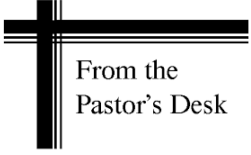


The Crier

June 2020

St. Philip's United Church of Christ



From the
Pastor's Desk

God's Word in the Desert

Do you miss connecting with the people of St. Philip's Church in person? I do. The welcome, joy, mission and purpose when we're together is contagious and uplifting. But right now, the ways we have to connect are less than they used to be. How can we stay close to God and each other? The story we tell - of what we're going through - will give it meaning - good or bad.

The bible, in Exodus, tells how God freed the people from cruel slavery. Those miracles broke captivity but began a time in the desert which was hot, dry and wearisome, much like our days of pandemic lockdown.

Instead of impulsively fetching luxuries on the Master's whim, life in the desert provided basic food and water while following leaders trying to navigate massive unknowns.

"Remember our history, .. our ancestors were led. They went through the waters, .. They all ate and drank identical .. meals provided daily by God. They drank from the Rock, God's fountain for them that stayed with them wherever they were. And the Rock was Christ."

1 Corinthians 10: 1-4 (The Message)

The Holy Land God led them into, was beyond their imagining. The grueling journey taught God's people to rely on God. Daily work, prayer, study and acts of kindness gave a life structured as never before.

Somewhere in our future, God's promise of blessing for faithful following will show itself in an abundant life never before known. Until it reveals itself, let's work, pray, study and act with all the love we can.

Keep the Faith

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.

June Birthdays



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

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!”*

David Knoll	1	Dawn Schillinger	18
Christine Vogt	1	Don Siewing	20
Jim Caldwell	2	Ruthann Nuelle	22
Russ Hickman	6	Evan Scheidenhelm	23
Sheryl Treaster	9	Jordan Lewis	23
Kathy Shelton	13	Janet Remmers	24
Jean Paul Thibodeaux	16	Roland Balzer	25
Kent Kotthoff	17	Alicia Scheidenhelm	28
Shawn Williamson	17	Robert Leber	29

Contact the Pastor



Feel free to call Pastor Mike anytime:

Cell (618) 789-2203

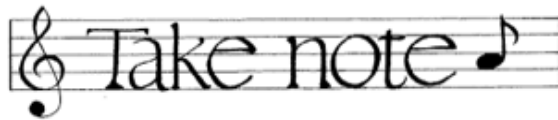
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Paul Harvey
Russ Hickman
Harry Jennings
Pam Kelly
Marilyn Lanning
Bob Leber
Bud Leonard
Brian Malin
Ben Metz
Marilyn Milne
Jered Nagle
Alice Noland
Janet Remmers
Dottie Vinyard
Paula Williams



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



JUNE 21

Church Council to Discuss Opening

Dear Fellow Congregants of St. Philip's United Church of Christ,
Your council is actively evaluating opening the sanctuary for Sunday worship. Decisions will be made at our June 8 council meeting. A small group has met and set up protocols for reopening but the date will depend on data from local public health officials.

Things to remember as we make this decision are:

- The majority of our congregants are in the high-risk category.
- No one experiencing any of the following should come to church:
 - Fever
 - Coughing, sneezing
 - Shortness of breath
 - Exposure to someone who tests positive
 - A positive test without having spent 15 days in quarantine and not subsequently testing negative

We do not want anyone to return to in-house worship who is uncomfortable in doing so. Please participate by Zoom, Facebook, or YouTube.

After its June 8 meeting, council will send an email (or letter to those who prefer) outlining protocols to follow upon returning to worship at church. We have masks and disinfectants available but, for safety reasons, other changes will be necessary.

Remember that reopening church depends upon statistics from reliable governmental sources. The next three weeks will determine if the current declining rate of coronavirus will continue and therefore make it safe to open St. Philip's for worship.

Pam Henson

St. Philip's Church Council President



Discussion date TBD
**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 BIBLE STUDY MONDAYS in JUNE 10:00am

Pastor Mike will again host a multi-person, talk/Bible study/discussion phone call each Monday in June.

There are 2 ways to participate:

- 1) Dial from your phone 1 312 626 6799
then dial in the Meeting ID: 301 066 8991
- 2) To join the Zoom Meeting - click on
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3010668991>
then enter the Meeting ID: 301 066 8991

We will study scriptures and check in with each other. You don't have to read ahead.

June 1 Genesis 1:1-2:4
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

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

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.



2149 South Grand Boulevard
Saint Louis, Missouri 63104
314.776.1410 | www.i58ministries.org

Thursday, April 23, 2020

St. Phillip's United Church of Christ
10708 Lavinia Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63123

Dear Friends:

This is to express our appreciation to you for your recent contribution of \$920.00. Your support will assist us in providing much needed food to over 1000 families each month as we face the coming weeks and months in the midst of COVID-19.

We are learning that many other food pantries have closed their doors in the midst of this pandemic thereby limiting access to healthy food. Unfortunately, while access has become increasingly limited, the needs of our current patrons as well as the larger community have grown. Your support is allowing us to continue to provide these much needed resources to our most vulnerable population.

In the coming months, we hope you are continually moved to intentional acts of kindness to those within our community. Remember, maintaining a safe physical distance from others does not prohibit you from sharing your love and concern for your neighbors. May your love reach beyond the divides, to fill this world with comfort and care during this time.

As we continue to develop meaningful ways to reach those in need within our community, we celebrate your commitment to Isaiah 58 Ministries and we gain renewed energy to continue our ministry to others.

Again, thank you, and we pray God blesses you in your response to people in need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brenda".

Rev. Brenda Booth
Executive Director

A handwritten note in black ink that reads "Thank you for this generous gift." written in a cursive style.



LOGOS Summer Program

We were able to continue a variation of our LOGOS program via Zoom for the last several weeks. Each week we had about 8 kids join us along with some parents & church members. We were able to play some fun games together, share about our weeks, and pray together.

Our last meeting involved a pizza party in which each child received a one-topping take and bake pizza from Cecil Whittaker's to enjoy together during our meeting.

We plan to continue some LOGOS fun every other Wednesday evening via Zoom this summer. Church members or additional children/friends are invited to attend. Please contact Andrea Tukin at (314) 566-8633 or andreatukin@gmail.com if you are interested. [CLICK HERE](#) for our schedule (or see below), but some activities have yet to be decided.

Date	Activity	Supplies Needed
June 10 ~ 6-7 PM	Craft/Activity with Andrea	Andrea will drop off supplies
June 24~ 6-7 PM	Bible lesson & Games	
July 8~ 6-7 PM	Craft/Activity with Andrea	Andrea will drop of supplies
July 22~ 6-7 PM	Bible lesson & Games	
August 5~ 6-7 PM	Craft/Activity with Andrea	Andrea will drop of supplies

2020 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

It is with great sadness that St. Philip's has decided we will not be able to hold an "in-person" Vacation Bible School this July.

However, we would like to continue the program online this summer. Plans are in the works and include things like Zoom meetings for bible stories/music, videos, crafts, and more.

If you or a friend are interested, please contact the church office to be put on the list!

Email admin@stphilipsucc.com or call 314-843-5100.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Online
10:15am

We usually have between 3-6 children join us for Sunday school via Zoom each Sunday right after the worship service.

We are able to check in with each other about our weeks and do a quick lesson & prayer together. The kids seem to enjoy getting to see everyone and sharing about their weeks. If your child is interested in joining us, here is the link:

<https://zoom.us/j/95497955422>

April 2020 General Fund Summary

Receipts

Weekly Offering	8,715.65	
Grocery Cards	59.71	
Early Childhood Center	9,500.00	
Easter	296.00	
Hall Rental	<u>72.90</u>	
Total		18,644.26

Expenses

Financial Ministry	1,838.66	
Church Property Ministry	4,970.02	
Personnel	<u>11,144.56</u>	
Total		<u>17,953.24</u>

April Surplus 691.02

Previous Balance 12,633.45

April 30 Balance 13,324.47
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April Building Fund Summary

Beginning Balance	4,685.82
Building Fund Offering	627.51
Capital Improvement Fund	(417.00)
Loan Payments Rott Foundation	<u>(461.25)</u>
April Ending Balance	4,435.08 =====

April Foundation Repair Fund

Beginning Balance	-
Foundation Repair Fund Offering	<u>255.00</u>
Current Balance	255.00 =====

Remaining balance of Foundation
Repair Loan from Continuity Fund \$ 3,224.00

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JUNE	1 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	2	3	4	5	6
7 9:30 Sunday Worship Livestream on Facebook or Zoom Fellowship Online (following worship) 10:15 Sunday School Online	8 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg 7:00 Church Council Mtg	9	10 6:00 LOGOS Zoom Meeting	11	12	13
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21 Father's Day 9:30 Sunday Worship Livestream on Facebook or Zoom Fellowship Online (following worship) 10:15 Sunday School Online	22 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	23	24 6:00 LOGOS Zoom Meeting	25	26	27
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