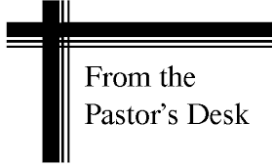


# The Crier

August 2019

St. Philip's United Church of Christ



From the  
Pastor's Desk

In the Bible, in his letter to the Galatians, the Apostle Paul names what he calls: spiritual gifts.

***"... the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."***

(Galatians 5:22-23a NIV)

How often do you think about the personal qualities God has given you? The list of spiritual gifts in Paul's letter to the Christians in Galatia is a helpful way to see a range of strengths you might have, but this list is certainly not an exhaustive one.

One value in taking a few minutes to think about these is that it can give permission during a busy season to focus on activities in areas you appreciate, enjoy and excel at.

Fruit is the fleshy part of a plant that grows around its seed. It helps the plant reproduce, providing nutrition during seed germination as it grows strong enough to do the work that plants do: drawing from earth and air, photo-synthesizing sunlight to store up needed elements for future.

Do you think of yourself in these terms? Do you organize elements to help or sustain family and friends and make the world a place more like God wants?

Consider meditating on the whole list of spiritual gift from this verse and then choose one from the list and ask for even more ability to use this quality to accomplish God's work in your life and in the world.

## Confirmation Class forming.

Young people of Confirmation Age or their families may contact the church office or speak to Pastor Mike to get on the list forming for a class to explore church, the bible, faith, service and more starting this fall and concluding around Easter 2020. We'll decide together how the class will be structured and how to have the most positive experience together.

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.

## **August Birthdays**



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

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!”*

Jackie Thurmond	1
Ken Holdener	1
Terri Karcher	2
Leetah Nickel	8
Peggi Werner	11
Chris Armistead	15
Megan Comstock	16
Tammy Knoll	18
Hilda Leonard	19
Connie Caldwell	22
Wally Knoll	28
Harry Headley	30
Joe Williams	30
Judy York	31

Contact the Pastor



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Rev. Douglas Anders

Roger Decker

Robert Franklin

Dorothea Holdener

Pam Kelly

David Knoll

Bud Leonard

Brian Malin

Ben Metz

Marilyn Milne

Alice Noland

Janet Remmers

Dottie Vinyard

Paula Williams

Debby Wodicker

Brian Womack

Gary York



## Choir Rehearsals

### Resume August 22

### 6:00pm (tentative time)

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



## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

The first Habitat For Humanity workday for the "Fall" build will be Saturday, August 3rd. No one specific church is responsible for providing the volunteers for that day.

If you are interested in volunteering for the full day (7:45am - 3:30pm-ish) please contact Terri Karcher (842-8739 or fourkarch@att.net) as soon as possible.

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL BACKPACK SALE Before Worship on August 4

The shopping is done for you! No crowds or long lines! Women's Fellowship purchased just the right amount of school supplies and backpacks needed for their annual outreach project benefiting Evangelical Children's Home.



Hopefully we can count on you to help on this project. With your contribution, you can purchase a backpack or as many of the contents to go in the backpacks.

Your generosity is always appreciated!

## VBS Update

There was an average of 74 boys & girls each day which included 14 community children. A BIG thank you to the MANY volunteers, and especially to Virginia for leading the effort to provide a great experience for all! We are grateful for all of your time and energy and talents!

Photographer & Cleanup	Office Staff	Our MC & Virginia's Right Hands
Games Organizers	Workshop/Prep Ladies	Storytime Leader and Actors
The Puppeteer	Session Leaders	Saturday Setup Folks
College & Youth Helpers	Group Leaders	Craft Session Leaders
Music Leader	Science Time Leaders	Snack Ladies
Setup & Take-down Guys from ECC		Behind the scenes Stage Crew



## LOGOS UPDATE



LOGOS will resume on September 25, and will meet most Wednesday evenings during the school year.

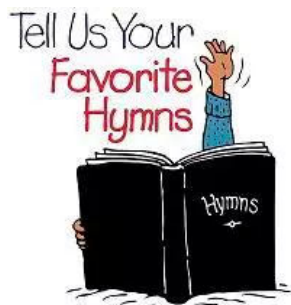
LOGOS is an afternoon program for school age children which includes recreation, crafts, music, a bible story and a family meal. The program has grown over the past two years, and typically included about 10 children for the programming. Parents, younger siblings and Church members are invited to join in for the family meal, with attendance averaging 35-40 people.

We hope to build on the success of the last two years. Please consider joining in! There are many opportunities for involvement to help in the kitchen, and with the programming. You can attend once in a while, or every week. We also are happy to have any church members or friends join us for the family meal and fellowship.

For additional information talk to Andrea Tukin or Pastor Mike.

## Hymn Sing Sunday Sunday, August 11 During Worship

Have a favorite hymn? Jot down the number from our hymnal so you'll be ready for Hymn Sing Sunday on Sunday, August 11.



We will have a special part of the service where the congregation can choose favorite hymns and the amazing Mike Orzel will play them for us!

Come prepared with some hymn numbers or be ready to flip through the hymnal to find a song you would like to sing. Either way - - musical fun!

## Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday, August 18 9:30a During Worship

Kids of all ages will soon be heading back to school and it's time for a special blessing.



We are inviting all children to bring their school backpacks with them on Sunday, August 18, 2019 for a special back to school blessing.

Pastor Mike will call all the children forward (with their backpacks) for this special blessing. He will bless the children as they begin a new school year as well as their backpacks which carry the tools they need to learn.

If you would like your backpack blessed, but cannot make it to church that Sunday, please send a photo to the church office at [admin@stphilipsucc.com](mailto:admin@stphilipsucc.com). We are inviting our Early Childhood Center children to come join us for this special back to school blessing too.

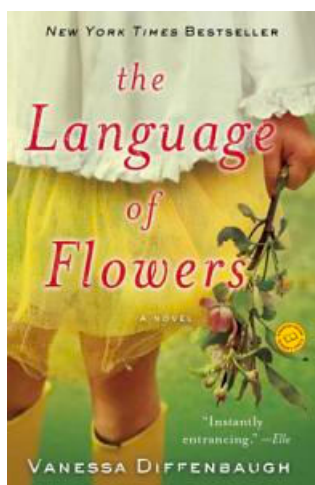
## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday, August 6 10:00am

We will meet in the Conference Room to pack the backpacks from our annual backpack sale, followed by lunch, restaurant to be determined.

Please see the orange Signup sheet.

## BOOK CLUB NEWS



We will discuss Into the Water on August 4 after church. As usual we will share a light pot luck lunch. You do not have to have read the book to attend! And, Men are welcome!

Our next selection is The Language of Flowers, by Vanessa Diffenback. This tale of love, strength, and survival tells the story of Victoria, who by age 18, has lived in many foster homes.

Consider joining us! We have a good time, with lots of great conversation. For more information, talk to Barbara Barnes.

## Savers FUNdrive Update

Savers is a re-sale shop located across from the former Crestwood Mall. They pay charitable organizations for donations of clothing, shoes, linens, books magazines and household items.

The program is essentially a way to raise funds by having a "rummage sale" without all of the work!

The items need to be delivered all at the same time, so that they can be weighed to determine how much the church will be paid.

The Savers organization has many goals including: providing employment, providing quality goods at low cost, encouraging recycling, and decreasing the volume of discarded items that go into landfills. Items not sold at their stores are donated to local charities, sent overseas to needy individuals, or recycled.

We hope to organize a drive to collect items in the Fall. Stay tuned for details.

Barbara Barnes



### MEMBER ORIENTATION SESSION

Several people have expressed interest in becoming members. A Member Orientation Session will be held after worship one Sunday soon to answer your questions.

Attending this session will qualify you, but not obligate you, to join. Signup by giving your name to Pastor Mike.

As always, whether you are a member or not, we are happy for you to be here. Membership is not required. Church activities are open to members and non-members.

#### Block Party Quilters

Our next meeting is  
Thursday, August 22  
7:00pm in the MPR

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.

If you would like to receive our monthly newsletter via email, contact Joan Hemingway at 314-849-8685.



**June 2019 General Fund Summary**

**Receipts**

Weekly Offering	10,070.80	
Grocery Cards	93.19	
Early Childhood Center	9,000.00	
Avon sales	419.97	
Hall Rental	<u>125.00</u>	
Total		19,708.96

**Expenses**

Learning Ministry	36.25	
Outreach Ministry	100.00	
Financial Ministry	2,603.96	
Church Property Ministry	5,995.49	
Personnel	<u>10,969.39</u>	
Total		<u>19,705.09</u>

June Surplus	3.87
Previous Balance	<u>18,452.06</u>
June 30 Balance	18,455.93
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**June Building Fund Summary**

Beginning Balance	5,565.27
Building Fund Offering	888.00
Capital Improvement Fund	(417.00)
Loan Payments Rott Foundation	<u>(460.00)</u>
June Ending Balance	5,576.27
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**June Foundation Repair Fund**

Beginning Balance	507.00
Foundation Repair Fund Offering	<u>267.00</u>
Current Balance	774.00
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Remaining balance of Foundation		
Repair Loan from Continuity Fund	\$	6,881.00

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AUGUST						
4 <b>Before Worship</b> Women's Fellowship Backpack Sale <b>10:30a</b> Book Club	5 <b>7:00p</b> Church Council	6 <b>10:00</b> Women's Fellowship Backpack Assembly	7	8	9	10
11 <b>9:30</b> Hymn Sing Sunday	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 <b>9:30a</b> Blessing of the Backpacks	19	20	21 <b>4:30</b> ECC Board Meeting	22 <b>6:00p</b> Choir Rehearsal <b>7:00p</b> Quilt Guild Meeting	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 <b>6:00p</b> Choir Rehearsal	30	31