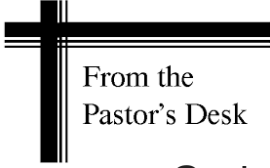


The Crier

October 2019

St. Philip's United Church of Christ



From the
Pastor's Desk

The inspiring reminder to refrain from pronouncing the name of God came during a talk I attended recently by environmental hero Rabbi Arthur Waskow. When Moses asked for God's name, God's answer did not

[Moses said: 'God, if ...] **"...they ask me, 'What is [your] name?' Then what shall I tell them?"**

God said to Moses, "I am who I am. ... [tell them] 'I am has sent me to you.'" *-Exodus 3: 13-14*

include vowels or any way of pronouncing. Perhaps it sounded like the wind. The answer instead, gave Moses a way of speaking of God that goes beyond name. It has been translated **"I Am"** but seems not to have a verb tense and therefore we might also hear messages like: **"Because God is, we are."** **"Because God creates, we live."** **"Because God sustains, we breathe."** **"Because I am, you are."**

More ways to understand this might include: **"If we want to see God, look at your neighbor, look at your world, look into yourself. If you want to love God, love them."** **"If you want to be a part of the Kingdom, get on board with living in God's mystery."**

We might also conclude that we are called to trust God rather than figure God out. This way of trusting God could equip us for the work we are called to.

Let us always remember that God is with us, and our world. That changes everything!

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.

October Birthdays



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

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!"

Roger Decker	2	Andrea Tukin	19
Chuck Knoll	6	Philip Shelton	19
Linda Kammerer	9	Sharon Jackman	20
Richelle Fischer	9	Linda Boucher	22
Harry Jennings	12	Bruce Eason	25
Claire Vogt	12	Susan Cochran	25
Samuel Vogt	12	Jamie Kotthoff	26
Curtis Kaiser Jr.	14	Patrick Moran	29
Doug Stevenson	17	Pam Kelly	29
Betty Moore	17		

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

Gary York



Choir Rehearsals

10:35am After 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

LARGE PRINT CHURCH DIRECTORY NOW AVAILABLE

If you would like a large print name and address church directory, please see the bin on the credenza before entering the Sanctuary.





Festival of Sharing

We are again participating in Festival of Sharing, and Outreach Ministry requests contributions of:

- Adult toothbrushes (sealed individually or in two packs)
- Children's toothbrushes (sealed individually, or in 2, 3 or 4 packs)
***We ESPECIALLY need these because each kit asks for 4 children's toothbrushes
- Regular size toothpaste, not travel size (any kind)
- Dental floss

Items will be collected thru October 13, and will be distributed to needy individuals at Missouri schools and social agencies. See the basket in the Gathering Space.

Thank you to those who have already generously donated!

LOGOS!!!

Our Fall Session has started! LOGOS is a free after school program for school age children, which includes: Recreation, Music and Crafts, a Bible Story and a Family Meal. Members and friends of St. Philip's, ECC children and families, and children and parents and grandparents from the community are enthusiastically invited to attend, all, or part of the program.



We welcome adult members and friends of St. Philip's to help with set up and meal preparation, and clean up. We also invite and welcome those who feel unable to help but would like to attend for the meal and fellowship.

Consider joining us on most Wednesdays. The program starts at 4:30, and dinner is served at 5:45. We finish with the "Good Bye LOGOS song at 6:30. For additional information talk to Andrea Tukin 314-566-8633.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED SPECIAL OFFERING - OCTOBER 6, 2019

Neighbors in Need is the UCC's annual offering to support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the U.S.,



including the Council for American Indians Ministries, justice and advocacy efforts, and direct service projects funded by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries.

Envelopes will be available on the credenza outside the Sanctuary and collected on Sunday, October 6.

Thank you for your participation.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

A new Women's Bible Study will begin on Friday, October 18, 2019 at 9:00am. This is a six week series that will run through Friday, November 22. The name of the Bible Study is **Chocolate Boutique** and it's all about God's sweet grace. Each week we'll explore a different aspect of God's grace and how it applies to your life.

Whether this is a first time Bible Study for you or you've participated in many, we welcome you to join us to learn more about God's sweet grace. Just bring along your bible and we'll be ready to go!

And yes – each week will involve chocolate of some sort! And, Bob Kammerer has happily agreed to do some baking for us! So mark your calendars for Friday, October 18. We'll meet in the church Conference Room. Linda Kammerer and Sandy Stevenson will be leading this Bible Study. See Sandy to sign up! (or call the church office and leave a message with Carol).



Sunday, October 20, 2019

Bring your pets to worship with you on Sunday, October 20. We'll meet in the MPR at 9:30am for our regularly scheduled Worship Breakfast, which is the third Sunday of the month, but this time there will be a little dish of doggy treats on the tables as well as human food!

Bring your pets right into the MPR with you and there will be a special blessing for them during the service. Our plan is to keep the MPR doors open to the outside, in case you need to step outside with your pet.

Please have your dog(s) on a leash. See you then!

THANK YOU!

We want to thank all of our church friends for generously supporting us in our Walk to End Alzheimer's. Our family brought in \$2,275.00 for the Alzheimer's Association!

Thank you all for your yearly support. We gratefully appreciate all of your donations and hope that soon this disease will cease to exist.

Linda and Bob Kammerer

Block Party Quilters
Our next meeting is
Thursday, October 24 7:00pm

To become a member of the guild, 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.



Contact Joan Hemingway if you have any questions.

VENDOR & CRAFT FAIR

Friday
November 1
3:00-7:00pm

Mark your calendar! Following is a partial list of items that will be for sale at the Vendor and Craft Fair, which runs at the same time as the Spaghetti Dinner:

Avon	Magnabilities
Candy for a Cause	Mary Kay
Discovery Toys	Paparazzi
Hand-made Items	Scentsy
Jordon Essentials	Tupperware

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

10:00am

Come join St. Philips Women's Fellowship in the church Gathering Space for an exciting program on Butterflies.



Pat Siewing, Sandy Stevenson, and Donna Philips are the Powder Valley volunteers leading the program.

The program explores the characteristics and benefits of butterflies; we will learn about butterfly migration and life-cycle; and will look at Pat's butterfly collection. There will be a powerpoint to accompany the talk and also a craft.

After the program the group will go to lunch at Cafe Provencal located at 427 S. Kirkwood Road in Kirkwood.

Please RSVP to Jan Freese, Merle Schuette, or Shirley Oldani or see the gold signup sheet on the bulletin board. All are welcome.

LUNCH BUNCH

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

Noon

Lunch Bunch is planning a SPOOKtacular time! We will gather at church in the Gathering Space at noon for lunch and a BEWITCHing game.



Please sign up on the bulletin board for a BOOtiful goodie to bring. Everyone is welcome.

Contact Leona or Mary if you have any questions.

Shower Saint Louis With Love

Isaiah 58 Ministries is holding a fundraiser at Nadine's in Soulard to raise funds for our shower project. With your help we have proudly reached our goal of raising the \$10,000 for the renovation project.

However, there are additional expenses required in order to provide a warm shower for ANYONE who needs one. Isaiah 58 Ministries is seeking to raise funds for the purchase of a washer and dryer, towels and wash cloths, hygiene products, and other items for patrons who will be utilizing our shower service.

Our Shower Saint Louis With Love event will take place on Sunday, October 6th from 1pm to 7pm at Nadine's in Soulard.

Nadine's will be offering food and drink specials throughout the event and Isaiah 58 Ministries will be holding a silent auction with many incredible items to bid on and 50/50 raffles.

<https://i58ministries.org/shower-saint-louis-with-love/>

Please join as we strive to provide an inviting place for our homeless neighbors and those less fortunate to receive a nice clean shower.

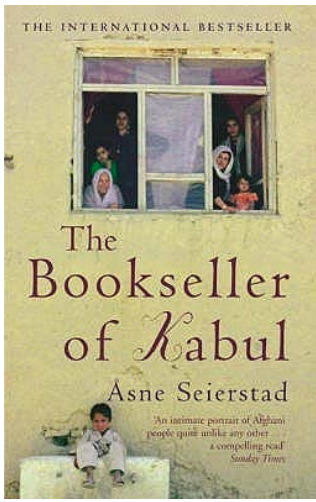


TRUNK or treat

TRICK OR TREATING @ 6:00 PM

12 | **BUBBLE BUS 6:30 - 7:30**

OCTOBER | PARENTS WITH DECORATED CARS PLEASE ARRIVE BETWEEN 5:30- 6:00



We will discuss The Bookseller of Kabul on October 13.

Our next selection Angels Walking by Karen Kingsbury, is an award winning novel about four friends and the divine intervention that changes their lives forever.

We welcome all to Book Club meetings, even those who have not read the book. We meet after church, share a light potluck lunch, and always have a good time. Consider joining us!

Barbara Barnes



Visit me in my new office!

Just so you know - I have moved!

My new office is to the left of what many of you know as the old Cry Room - towards the front of the building.

Stop in anytime (9:00-2:00) - my door is always open - but if it isn't, come in anyway!

Ministry Team mailboxes have not moved - they are in their old location.

Thank you,
Carol O'Shea
Administrative

\$3 children 4-12

\$7 12 & up

3 & under FREE

Visit our Vendor & Craft Fair too!

Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, November 1st 3pm-7pm

Dinner Includes : Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, applesauce (child) or salad (adult), a piece of fresh baked bread, one drink, and one dessert

St. Philips UCC
10708 Lavinia Drive

A Thank You from Brian & Haylee (Thibodeaux) Womack

In case you missed our announcement from Sheryl Treaster a few weeks ago... Thank you for all of your prayers for Brian since January. We are delighted to share that after his initial surgery, 9 weeks of chemotherapy, and a major surgery in June - Brian is CANCER FREE. In fact, we were able to make that surprise announcement at our wedding reception in July!

Just a note, if you would like to see that special moment, our wedding video can be found online at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e_ZJiPuvPSo

Thank you, again for your prayers and support!

Brian & Haylee Womack
8627 Glenmont Court
St Louis, MO 63123

Savers FUNdrive

We will be collecting gently used clothing, shoes, belts, purses, linens, household items, Christmas decorations, books and magazines between Sunday November 17 and Saturday November 23.



Items should be packaged as followed: Clothing, shoes, belts, purses, linens, pillows, draperies, and other "soft" items should be in large trash bags. Household items should be in boxes. Books and magazines should also be in boxes, but separate from the household items. These categories of items are paid at different rates, so we need to package them as described.

On Sunday November 17, the service will be in the MPR, and items brought that day and up until Saturday November 23 can be stored in the choir loft. (This has been approved by Mike Orzel)

There will be a truck in the parking lot, on Saturday, November 23 from 10:00am until 1:00pm, and any items brought at that time can be put directly into the truck. Delivery to the SAVERS store in Crestwood is scheduled for 2:00pm that day (Saturday November 23). We are looking for a few volunteers to help unload the truck at 2:00pm.

SAVERS accepts all magazines except National Geographic, and asks that we not donate Library Books (who would do that??). SAVERS is a resale shop, and the closest location is across from the former Crestwood Mall. They pay charitable organizations by the pound for donations. Items are then sold at their store, donated to local charities, or sent overseas to charities.

SAVERS is an ecologically responsible organization, and only a very small proportion of items donated go in a land fill. While we do not expect this program to be a huge fund raiser, some funds for St. Philip's will be generated, with minimal effort, and It will provide a means for us to donate unused items, and prevent them from going into a land fill. Receipts for documentation of charitable giving are available. This should be an inspiration to clean out those closets, and provide funds for St. Philip's, that is a lot easier than a Rummage Sale!

For additional information talk to Pam Henson or Barbara Barnes.

August 2019 General Fund Summary

Receipts

Weekly Offering	9,054.35	
Grocery Cards	39.81	
Early Childhood Center	9,000.00	
Vendor Night deposit	60.00	
Hall Rental	<u>150.00</u>	
Total		18,304.16

Expenses

Spiritual Life Ministry	230.00	
Learning Ministry	54.00	
Financial Ministry	2,766.77	
Church Property Ministry	6,507.86	
Personnel	<u>10,814.71</u>	
Total		<u>20,373.34</u>

August Deficit	(2,069.18)
Previous Balance	<u>15,295.15</u>
August 31 Balance	13,225.97 =====

August Building Fund Summary

Beginning Balance	5,219.51
Building Fund Offering	969.00
Capital Improvement Fund	(417.00)
Loan Payments Rott Foundation	<u>(460.00)</u>
August Ending Balance	5,311.51 =====

August Foundation Repair Fund

Beginning Balance	33.00
Foundation Repair Fund Offering	<u>256.00</u>
Current Balance	289.00 =====

Remaining balance of Foundation Repair Loan from Continuity Fund	\$ 5,881.00
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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