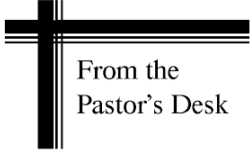




The Crier

February 2021

St. Philip's United Church of Christ



Drive-thru Ashes Wednesday, February 17

If in person worship has resumed, we will hold Ash Wednesday worship with solemn Imposition of Ashes on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 beginning at 6:00pm. The service will also include scripture, music, prayer, and preaching all within our established social distanced and CoVid-19 safe protocol as was our practice over the summer.

If in person worship has not resumed, Imposition of Ashes will be offered in what has come to be called 'drive through' style beginning at 6:00pm and continuing until 7:00pm. In order to allow for safe traffic flow, please enter the church drive only if there is single file room for your car to fully exit clear of Lavinia Drive with none of your vehicle protruding into traffic. Otherwise circle around the block again until safe space opens up. Follow the line back to the rear of the parking lot where Pastor Mike will be. Roll down the window and lean your head toward him (or your hand if you prefer the ashes there). Passengers may also receive.

After imposition, exit the lot so that everyone who wishes can experience this service. Scripture, music, prayer and preaching can then be seen online beginning at 7:00pm.

The symbol of Ashes reminds us of our limited time on earth and of God's grace. Ash Wednesday is the initiation of the season of Lent. The Lenten season is a spiritual journey extending until Resurrection Sunday, Easter which will be on April 4 this year.

Lent is for us, a time of prayer (Matthew 6) self-reflection and deepened spiritual attention. Many will engage in acts of kindness and compassion. Some may also choose to devote specific time for scripture reading or an additional inspirational program.

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



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.

February Birthdays



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

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!"*

JoAnn Leber	1	Wes Cummings	18
Bud Leonard	2	Harrison Fischer	18
Rachel Fischer	3	Gavin Armistead	20
Lily Swanson	3	Cara Holdener	21
Elizabeth Vogt	9	Virginia Hladnick	23
Aidan Scheidenhelm	11	Emily Mikusch	27
Dustin Knoll	14	Joan Hemingway	28
Kathy Vogt	17	Dave Schiele	28

Contact the Pastor



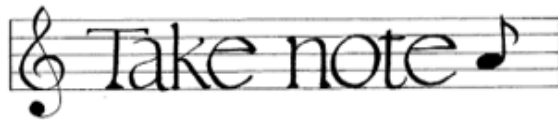
Feel free to call Pastor Mike anytime:

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

Judy Hickman

Russ Hickman

Harry Jennings

Pam Kelly

Barb Klein

Walter Knoll

Bob Leber

Bud Leonard

Brian Malin

Marilyn Milne

Lois Mohesky

Jered Nagle

Alice Noland

Ellen Pena

Janet Remmers

Dottie Vinyard

Paula Williams

Judy York

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



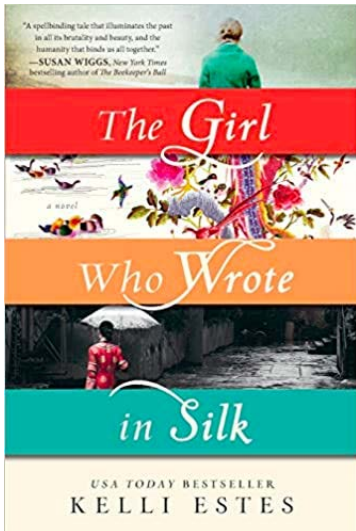


Due to the ongoing Covid Pandemic ~ St. Philip's will not be holding our Annual Trivia Nights this year.

OUTREACH MINISTRY NEWS

Thanks again for the wonderful responses to our Advent Outreach Projects. We collected a total of 27 hats, 24 pairs of gloves/mittens and 38 scarves!

Sandy Stevenson took them to Neighborhood Houses for distribution at their various locations, including Caroline Mission and many after school programs. We also collected \$570 for our Feed My People "Adopted" Family. We sent them five \$50 gift cards along with a box of candy, and \$315 to be used to pay down utility bills.



The Girl Who Wrote in Silk, by Inara Erickson, will be discussed at our next meeting on Sunday, February 14 at 11:30, on Zoom, or by phone. Please contact Pam Henson or Barbara Barnes for phone numbers and links to participate.

Our next selection will be Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult, with discussion scheduled for Sunday, March 8. If you would like to join us in reading this book, contact Barbara Barnes to get a copy.

Virtual discussions are working out quite well. Books are checked out of the St. Louis County Library in a kit, with copies available for readers at no cost. Copies can be picked up at the home of Barbara Barnes, 10548 Stephenson Drive. If you would like to join, please call Barbara at 314-843-4157.

CONFERENCE CALL BIBLE STUDY MONDAYS in FEBRUARY 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.



LOGOS

Hi friends,

We have resumed LOGOS for the rest of the school year and we are excited to be back. Currently, we meet virtually and all are welcome! **Our meetings start at 5 PM every Wednesday** and last about 30-45 minutes. Each week we get to discuss God's teachings and do a fun activity. If you'd like to join us, we'd love to have you. Our link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81348674380> There are a few Wednesdays we will be "off" over the next few months and those dates can be shared if needed. Just let me know!

Thank you,
Andrea

CELEBRATION / MEMORIAL BRICKS

We will be gathering orders for the engraved bricks that are in our Memorial Garden.

The 4" x 8" x 2 1/4" paver bricks are \$65 each and hold up to 4 lines of text (20 characters, spaces, punctuation per line) for your message. There is a minimum of 4 bricks to place an order from the engraver.

If you would like an order form, please call the church office and leave me a message or email me at admin@stphilipsucc.com and I will either mail or email you a form. Also, a stack of blue forms are available on the table just inside the church doors if you would like to pick one up.



Would anyone be interested in a parking lot service?

We would need to purchase a big screen TV and build a shelter to park it under on Sunday's, then get an FM transmitter so you could listen thru your cars speaker. The feed to the TV would be our Facebook livestream.

Several churches are doing this. If you would attend this type of service can you leave me a voicemail/text at 314-520-3663 or send me an email at:

pjh6851@gmail.com

Thank you.
Pam Henson



Please join us for Sunday School. We would love to have you!

Younger children, elementary and below, will meet at 9:45. Our older Middle School and High School students are invited to join me for a discussion at 10:15. We try to keep things shorter for the younger kids (around 20 minutes) and our older kids meet for about a half-hour.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please let me know. Here is our Link: <https://rsdmo-org.zoom.us/j/95497955422>

Peace,
Andrea

Congregation
Message
Board

Hey Gang!....

Really miss seeing you on Sunday Morning. I am doing okay, my cancer so far is progressing slowly. I feel good but just got to move slow so I don't get out of breath. Hospice is doing a good job of keeping me ahead of what's coming next. JoAnn is pretty well limited in getting around but does okay with a walker. We hope you and yours are doing okay. Take good care of yourself and each other. All in all we are doing okay.

Grace & Peace,
Bob & JoAnn Leber



Hello everyone!
Hope all are well.

Charlie
and
Dolores

I asked Tammy last evening how her father-in-law is doing (Walter II). She reported that he is in good spirits, grieving appropriately, staying oriented, and as social as is safe.

Mike Krewson



Leona Gottschlich
12 Crescent View Court
63129

Ashley & Brian Henson
Hayden, Averi
10730 Lavinia Drive
63123

Debbie Hudson
10024 St. Simon Court
63123

Chuck & Tammy Knoll
13621 Tesson Oaks Ct.
63128

Jan Remmers
Allegro Senior Living
1055 Bellevue, Apt. 212
63117

December 2020 General Fund Summary

Receipts

Weekly Offering	7,894.25	
Grocery Cards	58.58	
Early Childhood Center	<u>9,500.00</u>	
Total		17,452.83

Expenses

Spiritual Life Ministry	71.40	
Financial Ministry	2,225.67	
Church Property Ministry	4,845.27	
Personnel	<u>10,235.81</u>	
Total		<u>17,378.15</u>

December Surplus 74.68

Previous Balance 13,205.50

December 31 Balance 13,280.18
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December Building Fund Summary

Beginning Balance 4,643.58

Building Fund Offering 742.05

Capital Improvement Fund (417.00)

Loan Payments Rott Foundation (460.00)

December Ending Balance 4,508.63
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2020 Food Pantry Total Distributions

Isaiah 58 Ministries 2,310.00

Feed My People 2,305.00

Total for 2020 4,615.00
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FEBRUARY 2021	1 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	2	3 5:00 LOGOS Zoom Meeting	4	5	6
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