

St. Philip Invitation

LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE SEPTEMBER 2023



St. Philip Lutheran 22nd Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, October 7th, 1:30pm
at Blue Hills Golf Club

Register by Sept. 30th - \$300 per
team/\$75 per golfer



St. Philip Youth invite you to be a part of St. Philip's 22nd annual golf tournament. The tournament serves as the primary fundraiser for our youth ministries. New this year is the inclusion of Lutheran Youth from around the Roanoke Valley as we collaboratively do lots of youth ministry together.

Please, please consider putting together a team of golfers or inviting golfers you know to play. Please, please consider sponsoring a hole, asking your employer to sponsor a hole, or donating a prize to go to tournament participants. Email Gary Sahn gsahn65@gmail.com for a registration form or sponsorship information.



Thank you Peter Shick!

Peter has worn many hats at St. Philip, from serving on the building committee, working on the property, supporting Elijah's Backpack, and serving for over 35 years as the congregational treasurer. We are immensely grateful for his faithfulness and the ways his gifts have blessed St. Philip for many years. As of the first of this month, Peter has retired from the treasurer position. Please join us in giving heartfelt thanks to Peter for his many years of service! We give thanks to God for Peter and how his gifts have supported the mission and ministry of St. Philip. Thank you, Peter!

BUILDING COMMUNITY

"For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another."

These scripture verses from Paul's letter to the Christians in Rome speak to how God calls us to live in community together.

This year at St. Philip, we're embracing the theme of "Building Community" as we strive to know one another and God more fully.



Welcome Sunday Child Care Attendants Jay Garcia and Elizabeth Barker

Please give a warm St. Philip welcome to Jay and Elizabeth, two Hollins University students, who will be staffing our Sunday child care during worship. They will be sharing those responsibilities. Check out their brief biographies below. A huge thank you to Hannah Staley who primarily cared for Sunday child care over the summer months.

Jay Garcia

I am Jay! I am from Lubbock, Texas and am studying political science and gender and women's studies. I am 19 years old and like to embroider and play piano in my free time. When I'm not hanging out with my friends I'm hanging out with my cat named The Great Catsby!

Elizabeth Barker

I'm Elizabeth from Proctorville, Ohio and I'm studying English and gender and women's studies at Hollins. I'm nineteen and I enjoy reading, music, and doing different things around campus.



Caroline Wilson is a St. Philip member who is in seminary to be a rostered leader in the church! Caroline has been taking classes for a few semesters, but is now taking the next step in her journey. She will begin "field education" this Fall at St. Philip. This will be a two year process in which she will engage in various parts of ministry as she learns more about the ministry of word and sacrament. We're excited to continue this journey with her!

Council News—August 2023

Karen Lowdon, Council Secretary

Council met on Tuesday August 8 in person and via Zoom.

The Solar Energy Task Force is continuing to review possibilities of utilizing solar power.

The Summer Tutor Program which provided classroom space for students will be reviewed.

The fall theme for our congregation will be Building Community with more information forthcoming.

Council expressed thanks to Peter Shick for faithfully serving as treasurer for almost 40 years. Jessica Monroe was appointed church treasurer.

Day of Service at Melrose Towers will be Tuesday August 22 and bags for the residents will be packed on Sunday August 20.

The annual church picnic will be Sunday September 10.

Youth activities for the fall are being planned.

Cedric Wilson is working to raise funds to help others access mental health services.

Pastor Laura is on vacation August 28 - September 4.

Hollins students Jay Garcia and Elizabeth Barker will begin nursery care on September 3.

Pastor David will be on vacation through August 16.

Our faithful organist Judy Burnett will be given a \$500 bonus.

Treasurer's Report

June receipts were \$11,346, YTD \$131,184, \$26,737 under budget.

June expenses were \$24,930, YTD \$156,240, \$1681 under budget.

The deficit for June was \$0.06, YTD \$25,056, Cash Balance \$7078.

July receipts were \$16,611, YTD \$147,797, \$26,345 under budget,

July expenses were \$24,217, YTD \$180,456, \$3785 under budget.

The deficit for July was \$0.07, YTD \$32,660

The cash balance is \$16,286.

June was a month of low giving and July was better. A power failure cost about \$1300 and we are requesting reimbursement.



October Blood Drive - Monday, October 2, 12pm- 6pm. Sign ups are open online [now](https://www.redcrossblood.org). You are encouraged to go in and sign up at [redcrossblood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) to make sure you get your preferred appt time. Once you're on the red cross site, look for zip code 24019, or contact Debbie Kanode at 540-589-6865 if you have questions. Pass along information about the drive so we can have as many donors as possible! "It feels good to save a life" !

Prayer Requests

Scott Buchanan – Member

Betty Hammond –Member

Bev Horvath—Member Sara Aubitz - Member

Emily Totten - Member & Scott Buchanan's sister

Hannah Chabot - Bev Horvath's granddaughter

Margaret Mitchell—Member

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Cookie Consiglio	Sept. 1
Lillian Theresa Mehalic	Sept 1
Margaret Mitchell	Sept. 2
Dan Radmacher	Sept. 2
Nancy Shadix	Sept. 3
Mark Nelson	Sept. 8
Diane Farmer	Sept. 9
Justin Craig	Sept. 10
Larry Payne	Sept. 11
Kathleen Radtke	Sept. 14
Linda Duncan Rhodes	Sept. 14
Selise Miller	Sept. 15
Drew Derrick	Sept. 18
Dave Whetzel	Sept. 19
Mary Wingate	Sept. 23
Kevin Reiter	Sept. 25
Heidi Speakman	Sept. 25
Ellen Mehalic	Sept. 26
Ella Johnston	Sept. 27
Ridge Radtke	Sept. 28
Mary Jo Sahn	Sept. 28
Dedi Spradlin	Sept. 30

SOCKTOBER

Did you know that one of the most requested items in homeless shelters is socks? St. Philip is going to once again participate in Socktober to help meet this need, especially as the winter weather approaches. In the month of October, you are invited to bring both mens and womens socks to the church and place them in the collection bin. Our goal this year is **800** pairs of socks! Start collecting now and join in showing love to our neighbors.

DAY OF SERVICE

Thank you to everyone who helped the Day of Service event with the residents of Melrose Towers be such a success! Many items were shared with the residents and all enjoyed a wonderful and filling breakfast! Thank you for helping us love, feed, and serve like Christ in the community!

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

As we hear it discussed in the news and experience it in our own families and communities, mental health has a huge impact on how we live in the world. When our mental health suffers, so too does every other aspect of our lives. As a society, we have made great strides in naming and addressing mental health issues. Therapy is one very important avenue that an individual can access the help they need to address their specific situation. While therapy is a powerful tool to support one's mental health, it can also be hard to access. Co-pays are sometimes prohibitive, or lack of insurance coverage can make out of pocket costs very high.

As part of our congregational mission to love, feed, and serve like Christ, St. Philip is seeking to help build a community mental health partnership. Cedric Wilson, a St. Philip member and Licensed Professional Counselor, has worked in this area for years and has seen the need first hand. On Sundays in September, we will have noisy offering a couple of times in September to help support this initiative. All funds raised will go directly to covering the costs of therapy for individuals identified as needing support. We are also reaching out to other churches, organizations, and grants to help raise funds to support those in our community who would greatly benefit from access to therapy, but because of their circumstances cannot afford it.

We also believe that positive mental health is part of the abundant life Christ calls us to! Be on the lookout for resources and conversation from St. Philip about faith and mental health! If you have questions, please reach out to Pastor Laura.



Faith formation for children and youth is going to take a variety of exciting forms this semester!

-On Sunday, September 10, we will bless and distribute bibles for children.

-Once a month, we will have faith formation for children that will include singing, bible stories, and activities!

Sunday, September 17 - Sunday, October 22 - Sunday, November 19 - Sunday December 17

Dinner and fun! Come and enjoy a time of fellowship and get to know other young families! Dinner will be provided and there will be fun activities including a bounce house!

Adult Faith Formation Starting September 17

As a part of our theme and intention of Building Community, our Adult Faith Formation on Sunday mornings will dive into conversations about how we are always Walking Together. This bible centered study is designed to encourage the St. Philip to reflect on wholeness, health, and well being as a community. Plan to gather weekly following Sunday morning worship to consider things like: "What does it mean to clothe yourself in love?" "What does it mean to be still and listen to God?" "How do we put into practice showing hospitality to strangers?"

Adult Faith Formation will meet in the library starting September 17 at approximately 10:45am.

Annual Church Picnic: Sunday, September

10th, we will have the annual church picnic. Right after the service, we'll have a congregational service project, assembling hygiene kits for the Roanoke Rescue Mission. Then around noon, we'll share a meal and fellowship with one another! The church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, chips and drinks. You are invited to bring a side dish to share. There's no need to go home after church before the meal, so feel encouraged to wear comfortable clothes.

TRUNK OR TREAT!

Please make plans to attend the Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 29 from 2-4pm. We will need decorated car trunks for handing out candy, candy donations, and volunteers! Come on and enjoy the fun! Last year's event was well received in the Hollins community and provided a safe place for children to trick or treat.



Join Us on Wednesday September 13th at 7:00 p.m.



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Jody Draper, Custodian

Church Council

Paul Economy, Council President; Ellen Mehalic, Council Vice-President;
Peter Shick, Treasurer; Dave Mellon, Financial Secretary; Karen Lowdon, Council Secretary;
Members: Patti Henkel, Kendra Meighan, Bruce Johnson,
Dedi Spradlin, Sue Huntington, Donna Wright

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The Reverend Bob Humphrey, Bishop, Virginia Synod

