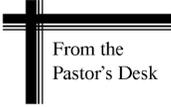


# The Crier

May 2019

St. Philip's United Church of Christ



## Prayer

One way to think about Prayer is as communication with God. You can sit quietly and think in words toward God anything you would say to a friend. You might have a request or concern, anything at all. Prayer can also go beyond words.

Once, when Jesus talked about prayer (right after listing ways not to pray) he gave us a sample prayer which contains elements like:

Think highly of God, give honor to God and God's name.

Pray for God's Way (Kingdom) to become more and more real, today, on earth.

Pray for what we need each day.

Pray for forgiveness for our sins, and for others who have wronged us.

Pray asking God to rescue us from trouble and keep us from being tempted.

(Matthew 6)

When Jesus finished this advice, before he went on to other subjects, he gave us a way to understand how much God loves us, so we would approach prayer with that in mind. Jesus said:

"[God] knows that you need all these things.... strive first for the kingdom of God and you'll be in the right, and then, all these things will be given to you as well.  
.... do not worry ..."

The bible also tells us that Paul, an early Christian leader, advised us to pray for everything with thanksgiving. (Philippians 4:6) I find that praying gratefully is very helpful in living a life of happiness. In his letters (which are now scripture) Paul often prayed for God's grace, peace, love, and faith among believers.

In my life, when prayer can be as non-judgemental as possible, it seems to have the most benefit. I've even concentrated on noticing and dismissing all thoughts that contain judgment. That exercise is humbling because it helps me notice that judgments compose an unhealthy portion of my thinking time (including in that last sentence).

I also find it helpful to pray simply. It even helps me to think of it as praying with the heart of a young child.

If you want, you might try an exercise I gave to the older Logos group last week:

Write one prayer sentence (or phrase) for each of the five bullet points in the second paragraph above.

However you pray - pray often.

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

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.

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## May 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!”*

Dori Hudson	1	Shirley Oldani	16
Olivia Stevenson	1	Carl Philips	17
Tom Kammerer	3	William Matthews, Jr	20
Curtis Kaiser	4	Jason Yung	21
Mike Shelton	5	Sue Bowles	23
George Brand, III	8	Sheannon Hladnick	26
Stacey Witte	9	Brandi Armistead	26
Lindsey Rawlings	11	Haylee Thibodeaux	27
Dorothy Vinyard	11	Sandy Stevenson	29
Kimberly Kelly	14	Kirk Tangeman	31
Pam Henson	15	Laura Brym	31

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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 Rehearsal moved back to

### 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! We are beginning to rehearse for the choir concert to be held here at St. Philip's on Sunday, June 2nd.

## 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



Sunday  
May 12

## UCC JOINT CHOIR CONCERT

SUNDAY, JUNE 2 3:00pm



Please join us for a joint choir 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 for a delightful hour-long concert, followed by a reception with light refreshments. The audience will also have a chance to join in singing. Please plan to attend this special event!

### Hola Senors y Senoras!

Please join the Lunch Bunch to celebrate



Cinco de Mayo on Ocho de Mayo (Wednesday, May 8th) at Casa de Sandy Stevenson. The Fiesta will begin at noon. All Amigos are welcome.

A signup sheet is on the bulletin board.



Gracias!

### Block Party Quilters

Our next meeting is on Thursday, May 30 at 7:00pm



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.

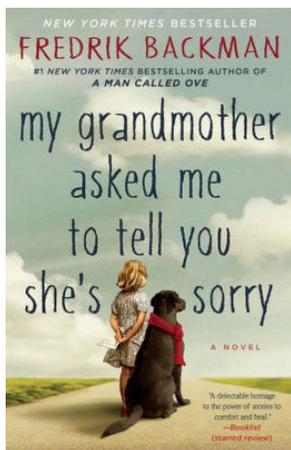
No matter what - we ALWAYS have a good time! So come and join us - we would love to have you! Contact Joan Hemingway at 314-849-8685 with any questions.

### BOOK CLUB



Our current selection, My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry, by Fredrik Backman, will be discussed after church on May 19.

Our next selection, Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly, inspired by the life of a World War II heroine, tells a story of love, redemption, and secrets hidden for decades. The book will be discussed on a Sunday near the end of June. Copies of the book are checked out from the County Library, and can be found in the church office.



Consider joining book club. We meet after church, enjoy a light potluck lunch, and always have a good time. Finishing the book is not a requirement, and there are no tests! For information call Barbara Barnes 314-843-4157.



During the worship service on Sunday, May 5, Darlene Sowell, Director of Unleashing Potential (formerly Neighborhood Houses) will present a "Mission Moment" about the agency's programming and projects.

## LENTEN OUTREACH PROJECT

Thanks so much for the wonderful response to our Lenten project - collecting kitchen utensils (111), towels/dishcloths/potholders (60), and cleaning supplies (25) for Lydia's House, a shelter for abused women and children.

The items will be used by families currently living in Lydia's House apartments, and will be offered to residents as they leave for independent living.



### OUR BASKETS OVERFLOWTH...

As usual, you were very generous and it was much appreciated by Lydia's House residents. Thank you so much!

## GOODIE BAGS

### FOR GATEWAY HOMELESS SHELTER

Outreach Ministry is sponsoring a project in honor of Mother's Day and Father's Day. We are collecting items to fill 20 small bags to be distributed at Gateway Homeless Shelter. The bags will be handed out at a workshop on May 18 titled "How to Strengthen Your Relationship With Your Children".



Since residents have little storage space, the types of items we are collecting is limited to: Coloring books, crayons, card games such as UNO or Old Maid, flash cards, sidewalk chalk, and soft balls such as nerf balls, or cloth balls usually used in pools.

We will be collecting these items thru May 12.

**A**fter 30 years of operation St. John's Community Service Ministry pantry is closing. On Sunday, May 5, during their church service, St. Peter's UCC will "decommission" the pantry and honor Jonniest Henry for her many years of faithful service.

St. Philip's has a long history of involvement with Jonniest, and we hope to honor her service. Jeannie Navratil and Barbara Barnes plan on attending the service to represent St. Philip's. If anyone else would like to attend, let us know.

We will have a card available for people to sign to let Jonniest know how much we appreciate her, and to wish her well.



# Easter Egg Hunt Update

It's no small feat putting on an egg hunt - a long-standing tradition here at St. Philip's, but thanks to the Learning Ministry Committee (formerly Christian Ed), the Easter Egg Hunt has been around for at least 50 years!

For the past 10 years Cindy Lewis has been the Easter Bunny's helper (egg-filler) with the help from her daughter, Jordan, and husband, Rodney. They start weeks beforehand preparing and filling the recycled plastic eggs.

On the evening before the hunt about a dozen helpers setup the MPR (thanks to the college kids, Andrea Tuken our Youth Director, and other volunteers), then they are back again early Saturday morning an hour before the 9:00am hunt to hide 1,200 eggs(!) for 4 age groups. 75 kids wipe the fields clean in about 10 minutes!

In each group there's a special "Golden Egg", so 1 lucky hunter gets a special prize. After the hunt, all are invited inside for attendance prizes, Jelly Bean Count Contest (thanks to April Schillinger for donating this every year!), bunny ears for the kids, crafts, games, and a photo-op with the Easter Bunny!

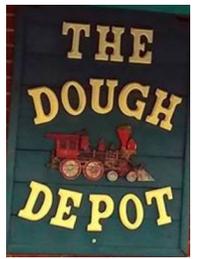
A lot of candy is needed to fill all those eggs, and a BIG THANK YOU goes out to the congregation of St. Philip's for their overwhelming generosity for donating all the candy! Thank you for helping make this event such a success!

Thanks to the parents and grandparents for bringing out the kids on such a beautiful morning. A great time was had by all.

And as always, our appreciation goes to Virginia Hladnick, chairman of the Learning Ministry Committee, for continuing the tradition!

## Women's Fellowship Tuesday, May 21st

All are welcome to join us for lunch at The Dough Depot, located at 216 Market Street in Kimmswick.



For those interested in carpooling, meet at church at 11:00am. We will eat at 11:30am if you wish to meet us at the restaurant.

A signup sheet is on the bulletin board. Please contact Sharon or Mary with 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 will be needing volunteers to help during the week. Volunteers ages high school on up are welcome and needed to fill many positions.

In particular, we are in need of a session leader for a small science project for 1 day (repeat the 20 minute session throughout the morning). Please let Virginia know if this is something you would be interested in.

Also, beginning on Friday, May 3, at 1:00pm, we will begin the annual workshop of making decorations at Virginia's.

Registration begins Tuesday, May 28.

### March 2019 General Fund Summary

#### Receipts

Weekly Offering	8,300.90	
Grocery Cards	77.75	
Early Childhood Center	9,000.00	
Trivia Night	3,457.00	
Hall Rental	<u>25.00</u>	
Total		20,860.65

#### Expenses

Spiritual Life Ministry	153.51	
Learning Ministry	251.52	
Outreach Ministry	100.00	
Financial Ministry	2,131.42	
Church Property Ministry	6,838.06	
Personnel	<u>11,108.49</u>	
Total		<u>20,583.00</u>

March Surplus	277.65
Previous Balance	<u>18,027.35</u>
March 31 Balance	18,305.00
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### March Building Fund Summary

Beginning Balance	6,175.02
Building Fund Offering	550.50
Capital Improvement Fund	(417.00)
Loan Payments Rott Foundation	<u>(460.00)</u>
March Ending Balance	5,848.52
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### March Foundation Repair Fund

Beginning Balance	973.00
Foundation Repair Fund Offering	564.00
Payment to Continuity Fund	<u>(1,300.00)</u>
Current Balance	237.00
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Remaining balance of Foundation

# May Calendar

## Wednesday, May 1

4:30p-6:30p LOGOS Picnic Night (MPR, Conference Room, Gathering Space)

## Thursday, May 2

2:00p Choir Rehearsal

6:30p Girl Scouts (Conference Room)

7:00-9:00p Finance Team Meeting (MPR)

## Sunday, May 5

9:30a Worship Service

## Monday, May 6

7:00p Church Council Meeting (Conference Room)

## Wednesday, May 8

noon Lunch Bunch at Casa de Sandy Stevenson

4:30p-6:30p LOGOS End of Year Celebration (MPR, Conference Room, Gathering Space)

## Thursday, May 9

2:00p Choir Rehearsal

## Sunday, May 12 - Mother's Day

9:30a Worship Service

## Wednesday, May 15

all day ECC St. Jude Trike-a-Thon (entire parking lot)

## Thursday, May 16

all day ECC St. Jude Trike-a-Thon (entire parking lot)

2:00p Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, May 17

4:00p - 10:00p ECC Drive-In Movie Night (Entire Building)

## Sunday, May 19

9:30a Worship Service and Samantha Tukin Baptism

10:30a Book Club

## Monday, May 20

4:30p ECC Board Meeting (Conference Room)

## Tuesday, May 21

11:30a Women's Fellowship meet at The Dough Depot-Kimmswick

## Wednesday, May 22

7:00p ECC PreSchool Reception (Entire Building)

## Thursday, May 23

2:00p Choir Rehearsal

7:00p ECC PreSchool Reception (Entire Building)

## Sunday, May 26

9:30a Worship Service

## Thursday, May 30

6:30p Choir Rehearsal

7:00p Quilt Guild

## Sunday, June 2

3:00p Joint Choir Concert

