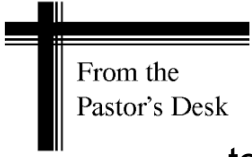


The Crier

September 2020

St. Philip's United Church of Christ



From the
Pastor's Desk

Have you been tempted to retaliate against someone who walked physically close to you without wearing a mask correctly? When people fail to cooperate with the common good - it doesn't hurt only those individuals who refuse to comply. Consequences are suffered by the whole community. The Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Rome:

***"...so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.
... Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."***

It may be tempting to retaliate when we believe people are hurting us. Yet Christians have learned that retaliation lowers us to the level of those we decide deserve it. When we can choose the better path - and teach that path beyond our own generation - there can be hope for a better future.

The Lyrics to "One Tin Soldier" outline a story of valley people warring with their mountain partners, killing them for an imagined treasure which turned out not to be the gold wealth they had imagined. The lyrics claim that the valley people: "***won their just reward.***" In the end: "***... they stood beside the treasure ... dark and red. Turned the stone and looked beneath it: 'Peace on Earth' was all it said.***"

The Chorus concludes:

***"Go ahead and hate your neighbor, Go ahead and cheat a friend.
Do it in the name of Heaven, you can justify it in the end.
There won't be any trumpets blowin' - Come the judgement day.
On the bloody mornin' after: One tin soldier rides away!"***

It is our hope that striving to "***live peaceably***" (as the apostle Paul urged) will overpower the temptation to retaliate. May God grant us the ability to transcend our instincts and become more and more like God wants us to be.

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.

September Birthdays

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

The following words will be heard on the 1st Sunday of each month....

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

Gene Siewing	2	Cindy Lewis	21
Danielle Knoll	3	Sue Myers	23
Joy Lopez	4	Tom Nottelmann	23
Lois Mohesky	6	Mary Dykstra	26
Leona Gottschlich	10	Susan Yung	26
Ollie Coleman	11	Jackie Meeks	26
Jeannine Navratil	18	Kevin Nickel	28
Ray Hoffstetter	20	Chris Fischer	28
Rob Kammerer	20	Averi Henson	30
Carole Armistead	20	Hayden Henson	30
George Brand	21		



Contact the Pastor



Feel free to call Pastor Mike anytime:

Cell (618) 789-2203

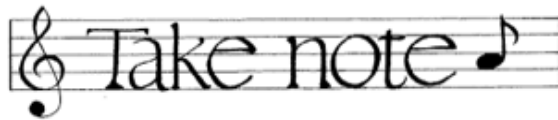
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Alice Noland
Janet Remmers
Richard Scheid
Dottie Vinyard
Paula Williams



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.

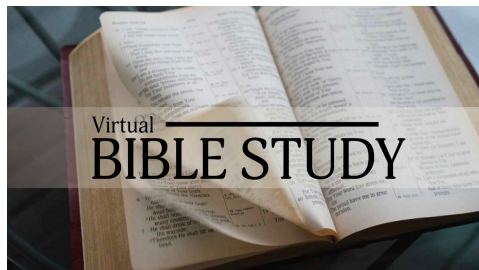
Thank you for your consideration,
Tammy Knoll





We are having a LOGOS team meeting on September 9 to make plans for fall LOGOS. We are working on new and exciting plans for Sunday School and LOGOS for this fall. Stay tuned for more details!

The 2020 Confirmation Class met Wednesday, August 26th to discuss the final details and celebrate their Confirmation which will be held on Sunday, September 20.



Invitation to a Bible Study on I Corinthians

Our own Rev. Dori Hudson has been invited to teach a virtual Bible study on 1st Corinthians at Normandy United Methodist Church. It begins at 6:30PM on Thursday, September 10th on ZOOM. If you email Dori at doridanahudson@gmail.com she will send you the link.

You will recall that Dori recently took a trip to Greece on a "Following Paul" tour. She was in Corinth at that time and will bring that experience to the Bible study.

PROCEDURES FOR ONLINE WORSHIP

Andrea Tugin has updated the Sunday School, LOGOS, and Sunday worship meetings. Zoom requires you to have a password or waiting room to get into the meeting room. This is to prevent others in joining for purposes other than the above mentioned. Andrea has enabled a "waiting room" so when people join the meeting they will need to wait until she "lets them in". The steps below to join us have not changed - - join us as you have been, and you will be let in by Andrea.

As usual, you may join us on Facebook live every Sunday at 9:30 AM for worship. If you would like to join us on Zoom by phone or video call, you may join us at the phone number or link below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81955205641>

By Phone: (312) 626 6799 and enter the Meeting ID: 819 5520 5641

CONFERENCE CALL BIBLE STUDY MONDAYS in SEPTEMBER 10:00am

Each week on Monday at 10:00am you are invited to Bible Study and conversation. You may join online (Zoom) or by phone. Call any of the numbers below ahead of time for help in joining.

We will study scriptures for the next Sunday, and check in with each other. You don't have to read ahead.

Pastor Mike Krewson 618-789-2203 or 314-843-5100

Pam Henson 314-520-3663

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



Book Club will resume with virtual meetings scheduled at 11:30am on the Second Sunday of each month.

The first meeting will be on Sunday, September 14, and we will discuss America's First Daughter, which we read back in February, but did not meet to discuss.

Upcoming selections include, in order: Lilac Girls, Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker, The Girl Who Wrote in Silk, and A Man Called Ove. I will order the book kits from the Library, requesting several large print copies, as in the past. Since there are so many Covid restrictions at church. I will keep the books at my home, at 10548 Stephenson Drive. Members can pick them up here or ask for them to be delivered if needed.

There are two ways to participate. If you would like to use Zoom, contact Pam Hensen, and she will email you an invitation. If you would like to participate by phone, call: 312-626-6799 and enter the Meeting ID: 3010668991 and pass code: 946851. These numbers will be the same for all Book club meetings. Pam Hensen assures me that the phone-in system is easy to use and works well. I understand that Lois Decker used it for Council meetings and likes it!

I hope that everyone who is interested will connect with us on September 14, so that we can try out the system. Please do so, even if you don't want to discuss America's First Daughter. I hope that we can make this work!!!

Barbara Barnes



For many years, we have participated in the annual Festival of Sharing, a yearly program in which many Christian denominations work together in response to world hunger, poverty, and injustice. The list of participating denominations includes: UCC, Catholics, Lutherans, Methodists, Mormons, Unitarians, Presbyterians, and others.

There are many ways to participate, including contributions of food, paper products, baby supplies, backpacks, hygiene kits, and school supplies. Most recently, St. Philip's has collected toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss for Student Dental Packs. In addition to the contributions of food and other items, there is an option for cash donations which can be allocated to a specific project or can be given with the instructions that funds be used where needed most.

Outreach Ministry has decided that we would like to continue the tradition of participation in Festival of Sharing. However, given Covid, and the smaller number of members attending services in person, we feel that cash contributions would be the best way to participate. Checks can be sent to Kathy Shelton at 10754 Gail Court, St. Louis MO, 63123, with Festival of Sharing written on the Memo Line in the left lower corner of the check.

Please consider contributing to this very worthy cause. Checks should be sent in the month of September.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SEPTEMBER		1	2	3	4	5
6 9:30 Sunday Worship Livestream on Facebook or Zoom Fellowship Online (following worship) 10:15 Sunday School Online	7 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg 7:00 Church Council Zoom Meeting	8	9 LOGOS Planning Mtg	10	11	12
13 9:30 Sunday Worship Livestream on Facebook or Zoom Fellowship Online (following worship) 10:15 Sunday School Online	14 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	15	16	17	18	19 10:00 St. Louis Assoc Mtg
20 CONFIRMATION 9:30 Sunday Worship Livestream on Facebook or Zoom Fellowship Online (following worship) 10:15 Sunday School Online	21 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	22	23 October CRIER Articles Due	24	25	26 10:00 MO Mid South Mtg
27 9:30 Sunday Worship Livestream on Facebook or Zoom Fellowship Online (following worship) 10:15 Sunday School Online	28 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	29	30	31		