava lamps
Old CDs
Stuffed animals
Artificial greenery/plants
Pringle cans/lids

Clear mini lights
Strands of clear outside roof lights
Old stove knobs
Space related books
Space pictures (assembly area)
Space pictures (computer screen)

rectangular paint palettes
silver disco balls

black lights
large cardboard for ceiling stars

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call Virginia at 314-843-3605.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



The July meeting for Women's Fellowship will be held on Tuesday, July 20th. Meet at church at 11:15 a.m. and bring a sandwich. We will go to Cravings in Webster after our meeting for dessert. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Also, Women's Fellowship will be doing backpacks on August 10th. We will need lots of the following school supplies if you would care to help. The sales should be coming on soon. The backpacks will be filled with the following:

New pencils with erasers	3 ring binder 2"
2" erasers	3 hole pencil holder that fits inside the binder
Pkg. notebook filler paper	box of 24 crayons
12" ruler	child-sized metal scissors
Ink pens – medium point	Folders with pockets and prongs

Please put your donations on the table by the door.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

The Christmas in July sale will be held this year on Sunday, July 18th at 11 a.m. to noon. Be sure to invite your friends and relatives to come and enjoy the great buys.

We will set up for the event on Saturday, July 17th at 9 a.m. Please bring your items to church then. We will need some strong hands to help with the setting up at that time. Thank you.

FLOWER SUNDAY



Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 25th – it's Flower Sunday! Bring in your home grown flowers and we'll arrange them on the altar in celebration of summer.

FOOD COLLECTION IN JULY

It has been decided to have a Freedom From Hunger/Battle of the Aisles food collection in July this year instead of the traditional November. We will not be collecting canned goods in November.. It seems the summer month pantry gets pretty bare.



FALL TRIP IS PLANNED

A two day trip is being planned to Indiana on November 20-21, 2010; first day in Ferdinand, IN to a Christkindlmarkt. This is modeled after the open air markets held in Germany. It is a holiday event featuring artisans, holiday music and food. Then a guided tour of the Castle on the Hill. One of the nation's largest communities of Benedictine women. We dine at the Schnitzelbank with traditional German music and entertainment. Day two on to French Lick and the West Baden Springs National Landmark and the French Lick Resort. Then to Dr. Ted Musical Marvel's collection of amazing musical instruments. Then on home. Cost \$270 for a double room. Talk to Janet Remmers if you are interested.

JNM TEA

On Saturday, June 19, St. Philip's hosted the 2nd annual appraisal tea to benefit Joint Neighborhood Ministry. It was a

huge success with 67 participants who enjoyed an abundant supply of tea, scones, sandwiches and cookies as well a knowledgeable appraiser who entertained and informed. Of course, all this would not have been possible without the help of a lot of people. Thanks go to Tom Nottelmann and his wonderful set up and/or take down crew of Mike Shelton, Dave Schiele, George Brand, Chris Armistead, and Doug Stevenson. We also appreciated the sound system that Bob Kammerer set up for the appraiser's use. Then there were people who baked at their homes (Janet Remmers, Jan Freese and Pat Siewing) and who made sandwiches, arranged cookies on plates, set tables, and did all the prep and cleanup work (Jan Freese, Dorothea Holdener, Dolores Zikes, Merle Schuette, Janet Remmers, her friend Barb and Pastor Sue). Special thanks go to Nancy Krenning for supplying all the tea and wonderful cups and teapots and to Karen Huryck from St. John Mehlville for making the beautiful centerpieces. We also appreciate each of you who came to the tea, not only to have a good time, but also to support Joint Neighborhood Ministry's community outreach programs. Last, but certainly not least, a deep debt of gratitude to Virginia Hladnick who co-planned, shopped, baked, prepared ingredients at home and worried along with me that all would go well. And it did!

Sandy Stevenson

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER NEWS



St. Philip's Early Childhood Center is busy with summer activities. Just a reminder to our church members we are always looking for new families who need our services. Please be our advertising. Word of mouth is the best.

We have openings in our center now and for the fall. Please keep the center in your prayers. We have a wonderful staff to take care of the little ones. There are

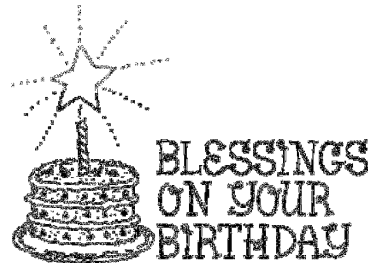
brochures at church on Sunday morning to tell of our center.
Pick them up and pass to friends and relatives.

COMING EVENTS

- July 4 Communion Sunday
- July 5 Council - 7 pm
- July 8 Yoga Class - 6:30 pm
- July 10 Mother/Daughter Luncheon - 1 pm
- July 11 Birthday Sunday
- July 12 ECC Board Meeting 7 pm
- July 15 Yoga Class - 6:30 pm
- July 17 Set up for Christmas in July Sale - 9 am
- July 18 Christmas in July Sale - 11 am to noon
Spiritual Life Mtg. after worship
- July 20 Women's Fellowship - 11:15 am
- July 22 Yoga Class - 6:30 pm
- July 25 Flower Sunday
- July 29 Yoga Class - 6:30 pm

JULY BIRTHDAYS

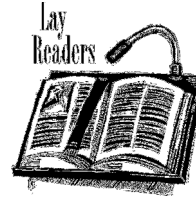
- July 3 Barbara Barnes
Dolores Zikes
- July 6 Matt Lawler
- July 8 Ellen Bell
Joshua Brym
Ardelle Dischinger
Rachel Kelly
Erin Hickman
- July 10 Pat Siewing
- July 11 Christina Steele
- July 15 Dawn Williamson
- July 18 Pastor Sue
- July 19 Roy Hagemann
Judy Hickman
- July 20 Marjorie Hagemann



- 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 4 Bob Leber
- July 11 Lois Decker
- July 18 Sandy Stevenson
- July 25 April Schillinger

Welcoming Teams

- July 4 Joy Lopez, Carole Armistead, Al and Mary Lou Farrow
- July 11 Joan Schumacher
- July 18 Susan Cochran, Dolores Zikes, Nancy Krenning
- July 25 Roger and Lois Decker

Children's Time

- July 4 Bob Leber
- July 11
- July 18
- July 25



Acolytes



- July 4
- July 11
- July 18
- July 25

NEW SCHOOL PLEDGE

Thanks to Dottie Vinyard for this one – it really gives us food for thought especially for Independence Day ! May be offensive to some but it is well worth reading.

Written by a 15 year old school kid in Arizona:
New Pledge of Allegiance (TOTALLY AWESOME)!

Since the Pledge of Allegiance and The Lord's Prayer are not allowed in most public schools anymore – because the word 'God' is mentioned.....A kid in Arizona wrote the attached –

NEW School prayer:

Now I sit me down in school
Where praying is against the rule
For this great nation under God
Finds mention of Him very odd.

If Scripture now the class recites,
It violates the Bill of Rights.
And anytime my head I bow
Becomes a Federal matter now.

Our hair can be purple, orange or green,
That's no offense; it's a freedom scene.
The law is specific, the law is precise.
Prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice.

For praying in a public hall
Might offend someone with no faith at all.
In silence alone we must meditate,
God's name is prohibited by the state...

We're allowed to cuss and dress like freaks,
And pierce our noses, tongues and cheeks...
They've outlawed guns, but FIRST the Bible.
To quote the Good Book makes me liable.

We can elect a pregnant Senior Queen,
And the 'unwed daddy,' our Senior King.
It's 'inappropriate' to teach right from wrong,
We're taught that such 'judgments' do not belong.

We can get our condoms and birth controls,
Study witchcraft, vampires, and totem poles.
But the *Ten Commandments* are not allowed,
No word of God must reach this crowd.

It's scary here I must confess,
When chaos reigns the school's a mess.
So, Lord, this silent plea I make:
Should I be shot; My soul please take.

Amen!

Gives us plenty to think about – doesn't it?

