St. Philip Invitation

✦ LIVE LIKE THAT: LOVE, FEED, SERVE.

November 2026

At St. Philip we want to Live Like That: Love, Feed, Serve!

Since 1994 St. Philip has been home to **American Red Cross** blood drives. This long-time partnership and ministry not only has stood the test of time, it is now identified as one of the most consistently successful drive locations in the Roanoke Valley. What started with a few St. Philip saints (Margaret Mitchell, Helen Miller, and Ruth Farmer) as a way to connect ministry and neighborhood, has evolved to now entail four (4) blood drives a year. Known in the community as the best drive to get something good to eat and experience community, blood drives at St. Philip continue an incredible tradition AND very much aligns with our mission to love, feed, and serve.

Now championed by *Debbie Kanode*, *Linda Duncan Rhodes* and others, blood drives at St. Philip most certainly is a way in which Jesus' miracles of healing and wholeness happen.

Just this past month on October 5th another drive collected 66 pints of blood that can potentially save 200 lives. One Red Cross slogan suggests "it feels good to save a life," at St. Philip through the ministry of blood drives we might more aptly say "it feels good to share a life." The next St. Philip blood drive is happening Monday, December 14. Mark your calendar, sign up to donate, pray for these events as we seek to share the life of Jesus with our neighbors near and far.

Keep an eye out in the newsletter in the coming months for other featured ministries features.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER

NAME	DAY
Renee Hiller	3
Karen Lowdon	5
Kevin Farmer	7
Rick Brosius	9
Gary Sahm	9
Jack Parker	11
Pat Hunt	14
Wende Markham	21
C. P. Staley	23

We Give God Thanks



As neighbors and people of faith, we give thanks for the rich diversity of our community and for the unity we share in Christ. This year, churches across Hollins will gather again in celebration: Enon Baptist, Summerdean Church of the Brethren, St. Philip Lutheran, Northview United Methodist, Hollins Church of the Nazarene, and First Baptist of Hollins.

Together, we celebrate God's goodness, lift up one another, and offer our thanks and praise through worship and service. We are grateful for the many ways faith is lived in our neighborhood.

Join us Sunday, November 22, at 3:00 p.m. at **Enon Baptist Church**,
7971 Williamson Road, Roanoke, VA 24019.

COUNCIL NEWS—November 2026
A month of welcome, service, and stewardship

Church Council met Tuesday, October 20, both in person and via Zoom.

Pastor David continues to participate in and provide guidance to many activities. Grace.Period—participated in inaugural Vinton event on Sept. 5—over 300 clients received food.
St Philip provided some seed money for this and multiple congregations are involved.

The church picnic was great fun as was Blessing of the Animals. Thank you to Linda Duncan Rhodes for coordinating the Day of Service. Collaborative Youth Ministry and Pub Theology have been happening. Donita has been leading gatherings for Loss and Grief Toolkit.

Painting will happen in the next few months.
The development next door to the church property will likely begin soon and we will share information as we learn more.

Our congregational meeting will be held in December and information regarding budgeting and expenses and a 2027 financial plan will be shared soon.

Treasurer's Report—*Max Holland*:
September offerings were $18,245
September expenses were $22,602
September offering was higher than August. Expenses also included some computer items.
Markets continue to fluctuate.

PUB THEOLOGY IS BACK: CONVERSATION COMING IN NOVEMBER



Pub Theology with Pastor David

Hollywood's Restaurant
Thursdays at 7 p.m. on November 5 and 12.

Grab a drink or a bite to eat and come hang out with Pastor David and have some conversation about promises and God's promises and covenant with God's people and with us.



FREE MEDICARE SEMINAR

SAVE THE DATE!

Shannon Abell will be returning for a seminar on changes to Medicare and Social Security on Sunday, November 15, immediately following the service.

This awesome information session will include tips on fraud prevention as well! Seminar will begin after worship service, and a light brunch will be served. Please sign up in the Narthex or by calling the Church Office at 540.366.7046.



The Church Office will be closed on the following dates in November:
Tuesday, November 11- Veterans' Day
Thanksgiving Holiday:
Thursday, November 26
Friday, November 27



Community Thanksgiving Feast at St. Philip's

Saturday, November 21st



You are invited to help serve a traditional Thanksgiving meal to our neighbors and residents of the greater Roanoke community. This will happen in two ways:

1. We will pack to-go meals and deliver them to residents of Melrose Towers, as well as to local fire stations/police.
2. We will offer a sit-down meal and fellowship at St. Philip from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. to any who wish to attend in our Fellowship Hall. We will be offering transportation to and from St. Philip for residents of several local housing communities including North Roanoke Assisted Living and Ridgeview Apartments.

How can you help?

- Volunteer to help in the morning hours when we will be doing food prep, packing to-go meals, and delivering to-go boxes
- Volunteer to help in the afternoon hours when we will be transporting guests to/from St. Philip, serving the in-person meal, greeting and sharing fellowship with guests, and cleaning up after the meal
- Purchase, cook, and deliver a turkey(s) and/or ham(s) to St. Philip
- Bake/purchase a pie or pies for the in-person meal
- Make a financial donation to support the Feast (you can "purchase a pan" of food, or make a general contribution for Feast at St. Philip's)
- Pray for God's love to be evident through this ministry as we become the hands and feet of Jesus

Feast at St. Philip's is one of our wonderful opportunities to share God's love and **Live Like That: Love. Feed. Serve**. If you would like to volunteer in any way, there is a sign-up sheet in the church gathering space, and an online **Sign-up Genius**. ALL within the St. Philip community are invited to participate in this meal, whether you are volunteering or just coming to share in the meal and fellowship with others. If you have questions, please speak with *Keith Schult* or *Shannon Radmacher*. Thank you for your servant hearts!!



WANTED

Do you like taking photographs? Are you good at it? Want some more practice?
We are looking for some FREE help in taking some digital photos for church ministries, newsletters, directory, etc. If interested, call or email Kimberly at **officeadmin@stphiliplutheran.net** with more details.



Breeze Church Management
Church Directory
Photo Sessions
Coming Soon



Being a new employee, it is hard to remember names; but, it is even harder when you go to a church's church directory and you find the above, no photo to match with a name. I think it is time to get St. Philip's directory up-to-date with having photos with names for 2027.

The first two Sundays in December, during café time, I will be offering FREE headshots for families with a professional back drop for anyone who wants to get their photos taken for the Church Directory. As a bonus, I will also offer a FREE Christmas backdrop for anyone who would like a digital copy of their family or individual photo for Christmas —Christmas cards, postcards, or just a digital copy to share for fun. One catch, you are required to get a Church Directory photo taken in order to get the Christmas background photo taken.

Signups will be available soon in the Narthex. Updates will be in the upcoming announcements. Appointments will be required. Anyone who would like to assist with this project, please let me know either via email at **officeadmin@stphiliplutheran.net** or text me at 757.790.9946.

Kimberly A. Garriott, Office Administrator
Special thank you to my friend, *Marlene Ferri*, for donating the backdrops for use.



FROM THE CORNER...

Joy Grows in a Garden of Gratitude

In 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18, Paul writes, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you".

Sometimes, we get wrapped up in our fast paced lives, and we forget to notice and appreciate all the blessings we have every day.
We have food, shelter, transportation, medical care, family and community, and so much more. We wake to birds singing instead of bombs. We freely go where we want to go and do what we want to do. We have sufficient income to support a comfortable lifestyle. We have clean water...., etc., etc. We take for granted so many things that others do not have.

If we want joy to grow in the garden of our lives, especially in this month of Thanksgiving, it seems appropriate to remind ourselves to Rejoice, Give Thanks, and Sing! for we are truly blessed.

Donita Moore
Ministry Associate for Worship and Engagement

St. Philip Endowment Grants for Ministry

We are blessed. The St. Philip Endowment Fund is an incredible resource for ministry. During the past decade disbursements from this fund have made possible so much ranging from benevolent contributions to partners locally, nationally, and globally, to seed money for new ministries like our digital worship, to capital improvements, and much more.

The St. Philip Endowment Team now through the end of the year is receiving Endowment Grant Applications to consider for disbursements in the year 2027. The Endowment Team is asking that everyone, both ministries originating among the St. Philip community and ministries from our neighbors, to complete an application. Find the application here **https://stphiliplutheran.breezechms.com/form/fa8edb** or upon request from the church office. We are blessed.

St. Philip's Web Presence

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WE ARE POSTING NEW AND EXCITING THINGS ALMOST DAILY.
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AS WE CELEBRATE WITH ONE ANOTHER!

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