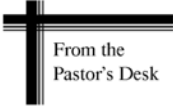




The Crier

June 2019

St. Philip's United Church of Christ



Heaven on Earth

Do you ever think of heaven? You may have two sets of questions: Not only What is heaven like? But also . . . What is the reason for the whole idea?

If you were to describe how you think heaven is or how you would like heaven to be. What would you say?

For me, heaven will be real when no one suffers from Alzheimer's or dementia; No one dies of cancer or suffers the side effects of chemotherapy; No child goes to bed hungry, misses out on school, or is treated poorly in school!

In the bible, in the last of the 66 books: Revelation, writer, John tells us that - when God dwells with us fully:

***"He will wipe away every tear.
There will be no more death, mourning, crying or pain."***

This writer goes on to tell us the dimensions of God's city - the New Jerusalem (heaven) and what materials its made out of. Walls made of Jasper, streets of transparent gold, all decorated with jewels of:

"topaz, amethyst, emerald, onyx, sapphire . . ."
And gates made of ***pearl***.

What does all this mean? Is it helpful? Why does the bible describe the size and shape and materials that make up heaven? Is it because we need heaven as a goal - so we'll be good during our life on this earth?

Perhaps the answer lies in another phrase: The Kingdom of God. If, instead of thinking about our destination after our life on Earth, we could use all of Christianity's words on this topic to describe what God wants us to understand about how to treat each other!

Jesus gave us a new commandment: to love each other as he has loved us. That means respect, doing unto others as we would have done to us, helping ourselves and others to have needs met enough to prosper and gain dignity and purpose and spiritual fulfillment.

Perhaps when the topic of heaven comes up, we might focus on the ideas of God's Kingdom instead and enjoy a more helpful conversation.

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*



St. Philip's Vision Statement

**Our
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.

June Birthdays



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

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!"*

David Knoll	1	Dawn Schillinger	18
Chris Vogt (Christine)	1	Don Siewing	20
Jim Caldwell	2	Ruthann Nuelle	22
Russ Hickman	6	Evan Scheidenhelm	23
Sheryl Fish	9	Jordan Lewis	23
Kathy Shelton	13	Janet Remmers	24
Jean Paul Thibodeaux	16	Roland Balzer	25
Kent Kotthoff	17	Alicia Scheidenhelm	28
Shawn Williamson	17		

Contact the Pastor



Feel free to call Pastor Mike anytime:

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Office (314) 843-5100

or email

pastormike@stphilipsucc.com



Roger Decker
Steve Hladnick
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 is on Hiatus for the Summer

A summer schedule has not been determined. Check back in next month's Crier or the bulletin for our summer rehearsal schedule.

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

 Happy
Father's
Day! 
Sunday
June 16

UCC JOINT CHOIR CONCERT

SUNDAY, JUNE 2 3:00pm



Our joint choir concert is just days away! Please join us for this delightful hour-long concert under the direction of our own Mike Orzel, to be held here at St. Philip's in the sanctuary. Many choir members from small South County UCC churches are putting their voices together, and the audience will also have a chance to join in singing. The concert is followed by a reception with light refreshments. Please plan to attend this special event!

If you would like to donate finger-style desserts (cookies or brownies), you can drop them off in the conference room on Friday, May 31 or Saturday, June 1. Thank you for your support!



Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, June 12 noon

All are invited to join us at Rich & Charlie's at 4487 Lemay Ferry Road 63129. Meet there at noon for lunch followed by dessert at Virginia's. See the blue signup sheet and please signup by Sunday, June 9.

ST. PHILIP'S
United Church of Christ
"Come and See"
Celebrating 60 years of Ministry



Pick up your updated phone directory in the Gathering Space any weekday or before/after worship. Sorry, we are unable to send them out thru the mail.

Thank you.



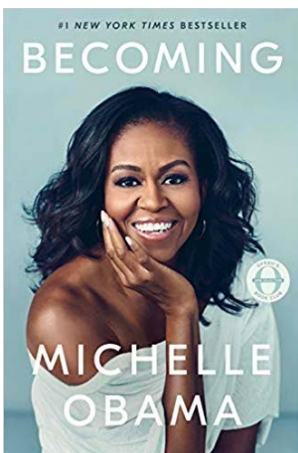
Our next meeting is on June 30, after church. We will be discussing Becoming by Michelle Obama. The books originally selected, Lilac Girls, and Euphoria were either not available or inappropriate.

Copies of Becoming are now available in the church office. Consider joining us - - we share a light potluck lunch, discuss the book, and always have a good time.

Upcoming selections include:

- Into the Water
- The Language of Flowers
- Angels Walking
- The Bookseller of Kabul

For information call Barbara Barnes at 314-843-4157.





Outreach Ministry members are:

Jeanine Navratil

Shirley Oldani

Barbara Barnes

Sue Meyers (who recently volunteered to join us)

As many of you know, St. John's Community Service Ministry is closing after many years of serving the North City and County areas.

St. Philips has a long history with the pantry and with Johnniest Henry, the long time Director.

On May 5, Jeanine Navratil, Barbara Barnes, and Paul Harvey attended a service at St. Peters UCC which honored Johnniest Henry, who was the Director for 32 years. We presented Johnniest with a bouquet, a card thanking her for her many years of service, and a gift card.

She sent us a lovely thank you note, which is posted on the bulletin board.

GOODIE BAGS FOR GATEWAY HOMELESS SHELTER

Thanks so much for the generous contributions of coloring books, crayons, sidewalk chalk, and other items for Gateway Homeless Shelter, in honor of Mother's Day and Father's Day.



Twenty cloth bags were delivered to the Shelter on Saturday May 18, and distributed at a Workshop designed to help Parents maintain and strengthen family ties during their stay at the shelter.

While the shelter is a safe place, it is not easy for families to live there as there are few opportunities for privacy, and most residents have experienced trauma and have lost most or all of their possessions while becoming homeless.

The items we donated will help parents and children have fun together. In addition to supplies donated by St. Philips, each bag contained a rose and description of "The Rose Ceremony", a bedtime ritual that can help families strengthen their ties. A copy is posted on the bulletin Board.



AVON Fundraiser thru June 9

Carole Armistead has organized an AVON fundraiser to benefit St. Philip's. Carole will be available on Sundays before and after church to place your order and answer any questions.

Graduate Recognition Sunday

June 9



We will be recognizing all recent high school, college, and masters and doctorate graduates on Sunday, June 9, 2019 during the worship service. Please call Carol in the church office **by June 3** if you are a graduate this year.

Provide your name, level of degree and field of study, school name/location, and school colors. Then be sure to attend church on June 9 so that we can honor you personally.

Congratulations to the following graduates we are aware of to date:

Chloe Armistead Oakville Senior High School and South County Tech

Chloe will be attending Meramec College taking her core classes while choosing a major.

Rachel Fischer Maryville University

Rachel earned her Degree in Interior Design from Maryville. Professional Office Environments, who Rachel interned for, permanently hired her full-time upon graduation.

Benjamin Kotthoff Affton High School and South County Tech

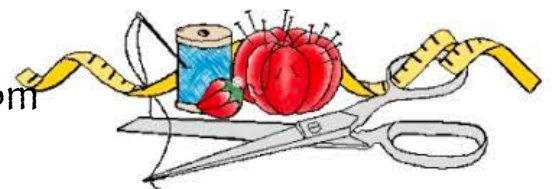
With sights set on becoming a meteorologist, Benjamin will be attending Mizzou in the Fall majoring in Atmospheric Sciences.

Congratulations to our graduates and their families!

Block Party Quilters

Our next meeting is Thursday, June 27 7:00pm

Our June charity project is to make pillowcases.



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. Membership is only \$15 a year.

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.

Pastoral Relations Committee

The Pastoral Relations Committee is up and running! This committee is an advisory group to the pastor and a support for the pastor's leadership. As an advisory group, the committee shares ideas, dreams, hopes, expectations, and concerns of the congregation with the pastor. Confidentiality and trust is essential to the work of this appointed committee.

Do you have a concern, hurt, celebration that needs to be shared or discussed with Pastor Mike but feel that you cannot approach him with that concern? The Pastoral Relations Committee can help you. We can raise any concerns that you may have and keep them confidential, if you desire. We are encouraging open and honest communication between the pastor, church leadership and the congregation so that our shared ministry may be fulfilled.

You may contact any member of the Pastoral Relations Committee at any time:

Linda Kammerer-Chairperson	(314) 849-0843	lskammerer@sbcglobal.net
Joan Hemingway	(314) 849-8685	quiltjoane@charter.net
Shirley Oldani	(314) 961-8444	shirleyoldani@charter.net
Kathy Shelton	(314) 843-4223	kathyselton@swbell.net



Tuesday, June 18

Women's Fellowship will meet for lunch at the Concord Grill and go to the movies afterwards.



See the orange signup sheet on the bulletin board. Plans are still underway on selecting a movie and time - - watch upcoming bulletins for more details. Contact Dolores Zikes if you have any questions.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 8 - 12, 2019

9:00am - noon

At "To Mars and Beyond" kids discover the wonders of God's universe. They'll become Voyagers on a journey through space, exploring where God's power can take them.

Daily activities include crafts, discovery time/science projects, games, bible stories, and music.

We are now accepting registrations. Forms are available on the credenza outside the sanctuary or online at

www.stphilipsucc.com

Call the office at 843-5100 if you would like a registration form emailed or mailed to you.



Chicken Dinners

St. Martin's UCC - Dittmer
Saturday June 1

St. Thomas UCC - Chesterfield
Sunday, June 9

See flyers on bulletin board.

Canvassing for Medicare for All Saturday, June 8 10:00a - 2:00p

Rev. Dori Hudson and Barbara Barnes are co-hosting a canvassing event to discuss Medicare for All.

Members of St. Philips are invited to join them on Saturday, June 8th from 10:00a-2:00p followed by recap and lunch at Barbara's.

We will meet at Barbara's house at 10548 Stephenson Drive and will be canvassing her neighborhood.

Medicare for All, also known as Med4All, is a health care system which is similar to that of many other countries.

Come join us on the 8th of June, or talk with me about it. Call or text Dori at 480-2783 if you are able to attend.

- Rev. Dori Hudson

Indoor Picnic at Eden Seminary Saturday, July 13

Unleashing Potential (formerly Neighborhood Houses) is hosting an indoor picnic at Eden Seminary on Saturday, July 13 from 11:00am-1:00pm. Reservations are required and are limited to six men or women per church. If you would like to attend, sign up on the bulletin board before June 30 or until spaces are filled.

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You are cordially invited to join
Isaiah 58 Ministries
at our

Speakeasy

for our

Annual Celebration

June 10, 2019

6:00p - 9:00p

The Stupp Center in Tower Grove Park \$20 per person

Live Music, games, dancing,
hors d'oeuvres and first drink
(cash bar available for beer & wine)

Bourbon Tasting \$5

Indoor and outdoor on patio

See the Flyers on the credenza outside
the sanctuary or on our bulletin board.

RSVP by June 4 314-776-1410

April 2019 General Fund Summary

Receipts

Weekly Offering	8,693.15	
Grocery Cards	93.12	
Early Childhood Center	9,000.00	
Recycle Income	74.90	
Hall Rental	<u>225.00</u>	
Total		18,086.17

Expenses

Learning Ministry	242.85	
Financial Ministry	2,073.90	
Church Property Ministry	4,943.02	
Personnel	<u>10,792.11</u>	
Total		<u>18,051.88</u>

April Surplus	34.29
Previous Balance	<u>18,305.00</u>
April 30 Balance	18,339.29
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April Building Fund Summary

Beginning Balance	5,848.52
Building Fund Offering	839.50
Capital Improvement Fund	(417.00)
Loan Payments Rott Foundation	<u>(461.25)</u>
April Ending Balance	5,809.77
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April Foundation Repair Fund

Beginning Balance	237.00
Foundation Repair Fund Offering	<u>270.00</u>
Current Balance	507.00
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Remaining balance of Foundation Repair Loan from Continuity Fund	\$	7,387
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						June 1 10:00 Joint Choir Rehearsal & Reception Setup
2 AVON Fundraiser 3:00 Choir Concert & Reception	3 Graduate names due to Office 4:30 Spiritual Life Mtg 7:00 Church Council Meeting	4	5	6	7	8
9 Graduates Sunday Strengthen the Church Offering Collected AVON Fundraiser ends	10	11 1:00 Pastoral Relations Mtg	12 noon Lunch Bunch @ Rich & Charlies + Dessert at VA's 4:30 LOGOS Summer Session	13	14 Flag Day	15
16 Father's Day	17	18 Women's Fellowship Lunch @ Concord Grill & Movie tba	19 4:30 ECC Board Meeting-ConfRm	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 7:00 Quilt Guild-MPR	28	29
30 10:30 Book Club						