

from the  
Pastor

I've always been fascinated by the engineering accomplishments of earlier civilizations. People with primitive tools were able to create structural masterpieces that still mystify us today. The Roman aqueducts are among those wondrous structures. In all there

were eleven of them and the system involved 270 miles of water-way. Only 40 miles of the system was supported above ground on the distinctive arches. The rest was underground. These canals brought fresh water to Rome, making it a city of fountains and life. I have always thought they should be included among the ancient wonders of the world.

Over 2,000 years ago, these builders were able to transport life giving water to people who soon took it for granted. The system was not perfect. The elevated sections leaked severely but these pipelines did their job. Once the flow began, it could be diverted but it could not be stopped.

How similar this is to the Christian Church. It was begun almost 2,000 years ago as the means of transporting the message of our Faith. The Church is far from perfect. At times it seems to be crumbling into disrepair. Despite periodic efforts to destroy it the Church has survived. The living water, carried by this imperfect but magnificent structure cannot be stopped. It may be diverted at times but it continues to flow.

Christ has offered us the "living water" and no movement or tyrant has ever been able to turn it off. The church, with all of its imperfection, offers us that "living water" that has changed the world. We are the ones who must bring ourselves to the fountain to drink. Perhaps this structure that transports our Christian Faith is, in fact, one of those greatest wonders of the world.

Pastor Brandon



### Thank You Notes

On behalf of our whole family, I would like to thank all of the people at St. Philip's not only for all their cards, prayers, and visits during Vince's illness but also for the generous contributions made to the memorial fund in Vince's name. I would personally like to thank Reverend Brandon for his visits and thoughtfulness during this

difficult time.

(signed) Leona Gottschlich

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Thanks to all of you for the many cards, your prayers, and Pastor for his visits. God's blessings to you.

(signed) Virginia Hladnick

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Thanks a Bunch!

Thanks to Pastor Brandon for his hospital visits and thank you all for the cards, prayers, calls, e-mails that I had received. Words cannot express my feelings and the love I felt as I recovered from surgery these past weeks. Wish I could have contacted each of you with my thank you, but it seems my spare time was taken with therapy and sleeping (Ha! A little joke there.)

Love,

Shirley Jennings

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On behalf of the entire staff and Board of Directors at Joint Neighborhood Ministry, I would like to say "thank you" for your generous in-kind donation of food and paper products during the month of July, 2011. It was very thoughtful of you to remember JNM. We greatly appreciate your kindness and support. Through your donations, our programs are able to continue assisting families in the community with much needed food, clothing, utility assistance, medical support, and numerous other services. Your donations make a difference!

(signed) Cindy Kohlman, Family Advocate

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Dear Friends:

Thank you for your generous donation of \$125.00 to help Feed My People. The mission of Feed My People is to show God's love and compassion to all of His people, particularly His people in need. As

you now, Feed My People is the largest food pantry in the area. We continue to see more clients coming to us for food and other needs.....  
(sign) Carol and John DeGuire

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**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**



Our shut ins – Helen Wright, Vernon Hornung, Jacque Walker, Ann Davis, Elvira Rebienne, and Oscar Wenk.

**MISSION 1**

The United Church of Christ is extending an appeal to all churches to make a concerted effort to feed many of the world's hungry. This project is being called "Mission 1." It has a three part focus.

1. Each church is to conduct a food drive for local food pantries November 1 to 11. (It is hoped that in this 11 days, one million food items will be collected by the UCC.)
2. Every church will participate in the Neighbors in Need offering on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. (The goal is to collect more than \$111,111).
3. Members are encouraged to write their congressmen asking that U.S. foreign assistance be reformed so as to better feed the hungry of the world.

We will begin our participation in Mission 1 with our Neighbors in Need offering on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, World Communion Sunday. As you have responded generously in past years, we know that you will do the same this year.

St. Philip's has filled much of its part in collecting food items with our July food drive. We collected when the food pantries were experiencing their most desperate need. This effort was highly successful and we thank all of our members for their participation. We will be making an additional appeal in November, as a part of Mission 1. We know that you will continue your generous giving.

We encourage our members to write their congressional leaders as a part of Mission 1. There is a printed form letter available that you may use and you may find their address by going to [www.house.gov/writerep](http://www.house.gov/writerep). We will also have these posted on our bulletin board.

It is exciting to be a part of such a wide sweeping effort. There is even greater satisfaction in knowing that we have already led the way. Feeding the people is a priority mission that St. Philip's has taken seriously. You have fed the hungry of our community in many different ways. Thank you for your ministry to God's people.

Pastor Brandon

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**



The Women's Fellowship plans to go to lunch in Chesterfield Valley after worship service on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> and then tour the sculpture studio of Don Wiegand (where Ellen Brandon works). There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you would care to join them.

They will also meet on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. for a short meeting and then carpool to McGurks Restaurant for lunch – 1200 Russell Blvd. Sign up sheet will be posted.

AND - they are planning a day trip to Herman on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This will be an old fashioned Christmas in Herman. Cost is \$55.00 per person which includes bus, admission to St. George's Rectory, wine tasting and lunch at Stone Hill Winery and a visit to Swiss Meats. Leave about 8 am and return about 4 pm.

ALSO – on December 15<sup>th</sup> they are planning another day trip for a Victorian Holiday thru Thomas Dunn Classes. Tour of Campbell House, Christ Church Cathedral for an organ concert. Browse the decorated lobby and gingerbread village at the MAC before enjoying High Tea. Then on to the Cupples House. Fee is \$57 includes bus, admission, food, gratuities and guide. Time: 10 am to 4 pm There are sign up sheets posted for these events too.

**MO-VAL BENEFIT**

There will be a benefit dinner party and auction to benefit Camp Mo-Val on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at St. John's UCC in Chesterfield. Last year we had a table of eight. Let's try for at least two tables this year! See the window by the conference room for details and a sign-up sheet.

### **JOINT NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRY TRIVIA NIGHT**

JNM'S annual Trivia Night will be held on Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at Parkway UCC. Please consider attending – maybe getting a table together – and helping JNM while you have an enjoyable evening. See the bulletin board for details.

### **NEIGHBORS IN NEED SUNDAY – OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup>**

On Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, in observance of World Communion Sunday, there will be a special mission offering for Neighbors in Need. Neighbors in Need is a UCC program that fund American Indian ministries and other service projects that combat violence, poverty, and hunger. Special envelopes will be placed in the bulletins on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> and October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **BOOK SALE**

Hope you have been saving your books for the Book Sale that will be held in February. Bring them to church or call Janet Remmers to let her know you have some books for the sale. She is storing them in her garage until the sale.

### **RUMMAGE SALE**

It's your time to go through your closets, drawers, basements, garages, etc. and think about donating all of your 'treasures' to St. Philip's Second Annual Rummage Sale. If you have had a garage sale and have things left, please feel free to donate those items as well. We are now in full swing to receiving your donations in the parsonage garage. The garage door will be open from 3 pm to 6 pm daily, Monday through Friday. If you need assistance in bringing your donations to church, please give me a call (314-894-0760) and I will arrange for them to be brought to church.

If you are able to help price the treasures during the day, I would appreciate any help – any length of time is greatly appreciated...one hour, one morning etc. I am generally at the parsonage garage around 9:30 am – most days, Monday thru Friday. If you plan to come and help price, please feel free to call me at 9 am on that day and I will let you know if I will be there or not.

Help will also be needed on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday – October 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> – to help set up the tables and place the treasures on the tables as well as on the day of the Rummage Sale, Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board. The times will be announced as we get closer to the sale.

Thank you for your help to make this a great success and money maker. Last year we raised almost \$2,300.00 !!!

Connie Caldwell

### **MANNA MARCH UPDATE**

Many thanks to all who contributed toward the annual Feed My People Manna March on September 25<sup>th</sup>. The total from St. Philip's was \$432.00 which will help put some food on those empty shelves. Unfortunately the need is ongoing and the amount of people needing food pantry assistance is greater than ever.

I've heard some people say that FMP is so large that they don't need the help. It is true that it's one of the largest and oldest food pantries/help centers in the region but that also means it serves the most people. It is also true that it's not strictly a UCC organization but it does receive support from other area UCC churches as well as St. Philip's. If a person needs help they must go to the food pantry located in the area that serves their zip code. In the case of St. Philip's neighbors, that would be Feed My People. No matter which food pantry services the area where a person lives, be it St. John's North Grand (which will no longer be housed in a UCC church), Joint Neighborhood Ministry (which is in a UCC church but is a joint venture between UCC and Presbyterian churches) or Feed My People (which has support from many denominations), the person is NEVER helped on the basis of their religious affiliation or lack thereof. The assistance they receive is based strictly upon their eligibility and need. Feel comfortable in supporting any or all of the food pantries for there are hungry people everywhere, even in the neighborhoods around St. Philip's.

### **TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

There will be a four week Bible study class on the four Tuesdays in October. Each lesson stands alone, so feel free to come when you

can. We'll start at 9:00 a.m. and be finished in about an hour. Join us if you are able.

### **EVENING WOMEN'S GROUP**

It has been years since we've had an evening women's group but maybe this is the time to see if there is a desire to start one. This in no way would be meant to detract from the current Women's Fellowship group but rather to offer an opportunity to women who are unable to meet during day or perhaps would like to attend both. If you are interested, please let Sandy know at church, call 636-333-2244 or email to sstevenson2055@charter.net . If enough people would like to explore the idea, we'll meet to discuss it.

### **LUNCH BUNCH**

The next meeting of the Lunch Bunch will be at church on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at noon. Please let Sandy know if you plan to attend.



### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Be sure to change the address for Andrea Moran in your directory to:

603 S. Elliott  
Kirkwood, MO 63122

### **COMING EVENTS FOR OCTOBER**

- 2 Communion  
Neighbors in Need offering  
Women's Fellowship – Lunch and Tour Don Wiegand's Studio  
after worship
- 3 Council 7 p.m.
- 4 Bible Study 9 a.m.
- 5 Meal for Lydia's House
- 8 50+ Group meeting 12 noon (Birthday party)
- 11 Bible Study 9 a.m.
- 12 Lunch Bunch – noon
- 18 Bible Study 9 a.m.  
Women's Fellowship 11 am – Lunch at McGurks Restaurant
- 19 Outreach Ministry Team 10 a.m.
- 23 Congregational Meeting

- 24 Crier articles due
- 25 Bible Study 9 a.m.
- 26-28 Set up for rummage sale
- 29 Rummage sale

### **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Roger Decker  
Raymond Zeiting
- 4 Hannah Kelly  
Connie Moelm
- 6 Chuck Knoll  
Joshua Hickman
- 9 Linda Kammerer  
Richelle Fischer
- 12 Harry Jennings  
Claire Vogt  
Samuel Vogt
- 14 Scot Rohlfing
- 17 Doug Stevenson
- 19 Andrea Moran  
Philip Shelton
- 20 Sharon Jackman
- 22 Linda Boucher
- 24 Connor Hickman
- 25 Bruce Eason  
Susan Cochran
- 26 Jamie Kotthoff
- 29 Patrick Moran  
Pam Kelly  
Delba Engelhardt
- 31 Andrew Jackson



**COMMUNITY EVENTS (see bulletin board for more info)**

Saturday, October 8 – St. Johns EUCC – Mehlville – Harvest Fest –  
Chicken dinner – \$9 adults - \$5 children – live entertainment,  
basket auction, mission market, St. Johns Market Place  
featuring apple butter, baked goods, local produce, home  
canned goods & more!

Saturday, October 14 – Deer Creek Golf Club – 1 p.m. Fix the Wall  
Golf Tournament – 18 holes, dinner, beverages - \$95 per  
player - come for dinner and silent auction \$20 per person

Friday, October 21 – Joint Neighborhood Ministry’s Trivia Night – 7:00  
p.m. – Parkway UCC – 2841 N. Ballas Rd. - \$20 per person –  
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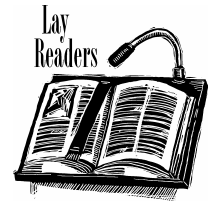
Saturday, October 22 – 2 and 7:30 p.m. – Love, Lift Us Up (An original  
musical revue) - Bayless High School – 4530 Weber Road -  
\$20 – all proceeds to benefit tornado victims of Joplin & St.  
Louis – also on Sunday, October 23 – 2 pm

Sunday, October 30 – Fall Bazaar/Quilt Auction – Emmaus Home –  
Marthasville – 12 noon – 5 p.m. – All you can eat dinner  
served from 11:30 – 2:00 p.m. – adults \$9.00, children \$4.00,  
children 5 and under FREE

**USHERS,ACOLYTES AND CHILDREN’S TIME FOR OCTOBER**

**Liturgists**

October 2 Carl Schillinger  
October 9 Lois Decker  
October 16 Mike Shelton  
October 23 Ellen Disseler  
October 30



**Welcoming Teams**

October 2 Dawn Williamson  
October 9 Betty Moore, Joyce Thuson  
October 16 Joy Lopez, Bob Leber, Alice Noland,  
and Shirley Nottelmann  
October 23 Sharon Jackman, Alice Hillyard,  
Dolores Zikes, and Susan  
Cochran  
October 30 Andrea Moran, Jamie Kotthoff



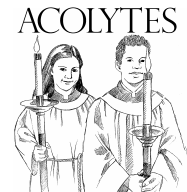
**Children’s Time**

October 2 April Schillinger  
October 9  
October 16  
October 23  
October 30



**Acolytes**

October 2 Jamie Kotthoff  
October 9 Elizabeth Vogt  
October 16 Lucy Vogt  
October 23 Victoria Hemingway  
October 30 Joshua Hickman



## **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

Thanks to Janet Remmers for this !

### **A Bear on a Bridge (A True Story)**

This bridge is on the Old Donner Pass Highway. It has a spectacular view of Donner Lake and Donner Pass on Route 80.

A bear was walking across Rainbow Bridge (Old Hwy 40 at Donner Summit, Truckee) on Saturday when two cars, also crossing the bridge, scared the bear into jumping over the edge of the bridge. Somehow the bear caught the ledge and was able to pull itself to safety. Authorities decided that nothing could be done to help Saturday night so they returned Sunday morning to find the bear sound asleep on the ledge.

After securing a net under the bridge the bear was tranquilized, fell into the net, lowered, then woke up and walked out of the net.

There is a moral to this story you know; this old bear made a wrong move and found he was hanging by his nails. Somehow he was able to pull himself up onto the ledge where he saw he was in a very bad, impossible situation and what did he do? Yep, he took a nap and sure enough the Lord took care of the situation while he was asleep.

The moral of the story is that when confronted with a bad situation, sometimes the best solution is to take a nap and let the Lord take care of the rest.

I think I'm going to take a nap right now.

The Lord is on the job.

Hugs, prayers, and sweet dreams.