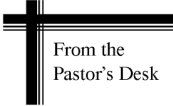


The Crier

March 2019

St. Philip's United Church of Christ



From the
Pastor's Desk

Pilgrimage - A Lenten Journey for Spiritual Uplift!

Britannica.com says that a pilgrimage is a journey undertaken for a religious motive; usually toward a place associated with God or other holy connection. All major world religions advocate them and millions of people recommend them.

This year, for the season of Lent (March 6th through Easter, April 21st) we will enter into a such a journey seeking to live to the fullest, the life we've been given.

ASH WEDNESDAY

It all starts on **March 6th at 7:00PM!** We will explore together the theme of Lenten Journey with the Prophet Joel and with a ceremony that includes ashes. During our time together, those who wish to come forward may receive ashes in the sign of the cross on our foreheads (or back of hand) acknowledging the beginning of the journey.

You are also invited to eat dinner with our intergenerational LOGOS group and enjoy the active and powerful routine of that program. If you know you plan to participate, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway by the office. Arrive at 5:40 P.M. hungry for a meal shared with people of many ages.

The Wandering Way - Sunday, March 10

We'll explore Jesus' trip to and in the desert (Gospel writer Luke's account) and how we might also gain spiritual insight from a quiet period of time (minutes, hours, or even days) with less scheduling and hectic activity. Some people say that in this activity, they have found their true selves!

The Way Around - Sunday, March 17

Being misunderstood, even by close friends and family, is a common experience. Even Jesus was treated as if his mission was foreign (Luke 13:31-34). Sometimes we must go ahead and do what we dream, claiming who we know we are, taking the way around what others think we ought to do and be.

The High Way - March 24

The Way Home - March 31

The Free Way - April 7

The Other Way - April 14 & more

The Season of Lent continues into April, through Holy week and on to the Resurrection! We will celebrate Easter on Sunday, April 21. More about that in next month's April Crier.

Join us as often as you can! Spiritual Uplift may occur on your journey as a result!

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.

March Birthdays



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

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!”*

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|--------------------|----|--------------------|----|
| Mary Ann Krewson | 1 | | |
| Pam Tangeman | 1 | | |
| Karen Moran | 2 | | |
| Pam Schiele Stang | 4 | Ava Kaiser | 25 |
| Joyce Thuston | 5 | Ellie Blum | 26 |
| Dawn Knoll | 11 | Clara Hornung | 26 |
| David Schiele | 12 | Meghan Mikusch | 27 |
| Debby Wodicker | 12 | Elaine Kimker | 28 |
| Scott Karcher | 14 | Kali Hladnick | 29 |
| Frances Kalbfleish | 15 | Shirley Nottelmann | 29 |
| Jason Karcher | 21 | Bob Kammerer | 30 |

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
Russ Hickman
Harry Jennings
Tom & Pam Kelley
David Knoll
Bud Leonard
Brian Malin
Ben Metz
Marilyn Milne
Alice Noland
Janet Remmers
Haylee Thibodeaux
Dottie Vinyard
Paula Williams
Debby Wodicker
Brian Womack
Gary York



Choir Rehearsal moving to Sundays at 10:45am Following Worship

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



Daylight Saving time
will begin at
2:00am on
Sunday, March 10
Set clocks ahead 1 hour
before you go to bed

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 is 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

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.



Women's Fellowship
Lunch & Cards
at Miss Sheri's



Women's Fellowship will meet on **Tuesday, March 19 at 11:00am** at Miss Sheri's on South Lindbergh for Lunch & Cards. If you have any questions, please contact Dolores Zikes.

Habitat For Humanity

allows UCC volunteers to be the hands of Jesus in our community -- one of the countless ways that St. Philip's reaches out to be of service. After a much-

delayed building period, the most recent UCC house



had its official house-blessing in late February. This gathering is a celebration of work shared by many congregations side-by-side with the homeowner, and it is a celebration of hope for a better life for the homeowner and his/her family!

Our homeowner, Lawrence, sent this thank you:

It's been a long time since I cried. Yesterday, when I got home (from the house blessing), I cried tears of joy. I want to say thank you for all you've done for me and my family. We really appreciate you. Words cannot explain how grateful I am. I want to say thank you and I mean it from the bottom of my heart.

~Lawrence



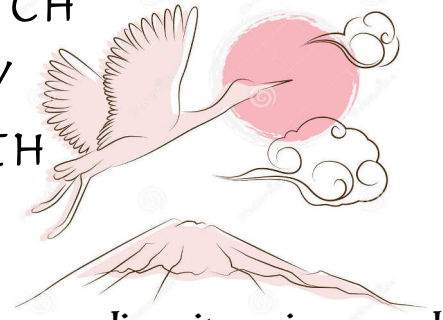
CONSIDER JOINING OUR ALTAR COMMITTEE TEAM

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.

LUNCH BUNCH WEDNESDAY MARCH 13TH NOON



Lunch Bunch is spreading its wings and 'flying' to Super China Buffet for its Wednesday, March 13 gathering.

Please join us for an all-you-can-eat international Chinese buffet in our own private room. There will be plenty of American food also. The cost for lunch is \$6.95 (extra for a beverage). Meet at the restaurant at noon or carpool from Sandy's house at 11:45am.

Please sign up on the hall bulletin board to join the rest of the flock!

Super China Buffet
2204 Michigan Avenue
Arnold, MO 63010
636-287-3288

(off Jeffco Blvd near the Water Tower)

Leona Gottschlick Sandy Stevenson
Dary Dykstra Betty Moore

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY! MARCH 17



Our next selection is The Bonesetter's Daughter, by Amy Tan, a widely acclaimed novel about the relationship between an American born Chinese woman and her mother. We will discuss it on a Sunday in early to mid April.

We share a light potluck after church. The atmosphere is very relaxed, and sometimes members have not finished reading the book. Copies are checked out from the County Library, and are available at the book club meeting. You can also pick up a copy from the blue bag in the church office. Consider joining us! For more information, talk to Barbara Barnes.

On Sunday,
March 3, we
will discuss
Thunderstruck



LENTEN OUTREACH COLLECTION March 3 - April 7

This year's collection will benefit Lydia's House, transitional housing for abused women and their children. These are the items most needed:

- Dish detergent (not for a dishwasher)
- All purpose cleaner
- Bleach tablets
- Hot pads and mitts
- Kitchen towels (no alcohol theme)
- Kitchen utensils (turners, tongs, spoons, spatulas, non-electric can openers)

Donations can be dropped off in the Gathering Space.

Read more about Lydia's House at right and consider bringing an item or two for these ladies who are trying to get a good start on a new life. Contact Sandy Stevenson if you have any questions.

Thank you,
The Outreach Ministry Team



"because everyone deserves a safe place to call home"

"because 30-90 days in shelter isn't always enough"

"because the cycle of violence needs to end"

In partnership with its donors and volunteers, Lydia's House works in faith to end domestic violence by continuing to provide a place of healing and a voice of hope for abused women and their children.



Since its incorporation in 1995, Lydia's House has provided transitional housing, access to community resources and comprehensive, goal-oriented support services for more than 950 women and children.

Lydia's House can currently serve 49 women and up to 85 children. It is Missouri's largest provider of confidentially located, furnished apartments for abused women and their children and is one of the largest programs of its type in the United States.

44,074 incidents of domestic violence were reported by Missouri law enforcement agencies in 2016.

For more information, contact us at (314) 771-4411 or www.lydiashouse.org.

Holy Week Schedule Preview

More information to follow in the April issue of *The Crier*.

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| A P R I L | 14 | 9:30a | Palm Sunday Worship |
| | 18 | 7:00p | Maundy Thursday Worship |
| | 19 | tba | Good Friday |
| | 20 | 9:00a | Easter Egg Hunt |
| | 21 | 8:00a | Easter Breakfast |
| | 21 | 9:30a | Easter Sunday Worship |



**CHANGE YOUR
CLOCKS &
SMOKE DETECTOR
BATTERIES**

**Daylight Saving
time begins**

2:00am Sunday

March 10

The following is a thank you letter for the hats, scarves, mittens/gloves that were collected on the giving tree in the Gathering Space in December:

St. John's Community Services Ministry, Inc.

A 501 (C)3 agency



P.O. Box 26217, Jennings, Mo. 63136-0217

(314) 533-8668

Johnniest@stjohnscsm.com

Johnniest B. Henry

Executive Director

Walter Van Fraction, Jr.

Asst. Director

Acts 20: 35 (NRSV) Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

January 14, 2019

Greetings in Christ,

Thank you for caring for your fellow brothers and sisters in need by providing warm gloves, hats, scarves, and coats. These were extremely welcome by our people. Knowing the kind of winters, we have, it was a true blessing for some. Know that whatever you do for us is greatly appreciated by both staff and clients.

Please pray that we remain effective and efficient in our Lord's service. Thank you once more for coming to aid our brothers and sisters and their families. May God continue to bless you.

Yours in Christian Service,

Save the date

**Vacation
Bible School**

July 8-12

Look for more info in the
April issue of *The Crier*.

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.

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: _____

| <u>January 2019 General Fund Summary</u> | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <u>Receipts</u> | | | |
| Weekly Offering | | 7,591.90 | |
| Grocery Cards | | 110.49 | |
| Early Childhood Center | | 9,000.00 | |
| Trivia Night (deposits) | | 640.00 | |
| Recycle Income | | 117.23 | |
| Hall Rental | | <u>100.00</u> | |
| | Total | | 17,559.62 |
| <u>Expenses</u> | | | |
| Spiritual Life Ministry | | 287.97 | |
| Financial Ministry | | 2,056.21 | |
| Church Property Ministry | | 7,132.13 | |
| Personnel | | <u>10,680.39</u> | |
| | Total | | <u>20,156.70</u> |
| | January Deficit | | (2,597.08) |
| | Previous Balance | | <u>21,754.86</u> |
| | January 31 Balance | | 19,157.78 |
| | | | ===== |
| <u>January Building Fund Summary</u> | | | |
| | Beginning Balance | | 6,407.73 |
| | Building Fund Offering | | 1,073.79 |
| | Capital Improvement Fund | | (413.00) |
| | Loan Payments Rott Foundation | | <u>(461.25)</u> |
| | January Ending Balance | | 6,607.27 |
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| <u>January Foundation Repair Fund</u> | | | |
| | Beginning Balance | | 203.50 |
| | Foundation Repair Fund Offering | | <u>556.00</u> |
| | Current Balance | | 759.50 |
| | | | ===== |
| Remaining balance of Foundation | | | |



March Calendar

Sunday, March 3

9:30a Worship

Lenten Outreach Collection begins for Lydia's House (runs thru April 7)

10:30a Book Club

10:45a Choir Rehearsal

Monday, March 4

7:00p Church Council Meeting (Conference Room)

Wednesday, March 6

4:30p - 5:45p LOGOS (MPR, Gathering Space)

5:45p - 7:00p LOGOS Ash Wednesday Dinner open to all (MPR)

7:00p Ash Wednesday Worship

Friday, March 8

7:00p Trivia Night 1 (doors open 6:15p)

Saturday, March 9

7:00p Trivia Night 2 (doors open 6:15p)

Sunday, March 10

2:00a Daylight Saving Time begins

9:30a Worship

10:45a Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 12

1:00p Pastoral/Parish Board Meeting (Conference Room)

2:45p Outreach Board Meeting (Conference Room)

Wednesday, March 13

noon Lunch Bunch - Super China Buffet-Arnold

4:30p - 6:30p LOGOS-Feeling Lucky-wear green / St. Pat's theme (MPR, GathSpace)

Thursday, March 14

6:30p - 7:30p Girl Scout Troop Meeting (Conference Room)

Sunday, March 17

9:30a Worship

10:45a Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 20

NO LOGOS

Tuesday, March 19

11:00a Women's Fellowship Lunch & Cards at Miss Sheri's on Lindbergh

Sunday, March 24

9:30a Worship

10:45a Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 27

4:30p - 6:30p LOGOS-Safari Night / Wear safari gear & bring stuffed animal (MPR, Gathering Space)

Thursday, March 28

7:00p Quilt Guild (MPR)

