

Dear Partners in Ministry:

OCWM means –

- A. Our cows won't milk
- B. Our choir needs men
- C. Our churches wider mission



As we approach our time of decision about stewardship and giving I hope you know that the answer is “C”. OCWM is Our Churches Wider Mission and it is the money that our church and all the churches of the United Church of Christ give beyond our own doors. I am so proud of St. Philip’s that we tithe in that giving. We give 10% of the previous years’ actual income.

Maybe you wonder where that money goes. Next year we will give \$12,880 to the Missouri Mid-South Conference. 25% of that money goes to support the national church; the rest stays in Missouri Mid-South. That money pays for curriculum and worship materials, overseas missions, disaster relief, conference and national staff, Camp Mo-Val and Shannondale, local church support, new church starts, search and call for local church ministers and many other things. Most important, that money pays for our national staff and conference and association ministers.

We give \$2,600 to The St. Louis Association. Most of that money is used to support UCC agencies and institutions, Neighborhood Houses, Lydia’s House, Emmaus Homes, and Evangelical Children’s Home, etc.

You may not be aware of the many ways our ministry at St. Philip’s is upheld, strengthened, and made possible by our covenantal partners. Let me assure you, I could not be your pastor without that web of support.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Sue

THANK YOU



Dear All,

I just want to say “thanks” for all the cards, calls, visit from Bob Leber and Jim and Connie Caldwell at the hospital. Thanks for all your prayers. You all mean so much to me. I am healing real good from my elbow surgery and hope to get staples removed Thursday. May God richly bless you all and keep you in his care.

Love and Prayers

(signed) Paul Shrout

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I would like to express my thanks to the members of St. Philip’s for all the cards and concerns you gave us on the death of my father. It meant very much to me and my family.

Nadine Saulka and family

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Special thanks for those who cleaned up the storage room! Members Phil Ricks, Bob Leber, Al and Sue Bowles, Carole Armistead, and Early Childhood Director, Sarah Spencer turned chaos into order! Let’s keep it neat.

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Greetings:

Thank you for being children of God, I know he calls you his friend also in verse 15. Your love of our Heavenly Father is shown through your works. They way you listen to his voice and then act on it is such a marvelous thing to see.

I wish you could see what your donations means to our people, for words doesn’t begin to describe it. This is why thank you doesn’t seem adequate enough to express our feelings, but for a lack of a better way THANK YOU very much.

In God’s grace and mercy,

(signed) Johnniest B. Henry (St. John’s – North Grand)

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A huge thank you to Phil and Rachel Ricks for a professional job of displaying and labeling the art work and crosses for St. Philip's Jesus Art Show. Thank you – it was very much appreciated by all. Also, thanks to everyone who brought art work or crosses to share – it made for an interesting display.

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Carolyn Held, the chaplain from Lydia's House, called thanking us for providing a wonderful community meal on October 17th. She said that the women and children enjoyed the food and the variety and that St. Philip's always does a great job. This month I particularly thank Shirley Nottelmann, Clara Hornung, Pastor Sue, Sue Bowles, Joan Schumacher, Alice Hillyard, Jan Freese, Hilda Leonard, Pat Siewing, Terri Karcher, Delba Engelhardt, and Betty Moore. You provide a wonderful service so that these approximately forty women and children can have a terrific meal in a group setting where fellowship, food, fun, and education can happen. Our next opportunity to provide a community meal will be December 19th. Can you help?

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To our St. Philip's Church Family:

Thank you for all you thoughts and prayers for my mom, Sandy Vlasak and our Vlasak and Mikusch families. Thank you for all your cards, visits, kind words and much support. What would we do without such a great church!

With fondness and love,

The Mikusch, Vlasak, and LeFrancois Families

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KEEP IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Lucille Brand at Green Park Resident Home, John Schuette at Green Park Nursing Home, Ruth Lenz at Bethesda Meadows, Walt Miller at Orchid Terrace. Pat and Don Siewing were in an automobile accident (not seriously hurt,



thankfully – van totaled); Ann Goetz underwent surgery and is recovering at home.

WORDS FROM OUR STUDENT PASTOR



If you were at church last Sunday, (October 21st) you heard our student pastor, Brad Urban give the message. For those of you who missed it – here are the closing words of his sermon – for those of you in attendance – you might want to review them again.

“The Bible sews us into the fabric of God's presence with us – a presence that comes to judge and change and challenge and ultimately to move the world toward a vision of community in which all are bound together in this unflinching divine love that already grounds our every step.”

Aren't these words to remember?

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to our new members Al and Mary Lou Farrow on the birth of a grandson Shane Bernard Farrow. The proud parents are Scott and Kara Farrow.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Be sure to make the following change in your church directory.

Andy Gibson and Allison LaMont-Gibson
9300 Craigwood Terrace 63126

Ruth Lenz
Bethesda Meadows
322 Old State Road
Ellisville, MO 63011

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

We welcomed five new members to the congregation on Sunday, October 14, 2007. Please add their names and addresses to your directory:

Al and Mary Lou Farrow 10574 Sonata 63123 849-4699
 Matt Lawler 5280 D Cricker Glen Ct. 63129 -
 Susan Cochran 9910 Goldenrod 63123 842-0352
 Ted West 7538 Cheshire Lane 63123 842-4484

MEMBER WEDDING



Best wishes to Jamie York who was married to Ben Schubert on September 22, 2007. Congratulations to you.

SHOP FOR A CAUSE RESULTS

Many thanks to all who purchased the Macy's Shop For A Cause pass. We sold 33 so the church made a profit of \$165.00.

SECURITY AT ST. PHILIP'S

On Monday, October 22nd, our new security system will be up and running. For the safety of our children and adults in the building every day of the week we have felt this is a necessary addition to our building.

Monday thru Friday from 9 am to 2:30 pm, Shirley will be here when you ring the bell at the front door to let you in.

At other times you need to go to the back door (Early Childhood Center Door) and ring bell. It would be best if you are coming at a later time or early in the morning, give Shirley a call at the office and tell her you are coming. She will alert the staff you are coming.

If you have a key to the building your key will work. It does not involve the security system. No alarm will go off.

Please whenever you enter and leave the building make sure whatever door you are using is secure. Check to see if it is locked.

If you have grandchildren or children you know in today's world how important this new security system is for us. We did have a nice donation from a company and volunteers from church to get this up and running.

Early Childhood appreciates this help.
 Lois Decker, ECC Board chairperson

WORK DAY FOR THE CHURCH



Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 3rd, when we will hold a work day at church from 9 am to 12:30 pm. There are many jobs that need to be taken care of around church. Can we count on you?

Let the building and grounds committee know if you can help.

GROWING THROUGH GRIEF – eight sessions

A time to gather with others who have lost a loved one: to talk together, to listen to one another and to help each other through grief. This group is for anyone who has lost a loved one. We will meet for 4 months following a grief curriculum and decide how or if we want to go from there. This may be just what you need to make it through the holidays and the beginning of the New Year.



When: 4 pm to 5:30 pm Sunday, November 4th

Where: St. Philip's UCC

For more information call Pastor Sue 843-5100.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

Just a reminder: we invite everyone to Contribute to our Advent Devotional Booklet. This year's theme is "Faces Of Jesus: - how have you seen the face of Jesus in your life. Jennifer, Doug, and Drew experienced "The Face of Jesus – Right Outside of Their Kitchen Window". We hope you read their story in the September Crier. Please submit your story to Shirley via email (snottelmann@stphilipsucc.com) or give it to Shirley by November 11th. The booklet will be distributed on Sunday, November 25th.



CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT DINNER

Please mark your calendar for Friday, December 7th. If you would be interested in hosting/decorating a table, please attend an organizational meeting on Sunday, November 4th after our congregational meeting.



MEMORIAL SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25th

If you have lost a loved one and would like their name mentioned on Memorial Sunday, please let the church office know by Monday, November 19th.

HI HO AND AWAY WE GO 50TH ANNIVERSARY ALERT

In November and December we will be joining Pat Siewing and her little pilgrims and elves for two Events. In November the "Pot Luck" pre-thanks-giving brunch on Sunday, November 18th after church and in December the gala Candlelight Christmas dinner on Friday, December 7th.



What's your part you ask? Well what we do best at St. Philip's – EAT !! Okay second best after worship together in our church and community.

We would like to ask all the people who are going to decorate a table for the candlelight dinner to include in your décor something gold for our Golden Anniversary. We get everyone in on the 50th one way or the other.

So ta ta for now. Race you to the Thanksgiving brunch.

Your 50th Committee

P.S. Don't forget to look for those picture from the 50s.

P.P.S. And please sign up to bring something yummy for the Thanksgiving brunch. Sign-up sheet in the hall.

CHRISTMAS PILGRIMAGE

The annual pilgrimage to the Neighborhood Houses is set for December 7th. It's a fun time to see what the UCC does to help inner city kids while you have a great time meeting other St. Louis

Association women. Watch the bulletin board for details as they arrive.

ADULT EDUCATION

Program entitled "The Israeli/Palestinian Conflict: Hope For Peace?"

Presented after service on November 18th in gathering space.

Presenter: Leah Atkinson, Eden Graduate 2007

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Instead of Feed My People baskets, Sunday School will be working on a program entitled "Operation Christmas Child." A project of Samaritan's Purse. The motivation behind this project is "To share God's love with hurting girls and boys in the far corners of the globe. They may be refugees of civil war, survivors of a natural disaster, or victims of extreme poverty, these little ones need to know that they are precious to God." The enclosed insert shows items that will be needed for this project. The items will be placed in wrapped standard size shoe boxes and sent by Samaritan's Purse to children throughout the globe (ages 2-14). Donations are needed as each gift box costs \$7.00 to send. If you would like to donate an item or two please place in box on table at front door. If you would like to donate money for this project please put your donation in the envelope attached to the box. The last collection day will be Sunday, November 11th. Handouts will be provided in Sunday School class so that the youth can each donate for their class. Parents please take your children shopping with you to pick out their gift items to donate, and they can bring them to Sunday School and give to their teacher.



FAITHFUL READERS BOOK CLUB

The next book that the book club is reading is Ayn Rand's "Atlas Shrugged". We will meet to discuss this book on Sunday, November 25th (note the change of date – not everyone finished reading the book) after worship.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP



Ladies Fellowship will meet at church on Tuesday, November 20th to make the St. Nick's bags for the children's home. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

50+ GROUP

We will meet on Saturday, November 17th.

11:30 am short meeting - MPR

12:00 noon lunch - MPR

1:00 pm games - gathering space

Sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board.

CHOIR NOTES



Chancel Choir will continue with rehearsals on Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm until 8:45 p.m.

We need basses and sopranos. This is an important part of worship and always a challenge to give of our time and talent to God. We appreciate all who give to the choir.

Eula

The children's choir will be practicing most Sundays for 20 minutes after church. They will be singing Sunday, October 27th.

YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN

This musical play will be presented at Immanuel UCC on November 9-11 and 16-18. The play is delightful and suitable for children and adults. Admission is \$5.00. See bulletin board for details.

FEED MY PEOPLE COLLECTION

WOW! What a wonderful response there has been to the weekly collection of food for Feed My People. The first weeks we collected 302 rolls of toilet tissue, 80 packages of pasta and 57

containers of rice, dried beans, dried peas, etc. These items will go far in helping those less fortunate and are always needed so they can be brought at any time. The schedule for November is:

10/28 Cereal

11/4 Soup

11/11 Canned vegetables

11/18 Baked beans

11/25 Juice (fruit or vegetable)

Items to be collected in December will be listed in the next Crier. I've tried to pick really needed things that be purchased for around one dollar. However, if you watch sales, use coupons and/or take advantage of the buy-on-get-one-free offers, it doesn't cost much at all and it really does make a difference in the help we can provide. Thank you so much for your generous support

ANNUAL COOKIE SALE

It hardly seems possible but Christmas is just around the corner and that means the wonderful St. Philip's cookie sale can't be too far away. Dust off your favorite recipes (or use this as an opportunity try some new ones) and bake some cookies for us to sell on December 2nd. They need to be at church by 9:00 am the day before and that's the time we also need help packaging. Consider baking, boxing, or buying – or all three! You just can't go wrong with cookies from St. Philip's wonderful bakers!



CHURCH ALTAR LOOKING FOR HOME

You might remember we were trying to collect money for the shipment of an altar to a church in the bay area but weren't too successful in getting the funds needed. Nadine Saulka's father made the altar and they need to find a home for it since they are cleaning out his home after his death. If you know of a church that could use this please contact the church office and Shirley will notify Nadine of the need.

FIFTY PLUS CHRISTMAS LUNCH



The 50+ Christmas lunch party will be:

Date: Sunday, December 16th

Time: 11:30 am – 3:00 pm

Place: Helen Fitzgerald's on S. Lindbergh

Cost: \$18.00 per person (this includes tax and tip)

Our menu will be: (choice of one)

1. Chicken Mudega
2. Eight ounce strip steak
3. Fried or Baked Cod

Served with: House Salad w/house dressing or Caesar Salad, roasted red potatoes, vegetable medley, bread and butter, coffee, iced tea and water, (Dessert will be provided.)

Reservations and money due any time, but no later than Sunday, November 18th. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board.

P.S. Each person is asked to bring a \$1.00 wrapped gift.

Committee: Jan Freese, Alice Hillyard, Virginia Hladnick, Betty Moore, and Ruth Ann Nuelle.

YOUTH NOTES

Thanks so much to Karen Moran, Andrea Moran, Virginia Hladnick, Leetah Nickel for coordinating such a wonder POTATO BAR on Sunday, October 7th. It was great (thanks to all of you that were able to serve as well.)

Thank you to Cindy Lewis, and our adult leadership for coordinating a great fishing expedition to Kirkwood Park. Chloe



YOUTH GROUP

caught 78 fish (she is learning already how to tell fish stories, I guess !?!)

Also, Sr. Youth, I need a reply of those that will likely sign up and participate in an overnight and workday (CAMP MO-VAL) on November 9th and 10th. The camp is temporarily holding sleep quarters for us.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Olivia Witte	15	Jan Freese
2	Kit Norton	16	Gary Karcher
3	Scott Remmers	20	Bryan Hickman
3	Chris Siewing	23	Brigitte Mittler
8	Amy Balzer	25	Susan Cochran
9	Emily Kimker	27	Mason Wodicker
9	Beverly Strobl	27	Matt Kelly
9	De'Ana Holdener	28	Shirley Jennings
11	Rachel Ricks	28	Dorothea Holdener
13	Tricia McCabe	30	Jamie Schubert
1	Sarah Shelton		



COMING EVENTS

- 1 Disciple Class 12:30 pm
- Yoga 6:30 pm
- 1 Work Day at Church 9 am – 12:30 pm
- 2 Communion Sunday
- Congregational Meeting
- Candlelight Dinner organizational meeting after worship
- Growing Through Grief meeting 4 pm
- 3 Bible Study 8:30 am
- Church Council 7 pm
- 4 Bell Choir 7 pm
- 7 Choir 7:30 pm
- 8 Willing Workers 10 am
- Disciple Class 12:30 pm
- Yoga 6:30 pm
- 9 Jr/Sr High Overnight at Camp Mo-Val
- 11 Birthday Sunday



- Devotional book articles due
- 12 Bible Study 8:30 am
Christian Education Meeting 6:30 pm
- 13 Early Childhood Center Board Meeting 7 pm
- 14 Free lunch - noon
Choir 7:30 pm
- 15 Disciple Class 12:30 pm
Yoga 6:30 pm
- 17 50+ Group meeting
- 18 50th Anniversary Pre-Thanksgiving Brunch after worship
Growing through Grief meeting 4 pm
Jr. Youth – Monkey Joe's
- 19 Bible Study 8:30 am
Crier articles due
- 20 Women's Fellowship meets
Bell Choir 7 pm
- 21 Choir 7:30 pm
- 22 Office closed – Happy Thanksgiving
- 1 Office closed
- 25 Memorial Sunday
Faith Readers Book Club after worship
Advent Devotional Booklet distributed
- 26 Bible Study 8:30 am
- 27 Bell Choir 7 pm
- 28 Choir 7:30 pm
- 29 Disciple Class 12:30 pm

COMMUNITY EVENTS (see bulletin board for details)

- Saturday, November 3 – Craft Fair – St. Lucas UCC 9am – 2 pm
- Sunday, November 4 Wurstmarkt – Grace UCC – 11 am – 4 pm
- Thursday, November 8 Fall Salad Luncheon – Mt. Tabor UCC –
12 noon Jeffrey Gonder, Irish tenor

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

Liturgists

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| November 4 | Brad Urban |
| November 11 | Sandy Stevenson |
| November 18 | Ellen Disseler |
| November 25 | Lois Decker |



Children's Time

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| November 4 | Sandy Stevenson |
| November 11 | Kit Norton |
| November 18 | Brad Urban |
| November 25 | Barbara Barnes |

Ushers

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| November 4 | Council |
| November 11 | Stewardship and
Finance |
| November 18 | 50+ Group |
| November 25 | Church Women |



ACOLYTES



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| November 4 | Ashley Kulich |
| November 11 | Brent Rohlfing |
| November 18 | Sarah Witte |
| November 25 | Haylee Thibodeaux |

MAKE EVERY DAY THANKSGIVING

Thank you, God, for everything –
the big things and the small,
For every good gift comes from God –
the giver of them all.
Too often we accept
without any thanks or praise
The gifts God sends as blessing
each day in many ways.
O, make us more aware, dear God,
of little daily graces
That come to us with sweet surprise
from never-dreamed-of places.
And help us to remember
that the key to life and living
Is to make each prayer a prayer of thanks
and every day THANKSGIVING.

Helen Steiner Rice



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The Wooden Bowl

I guarantee you will remember the tale of the Wooden Bowl tomorrow, a week from now, a month from now, a year from now.

A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year old grandson. The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered. The family ate together at the table. But the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon onto the floor. When he grasped the glass, milk spilled on the tablecloth.

The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess. "We must do something about father," said the son. "I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor."

So the husband and wife set a small table in the corner. There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner. Since Grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl. When the family glanced in Grandfather's direction, sometime he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone. Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled food.

The four-year-old watched it all in silence.

One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked the child sweetly, "what are you making?" Just as sweetly, the boy responded, "Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food in when I grow up." The four-year-old smiled and went back to work.

The words so struck the parents that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done. That evening the husband took Grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table. For the remainder of his days he ate every meal with the family. And for some reason, neither husband nor wife

seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled.

On a positive note, I've learned that, no matter what happens, how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.

I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.

I've learned that, regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life.

I've learned that making a "living" is not the same thing as making a "life."

I've learned that life sometimes give you a second chance.

I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back.

I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you. But, if you focus on your family, your friends, the needs of others, your work and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you.

I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision.

I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision.

I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.

I've learned that every day, you should reach out and touch someone.

People love that human touch – holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back.

I've learned that I still have a lot to learn!

Thanks to Merle Schuette for this email.