

St. Philip Invitation



LIVE LIKE THAT - LOVE, FEED, SERVE JANUARY 2025

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. What's next at St. Philip? Your St. Philip church council is asking that very question amongst a host of other questions. There certainly is a strong sense of God's Spirit moving as those questions are asked while keeping constant our connection and desire to be about God calling us into sharing the good news of Jesus.

At our congregational meeting on December 15, St. Philip approved a Spending Plan/Budget for 2025. Some things of note:

- Spending plan is expected to match offerings in 2025
- Significant increase in property and maintenance line item to provide resources for a re-formed property team tasked with managing all things connected to our facility
- Significant decrease in staffing line item as our staff moves to one called pastor
- Significant decrease in utilities line item as our electricity is produced via solar energy

A number of you have asked what plans might be for our staff at St. Philip including if there is any plans for an additional pastor. At this time, the St. Philip council has decided to continue our ministry with the staff we currently have in place. If you have thoughts, comments, dreams, or aspirations do not hesitate to speak to any of our council members or Pastor David.



Digital Evangelism

We all know evangelism, sharing the good news of God's love through Jesus, is important, but sometimes we're a little unsure of how to go about it. Do we invite our neighbor to bible study? Encourage our co-worker to visit your church? Tell the cashier at the grocery store that God's grace is for them, too? All good ways! But in 2025, there's even more ways to share the Good News of God's love and grace.

One of those exciting ways is through social media. We all know social media can be a divisive place, but the reality is that many of us spend some amount of time on it. It's a great platform for us to share about God's love and the ministry happening in and through St. Philip. The church streams Sunday service every week on Facebook. Encouraging messages and signs of the ways we love, feed, and serve are posted throughout the week.

Here's where your part comes in! Check out the St. Philip Facebook page. Make sure you've "liked" the page. When you see a St. Philip post or video come across your feed, take a second to watch it and then like it, comment on it, or even share it on your own page or the page of a friend. Sharing that grace-filled message with someone else is a powerful act of evangelism.

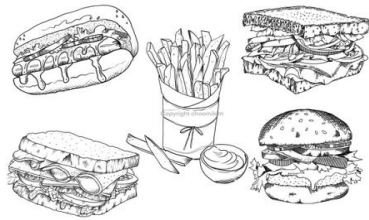
So if you're on Facebook, check out the St. Philip page! Be sure to keep paying attention to it and spreading the Good News through liking and sharing. We all have the amazing opportunity to be Digital Evangelists - spreading the love and grace of God everywhere!



Pub Theology Conversation Is Back In January

Grab a drink or a bite to eat and come hang out with Pastor David and have some conversation about what do we mean when we talk about Christian morals. How does faith speak to ethical dilemmas.

Meet at Hollywood’s Restaurant Thursdays at 7pm on January 16 and 23.



PRAYER REQUESTS

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



BLOOD DRIVE THANK-YOU

Thank you to all of the volunteers and donors that made the December Blood Drive such a success! It was a completely full drive and those donations will go on to save many lives! Thank you, thank you!



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Fay Whitt	January 01
Jerrold Falk	January 02
Rob Wright	January 06
Elizabeth Reiter	January 08
Richard Finger	January 08
Robbie Fielder	January 10
Zippie Smith	January 16
Glenn Kanode	January 16
Brent Ferguson	January 19
Rose Falk	January 21
Rod Dillman	January 22

Winter Weather Policy

It’s that time of year again. When roads are too dangerous to travel, announcements about worship services will be made using our telephone messaging service and posted on Facebook. As always, use your good judgment because your safety is important to us.



Your St. Philip Staff Is Grateful



Thank you, thank you! Your St. Philip staff is so grateful for the Christmas gift and the deep generosity of this congregation. The privilege of serving alongside all of you to proclaim the love of Christ in the world is truly the

gift that keeps on giving. Thank you for your generosity and thank you for all the ways that we partner in mission throughout the year.

Ladies
LUNCHEON

Thank you to our St. Philip ladies for organizing another wonderful ladies Christmas luncheon! Good food and fellowship were shared and items were collected for the residents of Melrose Towers. Thank you everyone for a great afternoon!

Council News -- December 2024

Karen Lowdon, Council Secretary

Council met on Tuesday December 10 via Zoom.

The Solar Energy project is nearing completion and installation should be finalized by the end of the month. An inspection will be scheduled for January.

Pastoral care continues with hospital, homebound, home and in person visits as well as phone calls, texts and notes and emails.

A new Property team is continuing to be created and established.

Pastor David provided leadership to multiple collaborative youth ministry events.

The Feast at Philips took place and was supported in many ways by our members.

Website update has been done.

Centering Relationship with Melrose Towers will be our project for the coming year with more details to follow.

Brent Ferguson has been appointed to serve on the Endowment Team.

Treasurer's Report

November receipts \$17,398

November expenses \$18,306

There were no unexpected expenses this month.

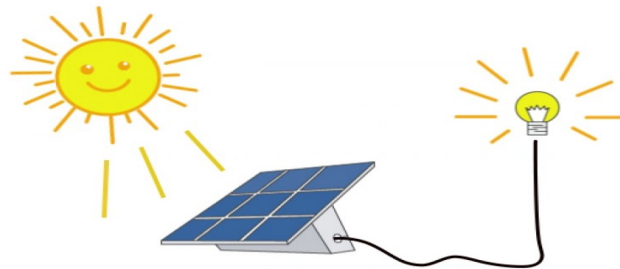


Solar Powered

SunDay Solar has been engaged to install solar panels on the roof of St. Philip and at the time of the newsletter deadline the project is scheduled to be completed by December 20 with an ensuing inspection to be done by January 17. Be sure to check out the panel array on the rear roof of the St. Philip building.

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

A huge thank you to the St. Philip Solar Team (Pastor David, Dan Radmacher, Rod Dillman, Dave Whetzel) for walking this project through from beginning to end!



St. Philip Lutheran Church
8115 Williamson Road
Roanoke, VA 24019

Change Service Requested

David C. Derrick, Pastor (pastordavid@stphiliplutheran.net)
Alice H. Lebow, Office Administrator (officeadmin@stphiliplutheran.net)
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

St. Philip Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Virginia Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
The Reverend Phyllis Milton, Bishop, Virginia Synod

