

October
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St. Philip Invitation

LIVE LIKE THAT: LOVE, FEED, SERVE.



The Keys to the Kingdom by Dale Melenberg

"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." — Matthew 16:19

Jesus tells his disciples they will be given the keys of the kingdom. Amazing! When you are given the keys to someone's house, it means you have access to all the resources that are locked within—and you are responsible to take care of them.

It's interesting that, just before this, Jesus tells his disciples that the gates of hell will not be able to stand against the building up of Christ's church. What does that mean?

Jesus wants us to know that his kingdom resources of love, generosity, forgiveness, peace, kindness, and more are available for us to use as he builds his church in this world. As we use these good things on earth,

no evil force can withstand their power. Jesus also wants us to know that as we freely use his resources on earth, the powers of good will be loosed in heaven and poured out on earth. But if we restrict their use on earth and do not freely share them, they will also be held back in heaven.

May the kingdom of heaven be on earth as it is in heaven.

We have been given the keys to the resources of heaven. How thrilling! And what great responsibility! How will you use them today?

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

SHEILA OVERSTREET -	10/01
SARA AUBITZ -	10/06
MATTHEW SMITH -	10/10
MAX HOLLAND -	10/11
LORETTA ROUSH -	10/13
NICK MUIR -	10/15
CHUCK JECMINEK -	10/21
DAVE MELLON -	10/23
DOUG PEOPLES -	10/28
DERRICK RADTKE -	10/29
RUTH HEINZELMANN -	10/30
LYNN LAWSON -	10/31

OKTOBERFEST FUN AT ST. PHILIP

Come hang out on Saturday, October 18 from 3-5pm for some Oktoberfest fun. There will be games for kids, pretzels and drinks for all (including German style beer for adults 21 and older--beer will have a cost and there will be a two drink limit), music, and more. You are invited to participate in a "Who Has the Best Mustard" contest. Bring your favorite mustard, whether that comes from a store or is your own recipe. Come on out and invite a friend!





Solar Power Investment Shines

It has been a good year in the stock market so far. Timing is everything when you make a major purchase like our Solar Panels. It's good to take money out of our Davenport investments for major purchases when the market is up, not down. Buy low, sell high. On January 1, 2025, our Davenport balance was \$807,356.

By the end of March 2025, after our \$70,000 withdrawal to pay Sun Solar, our balance was \$790,247.

So the market gain through March helped us cover \$52,891 of the Solar bill. The balance of our Davenport accounts at the end of July was \$850,661. We're not missing that \$70,000.

Surely there will be stock market declines in the future, but if we time our major purchases carefully, the Davenport accounts will continue to be a great resource for years to come.

– Max Holland, Treasurer



Blessing of the Animals

As a celebration of St. Francis of Assisi's life and works, St.

Philip will host a blessing of the animals service near his feast day. This special worship service will be held on Sunday, October 5 at 2pm near the playground. If you have a special animal – great or small – and you wish for them to be blessed, please bring that animal or a picture of that animal to St. Philip on October 5 for this opportunity. If you know a fellow animal lover who might be interested in this service, invite them to come with you!



Blood Drive

Our October Blood Drive is Monday, October 6, 12pm- 6pm. Sign ups are open online now. You are encouraged to go in and sign up at 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, there is a critical need! "It feels good to save a life."



Council News- Karen Lowden, Council Secretary

Council met on Tuesday September 9 in person and via Zoom.

- Our personnel team has been busy the past few months to develop job descriptions and search for both an office administrator and a musician.
- Pastor David is beginning to transition some of the responsibilities he has been doing over to our new office administrator Rae Barker. She has been with us a few weeks and is a wonderful addition to our church office. On Sunday Sept 14 Donita Moore will lead our music in worship.
- There have been a higher number of Pastoral Care needs this past month including hospital and home visits, phone calls and messages, emails and texts and handwritten notes. We are grateful for his leadership and care of our congregation and members.
- The church picnic held Sunday September 7 was well attended and we thank all who came and participated. Maribeth Schermer coordinated the council organization and we thank her for helping with that.
- Youth ministry continues with collaboration with other area congregations. An upcoming Golf Tournament and other gatherings are planned.
- We continue to focus on and find ways to live out our mission of loving, feeding and serving.
- A contract has been signed to replace the HVAC in the fellowship hall.

Treasurer's Report Max Holland

August revenue \$ 19,945

August expenses \$ 13,507

We helped support a few students to attend Caroline Furnace. We joined several other churches to purchase a tent to use for youth ministry events. Our Davenport investments are doing well. We are saving money from the solar conversion.

Roanoke Valley Youth 24th Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, October 25th , 1:30pm at Blue Hills Golf Club

LUNCH SERVED AT 12:30PM

Register by Oct. 17th - \$360 per team/\$90 per golfer

Roanoke Valley Youth invite you to be a part of our 24th 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.



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