

St. Philip Invitation

Live Like That - Love, Feed, Serve

November 2017

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**Coming
This Fall**

Congregational Meeting

Mark your calendars for the congregational meeting on Sunday, December 17, at 10:00am. Members will vote on the annual spending plan as well as having some conversation about the different resources God has entrusted to St. Philip and how those resources are used and invested for ministry. It is important for all of us to be a part of our church's mission and the resources needed to make it happen. Make plans to be present.

We Give God Thanks

We give God thanks for the diversity of people throughout our community and for the unity we celebrate in Christ Jesus our Lord. Witness to the gifts of diversity and unity is happening again this year as the churches of the Hollins community gather to give thanks. Participating churches are Enon Baptist, Summerdean Church of the Brethren, St. Philip Lutheran, Northview United Methodist, Hollins Church of the Nazarene, Green Ridge Presbyterian, and First Baptist of Hollins.



We gather to celebrate the goodness that is God's promise in Christ Jesus. We lift up our connection to one another and boldly give our thanks and praise to God as we worship and as we live the life of faith in our neighborhood.

This year, as in years past, the churches of the Hollins Community will worship together. The worship service Sunday, November 19, at 7:00 p.m. will be held here at St. Philip. **MAKE PLANS TO BE PRESENT AND DEMONSTRATE ST. PHILIP HOSPITALITY.** St. Philip will be hosting a reception immediately following the worship service. If you are interested in helping provide food or staffing the reception please speak to Pastor David or Linda Rhodes.

Community Thanksgiving Feast at Philips Saturday, November 25th, 3:00-5:00 pm

You are invited to help serve a traditional Thanksgiving meal to our neighbors in the Melrose-Rugby neighborhood and in the Hollins neighborhood. There are two opportunities to serve:



St. Philip and Abundant Grace Assembly will serve our wider community together at Melrose Towers on Melrose Ave. We will also serve to-go meals to folks from the Goodwill Jobs Campus.

St. Philipians will serve those who come together in our Fellowship Hall.
How can you help?

- Volunteer to serve at the Feast
- Purchase and cook a turkey and/or a ham
- Bake a pie or pies
- Volunteer to help set up or clean up
- Make a financial donation to support the Feast (be sure to write "Feast at Philips" on your check)

This is a great opportunity to share God's love by sharing with our neighbors. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, there is a volunteer sign-up sheet in the narthex with specific duties listed. If you have questions about offering yourself for this feast, speak with one of the pastors. Thank you for your servant hearts!!

Martin Luther and His Gift of Music

Judy Burnette

Martin Luther was a man of many gifts. One that people often do not realize was his musical talent. His music background was very strong. He sang in choir and played many instruments. He believed that music



was a wonderful way to teach scripture to people so they might better understand its meaning.

Martin Luther wrote many hymns. Nearly all of these were based on scripture. His most popular hymn was, *A Mighty Fortress*.

Martin Luther believed that music during worship, especially

congregational singing, was of utmost importance. He considered the only part of worship more important was the Word of God. Martin Luther's belief in the power of music in worship was shared by other people such as the composer, Johann Sebastian Bach. Bach wrote some of the world's finest sacred choral music. His *Cantata No. 80* is based on Martin Luther's text from *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*.

Reflections from St. Philip Preschool Director, Danielle Murray

While I sit here and sip my coffee, thinking about things happening in my life and my friends lives, I look up my students playing happily in the "running room." The realization hits me. In just a few short years they will

be dealing with so many of the same issues.

- Broken relationships
- Financial worries
- Daily parenting struggles
- Health issues

It's a good reminder for me. This short time I have with each of them is invaluable. I get to remind them to

look for the positives. I get to teach them about their rights as a human. I get to teach them about respect and their emotions and how to make the two work together. I get to choose to tell them when I'm having a hard day so their hard days don't seem so foreign but just a different type of day.

It's a good day to spend with a classroom full of preschoolers.

Let's Make Merry Fellowship

The holidays are fast approaching so here's a tip: save the date **December 7, 11:am!** Ladies and Gents are invited to attend St. Philip's Annual Christmas Fellowship Event to help get us in the

holiday spirit. This year we have a reservation for Thursday's 11 a.m. Luncheon Buffet at The Plantation on Sunnybrook. The cost is \$16.42, which includes the full buffet, dessert, drinks, and gratuity. Transportation can be arranged by contacting Cindy Fielder

at 915-8154. We hope many can attend Thursday, December 7th!

Please mark your calendar NOW and then plan to sign up in November in the Narthex. You are guaranteed an "extra special" Gift--time spent in fellowship with your church family!

Listen God is Calling

Thank you to all of you for the many ways you serve God's church through the ministry of St. Philip. Truly our calling is about God's work and our hands. If you have been thinking about ways to connect to the ministry at St. Philip and have not been quite sure how to start please consider serving by:

Offering Counter Coordinator

Each Sunday we are blessed by the generosity of the people of St. Philip and each week some quiet servants

make sure that financial offerings are counted and recorded before being deposited in the bank. We need someone to help train and coordinate this group of quiet servants. Speak with Pastor David if you might help with this ministry.

Recycler

We are looking for someone who would twice a month empty our recycling containers and take recyclable materials to the recycling center at Hollins University. Speak with Pastor David if you might want to help care for God's creation this way.

Photographers

This is for everyone. Please, please take pictures of ways mission and ministry is happening through the community of St. Philip. Then share them with Laura our office administrator to be celebrated on our St. Philip website and social media.

Worship Assistants

Ushers, acolytes, power point clickers, sound system operators, readers, communion assistants. This is absolutely a great way to live out your faith on Sunday morning. Speak with Carol Dillman at 8:30am worship and Mary Jo Sahm at 11am worship.

Church Council News - October

Dan Radmacher

Council met Monday, October 16, at 7 p.m. in the church library. Once again, the spending plan for 2018 dominated the discussion.

Council examined a draft plan that, despite cuts to several areas, anticipates an \$11,000 shortfall next year. As noted during the meeting, a large percentage of annual spending is taken up by the fixed costs that are fundamental to the work and ministry of the church: Staff compensation and benefits, office and other administrative expenses, utilities, and property upkeep and maintenance.

At current giving levels, there is little room for spending on the ministries and benevolent activities that many want to see the church engage in. St. Philip is fortunate to have an endowment fund and other investment funds, though. Pastor David discussed the philosophical approach council has been taking to utilizing these funds —

appropriating money from them mostly for one-time expenses — and questioned whether the church needs to rethink that approach.

After much discussion, council decided to move forward with developing a spending plan for congregational approval that anticipates a significant shortfall and to meet an hour early in November to devote more time to discussing both how to approach spending and how to best communicate the issues and situation to the congregation.

Pastor Kelly debuted the church's new Twitter account, @StPhilipROA, and council discussed ways it could be put to good use. Dan Radmacher updated council on the website redesign, and Pastor David discussed the plan for the rollout of the new logo and tagline.

Sarah Parker was unable to attend the meeting but sent an email describing her experience at a training session for the Forwarding Faith Campaign, the effort to raise at least \$2.5 million over the next five years to provide an

endowment for faith formation activities in the Virginia Synod. That campaign is now entering the congregational phase, and council agreed that a reasonable goal for St. Philip would be to secure commitments from members of the congregation to give \$25,000 over three years.

Sarah will lead that campaign over a six-week period from January 21 to February 25 with the last week corresponding with St. Philip's 60th anniversary. The pastors shared that they had already pledged \$3,000 personally and that other St. Philip families have made similar commitments.

Pastor David reported that situations requiring pastoral care continue to arise with greater frequency than normal and that he and Pastor Kelly are doing all they can to meet those needs.

Council will meet again on November 14 at 6 p.m. in the church library. Anyone is welcome to attend.



Blood Drive Thank You

What an amazing group of people at St. Philip! The semi-annual blood drive on Monday, October 16 collected 96 pints of blood! It was certainly a team effort to handle all the task that had to be done. So many folks commented they loved the food, missed Margaret Mitchell and

Louise Jargowsky, and would come back to us as long as they could. This is such a strong time honored community ministry that the congregation at St. Philip should be very proud to be a part of.

A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED.

"IT FEELS GOOD TO SAVE A LIFE"

Finish Strong for 2017

Pastors David and Kelly

We are blessed at St. Philip with great resources! One of which is an Endowment Fund and other investments that allows our congregation to expand ministry in many exciting ways.

However, Church Council also wants to thank you for your generosity to

ensure that the infrastructure and core ministry of the congregation continues to happen. Endowment income and investments are not used for the day to day ministry of St. Philip. We continue to need to watch very closely our expenditures as they relate to daily operation.

To date, our expenditures for daily ministry outspend the offerings received from the congregation. St.

Philip expects an \$8000 deficit for the year 2017. Consider increasing your offering so that we finish the year in a strong financial position. If 80 St. Philip families gave just an additional \$100 between now and the end of the year, we would cancel that deficit and finish in the black. Your pastors are committed to making that additional contribution and invite you to do the same.

ADULT Faith Formation

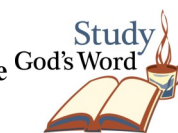


Faith in Real Life
(Sundays, 10am, in the library) Jesus said: “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ (Matthew 22:37-39)

But how do we do that, exactly? How do we live our faith in daily life? How do we understand the intersection of our faith with our social, political, and religious views? These are the sorts of questions that are central to Faith in Real Life!

All are invited for an open and positive format on Sunday morning as we work to build the bonds of fellowship and connect our faith with the events of everyday life. Please grab a cup of coffee in café and join the discussion.

Monday Morning Bible Study: Monday mornings 9:30am-10:30am. Study of scriptures that follow the Narrative Lectionary readings on Sunday morning. This is a great way for you to come to Sunday morning worship ready to be engaged with the word as the story is told. If you have not been a part of the Bible study crew now is the time to try it out. The crew meets in the church library.



Family Faith Formation

Sunday, November 12, 4-6pm

For St. Philip families, especially those with children age birth – 5th grade.

What will we do at Family Faith Formation?

- Play games!
- Learn a bible story!

- So kids and families can get to know each other better
- And so families can practice sharing bible stories and fun together
- Led by one of the pastors
- Dinner for all at 5:30pm, provided for you by a St. Philipian

The hope of this gathering is to provide regular time for families to

gather in faith, fun and fellowship, much like the youth groups currently gather. There will not be childcare

because kids of all ages are part of this gathering! Hope everyone can join in the fun! Questions? Want to help serve a meal for families? Talk to Pastor Kelly.



Family Faith Formation

Children's Faith Formation

[Jesus] called a child, whom he put among them, and said, “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”
(Matthew 18.2-4)

Children's Faith Formation happens in the worship service – where kids participate in the central communal act of god's people, worshipping together! Jesus invites us all to have the faith of a child. Let's learn from the children of St. Philip about how to live like that!

Check out the Kid Central table in the narthex with each week's Children's Bulletin, story books, Spark Family

LET THE CHILDREN COME



booklets, Bible story books, and the kids Busy Bags with crayons, activities, etc. The table is low so kids can get to the materials.

Let the little children come!

Intergenerational Faith Formation

November 12 (10-10:45am), ALL ages will gather between worship services for a short bible story followed by a

service project. Just for 45 minutes, 10-10:45am. Just once per month.

In November, in honor of Veterans Day, we will make cards for the 230 veterans at the Salem VA (Veterans Administration) Hospital. I encourage

everyone to be part of these gatherings! If you'd like to help with these in any way, please speak with Pastor Kelly.



Youth News

(More details are available in your email and texts)

Youth Group: Both Middle School and High School Groups meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, 4-6pm, with dinner for all at 5:30pm. Come join the fun!!



November:

- 5th – Rake leaves for members of the congregation
- 12th – Youth-led Worship Service: both services!!
- 17th – 19th (Fri-Sat) – Lost & Found: Youth Retreat for 7th & 8th graders
- 19th (7pm) – Hollins Community Thanksgiving Worship (NO Youth Group)

Youth Faith Formation:

Middle School and High School Faith Formation is part of Sunday Youth Group. We use lots of different materials: re:form Bible study, videos, conversation, and “burning Jesus questions” (but PK, why would we want to burn Jesus?!).

Dear St. Philip Family,

I want you to know how very much I appreciate all the thoughts, prayers, and cards that you sent to me during my recovery. I have felt clothed in your thoughts and prayers all during my recovery from such a freak accident. I’m at home now and still getting therapy. I’m looking forward to being back with you in church. In the meantime, I appreciate any visits or phone calls.

God’s peace and love,
Margaret Mitchell

College Student Care Packages

St. Philip will send a care package to each of our 11 college/graduate students at the end of the fall semester (late November). Let’s be sure that they know that just because they are away at school they are still in our thoughts and prayers. You are invited to bring in donations of crackers, cookies, hot chocolate, drink mix, energy bars, candy, chocolate, highlighters, post-it notes and flags, pens, pencils, etc. Donations will be accepted (in a box in the narthex) through Sunday, November 26. Parents, your child(ren) will not get a care package if we don’t have an accurate current mailing address for him/her. So please get that info to the office ASAP!

Oil Workshops at St. Philip

Nov. 11- 2pm-4pm Holiday Guest List. A DIY Class for Holiday Prep! Enjoy snacks and beverages while making all-natural Laundry Detergent, All-Purpose Cleaner, Carpet Freshener and Poo Spray.

Dec. 2- 2pm-5pm at St. Phillip's Lutheran: Christmas DIY Gifts & Shopping! Enjoy a cup of gourmet cocoa and check everyone off your list in one stop! Buffet-style event - pick which gifts you’d like to make! \$5 each. A representative of Lula Roe will be present, offering \$10 off your purchase.

Contact Shan Farrell to RSVP.



Prayer Requests

From time to time, please keep the church office informed of changes or deletions to the prayer list.

Scott Buchanan – Member
Calvin Knotts – Member
Judy Diekow – Member
Kathryn Buchanan – Member
Betty Hammond –Member
Rev. Bob Ward—St. Philip Friend
Bobbie Sahagun - Michaels’ friend
Kitty Nease - Member
JoAnn Michael - Member
Ruth Albertin - Juli Albertin’s mother
Rusty Johnson - Dolly Johnson’s son
Dolly Johnson - Member
Forest Kanode - Kanodes’ grandson
Jamie Hinkle - Kanode’s friend
Emily Totten - Member & Scott Buchanan’s sister
Glenda Adkinson - Carol Goad’s friend



Birthdays

NOVEMBER

Kathryn Buchanan - 1
Harry Baden – 2
Daniel Maki - 2
Kevin Farmer - 7
Kaitlyn Duncan - 8
Alisha Konst – 11
Pat Hunt - 14
Paulette Robertson – 17
Ginnie Karkenny - 18
Wende Markham – 21
Carole Eades – 22
Johnah Gruver - 22
Louise Schultz – 24

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Change Service Requested

David C. Derrick, Senior Pastor (pastordavid@stphiliplutheran.net)
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Laura J. Latham, Office Administrator (officeadmin@stphiliplutheran.net)
Judy Burnette, Director of Music Ministries (music@stphiliplutheran.net)
Teresa Siler-Lee, Nursery Attendant
Jody Draper, Custodian
Danielle Murray, Director of Preschool (preschooldirector@stphiliplutheran.net)

Church Council - 2017-2018

Sue Huntington, Council President; Paul Henkel, Council Vice-President; Peter Shick, Treasurer;
Kari Callanan, Financial Secretary; Linda Duncan Rhodes Council Secretary
Members: Nick Muir, Max Holland, Chuck Jecminek, Dan Horine,
Dan Radmacher, Sarah Parker, and Candace Underwood

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The Reverend Bob Humphrey, Bishop, Virginia Synod

