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St. Philip's United Church of Christ
10708 Lavinia Drive, St. Louis, Missouri 63123
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St. Philip's Mission Statement

St. Philip's United Church of Christ is a loving Christian community believing in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit to share God's love with all people.

Vision Statement

We are called to the body of Jesus Christ with:
Minds to study God's word, Mouths to proclaim the Gospel,
Eyes to see the needs of others, Arms to welcome all,
Hearts big enough to share God's love with all God's children.



God is still speaking



NOTE: Don't forget that daylight savings time ends on Sunday, November 5. Set your clocks back one hour and enjoy an extra hour of sleep before getting ready for church.

Dear Friends and Companions on the Way of Christ,

The month of November is here, and the crisp fall temperatures are beginning to make us conscious that the holiday season of Thanksgiving and Christmas is almost upon us.

The Early Childhood Center celebrated Trunk or Treat in October, and St Philip's began our mid-week Logos program on Wednesday evenings. The first Logos evening brought together 5 families with 8 children and many adult members of St Philip's who came as volunteers. Logos includes time for recreation (active games), worship arts (singing, praying, and our exciting boom whacker chorus), and Bible study, followed by an intergenerational family-style meal. We'll be continuing Logos through the months of November and December, then evaluating to decide if we'll continue it in the coming year.

On November 5, our Saints Day service will hold in remembrance those of our fellowship who have left this life in the year that has passed since last All Saints Day. Their names will be listed in our bulletin and lifted up for prayer during the Service of Holy Communion. If you have a loved one who died during the past year and whose name you would like to add to the list, please call the church office and give that information to Marsha Jacques. We'll be happy to include them in the remembrance.

The Sweet Celebrations organization that once received our birthday offerings on the first Sunday of each month is no longer doing that work. We are happy to announce that a new group called "It's Your Birthday, Inc." is now providing birthday parties for children in homeless and domestic violence shelters, so we will be directing our birthday offerings to them. We'll watch a video on Sunday morning, November 5, to learn about their work.

At the fall congregational meeting. October 22, the church budget for 2018 was presented and adopted by the congregation. A suggested 2% increase in pledges and offerings will enable St Philip's to meet all anticipated expenses in the coming year. Please remember to return your commitment cards to our church by Sunday, November 12, which is Stewardship Sunday.

On Sunday, November 19, we will celebrate Thanksgiving Sunday in prayer and song, in anticipation of National Thanksgiving Day, November 23.

Reign of Christ is the theme for the final Sunday of the Church Year, on November 26. On this Sunday, we express our intention to live in anticipation of the coming Realm of God as we close the old year and prepare ourselves for Advent. Following worship on this day, members will be decorating for the Advent Season, which begins on Sunday, December 3.

Looking ahead, we are beginning to plan the worship celebrations of the Advent and Christmas seasons, so put these special dates on your calendar. The Logos Christmas program is scheduled for Wednesday evening, December 13. On Wednesday evening, December 20, we plan to gather for a sacred marking of the Winter Solstice (the longest night of the year). Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, so we plan to have an informal service of carols on the morning of December 24 and a traditional candle lit service in the evening.

Thanks for all the works of ministry you do.

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Special Thank You!

A BIG thank you from Bob and Linda Kammerer to everyone who supported our Alzheimer's Walk this year. With your help, we raised \$2,286 for Alzheimer's research! Our immediate family – Bob and I and our kids, who have walked this walk for 11 years now, has raised a grand total of \$22,269. Slowly but surely we are making a difference! We are so grateful for your generosity.

Schnucks Grocery Card

These cards are not bought like the others we use... You get this one free from the Service counter at a store or ask the people selling cards some Sunday...On the card are the directions you use to register it then keep the registered card(s) with you when you shop there. You get one wallet sized card and one key chain sized card. Registration can all be done with a toll free call. A small sheet of paper that has all the information you will need about the church to register it is also available with your new cards picked up at church. Once it's registered you just show it to the cashier BEFORE they start to ring you out...The purchase amount with their contribution to us is automatically added to our monthly check from them...Some of you only purchase from Schnucks part of the time but would be surprised to see how these infrequent visits add up... IF YOU BUY AT SCHNUCKS BE SURE TO HAVE A CARD TO USE...."The Sales Crew"



*JoAnn Leber, Paula Williams,
Jay Williams, Ben Metz, Janet Remmers,
Tom and Pam Kelley and
Rev. Doug Anders*



Pastor's Office Hours

Mondays: 10:00AM - 2:00PM

Tuesdays: 10:00AM - 2:00PM

Please feel free to call for an appointment
(314) 971-9041 Cell

New email address-fluentallen1@gmail.com

The Choir has resumed as of
October 5th.

Rehearsals are on Thursday nights
from 3:00p - 5:00p

Come Join Us!

Please sign up on the bulletin board to be liturgist. Thank you for giving it consideration. Tammy Knoll

From the Search Committee

A copy of the St. Philip's church profile for the search process is in the church office. If you would like to read it, contact Marsha so she knows you will be coming to church. The profile should remain at church.

Carl Philips,
Chairperson



LOGOS

LOGOS is an after school program on Wednesdays from 4:30-6:30 for school age children which includes: recreation, worship arts (mostly music) a bible story, and a family meal for children, their parents, and members of St Philip's. We began on October 18 and will meet Wednesdays until December 13 (with the exception of November 23). This is an inter-generational program and there are roles for everyone from the St. Philip's family. Please let us know if you would like to participate. LOGOS committee members are: Virginia Hladnick, Andrea Tugin, Donna Philips and Barbara Barnes.

Outreach Ministry: Our Advent project will again focus on supporting the "Cookies With Santa" party at St John's Community Service Center. Since the party will be on December 9, we will need to start collecting toys, mitten scarves and hats early! The tree will be up soon, and we will be collecting items on Sundays November 12, 19, 26, and December 3. As in the past, the tree will initially be decorated with ornaments (made by Merle Scheutte) with pictures of the gifts we will be collecting. If you like, you can take an ornament home with you as a reminder of what you would like to buy. Choices include: board games, balls, dolls (black preferred), trucks, ear buds, art sets, toiletries (bodywash, lotion, special soaps) manicure sets, scarves, mittens or gloves, hats. Other toys suitable for children and teens are OK,, but please no guns or weapons, or toys that require batteries. We will also collect money for the purchase of apples and oranges, which Walter Knoll Floral will supply to us at cost. Plan on staying after church on December 3 to wrap gifts. We are looking for volunteers, teens and children over 10 and adults to help with set up for the party on the afternoon of Sunday December 3.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Will meet November 21 at 10:30
am at the church.

Caps, mittens and candy Christmas
bags and boxing for 50 boys and girls
for the St. Nicholas Party at the
Childrens Home on St. Charles Rock Rd.

Any questions call Virginia at
314-843-3605 or email her
@GMaHl69@aol.com

Book Club News: We are
currently reading "The Round
House" by Louise Erdich.
Discussion will be on November
19, after Church. Our next
selection is "The Zookeepers
Wife", followed by "Hillbilly
Elegy"

VENDOR & CRAFT FAIR

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Saturday, November 4th
Set-up starting at 8:00 AM
Doors open at 9:00 AM

Vendor spaces still available - \$20.00
Checks payable to St. Philip's UCC



For information and/or reserve spaces call:

Carole Armistead - 314-329-6776

E-mail: carolearmistead@sbcglobal.net

Brandi Armistead cell# 314-307-6310

MEMORIAL SUNDAY

November 5, 2017

Memorial Sunday, November 5, 2017, is a day for us to remember all of our loved ones, family and friends, who have passed on during the year. Names and prayers will be lifted up and candles will be lit for each loved one who has died the past year. Please give the name of your loved ones to Marsha, our church secretary, so that they may be honored and remembered on Memorial Sunday. ay be honored and remembered on Memorial Sunday.

Friendly Reminder....

I need manpower to help set up the tables here at the church starting at 3:30p on Friday, November 3rd in the Multi-Purpose Room.

**Thank You Very Much!
Carole Armistead**



Sweet Celebrations
Little Celebrations * Big Impact



BIRTHDAYS

**Happy Birthday to our members who will be celebrating
(New Organizaiaion - It's Your Birthday, Inc.)**

Olivia Witte	1	Jan Freese	15
Scott Remmers	3	Brigitte Mittler	23
Amy Balzer	8	Whitney Thomas	27
De'Ana Holdener	9	Shirley Jennings	28
Blaise Azzara IV	15	Dorothea Holdener	28
Sarah Bobmeyer	15	Jamie York Schubert	30

ST. PHILIP'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be held Wednesday December 13 and will include a Special Christmas Pageant, Singing of Carols, and Dinner. This event is planned for all St Philips members, children grandchildren, and LOGOS participants, parents and grandparents. Stayed tuned for details, as times may change slightly. We hope that St Philips members will contribute cookies for dessert. We anticipate that the program will be at 5:30 and the dinner at 6:00 pm. A sign up sheet will be posted. We hope all will attend, as it will be fun!



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