

# St. Philip Invitation



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## Worship Time Change!

Starting Sunday August 2,

worship times will be shifting! The Open Doors Digital Worship using the Church Online platform will begin at **11am**. Join in at that time to experience worship, live chat with other St. Philippians and pastors, and ask questions as well as making comments. We will continue to make each Sunday's video available by 9am each Sunday morning by way of our church website and Facebook if you simply want to watch the Open Doors worship.

To take advantage of cooler morning temperatures the Drive Up Parking Lot Communion Worship Service will then be held at **9:30am on Sundays beginning August 9**. Remember to bring your communion elements with you then tune in to 92.9FM and enjoy worship from your vehicle.

## Blessing of the Backpacks

As students prepare to enter into the 2020-2021 school year, we want to send our students with our prayers and God's blessings. All students are encouraged to attend a Zoom Backpack Blessing on Sunday, August 22 at 11am. The church office and the pastors will send a special gift for our students to place on their backpacks and ask for God's blessings on this upcoming school year!

## New Membership Database is a "Breeze"

Laura J. Latham



In January, the staff and church council began exploring new options for managing St. Philip's membership roll, the church directory, email lists, and contribution records. Since 2016 the church office has used a church management system called PowerChurch, which while robust in its own right, had limitations for multiple users. Pastor Laura introduced a newer church management system called Breeze.

One of the highlights of Breeze is that more than one person can use parts of the system at a time, which means regardless of where a staff member or volunteer is working - home, office, or on the road - the information in the database can be accessed. Another exciting feature of Breeze is that congregation members can also create an account and access a church directory straight from their phones or computers.

### What can congregation members do with Breeze?

- Access church directory information on a computer at <https://stphiliplutheran.breezechms.com> or download an app for Android and iPhone by searching "Breeze CHMS." (The icon looks like a sailboat).
- Update their own information as soon as it changes.
- Search for contact information for other active congregation members.

### How does it work?

- Once you access Breeze either by computer or by app, create an account. The church's id is stphiliplutheran. If there is a profile in Breeze that matches your name and email address, Breeze will send you an email with an invite link. (If you do not receive your invite link and have more than one email address, please check with Laura Latham in the church office to be sure we have your preferred email address on file.)
- Go to "People" and search for your name.
- Once there, edit your information (if needed) by mousing over or placing your finger on the grey box that says "Main" and "Contact."
- Upload a photo of yourself and a photo of your family!
  - For individual photos, click on the profile image, select the photo you'd like to use from your device, adjust the photo as needed, click "set as profile picture."
  - For family photos, mouse over the grey box that says "Family" and click to edit section. Upload photo as above.
  - (Please only upload photo of you and/or your family. These images will be seen by other members who may need help connecting faces and names.)
- Search for other active congregation members by going to "People" and searching their name.

If you have any questions or need help navigating this new service for the church, please contact Laura Latham at [officeadmin@stphiliplutheran.net](mailto:officeadmin@stphiliplutheran.net) or 540-929-1804 (personal cell while telecommuting). If there is information in your profile you can't edit and would like to have changed, please contact Laura Latham about that as well.

## Day of Service Thank You

On Sunday, July 26, the annual Day of Service event was a great success! St. Philipians prepared a traditional “cook-out” meal at the church and then delivered those meals to the residents of Melrose Towers. While this meal is typically served in the dining hall of Melrose Towers, this year things were organized a little differently to observe safe social distancing precautions.

Packaged to-go meals were delivered outside to the residents. Additionally, each resident was given a bag of household cleaning supplies. We give thanks for our continued partnership with the residents of Melrose Towers and the chance to join together, albeit in a different way, to fellowship once again. We also give thanks for the many generous donations, hard working St. Philipians, and funding



from Thrivent Action Teams and the Virginia Synod COVID Response Grant that made this day such a success!



## Church Council News – July 2020

*Linda Duncan Rhodes*

Council met on Tuesday, July 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

The Treasurer's report showed receipts for month ending June 30, 2020 of \$13,739.59 and year-to-date budget under \$15,782.88. Peter Shick reported \$7,904.00 of monthly receipts was contributed through VANCO payments. Year-to-date receipts through June 30, 2020 were \$135,629.10 and year-to-date expenses were \$111,116.29 after being reduced by \$34,625.00 credit for payroll expenses through the CARES Act Payroll Protection Plan grant funds. If St. Philip had not had the grant funds the loss for June would have been \$10,699.00 and the year-to-date loss would have been \$10,112.00. The CARES Act Payroll Protection Plan grant funds of \$8,182.00 that remain will be used to reduce July expenses. Dave and Abby Mellon have assumed the Financial Secretary duties. **Council thanks Betty Holland for her service as Financial Secretary for the last three years.**

Following the recommendations outlined in a report from Liz Leonard council voted to not open the preschool for the 2020-2021 school year. A letter was sent to all preschool families informing them of the decision.

Council voted to adopt amended changes to the Constitution as

presented to Council and present the approved amended changes to the Constitution to the congregation at the next congregational meeting.

Pastor Laura reported the congregation raised \$850.00 toward the goal of \$1,500.00 for the Minnick School internet access project for the students and teachers. The church will add an additional \$650.00 and send a check to the Minnick School for \$1,500.00.

An article for the newsletter will be forthcoming about a new church management database called Breeze. (See first page) The article will include some instructions on how to update a member's information, add photos, and search contact information for other members. The Financial Secretary now is using Breeze to enter financial contributions.

Shannon Radmacher reported the first drive-up worship service was held in June and was successful. The next drive-up service is Sunday, July 12. A two-question survey was sent out to the congregation about returning to in person services. So far there have been 56 responses and the survey closed July 12. Pastor David reported because of the summer heat beginning August 2 the drive-up service will be held at 9:30am and the virtual service will be at 11:00 am. (See front page). He also reported the virtual services will continue on-line at this time and we may possibly go to two drive-in services in the fall. Three social

distancing style congregational picnics have been scheduled on the back lawn of the church for July 11, August 8 and August 22 to reconnect with members of the congregation. Everyone is welcome. Bring your food and drink along with a chair or blanket and a mask to wear when not eating.

A letter was sent to Pastor David on June 16, 2020 from Gary Sahn, Council President congratulating Pastor David on his twenty-year anniversary as Pastor of St Philip Lutheran Church. At the February council meeting, council members voted and approved to earmark \$5,000.00 for a gift to a benevolence of Pastor David's choice in honor of his service. Pastor David told council he was very surprised by the recognition, and that he appreciated it. He stated he gives thanks to the people of St Philip and it has been a privilege to serve. He has not yet decided who will receive the donation.

Pastor David will be on two weeks of vacation starting July 12 after the drive-in service. Pastor Laura will be present during his absence.

Rod Dillman contacted the company who originally installed the carpet in the sanctuary and they have not responded. He is now contacting others for estimates to repair the carpet where it has buckled.

The next council meeting is Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

## 21 Day Challenge Learning About Racial Injustice

After the murder of George Floyd, there has been a renewed effort to consider how race and racism continues to impact our society. As a matter of faith, we Christians understand God's creation and the promise of the kingdom Jesus ushers in to be places that value all humanity.

Starting in July, the people of St. Philip were invited to participate in a 21 Day Challenge to listen, learn, and be a part of the difficult conversations to confront racism. For those who have not seen the resources of the challenge you can find them here: [www.eddiemoorejr.com/21daychalle](http://www.eddiemoorejr.com/21daychalle)

## Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy Civic Summer Program

The program is a ten week long program focused on getting congregations engaged civically which takes form in a number of different ways such as: Get Out the Vote campaigning, Census mapping, Voter Education, etc. Tyler Derrick currently

## St. Philip Lutheran 19th Annual Golf Tournament, Saturday, October 10, 1pm at Blue Hills Golf Club, Register by Sept. 30 - \$260 per team/\$65 per golfer

St. Philip Youth invite you to be a part. The tournament serves as the primary fundraiser for our youth ministries. Please consider putting to-

## Congregational Picnic!

Those who attended the first St Philip picnic this year know how wonderful it was to see our fellow St Philippians in person, to wave and say hello and reconnect. It reminded us that even though we've been able to continue worshiping together digitally and communicating via phone calls and Zoom meetings, we miss being in each other's presence.

There are two more congregational picnics, pandemic style! Mark your

nge.

For those of you who have engaged the 21 Day Challenge, reading, listening, watching, noticing, connecting, engaging, acting, and reflecting and would like to continue some of that processing in a group setting you are invited to participate in a Zoom video conversation on Monday, August 17 at 7pm. You access that conference via this link:

[us02web.zoom.us/j/82252626383?pwd=SW9RMC9Uak5YcHNrd0NJa29yTDlWdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82252626383?pwd=SW9RMC9Uak5YcHNrd0NJa29yTDlWdz09) (Meeting i.d. 822 5262 6383 and password 24019).

We know that these conversations are difficult, but we also know that they are needed. As always, we trust God's Spirit to lead.

serves as a volunteer congregation coordinator for St. Philip and would be the primary point of contact for anyone who felt called to participate in any given week's program. You can participate as much or as little as you wish. If you want more information or have any questions feel free to email Tyler at [tsderrick@mail.roanoke.edu](mailto:tsderrick@mail.roanoke.edu)

gether a team of golfers or inviting golfers you know to play. Please consider sponsoring a hole, asking your employer to sponsor a hole, or donating a prize to go to tournament participants. Email Pastor David at [pastordavid@stphiliplutheran.net](mailto:pastordavid@stphiliplutheran.net) for a registration forms or sponsorship information.



calendars for Saturday, August 8 and Saturday, August 22 at 4pm. Each member/family is invited to bring their own food and beverage to enjoy while relaxing and socializing with other St Philippians. Bring your chairs or blankets to the grassy area behind the church, where there's plenty of room to space out but still walk around and chat with those you haven't seen in a while. Don't forget your mask to wear when you're not eating. We can't wait to enjoy some fresh air and laughter together!

Thank you St. Philip for 20 years of ministry together! I was so surprised, overwhelmed, and grateful for the kind recognition of a 20 year anniversary of ministry together at St. Philip. There are so many who are a part of that story and I truly cherish each one. I know the privilege it has been serving as your pastor for two decades, and I know the privilege continues as God's Spirit keeps moving and leading us to be connected to one another for the sake of the Gospel. Thank you St. Philip you are a gift to me!

In Christ,  
Pastor David

## Prayer Requests

Scott Buchanan – Member  
Calvin Knotts – Member  
Judy Diekow – Member  
Kathryn Buchanan – Member  
Betty Hammond – 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  
Barbara Simpson - Member

## August Birthdays

Philip Bolster- August 23  
Lori Clark - August 19  
Carol Dillman- August 17  
Susan Ellis - August 25  
Ruth Farmer - August 05  
Cindy Fielder - August 28  
Bob Hartman - August 16  
Doug Hiller - August 05  
Emmy Hudson - August 17  
Bill Hughes - August 30  
Bruce Johnson - August 02  
Brian Johnston - August 25  
Sybille Nelson - August 31  
Mike Parker - August 31  
Nathan Radmacher - August 30  
Patrick Reither - August 08  
Joe Robertson - August 18  
Keith Schult, Jr. - August 27  
Donna Spradlin - August 23  
Jessica Staley - August 08

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Change Service Requested

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**Teresa Siler-Lee, Nursery Attendant**  
**Jody Draper, Custodian**

#### **Church Council**

Gary Sahm, Council President; Gary Dudley, Council Vice-President; Peter Shick, Treasurer;  
Abby and Dave Mellon, Financial Secretary; Linda Duncan Rhodes Council Secretary  
Members: Doug Layman, Shannon Radmacher, Kathleen Radtke, Donna Spradlin, Dan Horine, Elizabeth Horine

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The Reverend Bob Humphrey, Bishop, Virginia Synod



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