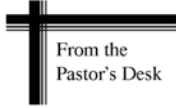


The Crier

April 2019

St. Philip's United Church of Christ



Pilgrimage, Resurrection and Your Life Story

A member of the Men's Fellowship at a church I pastored a few years ago insisted that I get the young men to join. I told him that wasn't going to happen. He persisted and after numerous such requests, we planned a listening session over breakfast in which the older men would be quiet while the younger ones outlined what it would take.

Together the two sets of men set up the most valuable Men's Fellowship meeting year of my career. Each month - one man from each generation took about 4 minutes to tell the group about his life, why he was part of the church, and what it means to him.

Every man who attended was blessed by each of these monthly gatherings. We learned more about each other from these four minute speeches than we expected, even about people we had gone to church with for decades.

If you are willing to tell your four minute overview of your faith journey (or your life any way you like) please let me know and, together, we will strive to find the right way to incorporate the telling.

Pastor Mike Krewson

Our worship focus theme for March and April continues to be 'Pilgrimage - The Way'. As we lead up to the Resurrection (Sunday, April 21), here are some thoughts about worship service themes:

On Sunday, April 7, "**The Free Way**" will be based on the prophet Isaiah chapter 43, who tells us that God is about to do a new thing! God will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. Isaiah 43: 16-19

On Sunday, April 14 (Palm Sunday), "**The Other Way**" will be based on the Gospel of Luke chapter 19, which describes Jesus' ride into Jerusalem. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. There was joyful praise of God, setting the stage for an eventful week! Perhaps we, too, are being called to "The Other Way"?



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*



St. Philip's 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.

April Birthdays

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

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!"*

April Schillinger	1	Azin Kaiser	17
Ben Kotthoff	3	Rev. Mike Krewson	19
Carley Nickel	4	Rachel Azzara	23
Steve Werner	4	Al Bowles	23
Grace Williamson	8	Steve Hladnick	24
Judy Parkinson	10	Lucy Vogt	27
Stan Parkinson	10	Kate Hausman	28
Karen Walker	15	Mary Darr	28
Alice Noland	15		



Contact the Pastor



Feel free to call Pastor Mike anytime:

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Roger Decker

Steve Hladnick

The Hladnick Family

Dorothea Holdener

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

now on

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

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.

Easter Sunday Breakfast - 8:00am

Easter is just around the corner so mark your calendars to attend our Easter Breakfast - a tradition here at St. Philip's. What a great way to begin the day!

See both the purple signup sheet for the number attending and the purple checklist for choosing an item to bring. Signup by Palm Sunday, April 14.

Contact Carole Armistead if you have any questions.

Easter Flowers



Let's help beautify the sanctuary with spring flowers for Easter. Easter Lilies, Mums, Hydrangeas, and Tulips are available.

The spring flowers will decorate the sanctuary from Good Friday thru Easter Sunday, April 21st. You

may take your plants home after the Easter Sunday service.

Make check payable to 'Walter Knoll Florist'

Name _____

_____	Easter Lilies 6" (5+ blooms)	\$ 9.99
_____	Mums 6"	\$ 9.99
_____	Hydrangeas 6"	\$19.99
_____	Tulips 6"	\$ 7.99

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

You can drop your order form and payment in the offering plate or give to Carol O'Shea in the church office on Monday, April 15th.



Holy Week

April 14 - Palm Sunday

9:30a Worship service describing Jesus' ride into Jerusalem

April 18 - Maundy Thursday

7:00p Communion and worship service

April 19 - Good Friday

11:00a - 2:00p Sanctuary will be open for individual meditation. Devotional materials will be available.

noon Brief service where the story of crucifixion will be read and prayers offered

April 21 - Easter Sunday

8:00a Easter Breakfast

9:30a Communion and Worship Service

Combined St. Paul & St. Philip's



Sunday, April 21

6:00am

St. Paul Churchyard

7600 S. Rock Hill Road
St. Louis 63123

**ST. PHILIP'S - SPRING
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Sunday, April 28, 2019**

Please plan to attend this very important meeting to be held immediately following the April 28 worship service. We will be approving new Church Council members.

As a reminder, council reports are due at the Church Council meeting to be held on Monday, April 8.

The meeting usually lasts for about an hour. For more information, contact Pam Henson, Church Council President.



**Easter Egg Hunt
April 20**

Candy Donations Needed

It's time to start preparations for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at St. Philips. We will be collecting donations of small individually wrapped candy to stuff the plastic eggs.

The Easter Candy donation basket is located in the gathering space. We will be collecting through noon on Friday, April 19. Thank you for your generosity!

-Learning Ministry Committee



**LENTEN
OUTREACH
COLLECTION -
THRU APRIL 7**



We continue to collect kitchen supplies and cleaning products for Lydia's House through April 7. These items help abused women and children, and they recover from abuse and start new lives.

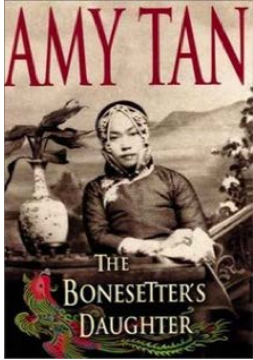
Your contributions are very much appreciated. For details contact Sandy Stevenson who has been actively involved at Lydia's house for many years.

MORE INFO ON THE EGG HUNT

The Easter Bunny will be there for the children to enjoy. This is always a fun morning with games, Jelly Bean Jar to guess the number of jelly beans, and attendance prize.

-Learning Ministry Team

Immediately following church on Sunday, April 14, we will discuss . . .



Our next selection is My Grandmother Asked Me To Tell You She's Sorry by Fredrick Backman, a story about a relationship and between Grandmother and Granddaughter, and its powerful impact on the girl's life.

The story, told with comic accuracy teaches important lessons about life and death, and is described as an ode to one of the most important human rights: the right to be different.

The date for discussion has not yet been set, but will probably be in Mid to late May.

Consider joining Book Club. We share a light potluck lunch after church, and we always laugh a lot. Copies of the books are checked out from the county library, can be signed out at Book Club meetings, and are available to be signed out at other times, in the blue bag in the church office. For details talk to Barbara Barnes 314-843-4157.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

As a 5 for 5 congregation, St. Philips contributes to One Great Hour of Sharing. Envelopes will be collected on Sunday, March 31.

Donations help feed hungry children, comfort victims of abuse and violence, and help survivors of natural disasters, as well as providing other important services worldwide.

The UCC partners with eight other protestant churches in what is described as a remarkable network of service and caring that is efficient, effective and faithful, with Administrative costs less than 8% annually.

This is a very worthwhile program, so consider donating generously.



GOODIE BAGS FOR GATEWAY HOMELESS SHELTER

In honor of Mother's Day and Father's Day, we have planned a project that will help support and nurture the bonds between parents and children who are homeless.

We hope to assemble about 20 small "goodie bags" with coloring books, crayons, card games, and other small items that parents and children can use to play together.



The bags will be given to residents at Gateway Homeless Shelter, the largest 24 hour shelter in the state. Gateway's population typically numbers about 150 residents with about 100 being children.

Residents at Gateway have very little storage space, so we hope to keep these "goodie bags" small, and focus on items that parents and children can use together.

Stuffed animals are not allowed at the shelter, and board games are usually too big in size. Coloring books, crayons and card games such as "Uno" are appropriate. Stay tuned for a list of additional items. We will be collecting these items April 28, May 5, and May 12.



You're Invited! Block Party Quilters

Did you know St. Philip's is home to a Quilt Guild which meets (usually) the 4th Thursday of each month?



We are a small guild and contrary to what you might be thinking, we don't sit around a quilting frame and take tiny stitches to hold it all together.

When we meet, several of our members present a **planned program** which may include:

- a make & take project
- demonstration of a technique
- a quilt game
- a trunk show (one person shows quilts they made)

followed by:

- refreshments (a must-have at our meetings) brought in by members who take turns

and close with:

- show & tell (members share completed projects)

Meetings start at 7pm in the MPR, unless we are having our annual salad & dessert meeting or our annual January Christmas party. Membership is only \$15 a year.

To become a member, you don't have to know how to sew or even like to sew. We share the love of quilting and crafting. We are a Quilt Guild, but we are first and foremost a group of friends who value and care about each other.

No matter what - we
ALWAYS have a good time!

So come and join us - we would love to have you! Contact Joan Hemingway at 314-849-8685 with any questions.

LUNCH BUNCH Wednesday, April 10 noon



Come join the Lunch Bunch on Wednesday, April 10. We will meet at 12 o'clock noon at:

Dulaney's Grille & Pub
9940 Kennerly Road

located just across Tesson Ferry from St. Anthony's Hospital, in the plaza behind Jack in the Box.

They serve great food - - in an Irish pub atmosphere with a diverse menu of American & Italian dishes. Sure to please any palate!

Check out their menu at
dulanys.com/menu

Please signup by Sunday, April 7. If you have any questions, contact Lois Decker.





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 8-12, 2019

9:00am – noon

This will be an exciting week for all the boys and girls, as well as the adults.

'To Mars and Beyond' invites Voyagers of all ages to go on a space travel adventure to explore where God's power can take them.

We will be needing volunteers to help during this week. Also, beginning on Friday, May 3, at 1:00pm, we will begin the annual workshop of making decorations at Virginia's.

Come join us,
Virginia

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

Tuesday, April 16

10:00am

Gathering Space

The story of Missouri black bears is an interesting one. It's a two-fold story of both a remarkable comeback and a second chance to protect and preserve a magnificent part of Missouri's wild history.

On Tuesday, April 16th, Sandy Stevenson, Pat Saihada, and Donna Kendrick-Philips, volunteers at Powder Valley Nature Center, will tell this unique story as a part of the Women's Fellowship program.

The program begins at 10 am and is **open to anyone** interested in learning more "bear facts" and tips on how bears and people can live together safely. The program will include a powerpoint presentation, a chance to hold an actual bear pelt, and time for discussion.



This promises to be a "bearific" experience you won't want to miss.

AND AFTER THE PRESENTATION...

we will go to Fitz's, at Ronnie's Plaza, for lunch.



Please see the **gold signup sheet** on the bulletin board.

If you have any questions, please contact Virginia Hladnick or Jan Freese.

February 2019 General Fund Summary

Receipts

Weekly Offering	7,180.55	
Grocery Cards	69.51	
Early Childhood Center	9,000.00	
Trivia Night (deposits)	1,705.00	
Hall Rental	<u>40.00</u>	
	Total	<u>17,995.06</u>

Expenses

Spiritual Life Ministry	34.43	
Financial Ministry	1,869.08	
Church Property Ministry	6,210.39	
Personnel	<u>11,011.59</u>	
	Total	<u>19,125.49</u>
February Deficit		(1,130.43)
Previous Balance		<u>19,157.78</u>
February 28 Balance		<u>18,027.35</u> =====

February Building Fund Summary

Beginning Balance	6,607.27
Building Fund Offering	444.75
Capital Improvement Fund	(417.00)
Loan Payments Rott Foundation	<u>(460.00)</u>
February Ending Balance	<u>6,175.02</u> =====

February Foundation Repair Fund

Beginning Balance	759.50
Foundation Repair Fund Offering	<u>213.50</u>
Current Balance	<u>973.00</u> =====

Remaining balance of Foundation		
Repair Loan from Continuity Fund	\$	8,651

Wednesday, April 3

4:30p-6:30p LOGOS - Mystery Themed Dinner (MPR, Conference Rm, GathSpace)

Thursday, April 4

all day Preschool Conferences (Conference Room)

Sunday, April 7

9:30a Worship

10:45a Choir Rehearsal

10:45a LOGOS Board Meeting (Conference Room)

Last day for Lydia's House donations

Monday, April 8

4:00p ECC Board Meeting (Conference Room)

7:00p Church Council Meeting (Conference Room)

Wednesday, April 10

noon Lunch Bunch meet at Dulaney's

4:30p-6:30p LOGOS - Easter Presentation (MPR, Conference Rm, GathSpace)

Thursday, April 11

7:30p Girl Scout Meeting (Conference Room)

Saturday, April 13

10:00a-1:00p Girl Scout Meeting (Conference Room)

Sunday, April 14

9:30a Palm Sunday Worship

10:30a Book Club (Gathering Space)

10:45a Choir Rehearsal

Monday, April 15

noon Easter Flower orders due

Tuesday, April 16

10:00a Women's Fellowship (Gathering Space) - Black Bear presentation open to all followed by lunch at Fitz's

Thursday, April 18

7:00p Maundy Thursday Worship

Friday, April 19

11:00a - 2:00p Good Friday - Sanctuary open for individual meditation

noon Brief Service - Story of Crucifixion

noon Cutoff for Easter Candy donations for next day's hunt

Saturday, April 20

9:00a Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 21

8:00a Easter Breakfast (MPR)

9:30a Easter Sunday Worship

Wednesday, April 24

all day Preschool Conferences (Conference Room)

4:30p-6:30p LOGOS - Peace, Love & LOGOS (dress 70s) (MPR, Conf Rm, GathSpace)

Thursday, April 25

7:00p Quilt Meeting (MPR)

Saturday, April 27

7:00p Mouse Races (MPR)

Sunday, April 28

9:30a Worship

10:25a Spring Congregational Meeting

Monday, April 29

4:30p Spiritual Life Meeting (Conference Room)

