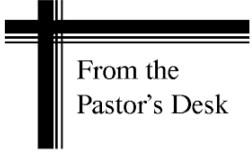


The Crier

October 2020

St. Philip's United Church of Christ



When a group of people work effectively together, for good or ill, the world takes notice. The Christian Church has done this over and over, almost always for good and St. Philip's United Church has been a powerful participant.

In his first letter bible writer John identified his readers as Beloved. He challenged them to love each other and in addition: defined God as love. Despite the fact that neither they, nor anyone else, has ever seen God, loving one another, he wrote, brings the in-dwelling of God in their midst! (1 John 4)

In these months of social restrictions required by the CoVid 19 pandemic it has been harder to accomplish our Christian mission together. We have connected online, given of our finances and supported each other through phone calls.

It may be harder to see, but God is still dwelling in us as we participate and God is still in the love we share with each other. It may be harder but it is even more important.

Congratulations to our two newly baptized youth: Lily Swanson and Gwen Swanson! And Congratulations to the four members of our just confirmed class: Gavin Armistead, Caylie Armistead, Lily Swanson, and Gwen Swanson.

Together with them, we here at St. Philip's United Church will strive to be the church that Jesus calls us to be.

May God's blessings be upon all of them.

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.

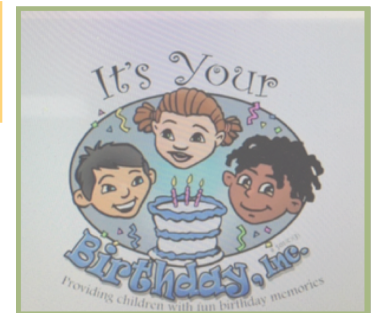
October Birthdays

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

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!"*

Chuck Knoll	6	Andrea Tukin	19
Linda Kammerer	9	Philip Shelton	19
Richelle Fischer	9	Sharon Jackman	20
Harry Jennings	12	Linda Boucher	22
Claire Vogt	12	Bruce Eason	25
Samuel Vogt	12	Susan Cochran	25
Curtis Kaiser Jr.	14	Jamie Kotthoff	26
Doug Stevenson	17	Patrick Moran	29
Betty Moore	17	Pam Kelly	29



Contact the Pastor



Feel free to call Pastor Mike anytime:

Cell (618) 789-2203

Office (314) 843-5100

or email

pastormike@stphilipsucc.com



Paul Harvey

Judy Hickman

Russ Hickman

Harry Jennings

Pam Kelly

Walter Knoll

Bud Leonard

Brian Malin

Ben Metz

Marilyn Milne

Jered Nagle

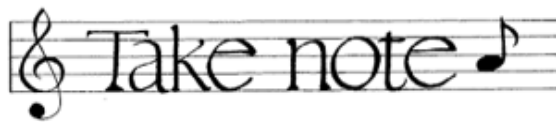
Alice Noland

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



October, 2020

Dear Fellow Congregants,

Blessings to all. Hope that everyone is staying well and safe. We will be having our combined Spring and Fall Congregational meeting on October 18, 2020. This will include the formal vote on our new officers on our council. Those that can we would love you to attend in person. We follow safe mitigation procedures throughout our service. However, we will also include those that can attend via Zoom to call in or log in and be counted. Use the following methods to log in or call in:

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81955205641>
- By Phone: (312) 626 6799 and enter the Meeting ID: 819 5520 5641

Your membership will be checked against our membership log and duly noted in minutes. We need approximately 33 members to attend by above mentioned methods for our quorum. I believe that the length after service should be as usual at about 30-60 minutes. The time may be lengthened as we verify those that may be signing in via telephone.

Reports will be available on the credenza at church. If you wish to have one mailed or emailed to you please notify Carol at the church office (call and leave a message or email her at admin@stphilipsucc.com). As we continue to navigate these difficult times please stay well.

We are still in need of a vice president. Please prayerfully consider serving in this position. It is much needed for the betterment of our church.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your president the last 30 months. Thank you for your kindness and help through my term of service.

Pam Henson



We are currently reading Lilac Girls, with virtual discussion scheduled for the Second Sunday of the month, October 11 at 11:30AM.

People can participate in two ways. If you use Zoom, contact Pam Henson, and she will send you an invitation. Alternately, you can phone in, which gives you the audio, but no pictures. We had our first meeting on September 14, and discussed a book we read back in March, before covid. All, including those who phoned in, felt that our meeting went very well. All 10 books in the kit have been checked out, so I am looking forward to a great discussion of Lilac Girls.

We will continue to meet virtually on the second Sunday of each month. I will bring books to church for those who go to church in person. If you do not go to church, you can pick up books at my house, 10548 Stephenson Drive, or I can deliver the book to your home, as needed.

Upcoming selections include: Beneath the Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan, a novel about a teenage Italian boy who plays an important role in the Italian underground.

Barbara Barnes

WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

World Wide Communion Sunday is October 4, 2020. We will not be able to prepare a variety of ethnic breads and share them on this Sunday, but we are encouraging everyone who attends church in person, to bring a special bread (bagel – Poland, croissant – France, banana bread – South Africa, etc.) for you to personally enjoy during communion. This will be a nice break from the communion wafers currently being used.

If you choose not to bring a bread from home, or you forget to bring a bread, no worries. The little wine/wafer cups will still be available for you to use. Pick one up for the wine if you are bringing a bread.

Folks worshipping at home virtually – we encourage you to also choose an ethnic bread of your choice for communion on this Sunday.



September 20, 2020

Dear Pastor Mike & Members of St. Philip's:

I wanted to send you a note to thank all of you for the thoughtful, cute, and funny get well cards you have sent over these 3 weeks. I greatly appreciate your sending them - a great morale booster!

Hopefully, all your prayers will start working - this is a painful disease. I greatly miss coming to church on Sundays and seeing some of your face!

Church has been an important part of my life since being confirmed in 1953 - all of you are very important to me. I cherish the fellowship and friendships that we have developed since Geo. and I joined St. Philip's in 1977. All of you are special to us, and I hope it won't be too long before I get to see you on a Sunday morning. I'll be with Geo. in spirit when he lights the altar candles on Sunday a.m. service.

May God bless all of you!

Sincerely,
Joyce



IN-PERSON and VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL MESSAGE FROM OUR YOUTH DIRECTOR

In-person Sunday school will again be held in the Gathering Space. For those of you who would still like to join us virtually, I am going to be presenting the lesson to you all via Zoom (during class). You can join us at about 9:40/9:45, it depends on the beginning of the church service. I will let you in when we start class. It will be the same link we have been using:



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

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns! Hope to see you in-person or virtually on Sunday!

Peace and love,
Andrea

September 2020

Dear St. Philip's UCC,

Thank you for your gifts to the St. Louis Association thus far in 2020. Your church's generosity has strengthened the work of our Mission Partners during the Covid-19 pandemic and has enabled the work of our Committees on Ministry to carry on.

We are grateful for St. Philip's UCC and your support of the St. Louis Association.

Faithfully,
The St. Louis Association Council





LOGOS PROGRAM BEGINS SOON

Our LOGOS family program will begin soon and will continue each Wednesday into December. We will be meeting in-person and taking as many safety precautions as possible.

We will enjoy our boxed dinners together at 5:30 along with table games and each other's company. If anyone is interested in joining us or helping out, please contact Andrea Tukin at andreatukin@gmail.com or (314) 566-8633.

Families who were previously involved, Sunday School children, and ECC families will all receive registration information soon.

Thanks,
Andrea

PROCEDURES FOR ONLINE WORSHIP

Andrea Tukin 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 OCTOBER 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.

*Thank
You*

I wanted to express my sincere appreciation for everyone's support through the loss of my fiancé. Don and I had 20 years together and I miss him tremendously. You can never know how much the thoughtful cards or just mentioning his passing have meant to me. I truly appreciate your kindness. My sincere thanks to WKF for the beautiful casket arrangement and to Pastor for his support. I feel so blessed to have you all in my church family.

Pam Henson and the Donald Nagle Family

August 2020 General Fund Summary

Receipts

Weekly Offering	9,295.00	
Grocery Cards	45.57	
Early Childhood Center	<u>9,500.00</u>	
Total		18,840.57

Expenses

Spiritual Life Ministry	137.99	
Learning Ministry	58.39	
Financial Ministry	1,890.67	
Church Property Ministry	5,469.23	
Personnel	<u>10,905.96</u>	
Total	18,462.24	<u>18,462.24</u>

August Surplus	378.33	
Previous Balance		<u>14,027.91</u>
August 31 Balance		14,406.24 =====

August Building Fund Summary

Beginning Balance	4,483.08	
Building Fund Offering	1,189.00	
Capital Improvement Fund	(417.00)	
Loan Payments Rott Foundation	<u>(460.00)</u>	
August Ending Balance	4,795.08	=====

2020 Food Pantry Total Distributions

Isaiah 58 Ministries	1,820.00	
Feed My People	<u>1,695.00</u>	
		3,515.00 =====

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 9:30 Sunday Worship Livestream on Facebook or Zoom Fellowship Online (following worship) 9:40 Sunday School Online	5 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg 7:00 Church Council Zoom Meeting	6	7	8	9	10
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