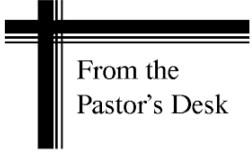


The Crier

April 2020

St. Philip's United Church of Christ



From the
Pastor's Desk

"They found the stone rolled away from the tomb" Luke 24:2

Church leaders from our sister churches around the state and nation (following political leaders' more general orders) have recommended that we suspend in person worship and move instead to gathering virtually on screens and speakers. Projections show that prudent safety may mean doing this for some time to come, including on Easter Sunday when we traditionally have even larger, more joyful gatherings.

It will not be the same. It will not be as inspiring or fulfilling. But we choose to comply for the good of the most people, for the health of our members, and of the most vulnerable people in our community. It is a sacrifice, but it is the right thing to do. We will announce when we will resume in person worship.

It will get worse before it gets better. The death toll will rise. Death may come to our loved ones or some of us. We will be grateful we complied with these orders and plans because we will have done our part in slowing and/or decreasing it. There will be hard times, but those will not last forever. There will be resurrection, figuratively speaking, of our cherished routines and traditions. But until then, let's remember that our tradition is all about resurrection.

Resurrection is what happened to Jesus after the terrible circumstances that brought His crucifixion. Resurrection is what we've been promised; from the current situation and in our future with God.

So let's strive for the patience and inner peace we need to get through this. Let's keep our social distance so that fewer people die of this disease.

If you need anything or just want to chat, call or contact me by any method you choose. The church phone 314-843-5100 which rings on my Cell phone if Carol is busy or off duty. You may also call my cell phone 618-789-2203.

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.

April Birthdays



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

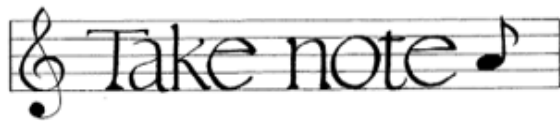
We will sing on the 1st Sunday of each month....

*“Happy Birthday to You!,
Happy Birthday to You!,
Happy Birthday Everybody!,
and God Bless you!”*

April Schillinger	1	Rev. Mike Krewson	19
Ben Kotthoff	3	Rachel Azzara	23
Carley Nickel	4	Al Bowles	23
Steve Werner	4	Steve Hladnick	24
Grace Williamson	8	Lucy Vogt	27
Judy Parkinson	10	Kate Hausman	28
Stan Parkinson	10	Mary Darr	28
Karen Walker	15		
Alice Noland	15		
Azin Kaiser	17		



Feel free to call Pastor Mike anytime:
Cell (618) 789-2203
Office (314) 843-5100
or email
pastormike@stphilipsucc.com



Choir Rehearsals

We will notify you when Rehearsals resume

The Choir rehearses the Anthem and Hymns for the upcoming Sunday worship service, however, are not meeting in person at this time. 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.



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

LITURGISTS - Virtual Readers

The liturgist reads the scriptures during worship. **We will provide the reader with the scriptures, and instructions on how to read virtually, via email** 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



Dear Fellow Members,

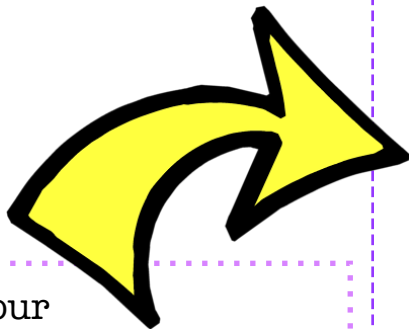
I hope this finds everyone well. This is definitely a time to stay home and stay safe. We are actively working on an online service for Sunday. Council is looking at the upcoming month. At this time it looks like our Spring Congregational Meeting will be delayed. This meeting is more of an update from our Fall Meeting and installation of our new officers and committee members. This can be handled at a later date.

If anyone needs items dropped off or shopping done, please let me know. I am more than willing to be a gopher.

I am updating our Facebook page with daily devotionals and whatever else that looks appropriate. If you have access we hope you will join us online for services on Sunday or just to read the posted items. Just click on the Facebook icon on our web page.

Even though we cannot physically meet, our expenses will continue. Please mail your offering to church or to Kathy Shelton. ECC is staying open but service is much reduced. Meghan and our ECC ministry are working diligently. Rest assured you are our primary concern so stay safe and stay home.

Love and blessings,
Pam Henson
Church Council President



Update to our
Flower order form....

Your flower orders can be mailed to church, but will need to be received by Thursday, April 2.

Flowers can be picked up the following week after Easter Sunday. Arrangements will need to be made ahead of time to pick them up.

Thank you!



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 12th. You may pickup your flowers from church the week after Easter, but arrangements will need to be made ahead of time to schedule the pickup.

Make check payable to 'Walter Knoll Florist'

Name _____

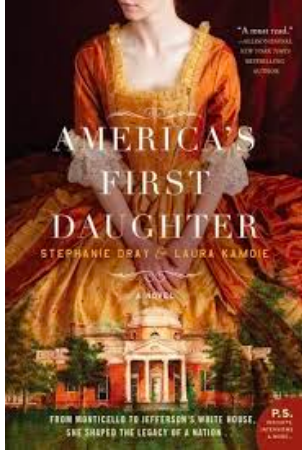
_____	Easter Lilies 6" <small>(5+ blooms)</small>	\$ 9.99
_____	Mums 6"	\$ 9.99
_____	Hydrangeas 6"	\$19.99
_____	Tulips 6"	\$ 7.99

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

You can mail your order form and payment to the church office. It will need to be received **by noon on Thursday, April 2nd.**

Discussion date
TBD for
**AMERICA'S
FIRST
DAUGHTER**



We were scheduled to discuss America's First Daughter on Sunday March 22. The County Library is closed until further notice, and we cannot return the books. So, there is no reason to get the books back to church. Just hold on to your copy until we get notice that the library is open again. If you haven't read the book, I encourage you to do so. I enjoyed it a lot and have heard positive comments from other Book Club members.

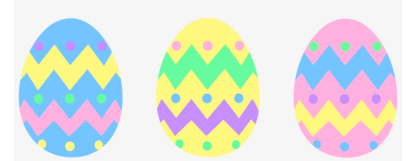
The next selection that we reserved is Driving Miss Norma. However, since the library is closed, and the reservation dates will change, I don't know if we will still be in line for that book when the library reopens. Will let you know. Hope that you all have books at home to read!

Barbara Barnes



April Events/Meetings Canceled

Church Council Meeting
Lunch Bunch
Women's Fellowship
Easter Egg Hunt
Quilt Guild Meeting



The Easter Egg Hunt has been canceled. If anyone already donated candy, they are welcome to pick it back up once church resumes.



LOGOS UPDATE

Hi there everyone,
I hope you all are doing well, staying home and taking care of one another. I want you to know I'm thinking about you all and saying a prayer for you each day.

With the St. Louis County order to stay home (and for the health and safety of all of us!), we will not be having LOGOS until AFTER April 22. Once we reach that date, we will reevaluate.

Peace and love,
Andrea

Spring Congregational Meeting - Date tba

All Ministry teams - please email your report to admin@stphilipsucc.com

Copies of the complete Annual report will be available at least 2 weeks prior to the annual meeting, which may not be rescheduled until May or June.



Our Lenten project involved collecting food items for Feed My People. Because of health concerns, the Early

Childhood Center has restricted access to the building, making it difficult to pack up the items for transport to Feed My People.

After consultation with Outreach Ministry members and Sandy Stevenson, we decided to donate the items collected to Early Childhood Staff, as we understand that the number of children at the center is dramatically down, and that many staff will probably soon be on lay off.

Kathy Shelton told me that Megan and the staff are very grateful for our decision. Feed My People is always in need, and perhaps we can plan another food drive in the Summer.

Outreach Ministry includes Angel Team, which tries to match volunteers with those in the St. Philip's community that have special needs. While our potential volunteers are "socially isolating", there still may be things we can do to help and support each other. Often, just a phone call can be very helpful, so consider calling a fellow church member just to visit, and to see if there are any special needs that we may be able to meet.

Stay healthy!
Barbara Barnes

Vacation Bible School Knights of North Castle July 13-17

As of now I am planning VBS. If for some reason this virus lingers until then we will cancel and keep the material and supplies for next summer.



As far as the workshop that I normally have here at my house, it will not begin until middle to late May (or then again this depends on the virus). If necessary I will make packets to be picked up at my house or I can deliver middle to late May.

All info will be sent thru churchwide email or telephone. my computer is not working at this time, so I am unable to communicate via email. any questions, please call me 843-3605.

Be safe, take care of yourselves, and God bless each one of you.

Virginia

February 2020 General Fund Summary

Receipts

Weekly Offering	8,371.60	
Grocery Cards	30.00	
Early Childhood Center	9,500.00	
Trivia deposits/donations	2,690.00	
Hall Rental	<u>100.00</u>	
Total		20,691.60

Expenses

Learning Ministry	155.71	
Financial Ministry	2,089.10	
Church Property Ministry	6,916.32	
Personnel	<u>11,273.07</u>	
Total		<u>20,434.20</u>

February Surplus 257.40

Previous Balance 12,078.98

February 29 Balance 12,336.38

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February Building Fund Summary

Beginning Balance 5,425.32

Building Fund Offering 749.00

Capital Improvement Fund (417.00)

Loan Payments Rott Foundation (460.00)

February Ending Balance 5,297.32

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February Foundation Repair Fund

Beginning Balance 27.00


Foundation Repair Fund Offering 411.00

Current Balance 438.00

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Remaining balance of Foundation

Repair Loan from Continuity Fund \$ 3,909.00

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
APRIL <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Save the date! Vacation Bible School July 13-17 More info in the May CRIER</p> </div>						
5 9:30 Livestream on Facebook or anytime after on FB and Youtube Palm Sunday Worship	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 9:30 Livestream on Facebook or anytime after on FB and Youtube Easter Sunday Worship	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 9:30 Livestream on Facebook or anytime after on FB and Youtube Sunday Worship	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 9:30 Livestream on Facebook or anytime after on FB and Youtube Sunday Worship	27	28	29	30	31	