

# The Crier

January 2020

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

## Solutions

From the  
Pastor's Desk

People often seek real help for what they are going through in their lives. Sometimes we find it helpful to hear, not only what works for a particular problem, but why, and how to find out, so we can use the same strategy for another circumstance, when a new problem comes along.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus told us ...

***“Believe me [ or ] if you can’t ..., believe what you see - these works. The person who trusts me will not only do what I’m doing but even greater things, because I ... am giving you the same work to do that I’ve been doing. You can count on it.”***

(The Message translation)

One excellent strategy comes from a website called: “**Solutions Journalism**”. It investigates and explains, in a critical and clear-eyed way, examples of people working toward solutions. It focuses not just on what may be working, but how and why it appears to be working, or alternatively, why it may be stumbling. Using the best available evidence, it delves deep into the how-to’s of problem solving, ... investigat[ing] questions like: What models are having success? ... How do they actually work? What are they doing differently than others that’s resulting in a better outcome?

In these days of competing information sources, we need a positive source for trustworthy truth. I strive to speak only reliable information and to choose, as best I can, sources that do so as well.

The solutions website names several steps they take:

- +Focus on a response to a problem and how the response works.
- +Focus on effectiveness (not just good intentions)
- +Presents evidence of results
- +Discuss the limitations of the approach
- +Seeks to provide insight that others can use
- +Draws on sources with direct understanding of the relevant issues

Perhaps we can all use similar strategies. I hope this will help.

Pastor Mike



# 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.

## January Birthdays

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

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!"*

Joel Knoll	1	Hannah Schillinger	17
Charles Zikes	2	Robin Knoll	17
Walter Knoll	3	Jeff Stevenson	18
John Mikusch	3	Jane Eason	19
Nancy Lamprich	4	Dan Kammerer	22
Carl Schillinger	4	Jeremy Decker	22
Libby Coleman	6	Marilyn Eason	23
Caylie Jean Armistead	7	Nick Harvey	24
Emily Coleman	8	Lois Decker	28
Gary York	8	Beth Hickman	29
Paula Williams	9	Joyce Brand	31
Andrew Knoll	12		



Contact the Pastor



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The Decker Family

Paul Harvey

Russ Hickman

The Holdener Family

Harry Jennings

Pam Kelly

Bud Leonard

Brian Malin

Ben Metz

Marilyn Milne

Alice Noland

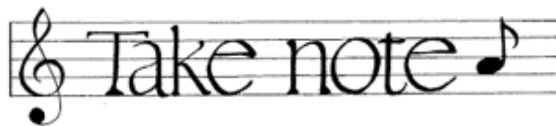
Janet Remmers

Dottie Vinyard

Paula Williams

Debby Wodicker

Gary York



## Choir Rehearsals

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! Contact Mike Orzel, our Music Director, for more information.

## LITURGISTS

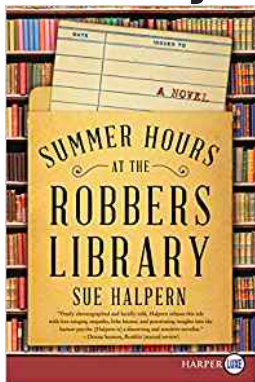
The liturgist reads the scriptures during worship. We will provide the reader with the scriptures via email or USPS mail several days prior to the service allowing you time to become comfortable in reading to the congregation. If you are interested in serving as a liturgist, please let Tammy, the Office, or Pastor know and indicate the method of receiving the readings.



Thank you for your consideration,  
Tammy Knoll



Sunday,  
January 5



we will discuss  
Summer Hours at  
Robbers Library

Our next selection, In Such Good Company is a memoir by Carol Burnett, in which she shares behind the scenes stories about her eleven years on the Carol Burnett Show. We enjoyed reading an earlier autobiography by Carol, and I am sure we will enjoy her new book. Copies will be available on January 5 at the meeting, and then in the blue bag in the church office.



Consider joining us to read this book. We meet after church for about one hour, share a light pot luck lunch, and always have a good time. For information talk to Barbara Barnes 314-843-4157.

**2020 Offering Envelopes** are available for you to pick-up in the Gathering Space. If you would like envelopes and did not receive a set, please contact Kathy Shelton at [kathyshelton@swbell.net](mailto:kathyshelton@swbell.net) or 314-843-4223 and she will make sure you receive a pack of envelopes.



## LOGOS UPDATE



LOGOS will resume on February 5, 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.



**Mark your calendars!!!**

**Mark your friends' calendars!!!**

St. Philip's 29th Annual Trivia Night is coming.....

**Friday, March 13th**

and

**Saturday March 14th**

Again this year we will have questions by Dave Burton 'The St. Louis Trivia Guy'.

So.....start making plans to get your table of 8 together for a fun filled evening!! More information coming in February!

**Women's Fellowship  
Planning Meeting  
Tuesday, January 21  
10:30am  
Conference Room**

Please attend our annual meeting to plan monthly events for 2020. Bring ideas and suggestions for things to do. Place for lunch will be announced later.



In case of bad weather, we will meet on Tuesday, February 18.

For more information contact Jan Freese or Virginia Hladnick.

### **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  
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A lovely Thank You Note from Every Child's Hope (previously Evangelican

Children's Home), is posted on the bulletin board. Thanks to all of you for your contributions of scarves, hats, mittens, gloves, and gifts for the ECH Store. Items were picked up on December 16 for availability prior to Christmas.

The Store is open year round, and remaining items will go to ECH after the holidays, for distribution throughout the year.

Thanks again!  
Outreach Ministry

## CONSIDER JOINING OUR ALTAR COMMITTEE TEAM



We are looking for a few more Altar Committee members. You can volunteer for 1 or 2 months out of the year or as a helper. It usually takes approximately 30-45 minutes a week or less. Tasks consist of getting the sanctuary ready for our Sunday worship service which includes:

- Changing the banner and paraments
- Replacing candles
- Checking pew supplies

For more information, please contact Patty Siewing at 314-974-4498.

## LUNCH BUNCH will return in FEBRUARY

### Unwanted Holiday Greeting Cards

If you do not wish to keep or recycle your holiday or other greeting cards, please drop them off in the Church office anytime throughout the year. They will be repurposed and used for craft projects. Thank you!



### Bottle Caps & Container Lids Ongoing Collection

Remember your clean plastic caps and lids from many containers will be collected and recycled by an organization that makes park benches.

We will collect these items at least through the end of the year. You can



find the bin in the Gathering Space to drop off your items. See the flyer by the collection bin for details.

## November 2019 General Fund Summary

### Receipts

Weekly Offering	11,478.80	
Grocery Cards	61.49	
Early Childhood Center	9,000.00	
Vendor Night	461.00	
Hall Rental	<u>550.00</u>	
Total		21,551.29

### Expenses

Spiritual Life Ministry	71.40	
Financial Ministry	1,750.09	
Church Property Ministry	5,603.24	
Personnel	<u>11,199.14</u>	
Total		<u>18,623.87</u>

November Surplus	2,927.42
Previous Balance	<u>8,899.53</u>
November 30 Balance	11,826.95
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## November Building Fund Summary

Beginning Balance	4,958.05
Building Fund Offering	843.00
Capital Improvement Fund	(417.00)
Loan Payments Rott Foundation	<u>(460.00)</u>
June Ending Balance	4,924.05
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## November Foundation Repair Fund

Beginning Balance	788.00
Repayment to Continuity Fund	(1,000.00)
Foundation Repair Fund Offering	<u>218.00</u>
Current Balance	6.00
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Remaining balance of Foundation		
Repair Loan from Continuity Fund	\$	4,918.00

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JANUARY			1	2	3	4
5 10:30 Book Club 10:30 Un-Deck the Halls	6 7:00 Church Council Meeting	7	8	9	10	11 Entire Building - Maintenance
12 10:30 Confirmation	13 4:30 Spiritual Life Meeting	14	15	16	17	18 noon Celebration of Roger Decker's Life
19 10:30 Confirmation	20 4:30 ECC Board Meeting	21 10:30 Women's Fellowship Planning Mitg	22	23	24	25
26 10:30 Confirmation	27	28	29	30	31	