

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



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(text in bold read in unison)

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Prelude and Wait for people to connect online

Lighting the Candles

* Call to Worship (Responsively)

Come let us worship the Lord.

God longs to give us the desires of our heart.

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.

God seeks covenant with the children of all creation.

Fill us, O Lord, with respect and awe of you.

Touch each of us just as we are, where we are. Let our worship begin.

* Opening Hymn: “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” # 560

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

(Refrain)

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.

(Refrain)

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near; leaning on the everlasting arms.

(Refrain)

*Centering Prayer (Together)

**Guide us safely through, Gentle God, when the way seems dark. Show us
your wisdom as we enter your presence. Open our eyes to your
beloved children near and far. Open our hearts to the blessed
fierceness of your creation, which sustains us that we might be as
Christ to one another, in our welcome, compassion and care. Amen.**

* Response: "There's Something About That Name" # 115

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There's just something about that name!

Master, Savior, Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Let all heaven and earth proclaim:

Kings and kingdoms will all pass away, but there's something about that name!

Children's Time

Prayer of Preparation (Together)

As we open our ears and minds to your word now, O God, help us listen with our full hearts. May we see your gentle power that changes the world. May we see and understand and join your way more and more. Amen.

Scripture: James 3:13 - 18 (The Message)

Do you want to be counted wise, to build a reputation for wisdom? Here's what you do: Live well, live wisely, live humbly. It's the way you live, not the way you talk, that counts. Mean-spirited ambition isn't wisdom.

Boasting that you are wise isn't wisdom. Twisting the truth to make yourselves sound wise isn't wisdom. It's the furthest thing from wisdom—it's animal cunning, devilish plotting. Whenever you're trying to look better than others or get the better of others, things fall apart and everyone ends up at the others' throats.

Real wisdom, God's wisdom, begins with a holy life and is characterized by getting along with others. It is gentle and reasonable, overflowing with mercy and blessings, not hot one day and cold the next, not two-faced.

You can develop a healthy, robust community that lives right with God and enjoy its results only if you do the hard work of getting along with each other, treating each other with dignity and honor.

Scripture: Mark 9:30-37 (New Revised Standard)

Leaving there, they went through Galilee. He didn't want anyone to know their whereabouts, for he wanted to teach his disciples. He told them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed to some people who want nothing to

do with God. They will murder him. Three days after his murder, he will rise, alive.” They didn’t know what he was talking about, but were afraid to ask him about it.

They came to Capernaum. When he was safe at home, he asked them, “What were you discussing on the road?” The silence was deafening—they had been arguing with one another over who among them was greatest. He sat down and summoned the Twelve. “So you want first place? Then take the last place. Be the servant of all.”

He put a child in the middle of the room. Then, cradling the little one in his arms, he said, “Whoever embraces one of these children as I do embraces me, and far more than me—God who sent me.”

Hymn: “Standing on the Promises” # 552

Standing on the promises of Christ my king,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.

(Refrain)

Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing, I’m standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love’s strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit’s sword,
Standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit’s call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)

Sermon: "A Reputation for Wisdom"

Rev. Mike Krewson

Anthem: "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee"

Prayer Time:

Wordless Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Our Gifts

Response "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host:

Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer Dedicating our gifts (Together)

We delight in the abundance provided, O God, by you. Grant us the courage to share it with others, to give with a loving heart. Give us wisdom and a joyful heart. Amen.

* Closing Hymn: "Jesus Loves Me!" # 113

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so..

Jesus loves me! He who died, Heaven's gate to open wide,
He will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Benediction

Postlude

BOOK CLUB

We will meet after church today,
September 19 to Discuss Nature
of the Beast. We will meet in the
conference room, and share a pot
luck lunch.

Our next Selection is Before We
Were Yours by Lisa Wingate, a
New York Times bestseller
described as a heartbreaking
story of joy and loss based on the
true story of an adoption center
that kidnapped and sold poor
children to wealthy families.

ATTENTION ST. PHILIP'S WOMEN!!!

You are invited to join us on Saturday, **September 25, 2021**, for a day of fun, food, and fellowship. We'll meet at 9:30 am at Sandy's house for coffee and rolls and end at about 2:30 pm following a communion service. In between we'll reminisce about the "good old days", try to identify some artifacts, have lunch, learn a craft and play a game.

Come for all or part of the day. Sign up on the bulletin board or call Sandy to say you'll be there. More detailed information will be sent to those who plan to attend.

Thanks to Mary Dykstra, Sue Myers and Donna Philips who will participate and have had a part in the planning. Please spend part of your day with us. I think you'll be glad you did!

OUTREACH MINISTRY NEWS

October 3 is Neighbors in Need Sunday. Neighbors in Need is one of our 5 for 5 charities, and benefits UCC Church projects, including projects that serve homeless and immigrant neighbors, and Native Americans throughout the country. Please consider donating to this worthwhile cause. You can include donations in your October 3 envelope and put Neighbors in Need on the subject line of your check or send a check to Kathy Shelton.

Fall is also the season for Sharefest, formerly called Festival of Sharing, an ecumenical program that provides a variety of items to those in need in Missouri. In the past we have collected food items, dental hygiene items, and paper products. Because of covid, this year we are asking for monetary donations during the month of October and specify that funds be used "Where Needed Most". Contributions for Sharefest can be made by sending a check to Kathy Shelton with Sharefest on the subject line.

OCTOBER LUNCH BUNCH

Somethings' brewing and it will be ghoulishly fun,
A wicked good time for everyone!

Fly on over for the Lunch Bunch Halloween Bash,
Watch your broom steering so you won't crash.

Park your broomstick on St. Philip's lot
Be there **Wednesday, October 13th at noon** to get a good spot.

Bring a dish, sign up at church, or call someone listed below,
A hauntingly awesome time of food, drink, and a game for all who go.

COVID rules will apply,
Or back home you must fly.

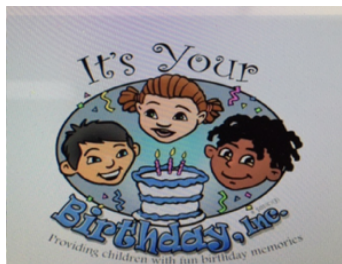
RVSP by October 10th to "boo"tiful Leona G
Or bewitching Mary D.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**Happy Birthday to our members
who will be celebrating this month.**

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!”*



Gene Siewing	2
Danielle Knoll	3
Joy Lopez	4
Leona Gottschlich	10
Ollie Coleman	11
Jeannine Navratil	18
Ray Hoffstetter	20
Rob Kammerer	20
Carole Armistead	20
George Brand	21
Cindy Lewis	21
Cara Schamburg	21
Sue Myers	23
Tom Nottelmann	23
Mary Dykstra	26
Susan Yung	26
Kevin Nickel	28
Chris Fischer	28
Averi Henson	30
Hayden Henson	30

WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

World Wide Communion Sunday is October 3, 2021. We will not be able to prepare a variety of ethnic breads and share them on this Sunday, but we are encouraging everyone who attends church in person, to bring a special bread (bagel – Poland, croissant – France, banana bread – South Africa, etc.) for you to personally enjoy during communion. This will be a nice break from the communion wafers currently being used.

If you choose not to bring a bread from home, or you forget to bring a bread, no worries. The little wine/wafer cups will still be available for you to use. Pick one up for the wine if you are bringing a bread.

Folks worshipping at home virtually – we encourage you to also choose an ethnic bread of your choice for communion on this Sunday.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 10, 2021

Bring your pets to worship with you on Sunday, October 10. Our regular 9:30AM Worship will be held outside that day and will include a blessing for each pet in attendance.

Please have your dog(s) on a leash. You may invite neighbors or friends who might also wish to bring their pets.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:15 Book Club Meeting	20 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	21	22 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	23	24 October Crier Articles Due	25 9:30-2:30 Women's Retreat
26 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	27 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	28 4:30 ECC Board Mtg	29 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	30	1 October	2
3 Worldwide Communion 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook, Neighbors in Need Special Offering 9:45 Sunday School In-person	4 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg 7:00 Church Council Meeting	5	6 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	7	8	9
10 9:30 Pet Blessing Sunday Worship Outdoors - In-person, Livestream on Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	11 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	12	13 noon Lunch Bunch 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	14	15	16



Our Vision Statement

St. Philip's Vision Statement

We are called to the body of Jesus Christ, with:

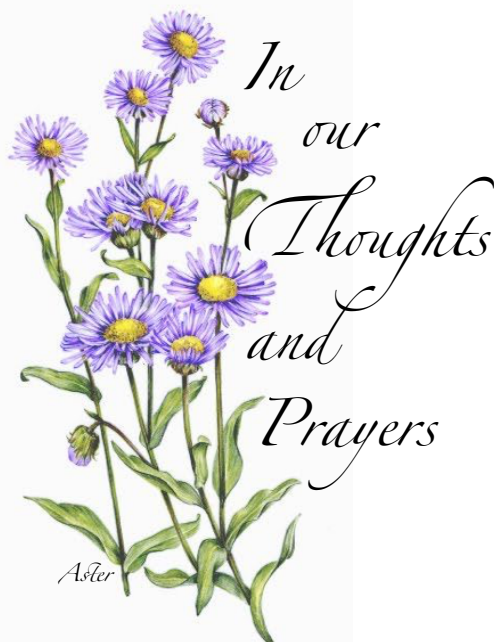
Minds to study God's word,

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.



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Russ Hickman
Ray Hoffstetter
Deb Hudson
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Pam Kelly
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