

# St. Philip Invitation



LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE JUNE 2021

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## Generosity Matters

A giant thank you from the St. Philip Stewardship Team for your participation in our emphasis this year of spiritual growth related to generosity. We want to Live Like That, like Christ, as we love and feed and serve.

If you made a financial estimate for giving and need to make any changes in your offering please be aware you will need to make adjustments to the means by which you share your financial gifts including electronic giving. The commitment form used for consecration Sunday simply is a tool for us to grow faith.

## Neighborhood Ministry Opportunities

St. Philip has a long tradition of connecting with its neighborhood. Currently the Neighborhood Engagement Task Group (Liz Leonard, Kathleen Radtke, Judy Brammer, Pastor David) is exploring ways St. Philip might continue that great tradition. Per the task group's recommendation, St. Philip Church Council has decided not to reopen the St. Philip Preschool in the fall of 2021. We continue to pray, discern, and ponder where God is leading us next, convinced that connecting to the neighborhood will always be a critical part of the calling and ministry at St. Philip.

## Generosity Matters - It's a Spiritual Thing

With Consecration Sunday happening on May 30, your St. Philip Stewardship Team would like to say a big "THANK YOU" to each of you as we discovered together how Generosity Matters. Our intent with this year's emphasis was to empower our church community to strengthen faith, to grow discipleship. Hopefully, you had a chance to reflect, pray, ponder, discover, and grow while considering God's incredible abundance and generosity with us. Our thankful response deepens our relationship with God.

The Stewardship Team does not plan to compile and report on financial commitments. We do want to celebrate our congregation participation in this year's emphasis. If you have not yet done so, we would invite you to consider responding to the following faith statement:

As a disciple of Christ, I believe that God grows faith through giving. It's a spiritual practice. As God's love is freely given, we are givers as well. Our gifts of our time, talent, and treasure support the many missions of St Philip Lutheran, as we Love, Feed, and Serve.

\_\_\_\_\_ I intend to Live Like That

Or go to the Generosity Matters commitment card linked here <https://tinyurl.com/GenMattersForm>

## COVID Protocol Updates

In recent weeks, there have been many updates to CDC recommendations and state requirements in regards to COVID protocols. As a congregation, we give thanks for the many scientists, researchers, and public health officials who have worked tirelessly to develop and distribute vaccines and have continued to research to bring us to this point. While the pandemic is still not over, we are grateful that so much progress has been made.

In accordance with CDC and Virginia guidelines that state vaccinated persons no longer have to wear masks, on Sunday June 6, masks will no longer be required in the church for those persons. Although church leadership and worship servers will not be inquiring as to peoples' personal vaccination status, we do ask that you follow the masking guidance and wear a mask if you are not yet fully vaccinated. You also may decide that it is best for you to continue to wear a mask even though you are fully vaccinated and that is wholly acceptable as well.

These past fifteen months have been challenging to say the least. We are all yearning to go back to the aspects of life that we have missed. But even as we rejoice in returning to some sense of normalcy, we must not forget our call to love, feed, and serve our neighbors. An important way that we can love one another during this time is by exercising great care and grace with one another, realizing that we have all had unique experiences and challenges during this pandemic time. We give thanks for your care and patience as we move forward together.

## Blood Drive News

The Social Justice Team and Blood Drive Coordinators are so grateful to

have hosted another successful blood drive this past month! Thank you to all of our coordinators, volunteers, and donors. Ninety-two pints of blood

were collected, which can help save up to 276 lives! Mark your calendars for early October, when the teams will host the next drive at St. Philip.

## Church Council News May 2021

*Linda Duncan Rhodes*

Council met on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

The Treasurer reported showed receipts for month ending April 30, 2021 of \$29,968.88. and year-to-date receipts of \$90,372.07 which is \$13,547.93 under budget. St. Philip's income exceeded expenses by \$3,795.23 for April. Expenses thru April were \$100,508.05 which is \$3,411.91 under budget. Year-to-date expenses exceed income by \$10,136.02. Davenport Investments saw an increase of \$20,537.00 in the first quarter of the year ending March 31, 2021.

Council elected Shannon Radmacher as Council President and Gary Dudley as Vice President. Other people appointed are Peter Shick, Treasurer, Dave Mellon, Financial Secretary, and Linda Duncan Rhodes, Council Secretary.

The Neighborhood Engagement Task Group has recommended not opening the Preschool in the fall. The task group is brainstorming about new children's ministry. They will meet again at the end of the month.

The rooms formerly used by the preschool have been painted and look clean and sharp.

Stewardship emphasis began on May 2 and will continue until Consecration Sunday on May 30. An e-mail and

mailing will go out to the congregation.

Pastor Laura will be on vacation May 24 thru May 30.

Pastor David will participate in continuing education classes May 17 thru May 21 and will be out of the office.

At the June council meeting Council will discuss a change to the endowment policy for term limits for those serving on the endowment committee.

Council will return to in-person monthly council meetings beginning June 8 at 7:00pm in the church library.

To our friends at St. Philip Lutheran Church,

Words can't express just how grateful we are for the generous gift to our food bank mission. We hope that you and the congregation will feel a tremendous amount of peace and

knowing just how much of a difference you have made. Every dollar donated to the food bank helps us to provide around five meals to our neighbors, so your donation alone will help us fill thousands of plates. WE look forward to keeping you informed of our work

in the region and we wish you all a very happy and healthy 2021!

Yours in service,  
Joe Kessler  
Feeding Southwest Virginia

**The Geraniums in the sanctuary this week are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Pentecost as we remember or honor those dear to us.**

### **In Honor of...**

The people of St. Philip by Sue Huntington and Kevin Britt  
The Bayer and Derrick Families by David Derrick and Kelly Bayer Derrick  
John Rose, Jo Kratchuen, Ernestine Kundchek by Bruce and Cynda Johnson  
Beth Pickering, Tony Flack by Dan and Shannon Radmacher  
My kids by Judy Burnette

### **In Memory of...**

Jean Roberts and Patti Goodling by Sue Huntington and Kevin Britt  
Our parents Al & Margaret Wilkins, Bob & June Fielder by Cindy and Robbie Fielder

**Donations to Elijah's Backpack are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Pentecost as we remember or honor those dear to us.**

### **In Honor of...**

Our children Justin Fielder, Robyn & Bryan Shepardson by Cindy and Robbie Fielder  
Elijah's Backpack volunteers by Lynn Lawson

### **In Memory of...**

My parents Bill and Helen by Selise Miller  
Otto and Jane Kappen by Marjorie Nickum

## St. Philip Graduates

St. Philip congratulates 2021 graduates! Please lift these two members of the congregation in prayer.

**Clara Johnston** graduated from Botetourt High School where she was very active in the music program including both the band and choral programs. Clara plans to attend Virginia Tech in the fall.

**Matthew Folkemer-Leonard** says, "I am excited to share with my St. Philipian community that I graduated from United Lutheran Seminary on May 21, 2021 with a Master of Divinity. The next step after graduation is to finish up my internship, which is in the York area of Pennsylvania where I also live with my wife Margaret and our two dogs. My internship will be done on October 1, 2021 and then I will go up for what is called approval in late November early December. That is the last step I must complete before I can be ordained within the church."



Scott Buchanan – Member  
 Calvin Knotts – Member  
 Judy Diekow – Member  
 Kathryn Buchanan – Member  
 Betty Hammond – Member  
 Ruth Albertin - Juli Albertin's mother  
 Emily Totten - Member & Scott Buchanan's sister  
 Barbara Simpson - Member  
 Hannah Chabot - Bev Horvath's granddaughter  
 Kristi McCraw - Zippie Smith's daughter  
 Don Stith - Member  
 Nancy Shadix - Member

# LEARNING OUR ROOTS:

## DISCOVERING OUR SHARED HISTORY



**Wednesday, June 2, 6:30 pm**

Join us for a Zoom seminar exploring the history of our area. Historian and community advocate, Jordan Bell will present on the Gainsboro neighborhood in Roanoke and Christopher Sanchez will share about the 100 year story of Christiansburg Industrial Institute.

This event is co-sponsored by the Central Church of the Brethren Race Education Team and Saint Philip Lutheran Church, both of Roanoke.

**Register at <https://tinyurl.com/learningroots>**

# JUNE



# BIRTHDAYS

Bronce Monroe	June 03
Wendy Johnston	June 05
Patrick Haines	June 06
Madison Merrill	June 06
Jeff Muir	June 13
Emileigh Smith	June 16
Judy Diekow	June 17
Sue Huntington	June 17
Sharon Price	June 20
Kelly Derrick	June 26
Don Hunt	June 27
Paul Roush	June 29

Historian and community advocate Jordan Bell takes pride in being involved in his community. In addition to serving as a Special Education aid, Jordan supports young people in the Roanoke community through Aspire Mindsets, building up youth from ages 12-17.



Christopher Sanchez is the Executive Director of the Christiansburg Institute, Inc. (CI, Inc.) CI, Inc. is a grassroots African American cultural heritage and historic preservation nonprofit with a mission of education and empowerment located in Christiansburg.



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Change Service Requested

**David C. Derrick, Pastor (pastordavid@stphillutheran.net)**  
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**Laura J. Weatherford Burns, Office Administrator (officeadmin@stphillutheran.net)**  
**Judy Burnette, Director of Music Ministries (music@stphillutheran.net)**  
**Teresa Siler-Lee, Nursery Attendant**  
**Jody Draper, Custodian**

#### **Church Council**

Shannon Radmacher, Council President; Gary Dudley, Council Vice-President; Peter Shick, Treasurer;  
Abby and Dave Mellon, Financial Secretary; Linda Duncan Rhodes, Council Secretary;  
Members: Doug Layman, Bruce Johnson, Kathleen Radtke, Gary, Sahn, Donna Spradlin,  
Donna Wright, Jacob Schult

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The Reverend Bob Humphrey, Bishop, Virginia Synod

