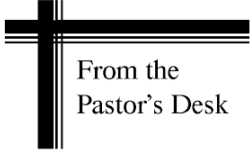




# The Crier

March 2020

St. Philip's United Church of Christ



From the  
Pastor's Desk

Two Baptisms on March 29! And a tour of a mission partner!

Jesus told his disciples to

**“...go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey”**

Matthew 28:19-20

The sacrament of Baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of God. The water we use marks the persons' entry into the care of the church. It is a sign of their participation in God's forgiveness and a sign of their growth into full Christian faith and fellowship.

Many of us were baptized as infants or children, sprinkled in the Font in front of the congregation our Parents chose. At Confirmation, we made the choice for ourselves.

Others, who have not been baptized, make the choice when they are ready.

Gwen Swanson and Lilley Swanson are sisters who are finishing their confirmation process here at St. Philip's United Church, have prayed about and studied baptism and have requested to be baptized. As pastor I explained their options to be baptized by sprinkling, pouring, or immersion and they have chosen immersion! There are still several weeks for them to consider if this is the right choice for them.

Compton Heights Christian Church of St. Louis and their pastor Rev. Dr. Jacquelyn Foster have consented to allow us to use their Baptismal Pool and sanctuary for this, if chosen. It will be a worship service of St. Philip's Church, held in CHCC's facility at 2149 S. Grand Avenue on Sunday, March 29th at 12:15pm. I hope St. Philip's members will support our confirmands by attending this wonderful event.

It also may be a moment for us all to reconsider our own commitment to the ways of Jesus and recommit to the Christian life.

## **Mission Partner: Isaiah 58 Ministries**

The same building (Compton Heights Christian Church) which will host the above described Baptisms, also houses Isaiah 58 Ministries. In Jesus' name, and ours, this organization is a food pantry and supplies resources, referrals, and support in several forms for needy people in that neighborhood.

After the Baptisms, we will tour the facility and learn more and meet some volunteers and staff.

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.

## **March Birthdays**



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

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!"*

Mary Ann Krewson	1	Jason Karcher	21
Pam Tangeman	1	Ava Kaiser	25
Karen Moran	2	Ellie Blum	26
Pam Schiele Stang	4	Clara Hornung	26
Joyce Thuston	5	Meghan Mikusch	27
Dawn Knoll	11	Elaine Kimker	28
David Schiele	12	Kali Hladnick	29
Scott Karcher	14	Shirley Nottelmann	29
Frances Kalbfleish	15	Bob Kammerer	30

Contact the Pastor



Feel free to call Pastor Mike anytime:

Cell (618) 789-2203

Office (314) 843-5100

or email

[pastormike@stphilipsucc.com](mailto:pastormike@stphilipsucc.com)



## 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.



Mary Dykstra

Paul Harvey

Russ Hickman

Virginia Hladnick

Harry Jennings

Pam Kelly

Marilyn Lanning

Bob Leber

Bud Leonard

Brian Malin

Ben Metz

Marilyn Milne

Alice Noland

Janet Remmers

Dottie Vinyard

Paula Williams

The Wodicker Family

The York Family

## 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



Daylight Saving time

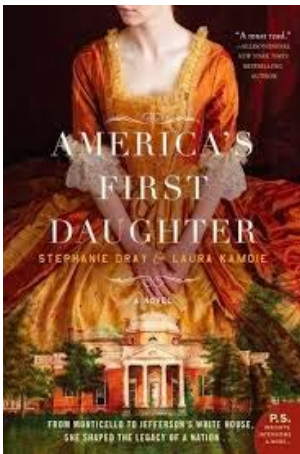
will begin at

2:00am on

Sunday, March 8

Set clocks ahead 1 hour  
before you go to bed

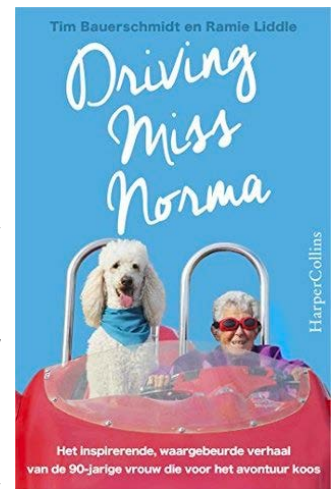
On Sunday,  
March 22, we  
will discuss  
**AMERICA'S  
FIRST  
DAUGHTER**



We are currently reading America's First Daughter by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamole, with discussion scheduled for March 22.

Our next selection Driving Miss Norma, by Tim Bauerschmidt, is described as "One family's journey saying 'Yes' to Living". It is the story of 90 year old Miss Norma, who decides to "hit the road", has conversations and experiences she's only dreamed of, and bonds with others in a way she did not think possible.

The book can be picked up at Book Club, or after March 22 in the church office. Consider joining us to read this book. We meet after church, share a light pot luck lunch and are usually finished by noon. For information talk to Barbara Barnes at 314-843-4157.



**Dear St. Philip's Family,**

Thank you so much for your visits, phone calls, cards, transportation, warmest thoughts, and heartfelt prayers. I began 2020 in the hospital and am thrilled to report that my recovery has been slow but complete.

I appreciate you supporting me throughout the past weeks. I cherish your friendship and am so blessed to have all of you in my life.

With gratitude and love,  
Mary Dykstra

- Thank you to everyone for all the love, prayers, flowers, cards, and kind words over this past year.
- Our St. Philip's family is the Best!
- Love you all,
- The York and Schubert Families

## **Beds and Mattresses Needed for Homeless Shelter**

I have been a volunteer at Gateway Homeless Shelter for fourteen years.

When families leave the shelter for permanent housing, they need basic furniture, especially single, double, and queen beds, mattresses, dressers, kitchen tables and chairs.

If you would like to donate any of these items, let me know, and I will put you in touch with Gateway Staff to arrange pickup.

Barbara Barnes  
314-843-4157

**HAPPY  
ST. PATRICK'S  
DAY!  
MARCH 17**

Thanks for all the sympathy cards, donations to the memorial fund in Roger's name, and Pastor, Mike Orzel, and Dave Schiele who did the service.

Thanks to everyone who helped to make the "Celebration of Life" on 1/18/20 a very special day. Tables put up, food ordered & picked up by the Sheltons, helpers in the kitchen - Joan Hemingway, Joyce Thuston, Bob & Linda Kammerer, and Clara Hornung.

It took many hands to make the day very memorable for our family including our parking attendant "George".

Thanks to the Knoll's for the fantastic display of flowers. Flowers were an important part of Roger's life.

Thanks,  
Lois Decker



And the King will reply: 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me". Matthew 25:40.

There are hungry people right here in our neighborhood, and our Lenten project will benefit Feed My People. We will collect food items March 1, 8, 15, and 22. All kinds of canned goods and shelf-stable food items are accepted.

There is a particular need for canned meat and tuna, low sugar and salt-free canned vegetables, and items that can be ready to eat without additional ingredients, such as Macaroni and Cheese, canned soups and stews.

Please place the items in the raised platform at the front of the church on either the Right Side or the Left Side.

## LOGOS UPDATE



LOGOS will resume on March 4, 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.

Upcoming March themes (Note: no session on March 18 due to Spring Break):

- |    |                    |                         |
|----|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 4  | Friendship Party   | Bring a friend to LOGOS |
| 11 | St. Patrick's Day  | Wear Green!             |
| 25 | Spring Has Sprung! |                         |

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.

News  
from  
the



Lunch Bunch will meet at Maggie O'Brien's located at 3828 S. Lindbergh at **noon on Wednesday, March 11.**

Come and celebrate St. Pat's Day. Please see the green sign up sheet on the bulletin board or call Lois Decker 314-843-0183.

Southside UCC  
Collaborative



Sunday, April 12  
6:30am

St. Paul Churchyard  
7600 S. Rock Hill Road  
St. Louis 63123

### Holy Week Schedule Preview

More information to follow in the April issue of *The Crier*.

A P R I L	5	9:30a	Palm Sunday Worship
	11	9:00a	Easter Egg Hunt
	12	8:00a	Easter Breakfast
	12	9:30a	Easter Sunday Worship



Women's Fellowship  
Lunch & Cards  
at Miss Sheri's



Women's Fellowship will meet on **Tuesday, March 10 at 11:00am** at Miss Sheri's on South Lindbergh for Lunch & Cards. Please see the yellow sign up sheet on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please contact Dolores Zikes.

### Spring Congregational Meeting April 26, 2020 after Worship

As a reminder, annual reports are due Tuesday, March 31 from all ministry teams and boards.

Copies of the complete Annual report will be available on Sunday, April 12 for the congregation to review prior to the annual meeting.



**CHANGE YOUR  
CLOCKS &  
SMOKE DETECTOR  
BATTERIES**

Daylight Saving  
time begins  
2:00am Sunday  
**March 8**

## Easter Flowers



Let's help beautify the sanctuary with spring flowers for Easter. Easter Lilies, Mums, Hydrangeas, and Tulips are available.

The spring flowers will decorate the sanctuary from Good Friday thru Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. You may take your plants home after the Easter Sunday service.

Make check payable to 'Walter Knoll Florist'

Name \_\_\_\_\_

_____	Easter Lilies 6" (5+ blooms)	\$ 9.99
_____	Mums 6"	\$ 9.99
_____	Hydrangeas 6"	\$19.99
_____	Tulips 6"	\$ 7.99

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

You can drop your order form and payment in the offering plate or give to Carol O'Shea in the church office **by noon on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**.



It's not too late to snag a table at St. Philip's 29th Annual Trivia Night!

**Friday, March 13th**

and

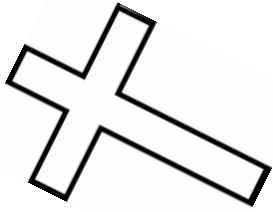
**Saturday March 14th**

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

See the flyer and registration form on the next page and get your table of 8 together for a fun filled evening!!

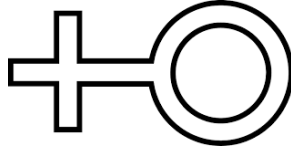
The best known symbol of the Christian Faith, the Cross, is often seen but perhaps not often considered thoughtfully. Attached to this CRIER (and on a beautiful banner in our sanctuary) are several forms of the symbol along with descriptions to spark your thinking.





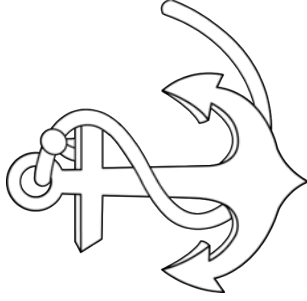
Symbol #1: DIAGONAL CROSS  
Luke 9:18-25

This is probably the shape of the cross on which Jesus was crucified. The diagonal position is the way Jesus would have carried the cross through the streets of Jerusalem to Golgatha for his crucifixion. It is a reminder that all are to “take up the cross” and follow Jesus.



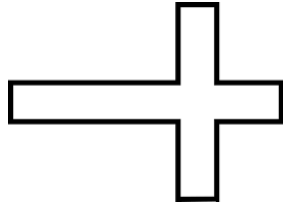
Symbol #2: LATIN CROSS ON GLOBE or CROSS OF TRIUMPH  
Matthew 28:16-20

This is a reminder of Jesus’ directive to the apostles to “make disciples of every nation”. The Gospel is carried over the whole earth.



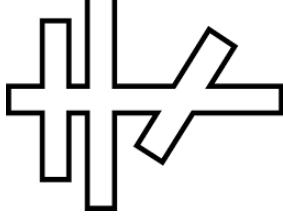
Symbol #3: ANCHOR CROSS  
Hebrews 6:3-19

The anchor was a symbol carved on the walls of the catacombs where the first Christians worshipped. It is the second oldest cross symbol used by Christians. Because of persecution, the anchor was “safe” since the cross was only recognized by the Christians. Jesus is called the “anchor of the soul” in Hebrews 6:19.



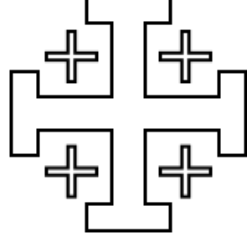
Symbol #4: INVERTED LATIN CROSS  
Luke 22:33-34, 54-62

The church historian, Eusebius, recorded that in 61 A.D. the apostle Peter was crucified in the city of Rom. Before his death, he asked to be crucified head down because he considered himself unworthy to suffer death in the same manner of Jesus.



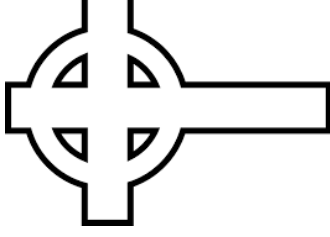
Symbol #5: ORTHODOX CROSS  
Luke 23:32-43

This is probably the shape of the cross on which Jesus was crucified. The diagonal position is the way Jesus would have carried the cross through the streets of Jerusalem to Golgatha for his crucifixion. It is a reminder that all are to “take up the cross” and follow Jesus.



Symbol #6: JERUSALEM CROSS  
Luke 19:28-44

This cross was first used during the Crusades against the Turks to drive them out of Jerusalem. The perpendicular bars at the ends stand for the four Gospels and the four points of the compass.



Symbol #7: CELTIC CROSS  
Matthew 28:1-14, Luke 24:1-43  
John 20:1-30 or I Corinthians 15:20-28

This variation of the Latin cross found in graveyards of the Celts, an ancient people who lived in the British Isles. The circle, as the symbol of eternity - without end, signifies eternal life that comes through Jesus Christ.



# St. Philip's 29<sup>th</sup> Annual

## TRIVIA NIGHT



Questions by: Dave Burton 'The St. Louis Trivia Guy'

Bring your own Beer and/or Wine. As always, soda, water and coffee will be provided

Where: St. Philip's United Church of Christ  
10708 Lavinia Drive St. Louis, MO 63123

When: Friday, March 13, 2020 and Saturday March 14, 2020  
- New questions each night -

Time: 7:00 pm - Doors open at 6:15 pm

Cost: \$160.00 for a table of 8 (payment in advance requested)

\*\*\* Bring your own food to share with your table \*\*\* Bring your own beer and/or wine if desired. \*\*\*

\*\*\*We'll provide complimentary soda, water and coffee \*\*\*

Raffles!! 50/50's!! Fun and Entertaining!!

To reserve a table or get more information, contact:

Kathy @314-843-4223 or [kathyshelton@swbell.net](mailto:kathyshelton@swbell.net)

**Tear off and mail with payment to:** St. Philip's UCC / Attn: Kathy / 10708 Lavinia Dr. / St. Louis MO 63123

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

**Night Attending:** FRIDAY      SATURDAY      Amount paid: \_\_\_\_\_

## January 2020 General Fund Summary

### Receipts

Weekly Offering	9,212.00	
Grocery Cards	45.49	
Early Childhood Center	9,500.00	
Trivia deposits/donations	410.00	
Recycle Income	101.82	
Hall Rental	<u>50.00</u>	
Total		19,319.31

### Expenses

Spiritual Life Ministry	125.00	
Learning Ministry	182.65	
Financial Ministry	1,881.84	
Church Property Ministry	5,904.25	
Personnel	<u>11,186.14</u>	
Total		<u>19,279.88</u>

January Surplus	39.43
Previous Balance	<u>12,039.55</u>
January 31 Balance	12,078.98 =====


## January Building Fund Summary

Beginning Balance	4,779.05
Building Fund Offering	1,520.52
Capital Improvement Fund	(413.00)
Loan Payments Rott Foundation	<u>(461.25)</u>
January Ending Balance	5,425.32 =====

## January Foundation Repair Fund

Beginning Balance	251.00
Repayment to Continuity Fund	(1,040.00)
Foundation Repair Fund Offering	<u>816.00</u>
Current Balance	27.00 =====

Remaining balance of Foundation		
Repair Loan from Continuity Fund	\$	3,909.00

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 Worship 10:30 Confirmation Outreach Collection	2 7:00 Church Council Meeting	3	4 4:30 LOGOS	5	6	7
8 9:30 Worship 10:30 Confirmation Outreach Collection	9	10 11:00 Women's Fellowship @ Miss Sheri's	11 noon Lunch Bunch @ Maggie O'Brien's 4:30 LOGOS	12	13 7:00 Trivia Night #1 - Doors open 6:15	14 7:00 Trivia Night #2 - Doors open 6:15
15 9:30 Worship 10:30 Confirmation Outreach Collection	16	17 	18 NO LOGOS	19	20 6:00 Floor Waxing - No MPR/Hallway access	21 <b>All Day</b> No MPR and Hallway access
22 9:30 Worship 10:30 Confirmation 10:30 Book Club Outreach Collection	23 4:30 Spiritual Life Meeting April CRIER articles due	24	25 4:30 LOGOS	26 7:00 Quilt Guild Meeting	27 6:00 Floor Waxing - No Classroom/Hall access	28 <b>All Day</b> No Hall/ Classroom access
29 9:30 Worship No Classroom access Confirmands Baptisms @ Compton Heights Christian Church	30	31	<b>March</b>			

