



# Body Building News

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**St. Philip Lutheran Church**

**December 29, 2019**

## Prayers for:

- Rachel Bradbury, friend of HB & Carol Williamson, for healing
- Rudy Sellitsch, Kenny Beck's brother-in-law, for healing
- Allen Smith, Barbara Church's brother, for healing
- Jim & Betty Deal
- Jackson, grandson of Joe & Kathryn Edwards, for healing
- Margaret Ann Feilke for healing
- Cindi Lee, friend of Louise Bouknight, Barbara Sullivan & Carol Rogers for healing
- Evelyn Ridenhour, mother of Crystal Ridenhour, for healing
- Ellen Cobb, Dianne Rimmer's mother, for healing
- Bryan Glass, Mark & Sandy's son, for healing
- Fabiola and Maria Gama, Catalina Fagan's sisters for healing
- Marion Iverson for peace and comfort
- Karen Ciliz, friend of Barbara Sullivan, for peace and healing
- Earl Fagan, for healing
- Carson Cutler, great nephew of Chuck & Cindy Wolfe, for healing
- Robert Wrisley Jr., for healing
- Jerry, Mary Ellen Wrisley's sister, for healing
- John Massa, friends of the Maness - Knauff family, for healing
- Laurie Roslinski, for healing, peace, & comfort and Tim for strength and peace
- Barbara Church, for healing
- Bonnie Anderson, friend of Dave & Betty Wahlstrom, for healing
- Brittany Kearney, Sue's daughter, for healing
- Bob Frey, Kathy Blum's father, for healing
- Wallace Miller, wife Lauren & family, Lauren is Don Helme's cousin, for peace and healing
- Daryl Humphrey, friend of the Schroeder family, for healing
- Inge Mokros, for healing
- Carol Williams, for healing
- Don Carpenter, for healing
- Ralph Perhac's daughter, Janet, for healing
- Tim Landie, friend of Carol Williamson, for healing
- Bob Foil, for healing
- Jerry Beck, Jim's sister-in-law, for diagnosis and healing
- Mary Beth Smith, for healing
- Jennifer Morrisett, Nancy Grant's cousin, for healing
- Laura Harris, for healing
- Kent Williams, for healing
- Barbara, friend of Sue Kepley & Margaret Feilke, for healing and peace
- Tom Ruetz, Debbie Voress' brother in law, for healing
- Roy Church, for healing
- Laura and family & friends of Jim Harris, at his death
- Julie Keely, Claire Muller's daughter, for healing
- Victor Dronszeck, for healing & peace
- Family & friends of Pat Butkerait, at her death
- Lois Knauff's father, Rev. Luther Knauff, for healing
- Mike Fagan, for healing following back surgery

**Worship Attendance for December 22<sup>nd</sup> Total 129 (9:00—53 11:00—76)  
Christmas Eve total 359 (4:00—197 7:00—56 9:00—106)**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 10:00 am Lessons and Carols 1:30 pm Restoration Ministry	30	31	1 Office Closed	2	3 10:00 am AI Anon 7:00 pm AA	4 8:00 am TEC Team Meeting 7:00 pm AA

**Update on Catch-Up Campaign—Our goal is in sight!**—As we outlined earlier, we need \$75,000 of income in December to pay all projected expenses and fund our budgeted reserves. Thanks to your generosity and a special gift from one of our families, we have received about \$50,000 so far with two Sundays remaining! Another \$25,000 will not be easy, but by pulling together and with God's blessing, we can get there!

Envelopes with various amounts are available on a display that will be in the Narthex or at Kepley Hall. If you are in a position to help and are so led, please take one and submit your additional giving. Or simply give your additional catch up offering in the manner your normally contribute. We thank you and ask for your prayers for a successful financial result for 2019.

Gifts need to be given to the church office or postmarked before December 31st—for 2019 tax purposes.

**Ladies Lunch – Different date for January! On 1/9<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon** we will meet at Brigs Restaurant 8111 Creedmoor Rd. for lunch. All women are invited to attend, RSVP for reservations to Claire Muller at 919-752-6541.

**Epiphany Dinner & Vespers**—Plan on coming to a special time of fellowship and prayer on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30. We will share a meal of soup and sandwiches and have some table talk—followed by an Epiphany Vespers Service. Join us as we read and sing about the revelation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles and all nations. “...and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chest, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” *Matthew 2:11b*

**Attention THRIVENT members**—We are nearing the end of another year, and it would be great if you would check to see if you have any Thrivent Choice Dollars you can donate to St Philip. You can either go online to Thrivent.com or call 1-800-Thrivent and ask for Fraternal. If you call just tell them you want to designate your Choice dollars to St Philip. If you do it online, once you get connected go to My Thrivent and there you will see a button to designate your Choice dollars. Let's see if we can designate all of the Choice dollars available to us Thank you for considering giving your Choice Dollars to your church.

**Adult Sunday School**—Faith formation—Starting Sunday, February 16 at 10:10 in Kepley Hall an adult study using Animate: Practices will get underway. It is an introduction to the central practices of the Christian Faith. We will be watching videos which blend live action with animations - to introduce a question, provide a thought-provoking perspective - with a time for discussion on personal reflection and share ideas with the group. This study will be facilitated by Howard Cunningham. Please consider this series as an opportunity to deepen and share your faith with your brothers and sisters in Christ here at St. Philip.

**New Bible Study starting!** Beginning on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am in the Music Room and 6:30 pm in the Library. A 4 week study of Philippians guided by the *Interpretation Bible Studies: Philippians and Galatians* by Stanley P. Saunders, Associate Professor of New Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary (Presbyterian Church - USA) in Decatur, Georgia.

Quoting from back cover of the IBS study: *The letters to the Philippian and Galatian congregations illustrate well the passion and intensity of writing of the apostle Paul. Philippians is perhaps Paul's warmest letter, affirming the already close relationship between the Philippians and Paul.* Reference will be made to Paul for Everyone – The Prison Letters (N.T. Wright) and Fortress Commentary on the Bible – New Testament – Philippians (Julia Lambert Fogg). Howard Cunningham will facilitate this study.

**Financial Peace University (FPU)** - FPU is coming in 2020! Tired of living in debt? Want to find a way to stop living paycheck to paycheck? Stop being broke; start being weird! Come find out the secret to telling your money where to go and stop wondering where it went. FPU starts Jan 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm and will meet in Luther Hall every Monday for 9 weeks. Follow this link: [fpu.com/1108071](http://fpu.com/1108071) (P.S. Want to give a Christmas gift that will make a big difference in somebody's life? Give an FPU registration.)" Chuck and Cindy Wolfe will be facilitating the 9 week class at St. Philip .

**St. Philip's Purpose Statement—We Share the Love of Christ!**

**A St. Philip Church Prayer:** Gracious God, As the family of St. Philip we ask that you open our ears to hear God's call for us and guide our feet in following. Help us to be good stewards of our time and treasure and to put our trust in you to provide. We ask for blessings on the life of our future pastor and that your Spirit guide us in preparing for this new relationship in ministry. We put our hope in you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

