

St. Philip Invitation



LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE NOVEMBER 2024

Community Thanksgiving Feast at Philips Saturday, November 23rd



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 and other housing areas for folks on fixed incomes, as well as to local fire stations/police.
2. We will offer a sit-down meal and fellowship at St. Philip from 1-3 PM, 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 Philips)
- Pray for God’s love to be evident through this ministry as we become the hands and feet of Jesus

Feast at Philips 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!!





We Give God Thanks

We give God thanks for the diversity of people throughout our community and for the unity we celebrate in Christ Jesus our Lord. Witness to the gifts of diversity and unity is happening again this year as the churches of the Hollins community gather to give thanks. Participating churches are Enon Baptist, Summerdean Church of the Brethren, St. Philip Lutheran, Northview United Methodist, Hollins Church of the Nazarene, and First Baptist of Hollins.

We gather to celebrate the goodness that is God's promise in Christ Jesus. We lift up our connection to one another and boldly give our thanks and praise to God as we worship and as we live the life of faith in our neighborhood.

The worship service **Sunday, November 24, at 7:00 p.m.** will be held at First Hollins Baptist Church (8613 Reservoir Rd, Roanoke, VA 24019).

PRAYER REQUESTS

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Renee Hiller	November 3
Karen Lowdon	November 5
Kevin Farmer	November 7
Gary Sahn	November 9
Rick Brosius	November 9
Jack Parker	November 11
Patricia Hunt	November 14
Alice Lebow	November 17
Cedric Wilson	November 21
Catherine Markham	November 21
C.P. Staley	November 23



Communion Celebration/First Communion Instruction

Holy Communion is one of the powerful ways in worship we share community with one another and the world. The children of St. Philip – both those already communing and those not yet – are invited to receive communion instruction on Sunday mornings, after worship in the sanctuary. **Instruction will be Sunday, November 10th and Sunday, November 17th** (starting about 10:45am)

WHAT'S NEW IN MEDICARE FOR 2025

Sunday, November 17, at 11am Thrivent and St. Philip will sponsor an informational meeting on Medicare and Social Security changes. Mr. Shannon Able, the speaker from AARP will be leading the meeting and a light brunch will be served.

Even if you're not on Medicare, you probably know someone or a family member who is and this meeting will have so much information that you can pass on or have them attend with you.

RSVP to the church office 540.366.7046 or signup sheet in the Narthex. Need more information, call Nancy Shadix at 540.366.3897.



Alcoholics Anonymous Celebrating 50 Years Meeting at St. Philip

This month (November) marks a milestone for a long time ministry at St. Philip. Alcoholics Anonymous has been meeting at St. Philip for **50 years**. This longtime partnership of providing space for people to face the challenges of alcoholism predates our current building going back to days on Peter's Creek Road. We give thanks for the incredible ministry of AA and the wonderful partnership AA and St. Philip celebrate.



Council News ---- October 2024

Karen Lowdon, Council Secretary

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

The Solar Energy Task Force is continuing to advance solar power at St Philip. Pastor David continues pastoral care including hospital visits, homebound visits, in person visits, telephone calls, text messages, handwritten notes and emails. He has provided leadership to collaborative youth ministry including a youth group water slide and helping with the Roanoke Valley CROP walk. Dan Radmacher has assisted in updating our website. Property needs continue and council is pursuing a plan to develop a committee with leadership to address those going forward.

Treasurer's Report

September receipts \$18,760
September expenses \$19,833



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 2025. 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.

Solar Power Coming to St. Philip

St. Philip along with solar contractor SunDay Solar are still on schedule to have solar panels installed by the end of 2024. Starting in November there will be more activity on the property. .

We are excited both to care for God's creation in moving to the use of renewable energy and to be good stewards of financial resources reducing costs for the use of electricity.

Please continue to direct questions and comments to Church Council, Pastor David, or the St. Philip Solar Team (Dan Radmacher, Rod Dillman, Dave Whetzel)



Sharing Thanksgiving Faith and Blessings

“The Gift of Faith for Me Is” During the month of November we want to have a little fun at St. Philip as we complete this thought; The Gift of Faith for Me Is “ You are invited to complete this thought with a thanksgiving for God, for the Spirit moving in your own life, or a simple blessing. We want to capture these thoughts using some empty glass frames and dry erase markers. Just pick up a dry erase markers and record your thought. Each week in November we will wipe the frames clean so new thanksgivings, movings of the Spirit, and blessings can be added. Look for the frames in the St. Philip Library starting on Sunday, November 3.



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Change Service Requested

David C. Derrick, Pastor (pastordavid@stphiliplutheran.net)
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Judy Burnette, Director of Music Ministries (music@stphiliplutheran.net)

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

