

Dear Partners in Ministry:

On Monday at Bible Study we shared favorite Scriptures. One of mine is from Isaiah 43:18-21. The heart of that scripture is:

“Forget the former things, do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it spring up; do you not perceive it?”

So what’s new? We have a new structure that we hope combines the best of the past with the challenge of the future. We sincerely hope to work towards a better use of technology in all we do. As an association and as a church we are committed to “greening”.

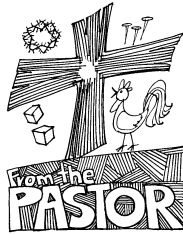
Second, in our effort to minister to the whole person, body, mind, and spirit; we are going to work on health. Beginning on May 31 we will start a program called “Get My People Moving”. This was developed by the Deaconess Nurse Foundation and strives to get us all thinking about healthy living as part of our Christian journey. Watch for further information.

Third, this summer in conjunction with Eden UCC and Prince of Peace there will be an adult faith study. It may be “Living the Questions”, it may be “Eclipsing Empire”. We haven’t decided but it will be good. It seems only good stewardship of money and resources to share the expense and the teaching. It is also good for us to fellowship together and work together. Again, look for more information.

We are richly blessed and pray God’s blessing in what we do.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Sue



Thanks to our wonderful congregation for all the cards, calls, and prayers after my surgery. I really appreciate all the love and well-wishes I received. It was very encouraging. Thanks to Pastor Sue for coming to the hospital, too.

April Schillinger

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From the Evangelism Committee:

Thank you to Bob and Linda Kammerer for the beautiful decorated and delicious cake for the new member reception.

Thank you to Tom Nottelmann for putting the tables and chairs up for our pot-luck luncheon, and the new member reception. Also, thank you to the ones who put away the tables and chairs.

Thank you to Walter and Gail Knoll for the centerpieces on the tables for the pot-luck luncheon. The shamrocks were a big success.

**LYDIA’S HOUSE COMMUNITY MEAL**

Once again we provided a great meal for Lydia’s House. Thanks to Shirley Nottelmann, Alice Hillyard, Virginia Hladnick, Nancy Krenning, Joy Lopez, Joan Schumacher, Lois Decker, Jan Freese, Pat Siewing, Sue Leary, Ardelle Dischinger, and Joyce Brand for their contributions to the success of the meal. Caroline Held, Lydia’s House Chaplain, reported that the food was delicious and plentiful. She said that it’s always great when the women not only have leftovers to take home but WANT to take them for the next day. That’s a tribute to your cooking, ladies. Thanks again for a job well done!

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

John Schuette and Walt Miller (our shut-ins); Sharon Jackman’s husband, Jack, who is recovering at home, Al Farrow, who had ankle surgery and is now home, and Judy Parkinson’s mother, Catherine Rapp, who is in St. Anthony’s Hospital.

### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Please make the following change in your church directory:

Mrs. Jean Mullgardt  
2535 Oakmount Terrace Drive Apt 202  
63129  
314-846-1585

### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Keep on your calendars – St. Philip's Habitat for Humanity Workday is Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to mark the date and think about helping out at this project. More details later.

### **JOINT NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRY TEA**

You've known that we have a tea scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup> which will benefit Joint Neighborhood Ministry but here's some really exciting news – it's going to be an appraisal tea! We have an authority in antiques and collectibles coming and she will appraise one item for each person. Imagine that, find out about the worth of your collectible and enjoy food, fellowship and, yes, even tea! Keep the afternoon of June 14<sup>th</sup> open. More details will be coming soon.

### **PANCAKE BREAKFAST CANCELLED**

The Pancake Breakfast which was scheduled for May 3<sup>rd</sup> has been cancelled. It was the general opinion of the committee that it would follow too close after the barbecue dinner.

### **50+ GROUP**

The 50+ Group will be going to Harrah's Casino on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. They will meet at the commuter parking lot on Reavis Barracks Road and Highway 55 at 8:45 am. The bus will bring us back to the parking lot – leaving Harrah's at 2 pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. All are welcome.

### **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

The Women's Fellowship will be going to the Tea Room in the Valley in Valley Park on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend. Meet at church at 11 am to carpool.

### **ST. PHILIP'S SUNDAY ENVELOPE**

Enclosed with the Crier is a St. Philip's Sunday envelope. This was done several years ago to get us through some rough financial times and we are resurrecting it again to do the same. If you feel you can donate extra for the month of April it would be greatly appreciated. It will help greatly in getting our deficit down for the year. Thank you in advance for giving this consideration.

### **DISH RAGS AND TOWELS NEEDED**

The Fellowship and Service Committee informs us that the supply of dish rags and towels for the kitchen is low. If you have any gently used you can donate please bring them to the church kitchen and place them in the box in the pantry. Thank you in advance.

### **CHURCH COUNCIL SOUP/SALAD DINNER**

All ministries and committees and Church Council will gather for dinner, orientation, and meeting at 6 pm. on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendar and join us for the soup/salad dinner.

### **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES TO BE HONORED**

We will be honoring our high school graduates on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Please mark your calendar and join us on this special date. The graduates we know of are Nick Balzer, Jason Karcher, Emily Mikusch, Brandon Rolhding, and Jean Paul Thibodeaux. If we have missed any, please let the office know.

### **SANDWICH MAKING**

The Sunday School classes will once again be making sandwiches for Joint Neighborhood Houses Ministry on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> after worship. If you can stay to help it would be much appreciated.

### **LAST SUNDAY FOR PASTOR MICHELLE**

Pastor Michelle's last day at St. Philip's will be on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. We hope you will join us that day to honor Michelle for her work here at St. Philip's.

### **"GET MY PEOPLE MOVING"**

Kick-off Sunday for "Get My People Moving" health program will be May 31<sup>st</sup>. We are going to work on health as was mentioned in Pastor Sue's message to us. Some of the things that we will keep track of are weight and blood pressure. We hope you take advantage of this.

### **CASUAL SUNDAYS**

June will be the time of year when once again we start with casual dress for the summer. This year we will begin June 7<sup>th</sup>. Please use your discretion as to what is appropriate to wear for church. Be comfortable but also be respectful. Thanks.!

### **COMING EVENTS**

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| May 3  | Baptism  |
| May 4  | Bible Study Class 9 am<br>Council Meeting 6 pm       |
| May 5  | Bell Choir 7 pm                                      |
| May 6  | Choir 7 pm   |
| May 7  | Yoga Class 6:30 pm                                   |
| May 9  | Car Wash – Auto Zone (Youth fundraiser)              |
| May 10 | Birthday Sunday                                      |
| May 11 | Bible Study 9 am                                     |
| May 12 | Bell Choir 7 pm                                      |
| May 13 | Free Lunch at church - noon                          |
| May 14 | Yoga Class 6:30 pm                                   |
| May 15 | 50+ Group to Harrah's 8:45 am                        |
| May 17 | Sandwich Making Sunday<br>Youth – Picnic and Zoo     |
| May 18 | Bible Study 9 am<br>Crier articles due               |
| May 19 | Women's Fellowship – Tea Room in the Valley<br>11 am |
| May 21 | Yoga Class 6:30 pm                                   |

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| May 23 | Car Wash – Auto Zone (Youth fundraiser) |
| May 25 | Office closed - Memorial Day holiday    |
| May 28 | Yoga Class 6:30 pm                      |
| May 31 | High School graduates honored           |

### **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

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| 1  | Olivia Stevenson                                     |
| 3  | Tom Kammerer   |
| 5  | Mike Shelton<br>Brad Werner<br>Loyd Thurman          |
| 8  | George Brand, Jr.                                    |
| 9  | Stacey Witte   |
| 10 | Alice Hillyard                                       |
| 11 | Lindsey Knoll<br>Dorothy Vinyrd<br>Vince Gottschlich |
| 14 | Kimberly Kelly                                       |
| 15 | Pam Henson   |
| 17 | Carl Philips   |
| 18 | Nancy Krenning                                       |
| 19 | Mary Lou Farrow                                      |
| 21 | Jason Yung   |
| 23 | Sue Bowles   |
| 25 | Maurine Wenk   |
| 26 | Sheannon Hladnick<br>Brandi Armistead<br>Ted West    |
| 27 | Haylee Thibodeaux<br>Keaton Wodicker                 |
| 29 | J. P. Ried<br>Sandy Stevenson                        |
| 31 | Kirk Tangeman<br>Laura Brym                          |



**LITURGISTS, USHERS, ACOLYTES AND CHILDREN'S TIME  
FOR MAY**

**Liturgists**



May 3	Michelle Torigian
May 10	Andrea Moran
May 17	Ellen Disseler
May 24	Lois Decker
May 31	Mike Shelton

**Welcoming Teams**

May 3 and 10      Bob Kammerer

May 17 and 24

**Acolytes**



May 3	Alex Balzer
May 10	Rachel Fischer
May 17	Ashley Kulich
May 24	Sarah Witte
May 31	Haylee Thibodeaux

**Children's Time**

May 3	Terri Karcher
May 10	Andrea Moran
May 17	Sandy Stevenson
May 24	
May 31	Carl Philips



**WET PANTS**

Thanks to Bob Kammerer for this article from the internet.

Come with me to a third grade classroom.....There is a nine-year-old kid sitting at his desk and all of a sudden, there is a puddle between his feet and the front of his pants are wet. He thinks his heart is going to stop because he cannot possibly imagine how this has happened. It's never happened before, and he knows that when the boys find out he will never hear the end of it. When the girls find out, they'll never speak to him again as long as he lives.

The boy believes his heart is going to stop; he puts his head down and prays this prayer, 'Dear God, this is an emergency! I need help now! Five minutes from now I'm dead meat.'

He looks up from his prayer and here comes the teacher with a look in her eyes that says he has been discovered. As the teacher is walking toward him, a classmate named Susie is carrying a goldfish bowl that is filled with water. Sue trips in front of the teacher and inexplicably dumps the bowl of water in the boy's lap. The boy pretends to be angry, but all the while is saying to himself, 'Thank you, Lord! Thank you, Lord!'

Now all of a sudden instead of being the object of ridicule, the boy is the object of sympathy. The teacher rushes him downstairs and gives him gym shorts to put on while his pants dry out. All the other children are on their hands and knees cleaning up around his desk. The sympathy is wonderful. But as life would have it, the ridicule that should have been his has been transferred to someone else – Susie.

She tries to help, but they tell her to get out. You've done enough, you klutz!

Finally at the end of the day, as they are waiting for the bus, the boy walks over to Susie and whispers, 'You did that on purpose, didn't you?' Susie whispers back. 'I wet my pants once too!'

May God help us see the opportunities that are always around us to do good.

