

St. Philip Invitation



LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE SEPTEMBER 2024

Celebrating 10 years of Witnessing Paws Ministry!

At St Philip we went to the dogs over 10 years ago with our WITNESSING PAWS MINISTRY!

Come and celebrate this major milestone with us:

Sunday September 22, 2024

1. **Worship Service: Witness installations of Furry Ambassadors for Christ**
2. **Fellowship Hall starting at 9:45 am:**

Hear engagement stories from the Pet Therapy Teams:

“Growley III”, aka Stryker, with his VT Corps of Cadet Handlers will

Share what a difference he is making on campus and in their community.

Stryker was evaluated as an 8-week-old puppy and adult through our ministry

Share a snack and treats for humans and also canines/horses

Special surprise treat bags for children

We started this ministry at St. Philip 10 years ago in hopes to share God’s unconditional love in and throughout our wider community. As much as we personally have tried to share love unconditionally, we keep failing as our all too human traits interfere. We love being able to share the unconditional love our animals are capable of showing us as we are out and about visiting with them in various settings.

At St Philip we have evaluated over 170 handlers with their companion animals: dogs, horses, cats, and bunnies. It has taken over 1,200 volunteer hours to support these evaluation processes. Although we are not able to assess just how far reaching our ministry truly is, we can share these impacts with you:

- Out of our evaluation events 109 teams were able to become registered Pet Therapy Teams
- Teams engage with people in hospice settings, Hospital visitations in pediatrics, neurotrauma, palliative care, ICU; Animal assisted therapy with patients undergoing physical therapy; reading programs in school; special needs children support; crisis events, Hospice settings, Nursing and Retirement homes, University campuses, etc.
- We estimate that the Pet Therapy teams who completed their registrations with us translate into thousands of impactful interactions EVERY year in our community.
- Impactful visits have sped up recovery time, brought countless smiles in dire situations, peace to the dying, sharing of furry hugs, and have created bridges for human connection.

We have been so blessed to be witnesses of Christ’s love working in our community. Let’s keep going!!

Pawsitively Excited, Sybille and Mark Nelson



FALL FESTIVAL

Our annual Church picnic will be **September 15th** following our worship service. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and buns along with the fixings and drinks will be provided. Bring a dish to share and join us during this time of fellowship. Please sign up if you plan to come on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.



DAY OF SERVICE THANK YOU! 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!

SAVE THE DATE!

Trunk or Treat, October 27th from 2-4



COMING SOON....Need for blood is at a critical point now so please share the upcoming blood drive with as many as possible.

You can go to redcrossblood.org, Zip code 24019 to find our blood drive.

Monday, October 7th from 12 pm - 6 pm. Lots of you have already signed up for this drive at our July drive. Thank you! If you have not signed up please do so as soon as possible to get the time slot that works best for you.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Scott Buchanan – Member
 Betty Hammond –Member
 Bev Horvath—Member
 Sara Aubitz - Member
 Hannah Chabot - Bev Horvath’s granddaughter
 Margaret Mitchell—Member



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
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

Come One, Come All *Judy Burnette*

As we enter the fall season, it is also the beginning of our new Choir year. We would like to invite you to join us each Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room for rehearsal. Our Praise Band sings on the 3rd Sunday of each month and then our Choir sings the other Sundays. Not only does the new Choir year begin, but starting on September 25th, Christmas Eve music comes to the Choir Room. We would love to have you sing with us as we celebrate this special time of the year.



Roanoke Valley Youth 23rd Annual Golf Tournament

**Saturday, September 28th, 1:30pm
at Blue Hills Golf Club**

LUNCH SERVED AT 12:30PM

Register by Sept. 20th - \$360 per team/\$90 per golfer

Roanoke Valley Youth invite you to be a part of our 23rd annual golf tournament. Please, please consider putting together a team of golfers or inviting golfers you know to play.

Click on [REGISTRATION FORM](#) then click [ENTRY FEE](#) to pay or get a check to the church.

Council News -- August 2024

Karen Lowdon, Council Secretary

Church Council met on Tuesday August 13 in person and via Zoom.

This was the first meeting since Pastor Laura's departure and there was a lot of discussion about how we move forward. Both in tasks and priorities. We are very supportive of Pastor David and want to ensure he is a healthy and faithful leader. We are all responsible for helping carry out our mission of Love, Feed, Serve in many and various ways.

We will continue to review and monitor the various scheduled events and ensure there is someone to coordinate.

Other items:

Solar Project that was approved is moving forward

Property needs spreadsheet lists items to be attended to

Pastor David is organizing the annual youth ministry golf tournament fundraiser

Portable mics have been obtained to use for for video conferences

Feast at Philips is scheduled for November.

Member Karen Barnett is a trained chaplain and will assist with visitation

There are parsonage repairs needed

A new used lawn mower was purchased

June receipts were \$15,464 and expenses were \$23,970

July receipts were \$20,199 and expenses were \$22,222



What's Next at St. Philip?

St. Philip is called to Live Like That: Love, Feed, Serve. It's not a matter of if we will, but how will we. As we begin to think about our shared ministry particularly as our staff at St. Philip changes and evolves, many of you may be asking What's next at St. Philip? Your St. Philip church council is asking that very question amongst a host of other questions. A natural inclination would be to hurriedly come up with some answers, but our council is purposeful in carefully and mindfully approaching who God is calling us to be, including lots of prayers and a true openness to God's Spirit moving. Rest assured what informs all of it is our desire to live like Christ to love and feed and serve. It's not a matter of if we will, but how we will.

The congregation is invited to participate fully in this discernment process. If you have thoughts, comments, dreams, or aspirations do not hesitate to speak to any of our council members or Pastor David.

What is the Minnick Center? And What is St. Philip's Ministry there?

The Minnick Center is a place for students who are experiencing challenges connecting well with the public school system. For most of them they just need a little extra help. The center serves students in Kindergarten through 10th grade and the goal is to get students back to their home school in the public system better able to learn in that environment. One of the gaps in the experience at the Minnick Center is there are few opportunities for additional activities outside of the basic curriculum. AND this is where St. Philip is trying to fill the gap.

Over the past two years, a group from St. Philip has been providing "Art Class" and will continue that ministry this fall. If you are available during the day and are interested in being a part of this ministry call Donna Wright 540-915-9691. You can help by being at the school (the group usually goes 2 or 3 times a month for two hours) or by providing art supplies. Contact Donna for additional information.



Faith Formation This Fall

NEW! Starting Sunday, September 8 children in preschool through grade 3 are invited to some structured faith formation learning. It will be happening immediately following the children's sermon with a return to the sanctuary prior to the celebration of Holy Communion. Our child care attendant Hannah Staley will be leading this educational experience. Thank you Hannah for offering your gifts to help make this happen!



For the adults (also starting Sunday, September 8) Pastor David will be hosting "Town Hall" style gatherings for us to ask all the questions. The intent is for this to be an open forum time to ask almost any question ranging from particulars about our ministry together at St. Philip to big picture theological ponderings. Adults will gather in the sanctuary after Sunday worship starting approximately at 10:45am.

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Change Service Requested

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Church Council

Ellen Mehalic, Council President; Dan Radmacher, Council Vice-President;
Max Holland Treasurer; Dave Mellon, Financial Secretary; Karen Lowdon, Council Secretary;
Members: Mary Jo Sahn, Liz Leonard, Bruce Johnson,
Dedi Spradlin, Marty Frazier, Paul Economy

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The Reverend Phyllis Milton, Bishop, Virginia Synod

