

# ST. PHILIP LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# NEWSLETTER for December 2023



"For today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

# St. Philip Church & Preschool Staff:

Pastor: The Rev. Jason M. Lee Email: prilee@aol.com

Director of Music Ministries: John Sparkman Email: stphilipmusicmb@gmail.com

Parish Administrator: Linda Hendricks Email: saintphilip29572@aol.com

Sexton: Doretha Duncan Nursery Assistant: Roz Hanlon Assistant Treasurer: Jenny Kelly Preschool Director: Jenn Loeswick Email: jennloeswick@gmail.com

# **Preschool Teachers**:

Kimberly Davis, 2s class
Ashley Stippick, 2s class
Jennifer Deitzer, 3s class
Christina McCarty, 4s class
Kime Slaughter, 4s class
Betsy Gaynor, substitute teacher



# St. Philip Lutheran Church

# **Worship Times:**

In-Person Worship: Sundays, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. LIVE-stream Worship: Sundays, 10:30 a.m. on Facebook

# **Contact Information:**

Church Office: 843-449-5345
Hours: Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Church Email: saintphilip29572@aol.com
Church Website: stphiliplutheranchurchmb.com
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# St. Philip Preschool:

Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Monday - Friday
\*Before Care, 8:00 a.m., After Care, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Phone: 843-449-4322
Email:stphilippreschoolmb@gmail.com
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# **Our Church Council:**

Dave Witmer, Susan McClelland; Linda Albert, Shauna Shea, Jackie Orcutt, Jim Seidel, Glenn Stef, Ronda Anderson, and Roz Hanlon.

# Welcome to St. Philip Lutheran Church! OUR MISSON

St. Philip exists to welcome all people into its fellowship; to teach all people the good news of Jesus Christ; to encourage all people to remain faithful disciples; to serve all people following the example of our Lord Jesus Christ.



St. Philip Lutheran Church

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Time Period: January 1 - October 31, 2023	Fullu	Prescribor	Dellevolence	Campaign	runus	10003
General Fund Offerings, (Regular, QCD, Tithe.ly, On-line)	263,348	,		j	1	263,348
Other Receipts	5,761	86,183	17,420	331,773	13,180	454,317
Total Church Operating Income, Preschool, Benevolence, Etc.	269,109	86,183	17,420	331,773	13,180	717,665
Expenses & Disbursements (Actual)	259,145	72,085	15,592	54,618	2,623	404,063
Net Operating Income or (Loss) and Other Balances	9,964	14,098	1,828	277,155	10,557	313,602
Other Income: Applied DSS Grants	8,610	32,650			(7,599)	33,661
Net Income	18,574	46,748	1,828	277,155	2,958	347,264

\*Average Sunday Offerings per Sunday, Jan-Oct 2023 (44 Sundays)

5,985

(This weekly average includes Offerings & QCD gifts.)

5,525

Average Sunday Offerings per Sunday in 2022 (52 Sundays) \*Average offerings include General Fund gifts only.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Albert, Treasurer

St. Philip Lutheran Church

Benevolence Gifts Received January 1 - October 31, 2023

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Description	Helping Hand	Help 4 Kids	Lutheran World Relief	Boys & Giris Club	*Mobile Meals, Meals on Wheels, DDR	Homeless Ministry	Christmas in July	Total
Benevolence Offering of \$3,927.68 divided by 4	981.92	981.92	981.92	981.92				3,927.68
Designated Benevolence Gifts	5,357.14	438.50	560.00	264.00	543.00	945.00	5,385.00	13,49 <u>2.6</u> 4
Total Gifts	6,339.06	1,420.42	1,541.92	1,245.92	543.00	945.00	5,385.00	17,420.32

<sup>\*</sup>Mobile Meals \$75.00; Meals on Wheels \$120.00; Domestic Disaster Relief \$73; Lutheran Men in Mission \$275.00

#### St. Philip Lutheran Church

Benevolence Gifts Distributed January 1 - September 30, 2023

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	*Helping	Heip 4	World	Boys &	**Meals on	Homeless	Christmas	
Description	Hand	Kids	Relief	Girls Club	Wheels & DDR	Ministry_	in July	Total
Benevolence Offering (\$2434.11/4=608.53)	363.84	608.53	608.53	608.53				2,189.43
*Designated Gifts	5,667.14	418.50	540.00	244.00	448.00	455.08	5,385.00	13,157.72
Total Gifts Distributed	6,030.98	1,027.03	1,148.53	852.53	448.00	455.08	5,385.00	15,347.15

<sup>\*</sup>Helping Hand received \$1,500 in advance in March;

Mobile Meals received a check for \$2,724.47 in October that came from our American Century Benevolence Fund.

There is a balance of \$2,073.17 in the various Benevolence accounts to be distributed.

Lunch Bunch will gather for lunch on Monday, December 18, at Pine Lakes Country Club, 5603 Granddaddy Drive in Myrtle Beach. Join us beginning at 12:30 p.m. Reservations have been made for 26 people. Sign up on the information table at church or contact the church office. See you there!



#### **Lunch Bunch Schedule**

- ⇒ January 16, Tuesday, 12:30 p.m. Maggi D's, 385 Seaboard St., Myrtle Beach
- ⇒ February 20, Tuesday, 2:00 p.m. Café Old Vienna, 1604 N. Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach
- ⇒ March 18, 12:30 p.m. Callie Baker's Firehouse Bar & Grill, 910 Lake Arrowhead Rd., Myrtle Beach
- ⇒ April 15, 12:30 p.m. Sneaky Beagle, 5040 Carolina Forest Blvd., Myrtle Beach
- ⇒ May 20, 12:30 p.m. Crave Italian Oven & Bar, 5900 N. Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach

<sup>\*\*</sup>Meals on Wheels \$120.00; Domestic Disaster Relief \$53; Lutheran Men in Mission \$275.00

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL November 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the St. Philip Lutheran Church Council was held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, in the Conference Room.

**Call to Order**: The Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Council President, Dave Witmer. A quorum was present to conduct business.

**Council Members present:** Pastor Jason Lee, Linda Albert, Ronda Anderson, Roz Hanlon, Susan McClelland (via Zoom), Jackie Orcutt, Jim Seidel, Glenn Stef, and Dave Witmer. Others present: John Sparkman, Director of Music Ministry. Council Members not present: Shauna Shea. Others not present: Jenn Loeswick, Preschool Director.

**Presentation of Insurance Proposal:** Jason Rochester, American Church Group, South Carolina, representing Brotherhood Mutual. All questions should be directed to Jennifer Marshall, the representative who works with Jason. **Opening Devotions and Discussion:** Pastor Jason led devotions based on John 1:1-5 regarding where we are and where we want to go by setting goals as we look ahead: Growth of young people and youth can help grow the church with activities and community involvement. We need to prepare for growth, be patient regarding growth, show positivity, and share information.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made by Jim Seidel and seconded by Glenn Stef to approve the Council Minutes dated October 10, 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

**Finance Reports:** The reports were presented by Linda Albert for information purposes only and were accepted as presented.

**Committee Reports:** Music and Worship Committee Meeting of November 7; Property: Report submitted by Dave Ramsey.

# Staff Reports:

- John Sparkman reported that he had a great first week and a great practice with bell choir and chancel choir and the first Sunday with both services was great!
- Preschool: Jenn Loeswick reported on staff, cell phone, fund raiser, food drive, program for veterans, Corn Festival, enrollment, tours, and schedule. Jenn is researching new playground equipment and a new fence.

Pastor's Report, November 2023: Report submitted by Pastor Jason.

- Pastor welcomed Roz Hanlon (new) and Dave, Linda, and Jackie (returning Council members).
- Pastor welcomed our new Director of Music Ministry, John Sparkman.
- Review of Reformation Sunday, All Saints Sunday, New Members, Chili Cookoff, Homeless Meals, Trunk or Treat, Worship and Music Committee, First Communion class, Chapin Foundation, Vow Renewal, Parking lot.
- Future Events: Tom Rodriguez's Funeral; Inurnment for Mike Thompkins, NovusWay Board Meeting, Building Renovation planning, November Homeless Meal.
- Advent services will include Holden Evening Prayer.
- Christmas Eve services will be December 24 at 11:00 am, 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm.
- Passing of the Peace will be added to the worship service beginning November 18, 2023.
- Leadership Development (in Pastor's Report).

**Ratify Email Votes from the Month:** The proposed budget, which was presented to the congregation on November 12, 2023, was sent by email to the Council and approved prior to the congregational meeting. The email vote was ratified by the Council on November 14.

Items for Discussion/Approval: Since Church Mutual will not provide coverage for wind and hail damage after our current policy ends, Dave Witmer and Glenn Stef contacted Jason Rochester from American Church Group South Carolina, representing Brotherhood Mutual. A presentation by Jason was made at the beginning of this council meeting. Our window to accept the proposal was 60 days, which would end January 8. Council discussed payment plans and deductibles. A motion was made by Dave Witmer, seconded by Jim Seidel to enter into an agreement with Brotherhood Mutual with a \$15,000 Deductible and payments to be made on a quarterly basis, beginning January 1, 2024. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Leadership Development: Covered during earlier discussions.

#### Lord's Prayer

**Dismissal**: Motion was made by Glenn Stef and seconded by Ronda Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion passed unanimously. The next Regular Meeting of the Council is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jackie Orcutt, Acting Council Secretary





Lutheran Services Carolinas would like to sincerely thank everyone who contributed to the Noisy Offering on Sunday, October 29, on behalf our New American Friends here in Myrtle Beach! The \$601.70 that you generously donated and shared will be used to purchase groceries for some of our families when they first arrive here in their new home. It is only with the partnerships of incredible organizations and churches like St. Philip that we are able to do the work we do to help build community for our refugee families here in the Grand Strand where they may safely establish their families and live, laugh, learn, and love! As of November 20, we have resettled 16 households from 7 different countries and have more already scheduled to arrive the 29 & 30 of November and into December.

We have many volunteer opportunities and ways to help us spread our mission throughout the Grand Strand. We will have a volunteer training class for everyone interested in the fellowship hall at St. Philip on Sunday, December 3, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Light refreshments with be served. Invite an interested friend or neighbor to join you, if you like. Volunteers do not need to be members of St. Philip or even Lutheran; we welcome anyone with a heart filled with compassion and love to share with others! If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Barbara Miller at 843.467.6781 or bmiller@lscarolinas.net so that the appropriate number of materials will be ready. There are many ways to be involved from office volunteers to direct contact with our families to helping to collect items needed to supply our households. Please consider some of the ways below:

# **BABY STEPS**

- ☑ Invite a Guest Speaker to your group to promote a better understanding of the refugees joining our community.
- ☑ Include a blurb in your newsletter, bulletin, emails, or other communications about our volunteer opportunities.
- ☑ Host a donation drive for our requested and much needed supplies in setting up a new household or *Party with a Purpose*
- ☑ Join our newsletter mailing list and "Like" us Facebook & Instagram.

#### **SMALL STEPS**

- ☑ Help Stock the Pantry for a newly arrived family by purchasing a load of groceries from a culturally appropriate list.
- ☑ Become an individual transportation volunteer in our *Give the Gift of a Lift!* Program.
- ☑ Provide childcare for our families while the adults attend classes or go to appointments.
- ☑ Help us to make connections with local property managers and employers willing to lease to our families and hire them.

# **BIG STEPS**

- ☑ Lead a *Circle of Welcome* group to sponsor a particular family.
- ☑ Become an individual volunteer tutor in our *Chrysalis Catalyst* Program.
- ☑ Join our Mighty Movers Team and help us when moving families from transitional to permanent housing
- ☑ Lead a small *Life Skills Life Savers* class with guidance from us.
- ☑ Be a Community Concierge to introduce our families to all the Grand Strand has to offer.
- ☑ Support our work financially through donation or fundraiser.
- ☑ Become a sponsor for our *World Refugee Day* Celebrations.

**MOST NEEDED ITEMS - In addition to our coat and winter wear drive,** as you plan your holiday shopping, please consider donating your gently used, good condition, clean items to help our families:

Furniture	Lamps	Towels
Computers	Posts & Pans	Linens
Televisions	Dishes	Bedding (Full & Twin Only)
Drinking Glasses	Utensils	Household items

If you would like to turn your holiday party into a *Party with a Purpose* contact Barbara for a list of new items your guests can bring to share.

#### **Music Notes with John**



"In darkest night his coming shall be, when all the world is despairing..." **Awake, Awake & Greet the New Morn**, St Philip's sending hymn for the First Sunday of Advent, November 26. Text by Marty Haugen.

What an exciting time of year I am able to first spend with the St. Philip family! Advent lifts our eyes in the darkest nights of the year not only to hear again the story of God's love born in flesh, but to be on alert that it is exactly where things

seem most bleak and hopeless—much like that stone and straw manger in Bethlehem—that God is always continuing to do a new thing.

I'm of the belief that God is always doing this around us all the time, but I, and maybe you too, often miss this

work of re-creation in the busyness and the brokenness of everyday life.

Advent encourages us to notice more. To see more clearly. To awake, to greet the new morning with the assurance God will fill it with good things. To actively participate in this new creation God is always bringing into being among us. Where have you seen God active and at work around you today? How could the gifts God's blest you with contribute to God's work of reconciliation and vision of peace for all people?

Music at St Philip is going through just such a new creation, and I hope that you will join God's call to proclaim the endless resurrection and new life Christ freely offers at the Table, even when our life circumstances might seem they're most challenging and our hopes most dashed.

Throughout this season of seeking to notice God at work even in the deep darkness, join the community for Holden Evening Prayer. We'll share this beautiful, beloved service together at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning November 29 through December 20. Following Wednesday worship, consider hanging around to ring handbells at 6:30 and to sing at 7:00 p.m. You're invited. See you there!



Community Christmas Music Events (free; no tickets required):

North Myrtle Beach All City Choir Christmas Cantata, December 2 & 3

Living Water Baptist Church, 1569 Hwy. 9 East in Longs Saturday, December 2, at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, December 3, at 3:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Festive Brass Christmas Concert, December 3 & 4

First United Methodist Church, 901 N. Kings Hwy. in Myrtle Beach Sunday, December 3, from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Trinity United Methodist Church, 706 14th Ave. S., North Myrtle Beach Sunday, December 4, from 6:00-7:30 p.m.





# St. Philip Preschool Trunk-or-Treat, Thompson's Farm, and Veteran's Day





























# Fellowship Committee - Inara Keelin

The Fellowship Committee will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, December 4, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in helping serve your church family or have any questions, feel free to contact Inara Keelin directly, 843-602-8770.

Save the date: Sunday, December 10, after each worship service, the Fellowship Committee will host a Christmas Meet & Greet in the Fellowship Hall. Come after the service you attend and join us for a time of fellowship, conversation, coffee, and a sweet treat. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

**Merry Christmas!** 

#### ST. PHILIP FAITH STORIES

# "Community and Peace" - April Troglauer

April Troglauer discovered her love for music at an early age, finding joy in singing in children's choirs and learning to play musical instruments. One significant memory stands out in her heart: at the age of 12, during her grandfather Al's funeral, she played "Amazing Grace" on her clarinet.

When April and Frank were married, he wholeheartedly embraced her love for music. Frank, despite having no choir experience, joined the choir with her. They both were delighted that Frank discovered his own joy in singing! He even joined the handbell choir and picked up the guitar.



"My love for music was really influenced by my family," April remembers. "Especially my mom, who instilled in me that using one's gifts to praise the Lord is essential." Through music, April made lifelong friends — a strong community who shared in her passion for music and worship.

Though she loved directing and singing, she found herself torn with so many things on her plate. Managing her responsibilities as the Director of Orchestra at Aynor Middle School, coupled with the demands of her Master's program, all while teaching and maintaining connections with family and friends proved to be quite a challenge. But her mother's wise words stuck in her heart. April knew she needed a faith community where she could find peace, use her gifts in music ministry, and be in a community with people she loved. "To praise the Lord is essential."

April, along with some friends, decided to search for a Lutheran Church where they could plug in, offer their talents, be embraced by a welcoming atmosphere, and become part of a supportive community, not just for her, but for everyone. Their search led them to St. Philip, where April was excited by worship. It was joyful, and the congregation was singing! They were welcomed by those who sat near them, and April experienced a powerful sense of community. People of all ages were participating and leading — especially acolytes and crucifers!

At St. Philip, April has found joy, community, and peace. Here, she generously shares her time and talents through active involvement in the Chancel and Handbell Choirs. Together with Frank, they have graced the church with instrumental performances, including solos and duets. She even took on a role in directing the choir during the Music Ministry transition, contributing to the church's vibrant musical life. April holds a deep appreciation for the welcoming and harmonious environment at St. Philip. It's a place where individuals fit together like pieces of a puzzle, each contributing their unique talents with love and grace, all for the greater good. Her transition to St. Philip has profoundly impacted her life, affirming the wise words of a friend: "God has a plan," and "God's got this."

Through the boundless generosity of the church's members and friends, St. Philip stands as a sanctuary for worship. It's a place where the Lord's command to love one another and care for each other becomes a tangible reality, as the community comes together to share love and grace with all.

# **December Worship Schedule**

"As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the multifaceted grace of God." - 1 Peter 4:10

# **Assisting Minister** 12/3 (8:30) Wendy Seidel; (10:30) Millie Wolf 12/10 (8:30) James McIlrath; (10:30) Dana Lee 12/17 (8:30) John Iredell; (10:30) Martha Sosebee 12/24 (11:00) Angie Morris; (5:00) Linda Albert; (7:00) John Iredell 12/31 (8:30) John Iredell; (10:30) Joe Baxter Lector 12/3 (8:30) Shauna Shea; (10:30) Dana Lee 12/10 (8:30) Bob Taggart; (10:30) Regine Perez 12/17 (8:30) John Iredell; (10:30) Maureen Ciarlo 12/24 (11:00) Bob Taggart; (5:00) Barb Poloni; (7:00) Wendy Seidel 12/31 (8:30) John Iredell; (10:30) April Troglauer Usher 12/3 (8:30) Teddy Janosick; (10:30) Don Letourneau 12/10 (8:30) Robin Heuer; (10:30) Wendy Seidel 12/17 (8:30) Ronda Anderson; (10:30) Madge Rosenberg 12/24 (11:00) Steve Wiker, Wendy Seidel; (5:00) Jack Ledford, Patrick Wilson; (7:00) Ed Walder, Glenn Stef 12/31 (8:30) Linda Prochaska; (10:30) Dave Witmer Camera Operator, 10:30 service 12/3 Dave Ramsey 12/10 Lauren Zuschlag 12/17 Joe Baxter 12/24 (7:00) Dave Ramsey 12/31 Jim Seidel **Tellers** 12/3 Elsie Angus and Carol Washington 12/10 Marty & Barb Poloni 12/17 Marty & Barb Poloni 12/24 Marty & Barb Poloni 12/31 Odella Madeja and Dianne Siee Altar Guild (Saturday dates listed) 12/2 Gail Kane and Linda Prochaska12/9 Audrey McVean and Dianne Siee 12/16 Elsie Angus and Marianne Tetreault 12/23 Gail Kane and Linda Albert 12/30 Dave & Sharon Ramsey Crucifer/Acolyte, 10:30 service: \*Schedules will be emailed to the parents Kid's Sunday school, Preschool - 1st grade, 9:35 a.m.

12/3 Sarah Prinzi

12/10 Daniel Barth

12/17 Beth Fife

\*No Sunday School on December 24 & 30

Children's Sunday school 2nd grade and higher, 10:00 a.m.

Teachers: Shauna Shea, Dana Lee, and Wendy Seidel

Children's Church, 10:30 service

Roz Hanlon

# **December Acolyte Ministry News**

John Iredell/Shauna Shea

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" - that was the theme for Reformation Sunday at St. Philip. Our Acolytes celebrated the occasion with a large procession into the Nave which included the Crucifer, Torches, Book Bearer, Banner, Assisting Minister and the Pastor. The Sanctuary was ablaze in red as the Handbell choir, Adult choir, and Organ music helped lead the worship service in remembrance of Martin Luther.

Pastor Lee delivered a powerful message, reminding us, "we are not the church we used to be." Many things are changing and have changed over the years with the love of God blessing us with all our ministries, (feeding the homeless and the food pantry to name a few).

The Acolyte Ministry, with Torches in procession and the Gospel procession on special Sunday's will continue to enhance our worship. Hats off to our very dedicated and reverent Acolyte Teams.

Lexi Church, one of our acolytes, will be performing in the Coastal Youth Ballet Theatre's production of The Nutcracker at the Main Street Theatre in Conway on December 20, 21, and 22. She will have the lead role on the December 20 & 21, 2:00 performances and December 21, 7:00 performance. To purchase tickets online, go to cybttickets.org or call 843-488-0821 to purchase tickets.















Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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						130-430pm NA 8pm
3 Worship 830 & 1030am; kids Sunday school 935am; adult Bible study 935am NA 6pm	4 Fellowship Committee 1030am	5 Cub Scouts 6pm Worship & Music Committee 630pm	6 Handbells 6pm Choir 7pm	7 Esther Circle 10am NA 8pm	8 Church office closed NA 8pm	9 Men's breakfast 830am in the Fellowship Hall Youth caroling 230pm practice time
10 Worship 830 & 1030am; kids Sunday school 935am; adult Bible study 935am; Meet & Greet after each service; Sons of Norway 2-4pm NA 6pm	11	12 Church Council 6pm	13 Handbells 6pm Choir 7pm	14 NA 8pm	15 Church office closed NA 8pm	NA 8pm  16 Feeding the Homeless Today  NA 8pm
17 Worship 830 & 1030am; kids Sunday school 935am; adult Bible study 935am; Confirmation class after 1030 service NA 6pm	18 Lunch Bunch 1230pm @ Pine Lakes Country Club, MB	19 Cub Scouts 6pm	20 Preschool Christmas vacation begins Handbells 6pm Choir 7pm	21 NA 8pm	22 Church office closed NA 8pm	23 NA 8pm
24 Christmas Eve services 11am, 5pm, and 7pm *No Sunday school today	25 Merry Christmas! Church office closed	26	27 Handbells 6pm Choir 7pm	28 NA 8pm	29 Church office closed NA 8pm	30 NA 8pm
NA 6pm 31 Happy New Year! Worship 830 & 1030am; adult Bible study 935am NA 6pm						

# Youth News

Our St. Philip youth had a great time at their Thanksgiving Scavenger Hunt! Over 100 cans of food were collected while visiting member homes and neighbors. Afterwards, pizza was enjoyed at the Lee's house.

All youth are invited to go Christmas caroling! Plans include meeting at St. Philip on Saturday, December 9, at 2:30 p.m. for a quick practice, then carpool to a few member's homes to spread some Christmas cheer! Following, we will go the Shea's home for some food and drinks. If anyone would like to request or suggest someone for a visit, please feel free to reach out to Shauna Shea directly, 843-687-6923 or shaunashea@sc.rr.com.

# **Property Report - Dave Ramsey**

- ⇒ Pastor Jason continues to work with the City of Myrtle Beach on the dirt parking lot project; zoning variance approved; Community Appearance Board (CAB) application submitted November 20 for review on December 7.
- ⇒ Irrigation system Fall maintenance service completed, no issues.
- ⇒ HVAC system Winter maintenance service scheduled.
- $\Rightarrow$  Thanks once again to all who continue to work around the church grounds as well as inside the building.



All Saints Sunday was a special day remembering those in our congregation who passed away within the past year, as well as loved ones. Names were read aloud during worship and pictures of loved ones were brought to the church and placed along the sills of each of the 3 stained glass windows in the sanctuary.





# PRAYER REQUESTS

*Prayers for* those in the hospital and for all front-line workers in the medical field; for all First Responders and all Police Officers. For all victims of war and violence in our nation; for refugees & asylum seekers in the U.S.; for those who endure the effects of disasters throughout the world; for all missionaries near and far. For our Community and Nation; for our President, our Vice-president, our government, and our local and state officials; and for all our United States service men and women.

*Prayers for* church members and regular attendees: Elsie Angus, Abby Brown & Anna Brown (sisters), Kinter McClelland (loss of sister), Todd Dohner, Bill Houston, Wes Reinhardt, Stan Lotts, Chris Burton, Hans Duerr, Marty Poloni, Carol Renne (all health related); Barbara Stemler, and Maxine Robinson.

Prayers for loved ones/friends of members and regular attendees:

AJ & Regine Perez - Hannah T. (granddaughter), Donna L. (colon cancer); Audrey McVean - Lora D. (mother); Barbara Boord - Sanders family, Jodi B. (daughter), Shelly F., Michael A. (brain cancer), Stephen (cancer); Bill & Nancy Houston - Jesi S. (niece); Barbara Miller - Janice R. (aunt), Doug K. (brother), Patti W., Leon K.; Beth Fife -Robin R. and her sister Tammy G.; Bob & Betti Taggart - Helen G., Dan B., Ellen H. Betty A.; Bonnie DiPalma Michele L.; Carol Renne - Fran K. (son-in-law); Carol Washington - Pr. John K.; Chuck & Donna Krohn - Max K. (grandson); Daniel & Samantha Barth & family - Zoe (cancer treatments); Dave & Lottie Witmer - Donna C., Jim H.; Dave & Sharon Ramsey - Joan H., Vivian B., Abi B.; David & Sherri Crawford - Tina B. (cancer treatments), Dennis & Betty D.; Don & Bonnie Letourneau - Darrell R. (brain cancer); Elaine Lucatuorto -Debbie H.; Ellen Hayward - family of Gina H.; Ellen Yates - Linnea L., Tim I. (cancer); Frank & April Troglauer -Heather W. (Frank's mom), Aiken/Troglauer families, Hope H.; Gail Kane - Mike L., Sherry L.; Gary & Lucille Moore - Candy (sister); Geno & Keila Sebia - the Sebia family, Angelina, Val, Sebastian; George & Anne Fischer - Lee C. (bypass surgery); Hank & Pat Moody - Pr. Pam C.; Henry & Rita Lewis - Garry R., Francine N.; James & Joyce DeNoon - Steve S.; James McIlrath - Romaine M., Mark C., Karen M.; Jeff & Cynthia Church - Trey S., Ana M.; Jessica & Brian Lowe - Gavin O., Rene B., Baker family; Jim & Connie Lafferty - John F.; Jim & Malinda Eubanks - Ava (granddaughter with leukemia); Joan DiLorenzo - Betty and Carol (Joan's sisters), Bill B. (son-in-law); Joe & Paula Baxter - Grace N., Richard G., Oleksii K., Laura & Debra; Pat S., Mrs. Page, Joseph C. (cancer), Kathy M., Wayne; John & Kathy Hannon - David B.; Jonah Lee - Mallory and Camden W.; Kip & Ronda Anderson - Sarah S., Earl S., Debbie K., Becky L., Allan B., Chet H., Buddy D., Rae Jean D., Terry G., Dave & Patti J., Kim A.; Lee Eymold & Chuck Mancuso - Joan S. (Lee's sister), Mark S.; Linda Albert - Jeanette F. (mother); **Marianne Tetreault** - Kenny M.; **Marilyn Brugler** - Dan and Lisa; **Marjorie Allen** - Cristina G.; Martha Sosebee - Bobby J. (cancer); Marty & Barb Poloni - Rob & Deb McC., Kris K., Young Life & Lives, Logan J. (college choice), Mrs. Bowman (surgery), Richard (cancer); Mary Shelly - Rosemarie H., Cole W.; Maureen Ciarlo Bethany & Rob; Mike & Diane Ballard - Robert L. (Diane's father); Odella Madeja - the Oberkempt family; Paola Goyeneche - good health and happiness; Pérsida Rivera-Méndez - Raymond R. (son); Rebeka Burr - Brett S.; Redding Farlow Soderberg - Tom, Neely & Hayes P. (passing of son, Carter); Robin Heuer - Ann, Rick, Family, Catherine, Jerry, Joyce; Roz Hanlon - David G., Sachs/Todd family, Witney B., KT (cancer), Cindy W.; Skip Barth -Mother Superior Stella, Ann S., Jodie & John, Susan; Susan & Kinter McClelland - Robin & Vince W., Charles H., family of Melissa McClelland Rowles: **Teddy Janosick** - Margo M.

# Time to celebrate!

# Happy Birthday!

12/6 Mark Hite, Dana Lee, Quentin Rudolph

12/7 Joyce DeNoon, Carleen Melendez

12/8 Betsy Gaynor, AJ Perez

12/11 Beth Fife

12/14 Eve Barth

12/19 Martha Hite

12/20 Brian Lowe

12/21 Charles Janosick

12/24 Geoffrey Madeja

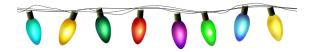
12/25 John Garis, Jim Seidel

12/26 Pastor Jason Lee

12/28 Diane Bowker

12/29 Leigh Huddle

12/30 Geno Sebia



# **Happy Anniversary!**

12/14 Geno & Keila Sebia 12/16 AJ & Regine Perez 12/22 Jeff & Cynthia Church 12/30 Frank & April Troglauer 12/31 Rick & Nan Fuller



#### **Mission & Outreach Committee**

Meeting Minutes November 13, 2023

Committee members present: Don Letourneau, Pastor Jason Lee, Barbara Miller, Patrick Wilson, Audrey McVean, and Barb Poloni.

#### **Helping Hand**

506 cans of soup were collected totaling 570 pounds of food, which included groceries that were donated from Pastor's neighborhood and Dana's co-workers, as well as food that had collected in the Helping Hand Mission Box. A total of 1,146.10 pounds of food has been donated to Helping Hand in 2023. \$601.70 was collected from the recent Noisy Offering for the New Americans Program. A collection of food and money will be held for Souper Bowl of Caring in February 2024.

# **New Americans Program**

Barbara Miller announced volunteers have stepped forward that would like to help but not enough for transportation which is needed for us to accept a family. A family from Guatemala and 2 gentlemen from Eritrea have arrived recently. She was thankful for the Noisy Offering for the local program. She presented a flyer for a winter coat drive for Lutheran Services Carolina which has begun. If anyone would like a flyer for their neighborhood, please contact her. A mission hallway box will be provided for these donations.

# **Homeless Ministry**

The meal for November is set for November 25 with turkey casseroles and side dishes. Two turkeys were donated to St. Philip from Helping Hand and will be served as well. Tacos & Fajitas will be the meal for December 16, 2023. Major maintenance is needed on the bus that is used to transport our guests from Chapin Park. It was suggested that \$2,000 of Outreach Endowment money could be provided from St. Philip if the other churches involved with this ministry could also provide funds to help with the repairs.

A thank you note was received from Churches Assisting People (CAP). A letter from Lutheran Retreat Centers was received suggesting funds for various needs at these centers were needed. A total of \$15,222.54 has been given for benevolences of St. Philip from January thru September 2023.

# Submitted by the Mission & Outreach Committee



Saturday, November 4, was a beautiful day for a walk at Market Commons to support the Alzheimer's Association and their quest to raise funds for research to cure this disease. In 2023, the Alzheimer's Association invested a record breaking \$100 million in research initiatives - an unparalleled commitment to dementia science.

Alzheimer's is the most common form of dementia. It causes problems with memory, thinking and behavior. South Carolina is one of the leading states in raising funds for research. "Team Lee" which included Barb Poloni, her daughter, Beth Jordan, and Shanna Cisson, was walking in memory of Barb's mother. Pray for a cure. For more information call 1-800-272-3900 or www.alz.org.

On Friday, November 17, Don Letourneau and Jack Ledford delivered 371 pounds of food to Helping Hand.

Our youth Thanksgiving scavenger hunt, our Preschool parents, as well as the Pennsylvania Social Club (PA Club) donated the food.

Thanks to all!





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