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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



Dear friends and partners in the Gospel,

The month of May this year holds two holy festivals – the Day of Christ's Ascension on Thursday, May 10, and the Day of Pentecost, on Sunday, May 20. This is also the month when we celebrate the secular holiday of Mother's Day on Sunday, May 13, as a time when we affirm the sacred covenants of family within our community of faith.

Ascension Day is the culmination of the Easter Season, though it often passes by without our notice, because its place in the Christian calendar is on a Thursday instead of a Sunday. It is the day when we celebrate our conviction that the love that we've known in Jesus reigns supreme in the Realm of God. That means that, whatever winds may buffet us, for good or for ill, throughout this life, we move ahead in confidence that the truth of God's love ultimately prevails.

The Festival of Pentecost comes on the 50th day after Easter, and begins the Church's Season of the Spirit. It is customary for us to wear something red to worship that Sunday, to symbolize the fire of inspiration that powers the life and mission of those who follow Christ. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." So says Paul the Apostle in his letter to the Church in Galatia (Galatians 5:22). May these be qualities that are discernable in us, though imperfectly to be sure, as we seek the Spirit of Christ to guide the way we work and live.

Allen M. Fluent, Transitional Pastor

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"

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

LI Cross, Frank Burow, Linda Kammerer, Damianus Aditya Christie, Roger Decker, Dorothea Holdener, Paula Williams, Jay Williams, Ben Metz, Janet Remmers, Marilyn Milne, Tom and Pam Kelley and Rev. Doug Anders, Lukas Flucht and Fernanda Gomes de Melo



Mondays: 10:00AM - 2:00PM Tuesdays: 10:00AM - 2:00PM

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

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

Tammy Knoll



Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship Update

Women's Fellowship Meeting that was regularly scheduled on July 17th, has been rescheduled for July 24th. Vacation Bible School starts on July 16th thru 20th.

Please adjust your calendars accordingly.

Thank you very much!

Virginia

Come join us on Tuesday, May 15th to tour Sappington House. Ray H. will be one of our tour guides. Cost of tour is \$5.00. Lunch will be at The Barn.

Meet at the church at 10:00am to carpool.

Any questions, contact Jan Freese or Merle Schuette



DECORATE OUR ALTAR WITH FRESH FLOWERS

If you would like to decorate the altar with fresh flowers, please sign up to do so on the Fresh Flower chart which is located outside the church office. You are welcome to bring garden flowers or to purchase fresh flowers and bring them in. There is a spot on the chart for your name and any occasion or person you would like to honor with the flowers.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will begin July 16 - 20th, 2018. The Theme this year is "ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE"



Bible School Workshop

We will need as many volunteers, so make sure to mark the date on your calendar. We will begin the workshop day on Friday, May 11th at 1:00p at Virginia's. Plan to be there, not only to work, but to have fun and fellowship. If you have questions, please contact Virginia.

Virginia



We have Kids Kits available on the credenza as you enter the sanctuary for any little ones, grandkids, visitors, etc. who would like to use them. In each kit are some items for little ones to use to occupy their time during worship, such as coloring books and crayons, sewing shapes, etc. Feel free to take a kit as you come into worship and please return the kits after church.

LOGOS Session 3



April sessions will be Rolling River Rampage themed. This is also our theme for VBS this summer. LOGOS kids will get a more in depth look at the stories and themes for the week. They will also get to learn some of the songs and dances to share during the week of VBS this summer!!!



May 2- A Night at Camp



May 9- Baby Shower



May 16- Water Carnival



Dori Hudson	1
Olivia Stevenson	1
Rob Kammerer	3
Curtis Kaiser	4
Mike Shelton	5
George Brand, III	8
Stacey Witte	9
Lindsey Rawlings	11
Dorothy Vinyard	11
Kimberly Kelly	14
Pam Henson	15
Carl Philips	17
William Matthews, Jr	20
Jason Yung	21
Sue Bowles	23
Sheannon Hladnick	26
Brandi Armistead	26
Haylee Thibodeaux	27
Sandy Stevenson	29
Kirk Tangeman	31
Laura Brym	31

BIRTHDAYS



rehearsals are onThursday nights from 6:30 - 8:00p

Come Join Us!

Happy Birthday to our members who wil be celebrating (We will sing on the 1st Sunday of each month)

"Happy Birthday to You!, Happy Birthday to You!, Happy Birthday Everybody!, and God Bless You!"



Book Club News

Book Club News: We are currently reading Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker by Jennifer Chiaverini, and will discuss it on May 20 after church. The book is due at the Library before that date. So please return your copies no later than Sunday May 13, by placing them in the blue bag in the office. When you return your copy, please put a sticky note on your book with your name on it, and cross your name off the list. Our next selection is a classic, The Heart is a Lonely Hunter by Carson McCullers. We are always looking for new book club members. If you would like to read it with us, pick up a copy on May 20 after church. **Barbara Barnes**

MAY CALENDAR 2018

Wednesday, May 2 4:30p - 6:30p LOGOS - A Night at Camp, entire building 6:30p AFSP Support Group, Gathering Space Thursday, May 3 6:30p-8p Choir Rehearsal every Thursday in the Sanctuary Saturday, May 5 Parking lot and entire church reserved Sunday, May 6 9:30a Worship Wednesday, May 9 4:30p - 6:30p LOGOS - Baby Shower, entire building Thursday, May 10 Day of Christ's Ascension Friday, May 11 1p VBS Workshop at Virginia's 6p - ECC Overnight Campout, entire building Saturday, May 12 10a ECC Camopout ends 2:30p - 9:30p Square Dancers Sunday, May 13 9:30a Worship - Happy Mother's Day Tuesday, May 15 10a Women's Fellowship will meet to carpool. Lunch at The Barn. The cost to Tour Sappington House is \$5.00. Wednesday, May 16 8:45a - 11a ECC Triathalon, back parking lot 4:30p - 6:30p LOGOS - Water Carnival, entire building 6:30p AFSP Support Group, Gathering Space Thursday, May 17 8:45a - 11a ECC Triathalon, back parking lot Sunday, May 20 9:30a Worship (Pentecost Sunday - Wear Red) (Strengthen the Church Offering Sunday) Wednesday, May 23 7p ECC 3yr. olds Graduation, Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall Thursday, May 24 7p ECC 4yr. olds Graduation, Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall Sunday, May 27 9:30a Worship Monday, May 28 Memorial Day - Office Closed Wednesday, May 30 6:30p AFSP Support Group, Gathering Space