

# St. Philip Invitation

LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE MAY 2023



## Love, Feed, and Serve As We Welcome and Care

As a part of living faith, St. Philip seeks to be intentional about valuing the practice of Welcome and Care.

As a part of your practice, think about welcoming by:

- At worship sliding toward the middle of the pew when you sit so it is easy for someone new to find a place for worship.
- Connecting one to one with someone who you might not already know very well (be on the lookout for some tools coming from the St. Philip Evangelism Team to help with this practice)

As a part of your practice, think about caring by:

- Generously providing resources for partners in ministry whether that is supplies for Minnick School students, food for Elijah's Backpack and St. Mark Food Pantry, clothing and supplies for residents at Melrose Towers and the Samaritan
- Connecting with students at the Minnick school as we provide extra curricular learning possibilities

Always, everything we do is a response to the love God has made known in Jesus. In Jesus there is hope, but it is in and through us that hope lives.

Lastly, share the story. Tell your pastors and one another about the ways in which you and we are loving, feeding, and serving through the practice of welcome and care.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOUSE

**BUILD** - St. Philip has two assigned days to help with the Habitat House Build: Friday, May 19th and Saturday, July 22nd, from 8am-2pm. Once other churches sign up for days, we may be able to add more. The minimum age is 16 and no experience is needed. If you would like to help either with building or providing food, please contact Kathleen Radtke at [radtkegal@gmail.com](mailto:radtkegal@gmail.com) or 540-815-7586.

The Apostles Build is Habitat-Roanoke's special bi-annual project where local churches of all sizes and denominations come together to fund and build a home for a local family. The 2023 Apostles Build home will be built at the corner of Jamison and 11th Street SE, Roanoke 24013, the former site of Belmont Christian Church (now across the street). The homeowners will be Aubrey Wood and her 12 year old son, Ryden.



## BLOOD DRIVE



GIVE  
Blood

We are continuing the awesome ministry of supporting our community's wellness through blood donations this month! St. Philip is **hosting another blood drive on May 8, 11am-6pm**. Please contact Debbie Kanode ([dwkanode@comcast.net](mailto:dwkanode@comcast.net)) to sign up. You may also register at [redcrossblood.org/give](http://redcrossblood.org/give). If you have received a COVID-19 vaccine, you are still

eligible to give. One donation can save up to three lives, so please help us save lives together!

## LADIES MOTHERS DAY BRUNCH



There will be a Ladies' Mothers Day Brunch in the St. Philip Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, May 10th at 11:30 am! Come and enjoy a wonderful catered brunch and great fellowship. Ladies are invited to bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Minnick Center. Please RSVP by May 7th to either Debbie Kanode (540)589-6865 or Linda Duncan Rhodes (540)529-9498 or sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex.

## What's That About? Have you ever wondered during worship about . . .

**Prayers of Intercession** The prayers of intercession are a time to corporately/communally acknowledge God's goodness and our need for that goodness in the lives we live.

**Luke 23:44-48** <sup>44</sup> *It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, <sup>45</sup> while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup> Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. <sup>47</sup> When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." <sup>48</sup> And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts.* The prayers of the church come right after the sermon and this allows us to hear about all that is good about God and have that flow directly into the things we are asking God to use that goodness to help us with.

We hand our spirit over to God when we ask for help. We recognize that we can't do things without God and we entrust our spirit totally into God's hands. The similar words of "into your hands I commend my spirit," are on Jesus' lips as he was dying. This puts a new emphasis on the amount of trust we should have in God and how much of ourselves we need to give up to God. When Jesus prayed this similar prayer, he trusted that God knew what was best and was willing to give his life for us. We should be that trusting and give everything we are to God.

## Child Care on Sunday Mornings

Starting **Sunday May 7**, St. Philip will provide childcare during worship and faith formation times. This option for children and their families is intended to be a resource for growing in faith. We at St. Philip very much value the presence of children in worship and wholeheartedly see our St. Philip kids as an essential part of the community. But we recognize that there might be times or a period of time when having care managed by someone besides parents can be a much needed resource.

Our child care attendant over the summer months will be one of our St. Philip youth: Hannah Staley. Then starting in the fall we welcome two Hollins University students, Elizabeth Barker and Jay Garcia who will share the care attendant role.

We are excited to have this option available as we seek to be a community that welcomes and cares for all of God's children, including the youngest ones.



Cathy Dudley	May 01
Maribeth Bolster	May 04
Shannon Radmacher	May 06
Kevin Britt	May 07
Abby Mellon	May 12
William Spradlin	May 12
Madison Horacek	May 13
Patricia Henkel	May 18
Tina Waldron	May 19
Paul Economy	May 20
Diana Forbes	May 20
William Wilhelm	May 21
Stuart Dillon	May 22
Catherine Mehalic	May 22
Lisa Greer	May 23
Peter Shick	May 23
Mary McCutchen	May 24
Meagan Trivellin	May 25
Aurelia Clark	May 26
Gary Dudley	May 27
Billy Elliott	May 27
Anna Radtke	May 27
Jessica Monroe	May 30

## Prayer Requests

Scott Buchanan – Member  
Betty Hammond –Member  
Bev Horvath—Member  
Emily Totten - Member & Scott Buchanan's sister  
Hannah Chabot - Bev Horvath's granddaughter  
Sara Aubitz - Member  
Margaret Mitchell—Member  
Sonja Jecminek—Member



**Council News -- April 2023**  
**Karen Lowdon, Council Secretary**

Council met on Tuesday April 18 in person and via conference call.

The Welcome Task Force is continuing to help with focus areas for the congregation. Sitting in the middle of the pew to make room for others is one step we can take. Digital worship and in-person worship are being reviewed to find ways of welcoming others on a one to one basis.

The Care Task Force has forged a partnership with the Minnick School and Boys and Girls Club. More information to follow on how we can make these congregational projects.

Mold remediation is in process at the church and will be completed soon.

The Church Council Nominating Team has submitted the following candidates for election at the Congregational Meeting to be held Sunday April 30: Sue Huntington, Bruce Johnson, Ellen Mehalic and Dedi Spradlin.

A huge Thank You is extended to the Council Members whose terms are ending: Shannon Radmacher, Donna Spradlin and Doug Layman. Bruce Johnson has completed one term and is running again. Council is exceedingly grateful for these wonderful and faithful St Phillipians. We are grateful they each shared their unique gifts and contributed to a well functioning group who worked together to accomplish what needs to be done.

Pastor David reported good attendance at Holy Week services, both online and in person. As church secretary, Alice Lebow did a great job managing her first Holy Week experience at St Philip.

**Treasurer's Report**

March receipts were \$20,258, YTD \$67,289, \$11,671 under budget.

March expenses were \$27,197, YTD \$79,570, \$610 over budget.

The deficit for March is \$6,938, ytd \$12,281.

The cash balance is \$4945.

The only unusual expense was a \$1,300 deposit for delegates

*thank you!*

Thank you St. Phillipians for your generosity in supporting the Samaritan Inn with boxes of clothes for those experiencing homelessness. And for your generosity in supporting the Boys and Girls Club of Roanoke with the love offering for Easter flowers and noisy offering on Easter.

**Building a Culture of  
Gratitude**

*Gary Sahn, Stewardship  
Committee*



This year, our Intent Sunday is May 7th .

Between now and then, please consider helping St Philip to Build on a Culture of Gratitude. Every time I am at St Philip, I'm impressed by the generosity and gratitude of our St Philip community. I'm surrounded by a church family who is grateful for the generosity that they have received, and grateful for the opportunities at St Philip to Live Like That and spread that generosity to others. God has provided us with everything we need, and through our faith, we can respond to His call to be generous.

We continue to Build on a Culture of Gratitude. As you prepare to express your gratitude on Intent Sunday, is this a year where you might increase your giving to support the ministries of St Philip?

Completing an intent card is a personal faith statement between you and God. Prayerfully consider your response to what He has first given you, and please complete an intent card on Sunday May 7th .



**MINISTRY WITH THE MINNICK SCHOOL**

The Minnick School is an alternative school whose mission is to serve students unable to stay in a public school setting. Want to connect? Pick up supplies especially helpful for Minnick students including Depends disposable underwear size M youth and M adult. More hands on? St. Philip plans to help with teaching Art two hours a week at the school.



We at St. Philip very much want to Live Like That as we Love, Feed, and Serve. If you would like to explore ways in which you might connect with this ministry contact Donna Wright (540-915-9691) or Pastor David (pastordavid@stphiliplutheran.net).

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Change Service Requested

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**Jody Draper, Custodian**

**Church Council**

Shannon Radmacher, Council President; Paul Economy, Council Vice-President;  
Peter Shick, Treasurer; Dave Mellon, Financial Secretary; Karen Lowdon, Council Secretary;  
Members: Patti Henkel, Daniel Hickox-Young, Bruce Johnson,  
Doug Layman, Donna Spradlin, Donna Wright

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The Reverend Bob Humphrey, Bishop, Virginia Synod

