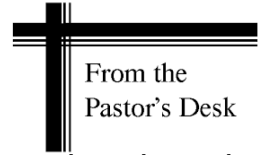




The Crier

February 2019

St. Philip's United Church of Christ



From the
Pastor's Desk

Dear St. Philip's United Church of Christ;

Thank you for your generous ongoing participation and support of your church and your commitment for the coming year! Because of you, mission and ministry has happened and will continue to be provided for 100s of members, friends, acquaintances, our wider early childhood center families and people around St. Louis, our nation and world.

You may take pride in your church's commitment to ministry in the coming year. Our leaders asked for a significant increase above previous levels - and the answer from the congregation was a resounding: "Yes!" General Fund pledges increased nearly 17%! Combined (General and Building) increased more than 14%! The vast majority of givers increased their intentions by an average of more than \$4 per week!

This is an amazing level of response! It is humbling and I will strive with all my heart to live up to expectations. It will take all of us, and judging by the level of partnership shown so far - we will meet and exceed these lofty goals!

An important challenge will be to sustain this higher participation and commitment so our church remains strong in the future. Supporting one another in good times and when relationships are new - is one level of being church. Staying in communication and relationship as we disagree, strive toward competing priorities and otherwise cooperate - is another and even more important level.

The benefits of the mutual support, fellowship, help and challenge that St. Philip's can bring will be of high value and prove worthy of the high level of commitment members have made.

Again I thank you for your participation and support. I will strive to live up to the trust you have placed in me.

May God's love guide us in 2019!

Sincerely,

Pastor Mike Krewson

St. Philip's Mission Statement

St. Philip's United Church of Christ is a loving Christian community believing in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit to share God's love with all people.

Vision Statement

We are called to the body of Jesus Christ with: Minds to study God's word, Mouths to proclaim the Gospel, Eyes to see the needs of others, Arms to welcome all, Hearts big enough to share God's love with all God's children.

Happy Birthday to our members who will be celebrating a birthday in February.

February Birthdays

We will sing on the 1st Sunday of each month....

*“Happy Birthday to You!,
Happy Birthday to You!,
Happy Birthday Everybody!,
and God Bless you!”*

JoAnn Leber	1		
Bud Leonard	2		
Rachel Fischer	3	Harrison Fischer	18
Elizabeth Vogt	9	Gavin Armistead	20
Aidan Scheidenhelm	11	Cara Holdener	21
Dustin Knoll	14	Virginia Hladnick	23
Kathy Vogt	17	Emily Mikusch	27
Wes Cummings	18	Joan Hemingway	28



Contact the Pastor



Feel free to call Pastor Mike anytime:

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or email

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Rev. Doug Anders
Roger Decker
The Eason Family
Dorothea Holdener
Harry Jennings
Tom & Pam Kelley
David Knoll
Bud Leonard
Brian Malin
Ben Metz
Marilyn Milne
Alice Noland
Janet Remmers
Dottie Vinyard
Paula Williams
Debby Wodicker
Gary York



Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays at 2:00pm

The Choir meets each week to rehearse the Anthem and Hymns for the upcoming Sunday worship service. New members are always

welcome. There is no audition – anyone with a love for music and a desire to sing is invited to join. Rehearsal lasts usually about an hour and we always have fun!

LITURGISTS

The liturgist reads the scriptures during worship. We will provide the reader with the scriptures via email or USPS mail several days prior to the service allowing you time to become comfortable in reading to the congregation. If you are interested in serving as a liturgist, please let Tammy, the Office, or Pastor know and indicate the method of receiving the readings.



Thank you for your consideration,
Tammy Knoll



IN CASE OF SNOW...

If worship services are canceled due to inclement weather, please watch for the announcement on Channel 2 or 11. We will be listed as:

St. Philip's UCC

As a courtesy, please call anyone you know who might need this information.

Cancellations will also be posted on Facebook.

LOGOS Christmas Program a hit!

Thank you to the members of the congregation who joined in the night of fellowship with the families and all of St. Philip's support of the program.



LOGOS took a break but returned on Wednesday, January 23. If you know of any children who are interested, please let Andrea Tukin know. Also, if you are interested in helping out in any way, we would love to have you!

Warm regards,
The LOGOS Team

DECORATE OUR ALTAR WITH FRESH FLOWERS

If you would like to decorate the altar with fresh flowers, please contact the Church Office. You are welcome to bring flowers from your garden or purchased fresh flowers and bring them in. Provide your name and any special occasion (anniversary, wedding) or person (memorial, birthday, new birth) you would like to honor with the flowers.



Our current selection is Thunderstruck by Eric Larson.

It will be discussed on a Sunday toward the end of February, or early March. Our next selection is The Bone Setter's Daughter, by Amy Tan.

Consider joining Book Club. We meet after church, enjoy a light pot luck lunch, and we always have a good time. For information contact Barbara Barnes.

All are Invited!!

LOGOS Dinner

Ash Wednesday

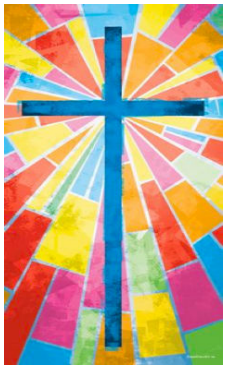
March 6 5:45 - 7:00pm

before 7:00pm Worship Service



Everyone is invited to join LOGOS for Dinner on Ash Wednesday before the worship service. Dinner will begin at 5:45pm in the MPR. Come join in the fellowship with the LOGOS group. Signup sheet will be on the bulletin board. We hope you will join us.

If you have any questions please contact Andrea Tukin at 566-8633 or andreatukin@gmail.com.



CONSIDER JOINING OUR ALTAR COMMITTEE TEAM

We are looking for a few more Altar Committee members. You can volunteer for 1 or 2 months out of the year or as a helper. It usually takes approximately 30-45 minutes a week or less. Tasks consist of getting the sanctuary ready for our Sunday worship service which includes:

- Changing the banner and paraments
- Replacing candles
- Checking pew supplies

For more information, please contact Patty Siewing at 314-974-4498.

Women's Fellowship Sisters Tea Room February 19

Women's Fellowship will go to Sisters Tea Room in Fenton on Tuesday, February 19.

We will meet at church at 11:00am.

A Signup sheet is on the bulletin board. Please signup by Sunday, February 17th. For more information contact Sharon Jackman.



Thank You!

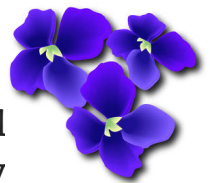
Thanks again for the very generous response to our Advent project benefiting St. John's Community Service Ministry.

We collected all of the food items requested by Johnniest, and the personal gifts requested by the families we adopted. In addition, several of our members purchased very nice "extra" gifts to supplement the gifts requested. What a wonderful way to share God's Love!

Spring is right around the corner, and we will announce our Lenten project in the March Crier.



Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
Join us for Lunch Bunch,
We so hope you do!



Lunch Bunch will celebrate Valentine's Day on Wednesday, February 13th at Sandy Stevenson's house.

In addition to eating yummy lasagna, we will spend our time together laughing, enjoying each other's company, and even playing a Valentine game or two.

A sign-up sheet is on the hall bulletin board for the noon gathering. Please come!

LOGOS Program Update

We are midway through another year of our LOGOS program and are happy to say that things are going very well. This intergenerational ministry has been a big hit for those involved and continues to grow.

This past semester we reached 14 children through this ministry and about 18 parents and siblings. We have already added another family for our spring semester and are excited to start back up again.

LOGOS has become a place for everyone involved to develop Christian relationships and learn about God and their faith through music, stories, crafts and more. We feel that we do important work and are sharing a piece of St. Philip's with these families each week.

We would love for you to join us one week to see what it's all about. As always, we are happy to answer any questions you may have.

Barbara Barnes and the LOGOS kitchen crew also have a few updates:

LOGOS recently completed a very successful Fall Session!

The children have enjoyed the recreation, music, bible stories and crafts, and Families have enjoyed participating the the family meals. Attendance averaged around 40 people at each meal including children, parents, and church members.

Congregation members and extended family members were invited to the Christmas Program and Dinner, and we were delighted with the turnout of 72 people, or maybe more, they wouldn't sit still to be counted!

The average cost per person per meal, including paper products, was \$1.69 for the regular meals, and \$1.80 for the Christmas Dinner. We have a wonderful kitchen crew who do a great job, and seem to have a lot of fun!

Family members of the children and all members of St. Philips are invited to participate in all LOGOS functions. Dinner is served at 5:45 on most Wednesdays, and we are finished by 6:30.



Rev. Dr. Ginny Brown Daniel, Conference Minister
Missouri Mid-South Conference
United Church of Christ



Dear St. Phillip's UCC, 1-20-19
Thank you for your generous gift to Our Church's Wider Mission in 2018! Because of you, we equipped 137 Conference Churches to be Building Courageous Relationships with resources on worship, social justice, youth, conflict resolution, and ministry preparations. Thank you! May God's Love guide us in 2019!
Bessie, Lin

St. Philip's 28th Annual

TRIVIA NIGHT



Questions by: Dave Burton 'The St. Louis Trivia Guy'

Bring your own Beer and/or Wine. As always, soda, water and coffee will be provided

Where: St. Philip's United Church of Christ
10708 Lavinia Drive St. Louis, MO 63123

When: Friday, March 8, 2019 and Saturday March 9, 2019
- New questions each night -

Time: 7:00 pm - Doors open at 6:15 pm

Cost: \$160.00 for a table of 8 (payment in advance requested)

*** Bring your own food to share with your table *** Bring your own beer and/or wine if desired. ***

We'll provide complimentary soda, water and coffee

Raffles!! 50/50's!! Fun and Entertaining!!

To reserve a table or get more information, contact:

Kathy @314-843-4223 or kathyskelton@swbell.net

Tear off and mail with payment to: St. Philip's UCC / Attn: Kathy / 10708 Lavinia Dr. / St. Louis MO 63123

Name: _____ Phone Number _____

Address: _____ Zip Code _____

Email address _____

Night Attending: FRIDAY SATURDAY Amount paid: _____

February Schedule for Bible Study at St. Philip's United Church of Christ

We have been having successful Bible Studies. A few members asked for upcoming scriptures. The scriptures listed are from The Revised Common Lectionary, Winter, 2019 and are those most likely to become the theme for worship on the listed Sunday.

Each Wednesday we will read and discuss together the selected passages for the coming Sunday.

Note: It is not expected that people attending will read ahead. Everyone is welcome, no prior study, expertise, reading, or exposure needed. We meet at 3:00pm in the Conference Room.

Bible Study on Wednesday	For upcoming Sunday	Bolded most likely theme for worship
January 30	February 3	Luke 4:21-30 , Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
February 6	February 10	Luke 5:1-11 , Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13), Psalm 138, 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
February 13	February 17	Luke 6:17-26 , Jeremiah 17:5-10, Psalm 1, 1 Corinthians 15:35-50
February 20	February 24	Luke 6:27-38 , Genesis 45:3-15, Psalm 37:1-40, 1 Corinthians 15:35-50

Annual ONA (Open and Affirming) Convocation

On March 2, Gateway ONA will present an all day convocation entitled "ONA in Challenging Times". The event will include a worship service with communion, workshops, fellowship with people from area UCC churches, and opportunities to learn "How and Why" it is important to be welcoming to individuals of all genders and sexual preferences.

Registration materials will be available soon, and will be posted on the bulletin board. For information, contact Barbara Barnes at 314-843-4157.

BULLETIN by EMAIL or USPS

If you (or someone you know) would like to have a pdf copy of the bulletin sent via email, please contact Carol O'Shea in the church office at 843-5100 or email your request to admin@stphilipsucc.com. If you would like a paper copy of the bulletin mailed via USPS, please call Carol to add your name to the list.

December 2018 General Fund Summary

Receipts

Weekly Offering	10,855.35	
Grocery Cards	86.01	
Early Childhood Center	8,500.00	
Spaghetti Dinner expenses	(194.00)	
Avon Sales (refund)	(26.38)	
Hall Rental	<u>50.00</u>	
	Total	19,270.98

Expenses

Spiritual Life Ministry	197.00	
Learning Ministry	77.11	
Financial Ministry	2,260.87	
Church Property Ministry	5,912.17	
Personnel	<u>10,619.59</u>	
	Total	<u>19,066.74</u>

December Surplus	204.24
Previous Balance	<u>21,550.62</u>
2018 Year-End Balance	21,754.86
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December Building Fund Summary

Beginning Balance	5,781.26
Building Fund Offering	1,503.47
Capital Improvement Fund	(417.00)
Loan Payments Rott Foundation	<u>(460.00)</u>
2018 Ending Balance	6,407.73
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December Foundation Repair Fund

Beginning Balance	(8.00)
Foundation Repair Fund Offering	<u>211.50</u>
Current Balance	203.50
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Remaining balance of Foundation	
Repair Loan from Continuity Fund	\$ 8,651



February Calendar



Sunday, February 3

9:30a Worship

Monday, February 4

7:00p Church Council Meeting (Conference Room)

Wednesday, February 6

3:00p Bible Study (Conference Room)

4:30p - 6:30p LOGOS-Let's Get Fancy / Dress Up Theme (MPR, Gathering Space)

Thursday, February 7

2:00p Choir Rehearsal

6:30p Girl Scout Troop Meeting (MPR, Gathering Space, Conference Room)

Sunday, February 10

9:30a Worship

Monday, February 11

4:30p Spiritual Life Ministry (Conference Room)

Wednesday, February 13

noon Lunch Bunch at Sandy's house

3:00p Bible Study (Conference Room)

4:30p - 6:30p LOGOS-Valentine's Day Theme (MPR, Gathering Space)

Thursday, February 14

2:00p Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 15

5:00p Parents Night Out (MPR)

Sunday, February 17

9:30a Worship

Monday, February 18

4:30p ECC Board Meeting (Conference Room)

Tuesday, February 19

11:00a Women's Fellowship to Sisters Tea Room in Fenton (meet at church at 11am)

Wednesday, February 20

3:00p Bible Study (Conference Room)

4:30p - 6:30p LOGOS-Hubba Bubba Blowout / Bubblegum Theme (Wear Pink!)

(MPR, Gathering Space, Conference Room)

Thursday, February 21

2:00p Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 24

9:30a Worship

Wednesday, February 27

3:00p Bible Study (Conference Room)

4:30p - 6:30p LOGOS-Mardi Gras Theme (MPR, Gathering Space)

Thursday, February 28

2:00p Choir Rehearsal

7:00p Quilt Guild (MPR)