

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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(text in bold read in unison)

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PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS and PRAYER CONCERNS

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Worship Ways - inspired by Psalm 125)

Those who trust in the Holy One are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved but abides forever.

Surround us, O God, like the atmosphere around the earth.

We stretch out our hands and our hearts reaching for your goodness and righteousness.

Surround us, O God, like the atmosphere around the earth.

Lead us on good paths and make us agents of peace.

Surround us, O God, like the atmosphere around the earth.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

Holy One, our Maker, we gather to worship you, to renew our spirits, and to connect as a community. Some of us crave a joyful noise, some flourish in quiet contemplation, others desire movement, while others need to ponder our thoughts. However, we worship, we gather here. In this place, we find you in the midst of us. In this connectivity, we know that your covenant remains in effect. May your Spirit guide, empower, and speak. AMEN.

* OPENING HYMN: "What Is This Place" # 289 1-3

What is this place where we are meeting? Only a house, the earth its floor walls and a roof sheltering people, windows for light, an open door.

Yet it becomes a body that lives when we are gathered here, and know our God is near.

Words from afar, stars that are falling, sparks that are sown in us like seed.
Names for our God, dreams, signs, and wonders sent from the past are
what we need.

We in this place remember and speak again what we have heard;
God's free redeeming word.

And we accept bread at this table, broken and shared, a living sign.
Here in this world, dying and living, we are each other's bread and wine.
This is the place where we can receive what we need to increase;
God's justice and God's peace.

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

RESPONSE: "Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.
Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight,
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor or crush the afflicted at the gate, for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

SCRIPTURE: Mark 7:24-37

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be

fed first, for it is not fait to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." And when she went home, she found the child lying on the bed and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went by way of Sidon toward the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened."

And his ears were opened, his tongue released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one, but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

SERMON VIDEO: "Snarky Good News"
Rev. Laura Mignerone

HYMN: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" # 586

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silence

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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

Thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever. AMEN.**

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERING

Anthem: "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"

* Doxology #46 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, the heavenly host:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication - Worship Ways (Together)

**Sovereign God, receive our offerings for the nurture and expansion of
your kingdom. May they be magnified and the spirit of generosity
among your people amplified so that all may do well. AMEN.**

* CLOSING HYMN: "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" # 606
God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son;
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone,
born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure too you have entrusted, gain thru powers your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel Word.
Open wide our hands, in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

ST. PHILIP'S UCC OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS AND WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY!

On **Sunday, October 6**, for our regular **9:30am worship**, we will gather **outside** on the church grounds for an outdoor worship experience!

AND, all are invited to bring an animal to be blessed during our worship experience (leashed/restrained; please be prepared to clean up after your animal). Be as creative as you'd like as you think about an animal to bring (a pet, a picture of a pet or animal—past or present, a stuffed animal, etc.).

We'll celebrate God's magnificent creation and the animals that share it with us as we worship together outdoors! If possible, please also bring your own chairs. AND, this is also World Communion Sunday, which we will celebrate with human communion elements and treats for pets too!

ST. PHILIP'S - LOGOS MEAL SIGNUP

Would you be interested in making a meal for our LOGOS ministry? If so, we'd love to try your cooking (and have you join us for an evening)! Receipts may be turned in for reimbursement.

Need ideas on feeding 30 people? Here are some meals we've had in the past that have been successful for our group:

- Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad
- Baked potato bar with soup
- Chili & hot dogs
- Taco night! (beef, chicken or pork)
- Build your own sub/sandwich night
- Lasagna
- Ham & cheese, Turkey & cheese Sliders
- Pulled pork & macaroni & cheese
- Enchiladas
- Chicken Alfredo
- We'd love to try your ideas too!!

Desserts are also needed. If you have questions, please let Andrea Tugin know or sign up on the bulletin board!

LOGOS FALL SCHEDULE

September 18

October 2, 16, & 30

November 13

December 11

FALL FESTIVAL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

St. Philip's UCC and St. Philip's ECC are working together this year toward an amazing Fall Festival. We will be holding the event **Sunday, September 15 after church**. Please plan to stay and join in the fun, food and fellowship. If you would like to volunteer to help, please see the signup sheets on the bulletin board. We are also in need of **CAKES!**

CAKES NEEDED

If you would be willing to bring a dessert that is easily portioned out into individual slices/pieces, please do so. We know you all are the expert bakers. We plan to have a cake walk at our fall festival and the kids can go home with a cupcake or slice of cake! Please have your cakes in the multi-purpose room at church **no later than 9AM on Sunday, September 15**, so we can get them ready to go. Thank you so much!

FIRE & BRIMSTONE

Every other Wednesday, beginning September 25, all are invited to come for a time of fellowship and fun around a fire at St. Philip's!

From **5:30pm-7:00pm**, there will be adult supervised playtime for the kids on the playground while the adults are invited to hang out around a fire. Pizza will be provided.

Bring your own chair, BYOB, and join us for some informal fellowship time! All are welcome! Contact Pastor Laura with questions.

BOOK CLUB - SEPTEMBER 22

We will meet on **Sunday, September 22** to discuss "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek". We meet **after church** and share a potluck lunch. For details contact Barbara Barnes 314-843-4157.

ST. PHILIP'S OUTREACH MINISTRY

Festival of Sharing is coming soon! We will be collecting items for Student Dental Packs **during the month of September**. The packs will be distributed to schools, and social agencies throughout the state of Missouri, and will be given to children who do not have access to basic dental hygiene items. Items needed include:

- Fluoride Toothpaste-Full size tubes, 6 ounces or more (not the sample size)
- Dental Floss or floss picks (any size)
- Child size toothbrushes (in original packages)
- Adult toothbrushes, soft, in single or two-packs (in original packages)

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS!

On **Sunday, September 15**, during worship, we will celebrate a blessing for all those entering a new year of learning (that's all of us—there's always more to learn!). All are invited to bring their backpacks, laptops, kindle readers, journals, cookbooks, DIY books, headphones for the podcasts you listen to, or whatever else might represent the ways that you are learning new things, whether in formal settings of education or not! During our regular worship service, we will bless all the things as we kick off a new school year!

LUNCH BUNCH - SEPTEMBER 11

Join us for Lunch Bunch on **Wednesday, September 11 at noon** at Pietro's, located at 3801 Watson Road. Please see the GOLD signup sheet on the bulletin board and signup by Sunday, September 8 or call Virginia at 314-843-3605. Hope to see you there!

BROWN BAG LUNCH WITH PAUL & ART

NEW opportunity for fun, food and fellowship, "Brown Bag Lunch with Paul and Art". Our member Paul ShROUT is housebound and is unable to attend church services and activities, so we will bring the fun and fellowship to him!

Members and friends are invited to bring a sandwich in a brown bag and share the lunch hour with Paul and Art on **Tuesday, September 24 at 12:00 noon** at 10360 Concord School Road, 63128, across from Concord School. Paul and Art can seat 6 people, but there are only 4 parking spots. A BLUE signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board. For questions call Barbara Barnes (314)843-4157.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Gabe Mignerone	9
Leona Gottschlich	10
Ollie Coleman	11
Jeannine Navratil	18
Ray Hoffstetter	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
Chris Fischer	28
Averi Henson	30
Hayden Henson	30

FLOOR WAXING AT ST. PHILIP'S

Floor waxing will take place in the building the weekends of October 11-13 and October 18-20. Access will be limited. More details coming.

ST. PHILIP'S

FALL FESTIVAL

SEPT
15

Back to School
Blessing of the
Backpacks Church
Service
9:30 - 10:30



10:30 -
12:30

FAMILY FUN:
GAMES, PRIZES, FOOD,
& PETTING ZOO

RSVP BY 9/8

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	9 7:00 Church Council Mtg	10	11 noon Lunch Bunch @ Pietro's	12	13	14
15 Blessing of Backpacks 9:00 Cake Dropoff 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Fall Festival	16	17	18 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	19	20	21
22 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 Book Club	23 4:45 ECC Board Meeting	24 noon Lunch w/Paul & Art	25 5:30-7:00 Fire & Brimstone	26 October CRIER Articles Due	27	28
29 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	30	1 October	2 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	3	4 5:00-7:00 Young Adult Service Proj	5
6 9:30 Worship Outdoors, Pet Blessing, Worldwide Communion, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	7	8	9	10	11 (Floor Waxing, Limited Access)	12 (Floor Waxing, Limited Access)



**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.



*In
our
Thoughts
and
Prayers*

Aster

LaDonna Kay Anderson

Brooke Bliss

Misty Bliss

Dave Boyanchek

Joyce Brand

Jennifer Clifton

Ron Hemingway

Virginia Hladnick

Ray Hoffstetter

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