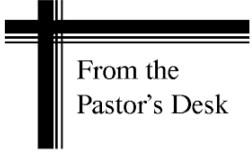


The Crier

May 2020

St. Philip's United Church of Christ



From the
Pastor's Desk

What Would Jesus Do?

Talking to a colleague about my experience at the grocery store. I bragged that they have set up one way aisles, separate entry and exit doors, breath barriers, marks on the floor at cash registers, and so on. He said his grocery did not have those things.

While thinking about the seating in our sanctuary for worship one member said having a church that's as full as ours - in this case - might be an advantage: that we can seat the people who attend far enough from each other to enhance the safety and inhibit transmission risks.

There may be a time when we can gather again without such considerations, but I do not believe now is the time. I think it is more likely that when it is prudent to partially allow more people to worship in person in our sanctuary - we will want to take precautions similar to our best prepared stores: one way aisles, distance between family units when we are together, face masks, wiping surfaces, not touching each other or surfaces that others have touched and those kinds of things.

The Bible doesn't tell us what Jesus would do in this exact circumstance, but we do know that Jesus advocated care for the most vulnerable people (ex: John 13:35f, Matthew 25:40 etc.) We know that people who attend in our location tend to be of an age demographic at higher than average risk.

Fellow pastors and wider church leaders have written guidelines. There is a lot of work to do to provide safe gatherings. I trust St. Philip's leaders. I know they care and strive to act responsibly.

Be patient with us. We will try to support the spiritual well being of all. As always, contact me with your concerns, needs, prayer requests, etc.

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.

May Birthdays



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

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!”*

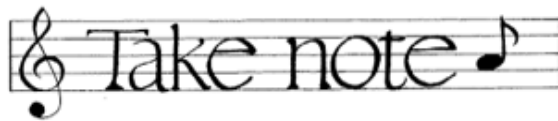
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Tom Kammerer	3	William Matthews, Jr	20
Curtis Kaiser	4	Jason Yung	21
Mike Shelton	5	Sue Bowles	23
George Brand, III	8	Sheannon Hladnick	26
Stacey Witte	9	Brandi Armistead	26
Lindsey Rawlings	11	Haylee Thibodeaux	27
Dorothy Vinyard	11	Sandy Stevenson	29
Kimberly Kelly	14	Kirk Tangeman	31
Pam Henson	15	Laura Brym	31



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



Paul Harvey
Russ Hickman
Harry Jennings
Pam Kelly
Marilyn Lanning
Bob Leber
Bud Leonard
Brian Malin
Ben Metz
Marilyn Milne
Alice Noland
Janet Remmers
Dottie Vinyard
Paula Williams



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.

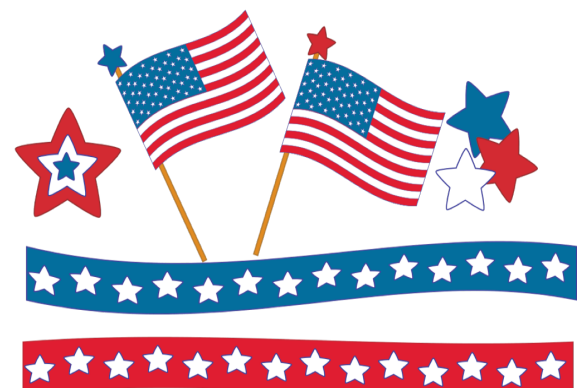
LITURGISTS - Virtual Readers

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



MEMORIAL DAY

May 25

LOGOS ZOOM MEETING WEDNESDAY EVENINGS



LOGOS will hold a short meeting (about 30-45 minutes) every Wednesday evening thru May 20th. I am working on getting some fun games for the group to participate in from a site I have found! The link to Zoom is below.

Mark your calendars for 6:30pm on May 6, May 13, and May 20.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82157243478>

See you soon!

Andrea

FOOD PANTRIES - ISAIAH 58 and FEED MY PEOPLE

St. Philip's can be so pleased and happy to know that \$2,135 has been contributed to the food pantry fund. Carl is sending a check to Isaiah 58 and Feed My People. Many thanks for your generosity.

This will be an ongoing project, so if you would like to contribute, send a check to either
St. Philip's Church 10708 Lavinia Drive, 63123

-or-

Kathy Shelton 10754 Gail Court, 63123

On the memo of your check please designate 'Food Pantry'. Kathy will deposit these and Carl will send a check to each of these organizations.

If you have any questions, call Pastor Mike (618-789-2203), Virginia (843-3605), or Barbara Barnes (843-4157).

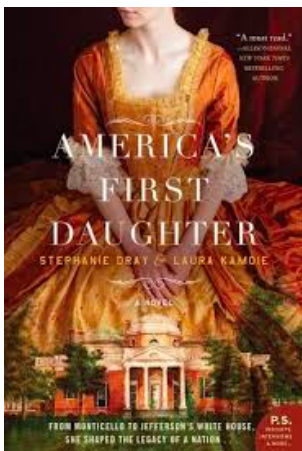
Thank you all very much. God Bless you and take care and be safe.

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

When we are clear to meet, we will Discuss America's First Daughter. Since the library is closed, and I do not know when we can resume, I have not ordered any future books.

If you have a suggestion let me know. It seems to work best if we read books from the selection of Book Club Kits from the St. Louis County Library. If anyone would like to see their list of kits, give me a call and I will explain how to find it on the Library Web Page. I have read several books on my own, and look forward to when we can meet again.

Barbara Barnes



CONFERENCE CALL: TALK & READ TOGETHER

MONDAY, MAY 4 10:00am

Last week's attendees requested another session, so Pastor Mike will again host a multi-person, talk/Bible study/discussion phone call on Monday, May 4. Please note the new start time for our next meeting is 10:00am.

There are 2 ways to participate:

1) By phone

Call Pastor Mike at 618-789-2203 or the church at 314-843-5100

Pastor Mike will provide you with the conference telephone number

2) By Zoom conference meeting

email Pastor Mike at pastormike@stphilipsucc.com to request meeting information

Pastor Mike will email you the Zoom conference meeting link

We will study four scriptures and check in with each other. You don't have to read ahead. If you let me know soon - I will send instructions and/or call them to you and talk you through how to join the meeting.

Scriptures we will be covering this week are:

John 14:1-14

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31

1 Peter 2:2-10

Please consider joining us to keep in touch with other members.



Most of the food we collected during our food drive was given to Early Childhood Center staff, as they faced lay-offs. The

remaining items were picked up by Feed My People. A big thank you to all who contributed.

When we resume church services, perhaps we can have another food drive, as I am sure that the need for food will continue to be high.

The idea to request cash donations for Feed My People and Isaiah 58 came from Virginia. Leave it to Virginia to think about those less fortunate. The response was overwhelming - - \$2,135 was collected due to the generosity of St. Philip's! Thank you to all!

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.

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



March 2020 General Fund Summary

Receipts

Weekly Offering	7,700.90	
Grocery Cards	32.21	
Early Childhood Center	9,500.00	
Trivia weekend	2,662.00	
Easter	214.00	
Hall Rental	<u>25.00</u>	
Total		20,134.11

Expenses

Learning Ministry	71.00	
Financial Ministry	2,239.23	
Church Property Ministry	6,316.76	
Personnel	<u>11,210.05</u>	
Total		<u>19,837.04</u>

March Surplus	297.07
Previous Balance	<u>12,336.38</u>
March 31 Balance	12,633.45
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March Building Fund Summary

Beginning Balance	5,297.32
Building Fund Offering	564.50
Capital Improvement Fund	(417.00)
Continuity Fund interest payment	(299.00)
Loan Payments Rott Foundation	<u>(460.00)</u>
March Ending Balance	4,685.82
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March Foundation Repair Fund

Beginning Balance	438.00
Foundation Repair Fund Offering	263.00
Continuity Fund loan payment	<u>(701.00)</u>
Current Balance	-
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Remaining balance of Foundation		
Repair Loan from Continuity Fund	\$	3,224.00

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MAY  Vacation Bible School July 13-17 More info in the June CRIER						
3 9:30 Worship Livestream on Facebook or anytime after on FB & Youtube	4 10:00 Discussion Bible Study Conference Call/Zoom Mtg	5	6 6:30 LOGOS Zoom Meeting	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day 9:30 Worship Livestream on Facebook or anytime after on FB & Youtube	11	12	13 6:30 LOGOS Zoom Meeting	14	15	16
17 9:30 Worship Livestream on Facebook or anytime after on FB & Youtube	18	19	20 6:30 LOGOS Zoom Meeting	21	22	23
24 9:30 Worship Livestream on Facebook or anytime after on FB & Youtube	25 Memorial Day	26 June CRIER articles due	27	28	29	30